Super Tuesday vote to narrow field
Twenty-four states to participate in largest number of primaries and caucuses ever held in one day

By DAVIS RHORER, Jr.
News Writer

The remaining candidates competing in the Caucasian and Republican presidential nominations will face their biggest hurdle yet in today's Super Tuesday primary and caucus elections.

The previous primaries and caucuses this election season have sent delegates to numerous candidates on both sides of the political arena, failing to identify one "stand out" contender. With such close races, the elections today in 24 states could be a turning point for candidates seeking the nominations.

"This is the closest we've ever been to a national primary," David Campbell, a Notre Dame political science professor, said Saturday.

Notre Dame political science professor Phil Arnold echoed those sentiments. This year's Super Tuesday elections, so named because of the large number of primaries and caucuses held, marks the largest number of states ever to distribute delegates in a single day in the approximately 30 years the United States has used the primary and caucus system, he said.

"We haven't had an open race in a long time" Arnold said, referring to the absence of a "favorite choice" for the nomination in both the Democratic and Republican parties. Campbell said President George W. Bush's very low popularity level is a reason behind the current presidential race's competitiveness.

"Winning early has not worked well in this election," Campbell said. He emphasized the potential shifts in popularity that have already forced some previously well-known candidates out of the race.

Arnold emphasized his surprise at the resiliency of the Republican Party, especially considering Bush's low popularity.

"If this race shouldn't be competitive," Arnold said. "All things would point to a victory for the opposition."

While both Campbell and Arnold acknowledged the diverse group of candidates competing, Saint Mary's history professor Amanda Litauer

ACE hosts First Lady at Catholic school

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

First lady Laura Bush visited a Washington, D.C., elementary school partnered with the Notre Dame-affiliated Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) on Wednesday.

Her visit to Holy Redeemer School took place during Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic schools and their contributions to their communities and the nation.

The ACE MagisInitiative has given Holy Redeemer School support and resources since it was nearly shut down two years ago, ACE Director for Mission Outreach Aaron Wall said.
INSIDE COLUMN

Hey Skip, you’re wrong

As a San Francisco 49ers fan, I didn’t have a rooting interest in this year’s NFL playoffs. Then Skip Bayless opened his mouth. Just after New England defeated the New York Giants 38-35 in Week 17, the loudmouth ESPN analyst went on TV and called out the Giants coach Tom Coughlin for playing his starters the entire game in an attempt to beat the then-undefeated Patriots. Bayless called Coughlin’s decision one of the worst coaching decisions he’s ever seen and said the Giants stood no chance in the playoffs because they were injured. He said Coughlin missed an opportunity to heal some of his players. Only Bayless didn’t articulate his argument as calmly as I made him sound. Arms flailing, temper flaring, Bayless screamed that Coughlin was an idiot and had no chance to beat Tampa Bay in the first round, much less win the Super Bowl. Well, despite what Bayless would have believed him. I was words weren’t meant to be just plain mean about someone, it’s another way to be critical of someone, it’s another thing to be just plain mean about them. And in the NFL, you’re wrong. Admit it. How arrogant can one man get?

So when the cantankerous Coughlin told his team in the locker room after the loss to the Giants that he didn’t have a rooting interest in this year’s playoffs, he was probably right. I certainly agree with him.

I hope if the Giants were going to make it through the playoffs for the benefit of sports journalists a bad name and the Giants coach, it was Tom Coughlin. He’s clearly knows more about football than Skip Bayless and he’s probably going to win a Super Bowl. Congratulations to Tom Coughlin for playing football instead of just hollow preaching that had no substance to back it up. When Coughlin told his team in the locker room after the loss to the Giants that he didn’t have a rooting interest in this year’s playoffs, he was probably right. I certainly agree with him.

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

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IN BRIEF

The ND women’s tennis team will take on BYU today at 5 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

There will be an alumni panel for Teach for America today at 7 p.m. in 100-104 Mckenna Hall.

Ash Wednesday services will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

The “Lest We Forget: Two Years After Katrina & Rita” forum will take place Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Student Lounge. The event features an affected student panel for discussion and ticket giveaways for the upcoming World View Film Series showing of “Desert Bayou.”

NDNotes ’08 will host a Super Tuesday and early primaries analysis featuring political experts from the University Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

A campus-wide Lenten penance service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The student body primary election debates will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the TV lounge of LaFortune in front of the Dooley Room.

The deadline for Spring 2008 Intramural entries and fees is Thursday. Entries are due at Bovis SportsFest Center. The bimidium doubles fee is $5 and the floor hockey fee is $10.

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

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**National group honors Hesburgh**

**University president emeritus receives higher education award**

Special to The Observer

The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) has awarded its Henry Paley Memorial Award to University President Emeritus Father Theodore M. Hesburgh. The award recognizes an individual who, throughout his or her career, has unfailingly served the national voice of independent higher education. The recipient of the award has set an example for others outside of the halls of academe. "Father Hesburgh’s gift for constructing a world-changing vision and bringing it to fruition has inspired all of us in higher education, as well as countless others outside of the halls of academe. "

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Prof named to political committee

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Notre Dame political scientist Darren Davis has been appointed to an ad hoc committee of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) to evaluate the New Hampshire primary polls. Polling taken the day before the New Hampshire primary indicated a 10-point lead for Sen. Barack Obama that turned into a 3-point deficit once results were tabulated.

They include being the leading professional organization of public opinion and survey research professionals in the U.S., with members from academia, media, government, the nonprofit sector and private industry.

Drawing from the experience of the 1948 Committee on Analysis of Pre-election Polls and Forecasts, which incorrectly predicted the Truman-Dewey race, the AAPOR ad hoc committee will evaluate the methodology of the pre-election primary polls and the way results are reported by the media and used to shape the contests in pre-election press coverage. The committee will archive the data.

The committee also will review pre-election polls in the South Carolina and February 5 "Super Tuesday" primaries, which will provide additional evidence that may inform theories concerning the New Hampshire polls. A nationally recognized expert in public opinion, Davis specializes in political psychology, public opinion, research methods and racial politics.

Related to the 2008 primaries for future scholarly research and will evaluate how polls have been and can be optimally used in reporting.

The festival is made possible through a grant from FACE, French American Cultural Exchange, and a number of other foundations. The festival includes 150 honorary degrees—three of which are ever awarded to one person. "Father Hesburgh's gift for constructing a world-changing vision and bringing it to fruition has inspired all of us in higher education, as well as countless others outside of the halls of academe."

Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, University President Emeritus, will attend and accept the award at the association's annual meeting on Capitol Hill. University President Father John Jenkins will also attend and accept the award on Hesburgh's behalf.

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effectively and rapidly with the campus community, and we take it very seriously," he said. "We realize that this is a significant difference, and we work very hard to improve it." System continued from page 1

Within the Magnificat Initiative.

Wall said several ACE graduates and Notre Dame alumni participated in the event's week-long celebration at Holy Redeemer School on Thursday evening to coincide with the school's address under the Magnificat System.

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deserve that we are a forward-thinking group of educators who can be recognized by her... and it gives us a lot of validation to keep what we are doing." The school's current teaching staff includes Maggie Schroeder, who teaches second grade and is in her second year of implementing the program, and Notre Dame graduate and second grade principal, Ben Ketcham, is also a Notre Dame alumnus and second grade principal.

Holy Redeemer School is in its first year of the five-year Magnificat Initiative.

"It's only been five to six months, but we've been involved," Wall said. "This was a school that was ready to close its doors, and it has made incredible improvements. Holy Redeemer still has a long way to go, but relative to what it was last year, it is established." Walls said the most meaningful aspect of Bush's visit is its impact to the students.

"The largest impact is on the students," Holy Redeemer, that someone like Mrs. Bush will take time out of her busy schedule to visit the school," Wall said. "The first lady offered them a message saying that the school was in her back yard. It was beautiful that she shared that with them."

ACE ended the Catholic Schools Week festivities with a celebration at Holy Redeemer School on Thursday evening to coincide with the school's address under the Magnificat Initiative.

"One of the things that we found Friday evening after the event was that we've been doing well with text messaging capabilities," Steele said. "We know that some of the messages we've sent do not go out."

"It is currently meeting with Connect-ED, the vendor responsible for delivering the messaging services for emergency voice mail, text messages and e-mails to discuss possible solutions," Connect-ED is saying that a number of text messages have not been delivered to all, and that had to do with a problem in their communication service.

"Every person who volunteered for the first time should have received a text message. Under the old system, students had to go down to the office to get text messages, but Steele said the Connect-ED has "since changed the way that it automatically opt everybody in that has a phone number so that they would receive a text message." If students do not wish to receive a text message, they can choose to opt out of the system on the OIT Web site.

There were also delays in the e-mail system, Steele said. "OTT is also working on the issues regarding sending out the emails to the Notre Dame community, because they are not as fast as we had hoped and planned for," he said.

While OFF hopes the system will someday be flawless, Steele said there are always some errors.

"At any given point a number of contacts won't be reached because of data-entry errors or a third-party e-mail account no longer exists," he said. "We have a very high percentage of contacts that won't be reached."

Steed said he has seen no significant increase in the amount of people who volunteer their cell phone information, though he said OFF plans to put out advertising on campus urging students to sign up for that information.

"We would like 100 percent participation with regard to cell phone numbers," he said.

Moreover, although the university plans to send out one test of the system this spring, Steed said that the university might actually perform another assessment.

"There's a test with Connect-ED and we will determine the next test after we get the results of the first," Steed said. "We had hoped that we would only have to test one this year to try to make sure we didn't dilute the effectiveness of the system, but given some of the results we may look into having another test this semester."

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Information meeting for JUNIORS and SENIORS interested in applying for a
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Children's home attacked in Kenya

SUGUR-Kenya: A few hours after a 12-year-old student shot a student at a children's home in western Kenya, on them.

The attack on the Sugur-Munsingen Children's Home and School this weekend is one more example of the turmoil that has followed the disputed election. Protests quickly degenerated into clashes that killed more than 1,000 people. Much of the violence has pitied other ethnic groups against each other's clan, long respected for their dominance of business and politics.

U.S. military accidentally kills civilians

BAGHDAD — U.S. military said. It was the fifth aerial attack

in Baghdad, the military said. This is the 90th aerial attack against Iraqi military base in Iraq, the second in a row.

Nature-based recreation declining

WASHINGTON — As people spend more time

campaigning at a fire station in New Jersey.

Unwilling to leave anything

to chance, both men

rallying for the nomination

and relatives of the bombers passed

from the facility.

Democrat presidential candidate Barack Obama receives a hug from Senator Ted Kennedy during a rally at the Meadowslands arena Monday in E. Rutherford, N.J.

down in Oklahoma at the Super Tuesday hour and was

scheduled to arrive in California for a race just

before midnight local time.

All before flying through

the night so he could attend the West Virginia state con-

vention on Tuesday morn-

ing. The Democrats

were spending unprecedented

amounts of money on televi-

sion advertising. Records

showed Obama and Clinton

each spent $1.3 million last

Wednesday and have been

increasing their purchases in

the days since.

Obama spent about $250,000 to

run a 30-second ad during the Super

Tuesday in selected, less

expensive regions. Clinton

bought one hour of time on

the Hallmark Channel for

Monday evening to air a live

town hall meeting from New

York.

The prize in each race was a huge cache of dele-

gates on the biggest pri-

mary-season day ever.

In all, there are 1,023 delege-

tes to the Republican National Convention at stake in primaries in 15

states, caucuses in five and

the West Virginia state con-

vention.

Several and McCain's choice

of Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate may help him

to win in states where he wasn't expected to win.

Romney hoped to counter

with victories in Utah and

West Virginia, as well as in a string of "toss up" states in Western and Midwestern states.

But his task in several Southern and border states — Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma and Missouri — is complicated by the presence of Mike Huckabee on the ballot.

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"It's like people are trying to outdo each other," Meyer said. "We're waving trees like crazy.

He suggested the University erect pillars on which student groups could hang their posters, eliminating the hanging of wall and window space.

Lauren Sharkey, Half Professor and chair of the Council-chaired, suggested more discretion be shown in the approval process and that smaller posters be encour-
gaged.

Plamotstil echoed Sharkey's notion.

"Students should submit a list of the number and size of posters appropriate for their halls," she said.

Brown concluded the dis-
cussion by declaring that suggestions for the poster siting be handed over to Plamotstil's committee.

