Abroad students travel to Belfast

Dublin Program trip focuses on political, religious divides within Northern Ireland

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

BELFAST — There's a lot of baggage that comes with being Irish and Catholic in this city. Or Irish and Protestant, for that matter. Notre Dame students may not often have reason to think about these challenges, given the pop­

land air which surrounds any campus expression of their un­

iversity's traditional heritage. But last weekend, the students of Notre Dame's Dublin Program traveled to Northern Ireland's capital to see firsthand about the political and religious divides that have troubled this island's northern and southern ends for generations.

Between meeting with a rep­

resentative of the Sinn Fein political party and touring Catholic and Protestant neighbor­

hoods, students were able to learn experientially about life on the border. The group drove north on Oct. 13, over ground where program director Kevin Whelan said snipers used to lie in wait. Upon arrival, they toured Stormont, the home of the Northern Ireland Assembly — a legislative body which has not met since October 2002 because of tension.

Death penalty group begins on campus

Notre Dame Against State Killing to hold lectures, work toward moratorium

By KAITLYNN RIELEY
News Writer

Given the debate surrounding the death penalty within the Catholic Church, Notre Dame, as a Catholic University, should address it. That's the philosophy of Notre Dame Against State Killing (NDASK), a new student organiz­

ation.

The group will launch its first event this fall with a series of lectures to educate students about the death penalty.

NDASK co­organizers junior Andrea Laidman and senior Will McAuliffe — who is also an Observer columnist — described the organization as a campaign under the direction of the Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry. It forms a coalition with various other student groups on campus — including the Notre Dame Law School's ND Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Notre Dame Right to Life and Amnesty International — who will help them sponsor and publicize events.

"Last spring, in talking to friends, we realized that there isn't really an informed opinion about the death penalty on campus," Laidman said. "Everyone had very strong opinions, but they didn't really have the facts on it."

The group differs from Notre Dame Right to Life, McAuliffe said, because it focuses solely on the death penalty issue. NDASK shares the cause of people like these protesters observing a moment of silence Wednesday after a Florida man's execution.

Professor stresses career vocation

Talk examines views of women, working; encourages balance

By ABBY RICHARDSON
News Writer

The challenge of balancing both a career and family — a thought that worries many college students — served as the focus of Boston University professor Claire Wolfteich's Tuesday night talk at Saint Mary's.

As a professor and moth­

er of three, Wolfteich came to the College's Stapleton Lounge as part of the Center for Spirituality's 2006 Endowed Fall Lecture series to discuss the chang­

ing views of women in the workplace.

"Work is a vocation," Wolfteich said. "Women are primarily seen as mothers." This stereotype, she said, has historically been a threat to women working outside the house. Over time, however, more women have dissolved that threat to women working outside the house. Over time, more women have dissolved that threat to women working in the workplace. Women have also stem­

med from the religious world, and she reminded the audience of papal encyclicals that encouraged women to ven­

ture into the workplace. In a 1995 encyclical, the late Pope John Paul II specifically thanked "women who work," she said, which allows women to fulfill their desire to work.

"Work does influence women's life in many ways," Wolfteich said.

Careers give women a chance to redefine them­

selves and their lives, she said, and allows them to sub­

gage their devotional life.

Wolfteich encouraged the women in the room to rec­

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tion — something that not many do, she said, espe­

cially if work does not involve service or suffer­
Let yourself fall behind this weekend

Believe it or not, it's still fall. And it will be until Dec. 22. That's nearly two more months of the leaves changing, football, sweatshirts and mitten-less hands. Rigidity.

Not exactly.

Winter has come early this year. We haven't even changed our clocks back for daylight saving time yet. We have woken up more than once to snow on the ground in October. The heat is on in the dorms. Halloween? Please — Christmas is in the air.

For the first time in years, I don't think I'll be opposed to hearing Christmas music by Thanksgiving. Even though it may feel like winter, rest assured that fall isn't finished. There are still things to look forward to, despite the weather making it seem otherwise. One of those things is happening at the end of the week. You guessed it. Daylight saving time is around the corner.

That being said, this is now a public service announcement to set your clocks back one hour this Sunday.

Being from the East Coast, I know most Indiana residents are opposed to daylight saving time for various reasons (crops, farms, cows?), but I'm sure no college student would complain about an extra hour of sleep — especially after Saturday night.

My favorite part about changing the clocks back is that Sunday is a 25-hour day.

Have you ever heard the expression, "There aren't enough hours in the day?"

There are 25 hours in one day. There are so many things you could do with that extra hour, so don't waste it. Or maybe that's exactly what you want to do. Take that extra hour and put it into productive sleep time.

Whatever daylight saving time brings for you, just enjoy this little gift of extra time to relieve the stress of the day, relax or be productive.

Before you know it we will be setting the clocks forward and I don't know about you, but I won't be celebrating the 23-hour day.

Contact Katie Kohler at kkohlei01@staindmarys.edu.

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

**CORRECTIONS**

Due to a reporting error, the article "Conference Considers Happiness" in the Oct. 25 edition of The Observer incorrectly identified the source of funding for the "New Directions in the Study of Happiness: Liberal Arts (ISLA) and the Department of Economics and Policy Studies and the Department of Sociology. The Observer regrets this error.

**IN BRIEF**

David Shippler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author will speak about "The Working Poor: Invisible in America" tonight at 7 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

David Whalen, the associate provost of Hillsdale College will speak give a lecture entit­led "Scarlet Sins and Books that are Read" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room 129 of DeBartolo Hall.

The Halloween Dance sponsored by the classes of 2009 and 2009 will take place tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the LaForte Ballroom. Free Chie-Fella will be served, and the event is free to all ND, SMC and IHC students.

Legends: The Best of Acoustirafre will take place tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors and $3 all students.

The bands Angel Melendez and 911 Mambo will perform at 10 p.m. at Legends on Saturday. The concert is free for ND, SMC and HCC students.

Relay for Life will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday and conclude at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Stepan Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, please perform information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Polish archbishop to visit ND

Zycinski to give lecture, participate in a public forum on evolution

Special to The Observer

Archbishop Józef Zycinski of Lublin, Poland will visit the University of Notre Dame from Oct. 31 to Nov. 3 (Tuesday to Friday) and on Nov. 1 will present the University’s 2006 Nanovic Institute Distinguished European Lecture and participate in a public forum on evolution and Catholicism. Both events are free and open to the public.

The Nanovic lecture will take place at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the University’s Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Titled “Neighbours? Jews and Catholics in Post-Shoah Poland,” the presentation is sponsored by the Nanovic Institute.

The public forum, sponsored by Notre Dame’s Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values; Nanovic Institute for European Studies; Jacques Maritain Center; Departments of Biology, Theology, Philosophy and the Program of Liberal Studies, is titled “Evolution and Catholic Faith: Is There a Conflict?” The event will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 101 of Notre Dame’s Jordan Hall of Science and will feature remarks from a panel of Notre Dame faculty members, a response from the archbishop, and an audience question-and-answer session. Structured for a general interest audience, this forum will examine this issue in light of some discussions of evolution by the Church that included a meeting at the Vatican in July.

Appointed Archbishop of Lublin in 1997, Archbishop Zycinski also serves as grand chancellor of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, where his research focuses on the history and philosophy of science and the relationship between science and evolution. He is the author of the forthcoming book “God and Evolution: Fundamental Questions of Christian Evolutionism.” He has worked to promote Jewish-Catholic relations in the diocese of Lublin.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1972 following studies at the University of Arizona, Archbishop Zycinski holds numerous public positions, including chair of the Bishops’ Council for the Laity and the Program Committee of KAI (Catholic Information Agency). He also serves on the Polish Bishops’ Commissions for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Pastoral Care and holds memberships in the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, the Committee for Philosophical Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), and PAN’s Committee on Evolutionary and Theoretical Biology.

Archbishop Zycinski is the author of 40 books and more than 350 published journal articles. He founded the journal series “Philosophy in Science,” published by PAN, the Vatican Observatory and the University of Arizona.
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helps Right to Life and Amnesty International to turn their focus to their other issues because it assumes the responsibility of educating students about the death penalty.

"With us focusing solely on this issue, they don't have to divert any of their own resources within their group.″

NSDI's mission goes beyond educating students on Notre Dame's campus. Its long-term goal is to work toward establishing a moratorium on the death penalty in the state of Indiana.

"It's not a one-year goal," Laidman said. "This is going to be a lasting campaign on the campus. It takes so much modeling to campaign for a moratorium on the death penalty at the state level.″

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Winnebagos," he said. The fundraising process began during the Sept. 17, 2005 Notre Dame-Michigan State home football game, and the university was able to donate "close to a million dollars in cash [to the] Catholic Charities U.S.A. Holy Cross sites and [Alliance for Catholic University Education] sites," he said.

Notre Dame students began to contribute to the rebuilding process during fall break of 2005, and 150 students recently returned from this year's fall break effort, Purcell said.

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African nation's new government came to power, a rights group said Wednesday. New York-based Human Rights Watch accused President Pierre Nkurunziza year-old government of failing to prosecute those accused of extrajudicial killings. Security officials acknowledged some officers had committed human rights abuses, but said those were isolated and that those responsible were punished.

The new government took office, the intelligence service has been free to use any means necessary, including killing and torture, to reach its goals," the group's Alison Loizeau said in a report. "The government must address this pattern of continuing violations."

Tropical Storm Paul weakening
SAN JOSE DEL CABO, Mexico — Tropical Storm Paul quickly lost strength Wednesday as it swirled toward Mexico's mainland at the tip of the Baja California peninsula.

About 100 residents who were evacuated to government shelters in Cabo San Lucas were heading back to their homes, relieved the sun had re-emerged and they had been spared by Paul, which earlier in the week had been the season's third hurricane to threaten the region.

The storm was forecast to continue weakening, but it was moving quickly toward mainland Mexico. It was expected to make landfall later Wednesday and could dump as much as 10 inches of rain and spark dangerous flooding, according to the hurricane center in Miami.

NATIONAL NEWS

Arizona official will resign
PHOENIX — State Treasurer David Petersen was to appear Wednesday in Maricopa County Superior Court for arraignment on a misdemeanor charge of failing to report $4,200 in commissions for selling character-education materials to schools. Attorney General Terry Goddard said Wednesday.

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A memo from Goddard said the investigation found no evidence that Petersen stole or misused the money, though "numerous issues pertaining to his performance of his duties and the management of his office were found to be outside the scope of a criminal investigation."

New York taxi fare increased by $1
NEW YORK — The cost of standing still, like New York City, is going up.

New York taxi fare increased by $1 when the city Taxi and Limousine Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to double the amount charged on the meter for sitting, to reach its goals, the group's Alison Loizeau said in a report. "The government must address this pattern of continuing violations."

President Bush addresses reporters during a press conference in the East Room of the White House Wednesday.

