Forum finds role for unions in economy

Participants discuss importance of collective bargaining for rights of labor, democracy

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Unions and management often don’t agree at the bargaining table, but Monday night, AFL-CIO Central Labor Council President Bob Warnock Jr., and AM General Vice President of Human Resources Gary Wuslich agreed that unions are essential for the health of both workers and the corporation at “Unions: The Role of Unions in Today’s Economy.” A Higgins Labor Studies Program.

“I believe there is a value to organized labor,” Wuslich, of AM General, the company that manufactures Hummers and HMMWVs, said. Wuslich describes the efforts to organize labor as one of the two great social movements of the 20th Century, with the other being the civil rights movement.

However, he said that new generations do not understand the importance of unions. “Very few people have had exposure to unions and they do not understand what it took to get where we are today,” he explained.

Bob Warnock Jr., AFL-CIO Central Labor Council President, speaks at the podium about labor unions in today’s economy.

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

The influence of hip hop on the perceptions of African American culture, especially in media, was discussed during a lecture entitled “Hip Hop Psychology 101” given by John Rogers III, director of orientation at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Rogers placed emphasis on the importance of looking back over the past and what has happened to ancestors and elders.

“When you look back over our history, and realize a lot of the things that have happened, it does give a lot of students pause,” Rogers said.

During his multimedia presentation, Rogers showed clips from cartoons, films and television to explain the promotion of racial stereotypes in these mediums through the years.

One clip was from a cartoon called “Lazy Town” that aired in the early 1930s. The African American characters are portrayed as lazy with exaggerated features. Rogers stressed the inconsistencies of these depictions.

“Slaves weren’t lazy, they couldn’t be lazy. Women would give birth to babies and had to go back out into the fields right after giving birth,” Rogers said. These incorrect representations

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CLC debates Good Samaritan Policy

DeBartolo study space, Web site, community relations also discussed

By SARAH MERSH
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council discussed technology and the Medical Amnesty Policy, which would protect students who have been drinking from getting into trouble while trying to help an intoxicated friend if they are hurt or sick, at their meeting Monday night.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt reported for the task force on technology and student space in dorms. Schmidt said he and Fr. Pete McCormick, Keough Hall’s rector, plan to meet with the coordinators of the Web site agenda.nd.edu to discuss making it simpler and more appealing.

Schmidt pulled the Web site up on an overhead to show how he thought the Web site could be improved. “It’s extremely updated and it’s very well kept. The problem with it is it’s not very appealing,” Schmidt said. “It’s just really, really confusing, in my opinion and in our task force’s opinion.”

Schmidt demonstrated how the Web site was confusing to him by clicking on the Athletics tab, and showing that Junior Parents Weekend, which is not an athletic event, was listed. Schmidt also reported that his task force is working on creating more space for studying.

“We are also going to meet with the Office Registrar to discuss the possibility of using some of the rooms in DeBartolo for study space at night,” he said.

The Diversity Council Representative Brittithe Githnji spoke in behalf of the new student introduction to Notre Dame task forces, and said they will be focusing on multi-cultural and international students.

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Profes compare development standards

By LIZ LEFEBVRE
News Writer

Two University professors discussed how to measure development across different cultures at the first lecture in the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity: Discussions on Development series Monday.

Carolyn Nordstrom, a professor in the department of Anthropology, and Amitava Dutt from the department of Economics talked about whether people across cultures and communities can agree on what development is and how it can be gauged.

Nordstrom began with two stories from her field experiences in war-torn Angola in southwestern Africa. The first story told of a small man who appeared to practice development by resettling displaced people onto a farm that produced goods which were then exported to other countries. Nordstrom pointed out that in this man’s system, he made all the profit without doing any labor.

“This man is heralded as a king of development,” she said, despite the fact that he was acting as a “robber baron” and profiting off of these displaced citizens.

Nordstrom’s second story focused on a group of women in Angola, who, after having their entire lives destroyed by the war, pooled their resources and began to make and sell their own products before eventually setting up their own community banks.

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**My 25 things**

...or 15

In lieu of the fad that is sweeping Facebook, I have decided to create my own list of 25 Things About Myself (Well, more like 15.)

1. When it's October here, I think, "God, this is the most beautiful place on earth. How come I got so lucky as to end up here?"

2. My roommates and I absolutely adore the dining hall's sweet potato fries. Whenever they gloriously appear, we have a mass texting circle that coordinates how we will systematically fill as many as possible from the DIL to our room.

3. When I work out I put my laptop on the elliptical trainer console and watch an episode of whichever TV show I am currently obsessed with at the moment. Yes, Enough to get me out of bed at 7 a.m. I love it.

4. I get sick, twisted pleasure out of ripping out the electrical chord of the freezer and nice and cold. I will stop the chim p from getting cold.

5. I have full conversations with my dining table. They are not very engaging.

6. I have joined the "Fighting for Footloose" boycott. I only get 6-inch, but if I figure the footlong price goes down to $5, the 6-inch will have to do.

7. There is a video of me on YouTube that has 22,409 views. I don't know if that makes me proud or frightened.

8. I have written 41 articles for The Observer.

9. My roommates have somehow gotten it in their heads that they can convince me to do anything, no matter how ridiculous. And it's usually that makes me proud or frightened.

10. In my film class, two class periods in a row I have gotten up to go to the bathroom. I'm starting to worry people in class will only recognize me as the "Bathroom Girl."

11. I have had full conversations with my dining table. They are not very interesting.

12. I have joined the "Fighting for Footloose" boycott. I only get 6-inch, but if I figure the footlong price goes down to $5, the 6-inch will have to do.

13. I am addicted to the Web site Starbucks. For a jewelry salesman who was held up.


15. My 25 percent off receipt at the bookstore did not count for the $20 pack of 50 CDs, and I was sorely disappointed.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF CANDY?**

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**IN BRIEF**

"How the Health Are You?" A health fair open to students, will take place Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Reifs Sports Recreation Center. The event is free and attendees have the chance to win raffle prizes, including a free roundtrip ticket anywhere in the United States.

The Saint Mary's senior class is hosting "Financial Tips for Recent College Graduates," a lecture by Professor Susan Vogel Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in 335 Sues Unica Hall.

Men Against Violence will present "That's What He Said," images of Modern Masculinity," a lecture relating the TV show "The Office" and the roles of men and women on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Carewe Auditorium in Hesburgh Library.

Panelists, including students, professors and members of the South Bend community, will debate President Obama's impact on diversity Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The Class of 2012 presents "Frosh Four Square" Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Stepan Center. The event is free to participate, and $5 for a T-shirt.

David Walker, the president and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, will speak Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The event is part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

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

**OFFBEAT**

Police shoot chimp after it attacks woman

STAMFORD, Conn. -- A 175-pound chimpanzee kept as a pet was shot and attacking the woman by stabbing it with a butcher knife.

Starbucks heist costs jeweler $300,000

PARKER, Colo. -- How much is a cup of coffee at Starbucks? For a jewelry salesman and women on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Rolfs Sports Center lounge.

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Professor’s book looks at plagiarism

Special to The Observer

Susan D. Blum, associate professor of anthropology at Notre Dame, is the author of a new book titled “My Word! Plagiarism and College Culture,” which explores the prevalence of plagiarism among American college students and why it exists.

Blum is a cultural and linguistic anthropologist who has been researching deception, truth, lying and cheating for several years, mostly in the context of China but also cross-culturally. In “My Word!” she examines in greater depth the specific area of plagiarism, in which these same accusations are made.

“My goal simply is understanding,” Blum said. “The book examines the complexity of student behavior using standard anthropological tools for holistic approach to a problem. I see my role as a translator of students’ culture to non-students through analysis of the perspectives of faculty, administrators and students. I neither excuse nor blame students for the behavior we lump together as ‘plagiarism.’ Rather than complaining about how ‘lazy’ or ‘distracted’ they are, I decided to investigate all the claims on their time, and I offer suggestions to help faculty and administrators better communicate with them.”