Scott Vitter, Alumni Hall sen­tator, and member of the Task Force on Campus Environment, said his group is interested in labeling food products along with their ingredients in the dining halls, as is the case with salad dressings, which lists the complete nutrition facts.

"This would empower stu-
dents to make healthy deci-
dions," Vitter said.

The University has not given a formal response to the CLC suggestion.

Student government vice president Maris Braun, a member of the Task Force on Student Development, said the task force plans to conduct a follow-up of campus. Has the group, which addresses issues involving alcohol awareness. She said the task force seeks to work with other student groups, like peer education group Pillars.

Student body president Liz Brown commented the meeting by addressing the resolution recommending improved residence hall workout facilities CLC passed Jan. 21. This was the first resolution passed this academic year.

Brown said Poorman has not yet responded to the resolution, but said he would look into it in the near future.

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eblorated on this aspect.

ShannaSmith noted the media emphasis on Hillary Clinton's sexuality and Barack Obama's race.

"I think it is an empirical and political mistake to reduce the current rivalry between Clinton and Obama to sex ver-

sus race," Littauer said Monday.

Littauer focused on a recent survey where reporters asked black women in South Carolina which factor, race or gender, was a more important influence on their vote.

"I would like to hear more from both candidates about..." time-tested Demagoguery," Littauer said, suggesting that undue emphasis was being placed on superficial qualities - rather than the real issues at hand, such as education, healthcare, welfare, immigration and poverty.

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"And, with a little luck, it will force one damn trial lawyer to find another line of work." Marler holds degrees from Washington State University and the Seattle University School of Law. He has no formal scientific training but has immersed him-
self in microbiology and DNA tracking, and his firm has a scientis-
tist on staff on whom he relies.

Marler handled about 150 cases from the deadly 2006 E. coli outbreak involving California spinach, settling roughly half of those cases so far with compa-

gies such as Dole Foods. Among the clients whose cases are still unresolved is 3-year-old Ashley Armstrong of Indianapolis, whose kidneys were so damaged she will have to endure procedures for the rest of her life and will probably need a transplant, according to her mother.

E. coli lawyer profits from bad food

William Marler poses in his office in Seattle on Wednesday. He has been dubbed the king of food poison litigation.

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tist on staff on whom he relies.

Marler handled about 150 cases from the deadly 2006 E. coli outbreak involving California spinach, settling roughly half of those cases so far with compa-

gies such as Dole Foods. Among the clients whose cases are still unresolved is 3-year-old Ashley Armstrong of Indianapolis, whose kidneys were so damaged she will have to endure procedures for the rest of her life and will probably need a transplant, according to her mother.
Yahoo to ‘take time’ reviewing bid

Struggling Internet company considers unsolicited $41 billion offer from rival

Jerry Yang, CEO of Yahoo Inc., speaks at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month. Yahoo is deliberating over a potential takeover deal from Microsoft.

IN BRIEF

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After today, we might have a clear idea of which two candidates will be running for president in their respective parties. I hope we find, now or in the coming weeks, a strong candidate who can lead us out of Iraq, because this war is killing us.

By "killing," I do not mean the dam­age the war does to our international image or the billions or tax dollars we spend on it. I do say "in" to refer to the military troops from our own families and communities, too seldom conceived of as our neighbors and friends. What I mean is that soldiers from our own communities are killing themselves as a direct result of their time spent at our government's behest, in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Recent statistics from the Army show that suicide rates among American sol­diers have skyrocketed in the past five years. Two thousand one hundred U.S. sol­diers tried to commit suicide in 2007, nearly six attempts every day. Back in 2002, before the Iraq War, there were 350 suicide attempts—less than a day. That is sixfold in just a few years. The Army has its highest suicide rate among active soldiers since 1980, when such record keeping began. Traditionally, suicide rates are actually lower during periods of military deployment, which is part of what makes the rate so striking and unexplainable.

There are soldiers our age—perhaps you know at least one—who go to Iraq and return to find their lives waiting to be resumed where they left off. Only they, themselves, are irrevocably changed. Their egos splintered, their reflexes razor­sharp, their adrenaline systems unable to shut down, soldiers who faced combat find themselves experiencing hallucinations, sexual impotency and a loss of ability to communicate. They are haunted by depression and flashbacks and find even seemingly stable relationships difficult to maintain.

Failed personal relationships are the most common motive for military suicides. Troops are being sent back to Iraq for their second or third consecutive tour of duty (extended to 15 months by the Pentagon last year) with little rest in between. Our armed services thrust them back into the hell of combat, often failing to diagnose their true affliction: post-trau­matic stress disorder. Many times psychiatrists diagnose soldiers with pre-existing personality disorders instead—meaning they were already troubled before their service and in their involvement in the war had nothing to do with their current psy­chological condition.

Several scandals have been documented involving military officers requesting such diagnoses, commanders unwilling to sacri­fice potential troops with resources already stretched so thin. Officers also dis­couraged seeking out care in the first place, cultivating a macrosystem stigma against the "weakness" of psychological support. With time at home strained and air services unwilling or unable to help them cope with the horrors of war, it is any wonder troops have trouble sustaining relationships?

Ever since soldiers began returning from combat, officials have lamented the severely underequipped mental health services of the military. Some efforts have been made by commissions and Congress to improve the care given to returning sol­diers, especially in the desolate years just after the war. President Bush highlighted the need to improve the care given to returning sol­diers from our own communities when he appointed him in his State of the Union address. Senator Jim Webb of Virginia introduced new legislation last Thursday aimed at improving the military's suicide prevention programs.

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Lent is upon us, and we have a mar­vellous opportunity to improve how we face the greatest problem that humanity has ever faced. According to many experts, the world is on the brink of catastrophic climate destabilization if action is not taken immediately around the world to reverse the rate of carbon emissions that contribute to the greenhouse gases that promote climate change (see the reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; watch “wonderingmind42” on YouTube). Climate destabilization will bring about more death and destruction than we can imagine, hitting the poorest nations and peoples first, and profoundly affecting the survival of most if not all planetary life forms. Two of the major causes of greenhouse gases in the United States are animal feedlots (supporting our meat-eating habits) and coal-fired power plants, one of which Notre Dame has.

