Professor Bridgette Carr speaks at a panel on human trafficking on NBC

Campus gangs up on Zahm in snow fight

500 students participate in frozen matchup; quads set rivalries aside, join against the Rabid Bats

By JAY FITZPATRICK
News Writer

The story of a 20-year-old Ukrainian woman and her months of forced labor at a strip club in Detroit shocked attendees at a Notre Dame panel on human trafficking in November, and now it reached audiences across America. MSNBC and The Today Show aired reports Monday about slavery in America, featuring the young victim — who assumed the name “Katya” for privacy purposes — and Notre Dame law professor Bridgette Carr.

Carr and Katya, her client, told cameras that three years ago Katya and a friend left the Ukraine to study English abroad. The two young women had plans to work as waitresses in Virginia Beach while they learned the language, but instead, two human traffickers — Alex Macksimenko and Michael Aronov — picked them up at the airport and took them to Detroit, Carr said.

The men imprisoned Katya and her friend in a house with 15 other slaves, Katya said. Their captors forced the women to work 12-hour shifts as exotic dancers in Cheetah’s, a strip club.

“We would go to work, work 12 hours a day there. And, and the end of the shift, [at] 2 a.m., [the captors] were waiting for us outside of the club in the car. Sometimes they raped us there,” Katya said during the MSNBC documentary “MSNBC Undercover: Sex Slavery.”

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Bryce Ramos
junior
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senior
off campus

"OU can't win. Because Jim Tressel wears sweater vests and Uggs."

"Saint Mary's. Probably."

"Breen-Phillips Interhall Football team. Go Marina!"

"Notre Dame. I like to think positive."

"The University of Oregon, because their mascots beat the crap out of other mascots."

Though it's past 5 p.m., sophomore Dan Coyne, left, and freshman How Eun Lee wait to see their advisors in the Coleman-Morse Center and register for classes next semester.

O F F B E A T

Man allegedly leaves baby to rob store

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — Deputies said a man left his three-month-old baby home alone for six hours while he robbed a grocery store. Police said Tony Doden and his accomplice, James Schmidt, were arrested after their getaway car was spotted by a witness.

A teenage employee told police a man wearing a Halloween-style "Jaxon" mask robbed them at gunpoint and then took off.

Deputies said Doden left his three-month-old son at home to fend for himself while he and Schmidt robbed the store.

The child's mother was arrested in October. Police say the baby was found with a severe case of diaper rash.

Tweety, Donald Duck summoned to court

HOME — Tweety may get a chance to take the witness stand and sing like a canary. An L.A. court ordered the animated bird, along with Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and his girlfriend Daisy, to testify in a counterfeiting case.

In what lawyers believe was a clerical error worthy of a Looney Tunes cartoon, a court in Naples sent a summons to the characters ordering them to appear Friday in a trial in the southern Italian city, officials said.

The court summons cites THI, Paperino, Paperina, Topolino — the Italian names for the characters — as damaged parties in the criminal trial of a Chinese man accused of counterfeiting products of Disney and Warner Bros.

Instead of naming only the companies and their legal representatives, clerks also wrote in the witness list the names of the cartoons that decorated the toys and garments the man had reproduced, said Fiorenza Sorotto, vice president of Disney Company Italia.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

I N  B R I E F

The Rosary will be said at at the Grotto at 6:45 p.m. today. The Rosary is said daily.

Campus Ministry is hosting a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Prayer services held to obtain special graces are being held in St. Edward's Hall Chapel at 9 p.m. each night through Sunday. The celebration is sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies, La Alianza and OLA.

There will be NASA training sessions tonight from 6 to 7:30 in the Erk Visitors' Center. The event is available to students only. Today's topic is "Defining Your Customer Market and Competition."

The Take Ten program will sponsor local children at the Robinson Community Learning Center in a book-mark recognition ceremony at 8 a.m. Saturday. Local school children who participated in the Take Ten program will make bookmarks. The Robinson Center is located at 921 North Eddy Street.

The annual football banquet will be held Friday at 5:45 p.m. in the Joyce Center Monogram Room. The featured speaker will be 1993 graduate Aaron Taylor, a two-year All-American Offensive Tackle and Lombardi Award winner. Tickets can be purchased through the Notre Dame Ticket Office at 574-631-7356.

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

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Henna traditions explored through tattoos

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

In an effort to teach students about Middle Eastern and Northern African cultures, Al-Zahra hosts SMC event to teach students about Middle Eastern, North African cultures

Al-Zahra member Molly Thompson said she was pleased with the group's progress toward its founding goal.

"I'm happy with the turnout," she said. "I'm really impressed." Thompson said different students were drawn to the event for different reasons.

"I've always liked international things and I've always been a fan of Middle Eastern designs," Hagopian said.

But it wasn't only South Quad people. On the other side of the court, Al-Zahra freshman Adam Carlson said he was interested in learning more about the different cultures.

"I'm happy," Hagopian said. "Most of the girls said they learned a lot and they really enjoyed taking a break from studying and getting a henna."

Tattoo artist Jayshree Patel, an Indian immigrant from South Bend and henna tattoo artist, to draw on the attendees. Students also had the opportunity to have their names written in Arabic.

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But Notre Dame's first snowfall stretched far beyond the battle wagging up north. Many students were ushering in the snow on South Quad to play full-contact football without pads — not quite a Notre Dame tradition during the first snowfall.

A match-up between an option-style attack led by Dillon freshman Adam Wilkinsen and a high-flying spread lead by Dillon freshman Matt Scioscia took place on South Quad early Tuesday morning.

Scioscia, who played defensive end for three years in high school in California, never played in the conditions he faced in Wednesday's game. In fact, Scioscia never even seen snow before Tuesday — except for on television.