Bush: No 'simple solution' to war
President Bush dissatisfied with death toll and raids, still confident in Iraq abilities

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many Americans are unhappy with the war in Iraq, and President Bush said Wednesday he is dissatisfied, too. But he does not want the United States to change direction, pull out or set timelines for withdrawal.

Bush came to the White House's East Room and delivered an impassioned defense of the long and unpopular war, warning that to leave now would mean defeat. His appearance came days before elections in which Republicans fear Iraq could cost them control of the House, Senate or both.

While saying he was open to recommendations from a blue-ribbon commission exploring U.S. options in Iraq, Bush cautioned, "The road to victory will not be easy. We should not expect a simple solution."

"Our goals are unchanging," the president said. "We are flexible in our manner in achieving those goals."

Bush expressed unwavering confidence in Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, the U.S. general running the war and Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, despite new strains between Baghdad and Washington.

"The ultimate accountability rests with me," Bush said of Iraq. "If people are unhappy about it, look right to the president."

He spoke at a news conference dominated by Iraq questions.

Despite polls suggesting a Democratic takeover of at least the House, Bush said he was confident Republicans would prevail. Dismissing Democrats' hopes, Bush said, "We've got some dancing in the streets and zone here in Washington, D.C., measuring their drapes."

Now in its fourth year, the war is the top campaign issue. A majority of Americans are opposed to Bush's handling of Iraq, and increasing numbers of Republican candidates have signaled impatience with the president's policies as U.S. deaths have climbed above 2,800. Bush indicated he shared the public's frustration even as he pushed back against calls for troop withdrawals.

"I know many Americans are not satisfied with the situation in Iraq, " he said in a lengthy statement before taking questions. "I'm not satisfied either."

October has been the deadliest month this year for American forces, and the war soon will have lasted longer than U.S. involvement in World War II. The events of the past month have been a serious concern to me and a serious concern to the American people," the president said.

Bush said the United States was changing tactics to deal with circumstances in Iraq but shouldn't change the overall direction of the war.

"Absolutely, we're winning," the president asserted.

Bush voiced confidence in al-Maliki, calling him "the right man" for Iraq now.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi leader took a hard slap at the United States for a raid by U.S. and Iraqi forces on the stronghold of a Shiite militia led by a radical anti-American cleric on whom al-Maliki relies for political support.

Al-Maliki said the raid "will not be repeated." Al-Maliki also criticized the top U.S. military and diplomatic representatives in Iraq for saying his government needed to set a timetable to curb violence in the country. "I affirm that this government represents the will of the people, and no one has the right to impose a timetable on it," he said.

Bush said he had asked for a transcript of al-Maliki's remarks before coming into the East Room. Al-Maliki was correct in saying major dates could not be imposed on Iraq, Bush said. He suggested there had been a miscommunication between al-Maliki and U.S. officials.

ARGENTINA

Prosecutors want Iranian arrested

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine prosecutors asked a federal judge on Wednesday to order the arrest of former Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani and several others for the 1994 bombing of a Jewish cultural center that killed scores of people. The Jewish community attacked the center, "was undertaken in 1993 by the highest authorities of the then-government," prosecutor Alberto Nisman said at a news conference.

He said the actual attack was entrusted to the Lebanon-based group Hezbollah.

The worst terrorist attack ever on Argentine soil, the bombing of the Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires killed 85 people and injured more than 200 when an explosive-laden vehicle detonated near the building.

Iran's government has vehemently denied any involvement in the attack following repeated accusations by Jewish community and other leaders here.

Iranian authorities contacted here by The Associated Press said they would have no comment.

Prosecutors urged the judge to seek international and national arrest orders for Rafsanjani, who was Iran's president between 1989 and 1997.

They also urged the judge to detain several other former Iranian officials, including a former intelligence chief, Ali Fallahian, and former Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

They also urged the arrest of two former commanders of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, two former Iranian diplomats and a former Hezbollah security chief for external affairs.

Nisman and fellow prosecutor Marcelo Martinez Burgos said they suspected Hezbollah undertook activities outside Lebanon only "under orders directly emanating from the regime in Tehran."
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between Nationalists, who want Northern Ireland to become part of the Republic of Ireland, and Unionists, who want the state to be reunited under the control of the United Kingdom.

Whelan had an educational session, Whelan and the students met with Philip McGeoghan, director of the American Studies Program of the Legislative Assembly. So that the tour was limited to the party that was closely associated with the Provisional Irish Republican Army and the paramilitary organization that since 1969 had been fighting in Northern Ireland against Nationalists, and so many of McGeoghan's initial statements reflected the relationship between the two.

The two groups shared the same purpose: to bring all of Ireland under one Irish government and their membership was drawn from the same communities, McGeoghan said.

"There's no denying that some of them [Irishmen] were once involved in the IRA," he said.

McGeoghan, who is in his early 30s, said that he was never a member of the IRA and never "boomed or shot anyone." Clearly aware of his audience's nationalism, McGeoghan told the IRA volunteers who did bomb and shoot may not have been so different from them.

The IRA decommissioning process has ceased and many of those IRA volunteers who did bomb and shoot may not have been so different from them.

Several years ago, students met with the now infamous Denis Donaldson. At the time, Donaldson was a Sinn Fein representative but was murdered in April after being discovered as a Catholic and Protestant communities in Belfast. Several brightly colored paintings on the side of a building and seemingly idyllic murals were supposed to help prevent terrorism. ID programs have warned repeatedly that the Transportation Worker Identity Check all airline passengers' names against watch lists. The system has led to watch lists.

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In 2002, a Northern of British politicians have dominated Northern Ireland, fly back, and then rephrase their lives again... They don't even live in Ireland," he said. "It's an example of the transition from an armed struggle and terrorism to a democratic republic," Kevin Whelan program director.

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During the question and answer session, Whelan challenged McGeoghan's assertion that Sinn Fein was a party that appeared to young people throughout Ireland.

"Most young people now who were born in the Talabham running Ireland than Sinn Féin," Whelan said. "You've tarnished the idea of the very people you want." Whelan said that while he was trying to provoke the politician into giving a straight, unvarnished answer he told Whelan it was true that young people in the south see Sinn Féin as a relic of an era's history.

The meeting at Stormont continued with visiting Program participant Matt Anderson that the troubled history of Northern Ireland has not been resolved, particularly since British parliament members have governed the region. The Northern Ireland Assembly was suspended.
Chief financial officer indicted

Refo Inc. leader defrauded investors resulting in more than $1 billion in losses

Former Refo Inc. CEO Phillip R. Bennett leaves a New York federal court on Wednesday after entering a not guilty plea to charges of fraud.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The former chief financial officer of Refo Inc., one of the world's biggest commodities brokerages, was accused in an indictment Tuesday of defrauding investors in schemes that cost shareholders $1 billion.

An indictment in U.S. District Court charged Robert C. Trosten with defrauding investors, filing false statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and using fraud, false filings and wire fraud. It also added new charges to the case against Refo's former chief executive officer, Phillip R. Bennett.

Prosecutors said Trosten assisted Phillip R. Bennett, formerly Refo's chief executive officer, in hiding hundreds of millions of dollars of debt owed to Refo and controlled by Bennett. The superseding indictment also alleged new charges against Bennett concerning fraud against holders of Refo's bonds.

Trosten, 37, of Sarasota, Fla., was scheduled to make his initial court appearance Wednesday. Bennett, 37, of Gladstone, N.J., is currently free on $50 million bail and subject to electronic monitoring.

Lawyers for both men did not immediately return telephone messages.

If convicted, Trosten could face up to 85 years in prison.

Bennett was already charged with conspiring to defraud investors in a scheme that cost shareholders $1 billion of Refo's debt.

The indictment accused Bennett and Trosten of conspiring to defraud Refo's investors and discovered it owed $430 million by a company controlled by Bennett.

The company, which went public in August 2005 and was later delisted by the New York Stock Exchange and filed for bankruptcy, filed for bankruptcy a week after the announcement.

According to the indictment, Refo sustained hundreds of millions of dollars in losses through its own and its customers' trading in the mid-1990s, when Refo was privately held and controlled in part by Bennett.

To hide the losses, Bennett transferred the debt owed to Refo by a company controlled by Bennett, prosecutors said.

The indictment accused Bennett and Trosten of manipulating the company's financial records from 1999 through 2005 to make it appear as if the debt owed to Refo was actually owed by a Refo customer.

The indictment charged Trosten with conspiring to defraud Refo's auditors and investors from the mid-1990s to October 2005, when Refo announced it had discovered it owed $430 million to a company controlled by Bennett.

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Steel corp reaffirms merger intent

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corp. reaffirmed its intention Wednesday to merge with a Brazilian steelmaker despite some shareholders' objections, signing an agreement to create what it claims will be a well-capitalized company with a definite strategic future.

In a prepared statement, Wheeling-Pitt Chairman James C. Bradley said he's confident the deal with Companhia Siderurgica Nacional positions his company to deliver sustainable earnings as well as solid future cash flows.

But the agreement must still be approved by shareholders in a vote that is not expected until January. And shareholders have a chance to reject the plan at the Nov. 17 annual meeting in Wheeling, where they will be asked to choose between Bradley's team and a competing board of directors.

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FRANCE

Youths march with grievance list

Immigrants present complaints to officials on riot anniversary

Associated Press

PARIS — Hundreds of youths from the poor, immigrant suburbs that erupted in riots last year marched through Paris Wednesday to present a collection of 20,000 complaints to lawmakers and urge the disenfranchised to make themselves heard with a vote.

Hours later, six to 10 young people forced open a public bus in a western Paris suburb and then set the vehicle on fire, officials said.

No one was hurt in the incident, which raised the specter of a repeat of the three weeks of fiery violence that rocked the country last year, and overshadowed the peaceful message of Wednesday’s march.

The events came ahead of Friday’s first anniversary of the riots by disaffected youths from the housing projects where people of Arab and black African descent live outside France’s big cities.

Many in the country fear renewed violence around the country’s inability to better integrate minorities all over France.

A citizen pressure group marched along a street in Paris Wednesday to present a collection of 20,000 complaints to lawmakers.

The crowd sang “La Marsellaise,” France’s national anthem, and broke into chants of “Vive la France,” proclaiming their allegiance to a country they often feel unwelcome.

Last year’s riots sprang in part from anger over high unemployment and discrimination against immigrants and their French-born children, many of them Muslims from former French colonies in Africa.

Police said the violence, however, was not driven by Islamic groups.

France’s inability to better integrate minorities and recent violence against police are becoming major political issues as the campaign heats up for this year’s presidential and parliamentary elections.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 3:00 — 5:00 PM
• Meet-n-greet reception followed by book signing
• ECK Visitors Center
• Light refreshments provided
• Open to students, alumni and the public

CONGO

Beans dismissed as new voting process

Associated Press

MLUA — Blondine Pendeyki brought a handful of red beans to the voting station to cast the first ballot of her life and was dismayed when she was told she couldn’t use them.