Many students rely on the Transpo trolley to get from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's College. Personally, I don't care how late it's running when it's transporting partying girls on weekends, but I rely on it for class, and I know many others do as well. I understand that inclement weather can cause delays, but in recent weeks the trolley has become completely unpredictable. It might stop at Hesburgh Hall at 9:40 a.m., or it might be there at 8:59 a.m. (as was the case this past week). Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are largely pedestrian campuses with notoriously inconvenient parking. Since no pay service (other than a taxi) exists to transport students between campuses for class, I believe it is the responsibility of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame alike, who feel the same way. Come on, Transpo. Get it together.

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Regan Halls
Feb. 4

Sports overkill

This past Sunday evening, from about 6 to 10 p.m., I found myself in front of the TV watching the Super Bowl. Joining me were an estimated 105 million Americans who watched at least part of the game. With the U.S. population at about 300 million, that means that roughly 35 percent of Americans watched at least some of this event, plus millions more who heard or read about it. Football may be the most popular spectator sport in America, yet taken together with baseball, basketball, auto racing, soccer, hockey and a myriad of other sports, we get a clearer picture of a cultural practice that builds camaraderie, creates unity and provides excitement. And let's face it, playing and watching sports is really a lot of fun.

But we're reminded of that ancient adage, "Everything in moderation." Sometimes when a good thing is pursued to excess, it becomes a bad thing. That is what I suspect may be occurring in the lives of millions of Americans who have made sports their No. 1 concern. Sports should be an important part of most people's lives, yet one would be hard-pressed to argue that it should be the primary concern of Notre Dame and America in general. We need to step back for a moment and assess what our values really are. It has been suggested that our priorities should include, "God, country, Notre Dame." To these, I humbly add family, friends and our professional and school commitments. Simply put, it has been shown time and time again that whenever we invert these priorities, the results are disastrous. Sports are a lot of fun, but let's not make a sport out of life.

Chris Spellman
university
Feb. 4
Top Ten Super Bowl Ads from USA Today

#1 Budweiser
Dog trains a Clydesdale

#2 FedEx
Pigeon carriers can't compete with FedEx

#3 Bridgestone
Critters scream before a near-miss

#4 Doritos
Mouse goes for a whole bag of Doritos

#5 Bud Light
Fire-breathing man turns romance into mayhem

#6 Bud Light
Hidden Bud Light bottles at a wine-tasting party

#7 Coca-Cola
Coke brings together dueling parade balloons

#8 Diet Pepsi Max
Missy Elliott and others wake up with Pepsi

#9 Planters
Men find unattractive woman alluring

#10 Tide
Statue does the talking in job interview
By STEPHANIE DePREZ

On Sunday night, years of hard work culminated in an epic smack down between the titans.

Of commercials, that is. Once again, the greatest advertising campaigns came together for a battle royal with the prize being that ever-elusive trophy, the consumer. Some watch for the best performance, some for the halftime show, but most everyone can agree the Super Bowl just isn't super without a rally of all the best commercials the industry rulers can bring.

Budweiser brought its best game, with a series of commercials involving the abnormal effects of its beer, and why the magical beer is no longer available. Companies went head-to-head, as Audi, GMC and Hyundai came on to the field with a take-no-prisoners approach. The Hyundai Genesis went all-out, with the narration surrounding style shots of the car announcing, "We're not sure what the USA Today Ad Meter will think of this commercial tomorrow, but we're pretty sure Mercedes and BMW aren't going to like it very much." (Apparently no one did. It came out number 43 of 55 in the USA today rankings, which were published Monday.)

The ultimate goal of any TV ad is, of course, to get your attention. This is accomplished in a number of ways, the most obvious being one comedy. This year's ads certainly didn't lack laughs, but many other tricks were pulled out to grab viewers' interest.

The most jarring ad had to be for CareerBuilder, and it involved a woman's heart popping out of her chest, walking up to her boss and holding up a sign reading, "I Quit." The odd beginning ended up being a call to "Follow Your Heart," as the throbbing and astonishingly anatomically-correct heart bounced out of the office and started walking away.

The No. 1 USA Today pick was a sentimental favorite. Hank the Dalmatian, reigns supreme by not only successfully training to be a Budweiser horse to the Rocky theme (with the help of a Dalmatian), but also by winning the hearts of football watchers everywhere. This ad came relatively early in the game, but came out on top as the best commercial of the Super Bowl.

Second place went to the disturbingly oversized carrier pigeons for FedEx. A screaming squirrel that looked suspiciously like one of at Notre Dame wailed as he clutched his acorn, and he and his panicked forest friends took third place for Bridgstone.

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**NHL**

Parise’s quick OT goal gives Devils 4-3 victory

*The Observer*  ▪  CLASSIFIEDS

**Associated Press**

NORTH DAKOTA — Zach Parise scored 37 seconds into overtime to cap a furious late rally and lift the New Jersey Devils to a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night that created a three-way tie atop the Atlantic Division.

New Jersey trailed 3-1 in the third period and appeared headed for its fourth loss in a five-game homestand, but Jamie Langenbrunner and David Clarkson scored less than two minutes apart to tie it. Parise won it with his 20th goal, tipping a drive by Patrik Elias past Ty Conklin on the only shot of overtime. New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia all have 63 points in the five-team Atlantic Division.

Martin Brodeur earned his 20th win of the season and was credited with an assist on the winning goal. That made up for his tripping penalty in the third period that led to Jordan Staal’s power-play goal.

The road team had won only 14 shots during two periods, mounting a comeback in the third that they didn’t seem to have in them through another lackluster home performance.

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**For Sale**

Calgary’s Eric Godard, left, and Edmonton’s Mathieu Garon drop the gloves during the Oilers’ 5-0 victory Monday night.

Doan’s goal from on knees powers Phoenix to 4-3 overtime win; Oilers snap two-game skid behind Garon’s 24-save shutout

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Devils left wing Zach Parise celebrates after beating Penguins goalie Ty Conklin to give New Jersey a 4-3 overtime victory Monday night. The goal was Parise’s 19th of the year.

Petr Sykora and Ryan Malone also scored for the Penguins, who fell to 3-2-2 since Sidney Crosby’s ankle injury. Evgeni Malkin had two assists to tie Crosby for the team lead with 63 points.

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**Coyotes 4, Avalanche 3 (OT)**

Shane Doan was on his knees when he kicked the puck between Peter Budaj’s pads with 1:37 left in overtime to give the Phoenix Coyotes a come-from-behind win over the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night.