"I did not think it would be this cold," Scioscia said. "It's actually pretty fun, but it's freezing." Scioscia said he and his dormmates decided in the spur of a moment to venture outside and start a game of snow football, although he is excited for the prospects of a snowy win.

"If it keeps snowing like this I think we'll be able to have a lot of fun with the snowfighters," he said.

But not everyone outside early Wednesday morning was there for the thrill of battle and competition. Some just like the snow.

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By JENNY FOX
The Observer

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By 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, between 200 and 300 students responded to the fight. Participants said the total numbers had been almost double that in the preceding days. Although the mounting casualties did not seem to affect the Peformance's quality.

Wilkinsen quipped that Zahm's offseason conditioning program helped its residents prepare for Tuesday's showdown against its murderous snowfighters.

"We actually worked out in Florida over the summer working without pads — not quite a Notre Dame tradition during the first snowfall," Wilkinsen said. "... We felt that we had the number one advantage that we've ever had working out," Wilkinsen said. "You can't sit back. Just like you've got to take it to the South Quad to play full-contact football without pads — not quite a Notre Dame tradition during the first snowfall." Wilkinsen quipped that Zahm's tradition, collected canned supplies of hot cocoa — the Rabid Snow Fighters' mentality.

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Slaves in America, hosted by Meredith Vieira.

COR also discussed last semester's banner in South Dining Hall. Weiss said.

"Emotionally, physically, they could do anything with us. That was every single day in my life for one year," Katya said.

Macksimenko and Aronov also imposed quotas on the women, forcing them to make up to $1,000 per night. The two traffickers used this money to pay for luxury vehicles, group activities and clothes, among other things.

"There were reported cases of burnt and broken fingers or hands, cases of being raped by random men or by the client," Katya said.

Katya said many of the women were held against their will.

"Saying someone is a prostitute denotes a choice. These women were held against their will," Brackette Carr law professor Ashley Weiss said.

"It would just be sitting, talking and doing nothing," Weiss said.

Katya human trafficking victim

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"I wish our language [about trafficking] could change," Carr said.

"My opinions and my ideas have changed," she said. "I feel like the writers and producers of the show are trying to tackle these issues."

Ashley Weiss judicial council president

COR will no longer be governed by the last election that governed the student government. Weiss said.

"We contacted other universities, including the University of North Carolina, to see what we can do and came up with a scheduling system," Weiss said.

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"It just would be sitting, talking and asking questions with the candidates. In addition to raising voter turnout, we want students to get to know the candidates more," Ashley Weiss judicial council president said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Six Kurds killed in Turkish conflict

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish soldiers killed six Kurdish rebels near the border with Iraq on Tuesday in a clash that also killed a Turkish officer, the military said. The rebels — four women and two men — were killed on Mount Gabor, in the province of Sirnak, the military said on its Web site. It said the clash erupted when the rebels grabbed calls for their surrender and opened fire on the soldiers.

The military said the rebels were among a group of guerrillas who killed 13 soldiers in an ambush in Sirnak on Oct. 7. At the time, the military retaliated by shelling areas near the border to prevent rebels from reaching bases in northern Iraq.

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**Canada**

**Canadian ambassador to country ordered to leave**

Rejection arises after rejection of candidates to represent Islamic republic in Ottawa; Tehran now run by No. 2 diplomat

Associated Press

TORONTO — Iran has ordered Canada's ambassador to leave the country, the Canadian foreign minister said, after Canada rejected candidates Tehran had proposed to represent the Islamic Republic in Ottawa.

The two countries have tried to come to an agreement on an exchange of ambassadors for some time.

"Unfortunately, we have as yet been unable to accept the candidates Tehran has submitted," Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay said in a statement late Monday.

"We believe that the expulsion of our ambassador is an unfortunate and unjustified consequence of this situation. As always, Canada is prepared to receive an Iranian ambassador provided a suitable candidate is presented," he said.

The statement did not explain why the Iranian candidates had been unacceptable to Canada.

The Canadian ambassador to Iran, John Mundy, was recently appointed but had not yet met his credentials accepted.

"Iran has been refusing to let our ambassador present his credentials and thereby fully assume his duties," Foreign Affairs spokesman Shaun Tinkler said.

"They've decided to downgrade our relations." Bernier said the Canadian Embassy in Iran now will be headed by the charge d'affaires, the No. 2 diplomat.

Both countries will continue to maintain embassies in the respective capitals and conduct normal operations, the release said.

The diplomatic slap came one day after the Iranian charge d'affaires expressed frustration that his country's overtures to Canada were being ignored by the Canadian government.

Seyed Mahmoud Mohsemi said in an interview with the Canadian Press that he has twice asked for a resumption of high-level contacts up to the foreign minister level.

Calls to the Iranian Embassy were not immediately returned Monday.

Relations between the two countries have been frosty since former Canadian ambassador Ken Taylor helped spirit Americans out of the U.S. Embassy in 1980 before they could be taken hostage shortly after the Iranian revolution.

Recently, Iran's supreme court ordered a review of the death of Zahra Kazemi, a Canadian photojournalist who died in custody after being arrested while taking photographs outside a Tehran prison in 2003.

After her death, a committee appointed by then-President Mohammad Khatami, a moderate reformist, found that d'affaires, said he hoped a resolution of the case would "lead to a warming of relations."

The graduate recalled its ambassador in 2003 to protest how Iran was dealing with the case.

"Iran hasn't measured up to our standards for full and normal partnership for some time on their human rights record, the Kazemi case, the nuclear issue," Tinkler said.

Tinkler said Iran is embroiled in a standoff with the West over its nuclear program. It has refused demands to halt uranium enrichment, a process that can be used to manufacture nuclear weapons.