Electoral workers say that after the first round of voting in Congo, they found notes like “I love you, I vote for you!” on ballots, or beans, peas or pebbles carefully counted to correspond to a candidate’s number on the ballot and folded into the voting papers — instead of the required thumbprints or crosses.

They expect to have to disqualify more such ballots in Sunday’s second and decisive round.

In a largely illiterate Congo trying to embrace democracy after four decades of dictatorship, 42-year-old Pendeyki is far from alone. She still doesn’t understand why voting officials didn’t accept her beans during the first round in July.

“Many in my country have never voted before, so we have to teach them why they can’t use beans or stones to vote,” said Irodota Bunziyige, a social worker and election observer who says she has helped some 30,000 illiterate and poorly educated Congolese learn to vote.

“My work can be very tough. The Pygmies, and Africans in general, have oral traditions,” she said. “Learning to use a pencil is not a priority.”

President Joseph Kabila faces Vice President Jean-Pierre Bemba, a former rebel leader, in a runoff for the presidency of a country the size of Europe.

In the rural east, few Pygmies have access to television or campaign posters and most had no idea what the candidates looked like. So during the July 30 first round, unable to recognize them, they came with beans to indicate their choice.

Most knew they wanted to vote for Kabila and knew he was listed as the seventh candidate on a ballot sheet that listed 23 contenders for the presidency, Bunziyige said. So they folded the ballots around beans or stones to indicate their choice, and handed them in.

Experts say it could be years before communities in Congo’s inaccessible interior have access to voter education programs.

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Abilene was set on fire after Texan executed for murder plot

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Study: Scans detect early cancer
Technology can create peace of mind for those with health concerns

Associated Press

A controversial new study offers the strongest evidence yet that screening smokers for lung cancer with computerized chest X-rays can save lives, much as mammograms do for women with breast cancer.

Doctors have long had doubts that early detection of tumors could improve survival, and also feared that screening would lead to too many false alarms and unnecessary biopsies. Scans are not now recommended, and some scientists say many smokers have been paying for them on their own for their peace of mind.

The new study strongly suggests there is a survival benefit. But it does not prove the benefit, because it lacked a comparison group, many scientists say.

In the study, people whose early lung tumors were detected by CT scans and promptly removed had an estimated 10-year survival rate of 92 percent — much better than the roughly 70 percent who typically survive, and far better than the dismal 5 percent who make it that long after the disease has spread beyond the lungs.

"It gives greater confidence that screening may really offer advantages in saving lives from lung cancer," said Dr. Robert Smith, director of screening at the American Cancer Society, which was among more than two dozen groups that funded the study.

Even though the study lacked a comparison group, he said, "It's highly unlikely that this completely invalidates the observation of a favorable benefit from early diagnosis.

Lung cancer is the world's top cancer killer. About 157,476 Americans and 1 million people worldwide will be diagnosed with it this year. The vast majority will die, largely because the disease is found too late for treatment to do much good. Only 16 percent of cases in the United States are detected in Stage 1, when tumors are still confined to the lung.

Studies in the 1970s found that screening smokers with regular X-rays did not improve lung cancer survival, and such efforts were largely abandoned until the 1990s, when CT scans were developed.

The sophisticated X-rays produce images of the lungs from many angles and can reveal early growths long before they produce symptoms. Interest in the test grew in 1999, when Dr. Claudia Henschke of New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center published a landmark study showing they found far more tumors than conventional X-rays did.

Her study was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, extends these results to a larger group of researchers and reports on survival.

"Dozens of researchers around the world screened 31,567 people at high risk of lung cancer, including 1,376 former smokers or those who had been exposed to asbestos because they were current or former smokers or had been exposed to it in the past.

Participants were initially screened between 1993 and 2005, and the vast majority came back for repeated screenings two years later. Thirteen percent of those who were initially screened and 5 percent who had repeated screenings had suspicious spots that required further testing. Biopsies were performed on 353 patients; 484 were diagnosed with lung cancer, including 42 in the early stage. Most had surgery or chemotherapy, and eight were untreated.

Researchers then calculated survival probability using a common statistical tool. The estimated 10-year survival rate, regardless of when the cancer was diagnosed or the type of treatment given, was 92 percent.

That increased to 88 percent if the cancer was detected in an early stage, and 97 percent if such patients had surgery within a month of diagnosis. The eight untreated patients all died within five years of diagnosis.

"When you find it when it's small, you can essentially cure most of them," Henschke said.

The scans cost between $200 and $300, roughly double the price of a mammogram. Insurers are not covering lung scans because the government does not recognize them.

The biggest weakness in the study is that it lacked a comparison group, making it impossible to know how people would have fared if they didn't receive a CT scan.

Henschke said the general conclusion is valid, but the comparison group, because lung cancer is so common and its survival odds are so well known. But scientists disagreed, and said her study falls short for this reason.

"It raises great hope for CT screening," but it doesn't prove a benefit, said Dr. Denise Aberle of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, who is helping conduct a government-funded study that should give more definitive answers. It is screening 53,000 current and former smokers with CT scans or regular chest X-rays to see whether either can cut lung cancer deaths.

The Mayo Clinic also is leading a screening study, and others are under way in Europe.

Until there is proof, patients considering screening should ask their doctors about the pros and cons, said Dr. Joan Scott, a cancer specialist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

"They need to know that the chances are good that something abnormal will be found," said Joan Schiller, a cancer specialist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering.

But the Senate race and stem cell issues are intertwined. McCaskill's Republican opponent, Sen. Jim Talent, opposes the stem cell measure.

For their ad you'd have to believe the facts and mislead voters."
Madonna to adopt African son

Tells Oprah Wednesday that her baby, David Banda, is healthy

CHICAGO — Madonna said the 13-month-old boy she plans to adopt from the African country of Malawi is healthy and thriving in her London home, in an interview that aired Wednesday on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." The child, David Banda, was taken to London last week after Malawi's High Court granted Madonna and her husband, director Guy Ritchie, an adoption order.

Madonna said David was healthy, despite having overcome malaria and tuberculosis. The interview was taped Tuesday via satellite from London.

"David is amazing," the 48-year-old pop star said. "What really surprises me is how great my children are with him and how he's transitioned so easily from living in Africa in an orphanage to living in our home."

David's father, Yohane Banda, has said he didn't understand the adoption concept he would give up custody of his son "for good." But in an interview posted Tuesday on Time magazine's Web site, Banda said he will not contest the adoption.

"I don't want my child, who is abnormally formed, to be taken from me," Banda said. "I will be killing his future if I accept that." Banda has said he is too poor to raise David.

Madonna said she met Banda, who thanked her for giving his son a new life. "I sat in that room and just looked into that man's eyes," she said.

The adoption interview with Winfrey was the first time Madonna had spoken on TV about the adoption, which has been challenged by human rights groups that allege the singer used her fame and fortune to float Malawian adoption laws.

"If only my wealth and my position could have made things go faster," she said. "I assure you it doesn't matter who you are and how much money you have, nothing goes fast in Africa."

Typically, prospective parents are required to stay in the country during the 18-month evaluation period, but the judge who granted the interim custody order Oct. 12, said the issue of residence is not specified in the laws. A social worker in London will check on David for the next 18 months.

Madonna said she initially was urged to consider adopting a child in Ethiopia or Kenya because of Malawi's vague adoption laws.

"I did have my heart set on David, but I was also told there was a possibility I wouldn't be able to adopt him," she said. "I was told to look around at all the orphanages."

Madonna said she was worried that the firestorm of publicity that surrounded the adoption may dissuade other parents from adopting children from Africa.

"I'm disappointed because more than anything it discouraged other people from doing the same thing," she said. "I feel the media is doing a great disservice to all the orphans of Africa, period, not just the orphans of Malawi."

Winfrey, whose talk show is based in Chicago, commented on the controversy for the adoption.

"I have to say, Madonna, that's a brave thing that you did," Winfrey said. "This audience, I know, applauded you for it."

In a phone interview from Miami, Ricky Martin, who has defended the rights of children through his foundation and as an ambassador for UNICEF, told The Associated Press: "I know Madonna as a mother, and she's exemplary. The love she gives her kids is a dream, and I know that her heart is big enough to adopt not just one child but to adopt 50."

When asked if he would like to adopt someday, the 34-year-old pop star said: "Totally. I don't know when, but right now I am sponsoring three children in India and we have a very beautiful connection."

David Banda has spent most of his life in an orphanage. His birth father died shortly after childbirth.

Madonna and Ritchie traveled to the southeastern African country of Malawi on Oct. 4. They spent eight days visiting orphanages. Madonna is funding the singer's adoption through her charity.
Adults advised to get shingles vaccine

Associated Press

ATLANTA — An influential government advisory panel voted Wednesday to recommend routine vaccines to protect older adults against shingles.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend the vaccine for adults 60 and over. The committee's recommendations usually are accepted by federal health officials, and they influence insurance coverage for vaccinations.

Shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that is most common in people 60 and older. It usually goes away after four weeks, but one in five shingles sufferers develops exacerbating long-term nerve pain known as postherpetic neuralgia. Complications also can include scarring and loss of vision or hearing.

Antiviral medications are only of limited help, and some doctors say they do not prevent shingles from progressing into postherpetic neuralgia.

No vaccine was available until May, when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration licensed Zostavax, made by Merck & Co.

Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus, which also causes chickenpox. An estimated 15 percent to 30 percent of people infected with the virus develop shingles later in life.

The virus essentially hibernates for decades in nerve cells around the spine. It reactivates in some patients, probably because the body's immune system weakens with age, doctors say.

The vaccine is a soup-up version of Merck's chickenpox vaccine for children, with a live virus that is 14 times more potent.

The FDA approval was based largely on a study involving more than 38,000 people, with 19,000 getting the actual vaccine and others who got placebo. People who got the shot developed shingles at only half the rate of those who got the fake vaccine, researchers found.

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The obesity rate among U.S. adults doubled from 1987 to 2000, rising more than 30 percent. Also, the average weight for American men was 191 pounds in 1980 and 212 pounds in 2000. Eating less, driving less and choosing more active means of transportation, he said, could have an effect on gasoline consumption, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on gasoline consumption, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on gasoline consumption, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on gasoline consumption, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on gasoline consumption, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on gasoline consumption, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on gasoline consumption. 

The estimates "are probably pretty reliable," said Larry Chavis, an economist at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. "I don't know if it's going to encourage anybody to go out and lose weight to save gasoline, but even for individual families, it could have an effect on their budget." 

Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, former CDC director and chairman of an Institute of Medicine report on obesity, said the findings are almost beside the point. "The wrong fuel is being focused on," said Koplan, now at Emory University. "If you're heavier, the most important fuel you use more of is food."
Last week, CNN aired video footage from Baghdad showing insurgent snipers taking aim at American soldiers. The network obtained the tape from the Islamic Army of Iraq, through intermediaries. The piece, CNN's Baghdad correspondent Michael Ware was careful in note that the video titled "Latest Sniper Operations in Baghdad" acts as a propaganda piece. He analyzed, scrutinized and related the video to real events taking place in Iraq.