Blum, who served for five years as director of Notre Dame’s Center for Asian Studies, also is the author of “Lies That Bind: Chinese Truth, Other Truths,” which explores the ideology of truth and deception in China and elsewhere, as well as “Making Sense of Language: Readings in Culture and Communication,” and “Portraits of ‘Primitives’: Ordering Human Kinds in the Chinese Nation. She is co-editor of “China Off Center: Mapping the Margins of the Middle Kingdom.”

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2000, Blum was graduated from Stanford University. She earned master’s degrees in anthropology and Chinese language and literature and her doctoral degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan.

Hip Hop

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These incorrect representations have continued into the hip-hop genre, he said. Music throughout the decades has changed drastically according to Rogers. In the 1970s, African American music included the Sugar Hill Gang. In the 1990s, gangster rap began becoming popular.

Now, African American music is “no holds barred,” Rogers said. He related this idea to the use of the “N” word in our society. Rogers commented on the use of the word all over the world, and how its use in music can be more influential than people realize.

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Black Entertainment Television (BET) or MTV, which air black music and entertainment, use low quality music and lack diversity, Rogers said.

“There is something going on with our stations and the music getting to us, and the mainstream stations and the music getting to them,” Rogers said.

Rogers also explored the statistics in African American society. Twice as many black women graduate from college as men, he said. He also discussed the increase of divorce and single parents in this country for all races, and how that has negatively affected the black middle class.

“We think of African American children raised in middle class households ‘end up near poor,’ he said.

To conclude the presentation, Rogers showed a slide show that illustrated the African American struggle from slavery, to the Civil Rights movement, to today’s portrayal of black culture in the media. Pictures of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X went across the screen as music from the hip hop genre played in the background.

One of his closing slides had a quote from Dr. Manning Si reading, “We are the physical and spiritual fusion of ancestors whose genes we carry. Knowing our history is a starting point in the pursuit of knowing yourself.”

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In other BOG news, Fr. Jim Lewis, rector of Purcell, Catholic Social Teaching strongly believes in the need for labor unions as it extends from humanity’s co-relation with God in Genesis. "Not only is life important, but quality of life is important," Purcell said. People have a natural right to decent work, fair wages and private property, he said. According to Catholic Social Teaching, economies exist for people and systems are supposed to serve the people, not the other way around. Catholic Social Teaching also points out the importance of its emphasis on the community, according to Purcell. "Everything that we do has to be about building community," he said. "They are the heart of the union." Many of the audience members at Monday evening's forum were local union members, representatives of employers, workers, carpenters, electricians, postal workers and others. Some in attendance were local activists and 1970 Notre Dame graduate David Janes. Janes argued that the idea that unions is incomplete without mentioning organized labor in third world countries. "I can't imagine a discussion of labor today that doesn't include or correlate to the lives of people," Purcell said. "We do things that are so different than what we do here in the United States." The April 30 program will take place at Spring Break.

Linda Cirillo, rector of Lewis Hall, said the task force also wants to look into what other colleges have to offer and perhaps implement a similar issue into the Student Government Survey, which will take place over Spring Break.

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Submarines crash in Atlantic Ocean

LONDON — Nuclear submarines from Britain and France collided deep in the Atlantic Ocean this month, authorities said Monday in the first acknowledgment of a highly unusual accident that one expert called the gravest in nearly a decade.

Officials said the slow-speed crash did not damage the vessels' nuclear reactors or missiles or cause radiation to leak. But anti-nuclear groups said it was still a highly unusual accident that one expert called the gravest in nearly a decade.

The first public indication of a mishap came Monday in a report that one of the submarines had struck a submerged object in the northern Atlantic Ocean last week, according to British media.

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UAW, GM make progress in talks

Associated Press

DETROIT — With a government-imposed deadline for its restructuring plan just a day away, General Motors Corp. was making progress Monday in concessions talks with debtholders and its main union, but deals may not come until after the deadline passes, according to people briefed on the situation.

Talks at GM and Chrysler LLC, both of which are living off billions in government loans, continued Monday with few details emerging. Both companies must submit plans to the Treasury Department by Tuesday to show how they will repay the loans and become viable again.

Two people briefed on the GM plan reported progress toward a deal with the United Auto Workers. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because the negotiations are private.

But UAW Legislative Director Alan Reuther said Monday he does not expect labor agreement by Tuesday's deadline.

One of the people briefed on GM's plan said some parts, such as bondholder and labor agreements, probably won't be complete by the time the plan is submitted to the Treasury Department late Tuesday. GM executives have said the company only has to show substantial progress by Tuesday, with the whole plan finalized by March 31.

Reuther, who heads the UAW's Washington office, said he had not been updated on the talks since Sunday night but he doesn't expect agreements before Tuesday. He said the Obama administration's appointment Sunday night of a task force to oversee the automakers' restructuring should get things moving.

"I think this is an ongoing process, and having the Obama administration finally putting this task force in operation, hopefully it will be able to facilitate discussions going forward," Reuther said.

At GM, UAW bargainers walked out of talks Friday night in a spat over the company's contributions to a union-run trust fund that will take on retiree health care expenses starting next year. Although talks resumed Sunday, Reuther said the union's concerns had not been resolved.

GM has received $9.4 billion in government loans and is to get another $4 billion if its plan is approved. The plans must include concessions from debtholders and unions as well as substantial restructuring.

GM is likely to seek more money, at least up to the $18 billion that it requested from Congress in December, in its worst-case scenario projections. That scenario has arrived with U.S. sales at a 26-year low and auto sales dropping in other parts of the world, a person briefed on GM's plan said.

The plan will stick with GM's public strategy of trying to remain viable and avoiding Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been finalized.

GM's plan will discuss cost savings from labor concessions and additional plant closures, but the locations of those plants will not be revealed, another person briefed on the plan said Monday. The number of factories to be closed wasn't available.

GM's board met Monday by teleconference to go over the plan, but details could not be obtained.

The people briefed on the plan said it will include more information about how GM will cut some of its eight brands, although nothing will be finalized. The company already has said Saab and Hummer are up for sale and Saturn is under review, leaving GM to focus on Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC and Buick, with Pontiac reduced to one or two models.

Earlier, local union officials said negotiations had been slowed by the Obama administration's delay in appointing a "car czar." But Sunday night, the White House announced that a task force to oversee the company's restructuring.

Obama to decide troop levels in Afghanistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's chief spokesman said Monday that he will make a decision "within days, not weeks," on how many additional troops to send to Afghanistan, and when.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs made the observation in a chat with reporters Monday aboard Air Force One as Obama and his family flew back to the Washington area after a long weekend in his hometown of Chicago.

The president, his wife and daughters arrived at the military base just outside Washington at midday Monday. His family had left for Chicago on Friday aboard Air Force One. Among items topping Obama's agenda this week is signing into law the $787 billion economic stimulus plan that Congress passed last Friday.

Obama has been widely believed likely to send fresh forces to the Afghan battle even as a wide review of U.S. strategy and goals there gets fully under way.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates had told a Pentagon news conference last week that Obama "will have several options in front of him." Gates suggested, as have other officials, that the ground commander in Afghanistan would eventually get all the forces he has asked for, but no more.

Lt. Gen. David McKiernan wants more fighting forces and support troops such as helicopter crews to push back against the Taliban in Afghanistan's increasingly dangerous south and eastern regions.

An opponent of the "surge" of U.S. forces that is now credited with turning around the Iraq war, Obama has taken a cautious approach to the addition of forces in Afghanistan. He is expected to initially approve only part of a military request for as many as 30,000 forces this year, while military and civilian advisers repaint U.S. war goals.

While in Chicago, the first family did not have a public schedule. The president played basketball with friends, visited the gym and got a haircut. Barack and Michelle Obama celebrated Valentine's Day with a dinner at Oprah Winfrey's personal chef's restaurant on Saturday.

It was Obama's first significant trip since taking office on Jan. 20.

Obama won't be in Washington long; he heads to Denver, Colo., Arizona and Canada this week and has plans to sign the stimulus legislation in Denver.

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Clinton weighs in on economic crisis

Washington — Former President Bill Clinton said Monday he thinks the country will surmount the current economic crisis, but sees the threat of terrorism and global instability as a longer-term problem.