Iran insists it needs enrichment technology for peaceful purposes.

In northern Rockies, grizzlies are back attacking humans

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks commissioner calls for population control, federal Fish and Wildlife Service says 'not yet'

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Nearly extinct last century, grizzly bears are back in big way in the northern Rocky Mountains, raising in numbers, pushing into new territories and mauling hunters who simply want to enjoy the wild.

While state and federal officials hail the bear's comeback, others say a hunt is at least a year away and would likely be capped at just a few animals, said Craig Schmit, chief of staff for the state wildlife department.

Conservation groups say more could be done to prevent bear-human conflicts without simply culling the grizzlies' population.

An estimated 600 grizzlies in and around Yellowstone this spring became the first of their species in the lower 48 states to lose their protections that helped them recover from near extinction.

"What we don't want to do is have a hunt and knock the numbers down and then find out we're still having the same number of conflicts," Kenworthy said.

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**Market Recap**

| Dow Jones | 13,248.73 | -55.84 |

Up: 1,188 | Down: 79 | Composite Volume: 2,187 | 3,147,934,211 |

| AMEX | 2,337.01 | -14.54 |
| NASDAQ | 2,619.83 | -37.47 |
| NYSE | 7,984.38 | -63.48 |
| S&P 500 | 1,462.79 | -9.63 |
| NIKKEI (Tokyo) | 15,388.67 | -91.32 |
| FTSE 100 (London) | 5,615.30 | -73.45 |

**Treasuries**

10-YEAR NOTE | 0.15 | -0.06 | 3.89 |

3-YEAR BILL | 0.68 | 0.02 | 2.98 |

5-YEAR BILL | 0.10 | 0.08 | 4.34 |

5-YEAR NOTE | 0.33 | 0.01 | 3.27 |

**Commodities**

LEAD CRUDE (c/mt.) | -0.99 | 88.32 |

GOLD (oz./troy) | +12.07 | 827.60 |

PORK BELLYS (cents/lb.) | -1.16 | -85.95 |

**Exchange Rates**

YEN | 109.850 |

EURO | 0.6778 |

CANADIAN DOLLAR | 1.0155 |

BRITISH POUND | 0.9495 |

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**In Brief**

**Toys continue to fail lead testing**

DETROIT — Tests on more than 1,200 children's products, toys and shoes still on store shelves, found that 35 percent contain lead — many with levels far above the federal recall standard used for lead paint.

A Hannah Montana card game case, a Go Diego Go! backpack and Circo brand shoes were among the items with excessive lead levels in the tests performed by a California based environmental health group across the country.

Only 20 percent of the toys and other products had levels of lead or harmful chemicals, according to the results being released Wednesday by the Michigan-based Ecology Center and the national Center for Health, Environment and Justice and groups in eight other states.

Of the 1,268 items tested, 23 were among millions of toys recalled this year.

Mattel Inc. recalled more than 21 million Chinese-made toys on fears they were tainted with lead paint and tiny magnets that children could accidentally swallow. Mattel's own tests recalled 20 percent of the toys found that they had lead levels up to 200 times the accepted limit.

U.S. looks to strengthen power grid

WASHINGTON — Energy officials announced Tuesday they will re-examine a large swath of the mid-Atlantic and two Southwest states a priority area for new power lines — a nod to those fighting proposed lines in their communities.

The Energy Department said it would grant a rehearing on its October decision to declare two areas of the country as "national interest electric transmission corridors," a new legal designation designed to foster greater power line construction in order to ease the threat of blackouts.

Groups often resist such proposed lines in their communities, saying they are ugly, unnecessary, and diminish the quality of life. Advocates for the corridor law say it's necessary to avoid future blackouts as the nation's fragile grid ages and demand for electricity rises.

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**Bush threatens to veto new Medicare bill**

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Tuesday threatened to veto any legislation that cuts payments to private insurers as a way to give physicians more money when treating Medicare patients.

Beginning Jan. 1, Medicare patients face a 10 percent cut when treating the elderly or disabled, if that occurs, doctors warn that some in their ranks will quit seeing new Medicare patients altogether. The change is expected to result in higher costs to Medicare and the government, the administration said.

However, Marc Bernan, an analyst for Mediawave, noted that networks have been cutting back on pilots for several years to save money.

Last Thursday, before negotiations resumed, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers said it was willing to offer $130 million in extra pay over the life of its proposed three-year deal, on top of the $1.3 billion already paid annually to writers.

**Writers strike reaches fifth week**

Negotiations resume after four-day recess as networks prepare for spring season

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The TV industry braced Tuesday for what could become a long strike by writers, even as both sides returned to the bargaining table.

Leslie Moonves, chief executive officer of CBS Corp., told an investor conference in New York that he was hopeful, but "not terribly optimistic." The two sides conceded there was little hope it would effect any of the shortfalls if the five-week strike dragged on, Moonves said. Pre-negotiating costs would fall as well, resulting in no significant financial impact to the network in the short to medium term, Moonves said.

Bargaining resumed in Los Angeles after a four-day recess, with a relatively small $21 million separating contracts proposals by networks and striking Hollywood writers.

The more telling figure involves the $20,000 plus that writers now earn for a single network rerun of a TV episode and the $250 the studios are offering for a writer's one-year release of a rerunning show. That represents the chasm between the old business order and burgeoning new media faced by negotiators as they try to end the strike, now in its fifth week.

The strike has shut down production on dozens of prime-time and late-night shows, sending a number of programs to reruns.

"We are prepared to have a full schedule" in the spring, he said, "but we're mainly not going to go dark." He said the schedule will include reruns of programs like The Sopranos, the network's series cable channel that offers daring fare including "Weeds" and "Dexter," a serial-killer drama.