The Coyotes forced the extra period when Radim Vrbata scored into a wide open net with 5:11 left in the third period. Vrbata took a pass from Steven Reinprecht on a face off and slugged it past Budaj, who never saw the pass and was still hugging the post on the right side and not challenging the shot.

The Avs were unable to capitalize on a rare second chance home game. They play just four of 14 games moved them within six points of the eighth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Fernando Pisani, Dustin Penner, Alex Hemsky, Steve Stalos and Sam Gagner scored for Edmonton in the Coyotes’ fourth shutout of the season.

The Oilers’ second win in five games moved them within six points of the eighth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

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IN BRIEF

Judge rules to let Vick keep $20 million signing bonus

MINNEAPOLIS — Fallen quarterback Michael Vick can keep nearly $20 million in bonus money he received from the Atlanta Falcons following a ruling Monday by a federal judge.

The Falcons sought to recover the bonuses after Vick pleaded guilty to federal charges in a dogfighting operation. The bonuses were paid from 2004-2007.

A special master ruled in October that the Falcons were entitled to recover the bonuses. The Falcons argued that Vick used proceeds from a contract he signed in 2004 to finance illicit activities.

But U.S. District Judge David Doty of Minneapolis ruled that the Falcons' recovering the bonus money would violate the NFL collective bargaining agreement.

Harkleroad, Davenport lead U.S. Fed Cup semis

SAN DIEGO — Move over, Lindsay Davenport, and make room for another star on the U.S. Fed Cup team.

Shaking off nerves, 22-year-old Fed Cup rookie Ashley Harkleroad rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the second set to beat Germany's Sabine Lisicki 6-4, 7-5 on a picture-perfect Southern California day to clinch the quarterfinal match on Monday.

Harkleroad's victory followed Davenport's 6-1, 6-2 win over 19-year-old Julia Goerges in reverse singles, sending the United States into a World Group semifinal in April against defending Fed Cup champion Russia, which most likely will be led by Maria Sharapova.

The United States finished 4-1 against Germany after Davenport and Lisa Raymond won the doubles 6-2, 6-0 over Tatjana Malek and Anna-Lena Groenefeld.

Grandezon signs five-year deal to remain with Tigers

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers could have kept Curtis Granderson around for a while, retaining his talents with one-year deals until he became eligible for free agency after the 2011 season.

The Tigers, though, don't just want around to make moves these days. Granderson and baseball's busiest team agreed Monday to a $30.25 million, five-year contract that includes a club option for 2013 that could make the deal worth up to $41.25 million.

"The Tigers hold all the chips and didn’t have to do anything," Granderson said. "I'm very happy with the way everything happened.

Tigers president Dave Dombrowski is not known to give long-term deals to players before they are even eligible for arbitration, but Granderson was an exception.

Knight unexpectedly resigns from Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight resigned Monday at Texas Tech, a stunning midseason move by the winningest men's coach in major college basketball.

"He said he was tired and that it was best to go ahead and do it now," Texas Tech chancellor Kent Hance told The Associated Press. "I think Bob is through with coaching. I think he got to the point where it wasn't fun for him."

Known as much for his fiery temper as his basketball brilliance, Knight gave no hint a change was coming. He will be replaced by his son, Pat, a Red Raiders assistant.

The 67-year-old Knight informed Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers of his decision in a meeting around noon, Hance said.

Knight then called Hance and told him.

"He thought about it Sunday all day and talked to his wife and decided this is something I want to do," Hance said.

The Red Raiders beat Oklahoma State 67-60 on Saturday, giving Knight his 902nd victory.

Knight was not available for comment Monday, said Randy Farley, a spokesman for the Texas Tech basketball program.

In his first six years at Texas, he led the Red Raiders to five 20-win seasons, a first at the school.

They are 12-8 this season. Texas Tech's next game is Wednesday night at Baylor.

Bob Knight has 902 career wins, more than any coach in the history of Division I men's basketball.

Win No. 900 came last month against Texas A&M.

Knight arrived at Texas Tech in March 2001, six months after being fired by his Indiana for what school officials there called a pattern of unacceptable behavior.

In September, Knight signed a three-year contract extension that runs through the 2011-12 season.

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Manning shines on biggest stage

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Oh, well, Tom Brady, as perfect as you could have been, it seems a great bet to break the record for New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

All the way through history, and the sport, for many, has ever seen. Manning is one of the best this game — or any sport — has ever seen: the perfect team; the upstart; the underdog; the cover boy quarterback in Tom Brady; the kid brother in Manning. America loves an underdog, and the Giants, with their stirring victory, etched themselves as one of the best this game — or any sport — has ever seen.

The star was Manning, the scrawny young brother of Peyton, who won his own Super Bowl last year, and sat in the corner of a skyline for this one, squirming and agonizing over every play.

Now both Mannings have a championship and a Super Bowl MVP to their names and Brady — well, he's still got the looks, the supermodel girlfriend, Gisele Bundchen, and three Super Bowl titles of his own.

With the loss, New England finished 18-1 and the 1972 Miami Dolphins remain the only team to go undefeated from the start of the season through the Super Bowl. Their coach, Don Shula, was on hand, ready to congratulate the Patriots. Instead, he figured to be sipping champagne, congratulating Miami Dolphins, who were 17-0, as the only NFL team to go undefeated.

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The Giants won Super Bowl, they in New York, the last undefeated team finally gets its title.

The Giants defeated the New England Patriots 17-14 on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. Off-critiqued quarterback leads Giants to victory with a near-perfect, 83-yard TD drive.

Eli Manning, left, and defensive end Michael Strahan celebrate after beating the Patriots 17-14 on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.

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Patriots perfect no longer

With New England's 19-0 details derailed, serious questions now arise

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The only perfect thing about the Patriots was their record.

Now they know how that feels. Dominant in the first half of the season, they survived close calls afterward. But that finally caught up with them in the Super Bowl and left them facing an offseason of what-ifs and what-will-be.

What if their offensive line studded with three Pro Bowl players had kept the team's most important player from being knocked down after time in the most important game? Would Randy Moss and Asante Samuel leave? Would Rodney Harrison, Teddy Bruschi and Junior Seau, the three oldest defensive starters, retire?

And next time, will coach Bill Belichick hang around until the end of the game instead of heading for the locker room with a second and a loss and a security escort Tom Brady would have enjoyed.