Clinton also gave President Barack Obama high marks for his handling of the $787 billion stimulus package, which combines spending and tax cuts, will be too specific.

"It means more red ink at the corporate street, but before things possibly can improve. The picture future health of the agency is hard to forecast. It hinged on interest rates, the length of the recession and the PBGC's own luck in playing the market, where it has billions at stake."

The agency has $63 billion in assets. But it is obligated to spend $74 billion on pension benefits in the coming years. The PBGC might have time to think on how to spend the money before things possibly can improve. "Someday — probably more than 20 years from now — there's a significant chance that someone might have to go to the piper," said former PBGC Director Charles F. Milhous. Bush administration appointees who stepped down on Jan. 20 when Barack Obama became president. "In the near-term, medium-term, there will be no need for a bailout of PBGC."

The PBGC quickly operates in a brick office building a few blocks from the White House. Its fate is important to the workers covered by more than 350 employers-sponsored benefit pension plans, and to all taxpayers who could be asked to foot the bill if its financial picture worsens down the road.

Congress created the PBGC in 1974 to guarantee the retirement security of workers covered by defined benefit pension plans. These traditional plans, which pay a specified monthly benefit at retirement, are being phased out as companies turn to 401(k)-style programs that require workers to make contributions and shoulder investment risks. The PBGC, which receives no tax dollars, gets its money from premiums paid by companies that sponsor the pension plans, along with revenue from its investments.

The corporation's balance sheet has taken heavy hits in recent years. Nine of the 10 largest pension plan terminations in PBGC's history, including United Airlines, Bethlehem Steel and Kaiser Aluminum, have occurred since 2001.

... Oil prices stable as demand decreases

Oil prices were stable Tuesday as the government reported that demand has fallen, despite much higher prices than last year.

"Until demand picks up, oil won't get the full lift," said Meussa Marafi, a high-ranking Kuwaiti oil official, told Al Nahar newspaper in comments published Sunday that crude prices are unlikely to rise above $40 per barrel, even if OPEC decides to cut as much as 2 million barrels per day next month.

Oil prices are being pressured by surging U.S. crude inventories and a lack of compliance to quotas by some OPEC members, he said.

"Many of us think $50 per barrel is the price, but it's not going to send the market up to $70.* "

U.S. markets are closed Monday for Presidents Day.

Investors have already priced in the passage of a $787 billion stimulus package that President Barack Obama plans to sign on Tuesday and will be looking for its impact on consumer and industrial demand in the coming months.

Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Oil prices stayed above $72 a barrel Monday in Asia as OPEC members talked up more production cuts over the weekend amid worries about global demand for crude.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery is up by 38 cents to $72.75 a barrel, by midday in Singapore on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose $1.43 on Friday to settle at $71.51.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has contemplated most of the 4.2 million barrels a day of output reductions discussed since September, but the cuts have been overwhelmed by a collapse in crude demand and the global slowdown.

On Sunday, Mohammad Saleh al-Sadah, Qatar's minister of state for energy and industry affairs, said OPEC is ready to cut output further when it meets next month. Al-Sadah said a reasonable price for oil would be $70 a barrel.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said Saturday that OPEC would support new production cuts in the face of rising crude inventories.

"It's probably 50-50 that they'll cut again in March," said Clarence Chu, a trader at market maker Hudson Capital Energy in Singapore. "The budgets of a lot of those countries run on oil so they need the price higher."

Even within OPEC, however, there is skepticism over whether reducing supply will spur higher prices. Kuwaiti oil official, told Al Nahar newspaper in comments published Sunday that crude prices are unlikely to rise above $40 per barrel, even if OPEC decides to cut as much as 2 million barrels per day next month.

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Ex-inmates hope for reconciliation after incarceration

Congress-approved Second Chance Act could help non-violent offenders find jobs, housing and counseling

Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. —** Ex-convict Vikki Hankins had the misfortune of being freed from prison during the worst recession since the Great Depression. While serving an 18-year sentence for a nonviolent federal drug conviction, she was assured of taxpayer-funded food and shelter. Now on the outside after her first offense, she lives in a motel room and struggles to find work.

Like thousands leaving prison amid the economic slump, Hankins could be helped by the Second Chance Act, a program approved by Congress to help nonviolent offenders get a new start on life.

Signed by then-president George W. Bush in April, the Second Chance Act is designed to help ex-cons get jobs, housing and counseling. But congressional backers worry the program is tight.

The Second Chance Act would support programs already in place or fund new ones that would help keep in thousands of ex-offenders from going back to overcrowded prisons — saving taxpayer money in the long run.

In many ways," Hankins said, "it's harder than being incarcerated.

Hankins, who heard about the Second Chance Act about the time she was released, is watching and waiting to see if its funding will be approved this year.

Lawmakers believed the Second Chance Act could help whittle down some of the $30 billion-plus spent on offenders behind bars. According to the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2.3 million people in the U.S. are held in jails, state lockups or federal facilities.

The Second Chance law won wide bipartisan support in 2008. Lawmakers anticipated setting aside $165 million a year in grants to nonprofit organizations, religious groups and states to help prisoners re-enter society, but so far no funding has been approved.

U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, D-Illinois, said funding for Second Chance wasn't part of the stimulus bill, instead, it is expected to be in the annual appropriations package.

Those who work with ex-felons say grant money from Second Chance would support programs already in place or fund new ones that would help keep in thousands of ex-offenders from going back to overcrowded prisons — saving taxpayer money in the long run.

"In this economy, many of these individuals are going to be left out, left behind," said Davis, who sponsored the Second Chance Act. "At the end of the day, they will be just as unemployed as before."

Lawmakers have been scared off by her past, and she's one of many people looking for work in Florida. The state's jobless rate hovers above 8 percent, topping the national average.

Hankins does do administrative work with a group started by a retired federal corrections officer, called Advocate 4 Justice, which lobbies lawmakers to reinstate federal parole — particularly for nonviolent drug offenders. In exchange, the group helps pay her weekly motel bills and some basics such as toiletries and clothing. Still, she hasn't made enough for a car or a down-payment on an apartment rental.

"I want to establish a life for myself. But where is my home going to be? What am I going to do for the rest of my life?"

Vikki Hankins

Ex-convict

Orlando, Fla.
S.C. Police announce Phelps won’t face drug charges

Lack of physical evidence keeps Olympic star out of hot water; eight others arrested, seven charged in investigation

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Now that Michael Phelps won’t face drug charges, he can try to distance himself from a photo that showed the Olympic smoking a marijuana pipe.

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A South Carolina sheriff decided Monday after a highly publicized investigation that he simply didn’t have enough physical evidence to charge the 14-time gold medalist with marijuana possession.

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With the costs of home-schooling a one-need child, Arlene Dawes of Raleigh, N.C., says dial-up Internet is much cheaper than broadband. Chuck Hug says the high-speed Internet options available in his rural neighborhood near Little Rock, Ark., are too pricey.

Lightning speed Internet is the wave of the future. But in a recession, good old dial-up service might get a longer look. Now Internet providers that have seen their dial-up customer base whittled during the past decade see an opportunity to stay in the game by offering the budget-conscious a cheaper option.

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“Dial-up is declining overall, but that doesn’t mean it’s not still appreciated elsewhere,” said Kevin Brand, senior vice president of product management at EarthLink, who questions whether the people who have bundles including broadband may be looking at their bill and thinking, “Do I really need all this?”

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Only 9 percent of Americans were still using dial-up in a study last year by the Pew Internet & American Life Project. Time Warner Inc.’s AOL, once the king of dial-up with almost 27 million subscribers at its peak, decided long ago to prop itself up instead of advertising revenue. Now AOL, whose Internet subscribers are still mainly dial-up customers, counts 6.9 million of them.

The lawyer expects his clients to either have the charge dismissed or for them to get a conditional discharge, which allows an offender to avoid punishment as long as they comply with certain conditions for six months and stay out of trouble.

Porsche seized from a drug dealer.