Despite these disclaimers, many people immediately denounced the network for airing the video. They leveled numerous charges, including that the video is inappropriate for soldiers' families, that it is unsuitable for young viewers and even that it spuriously sanitizes the horrific violence because the video quickly fades to black after each shot is refraint from showing the actual moment of impact. All of these accusations carry some merit and, frankly, they show that at least part of the American public pays attention to the news.

Other critics went further with their indictments. "Does CNN want America to win this thing?" asked Republican House Representative Duncan Hunter from California on Monday. He called for the removal of embedded CNN journalists and claimed that in past wars, the press was more pro-American. "The average American Marine or soldier," Hunter continues, "has concluded after seeing that film that CNN is not on their side." Mr. Hunter did not reveal his statistical source for deducing the psychological reaction of the average American soldier. He also chose not to reveal how many soldiers responded to his scientific poll with gratitude that somebody was telling their brutal story to an insulated nation. Thankfully, we do not need to hear from any of those soldiers themselves, because we have Mr. Hunter to speak on their behalf.

Let's think about this a minute. Mr. Hunter; you are suggesting that CNN journalists want American men and women to be killed by terrorists. You are saying that because they are not putting a positive spin on the black — and I do mean black — situation in Iraq, they must consequently be in a league with internationally vilified criminals.

While I cautiously agree with CNN's decision to air the video, I will admit this is certainly a thorny issue, and I can understand people's qualms. The video is not pretty. It is not encouraging. The decision to air the video and its presentation were not taken lightly, however. CNN even warned viewers beforehand that the video would not be suitable for children. They knew it would be a volatile piece, and offended responses are acceptable. But to suggest, as Mr. Hunter does, that the network supports terrorism — that they do not wish for America to "win this thing" — is, in a word, stupid.

Hunter found support from Brian Bilbray, also a Representative from California. Bilbray called the feature a "terrorist snuff film." Rick Moore, one of many online bloggers that spoke out against the video footage, brashly titled it a post "CNN Joins Insurgent PR Campaign." There were other attacks. All these detractors want to lump in with the terrorist forces, because that would be the easy thing to do. It is, after all, the prevailing ideology of the war critics: that war critics are nothing more than seditionists of national security. The American mission and still be critical of Mr. Bilbray; you are suggesting that CNN its execution. This CNN feature reported from Iraq because there is precious little good news to report. At the time of writing, 91 American soldiers have been killed in Iraq this month alone, many of them by sniper attacks. That number, like the video, looks no sides; it is a cold fact. The American media should not combat terrorist propaganda with its own propaganda.

Next time, Mr. Hunter and associates, save your terror accusations for the folks who really deserve them. Look at this video as a chilling reminder of the gravity of the Iraqi situation, and pray that it will awaken a few more people to the importance of our struggle there. Spend your time fighting the real enemy.

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Patriotic doesn't mean blind

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Voting an important right — exercise it

Judging from the large number of political and socially conscious groups on campus, it's easy to see college students care about what goes on in the world.

As a member of the Class of '06, and involved in organizing and volunteers for human rights, equal rights, AIDS and hunger were listed as some of the top-10 most important issues.

Yet, we are also the most apathetic voters.

Perhaps one of the biggest reasons millennials do not vote is because we do not feel it is important to cut our ties with the world in college because there are so many other things to keep students occupied — clubs, intramural athletics, classes.

However, college is not a bubble. It is time to explore new options and get involved in organizing and volunteers for human rights, equal rights, AIDS and hunger.

We are fortunate to live in a country where our votes matter, regardless of what students might think. At least in local elections, one vote is all it takes to ensure a victory for a candidate. Voting is a right for which we should all be grateful.

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Films and Faith Weekend

By LAURA MILLER
Scene Writer

Faith and films — those are the words of choice as the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts holds the Films and Faith Weekend. Put on by the theology and film, television, and theater departments as a College of Arts and Letters "Decade of the Arts" signature event, the series will show films from various countries this Friday through Sunday night. The weekend will open with a reception and keynote address in the Browning Cinema lobby at 6 p.m. Friday.

As a series, the films provide a glimpse of spirituality across different temporal dimensions. The theme for this weekend is "Faces of the Saint." In keeping with this theme, the grouping of films seeks to demonstrate a varied depiction of spiritual life.

Each of the six featured films focuses on saintly individuals and actual saints to explore the ways spiritual life has been portrayed in dramatically different ways by French, German, Italian, and American directors over the past five decades. Most of the films explore the lives of religious clergy, but "Household Saints" explores spiritual aspects of family life.

It is ambitious to expect any student to attend the entire film series, but these films definitely have great potential. If nothing else, students should take advantage of the chance to see a few noted foreign flicks.

The program also helps to put each movie in context with opening remarks, as well as question-and-answer sessions after each showing.

Since Notre Dame is one of the premier religious institutions in the country, the series in Films and Faith is unique to the status of the university. Although mainstream movies generally do not incorporate many religious themes, this series highlights the films whose primary aim is on religious discussion.

♦ "Diary of a Country Priest" (1951), Friday, 7 p.m.
This film is probably one of the most familiar names around campus, due to the fact that it once was a fairly popular novel. The film, directed by Robert Bresson, is in French with English subtitles. This film tells the story of the life of a small-town priest and his daily struggles. The novel, written by author George Bernanos, is also part of a lecture series, "Shining in Obscurity Rediscovering Four Catholic Authors" that will take place during the next several weeks on campus. The novel can be purchased at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, and the lecture will take place on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo.

♦ "The Ninth Day" (2005), Friday, 10 p.m.
"The Ninth Day" is one of the more recently made films to be shown this weekend. Directed by Volker Schlöndorff, it tells the story of a priest from Luxembourg who is sent to the Dachau concentration camp during the Holocaust. He is released on the condition that he convince the bishop to sign an agreement with Nazi Germany and is told that if he fails to do this within nine days, he will be sent back to Dachau. This movie is notable because of its relatively fresh approach to the Holocaust — that is, how Christians approached (or did not approach) the moral issues surrounding it.

♦ "The Flowers of St. Francis" (1950), Saturday, 3 p.m.
This film is one of the most unique of the series — rather than a woven narrative, it consists of short segments about the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. It is directed by Roberto Rossellini, in Italian with English subtitles. Cast with monks from the Nocera Inferiore Monastery, this film promises to be authentic in appearance and meaning. It is also an extremely brief film — just over an hour — an easy thing to squeeze in if you're not watching the football game.

♦ "Household Saints" (1993), Saturday, 7 p.m.
"Household Saints" is the only film of the series that focuses on family life, rather than life in religious vocation. This film, directed by Nancy Savoca, tells the story of an Italian-American family in the years after World War II. As the daughter in the story says, "This film is about an increasing level of religious fanaticism."

This film explores ideas about faith in the family context as well as a discussion of Italian-American life and religious ideals. This is the only film of the series that is filmed in English, so it provides a good option for those who dislike films with subtitles.

♦ "Therese" (1986), Saturday, 10 p.m. and Sunday, 7 p.m.
This film, directed by Alain Cavalier, tells the story of the life of St. Therese de Lisieux. Unlike "The Flowers of St. Francis," "Therese" is in narrative form. It attempts to adhere to a historically accurate representation of St. Therese through the use of depictions from Therese's journals. Because the life of St. Therese is so compelling — she died from tuberculosis while still young — little is done to sensationalize the film. Rather, Cavalier simplifies his style in order to allow the story to speak for itself. The film is in French with English subtitles.

♦ "Into Great Silence" (2005), Sunday, 3 p.m.
Director Philip Groening picks up on a growing trend of artistic filming in "Into Great Silence." As its title indicates, this film has no spoken dialogue. The story traces the lives of a group of monks in the French Alps. All of these monks are extraordinary in their silence — only interrupted by prayer and song. There are English subtitles, as the monks pray and sing in French and Latin. While this film has no narrative story, it is designed to probe spiritual inspiration through watching the monks go through their daily routine.

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Film Description:

"Into Great Silence" is the first film to show the life inside of the Grande Chartreuse, the mother house of the legendary Carthusian Order in the French Alps. Starring 13 real Franciscan Monks, "Flowers of St. Francis" portrays a community built on unwavering humanity and compassion amid regional violence and unrest.

The priest (Claude Laydu), right, counsels the countess (Marie-Monique Arkell) during her grief after her child dies, as he endures the intense animosity of the town.
By BRIAN DOXTADER

William Shakespeare once wrote, "We are such stuff as dreams are made on." Those dreams guide the Not So Royal Shakespeare Company (NSR) throughout its production of "The Tempest."

"The Tempest" follows Prospero (Jeff Eyerman) and his daughter Miranda (Chelsea Moore) as he magically causes a shipwreck to the vessel carrying members of the royal Italian family.

Antonio (Patrick Tighe) and Alonso (Stephan Iwanski), two of those shipwrecked, wronged Prospero years ago and banished him to his current home on an unnamed island, which leads him to seek revenge by causing the shipwreck.

Other characters include Ferdinand (Adam Bonosky), who falls in love with Miranda; Caliban (Devin Preston), Prospero's servant; Stephano (Marky Schroeder), an Observer Assistant Scene Editor; and Trinculo (Andre Valdivia), who decides to kill Prospero and take over the island; and Ariel, Prospero's servant fairy.

Directed by senior Krysta Dennis, the NSR version of "The Tempest" focuses on the performance aspect of the Bard's text.

"We try to play with Shakespeare as much fun with Shakespeare as you can in a modern sense," Dennis said. "We try to be smart about the show, not let it be such an academic thing," Dennis said.

She emphasizes that the Bard is meant to be seen and heard, as opposed to analyzed as a text, noting that the original intent of his plays was entertainment.

"I've always liked 'The Tempest,' which is Shakespeare's last play," Dennis said. "It's got all kinds of elements in it, like political unrest, mystical aspects and all kinds of great characters."

Previous NSR productions were notable for their minimalism, but Dennis said "The Tempest" required a more lavish presentation, which is certainly visible throughout.

The lighting (by Ryan Betartha), costumes (by Mary Levy and Ashley Centenros) and set design (by Betartha and Samantha Towles) are all impressive and demonstrate just how much effort went into the show.

Eyerman stresses that the NSR production emphasizes both the aspects of spectacle and story. The centerpiece of the spectacle are two dances, performed by the Ariels.

In Shakespeare's text, Ariel is a single character, but the NSR version utilizes six actresses to play the role — Lisa Florian, Meghan Hariman, Kathleen Hess, Elizabeth Kuhl, Mary Levy and Danielle Truskowski.

"Often when you do 'The Tempest,' you use some kind of concept involving the fairy Ariel," Dennis said. "I decided I wanted to have a whole team of spirits. The sequences involving the dances never made sense to me in the text, but I made it make sense using the dances."