The two-time Super Bowl MVP couldn't elude the steamrolling offense of the New York Giants. The way he does the paparazzi who stalk him on the streets of the city where the new Super Bowl champions will be honored at a victory parade Tuesday.

Belichick was sucked five times in Sunday's 17-14 loss, the most in his 92 games since the New York Jets did that in the third game of the season on Sept. 21, 2003. So the Patriots finished 18-1 and disappointed, not 19-0 and historic. That left the 1972 Miami Dolphins, who were 17-0, as the only NFL team to go undefeated.

It was a tight, taut defensive battle, an everything-or-nothing game and to New York in the last two minutes. But the first play was nullified by Brady's illegal change of protection, and the Giants won.

Manning engineered one of the most magical drives in Super Bowl history.

He capped it with a 83-yard touchdown drive with 7:20 to go, then watched receiver David Tyree somehow pin it and it will be Manning's masterpiece forever. That kept the drive going, appropriately, with a touchdown pass to David Tyree and somehow pin it between his hands and his helmet for the 32-yard reception.

That kept the drive going, and it will be Manning's memory that everyone remembers — not Brady's coolly efficient 80-yard touchdown drive two minutes earlier.

This game was such a back-and-forth stomach-turner that it seems a great bet to break the record for Super Bowl viewingship (49.08 million) and give the advertisers their money's worth on the $2.7 million they spent for each 30-second spot. It might even force the water-cooler conversation Monday to be about football, not commercials or halftime shows.

For the record, Tom Petty did a four-song halftime set, closing appropriately, with "Don't Do What You Love." Some highlights on the commercial side included Shaquille O'Neal as a winning jockey in a horse race, Richard Simmons barely avoiding being squashed on the highway and Will Ferrell playing a — well — not-so-fit pro basketball player who also likes beer.

Funny as those were, the best show was on the field.

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New England won Super Bowl with four plays before falling short the next three years — losing to Denver in a divisional playoff game, to Indianapolis in last year's AFC championship game and to the Packers in the last disappointment.

After coming so close last season, the Parcells-led receivers Moss, Wes Welker and Donte' Stallworth, are in the Coast agent Adalius Thomas for their aging group of linebacks. And they kept Samuel, designing the star cornerback a franchise player and signing him for one year after he held out for a long-term contract.

The Giants set set several single-season records: 50 touchdown passes by Brady, 23 scoring catches by Moss and 580 total points.

But the season began with off-field problems: Harrison, the hard-hitting safety, was suspended for the first four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

But the season-opening 38-14 win over the New York Jets, the NFL's $250,000 and took away a first-round draft choice as punishment for videotaping Jets' receivers on their sideline.

That only fired up the Patriots.

But the Patriots shrugged off the criticism and kept marching on the next opponent. They won each of their first eight games by at least 17 points.

Then the powerhouse that pulled away from opponents began letting them hang around.

In their ninth game, they beat Indianapolis, 34-20 on a touchdown with 3:15 left. In their 11th, they scored the go-ahead touchdown with 7:20 to go but needed two interceptions in the last four minutes to clinch the 31-28 win over Philadelphia.

The following week was the greatest of escapes.

They trailed 24-20 at halftime, and fumbled twice on fourth down in the last two minutes. But the first play was nullified by a false start penalty against the Patriots and the second by a holding call against the Ravens. On the next play, Brady threw the winning 8-yard scoring pass to Jabar Gaffney with 44 seconds left.

And, in the last regular-season game, the defense struggled in a 38-35 win over the Giants.

We do not know how their good fortune held out? Not long enough.
Tears welled up in his eyes as Just do the very thing that
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Yankees pitchers Roger Clemens, left, and Andy Pettitte will both speak to Congress about steroids on Feb. 13.

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Not one of Roger Clemens' flat-out denials about using steroids or human growth hormone was delivered while he spoke under oath. Now he gets that chance.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner is scheduled to give a deposition to lawyers from a congressional committee behind closed doors Tuesday, one day after his former New York Yankees teammate and workout partner Andy Pettitte delivered sworn testimony for about 2 1/2 hours.

Both pitchers' private interviews with staff members from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee are part of preparation for a Feb. 13 hearing. That public session is expected to focus on allegations made in the Mitchell Report by trainer Brian McNamee that he injected Clemens more than a dozen times with performance enhancers.

The 45-year-old Clemens ranks eighth in major league history with 354 career wins. He put off retirement yet again in 2007, returning to the Yankees in June and going 6-4 with a 4.18 ERA.

"Roger is not going to take the Fifth Amendment," said one of Clemens' lawyers, Rusty Hardin, said in a statement e-mailed by spokesman Lee Hohsfield. "He is going to answer the committee's questions truthfully under oath."

McNamee is to appear Thursday. One of his lawyers, Earl Ward, said no decision had been made on whether he would submit to a deposition or transcripted interview. It is a crime to lie to Congress, whether sworn to tell the truth or not, so the distinction between the two has more to do with the format of the questioning and confidentiality of the transcript.

Pettitte, who chose to be deposed, did not hesitate to answer questions from reporters afterward as he walked from committee offices to an elevator in the Rayburn House Office Building. Wearing a glistening silver ring, McNamee strolled out. Pettitte was accompanied by his wife and three lawyers.

"At the committee's request, Andy Pettitte voluntarily met with representatives of the committee this morning, and fully answered all of the inquiries made of him in a sworn deposition," two of Pettitte's lawyers, Jay Brown and Thomas Farrell, said in a statement. "Out of respect for the sensitive nature of these proceedings, and out of deference to the committee's request for confidentiality, we, on behalf of Mr. Pettitte, will not comment on the nature or substance of his testimony."

Staff members for the committee declined to comment.

McNamee told former Senate majority leader George Mitchell he injected Pettitte with HGH. Pettitte lent credence to Mitchell's findings by acknowledging two days after the report was released in December that he did try HGH for two days in 2002 to help deal with an elbow injury.

The committee announced Monday it would hold yet another hearing Feb. 12, entitled, "Myths and Facts about Human Growth Hormone, B-12, and Other Substances." The committee said medical experts will testify about the effects of such substances.

A former Yankee teammate of Pettitte and Clemens, Chuck Knoblauch, is expected to testify Friday. The day before, an employee of the sports agency that represents Clemens and Pettitte went to Capitol Hill to be deposed by a House committee hearing Jan. 15, he was asked whether he was still comfortable with McNamee's credibility.