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Obama is not Lincoln

Even before he was elected, Barack Obama has attempted to model his rise to power and subsequent presidency on that of his hero, Abraham Lincoln. From the announcement of his candidacy at the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois, where Lincoln gave his "House Divided" speech, to his arrival by train to Washington, D.C., on Inauguration Day, to being sworn in with his hand on the very Bible Lincoln used, to dining upon Lincoln-inspired foods at the inaugural lunch,

Obama shows no qualms about comparing himself to the man who often sits atop historians' lists of greatest presidents in our nation's history.

The mainstream media, throwing all semblance of objectivity aside in an orgy of adulation for their beloved Chosen One, have seized upon the President's own blantly deliberate attempts to draw parallels between himself and Lincoln with immense enthusiasm.

They eagerly point out that the two men were both lawyers of humble origins, both began their political careers in Illinois, and both served in that state's legislature. They compare Obama's eloquence to Lincoln's profound gift of rhetoric.

They have even gone as far as observing their similarities in height and stature to prove their point. And instead of honoring the real man of the hour, they transformed the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth into yet another chance to trumpet Obama's Lincolnesque qualities.

In their eyes, the current president might well be a stoopie hat, grow a beard, and have his visage carved into the side of Mount Rushmore.

Should our leaders understand that it is perfectly reasonable for presidents to draw inspiration from their predecessors, and Obama has every right to express gratitude to Lincoln for setting the stage that enabled him to become the first African-American president.

But when the endless barrage of analogies begins to distort the truth, we must take a step back to reevaluate the accuracy of our oversimplified characterizations.

Indeed, there exist substantial differences between the two men that go beyond the superficial level of origin, career and appearance.

For instance, Obama's admirers and critics alike praise him as a gifted speaker, just as generations of Americans continue to extol Lincoln's powerful speeches.

The difference, though, is that while Lincoln's rhetoric is steeped in substance and profound wisdom, Obama's words lose their luster when read from a transcript. The phrase, "you can't can" may have been an effective campaigning tool, but in terms of content, it has little to nothing.

Upon closer inspection of their ideologies, it becomes apparent that Obama's vision for America dramatically diverges from the path Lincoln carved as president.

When Lincoln assumed office in the midst of Southern secession, he knew that the nation would have to fight a war in order to remain united. Unlike his Secretary of State, William Seward, who attempted to reach an agreement with the South that would convince them to remain in the Union, Lincoln refused to hedge on his opposition to the spread of slavery, even though he knew this would provoke Southern aggression.

Somehow I can't see Obama, the champion of diplomacy and reaching out to hostile nations, taking a similar stance.

Obviously Lincoln was not very popular among Southerners, but many people today are unaware of the fact that some Northerners criticized the president for being on the side of the President never intended for his actions to mean granting Southerners their independence as a slave-holding nation.

Obamas and Lincoln's today, like their forebears in the North, would rather see that terrorists are granted the right to habeas corpus and pull our troops out of Iraq than ensure American victory there.

But the most prominent difference between Lincoln and Obama stems from Lincoln's straightforward devotion to individual liberty. Although modern historians trace the expansive growth of the federal government to Lincoln's assumption of broad presidential power during wartime, the President never intended for his actions to establish a precedent upon which his successors could claim increased authority.

Writing in response to accusations of tyranny, Lincoln declared:

"I can no more be persuaded that the Government can constitutionally take no strong measures in time of rebellion, because it can be shown that the same could not lawfully be taken in time of peace, than I can be persuaded that a particular drug is not good medicine for a sick man, because it can be shown not to be good for a well man."

Here, Lincoln demonstrates his recognition that his actions were authorized by extraordinary circumstances, but would not be justified during any other time.

Furthermore, the argument that Lincoln's support for a strong federal government, as opposed to state rights, would have made him a liberal in today's world because back then there was disagreement over whether or not the states had the legal ability to withdraw from Constitutional rule.

Today, the states' rights debate deals with opposition to the federal government's encroachment on the states' sphere of authority as legislated by the Constitution in the Tenth Amendment. Obama and his party are seeking to expand the federal government to new levels of vastness. Lincoln, with his heightened understanding of the Constitution, would balk at the suggestion.

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I bet when you turned 18 you were excited to finally be able to legally buy a lottery ticket, tobacco products, and maybe even some pornography, but I bet you overlooked a critical freedom that became available when you crossed that milestone. In most states of the union, at age 18 you are able to purchase a long gun, which includes shotguns and many types of rifles, as long as you are an American citizen, are not a criminal, and have no record of untreatable mental health. At 21, you are able to purchase a handgun in most states. That's good to know, but why would anyone need to think about buying one? Aren't guns outdated tools that are only useful in movies filled with zombies?

There are many arguments as to why or why not the second amendment should be heeded. One is hunting, and yes, there are still people who mostly survive off of what they shoot today. I think their rights should be secured as long as they hunt within the law, but I have to admit that this is a small percentage of the population. Opponents argue that guns cause crime, which I again have to admit that guns make crimes much easier to commit. They argue that the police have guns and it's their job to stop the "bad guys." Now we come to the crucial juncture. We have institutionalized personal protection and outsourced it to others who are not our person. In the process we have surrendered our right to defend ourselves and instead have to pray for the help of those who are tasked by law to help us.

But what if no one comes? We have seen in episodes like Hurricane Katrina, you can't depend on the government to save you (doesn't matter who is in the White House). Now, the majority democrats and liberals in the federal government will actively seek to limit your gun ownership rights even further. When this happens, you will be even more dependent on others to save you when chaos breaks out or as I like to say, "when the feticial matter hits the propagator." Buying a gun is not a complicated matter. At a certified dealer, you select a firearm that matches your needs. Like anything, you should shop around and find the real price. You may expect to fill out a mountain of paperwork to secure ownership in this country, but in fact is only one or two sheets of paper with questions certifying that you are eligible to own a firearm. The dealer will then call in to the Department of Justice to verify that you check out, and the whole process takes about half an hour, give or take. It is always important to handle guns safely and before purchasing firearm, one should research gun safety tips or consult a professional. Gun ownership is a hefty responsibility. Any crimes committed with your firearm will be traced back to you, and any fatal mistakes you make while handling a gun will live with you forever. It is illegal to conceal your weapon in public without a concealed carry license, which can be acquired through a certification class.

Shooting guns can be a lot of fun, and there are many places that easier to gun enthusiasm. Often there will be gun clubs or local ranges in your area, where you can practice against targets. These places are good areas to interact with other gun owners and pick up tips and tricks to improve your accuracy and gun handling.

Thomas Jefferson wrote specifically in the Declaration of Independence that "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness." Without guns, the revolutions would not have been able to break away from the tyranny of English monarchy. And so, it is a sacred right of Americans to also bear arms in the event our government is perverted by evil men, so that as a people we may restore a republic of "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Guns are an insurance policy for survival when the law no longer applies. Whether it's in the back alley with a gangster or the collapse of civilization, the ones who are prepared will be the ones who have a better chance to survive.

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If you're a slasher movie fan, your taste for blood has probably been wanting at the cinema lately. Who wants to watch some girl get haunted by her dead evil twin or, worse yet, see anemic vampires talk about their feelings? Never fear because one of horror's favorite sons, Jason Voorhees, the machete-wielding killing machine in a hockey mask, is back at Camp Crystal Lake to start some mayhem for any sexy teens who happen by in the remake of 1980's "Friday the 13th".

In the tradition of other recent horror remakes like 2003's "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" with Jessica Biel and Rob Zombie's 2007 "Halloween," this "Friday the 13th" has a much more polished and stylized look to it than the low-budget original. It is also a lot more gruesome with some of the most needlessly elaborate, cringe-worthy demises to suit anyone's tastes. Without giving spoilers, some of the best macabre moments involve a mishap with an iPod, a decorative wall furnishing and a sleeping bag being put in a precarious position.

The film does try and inject some black humor throughout with moderate success, but basically you are just waiting for the next person to get axed. One certainly never ends up caring for any of the over-sexed, perpetually wasted teenagers that get slaughtered in what ends up being a pretty predictable, check-list fashion. Although all the effects and gore are very (technically) well-done, it really isn't anything a horror fan hasn't seen or heard before a million times. Jason Voorhees has always kind of been second-in-command to the likes of big horror movie baddies like Michael Myers and Freddy Krueger. This is pretty unfortunate because Jason has just as much history and on-screen presence as those icons, he's just a little different. That being said, Jason certainly deserves a high-quality Hollywood reboot like this, but it would have been a lot more effective if he had gotten a more original script to work with and something more to do than just brood and stab.