The network could soon affect the development of pilot episodes, which networks use to determine which series they will order for the next season. The process typically begins early in the year.

"If the strike is prolonged, pilot season will be potentially ruined. Everything starts from the script," said Matt Edelean, a film and TV producer who now is chief executive of a lifestyle Web site, Peoplebomb Inc.

Peter Sears, a writer for The Tonight Show, prepares to distribute picket signs outside of NBC Studios in Burbank, Calif., Tuesday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A group of Medicare patients facing higher drug costs has threatened to sue in federal court to stop a hospital giant named in the administration's plan to pay for the program.

The Medicare drug benefit is supposed to be funded by cuts to Medicare and Medicaid spending, or overturns rules or regulations designed to restrain Medicare and Medicaid spending, or overturns features of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Earlier this year, the House passed legislation that would trim payments to insurers by $54 billion over five years. The Senate Finance Committee is expected to take up legislation seeking much more modest cuts.

Leavitt's veto threat was issued in a letter to the committee's chairman, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., and the ranking Republican, Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa.

A congressional aide to Baucus said he's heard from Leavitt directly, in addition to receiving Tuesday's letter, and the senator looks forward to hearing from the administration once more specifics on the Medicare bill are released.

At a news conference earlier Tuesday, advocacy groups called on the Senate to trim payments to insurance companies.

"While the president's choice Congress for 'wasteful Washington spending,' at the same time he and his allies continue to defend providing billions of dollars in subsidies to the insurance industry," said Max Richtman, executive vice president of The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

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The Writers Guild of America countered by saying the proposal only addressed advertising-supported programs streamed for free on the Web and jurisdiction over shows made for the Internet. It said the offer constituted a "massive rollback."

The writers' plan said, however, also presented Thursday, would cost producers $151 million over three years. Details of that plan were not publicly disclosed.

However, citing an unidentified person close to guild negotiators, the Hollywood Reporter trade publication said the union was proposing fixed compensation rates that also are graduated in increments tied to viewer-
Restoring the constitutional republic

In today's political discourse, it is popular to treat the concept of "democracy" with a degree of reverence befitting six-pound, eight-ounce baby Jesus. It is as if the ballot box has taken on a supernatura­ral mystique usually reserved for the ballot box, big screen HD TVs and Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders. Common Sense

Every few millions of Americans pay homage at the democratic altar while casting their ballot for the seemingly more moral politician of their choice. It is an American tradition, on par with the great Catholic traditions of old.

Our president is certainly not one to break tradition. No one really knows for certain whether the real reason the U.S. invaded Iraq was to get rid of Saddam Hussein's apparent stockpile of WMDs as originally claimed, but the president knew one thing for sure: We're "spreading democracy" in Iraq, and that's something the U.S. should be darn proud of.

Lest the American public forget this point, the president decided to name our little overseas excursion "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Apparently, he sees absolutely no difference between democracy and freedom. In his 2004 State of the Union Address, the presi­dent said, "We also bear doubts that democracy is a realistic goal for the greater Middle East, where freedom is rare" and, "as democracy takes hold in Iraq, the enemies of freedom will do all in the power to spread violence and fear."

But is democracy freedom, as many maintain without giving it a second thought? What did the founding fathers think about democracy? Does democracy deserve as much praise at it receives?

The founders viewed democracy with outright distrust. President John Adams said, "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and de­structs the strength of the people. It is an illness from which recovery is unlikely; it is a cancer contradicted by itself."

In a democracy, the rights of individu­als are not protected but were subject to the whims of the majority, or as Madison said, "there is nothing to check the indulgence of the party or the obnoxious individual." If the majority felt like isolating an individual's property or violating his other rights, there was nothing to stop the majority. Without protections in place securing the rights of the people, a democracy would almost certainly end up violating the rights of individuals and destroying their freedom. It was with this thought in mind that they created a Constitutional republic.

They knew that democratic majorities acting through the government were likely to try to violate the rights of minorities. Consequently, the founders wrote the Constitution to place well-defined limits on what the newly created federal government could and couldn't do. It guaranteed certain fundamental rights from infringement from the government such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right to bear arms.

Although the people democratically elected representatives to act on their behalf, they were unable to act on cer­tain subject matters and had to respect the rights outlined in the Constitution. Checks and balances further limited the power of majorities. As a wise man once said, in a democracy, two wolves and a sheep take a majority vote on what's for supper; but in a constitutional republic, the wolves are forbidden to vote on what's for supper, and the sheep are well armed.

Unfortunately, the United States is, for all intents and purposes, no longer a Constitutional republic. Congress routinely ex­ceeds its defined limits as articulated powers listed in the Constitution. It can do nearly anything it wants, from spending money on Social Security or health care (neither of which the Constitution gives Congress the power to do) to spying on people without war­rant.

When the government can do anything it wants by majority vote, including tax­ing everything under the sun, it's hardly a wonder that people are much less free than we once were. It's hardly a wonder that people are much less free than we once were.

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U-WIRE

Green eating habits mean more than just broccoli

Just Food, a nonprofit organization that "works to develop a just and sustainable food system in the New York City region," hosted a summit the first weekend of December in conjunction with The New School. I sat in on a series of workshops that focused on food, farms and the health of the planet. In the process, I picked up a great deal of green information, all of which Columbia students should know, and most of which some of them probably don't.

For instance, eating organic produce translates to eating an extra serving of fruits and vegetables due to all the antioxidants and nutrients it has compared to nonorganic produce. Students might also be interested to know that vitamin content in nonorganic vegetables has increased by 10 to 40 percent over the years.