Those dances, choreographed by Natalie Connolly, are inspired by Kathakali, a classical dance style of Kerala, in southern India. Connolly explains that in the dances, each dancer is given a mythological god to embody and dance through.

The accompanying soundtrack is taken from Bollywood, an Indian cinema style that often emphasizes music and spectacle.

"As fantastic and memorable as these sequences are, they don't necessarily detract from the characters and storyline, especially as embodied by the actors."

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Babchuk’s goal lifts ‘Canes to overtime win

Belfour makes 35 saves in 4-2 win over New York: Detroit snaps three-game losing streak against Sharks at home
### NHL Standings

**Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**

- **Vancouver** 5-4-1 11 11.9
- **Calgary** 3-4-1 7 6.8
- **Edmonton** 6-2-0 12 15.1
- **Anaheim** 6-0-2 14 24.4
- **Columbus** 2-4-1 5 18.9
- **Los Angeles** 3-5-2 8 11.8
- **Philadelphia** 1-6-1 3 7.3
- **NY Islanders** 3-3-2 8 19.6
- **NY Rangers** 4-4-0 8 19.1
- **New Jersey** 4-4-1 9 15.2
- **Toronto** 4-3-3 11 15.6
- **Boston** 2-4-1 5 10.8
- **Buffalo** 9-0-0 18 21.8
- **Washington** 2-2-3 7 15.9
- **Tampa Bay** 4-4-0 8 8.7
- **Carolina** 3-4-2 8 16.4
- **Atlanta** 7-1-1 15 24.5
- **Florida** 4-5-1 9 24.5
- **13 Santa Barbara** 266
- **11 Portland** 270

**Western Conference, Northwest Division**

- **Nashville** 4-3-1 9 15.6
- **Chicago** 4-4-0 8 21.3
- **St. Louis** 3-3-2 8 15.9
- **Detroit** 2-4-1 7 8.7
- **Columbus** 2-4-1 5 8.9

**Western Conference, Central Division**

- **Minnesota** 7-1-0 14 22.2
- **Edmonton** 6-2-0 12 15.1
- **Vancouver** 5-4-1 11 15.1
- **Colorado** 4-3-2 10 19.6
- **Calgary** 3-4-1 7 8.8

**Western Conference, Pacific Division**

- **Dallas** 8-2-0 16 14.5
- **San Jose** 7-2-0 14 20.4
- **Anaheim** 6-2-0 14 24.4
- **Los Angeles** 3-2-0 8 11.8
- **Phoenix** 2-8-0 4 10.7

### NCAA Men's Cross Country

**Top 15**

- **Wisconsin** (440)
- **Colorado** (427)
- **Iowa** (427)
- **Oklahoma** (391)
- **Iowa State** (390)
- **Arkansas** (387)
- **Oregon** (364)
- **Florida State** (339)
- **NC State** (321)
- **Florida** (270)
- **Portland** (270)
- **St. John's** (267)
- **Santa Barbara** (266)
- **Minnesota** (237)
- **Alabama** (228)

### NFL

**Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe leaves a news conference in Irving, Texas, Wednesday after head coach Bill Parcells announced that Tony Romo would replace him as the starting quarterback.**

**Parcells names Romo starting QB**

**Associated Press**

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo is now the first-string quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, and will make his first career start Sunday night at Carolina.

Coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday that Romo, who replaced 14-year veteran Drew Bledsoe in the second half of Monday night's 36-22 loss to the New York Giants, will start.

"Any time you do something like this, it's not without a lot of consideration," Parcells said. "I've been thinking about it for some time. Hopefully, maybe as the team is comprised right now, he might be able to do a couple of things that assist us."

Neither Bledsoe nor Romo appeared in the Cowboys locker room Wednesday. The team said Bledsoe would talk later in the day.

Romo, a fourth-year pro who had never thrown a pass in a game until this season, will be the ninth different starting quarterback for the Cowboys (3-3) since Hall of Famer Troy Aikman retired after the 2001 season.

Bledsoe joined Parcells in 2003. Bledsoe is 1-2 as a starter this season, and the team is 2-3.

Romo joins a Dallas last year, vowing with the coach who made him the No. 1 pick in 1993 for the New England Patriots.

His last pass Monday night was an interception at the goal line just before halftime when the Cowboys had a chance to take the lead. Bledsoe had already been sacked four times, once for a safety.

Parcells rarely changes quarterbacks midseason, often showing loyalty to veterans. Two years ago, Parcells stuck with 41-year-old Vasy Testaverde during a 6-10 season. Like Bledsoe, Testaverde had also played with Parcells earlier in his career.

But Bledsoe apparently made too many costly mistakes for Parcells. His last interception came in a game that could have given the Cowboys first place in the NFC East.

In Dallas' three victories, Bledsoe had six touchdown passes and one interception. But those all have been against teams with losing records. Against playoff contenders Jacksonville, Philadelphia and the Giants, he has one TD and seven INTs.

Parcells told Bledsoe about his decision Wednesday morning.

"He was emotionally under control. I'm sure he wasn't happy to hear the news," Parcells said. "I just told him we're going to make this change right now, and that he needed to stay around ready."

### IN BRIEF

**Raiders' WR Porter reinstated after suspension**

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Porter returned to the Oakland Raiders on Wednesday after the NFL Players Association dropped its appeal of the receiver's four-game suspension and the team reduced the punishment to two games.

The Raiders announced the settlement Wednesday and said coach Art Shell would address it later in the day. The team did not know if Porter would report to the team Wednesday. Phone messages left with the NFLPA and Porter's agent were not immediately returned.

Porter was suspended Oct. 15 for one game for a safety.

**Foot injury causes Davydenko to withdraw**

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Top-seeded Nikolay Davydenko retired with a foot injury while leading 6-2, 3-3 Wednesday against Weslie Moodie at the St. Petersburg Open. I felt some pain in my right foot at 4-2 in the first set," Davydenko said. "In the second set, I realized that I could not receive — any shot into a corner was a problem for me."

Davydenko called a trainer for treatment at 2:3 in the second set.

Davydenko, who leads a group of players seeking the last four spots in the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai, will need to reach quarterfinals at Paris next week to advance.

Fourth-seeded Tommy Haas defeated Denad Zimonjic of Serbia 6-2, 6-7 (7), 6-2 after saving two break points in the second set.
State College, Pa. — Paul Posluszny's trophies from the 2006 season have been collecting dust in his parents' basement. Mom and Dad may soon need to clear space for some new hardware.

The hard-nosed senior is again making big stops for Penn State, though 2006 didn't start quite as smoothly as last year's star-turning campaign, when Posluszny earned awards as the nation's best defensive player and linebacker. Posluszny suffered a serious right knee injury during the Orange Bowl in January that limited him in the offseason. After going through rehabilitation, Posluszny was moved from outside to inside at the start of the season as coach Joe Paterno switched to a four-linebacker scheme. It took a while for Posluszny to get comfortable with the defense and the rehabbed knee.

Not that Purdue coach Joe Tiller noticed a difference. "He looks like he came from the womb playing linebacker," said Tiller, whose Boilermakers (5-3, 2-2 Big Ten) host the Nittany Lions (5-3, 2-2 Big Ten) on Saturday. "The great ones are that way." Posluszny is a semifinalist again to be the nation's top defender and linebacker. And he might soon be able to add this year's star-turning campaign, as the nation's best defensive player, to his resume — he's 17 tackles shy of tying Greg Buttle's career record of 343 at Linebacker U.

"It's always good to hear. Anytime something comes up, it's not just for any particular player, it's for the defense in general," Posluszny said about the accolades. "But the most important thing right now is Purdue. The most important thing is winning."

Reserved off the field, "Pos" is a fiery competitor on game day, so renowned for his leadership that teammates elected him the first two-time captain at Penn State since 1968-69. He's a bookworm, too, having been the seventh Nittany Lion to earn All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same season. Posluszny has talked in the past of joining the military, though undeniably an NFL career awaits.

"Paul is one of the best linebackers that we've ever had," said Paterno, in his 41st year as head coach. "He looks like he came from the womb playing linebacker," Paterno said about his knee to start the season. "I'm pronouncing myself 100 percent to start the preseason. He was held back from full contact at spring practice, but pronounced himself 100 percent to start the preseason. Team doctors have insisted that Posluszny wear a brace as a precaution, an order that the senior begrudgingly accepts.

Still, there were questions about his knee to start the season. Posluszny was carted off the field during the Orange Bowl with two partially torn ligaments in his right knee. He was held back from full contact at spring practice, but pronounced himself 100 percent to start the preseason. Team doctors have insisted that Posluszny wear a knee brace as a precaution, an order that the senior begrudgingly accepts.

Then coaches threw him another curve and asked him to play inside linebacker. With a lack of experienced linemen, the switch allowed Paterno to move Tim Shaw from middle linebacker to a hybrid defensive end/outside linebacker position and get young, talented Sean Lee into the starting lineup outside.

Posluszny didn't complain, though there were some early question marks.

He looked out of position at times and missed tackles on plays that appeared to be automatic hits last year. Some wondered if Posluszny was a step slower because of the knee. That seemed like at the beginning of the year with the first game. I didn't have double-digit tackles, and for some, they said, "This kid is terrible now. That was interesting, to say the least," Posluszny said.

Coaches dismissed questions about his knee, though Posluszny did say he felt more limited earlier in the season wearing a heavier brace. These days, he sports a smaller, less obtrusive contraption on the knee. The biggest challenge was mental.

"I feel so much more comfortable now," he said. "I'm starting to finally feel at home at the position."

Not good news for opponents.

"Mentally, he's running the whole show," defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said. "The highlight-reel plays — such as his takedown of Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith from behind during a night game last year at Beaver Stadium — aren't as frequent. Freewheeling outside linebackers often get more chances to make those kinds of plays.

He still made the highlights last week, bringing Illinois' Isaiah Williams down from behind and reaching for the quarterback's right arm just enough to cause a fumble that led to Tony Davis' 6-yard touchdown return. The score gave the Nittany Lions' struggling offense some breathing room in a 26-12 win.

Posluszny went to Shaw for advice earlier in the year about playing inside, counsel that isn't needed as much anymore.

"He's got it pretty much down pat," Shaw said. "I knew it wouldn't take him that long."
Mario Andretti honored for skill, citizenship

Famous Italian racer given Italy's highest honor in New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mario Andretti just grins when reminded that — and maybe the world — still received Monday night at the Columbus Citizens Foundation in New York. A beaming Andretti, standing before a small crowd of family and friends, received the Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana in honor of his public service, achievements as a race car driver and enduring commitment to his Italian heritage.

The Commendatore, as it is known, is the highest honor granted a civilian by the Italian government, similar to being knighted in Great Britain. Only a handful of Italian Americans have been given the honor, and it took a while for the folks who give out these things to get around to Andretti.