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Next track on the album is "The Fear," sung from the perspective of a spoiled rich girl. Again, it feels less like a song with a message and more like a catchy pop tune with an angle. Still, though, it's good. The third track, "Not Fair" is a sequel of sorts to "Not Big" from "Alright, Still." It's a hilarious number about less-than-stellar boyfriends actually set to the sound of Western-inspired banjos. Enough said. "Never Gonna Happen" is one of the best songs on the album. It features the best use of accordions in a pop song in a while, if not ever. "F*** You" is the first single off the album, and it starts off sounding like a sitcom from the 70s. In reality, it's actually an anti-Bush song, and gives some insight into European perspective. It makes for an interesting context, but the song itself is just a great pop number. "Who'd Have Known" and "Chinese," two classic pop ballads, prove that Lily Allen does actually have some vocal ability, and that she's not just an eccentric oddball. "It's Not Me, It's You" is often raunchy, crass and explicit, but Lily Allen hides it well. Her songs often have the drug-like ability of distracting from the lyrics. The lyrics specifically are very hit-or-miss, but with Allen's sound, that doesn't really matter. Her songs are great pieces of pop that can revel in irrelevancy. As a whole, the album is solid, but each song stands out in its own right. Lily Allen never fails at making fun music. Some of her songs are insightful political and social commentaries, while others just try to be, but she has created a great work of pop that deserves a listen. Lily Allen will be playing in Chicago on April 12 at the Vic Theatre, which will undoubtedly be a great venue for Allen's danceable pure pop. This show is definitely worth a look.

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Scene Writer

Last week, British songstress Lily Allen followed up her acclaimed album "Alright, Still" with "It's Not Me, It's You." Allen still sounds like the same quirky pop-punk girl she was in "Alright, Still," but she does always succeed at making people want to dance. Lily Allen's particular brand of pop may not suit the tastes of every listener, but it is infectious. Each song on "It's Not Me, It's You" could be a hit single. In some ways, this makes Allen's album less cohesive, but that's not really her goal. Each song is just meant to be a great song. The album starts off with "Everyone's At It," which is total old-school Lily Allen. The song is so catchy that it's easy to forget that it's about drug-ridden society. As a message about drugs, it's not totally effective. At inducing head bobbing, it succeeds.

"It's Not Me, It's You"
Lily Allen

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PHOENIX — Terry Porter has decided Monday after a highly publicized investigation that he can't work with. "He never said, 'I smoked marijuana.' He never confessed that," the sheriff said. Phelps, who lost a major endorsement and faces a three-month competition suspension in the fallout from the photo, said he was trying to put the ordeal behind him. "I'm all about recognizing that I used bad judgment and it's a mistake I won't make again," the swimmer said in a statement. "For young people especially—he careful about the decisions you make. One bad decision can really hurt you and the people you care about. I really appreciate the support my family and fans have shown me.

The photo showed Phelps smoking from a marijuana pipe at a party in November when he visited the University of South Carolina.

Lott said authorities seized the marijuana water pipe, known as a bong, in the photo during the investigation but couldn't prove Phelps had smoked from it.

Holding a bong is not a crime, he said. "They're sold in stores. We're kind of sending a double message," Lott said. "You can buy rolling papers at any convenience store in the world, but we're telling kids not to smoke dope.

Phelps didn't get through the scandal unscathed, though. USA Swimming suspended Phelps for three months in the wake of the photo, and Kellogg Co. said it wouldn't renew its endorsement deal with him.

But while the swimmer won't face any charge, eight people were arrested during the investigation when a small amount of marijuana was found in ruins on two homes. The bong was found in a car.

Seven people have been charged with simple possession of marijuana, which carries a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail or a $575 fine. Another person was arrested for driving under suspension.

The sheriff, known for his tough stance on drug crimes, said ignoring the photo would have sent a message of tolerance. Phelps' "bad decision and the highly published photo placed me and the Richland County Sheriff's Department in a no-win situation. Ignore it and he can be criticized or address it and he is criticized. I chose to do what was right," said Lott. A Democrat who was first elected in 1996.

Lott rose from patrol officer to captain of the narcotics division in the early 1990s. He was well-known in the county for wearing stylish suits like the drug agents on "Miami Vice" and driving a Porche seized from a drug dealer.

Assistant coach Alvin Gentry to replace Porter as head coach, promises return to success for struggling Suns

Doug Collins there. "The Suns are the eight things for driving an acid coach this season, meaning more than one person of languag­ es are gone at the All-Star break.

General manager Steve Kerr said he went to Porter's home Sunday to tell him of the deci­sion. "I hired Terry because I believed in him. He's got a ton of integrity and dignity and class, and he's got a great work ethic," Kerr said. "I hired him because I believed he was the best man for the job."

But Kerr said he probably underestimated the difficulty of hiring, D'Antoni's unorthodox style.

Porter, who played in the NBA for 17 seasons, was an assistant with the Pistons when he was hired by the Suns. The intention was for him to bring the Pistons' defense-oriented style. It was a bad fit.

"In the last month, it became apparent to me that, look, this is not working," Kerr said. "What we're trying is not working.

"I think we still can make this a very successful season. This was a move I think we had to make in order to give our team the best chance for success."
Fred Taylor runs the football during the 2008 season. Taylor was released by the Jacksonville Jaguars on Monday after playing with the team for 11 seasons. Taylor is 16th on the all-time rushing yards leaders list.

Taylor, who turned 33 last month and was scheduled to make $6 million next season, said he would like to retire after passing French Barry Sanders (12,312) on the career list. Brown, Chicago's Walter Payton (16,726), Detroit's Barry Sanders (15,269) and San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson (11,760) are the only running backs ahead of Taylor who spent their entire careers with the same team.

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**CYCLING**

**Leipheimer takes second**

Armstrong involved in early crash in second stage of Tour of California

Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Lance Armstrong took a spill when he got tangled with a motorcycle, and still moved up a spot in the overall standings Monday at the Tour of California after a rainy and crash-filled second stage.

Two-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer of Santa Rosa, Calif., became the third different race leader. He emerged from a chasing group on the final climb with about 17 miles left before finishing a close second to stage winner Thomas Peterson of North Bend, Wash.

Peterson was victorious in the 115.9-mile Sausalito to Santa Cruz road race in 5 hours, 6 minutes and 20 seconds.

Strong wind and heavy rain hampered the field throughout most of the stage, which crossed the Golden Gate Bridge shortly after the start.

Armstrong, the seven-time Tour de France winner after a 3 1/2-year retirement, had his crossbar massaged throughout the stage.

“Armstrong quickly received a spare bike from a team car and returned to the field with the assistance of teammate Jose Luis Rubiera of Spain. Armstrong, who began the day in fifth place, is now fourth, 30 seconds behind. He finished 13th in the stage.”

Floyd Landis, the former 2006 Tour de France champ competing for the first time following a two-year doping suspension, is 29th overall, 6:04 behind.

In addition to Armstrong’s crash, a group of 15 riders also crashed during the stage.

Andy Jacques-Maynes of Capitola, Calif., was also fell into a parked car and left the race in an ambulance. He suffered head and ankle injuries not considered serious, said Ben Jacques-Maynes, his brother and teammate.

Leipheimer, who began the day trailing former race leader Francisco Mancebo of Spain by 1 minute and 2 seconds, now leads the race’s fourth edition by 24 seconds over Michael Rogers of Australia.

David Zubriskie of Salt Lake City is third overall, trailing Leipheimer by 28 seconds.

“The weather has been nasty the last couple of days and it really changes the race,” Leipheimer said. “I thought I better go because I didn’t want to freeze up. I felt great, and I told (Yaroslav) Popovych I feel great, let’s go. I couldn’t wait any longer. I had to go.”

