Blind dating gets new meaning at GRC event
Program held at Legends featured series of social activities performed while wearing blackened goggles

"I'm a little ashamed to admit that I watched a reality show called 'Dating in the Dark' this summer," Russell said. "It turned out to be really interesting to watch these six people on the show develop relationships in total darkness; they never got to see one another."

The reality show was modified for an audience in a club setting at Notre Dame. "Planning this was a logistical nightmare," Russell said. "We finally decided that we should have the six contestants in darkened goggles, so that they can't see one another but the audience can see them."

Working with the University Counseling Center, the GRC had potential contestants take a Meyers-Briggs type test, a widely-used psychological assessment used to determine major personality preferences, and selected three women and three men they thought would be compatible.

The committee had the contestants make up a stage name to maintain anonymity. Some of the aliases included: "Eleanor Brownson," "Buster Lorado," "Rainbow Clay" and "Spice Beeching." The night was broken up into three segments. The first was called "The Experiment" and had the six contestants go through a variety of activities while wearing the goggles.

There was also a section in which the boys went off-stage and the girls remained, removed their goggles, and then went through the boys' backpacks.

Over 80 organizations come to ND Service Fair

Hundreds of Notre Dame students with representatives from over 80 service organizations, filled the Joyce Center concourse Wednesday night from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the annual Postgraduate Service Fair.

The fair featured faith-based organizations such as the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, but also included programs without a religious affiliation, such as AmeriCorps and Teach for America.

"I came here to look at Peace Corps and Teach for America," senior David Bettsy said, "but I also want to get an impression of what the faith-based ones are like because I don't really have any idea."

The Fair offered students the chance to meet with service representatives in an informal setting. With casual clothing and light refreshments, the Service Fair had a convivial atmosphere.

Notre Dame faculty, staff, students participate in food Co-op

"We all benefit. It's everybody's business," Koehler said since the cooperative's inception last spring, membership has grown to over 100 paying members.

Members of the cooperative pay a fee of $35 per year, Notre Dame alumni and volunteer Liz Zaph said. Product orders, she said, can be made conveniently online, where farmers advertise their sea-
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Real World Rundown

As far as season openers go, there's Magic League baseball's opening day, NFL's Kickoff Weekend, and the season premiere of the latest Real World/Road Rules Challenge. That's the peeking order.

Now you may have missed last night's debut of "The Ruins" on MTV. That's why I'm here. Here's a play-by-play recap of what went down.

10:00 p.m. — The episode kicks off with some dramatic shots of Tonya, as well as highlights from the upcoming season. Notable newcomers to this season are Chet and Sarah from Real World: Brooklyn, also known as the least interesting Real World season ever.

10:10 — If you picked 10 minutes for how long it took Tonya to get drunk and naked, congratulations, you win.

10:14 — One sentence from Kenny just contained three "ohs" and two "bro's." And you wonder why I watch this show.

10:29 — Wes claims that he's going to "addle their might" in this challenge. This combinations if his teammates don't agree with him. Dishonest play on The Challenge?

10:36 — The first challenge involves climbing a rope over your teammates. I don't know. It didn't make a whole lot of sense. All I know is Wes was torn to· throw the challenge for his team but couldn't even do that right. Darrell says he wants to send Wes home so he doesn't continue to throw challenges. Good strategy, Darrell.

10:53 — We were so close to our first fight of the season, involving, you guessed it, Wes and Darrell.

10:56 — In the least surprising development of the season, Wes choses to go into The Ruins against Chet, the skinny fight of the season, involving, you guessed it, Wes and Darrell.

11:01 — It's so cute watching Chet try to be competitive and, well, manly. An actual quote: "I'm going to go in there and not feel like a commodity, being from the Midwest. It's just more fun to say."
The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the Mendoza College of Business hosted Ideas Challenge 2009 on Wednesday night to encourage student innovation and make connections in order to spur student development.

The second annual Ideas Challenge serves as an informational precursor to the Notre Dame Business Plan Competitions. The Business Plan Competitions are year-long events offering students the chance to vie for forty thousand dollars in prize money students by developing designs for business ventures.

"This night is really intended to be a celebration of ideas and innovations," Program Manager Karen Slaggert said.

Students from all colleges were invited to present their unique ideas in an informal setting. The concept of an Ideas Challenge developed when the Gigot Center saw the need to expand the accessibility of the Business Plan Competitions to non-business majors.

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Crossways? Would you want them in the Northeast neighborhood?” he said.

The question also comes up, how would you have NDSF respond to something that

Notre Dame student related? Should they be represented by Notre Dame students, those people as well?” Schmid said.