"We believe that the statement provided to us were truthful," one of Pettitte's lawyers, Jay Brown, said.

McNamee also said he acquired HGH from former New York Mets clubhouse employee Kirk Radomski for Knoblauch in 2001 and 2002, and he injected Knoblauch with HGH. Radomski pleaded guilty in April to federal felony charges of distributing steroids and laundering money. He is scheduled to be sentenced Friday, then speak to committee staff on Feb. 12.
Hawks rebound from slow start to top 76ers

Magic's Turkoglu picks up triple-double in loss to Mavs; Heat suffer 32-point loss, their 19th in 20 games

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Just when it seemed Philadelphia might have an easy time with Atlanta, Josh Smith gave the Hawks a lift and gave the 76ers something to think about.

Smith blocked six shots in the second quarter, giving the Hawks a short circuit in the first half. After he carried them to a 96-91 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

He had 19 points, nine assists and nine blocks, and his big second-quarter challenge to guard the ball. That’s when we were doing, and he just really made his presence felt in the game for us completely. He was carrying us in the second quarter.

"Josh changed the game with his blocked shots," said 76ers coach Maurice Cheeks. "When a guy has nine blocked shots it changes the game dramatically. Even when he doesn’t block a shot he has guys thinking about it when they shoot, and that can mess up your offensive rhythm."

The Hawks outscored the 76ers 15-0 on fastbreak points and outrebounded Atlanta 25-5 to take a 32-14 lead in the first quarter. Smith’s second-quarter rejections fired up the Hawks, who outscored the 76ers 82-59 in the final three periods.

Smith and the other starters struggled while falling behind by 23 points in the first quarter.

"I wish I could tell you what happened," said Dolembert. "It was two games," Cheeks said.

Johnson’s 3-pointer with 4 seconds left in the third put Atlanta in front 72-70 heading into the final quarter.

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Women's hockey ties Northwestern in home finale

Special to the Observer

Despite playing most of the final period down a player, Notre Dame still managed to hang on to a 2-2 tie against Northwestern.

The Irish were called for three defensive penalties in the third period and played most of the period down one man. Playing a strong penalty kill throughout the game, Notre Dame still riddled the net with shots, including a frantic rush at the end of the game when the Irish hit the pipes twice.

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Notre Dame fixed the mistakes against Minnesota and slow against Michigan in its first game of pool play Saturday, the team came out slow against Minnesota and lost, 1-7. Although Minnesota gave it plenty of opportunities, Notre Dame failed to capitalize. This gave the team plenty to adjust before its next game against Georgia Tech.

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They have fit in pretty well," Bayliss said. "They can't ignore them, they are very talented. If they are starters, four of them are freshmen. They have definitively established themselves.

With their loss coming to the No. 1 singles on Jan. 22 at home, Bayliss still said the team is untested.

"You just don't know how they handle it if the ranking falls," Bayliss said. "We'll see if they can handle those changes. Along with Havens and Roth, the Irish have a strong No. 1 doubles team in senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Beilis. "They return as well as anyone in the country," Bayliss said. "They sometimes break down at net, but have made great improvements. It will be interesting to see how the rest of the season plays out."

Junior Santiago Montoya has also been a mainstay in the lineup for the first time this spring. Montoya has been playing with freshman Tyler Davis at No. 3 doubles. Bayliss said the team is deeper than last year. Montoya and sophomore Sean Corrigan traveled with the team last year, and are now in the hunt for playing time. Bayliss said the team is 10-0 in terms of people who can win on a consistent basis.

The Irish have two more big tests this weekend. Notre Dame will play Wisconsin on Saturday at 1 p.m. and Southern Methodist on Sunday at noon. Both matches will be at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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"We won 6-0, 6-0 and did it quickly," he said. "She didn't really let her opponent into the game at all. Tefft also contributed to a doubles match win over the Wolverines. "Kelry and [sophomore] Brook [Buck] were down 6-1, but came back and won 8-6."

"They are two of the most important players in the Big East to me. They both play with an aggressive style," Bayliss said. "Hillesland and Ayers' effectiveness isn't only measured in points. The 6-foot-9 Hillesland and the 6-foot-7 Ayers make for tough defenders, especially at the top of Notre Dame's 1-2-2 zone where they can use both their size and quickness to thwart shot attempts."

Defensively, Hillesland can create mismatches against taller defenders with his ability to drive and dish, while Ayers has taken the ball to the hoop over the past few games more than he did earlier in the season. "They are highly important," Irish guard Tory Jackson said.

"Their perception changes," Ayers said. "We'll see if our untested team is a factor for us moving forward."

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"We just know that we have to attack and pick our spots when they're there and certain when we always take the ball, which is very scary for our opponents," Hillesland said. "I think it was kind of the reaction the coach was looking for with the plays."

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Jumble

That Scrabbled Word Game by Heni Arnold and Mike Arigron

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Weekly Horoscope

Crossword

Will Shortz

Cryptic Clues

Answer here: A

Answer tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: Token Agent Heckle Dearth

Answer: Hemming dresses all day left the seamstress - On the "Edge"!

Crossword

Across
1 Sword handles
6 Workers' dues
10 Wood-shaping tool
14 "One for My Baby" composer
19 Hole course
24 One of nine in a set
25 Winter month
26 "Lemon Tree" singer Lopez
28 Third after delta
30 Tipple
31 "Lemon Tree" to the French Christmas to Harold
34 Mediterranean monarch
36 1 can only mv much

37 Sch. named for a televangelist
38 Life stories on film
40 Leak fixer
46 Inspiring sisters
47 "Merry Christmas" to Spaniards
51 "Lemon Tree"
52 French Christmas to Harold
56 Fedex and Nelder
59 Collected
62 Hgt.
64 "Merry Christmas" to Italians
66 Two capsules, perhaps
67 Tenter sounds
68 Animated sign