Peterson, who missed his starting time Saturday in the prologue and finished last, rode behind Leipheimer in the final miles after being part of an earlier lead group.

“I just stayed on his (Leipheimer’s) wheel,” Peterson said. “It was pretty easy.”

Leipheimer, who earned his fifth Tour of California career stage win, rode among teammates, including Armstrong, throughout much of the stage.

Leipheimer launched off the front of a group chasing Carlos Barredo of Spain, who pedaled in a solo lead until he began to lag on the final climb.

Mancebo, who rode to a long solo victory in the opening stage, now trails a further of Barredo.

“Even though I had a rough rider today, I can still compete for the (leader’s) jersey as well as the other jerseys,” said Mancebo, who finished 27th in the stage and dropped to 16th place, trailing by 56 seconds.

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

Bradford wins O’Brien Trophy, looks ahead

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — No second thoughts for Sam Bradford.

At a time when top NFL prospects are getting ready for the draft, Bradford on Monday night was recognized with the Davey O’Brien Award as the nation’s top quarterback — and looking ahead to another chance to lead Oklahoma to a national championship.

The NFL will have to wait another year — maybe two — for the O’Brien and Heisman Trophy winner. The 24-14 loss to Florida in last month’s BCS national championship is what occupies his thoughts, not the decision he made to bypass the pros for now for another season with the Sooners.

“It’s great to be in the game, but probably a lot more frustrating to actually be in the game and lose than if you weren’t in the game at all,” Bradford said. “I’ve thought about it probably every day since the game, just different things that could have gone different. I’m using it as motivation right now, work hard than I’ve ever worked to get back in that game.”

Bradford has thrown for 7,841 yards and a school-record 86 touchdowns in his two seasons at Oklahoma, including 50 this past season as a sophomore.

Though he would have been a high draft pick, Bradford decided last month to stay with the Sooners. Before I made that decision, I knew whichever direction I was going to go, I had to be fully committed, and I had to just look ahead and not look in the past,” Bradford said. “I felt like I made the right decision.”

Two months after being named the O’Brien winner, the magnitude of the award hit him as he stared at the list of previous winners while sitting in his hotel room before the banquet.

“It was really humbling. It almost took my breath away,” Bradford said. “It was hard for me to comprehend that I joined a list of football players that I idolized growing up.

Among the former O’Brien winners are Florida’s Tim Tebow, who as a sophomore last year also won the Heisman and is also returning to the Gators, Troy Aikman, Steve Young, Peyton Manning and Jim McMahon, the initial recipient in 1981.

Bradford shared the podium with Super Bowl-winning and former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Theismann, who was presented the O’Brien Legends award. Theismann spoke with motivation right now, work hard than I’ve ever worked to get back in that game.”
Tribe enjoying new Arizona spring training facilities

By Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Fresh from a morning run on an underwater treadmill in the 1,200-square-foot hydrotherapy room across the hall, designated hitter Travis Hafner sat at his locker while a few teammates watched highlights of the 1997 World Series on one of four plasma TVs hanging from the ceiling.

He's back to the giant screens. Hafner sifted through a box stuffed with fan mail. Some of the envelopes had been forwarded.

The Cleveland Indians have returned to Arizona where they previously trained and headed back to Arizona, Florida, the Indians packed up their new spring home.

In 1997 World Series on one of the envelopes had been forwarded.

His back to the giant screens, Hafner was taken aback, said clubhouse manager Tony Amato. "It's like, "Wow! This is unbelievable. It isn't Winter Haven anymore."

Not even close.

Cleveland's former spring hangout had become a joke. The club unable to work out a deal with Winter Haven officials, charging Chain Of Lakes Park deteriorated to the point that it was no longer major-league caliber. There were rats in the clubhouse and a snake slithered into the outdoor press box two years ago.

By contrast, the Indians' Player Development Complex and Goodyear Ballpark are up-to-the-minute modern. The two structures share a common design of dark-stained wood, glass and steel exteriors with interiors that are sparsely decorated yet maintain a distinct Southwest influence.

But beyond the 47-acre complex's architectural merits, the Indians are counting on the facilities to be a year-round training home for players throughout the organization.

"We look for opportunities at different junctures to have a competitive advantage," said assistant general manager Chris Antonetti. "To have a state-of-the-art facility and development complex, this provides us with those opportunities. It creates a better environment to work and to get work done."

Upon entering the training complex, visitors walk down a long hallway adorned with framed pictures of Indians greats Bob Feller, Satchell Paige, Sandy Alomar and Omar Vizquel. To the right is the club's minor-league clubhouse, housing the team's future, as well as cavernous weight and training rooms.

On the left is the lavish clubhouse, which was designed in an oval shape so players can see everyone in the room to promote more interaction.

"It brings everyone together," Amato said. "It's the selling point of the facility."

Through the doors at the end of the hallway are the six practice diamonds, one with identical dimensions to Progressive Field, down to the 19-foot-high wall in left-center field. Two infinity pools, two infield, an agility area for conditioning and a six-mound outdoor bullpen where Cy Young winner Cliff Lee and Fausto Carmona threw side-by-side on Monday.

Indians manager Eric Wedge, who will hold his first full-squad workout on Tuesday, said the club has already benefited from the facility's uniformity.

"It's just more efficient and the efficiency we have with our day-to-day work, that delivers. That's real," he said. "That's time. That's work and it's cleaner. It's been great here in the early going. I'll feel better after we get through the next few days and make sure everybody is going the right direction."

One cannot get lost on the way to the new ballpark, which is about a 10-minute walk from the complex. On Monday, tram operators, cement mixers and delivery trucks all crisscrossed in the parking lot as workers readied the stadium for the Feb. 25 opener against the San Francisco Giants. The line at the box office was 12 deep at lunchtime and fans were already streaming into the team shop for souvenirs.

Walking around the perimeter, Jim and Nancy Marek of Marblehead, Ohio, could only wish they could get inside for a closer look.

"We love it," Jim Marek said as he checked the last image on his camera. "It's got everything. But it looks like they've got a lot of work to do in a short period of time."

There was still concrete being poured around a shade structure inside the ballpark, where the lower-bowl seating will bring fans even closer to the Indians, and safety netting was being hung on the third-base dugout. Otherwise, the ballpark, designed by renowned architectural firm HOK, looks ready for a game.

After giving a brief tour of the second-level press box, ballpark manager Nathan Torres proudly promised to have everything set for the first pitch next week.

"Our goal was to build a facility like no other," he said. "I think we've delivered on that concept."

MLB
DeJuan Blair had 22 points and 23 rebounds and Levance Fields scored all 10 of his points in the final 3:09 as No. 4 Pittsburgh beat No. 1 Connecticut 76-68 on Monday night, the Panthers' first win ever over a top-ranked team.

Fields missed his first seven shots from the field but the senior guard gave the Panthers (24-2, 11-2 Big East) the lead for good with a 3-pointer with 3:09 left that made it 64-61. He added another 3 with 2:21 left to make it 67-61, and he added four free throws in the final minute.

A.J. Price had 18 points for the Huskies (24-2, 12-2), who started their third week at No. 1 earlier Monday and had their 13-game winning streak ended.

Sam Young had 25 points for Pittsburgh, which lost all 13 games it had played against No. 1 teams, the last three against Connecticut over the last 11 years.

The game was expected to be physical down low and it was with the 6-foot-7 Blair flipping the 7-3 Hasheem Thabeet over his back in the first half, sending him to the bench for about 4 minutes. Blair got a dose back in the second half when he had to leave the game for almost 3 minutes after taking an elbow to the face.

The teams meet again on March 7 and there could be another matchup in the Big East tournament.

Pitt took a 36-33 halftime lead behind Blair's 15 points and 13 rebounds and Young's 12 points.

Connecticut, which leads the Big East in scoring defense (60.3) and field goal percentage defense (37.3) held Pittsburgh to 7-of-25 shooting until Fields suddenly got going. Both his 3-pointers were wide-open shots when Connecticut couldn't switch fast enough on screens, and they seemed to take the wind out of the Huskies, who came up empty on both possessions around the 3s.