Pasquerilla East senator Taylor Ruby Gagan said she was concerned that if NDSF went off campus, more students would get in trouble for underage drinking.

“Would they be doing something that students are under where but who are at those off-campus locations? Is it going to be easier for students to get in trouble?” she said.

Schmidt said other questions that he has been asked include whether Notre Dame ever provide off-campus students more pressure should be put on the South Bend Police Department (SBPD).

Cristi Yanker of Lewis Hall saidstrength SBPD would be effective since they are already in the off-campus area.

“SBPD would be the best option, to put pressure on the students if they are already in that area,” Yanker said. “Most incidents that I’ve heard of have been in that area of Notre Dame Avenue. Maybe we could get higher patrol of SBPD in that area.”

Mathew Robinson of St. Edward’s Hall suggested allocating money to improve safety.

“Of that $5 million that we’re donating to the community, we will mark some of that up to the South Bend police force on Friday and Saturday night,” he said.

Gagan also suggested increasing the number of telephones on campus for the blue light emergency.

Keough Hall senator Marc Anthony Bova said if there were funds to increase lighting in some of the darker off-campus areas to improve safety.

Schmidt said he would not answer the questions, but would take them into consideration for the presentation to the Board of Trustees.

Andrew Bell of Knott Hall said it was important to emphasize to the Board of Trustees that student government was not going to be able to improve off-campus safety.

“I think that it’s important when you approach the Board to emphasize what we’re doing and not just asking, asking,” he said.

“Like saying, this is really important and this is what we’re doing but we can’t do it on our own. We have to ask you as the Board to help us because we obviously can’t do it on our own.”

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markedly different atmosphere from the annual Fall Career Expo held in the Joyce Center two weeks ago.

Organized as more of a meet-and-greet instead of a large fair, the fair included a variety of regional, national, and international service opportunities.

“Everybody who we’re talking to has done the programs themselves, so they’re a really good resource,” senior Brianna Muller said.

With the lingering effects of the economic recession, “Students have become more creative in what they can do after they graduate,” Center for Social Concerns Director of Student Leadership and Student Transitions Michael Hebbeler said. “Applications are up this year. For example, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, their applications have dou-

bled.

“Our students are known for being on top of their game and really researching places of interest to them. That really helps move the search forward,” he continued.

The Center for Social Concerns, which opened this year in a newly constructed building, is responsible for bringing the Fair to Notre Dame each year.

Hebbeler said that service enhances a resume in the eyes of employers.

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ional products. Members then pick up their orders weekly at a distribution center.

“I like [Purple Porch] because I can go online and see what they have,” Zaph said. “I get a better feeling of what’s in season.”

Zaph said she also enjoys the close-knit community of people for the weekly two-hour product distribution.

“It’s real getting to know the growers and farmers,” Zaph said.

Farmers and producers also like the idea of a cooperative because of the online presence.

“I like the ordering direct from the consumer,” Marty Fair, who co-owns Fair Bakery of Rochester, Ind., said. “By ordering ahead of time, small growers are not stuck with stuff they don’t sell at the end of the day.”

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Special to the Observer

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the University of Notre Dame the Kellogg Institute for International Studies an Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Program grant of approximately $180,000 to advance Asian language and area studies at the University.

“We are committed to creating a vibrant and distinctive interdisciplinary program in Asian studies that carries the Notre Dame stamp of excellence and supports the University’s mission to internationalize the curriculum, the intellectual life, and the spirit of the campus,” said Jonathan Noble, the provost’s advisor for Asia initiatives, who will serve as chair of the project’s faculty steering committee.

Program components include new courses, a new interdisciplinary area studies and a special focus on innovative language learning and assessment, professional and curriculum development opportunities for faculty, and student study abroad and service-learning. This will bring Asian studies experts from around the Midwest to explore common academic interests.

Receipt of the grant validates our efforts to continue to enhance Asian studies at Notre Dame, Noble said. “We anticipate a significant impact on the University, our community, and our relationship to Asia.”

The grant also will fund Asia-area grants, a library resources and a new outreach initiative to provide Asia-specific curriculum resources to teachers in elementary and secondary schools in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.

The award represents the culmination of a unusually large collaborative effort that has been under way for several years. Collaborators include the Notre Dame Center for Asian Studies, Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and the University’s Office of the Vice President for Research, the Liberal Arts, as well as faculty in art history, anthropology, business, theology, and film, television and theatre.

Project co-directors are Sharon Snyder, associate director of the Kellogg Institute, and Howard Goldblatt, director of the Center for Asian Studies and research professor of Chinese.

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said. Dopke is also a volunteer with the cooperative.