Still, it was more or less inevitable. It's been 12 years since the man who holds the unofficial title of best all-around racer ever has been recognized with many honors. None is more prized than the one he got when I said, "Yeah, it's me." Andretti didn't get that ticket.

Over the years, the man who holds the unofficial title of best all-around racer ever has been given many honors. None is more prized than the one he received Monday night at the same day that Andretti wrapped up the world championship.

"Indeed, Mario Andretti has always been a prominent member of the Italian American community," Antonio Bandini Italian consul general.

Mario Andretti honored for skill, citizenship

Mario Andretti, his best friend, was killed in a crash in 1978 on the backstretch.

"Who do you think you are, A.J.?" Andretti said, "Hey, that even happened all over the world have appreciated and admired." Andretti's overall record likely will never be duplicated — or even approached.

He did win at Indy in 1969, and he also added victories in NASCAR's Daytona 500, the 12 Hours of Sebring sports car race — three times — and Monte Carlo, among many others. Andretti was a four-time U.S. national champion and became only the second American to win the Formula One title, joining Phil Hill.

The diminutive Andretti won races in the decade, was Driver of the Year three times and was named co-Driver of the 20th Century, along with A.J. Foyt, by a panel chosen by The Associated Press. He came from humble beginnings, born in 1940 in the town of Montana in an area called Istria, formerly part of Italy, ceded to Yugoslavia after World War II and now divided between Slovenia and Croatia.

Andretti spent seven years in displaced persons camps after the war before emigrating with his family to Nazareth, Pa., where he made his home. Over the years, Andretti represented his adopted country with a passion. But he also remained very much an Italian — something fellow Italians all over the world have appreciated and admired.

The Commendatore was presented by Antonio Bandini, Italy's Consul General to New York, on behalf of Italian president Giorgio Napolitano.

"Fantastic achievements in sports are not the only reason we honor him with the most important distinction of the Italian Republic," Bandini said. "Indeed, Mario Andretti has always been a prominent member of the Italian American community (and) extremely proud of his Italian heritage."

In the crowd on Monday evening, eldest son Michael Andretti glowed with pride.

"I remember going to race track with dad when I was a kid and the respect that people gave him," said Michael, who retired from full-time racing two years ago after his own great career to concentrate on team ownership.

"I never really thought about how good he was because he was doing all that stuff before I was born and it just seemed natural," he added. "But, after I started racing, I realized how incredible he was. During the years that I raced against each other in CART, I saw up close just how good he really was." Marco, Mario's 19-year-old grandson, nearly won the Indy 500 in May but was overtaken on the last lap to finish second, just ahead of his father, who has been a prominent figure in the sport for many years.

"I'm sure he could still get in a car and be competitive," Marco said. "When I ask him a question, he always knows the answer. He has been in every situation possible on a race track and he is really good about being able to tell me what should be happening out there. I would love to have the opportunity to race against him.

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NHL
Ruff plays with perfection

Despite a 9-0 start, Sabres' head coach still looking for improvement

Associated Press
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Poor Lindy Ruff. The Buffalo Sabres coach is trying his nitpicking best, but fighting a losing battle in an attempt to find fault with his team's perfect start.

At 9-0, Buffalo is one win short of matching the NHL record set by Toronto in 1993 for best start to a season, a feat the Sabres can accomplish when they play the Islanders at Long Island on Thursday.

To hear Ruff tell it, his team is a work in progress.

"You've got to find the little things to make you even better," he said Wednesday. "You just keep nitpicking." And yet, for every problem Ruff attempts to identify — and he's down to complaining about Buffalo's forecheck in an otherwise efficient 4-1 win at Montreal on Monday — there are a half-dozen or so things that leave him impressed.

"There are moments where you look at the plays, you look at some of the goals, you look at the effort, you look at some of the blocked shots, you look at the desperation, and you say, 'Boy, they did a lot of good things,'" Ruff said.

With a win against the Islanders, the Sabres would have an opportunity to break the record when they host Atlanta on Saturday.

The NHL is recognizing the streak even though the Sabres have won three games by shootout, which the league instituted last season to eliminate ties. The Maple Leafs in 1993, by comparison, won nine games in regulation and one in overtime.

Little of this matters to Sabres players, some of whom, such as defenceman Henrik Tallinder, weren't aware the team broke its franchise mark of 8-0 set in 1975 or was even approaching a league record.

"You know what, I really wasn't paying attention to all that," Tallinder said. "I don't see it like a big thing. But records are made to be broken, so why not break it if we can?"

The Sabres' ho-hum attitude sometimes betrays what's been determined, workman-like approach for a team already pegged as Stanley Cup contenders. The high expectations are a result of Buffalo returning most of its team intact after losing Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals to eventual Stanley Cup champion Carolina Hurricanes last season.

Over the course of their streak, the Sabres have won in almost every imaginable fashion: from scoring six times in a period, as they did in a 9-1 win over Philadelphia last week, to three times overcoming two-goal deficits.

Eight of their wins have come against teams that made the playoffs last year, including two victories against Carolina. They've defeated three division champs, including Detroit, which had the NHL's best record last season.

And they've contributed to the NHL's first coaching change. Philadelphia's Ken Hitchcock was fired last week-end in part because of his team's loss to Buffalo.

The Sabres have actually won 14 straight regular-season games after winning their last five last season. And, for those counting, the only blemish on their record in the past two months was a 4-1 loss to Columbus in Buffalo's second preseason game.

"It's pretty impressive. And I hope we're not done yet," said defenceman Jaroslav Spacek, the team's only offseason free-agent addition.

To put the Sabres' streak into perspective, among North America's top four pro sports leagues, there have been only 13 teams that have gone 9-0 to start a season since 1993, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The best start of all the bunch is the NBA Houston Rockets, who went 15-0 in 1993.

NLF
Big Ben questionable for game in Oakland

Steelers have a tough decision regarding the QB's long-term health

Associated Press

Questionable is a word used a lot around the NFL. It's there even this week as the league reports that bookies and betters like to study so much, usually stick somewhere in between probable and doubtful.

Ben Roethlisberger, who was last seen sprawled unconscious on the field in Atlanta, is questionable this week. The Pittsburgh Steelers said so, meaning their star quarterback may or may not play Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

Questionable is a word that can be used to describe many things.

Let's begin with the judgment of anyone involved with the Steelers who actually believes it is a good idea to rush back Roethlisberger after two concussions in four months. Head injury one Sunday, starting nod the next. You don't need a degree in neurology to figure out something is wrong with this equation.

Concussions forced two other quarterbacks out of the game in recent years. Troy Aikman and Steve Young retired early because the cumulative effect of concussions, and they're hardly alone among NFL alumni.

Current players aren't faring much better.

Quarterback's Charlie Frye and Steve McNair recently left games with concussions and so did Minnesota receiver Troy Williamson.

Carolina lineBacker Dan Morgan's season is over, the horrifying image of Chiefs quarterback Trent Green having his head slammed to the ground in the first game of the season is an indelible one.

Concussions, it seems, are the NFL's dirty little secret. It's not just that they happen so often, but that the league doesn't seem to be doing much about it.

Sure, the NFL says it had a committee of doctors studying them since 1994. But reports from the field say the league's studies are flawed, use suspect data, and don't stand up to peer review.

So when the NFL says no evidence has been found that brain function declines as a result of a concussion, the views is greeted with skepticism in the medical community.

"What the NFL allegedly finds is totally at odds with scores of studies," said Dr. Robert Cantu, a neurologist and expert in brain injuries at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "They're putting out is just not the way it is being thought in the community of sports medicine and specialists with expertise in this area.

Among those is a recent study by the University of North Carolina, which revealed 10 percent of retired NFL players say concussions have had a permanent effect on their ability to think and remember things as they've gotten older.

Hall of Fame lineBacker Harry Carson of the New York Giants is one of them. He estimates he had a dozen or more bell-ringers in his career, though he wasn't aware they happened until he realized he had long had from memory problems because of post-concussion syndrome.

For others, it's even worse.

Former Steelers lineBacker Terry Long died last year at the age of 45 from a brain inflammation that started early, from repeated head injuries. Fellow Steelers center Mike Webster was diagnosed with football-induced dementia before he died at the age of 50.

Coaches, though, seem to regard them as minor irritants. Vikings coach Brad Childress offered his own diagnosis of the other day after Williamson was injured.

"He does know what time it is," he said. "He can read a clock. So he's going to be OK," Childress said.

Football, of course, isn't alone in having to deal with brain injuries. NFL officials have cited 71 concussions and two years and $6 million left on his contract with the Philadelphia Eagles but retired earlier this year when the even more ominous lasting drills caused him problems due to past concussions.
**NBA**

**Commissioner cracks down on guns**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Stern understands having a gun to protect your home. He's not convinced carrying one on the streets makes you any safer.

"It's a pretty, I think, widely accepted statistic that if you carry a gun, your chances of being shot by one increase dramatically," Stern said during his pre-season conference call. "We think this is an alarming subject, an extremely dangerous for our players," he added, "and I don't believe about strengthening the policy." 

The NBA's collective bargaining agreement allows players to own licensed guns, but they can't carry them on any league or team business. Asked what kind of firearm rule he would want if collective bargaining weren't involved, Stern said: "I would favor being able to have a firearm to protect your home."

"In the absence of a deal between the city and the developer, I don't know what any fair-minded citizen of Sacramento is being asked to vote on," he said. "I would love to see them support an arena development, but I would tell them that they better make sure that the city gets with it to see whether the deal can in fact be done. Right now there is no deal anywhere."

"In response to issues raised by the NBA during bargaining last year," he said, "a provision was added to the collective bargaining agreement that subjects the players to discipline if they bring any kind of firearm, even if it's licensed, to an NBA arena, practice facility, or even a team or league office offsite promotional appearance."

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NBA commissioner

**Hank Aaron award goes to Jeter, Howard**

Associated Press

ST LOUIS — Young slugger Ryan Howard of the Phillies and Yankee sparkplug Derek Jeter were selected by fans as winners of the Hank Aaron Award as outstanding offensive performer in each league, Commissioner Bud Selig announced on Wednesday.

Howard, 26, batted .366 with 58 home runs to lead the major leagues in 2006 and set a club record with the National League's Philadelphia Phillies. The first baseman, who won Rookie of the Year honours last season, also led the majors in runs batted in with 149.

"It's been a pleasure this season. It was a blast," Howard said. "Hopefully many more to come.

"With Hank Aaron, the first thing that comes to mind is home runs. Ryan Howard the same thing. So when people said what award I was going to win, I stuck my chest out, and I said, 'You know, the Hank Aaron Award. What do you think?'" said Jeter.

"It's an honor and a privilege for me to be here, and I really appreciate it."
Els under pressure at Chrysler Championship

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Ernie Els has never missed the season-ending Tour Championship when playing a full schedule with a healthy body, so he jotted that down as part of his global schedule when laying out his plans for the year.

But not everything has gone according to plan.