With so many Japanese food options, locals on campus and in the neighborhood, students should be aware that fish and shrimp served in sushi bars are often killed in nets that use antimicrobial agents, and that the fish and buffs are grown in large nets that contain antibiotics and pesticides along with the creatures' excrement.

This isn't the only issue with fish. Raising one pound of carnivorous fish such as cod requires two to six pounds of wild fish to be ground up as feed. As a result, the rise of fish farms is wiping out some wild fish populations.

Moreover, irradiated food — food exposed to radiation to kill off bacteria — does not have to be labeled as such, even if it's sold in restaurants, schools and hospitals. This is disturbing, as irradiation destroys vitamins, protein and essential fatty acids, and produces chemicals that have been linked to DNA damage in human cells.

However, due to the driving market of fear of food contamination, growth of local, healthy food is gradually increasing. Over 15 percent of the world's food is now grown in cities. New York City alone has 50 farmers' markets. Columbia, in response to student groups operating under the Green Umbrella, an umbrella organization for environmental groups on campus, is also taking steps toward serving students nutritional and environmentally-friendly food.

Although they buy the now-familiar fair-trade and organic coffee, the majority of students are unaware of Columbia's green changes. If more students knew about these options, they'd be prompted to demand even more environmentally-forward programs concerning not only food, but also energy and waste issues on our campus.

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This movie is classic. We all grew up loving how Tim Allen explained all the secrets of Santa and answered all our great Christmas questions. How does Santa get around the world in one night? Seconds become minutes, minutes become hours, etc. How does Santa fit down the chimney? He magically shrinks until he fits. Plus, who doesn't love the idea of waking up to find your dad is Santa Claus? This is a classic movie because it is the ultimate Christmas fantasy of our generation. It's funny, and we can relate to it. Even now, it's hard to watch and not wonder if Santa really does exist. And maybe someday we'll get that Weenie Whistle we always dreamed of.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the matter who you are, Charlie Brown. About the real Christmas spirit. I when Linus walks across the stage then explains the real spirit of Christmas. The movie was originally made as by a little-known jazz composer but Starbucks released the Vince Guaraldi movie a few years ago, and since appreciate what happens when you put your characters and sing Christmas carols with your family film.

If you think that nothing says "Oh, crazy song-and-dance numbers, the Jim Henson-Rod version of the Charlie Brown musical. Michael Caine stars as the cold a whose love of money is only surpass Scrooge's best employee, the hum than Kermit the Frog himself. The Gonzo and Rizzo, his tough-talking slew of classic Muppet characters. Fozzie, Scrooge's first employ appearance. The film also shines songs like "Bless Us All" and "It get you in a Christmas mood, whi and "Marley and Marley" add to the
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Senators lose in shootout, extending losing streak

Lightning lose 3-1 lead in final minutes but win shootout 2-1; Datsyuk scores twice in Wings' win over Canadians

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Ottawa Senators are in the longest losing streak in over a decade. However, the latest loss has the team feeling a little better about its future.

Vinyo Prospal scored in the fourth round of a shootout and the Tampa Bay Lightning extended Ottawa's losing streak to seven games with a 4-3 victory Tuesday night.

The Lightning blew a 3-1 lead in the final two minutes but won the shootout 2-1. Daniel Alfredsson scored twice during a three-goal third, helping the Senators tie it at 3. Alfredsson (1.57 remaining) and Wade Redden (2.11) completed the comeback scoring 36 seconds apart late in the period.

"I think we tried hard all game long, worked it pretty good, tried to create chances," Alfredsson said. "It's obviously very nice to see that we got rewarded. We would have loved to have won it in the shootout, but we're happy with getting a point."

The Senators have lost seven consecutive games for the first time since Feb. 22-March 9, 1996. Ottawa has a two-point lead over Carolina for the No. 4 spot in the Eastern Conference.

Mathieu Darche, Chris Gratton and Filip Kuba scored for the Lightning. Tampa Bay was stopped in 21 games following a six-game losing skid.

"I'm not talking any negatives," Lightning coach John Tortorella said. "We won a big hockey game against a pretty good hockey team. Mistakes were made, they will be addressed."

Alfredsson's power-play goal at 7:02 of the third pulled Ottawa within 3-2. Tampa Bay got the goal back just over two minutes later when Kuba scored at 9:06.

Ottawa's Ray Emery made 25 saves, including an in-close chance by Martin St. Louis in overtime. He finished with 25 saves.

In the first period, Dany Heatley failed to score on a breakaway. Brian McGrattan couldn't handle a pass through the slot that could have resulted in a goal and Tampa Bay goalie Johan Holmqvist made a close save on Jason Spezza's shot from the low left circle. Holmqvist had 26 saves.

Meanwhile, Bedien played a key role in the Lightning's two goals of the first. His defensive zone pass into the slot was intercepted by Jan Hlavac, who then found Darce in close for a 1-0 lead at 2:43.

Just as Redden completed a two-minute holding penalty, Gratton scored his third goal in 21 games from the low slot off a pass from St. Louis to put Tampa Bay up 2-0 with 8:26 left in the period.

Ottawa's win continued in the second. Chris Kelly lost possession of the puck while making a sticking-saving move during a 2-1 midway through the period. The Senators caught a break when Tampa Bay was penalized for having too many men on the ice at 13:21, but Ottawa took just one shot during the power-play opportunity.

"It's pro sports and winning is the only thing that matters, but we're kind of in a slump," Alfredsson said. "As a team when you see everybody working and you see everybody really pulling together, that's a good sign. That's a sign of better things to come, I believe."

Datsyuk's second goal of the game and 11th of the season through the second to restore Detroit's one-goal lead at 2-1. He also scored 16:40 in.

"Before my goal, we had good chances and we didn't score," said Datsyuk, who has scored seven times over the course of a five-game goals streak. "Every shot is dangerous."