Dopke and Koelehe both hope to make the University with Cooperative Notre Dame students, especially undergraduates and off-campus undergraduates.

“Today’s students are very savvy on the Internet,” Koelehe said. “They could order online conveniently.”

Dopke and Koelehe both hope to involve the University with the cooperative. Those interested can visit the organization’s Web site at www.purpleporchcoop.com.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Candy may have connection to arrests LONDON — Willy Wonka would be horrified. Children who eat too much candy may be more likely to be arrested for violent behavior in adulthood, new research suggests.

British experts studied more than 17,000 children born in 1970 for about four decades. Of the children who ate candies or chocolates daily at age 10, 69 percent were later found to have a violent offense by the age of 34. Of those who didn’t have any violent clashes, 42 percent are said to be daily.

Researchers said the cases were being studied to confirm the link.

**Hunger strike over prosecutions grows** CARACAS, Venezuela — More than 150 university students have joined a hunger strike to demand the Organization of American States investigate allegations that dozens of Venezuelans have been jailed for their opposition to President Hugo Chavez.

Student activist Angel Arellano said Wednesday that 163 people — mostly students — have joined the protest since last week, when 30 students set up cots outside the OAS offices in Caracas and vowed to consume only water until the Washington-based group’s Inter-American Commission of Human Rights promises to launch a probe. Some students sewed their mouths shut.

**Man protests innocence in scheme** FLAGSTAFF, Arizona — The leader of the group who claimed his own experience as an adopted child motivated him to help people seeking to suspend a penis enlargement scam that ripped off couples from New York to Texas, promising children that didn’t exist.

Kevin Cohen, 41, pleaded not guilty Friday to grand larceny and other charges after one Long Island couple told prosecutors they paid him $60,000 in fees for a promised penis enlargement.

Since then, 15 other couples from New York, Georgia, Ohio and Texas have contacted a prosecutor in New York’s Nassau County, telling similar stories.

Environmentalists not welcome Klamath dams to be removed

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Associated Press

BELING — To mark 60 years of communist rule China put together its biggest parade: hundreds of thousands of goose-stepping soldiers and weapons from drone missiles to amphibious assault vehicles, everyone else, though, was asked to stay home.

China blocked off its city center closing everything from Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City as it readied for Thursday’s celebration, asking residents to stay home to enjoy the events by television.

Festivities surrounding the founding of the People’s Republic will feature President Hu jintao leading chanting troops, a flyover by domestically made fighter jets and tens of thousands of students flipping cards to make pictures.

Sixty floats celebrating China’s planned space program and other symbols of progress follow a float marking the state-sponsored convoy along the parade route through Tiananmen Square.

The display is meant to underscore what the leadership calls the “revival of the great Chinese nation,” and the plans stirred both patriotism — and some unease at the pomp and pageantry.

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MIDFORD, Oregon — The turning point toward removing four Klamath River dams in Oregon over worries about salmon runs came in 2008 when a federal judge told the Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center there in May 2008.

They would find a way to peace in the Klamath after decades of battling over water, fish, power and farming.

“We release our hydro projects — that’s the regular course of business,” PacifiCorp Vice President and General Counsel Dean Brockhahn recalled Wednesday at the Portland-based utility announced it had agreed to terms for removing the dams.

In this case, Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Gov. (Arnold) Schwarzenegger, and at that time Secretary Kempthorn made it very clear from a public policy point of view that they did not want these dams removed. They wanted the dams removed as part of a larger (Klamath) basin settlement and restoration program.

“Once that became abundantly clear, we shifted our Framework from relicensing to settlement involving a possible dam removal framework,” Kempthorn said from Washington, D.C., that he did not initially want the dams removed, but President George W. Bush wanted a resolution to the long-standing water crisis, and he was determined to find an agreement that would be a good business decision for PacifiCorp.

PacifiCorp has agreed to terms for removing four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath that produce enough power for 70,000 customers. If they actually come out sometime after 2020, it will open some 300 miles of river to salmon for the first time in a century.
Budget crisis may cause partial shutdown of Mich. government

Associated Press

LANSING — One of the nation's most economically battered states stumbled over a partial government shutdown Tuesday as Michigan lawmakers failed to agree on a spending plan in one of the only states without a budget in place for nearly a year.

Michigan lawmakers failed to agree on a budget deal that included deep cuts and new revenue, leaving more than $1 billion in cuts fell off the table as many lawmakers discovered they couldn't stomach deep cuts to schools and local services such as police and fire protection in the stricken state. They also failed to finalize a temporary budget and avoid Michigan's second partial shutdown since 2007.

Secretary of State offices were set to close Thursday and state parks prepared to ask visitors to leave if the impasse remained when state workers were supposed to report for work. Essential services such as state police and prisons would continue running.