Els thought the Chrysler Championship might be a good place for him to get ready for East Lake next week. But at No. 30 on the PGA Tour money list, he needs a good week at Innisbrook simply to get into the Tour Championship. He had only a $53,000 margin over Tim Clark at No. 31, knowing that any of the 60 guys behind him could win and potentially knock him out.

"I really don't want to miss it," Els said Wednesday. "Finishing in the top 30 would give you something. I haven't had too much to grab onto this year. I've had some good finishes outside of the U.S. In the U.S. itself, I haven't really been up to my best.

Els is back in the United States for the first time in two months. Now, the goal is to stay two weeks.

Since joining the PGA Tour in 1994, the year he won his first U.S. Open, Els has missed the Tour Championship only twice — in 1998 when his season was hampered by back injuries and last year when he missed the last three months because of knee surgery.

Els is not alone in his pursuit of secondary gains at the Chrysler Championship, which starts Thursday at Innisbrook.

This is the final full-field tournament of the year, one last chance for players to either get into the Tour Championship (the top 30 on the money list) or the Masters (top 40). Perhaps more critical is keeping a job for next year, and that will be decided by the top 125 for full statuses and the top 150 for conditional status.

The odd man out appeared to be Bubba Dickerson, who would have to sew up his card last week until a 72-78 weekend at Disney moved him up to No. 125. But with such a low standing, he was the third alternate at Innisbrook, and milling around the locker room, he was losing hope that three guys would pull out of the event over the next 24 hours.

Dickerson, a former U.S. Amateur champion, blamed no one but himself.

"I could have taken care of it last week," he said. "I wouldn't be in this situation if I had played better golf. It's tough to take."

He could still keep his position, but he would have had three guys behind him on the money list only have to make the cut to give Dickerson one more tournament this year — the final stage of Q-school.

"I would walk away from here thinking I'm toast," he said.

For Els, more troubling than his precarious position on the money list is the fact he hasn't hoisted a trophy all year, anywhere around the world. He lost a playoff to Tiger Woods in Dubai. He was one shot behind Woods going into the third round at the British Open, but wound up in third place, five shots behind.

As much as the BigEasy would love to be at the Tour Championship next week, he has a bigger goal in mind. Els loves thinking about the year in Hawaii at the Mercedes-Benz Championship, and the only way to get there is to win.

"That's the urgency I want," he said.

But even Kapalua is but one small step toward a grandiose goal. Els believes he lost his focus this year, spending too much time worrying about what happened in the past instead of paying attention to what he can accomplish in the future.

Perhaps no other elite player from his generation has endured more crushing losses than the 37-year-old South African. Two years ago, he missed playoffs in the Masters and PGA Championship by one shot, and lost in a playoff at the British Open. The other major that year was the U.S. Open, where he played in the final group and shot 80.

Then came the knee injury last July while boating in the Mediterranean, which cost him the final three months of the PGA Tour season. Els returned sooner than expected, but still had trouble earlier this year trusting that his knee would hold up.

"It's not like I've fallen off the map completely," Els said. "I haven't been consistent; I know that. But I don't want to read too much into it. I want to get back and forget about the past and start moving forward toward my goal."

The Tour Championship would be a start. Kapalua would be even sweeter.

But he has a bigger blueprint in mind. Els, who has given himself a "realistic goal" for the next three years, which will require a sudden acceleration to his body and his mind.

Why three years? Els smiled, as if he was going to keep that to himself. But what he said next made it clear that he has given up his pursuit of returning to No. 1 in the world.
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MLB

Game called due to rainy weather in St. Louis

Constant downpours cause World Series matchup to be cancelled for first time since Yankees-Braves in 1996

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Pitchers dominated the first three games of the World Series and the rain took over.

Game 4 was postponed Wednesday night because of rain and will be made up Thursday at 8:27 p.m. EDT, potentially sending the World Series into scheduling chaos. More showers are expected the next two days, and nobody was certain when the Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals would play again.

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A silver tarp covered the infield all evening, players didn't come out to warm up and Game 4 never got started.

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Detroit's first-round series at Yankee Stadium also was postponed.

The postponement gives St. Louis manager Tony La Russa a chance to juggle his rotation if he wants. He could bring Jeff Weaver back on regular rest in Game 5 instead of pitching rookie Anthony Reyes again. Reyes, however, tossed eight-plus strong innings for a 7-2 victory in the opener.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland could do the same with Kenny Rogers, who beat Weaver in Game 2 on Sunday night and extended his shutout streak to 23 innings this postseason. But Leyland specifically set up his rotation to give Rogers two starts at home, and the Series doesn't shift back to Detroit until Game 6.

Steady showers all day led to the first World Series rainout since the 1996 opener between the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees. The rain fell harder as the night progressed, and the game was called after a delay of 1 hour, 51 minutes, the first time a Series game in St. Louis has been rained out.

It also was the 1996 opener. Anthony Reyes again. Reyes, who beat Weaver in the opener, tossed eight-plus strong innings for a 7-2 victory in the opener. Tigers manager Jim Leyland could do the same with Kenny Rogers, who beat Weaver in Game 2 on Sunday night and extended his shutout streak to 23 innings this postseason. But Leyland specifically set up his rotation to give Rogers two starts at home, and the Series doesn't shift back to Detroit until Game 6.

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Fans covered in plastic who had hoped for the rain to stop quickly filed toward the exits.

St. Louis fan Kirk Pound waits in vain for the beginning of Game 4 at Busch Stadium. The game will be played Friday night.

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ST. LOUIS — Jeff Weaver and Anthony Reyes set togeth-
er in the interview room, look-
ing at each other and waiting for ques-
tions. There was one they couldn't answer: Who's going to pitch Game 5 of the World Series for the St. Louis Cardinals?

"I don't know which it's going to be, so they're both getting ready," St. Louis man-
ger Tony La Russa said Wednesday.

That decision will be delayed another day because Game 4 was postponed by rain Wednesday night. Jeff Suppan and the Detroit Tigers' Jeremy Bonderman will try again on Thursday, as the teams facing another iffy forecast.

For the first time in his career, Weaver was unsure of who his starting pitcher would be for the next one.

"What our record is has a lot to do with it," pitching coach Dave Duncan said. "We worked on that a little bit. I think it was just a mix of maybe the mechanics and how my arm felt that day."

"You can speculate as you all do," Leyland said. "You can second guess how the rota-
tion's going to go the rest of the series, whatever you want to do."

"Jim Leyland is the pitching manager," Reyes added. "He's earned it. He's one of our horses and he will be on the mound when Game 4 starts, whenever that may be."

"After the Cardinals' third rainout of the postseason, La Russa said Reyes and Weaver would pitch Games 5 and 6 in order, with the order to be deter-
mine by where the series stands. Weaver could go on regular rest in Game 5 on Friday followed by Reyes, a rookie, and ace Chris Carpenter on regular rest in Game 7. That's the most likely sce-
nario, although La Russa noted that he could bring back Carpenter on three days' rest in Game 6 if the Cardinals needed a win to keep the series going.

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"The Cardinals seemed stuck with the 25-year-old Reyes for Game 1 after beating the Mets in a seven-game NLCS because their other starters weren't rested," Suppan, the MVP of the NL championship series, said.

"I really go at it like I'm going to pitch, so I just do everything I was going to do before, like I'm going to pitch," Reyes said. "If it's not my time, I just try to prepare for the next one."

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Clippers challenge Lakers as top team in L.A.

Host of young players turning heads of So. California b-ball fans

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Elton Brand remembers a time when his lowly Clippers played the Los Angeles Lakers.

"It was great if we could get a win for us and our fans," Brand said Wednesday. "It is a nice feeling.

The Lakers have won 103 matches against the Clippers since the Clippers opened before the 1999-2000 season. And for good reason.

High above the court on the south wall are the nine NBA championship banners the Lakers have won since moving to Los Angeles in 1960, and another with the iconic five titles in Minneapolis.

The Clippers, with former Lakers stars Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, James Worthy, Walt Chamberlain and Gail Goodrich hanging nearby, along with a microphone honoring the longtime announcer Chick Hearn.

And the Clippers? Nothing.

"The city's big enough for two teams. Why not share the love?" Clippers guard Cuttino Mobley said. "The Lakers are supposed to get the credit. We're just trying to earn ours.

The teams haven't had much of a rivalry since the Clippers moved to Los Angeles in 2008 because the Lakers have been so dominant, winning 80 of their 103 matchups. But the rivalry is alive and well, and with the Clippers on the rise, a rivalry appears to be brewing.

"Rivalries can't happen until teams are in the playoffs," Mobley said.

That happened last spring, and the Clippers did their part to set up the first-ever postsea- son matchup between the teams by beating Denver for their first playoff series victory in 30 years.

The Lakers led Phoenix 3-1 in their first-round series, but the Suns rallied to win the final three games, thwarting a potential "Halway Series" at the Staples Center.

"That would have really been fun," Brand said with a wide grin. "Like a long, leisurely homes- ーム.

"I was ready," Lakers forward Lamar Odom said. "It would have been so much fun, people talking about it. You tried not to think about it because you were in another series.

In the first five seasons after the Lakers left the Forum, they quickly put their stamp on the now Staples Center, winning three championships and advancing to the NBA Finals four times, including the Western Conference semifinals once.

The Clippers, meanwhile, had a 140-270 record and never made the postseason.

Their fortunes began to reverse when the Lakers traded Shaquille O'Neal to Miami after the 2003-04 season, and sank to 34-48 the following year. The Clippers, meanwhile, showed significant improvement, going 35-47 and returning to the playoffs.

Regarding the dominance by the Lakers over the years, Cassell smiled and said: "It ain't that way no more, which is good for us.

But Reggie Miller, who grew up in Los Angeles, cautioned that because the Clippers' iden- tity has changed, so will the level of their competition.

"I thought I would never say this, but it is slowly becoming a Clipper town," the former Indiana Pacers star said. "My biggest question is, will they be content? Will complacency seep in?

"Now when they go on the road, the Clippers are starting to sell out. It's not the Lakers of old that were pushovers. Teams will be getting up now for the Clippers.

While the Lakers have last season's scoring champion Kobe Bryant leading the way, the Clippers have a superset of their own in Brand, who finished fourth in the NBA Most Valuable Player voting last sea- son.

The Lakers have the most suc- cessful coach in league history in Phil Jackson. The Clippers cut ties with Mike Dunlap, a top-flight coach in his own right.

The Lakers have outdrawn the Clippers over the years, with most of their games selling out since Staples Center opened.

Of course, sitting courtside at the Lakers is still a distinct priv- ilege, with the best seats priced at $2,000. For the Clippers it's less than half that amount.

And, this being Los Angeles, both teams have their famous fans — Jack Nicholson and Denzel Washington attend most Lakers games; Billy Crystal and Penny Marshall support the Clippers.

"There's definitely a rivalry now," Walton said. "Even some of my own friends, they're wearing Clipper jerseys. It's fun.