Dominik Hasek stopped 15 shots and Niklas Kronwall and Henrik Zetterberg also scored for the Red Wings, who extended their winning streak to four.

Detroit, first overall in the NHL, with a 19-6-2 record, outshot Montreal 34-16 overall, including a 16-5 margin in the second.

Christopher Higgins scored his 11th goal for Montreal, which has lost three straight and five of six.

"If you look at the first 15 games that we played, we played as a team," Canadiens coach Guy Carbeonneau said. "The players were there, they stayed fresh on the ice, our passes were crisp, we received the pass well, if we had no play we put it in somewhere — we looked like a fast team. Now, because the confidence is not there, there's a lot of hesitation in our game."

Canadiens rookie Carey Price stopped 30 shots.

While Carboneau said he needed a stronger performance from his goalies than he has been getting recently, he went even farther with defensemen Andre Markov, who currently leads Eastern Conference defensemen in All-Star voting.

"He may see himself at the All-Star game too quick," Carboneau said. "I don't think the job is over but his play on the ice is not where it should be. We've talked to him about it. We need him to get back to where he was earlier in the year. We want him to be our best defenseman and right now he's not."
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### NBA

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### NFL

Eric Rivera, 17, leaves a Florida Highway Patrol Office in Estero, Fla., on Friday. He and three co-defendants were indicted on charges of first-degree murder and armed burglary Tuesday in the death of Washington Redskins player Sean Taylor.

### In Brief

**Broncos' Henry avoids drug suspension**

Denver — Broncos running back Travis Henry won his appeal of a one-year suspension over a failed drug test Tuesday.

The NFL informed Henry in September he had failed a test for marijuana. He disputed the results and sued the NFL to avoid a suspension. He contended the league violated its substance abuse policy by not allowing an expert of Henry's choice to view the sample.

He also thought the league exceeded its authority by not allowing an expert of Henry's choice to view the sample.

A three-judge panel agreed with Henry, who said he has never used marijuana.

**Gullen signs three-year, $36-million deal with Royals**

NASHVILLE—Power-hitting outfielder Jose Guillen and the Kansas City Royals reached an agreement on a $36 million, three-year contract.

The 31-year-old outfielder batted .290 with 23 home runs and 94 RBIs for the Seattle Mariners this year. Seattle declined its $9 million option and Guillen turned down a $5.5 million player option, receiving a $500,000 buyout.

The agreement was subject to him passing a physical, a person familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made. His deal was first reported by ESPNeports.com and FoxSports.com.

**17-year-old indicted for Taylor's murder**

MIAMI — The 17-year-old suspect in the death of Sean Taylor was accused Tuesday of firing the shot that killed the Washington Redskins safety.

A Miami-Dade grand jury identified Eric Rivera as the gunman in its indictment.

Rivera and his three co-defendants were indicted by the grand jury on charges of first-degree felony murder and armed burglary.

Charles Wardlow, 18; teenage indicted for Taylor's murder

**In Brief**

**Sports Illustrated names Favre sportsman of the year**

NEW YORK — Brett Favre's three-time NFL MVP, said in the cover story of the magazine's Dec. 10th issue that leadership is the title of 2007 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year, making him the fourth quarterback to win the award in its 53-year history.

The 38-year-old Favre joins fellow quarterbacks Terry Bradshaw (1979), for Montana (1990) and Tom Brady (2003) as recipients of the award, given to an athlete who symbolizes the ideals of sportsmanship.
Cleveland — The Cavaliers looked lost without LeBron James, and Richard Jefferson took advantage.

Jefferson scored a season-high 36 points, Vince Carter added 19 and the New Jersey Nets beat Cleveland 109-95 Tuesday night.

James missed his third straight game because of a sprained left index finger.

"Whenever you get an opportunity with this team without him, you have to make sure you go out there and get it done," Jefferson said.

He and Carter led the Nets on a 9-0 run to start the third quarter, opening a lead that the Cavaliers were incapable of challenging.

"Richard obviously was real, really good tonight," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said.

Jamon Kidd didn’t even play the fourth quarter, finishing his night early with seven points, six assists and 10 rebounds.

Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, who rarely jumps on his team publicly, expressed disgust with its performance.

"I want to see them fight," Brown said. "I didn’t see any tough or any grit as a team out there.

The Cavaliers have lost four straight and are 0-3 without their superstar forward, falling to 9-10.

"Tonight, I felt we gave in as a team," Brown said. "We gave in to whatever they were doing and we didn’t fight back until late. I’m disappointed that we gave in to the way that we did.

Drew Gooden agreed with Brown’s assessment, saying the team has to find a way to compete without James.

"I just sit back and wait for him to get back and say we will be all right when he gets back," Gooden said. "We have to get to do something now."

The Cavaliers were coming off their worst performance before the game on whether James’ injury is taking longer to recover than anticipated. He was hurt Wednesday in a loss to the Memphis Grizzlies. The Cavaliers have helped popularize in recent years worked against them in the second half. The Pacers entered the game ranked in the top 10 in the league in scoring, so we were equipped to make the comeback.

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ed Stefanski is trading a difficult commute for a much tougher road: trying to turn a fallen franchise into a winner.

Stefanski was chosen president and general manager of the 76ers on Tuesday, hours after Billy King was fired after 10 seasons in Philadelphia. Stefanski left his job as GM of the New Jersey Nets and made the daily commute from the Philadelphia suburb of Wayne to northern New Jersey.

The move Stefanski makes in the familiar Atlantic Division and returns the Philly-area native to his roots with the daunting task of making the dis­

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NEW YORK Hank Steinbrenner said Monday he wouldn't allow Minnesota to play the Yankees against the rival Red Sox in trade talks.