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The minutes leading up to Fields' big shots was as intense as college basketball gets. The lead changed hands four times and there was a tie in the 2½ minutes leading up to those shots.

Pittsburgh finished with a 48-31 rebound advantage, the first time the Huskies were outrebounded this season.

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**NHL**

**Rangers, Penguins suffer tough losses**

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The New York Rangers have lost eight of nine while scoring two or fewer goals in all the losses, and the strain seems to be getting to Henrik Lundqvist.

After giving up the go-ahead goal on a rebound to B.J. Crombeen with 5:14 to play in Monday’s 2-1 loss to the St. Louis Blues, Lundqvist said the confidence of the players is fragile.

“You see when they score a goal, we totally lose our composure and start running around,” Lundqvist said. “It takes a lot for us to bounce back from a goal because everybody gets so tight.”

Lahti Korpikoski had the lone goal for the Rangers, who are 0-6-1 in their last seven on the road. This time they fell to a franchise whose rebuilding job is led by team president John Davidson, a longtime Rangers broadcaster and former general manager.

“He’s one of the best,” Rangers forward Scott Gomez said. “The day he came into the league, he’s treated me like gold.”

Chris Mason made 19 saves and Carlo Colaiacovo also scored for the Blues, 4-1-2 in their last seven games while trying to inch into playoff contention. They’ve been in last place in the Western Conference much of the season, but were tied for 13th and six points out of the postseason.

“It doesn’t take much to figure out it’s going to be a tough road for us to go on to have to play really well,” Crombeen said. “You believe we can do it and it’s showing in our play.”

Lundqvist had 31 saves a day after yanked in the second period of a 2-1 loss at Philadelphia. But the Rangers were 0-6-3 on the power play after losing Tom Renney juggled the lineup, and are in a 3-for-34 slump overall with the man advantage.

“We got four power-play shots, which might not sound like a lot,” Renney said. “But for us, that’s an accomplishment. We had traffic, the shots were intelligent shots, so what we’re doing right now is trying to rebuild our foundation if you will.”

Islanders 3, Penguins 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — If Dan Bylsma can’t turn around the Pittsburgh Penguins in their final 24 games, the defending Eastern Conference champions will be in the same sorry state as lowly New York Islanders — out of the playoffs.

Bylsma stepped behind the Penguins bench on Monday for the first time as an NHL head coach, less than 24 hours after taking over for the fired Michel Therrien. The result was not much better than many under the old regime as Pittsburgh was beaten by the Islanders in a shootout.

Frank Nielsen and Jeff Tambellini scored shootout goals, and Joey MacDonald turned aside Penguins stars Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby in the tiebreaker to snap the Islanders’ 0-4-1 skid.

“It was a little bit surprised, but the team is struggling, so things can happen,” captain Crosby said of the change.

“The first time we met him was at a team meeting this morning, and then we went through our normal pregame routine,” Bylsma got the call that he would replace Therrien on Sunday, just before he was set to coach his Wilkes Barre-Scranton club in an AHL game.

The decision to dismiss Therrien followed Bylsma’s decision to win the Penguins to the Stanley Cup finals last year, was made by general manager Ray Shero after Pittsburgh blew a 2-0 lead at Toronto and gave up five goals in the third period of a 5-2 loss.

“When I talked to Ray Shero (Sunday), there were some nerves,” Bylsma said. “But this was an opportunity you work for and if you are granted it, you do the best you can. I think with the little time we’ve had together, as the game went on, we got more in tune with the way we should be playing.”

Bylsma is faced with the task of implementing a new, attacking style that can make the most of the Penguins’ talented forwards. It produced a season-high 37 shots Monday, but only one point in the standings.

Malkin and Ryan Whitney scored tying goals, and Marc-Andre Fleury made 28 saves through overtime for the Penguins, 1-7-2 on the road in 2009. Pittsburgh (27-25-6) is 10th in the Eastern Conference, two places and four points below the playoff cutoff.

“We want two points every game, especially right now,” forward Jordan Staal said. “The guys in the dressing room know we’re capable of. We know what we can do out there. It’s a matter of going out and doing it.”

Chris Campoli and Frans Nielsen scored for New York, which owns the NHL’s worst record (17-33-6).

Bylsma paced behind the Penguins bench, keeping his arms folded for most of the game, and taking occasional drinks from a water bottle. He leaned over several times to talk to his new players. Only two Penguins in the lineup played under Bylsma in the NHL.

“He was right in the mix,” Staal said. “In the third we really started to show what we could do in that system. Obviously we didn’t get the result.”

The Penguins erased a pair of one-goal deficits with 20 shots through two periods and then turned it on.

“We have to play that way for 60 minutes,” Bylsma said. “If you do, you tip the scales in your favor.”

A pretty passing play produced Whitney’s second goal of the season and tied it at 2 with 2:53 left in the middle frame.
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game,” McGraw said. “I want them to come out ready, to come out with a lot of intensity, and to really get after them defensively and rebound and do the things we can control. That always makes us feel a little bit better about our offense.”

The Irish needed to stay focused against the Bulls to maintain their position as the No. 6 seed in the Big East. Currently, South Florida (15-6, 18-7) sits one game behind the Irish (17-4, 6-5) to the conference standings. McGraw said, however, that she has not emphasized that factor to her players, who already know this is an important game.

“I don’t really stress that too much with the team. We don’t talk about the standings; they know what’s at stake,” she said. “They know how important the game is. It’s important to both teams. This is going to be a huge game.”

The last time the Irish took the court, they hung with one of the best teams in the country — No. 8 Louisville — for most of the game, but could not complete a comeback, losing 71-65. That game was almost a week ago, and the Irish have had plenty of time to rest up before the game.

The Irish will need that rest because of South Florida’s prolific perimeter shooting. The Bulls are 189-of-376 shooting from beyond the arc, and have taken more than twice as many three’s as the Irish (93-of-277). Bulls junior guard Jaimee Stokes has already launched 202 3-point attempts, connecting on 82-of-202 for a shocking percentage from distance.

“That’s gonna be huge. We need to step up and guard the 3-point line, especially when they’re playing at home,” McGraw said. “They’ve gonna shoot the ball a little bit better,” McGraw said. “We really have to be ready to get out and guard Stokes in particular, but [senior guard Shantia] Grace is a good 3-point shooter as well.”

Grace leads the Bulls with 14.7 points per game, and is shooting 35.8 percent from 3-point land.

Although Stokes has “the hot hand,” McGraw said, having lit up the scoreboard so often recently, Grace will still be a major threat in the Bulls’ offense.

“Although Grace, with the great assist-to-turnover ratio that she has (107-to-57), she is very dangerous because she can find people inside, she can find them in transition, and she can score,” McGraw said.

The best way to combat the Bulls’ high-powered offense, which scores 80.4 points per game, McGraw said, is to get back to playing fundamentally sound defense.

“We want to get back to the way we were playing earlier in the year. We want to shoot the ball a little bit better; we want to defend a little bit better. We want to do a little bit better at everything,” McGraw said. “We want to take better care of the ball, and we want to rebound better. I think those are the things that we were doing earlier in the year. We’re playing better; I think we just need to get everybody playing better.”

One Irish player that is already playing at that level is forward Becca Brunzewski. The 6-foot-2 sophomore has 18 points per game, but scored 18 against Louisville on Feb. 14 against DePaul on Feb. 8 and 14 against Pittsburgh on Feb. 3.

“She’s really playing well, and I think she’s comfortable, I think she’s loose. She’s just going out and playing, she’s not worried about things,” McGraw said of Brunzewski. “She’s doing the things that she’s good at. She’s shooting the ball well from the 3-point line and she’ll run the floor and scoring inside. She’s really showing versatility with what she’s good at.”

McGraw also said that Brunzewski’s looseness is something she would like to spread to the rest of the team.

“I think that’s what we need. I think the seniors feel like it’s up to them and it’s their responsibility to lead us and to play well. That makes you feel a little bit more pressure. That would be good if we could all just relax. At the same time play hard, but I think you need to be a little more relaxed.”

Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 7 p.m. from the Sun Dome in Tampa, Fla.

Coaches

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Brown runs the sidelines if they decide to explore that option.