Dowm
1 Muslim pilgrim
2 Kitchen drawer?
3 Visit from the Blue Angels, maybe
4 Readying for a dive
5 Cold-shoulder
6 Hit the jackpot
7 Guacamole ingredient
8 Greek earth goddess
9 Architects
11 Car safety device
12 Menegazzi
13 U.S.N.A. grad
14 T.V.'s Warrior Princess
22 Thylina in Menlo Park
23 It had a notable part in Exodus
27 Blender setting
28 Pronounces poorly
33 Awkward welcome
35 Scotchat
37 Shake room
38 Sideboard setting
39 Spa treatments
40 "Lemon Tree"
42 Spa treatments
45 Make balanced
46 "The navar" Continental currency
49 Benzoyl peroxide target
50 "Radio"
51 "Dangers of Lime"
52 Knock-down
drag-out
53 Corp. recruits
54 "Row!"
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Weekly Horoscope
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Broadway 'Big' Hall, 25; Natalie Imbruglia, 31; Omar De La Hoyde, 33; Alapper, Cooper, 46; Esperanza Spalding, 27; Bob Mackie, 79. In addition, this year, you will have added determination, drive and purposes. This is a great year for self-improvement, networking, and getting on top of any legal issues, contractual dealings or partnership problems. Take the initiative and you will surprise your peers, friends and family. Your numbers are 10, 11, 17, 18, 25, 33, 34.

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Be careful with whom you share your thoughts. You will be questioned, so be prepared to back up your suggestions with facts. A trip to visit or a phone call to an old friend will give you some splendid ideas. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Think outside the box and you will get much faster results. If you can't count on someone to accomplish, you will do it by yourself. You can enjoy some enjoyment with your lifestyle and to your own well-being. Don't get angry, get busy. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): You will have a good idea that you can turn something of interest to colleagues, peers and family. An assignment may be tempting but, before you jump in, make sure it is correct. Time is on your side. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21–July 22): A partnership may need a little fine-tuning. Prepare to discuss your complaints or your ideas for improvement. Your experience and excellent memory will devoid. Cooperation and understanding will also help you get your way. 3 stars

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): You may be more inclined to deal with relationships and personal matters but you should be focusing on business and getting ahead. A serious change that will cause you to re-evaluate what you had your ground regarding a project you want to pursue. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Socializing and networking will lead to some important last changes that have to do with personal or business relationships. You can make some unexpected changes that will enhance what you have and do in the future. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Don't trust just anyone. You need to look outside your circle of friends and family and to make friends and contacts. Self-improvement projects or traveling for the overseas or information will turn out well. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): A personal investment can be made but don't share what you are doing with loved ones. A change to move or permanently is apparent of you put in the hours and show your dedication to what you are trying to pursue. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Take your time and consider your actions and you will have a better chance of choosing what needs to be done today. Change doesn't always necessary to get what you want. Think before you make any quick decisions. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Every cloud will have a silver lining when it comes to your getting what you want. Stand up for your rights, state your needs and formulate what you want in order to do what you are being asked to do. There is no use for you to do the reforms. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): The more you do for others, the more you will get in return today. As the good fortune, the humanitarian and the one who is to be helped. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): Look beyond what's right in front of you and you will find a picture of what you are up against. If you have a hidden agenda or do not play fair, it is likely to be to your benefit in the end. Focus on what you can do for others. 5 stars

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, ingenious and imaginative. You always react with confidence, making you a strong coloniser. You form strong partnerships.

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**Men's Basketball**

Switcheroo

Lineup change pays off for surging Irish

By CHRIS HINE

Juniors Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers have said a change in the lineup didn't affect how much they played, it affected how they played.

Before newly-ranked No. 22/21 Notre Dame's 90-80 win over Villanova on Jan. 26, Irish coach Mike Brey inserted Hillesland into the starting lineup for Ayers, and both said they elevated their play in the three games since the switch.

"I was in a rut for a while and the change kind of refocused me for a bit," Hillesland said after Notre Dame's win over DePaul on Saturday. "...It's not like a whole bunch happened, but we did bring a little bit of energy and coming in and contributing." Ayers hasn't seen a significant decline in minutes since coming off the bench and is still playing their same minutes and coming in and contributing.

"I think we were kind of in a slump for a couple of games, said after Notre Dame's win over DePaul on Feb. 2.

Irish forwards Rob Kurz, left, Ryan Ayers, center, and Luke Harangody attempt to block a shot during Notre Dame's 89-80 win over DePaul on Feb. 2.

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**Men's Tennis**

Doubles partners mesh well

By KATE GRABAREK

On a team with six freshmen, one has separated himself from the pack. Freshman Stephen Havens has distanced himself from the five other freshmen on this season's squad. Havens and Andrew Roth made up the No. 4 doubles team for the early part of this season.

"The doubles have been playing really well," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They make a lot of balls, and have responded well. I am pleased with them overall."

"Roth has been a pleasant surprise for the Irish this season. He battled eye injuries early in his career and has stepped into a leadership role," Bayliss said.

"He has a determined work ethic," Bayliss said. "He is a lot more accountable on the court. He has a big heart, and can do a lot of things. He will make his opponents work. While Stephen is pretty placid on court, Roth is more fiery."

Aside from Havens, the rest of the freshmen have made their presence felt.

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**Men's Track**

Split squad scores big at IU Relays

By EUGENIA ALFONZO

Although Notre Dame didn't take its entire team to the Indiana Relays this weekend, the athletes that did travel performed well.

"The athletes that did travel performed well," Joe Plane said. "We took primarily sprinters and field events kids. We had the distance roster for the upcoming meet this weekend, the Meyer Invitational."

Sophomore Greg Kiley was the exception, running a 4:13 in the mile and qualifying for the Big East Conference Meet.

Irish sophomore Matt Schlipper launches himself in the pole vault at the Blue and Gold Invitational.

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**ND Women's Tennis**

BYU presents chance to rebound

By DAN MASTERTON

Road-weary No. 12 Notre Dame begins its home schedule today against No. 54 Brigham Young after losing two of its first three matches on the road. Notre Dame (1-2) looks to win two in a row over the Cougars (2-4) after winning 5-2 last season in Provo, Utah.

Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Michigan last Thursday did not sit well with Irish coach Jay Louderback, but the team has had five days to recover and prepare for BYU.

"We just didn't play well at Michigan," Louderback said. "Friday was so close to the loss that everyone was still down. We had a better practice Saturday. I'm looking for (Monday) to be another good one to get everyone ready."

In addition to the time off, coach Louderback is happy to have his team.

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Irish junior Kelcy Tefft attempts a backhand in Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Wake Forest on Feb. 18, 2007.