New York had proposed pitcher Phil Hughes and catcher Melky Cabrera. On Monday, the Twins dropped both. The trade talks haven't been off, but the sides couldn't agree on a third player.

"For a while, they were making an offer, they asked for too much," Steinbrenner said. "I think he would probably be willing to give it to us, but he wouldn't allow Minnesota to play the Yankees against the rival Red Sox."

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Steinbrenner, a senior vice president and son of owner George Steinbrenner, set the deadline. Saturday, saying he wouldn't allow Minnesota to play the Yankees against the rival Red Sox in trade talks.

"Obviously, I'm really happy about getting the four pieces to the puzzle back," Steinbrenner said.

New York's current rotation projects to have Chien-Ming Wang, Pettitte, Mike Mussina, Phil Hughes and Jaba Chamberlain. That leaves Kennedy and Kei Iwagawa among those in reserve. While there will be pitch and inning limits on the young pitchers, a six-man rotation isn't planned.

"We went with five for a while," he said. "That would be a good start to the season," Steinbrenner said. "Not my position to judge. I don't have any problem with them. It was something we just couldn't do."

Boston has offered the Twins packages built around pitcher Jon Lester or outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury, but not both. The Red Sox want Rodriguez from Steinbrenner, who would join a rotation that already has Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Curt Schilling and Tim Wakefield.

"You can't worry about that," he said. "That's the way it is. It will be what it is," Steinbrenner said. "Everybody has got to do what they think is best for their own team over all." Steinbrenner said the Yankees also had spoken to Oakland general manager Billy Beane, but not recently. The A's are exploring possible trades involving Rodriguez.

"That was preliminary and that was a week ago," Steinbrenner said.

Twins general manager Bill Smith didn't discuss the trade talks specifically. He also refused to comment when he was upset with Steinbrenner's repeated public comments about the Lynn. When asked about Steinbrenner, Smith responded with praise for Yankees general manager Brian Cashman.

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"We wouldn't say whether Steinbrenner's remarks were out of place during a negotia-

tion. "Not my position to judge. I have enough troubles doing my own job," he said.

Steinbrenner was pleased that the Yan kee s retained their four key free agents: left basemen Alex Rodriguez, clos-

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Belfort and a score and a half later, the Belles have shown them-

selves a capable team so far this season. Belles senior guard Alison Kessler has ranked up 78 points in five games. Meanwhile, Calvin junior Marcia Harris has posted 95 points in six games. With four Belles averaging more than 10 points per game — in addition to the strong rebounding of Erin Newsom and Anna Kammrath — the Belles will try to test Calvin's defense early and often.

"I feel we have played some very good games thus far, but we still need to improve defensively," Henley said. "That has been our focus." Defense has been the Belles' weakness so far this season. They are able to score, but when the ball is on their side of the court, Saint Mary's has had trouble.

"We are still focusing on defending the paint," Henley said.

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to use his blazing speed. The problem is, that's the only pass route Tate could run properly all season. Weis has always said you have to design an offense for the personnel you have and not force them into a system. But Tate, who converted to wideout after paying his dues as a quarterback, rarely saw the field because his skill set didn't mesh with the offensive system.

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So, that's it. Just a few things about Tate this year. Notice it doesn't say a bowl win. Hopefully, that'll be on next year's list. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Hune at chune@nd.edu
Irish forward Luke Harangody drives during Notre Dame's 68-59 win over Kansas State Tuesday. Harangody had 19 points in the game.

Irish up four. After Kansas State cut the lead to two again, he hit one of the biggest shots of his career — a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:32 remaining.

That shot, which put Notre Dame up by five and forced the Wildcats to start fouling, was the difference between this win and the losses to the Bears and Yellow Jackets.

In those games, no one on the Irish stepped up and made a big shot to kill the other team's run. On Tuesday, McAlarney made that clutch shot, and gave his team a huge win.

Still, while McAlarney won the game at the end, the Irish wouldn't have even been in that position if it wasn't for the play of several other players, most notably Luke Harangody.

The sophomore forward scored 19 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds despite being repeatedly muggered under the basket while the referees turned a blind eye. He also played solid defense on Wildcats superstar freshman Michael Beasley.

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After junior forward Zach Harangody grabbed one of nine rebounds on Notre Dame's next trip down the floor, he swung the ball to Jackson, who passed to McAlarney at the top of the key. A confident McAlarney, who had scored more than 20 points in his last three games, drained the open shot from just inside the NBA 3-point line, giving Notre Dame a five-point lead.

"It was a broken play, and I knew once that ball was swing­ing I had a good look and if that went in, that was going to be a huge dag­ger for us," McAlarney said. "So I have to step up and take that. Luckily, I made it."

Following a Beasley miss, Irish forward Luke Harangody knocked a loose ball out of bounds in front of the Wildcats bench. Long-armed Irish forward Bill Walker, who had a lot of length on the baseline and hit a runner to put the Irish up by four. Kansas State freshman forward Michael Beasley hit a pair of free throws on the Wildcats next possession to pull the Wildcats back within two.