“I can honestly tell you it’s no a no. It’s something that is still under consideration,” Weis said.

Brown will be Weis’ second in command and Tenuta will help to pick up any slack by taking over the defensive play calling responsibilities.

“Last year, game planning was a collaborative effort and that won’t change. The only thing that will be different is that Jon will call the plays on Saturday,” Brown said.

Tenuta and Brown will both have added support along the defensive line this season because of the addition of Bryant Young. Young graduated from Notre Dame in 1994 then went on to play in four NFL Pro Bowls before retiring two years ago. Young said he spent a year traveling the country while weighing his options for the future.

“I thought about a lot of things I might want to do,” Young said. “The more I talked about different business opportunities, it didn’t fire me up like coaching did.”

Notre Dame is still without a defensive line coach, but Weis said promoting Young to that position is not very likely.

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fact that, despite the presence of funds donated specifically for a rink renovation project, several other Irish athletic programs (preserving in their own rights, of course) received major facility upgrades.
And I would have expressed my concern that, despite the program's remarkable progress in Jackson's first four years, Notre Dame could lose college hockey's best coach to a school that showed a greater financial commitment to its program's development.
Thursday was one of the biggest days in Irish hockey history, right up there with the days Notre Dame hired Jackson in 2005 and when the Irish beat Michigan in last year's Frozen Four. There was a palpable buzz from both the players and the increased media presence at Thursday's game — that, with this announcement, the hockey program had truly arrived.
No longer will players have to squeeze into an understated locker room with no space for relaxation or study. No longer will the team have to jockey for time to train in the overcrowded Joyce Center weight room.
No longer will coaches have to remove their skates in a closet-like space half the size of a double in Morrissey. No longer will team meetings have to be held in a second-floor conference room or in the visitors' locker rooms.
No longer will the team's managers work in "caves," as Jackson not-so-fondly called the dungeon-like offices beneath the Joyce Center ice rink's bleachers. No longer will those offices have to be emptied each off-season to avoid the flooding that occurs when the ice is melted.
No longer will the pep band be forced into a few small rows of corner bleachers. No longer will some of the students responsible for making the Joyce Center a tough place to play for opponents be turned away because of limited student seating.
And no longer will I have to search for the right time to write that entry column.

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that how the Irish performed in the Big East tournament would likely deter­mine their NCAA fate. That type of opportunity is really all Notre Dame can ask for after losing seven games in a row.
Getting to that magical 500 record in the Big East won't be easy. Notre Dame can be realistically favored in only two of their next six games — home contests against Big East bottom-feeders St. John's and DePaul.
Assuming the Irish don't pull out all the stops at Connecticut, that means Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes likely rest on three games: West Virginia, at Providence and home against Villanova.
Win zero or one out of three and the Irish are looking at an NIT bid. Win two out of three and Mike Brey's men can play themselves into the Big Dance with a strong Big East showing. Win all three and Notre Dame becomes one of the teams nobody wants to play in the March.
That's Notre Dame's situation. Here's a look at how the rest of the Big East currently stacks up.

A cut above: No. 1 Connecticut (24-2, 12-2); No. 4 Pittsburgh (24-2, 11-2)
These two teams are not only the class of the Big East but among an elite group of teams with legitimate national title hopes. They're not battling for top­four Big East seeds as much as they're battling for No. 1 seeds come Selection Sunday.
Top-four contenders: No. 7 Louisville (19-5, 10-2), No. 10 Marquette (21-10, 10-2), No. 12 Villanova (20-5, 8-4)
With the Big East Tournament switching to a 16-team format this year, a top-four seed assumes added importance, guarantee­ng not one but two byes. Of these three teams, only two will likely secure that extended rest over spring break.
Although it may seem like Louisville and Marquette have the spots locked up, take a look at the Golden Eagles' remaining schedule: Seton Hall at Georgetown, Connecticut at Louisville, at Pittsburgh, Syracuse. With Villanova playing a much cushier final stretch, Marquette will have to earn its top-four seed.

Notre Dame and its compe­tition: Providence (16-9, 8-8), No. 24 Syracuse (16-9, 7-9), Cincinnati (17-9, 7-6), West Virginia (17-8, 6-6), Notre Dame (14-10, 5-7)
If the Irish are to reach that .500 Big East mark, these are the teams they hope to pass their way to a top-eight seed. Although it currently holds the best record of the group, Providence may be the most vulnerable to an Irish come­back. The Friars have just one game remaining they should be favored in — at Rutgers — and a loss to the Irish would give Notre Dame the grinder or the team ended up with in matching conference marks.
Notre Dame also partially controls its destiny with West Virginia, but the Irish would have to win in Morgantown this Wednesday. Only Pittsburgh and Connecticut have man­aged to do that thus far this year, and Villanova saw its six-game winning streak come to a grinding halt last Friday when the Wildcats lost by 21 points at West Virginia.

Playing out the string:
Seton Hall (14-10, 5-7), Georgetown (13-10, 4-8), USF (8-16, 3-9), St. John's (12-13, 3-10), Rutgers (10-15, 1-12), DePaul (8-18, 0-13)
These teams are equiva­lent to a pre-pubescent middle school kid playing eighth-grade ball. They're at a competitive disadvan­tage, and the hits just keep coming. Take, for example, the Blue Demons. They have a winless conference record. They're at a competitive disadvantage, and the hits just keep coming. Take, for example, the Blue Demons. They have a winless conference record. They get to try and avoid the goose egg in Big East play when they get to try and avoid the goose egg in Big East play when they get to try and avoid the goose egg in Big East play when they
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Seinfeld Brass, 17; John McNichol, 50; B. J. Novak, 33.

Happy Birthday: Making personal changes to your lifestyle, your appearance and the way you do business is in order. Be adventurous and you will find you are roused to action. Your approach will be envied by others. A little push and some gentle prodding will push you out of your comfort zone to try something new. Share your joy with others. 5 stars.

ANNE (March 23-April 19): For those in committed relationships, a period of growth and refinement will follow. For others, a new, exciting venture will challenge you to stretch your limits and do something different. 4 stars.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Someone will take an interest in you if you aren't careful. Have fun in the company of others, but don't let your guard down. You'll make a big mistake if you do. 4 stars.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A good idea that someone else will help you out with. This is a great time to call in favors or make connections or take care of business that you have been putting off. 6 stars.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A positive change is within your reach. Talk is no longer an obstacle; it's time to put your ideas into practical form. 5 stars.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be interested in someone who shares your interests. Make sure you keep your options open. Complicating your personal life by mixing business with pleasure isn't necessary — use intelligence coupled with a little hard work. 4 stars.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Change is up to you. Someone you least expect could work hard on you and help you move into new territory. Don't let anyone take credit for your contributions. 4 stars.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've got everything going your way so don't let inattention stop you from getting what you desire. You have to push forward and ask for action. There should be no reason — one intelligence coupled with a little hard work. 5 stars.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The careful hand you handle things, whether at work or at home. Your love is fine, but your career can turn around. 3 stars.

Sagitarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You think everything is going well but behind the scenes, change is on the way. Remember to be your usual self! 4 stars.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A missed chance to get a message out to someone who might have been the perfect match for you. Your numbers are rising but you may not be able to see what this person is actually up to and how it can hurt you in the end. Don't he

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotional reaction may lead to a personal decision to go public and make it known. Your decision is right. Just make sure that you may regret. Your opinions are yours but you may not be able to keep them to yourself. 5 stars.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You know how you want this but underlying factors may stand in your way. You have to be prepared to make the necessary changes if you want to get where you want to go. 4 stars.

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Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis held a press conference last Friday to hand out some new coaching titles. Corwin Brown, Bob Ianello, Jon Tenuta and newcomer Frank Verducci were among those that received promotions. Weis also took the opportunity to formally introduce new running backs coach Tony Alford and new graduate assistant Bryant Young. Verducci, who was hired as an offensive line coach last month, was named the running game coordinator. Ianello and Tenuta are now the assistant head coaches of offense and defense, respectively, and Browne was promoted to associate head coach.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Running with the Bulls

ND will try to tame South Florida's potent 3-point game

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