MLB

Oakland looks for Orel support

Athletics interview former pitcher Hershiser for new manager job

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics will interview former major league pitcher Orel Hershiser for their managerial opening.

A's general manager Billy Beane will schedule a meet- ing with Hershiser, who is an ESPN baseball analyst, in Phoenix for sometime during the week of Nov. 6.

Beane fired fourth-year manager Ken Macha on Oct. 16, two days after Oakland's season ended in a sweep by the wild-card Detroit Tigers in the AL championship series. The A's won a playoff series for the first time since 1990, ending a string of four straight seasons with 100 losses or more, going back to 2000-03.

"It was time to take his time hiring the next manager and was still trading players," Beane said. "I decided to put the GM hat on." Beane flew to Texas on Tuesday to take his time hiring the next manager and was still trading players.

The 54-year-old Hershiser went 204-150 during an 18- year playing career that included 13 seasons for the Los Angeles Dodgers, includ- ing his final year in 2000. He pitched for the San Francisco Giants in 1999.

Hershiser rejoined ESPN earlier this year. The former NL Cy Young Award winner was an analyst for ESPN and ABC during the Little League World Series from 2000-01 and was on ESPN's major league Wednesday telecasts during 2001.

He joined the Texas Rangers in November 2001 as an associate to former Texas manager John Hart, who became pitching coach in June 2002, then was shifted to another role as an executive assistant to team president Jeff Coggin. Hershiser left the Rangers in February.

Beane has had a prelimi- nary phone conversation with Los Angeles Angels' pitching coach Bud Black, who was expected to inter- view with the club soon.

Black already interviewed with the San Francisco Giants about their managerial opening.

Oakland's internal candi- dates who will have inter- views are bench coach Bob Geren, a close personal friend of Beane, and third- base coach Ron Washington.

Washington also inter- viewed last week with the Texas Rangers about becoming Buck Showalter's possible successor at Texas. Washington and Geren both interviewed for the A's opening a year ago when the club's front office was in flux.

Huston, who is 54 years old, had previously been the Dominguez 31-10 win over Stanford Oct. 7.

CRUNCH TIME

Irish defensive lineman Trevor Laws breaks the huddle during Notre Dame's 31-10 win over Stanford Oct. 7.
Los Angeles can’t control Wild in 3-1 defeat

Sedin scores twice in Vancouver’s 5-0 win

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Wild’s stingy defense and goaltending are continuing to fuel the team’s franchise-best start.

 Marian Fernandez made 35 saves and Brian Rolston scored two goals to help the Wild defeat the Los Angeles Kings 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Rolston scored his team-high seventh and eighth goals of the season, Todd White had a goal and two assists, and Pierre-Marc Bouchard added three assists for the Wild.

Northwest Division-leading Minnesota (8-0-1) moved into a tie with Dallas for the Western Conference’s best record. Buffalo (9-0-0) is the only team in the NHL with a better mark.

“Hopefully we can keep going,” Wild coach Jacques Lemaire said. “All the points that we’re getting could be points that could help us make the playoffs.”

Brian Wisio scored a third-period goal for Los Angeles, which fell to 7-1-1. The Kings have had such a red-hot start in part because teams have had such a hard time scoring against them.

“I think in general we did that. We’re coming back home with an above-500 record and it’s a good start for us,” Lemaire said.

Roberto Luongo recorded his first shutout with Vancouver, making 32 saves in a victory over the Blackhawks on Wednesday.

Luongo, acquired in a multiplayer trade from Florida in the offseason, registered his 28th career shutout.

He added, “But I think the main thing for me is to get some wins under my belt.”

Chicago goalie Bouchard watches as a shot from Canucks center Henrik Sedin sails past him for a goal in the third period of Vancouver’s 5-0 win over Chicago Wednesday.

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adjust to the dark, but no final destination can be seen along the road.

Which path do you take? Which path leads to the most desirable ending?

Well, Notre Dame has chosen the path to the right, and that speaks along the horizon. The horizon may very well be a lucrative tournament finish - but it's on the Big East or NCAA or both.

The team refuses to buy into the hype that surrounds them in the days since they played through New England. They don't even think they are a great team, because, of course, it's only October and there are another 32 games to be played.

The euphoria and "crazy atmosphere", in senior all-america captain Wes O'Neill's words, of the post-win locker room barely held over to the next day, when the team crushed a complete Providence squad. The Irish are too good of a team to allow a slip up to happen - but good luck trying to get them to call themselves the g-word.

They would much rather be called a consistent team than a good team. They know the teams that think they are good will eventually get left out in the brilliance of their own accomplishments and emerge dazed and confused at the end of the road without a sense of direction.

They would rather remain in the dark and win - one game at a time.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson knows this and believes that consistency is the only litmus test for a strong program, that winning weekend after weekend is the only way to know whether a team belongs at the top, whether they are ranked, receiving votes or sitting unranked in the sin bin.

It is the first time since senior captain T.J. Jindra's freshman year, a season that ended with a NCAA Tournament appearance, that the Irish are calling the Irish holding to such a stoic and no-nonsense philosophy.

"We beat them on Friday, and we were happy," he said. "But we took care of business today and we are already looking towards Saturday. That's the key to being a good team." And Irish coach Jeff Jackson hopes the entire team has adopted that attitude.

He said that the coaching staff has prepared the team mentally for the obstacles that are generated by big wins, but it is only a matter of time to determine if it has worked. "We've made really good strides in a lot of areas," he said. "This is one that we haven't had a problem with in one area that we haven't had a problem with."

It will take several weekends and more likely several months to deal with their newfound celebrity, but they are headed right direction. That shapeless horizon may, six months from now, stand tall and reveal a hard-earned title.

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on Sept. 10. Notre Dame took 17 shots — nine fewer than the No. 18 Providence team — and did manage more shots on goal than the Musketeers, none of their shots ever threatened Notre Dame goalkeeper Chris Cahill.

"The shots that they had weren't really quality chances," Cahill said. "It was a lot of balls that just dribbled through." Cahill credited the Irish backline for making his night a relatively easy one.

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"I thought the first ten minutes was just great," Clark said. "Despite DePaul's bumbling, the Irish were patient on offense like Clark had instructed them moving the ball toward the back. While Joseph Lapira was better than Saint Mary's 5-0 edge heading into the break.

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The offensive onslaught slowed at the beginning of the second half as both teams sent out only 10 players because of injuries suffered to a short-handed Tri-State team.

Even with only 10 on the field, the Blue Demons continued to pressure Notre Dame, but did not find the back of the net again until the 70th minute when senior center forward Courtney found Mandy Visser blocked Lapira's goal attempt on first-touch pass off a throw-in.

"Courtney has always been a tough player. Mandy said, "We are going in her head with the rest of our seniors." Courtney beat the ball away from the goal mouth with a menace and tenacity that prompted an on-lap pass to Justine Huggins who finished the play in the lower left corner of the net. She also put the exclamation point on her final regular season game scoring the team's 12th goal of the season in the 85th minute remaining.

With this, Notre Dame Mary's finished tied for third in the conference with Hope College. Both teams face each other on Sept. 10 in a head-to-head match-up so they were given the fourth seed in the Big East tournament for this weekend.

Mary's will face Kalamaooz at home this Saturday in first round play. The game time hasn't been announced yet.

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DePaul did not control the ball until throwing it across the game, but by that time they were already in a 1-0 hole. Freshman midfielder Katie Wehrli got the scoring started when she dribbled past senior defender Vicki Bearman and buried the shot for her second goal of the season.

Seven different players were able to find the back of the net against the Tri-State keeper, with Micki Hedinger as the only player with multiple goals. The freshman scored twice in a three-minute span to end the first half.

"She had a nice game," Mackenzie said. "She has improved a little bit every game and she has really showed some good speed for her."

Hedinger raced past two Thunder defenders for her first goal of the game, and did manage more shots on goal. She had seven shots — nine fewer than the Irish, and not necessarily those of the Notre Dame half for the first time all season.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Falls named Big East preseason honorable mention**

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Irish guard Colin Falls, after three years of becoming one of the top sharpshooters in the country and establishing Notre Dame's 3-point offensive identity in the Big East last season, was named All-Big East preseason honorable mention Wednesday. The Irish senior is one of three players to receive this distinction alongside Louisville junior forward Jeff Adrien, as voted by the 16 Big East head coaches.

Falls averaged 13.8 points per game his junior year while setting a Notre Dame single season record with 3-point field goals (102). His 32-point game against Seton Hall on Feb. 18 was a career high. Falls is a career 40.3 percent 3-point shooter (232-of-576) and an 82.9 percent free throw shooter (141-of-170) in 91 career games.

But for Falls, the goal heading into the season isn't to set records or impress people around the league, even though he acknowledges he's one of the more prolific players in the conference. He just wants to win.

"I think we're going to make the NCAA Tournament, I don't want to be on the couch again," said Falls on Media Day Oct. 11. "We're going to have to prove ourselves, it's easy to say it, but when it's all said and done, I think we're going to be picked on that Sunday."

"Our mindset going into last year was get better every day and try to get to the Big East tournament. Nobody on this team has been to the NCAA Tournament and I don't want to graduate with that feeling."

Eleven players were named to the preseason All-Big East team, including Pittsburgh forward Aaron Gray, Connecticut forward Jeff Adrien, DePaul forward Wilson Chandler, DePaul guard Sammy Mejia, Georgetown forward Jeff Green, Greenberg center Roy Hibbert, Louisville forward Juan Palacios, Marquette guard Dominic James, St. John's forward Lassont Hamilton, Syracuse forward Terrance Roberts and Villanova forward Curtis Sumpter.

**Men's Soccer**

**Starting off on the right foot**

By GREG ARBOGAST  
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The result was never serious after the Irish outshot the Blue Demons 17-10, and the ball was in the DePaul half for nearly the entire evening. Despite its advantage in possession, Notre Dame had trouble creating solid chances as DePaul seemed content to play defense, often bringing all 11 players back behind midfield.

"Before the game, my message to the team was to be Stingy defense and good goal tending lead to Minnesota's win

By DAN MORRIS  
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**Hockey Commentary**

**Newly ranked Irish refuse to say 'g-word'**

Yeah, they beat No. 1 Boston College. And, yeah, they're now No. 11 in the country. "Big deal," they say sarcastically.

With the 7-1 trouncing of those Jesuits from Chestnut Hill and a nearly identical 6-1 encore over those Franciscans from Providence the night before, Irish hockey reached a fork in the road it hadn't come upon in more than two years.

On the left, the path is broad, well-lit and slick with freshly watered ice. Loudspeakers spout praise so loud that one cannot hear anything else, and it is so brilliant that little can be seen beyond the first dozen yards.

On the right, the path is narrow, dim and the ice shavings pile up high enough around divots in the sheet that they could be confused for snowdrifts in the Yukon. It runs straight and it is possible to stare for miles once the eyes couldn't come upon in more than two years.