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Tastes Like Failure

Crossword

I love being around a crowd, but I hate to have to interact in a social setting. I tend to be more comfortable when I can just be myself, without the pressure of being noticed or judged. Love is in the stars and you may meet someone new who can share your ideas, thoughts and intimacies. 4 stars

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You don’t have to make a lot of noise or changes today. It’s a day to sit and think, to make plans and set goals. You’ll be up for a challenge but, before you jump, size up what’s involved. 3 stars

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Do what you want, take what you want and go after what you want. You are too busy getting your way and not building long-term relationships, partnerships and finances. A problem will arise if you pressure others to be what you want them to be. Love is in the stars. 5 stars

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Do not take anyone too seriously, especially if he or she is giving you an ultimatum. Pick your arguments wisely so that you won’t have to face a situation later on that will bring more trouble than good. 4 stars

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): As long as you are willing to make some worthwhile reforms or changes today, they will benefit others. Don’t be afraid to talk about your plans and intentions, you will get support and help to follow through. Love is in the stars. 5 stars

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You want to keep things simple and straightforward, without any complications or drama. Love is in the stars and, if you get involved in a community activity, you will have new friends, new ideas and new opportunities. 4 stars

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Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your Aquarian spirit and entrepreneurial attitude will bring new results. Money, contracts, settlement and legislation can be in your favor. Now is the time to make a move and see what changes will take place. 5 stars

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20): Don’t make changes based on what you heard, instead, slow down and look at what everyone else is doing before you make your final decision. You’ll be up against a challenge but, before you jump, take another look at what others are doing. 4 stars

Birthday: A very unpredictable, strong-willed and lovable person. You are not predictable, moody or moody and can be quite a handful. 4 stars

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Teamwork over talent

Harangody's 19 points, 14 boards keep team from blowing late lead

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

More than 200 friends and family members went to Madison Square Garden Tuesday to see Kyle McAlarney's homecoming, and McAlarney didn't let them down. The Staten Island native scored Notre Dame's final nine points, including a clutch 3-pointer with 1:32 remaining, to lift Notre Dame (6-2) to a 68-59 victory over Kansas State (5-3) in the Jimmy V Classic. McAlarney finished with 18 points in his first game in New York since his semester-long suspension following a January arrest on charges of marijuana possession.

"It was a great feeling," McAlarney said in a phone interview after the game. "Those were all the people that were behind me through the tough times, and it just feels so good that I could come back and play in front of them and just give them a good show." Forward Luke Harangody added 19 points and a career-high 10 rebounds for the Irish.

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney fights for a loose ball with Wildcats guard Jacob Pullen during the first half of Notre Dame's 68-59 win Tuesday over Kansas State in the Jimmy V Classic.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND faces tough defense against Bowling Green

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will face its toughest opposing defense since it played No. 3 Maryland when it travels to Bowling Green tonight to face the Falcons at 7 at Anderson Arena.

Last season, it took an overtime period for Notre Dame to beat Bowling Green, 85-81. Notre Dame is 3-0 in the all-time series. The Irish, ranked No. 16 in this week's Associated Press poll, will travel for the first time since Nov. 20, when they lost 75-59 at then-No. 3 Maryland. The Falcons hold opponents to 54.5 points per game, despite losing six seniors from a 2006-07 team that reached the Sweet 16.

"They're an experienced team on both ends of the court," McGraw said. "They're an experienced ball control, however, say—

Irish kicker Brandon Walker, left, attempts a field goal during Notre Dame's 41-24 loss to Air Force on Nov. 10.

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

A Christmas list for the Irish

The biting wind whistles down South Quad, the early-morning light on the sidewalks adds an exciting tinge of danger on your walk to class. Frostbite is in the air and the music of Marvin Gaye and Darlene Love is in heavy rotation in the dining halls. That's right, it's yuletide at Notre Dame.

And in the Christmas spirit, I've prepared a small wish list for Notre Dame this off-season.

♦ Fix special teams. Notre Dame's special teams need work. The Irish gave up too many yards on kickoffs and punts, and had too much trouble on kick returns. That hidden yardage can win games, but that hidden yardage was harder for the Irish to find than the toys my parents gave me each year.

Before the season, Weis said he and every assistant coach had a role in special teams. That system, however it worked, didn't. Luckily, Christmas came a little early on this one. Weis said at a news conference Monday that he will re-evaluate the special teams and do things a little differently in 2008. That can only help, if only because they can't get much worse.

♦ Get Golden Tate the ball.

The freshman wide out nearly swung Notre Dame's 33-19 loss to Purdue in Notre Dame's favor. Tate had 104 yards on three go-routes, which only require the receiver to run as fast as he can down the field. There are no cuts, slants, posts—nothing like that. It just requires Tate to run the ball.

With 17.2 points per game, Lauren Peacock is second with 14.3 points and three steals per game and averaged 15.5 points in two games during the Cornell Classic. McGraw isn't worried about her team's ball control, however, saying she had faith in the team's point guards, Tulyah Gaines and Melissa Lechlitner.

"I think Tulyah is experienced, and she's playing really well, she's got a pretty good assist-to-turnover ratio," McGraw said. "I think she'll handle herself well, as will Lech. I'm confident in our point guards."

But McGraw said Bowling Green has the toughest defense the Irish will face since Maryland and that they need to take care of the ball. The Bowling Green defense has held opponents without a field goal for five-minute stretches in each of its first six games.

After its loss to Maryland in the semifinals of the pre-season WNIT, Notre Dame blew out its next four opponents. Even though the team has five wins in 30 points or more, McGraw said the Irish need more of those opponents.

"They don't look at last year," McGraw said. "They don't say well, last year was an easy game, this year will be a tough game or vice versa."

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Irish guard Kyle McAlarney steps up to give squad big win

After being suspended for most of last season, after struggling in Notre Dame's two losses in the Virgin Islands and after 38 minutes of frustrating basketball, McAlarney put the Irish on his shoulders and got them a huge win over Kansas State.

With a little over two minutes remaining Tuesday night, Notre Dame was hanging on to a tenuous lead. The Irish were up 59-57, but they hadn't scored in nearly five minutes. The situation was all too reminiscent of the end of the Baylor and Georgia Tech games, where the Irish struggled to score down the stretch and blew big leads.

But McAlarney made sure that wouldn't happen again. He took the ball in the wing, dove baseline, and threw in a runner to put the