"We have taken steps to put a shutdown in place," Boyd said. The governor's office was waiting on a possible resolution from the legislature to keep government offices running before state offices were scheduled to open Thursday.

Michigan already is struggling with the highest unemployment rate, a shrinking auto industry, a high rate of home foreclosures and an economy that soured long before the national recession hit. The number of people receiving food stamps and unemployment checks keeps going up, and it's the only state where the Census Bureau found poverty rates rose two years in a row.

Pennsylvania is the only other state without a budget deal enacted. Leaders there reached a tentative deal nearly two weeks ago, but have been unable to get the votes to put all the pieces in place. Only Michigan and Alabama have fiscal years that start Oct. 1 and Alabama has passed its budget.

Michigan is having a tough time finding money for essential services from prisons to universities and in-school health clinics for adolescents. State revenues have grown just 1.3 percent annually during the past decade when federal funds are left out, according to the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency.

University funding has dropped 22 percent during the past seven years when adjusted for inflation, forcing up tuition rates. Yet the higher education compromise that lawmakers missed on Monday was the popular Promise Grant scholarship, which gave college students up to $4,000, and cut other student financial aid to the bone. The lack of a budget deal left 51,000 state workers unsure as they headed to bed Wednesday night whether they'd have to show up for work Thursday. The administration had issued temporary layoff notices earlier in the day and told state contractors they might not get paid.

Detroit Mayor Jennifer Granholm had talked of considering an interim budget sent to her by the new governor's office was waiting on a possible resolution from the legislature to keep government offices running before state offices were scheduled to open Thursday.

Michigan is even in danger of losing millions of dollars for Medicaid and similar programs if it can't come up with its share of matching funds.

Chairman George Cashingberry, D-Detroit, warned lawmakers they had to make a choice between hurting education, health care services and public safety or finding more money.

But Republican Sen. John Pappageorge of the Detroit suburb of Troy criticized Democrats for talking about raising more revenue.

"What you're saying is we're going to take money from our citizens," he said. "Guess what? They don't care for that."
In Brief

Judge approves Texas coal plant.

BANK OF AMERICA's Lewis decides to retire as CEO and leave the company's board.

Frontier Airlines to emerge from bankruptcy.

New York – Ken Lewis, the embattled CEO of Bank of America Corp., is leaving the post on Dec. 31 after surviving a record-breaking year that forced his company’s acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co. The nation’s largest by assets, said Wednesday that Lewis, 62, decided on his own to leave and would retire as the company’s board by the end of the year. The company did not announce a successor, saying one would be selected by the time Lewis steps down Dec. 31.

The fact that no succession plan was announced indicated that the Bank of America board did not expect Lewis’ decision at this time, sources close to the news, coming after share­ holders had stripped Lewis of his board chair’s title earlier this year, wasn’t surprising because of the intense pressure he came under after the Merrill deal. Lewis had said he would stay on as CEO until after the company’s financial problems were resolved, a process expected to take several years.

However, with the bank also under heavy criticism from government officials, First Lewis was increasingly seen as over­ valued.

"He’s had a big target on his chest for the whole Merrill Lynch deal, and I can only imagine the emo­ tional headache he’s endured,” said Alan Villalton, senior research analyst at Minneapolis-based First American Funds, which owns Bank of America stock.

Bank of America spokes­ man Bob Stickler said Lewis wasn’t asked to leave by the board or the bank’s regulators.

"He made the decision himself,” Stickler said, adding that Lewis informed the bank’s board during a meeting conducted by tele­ phone Wednesday evening.

"The board was surprised when Ken told them what he wanted to do,” Stickler said.

Sticker said Lewis began thinking about stepping down after returning from vacation in August. Stickler said Lewis’ decision was driven by the fact that the bank is in better shape to recover from the recession because “I think he’s just feeling a little burned out for pretty obvious rea­ sons.”

The Merrill Lynch deal was first questioned after Bank of America disclosed that Merrill’s losses were far more than expected. Bank of America then asked for and got an addi­ tional $20 billion from the government, in part to off­ set those losses. The bro­ kerage lost $15 billion in the fourth quarter and more than $37 billion for the year. Bank of America ultimately received $45 billion in government assistance.

But Lewis came under even greater attack after Merrill Lynch, with the knowledge of Bank of America executives, gave billions of dollars in bonus­ es to Merrill employees even as Bank of America asked for more bailout money from the govern­ ment. The deal was forged a year ago at the height of the financial crisis and closed Jan. 1, the bonuses, which would normally have been paid in January, were moved up and paid out in December.

Months later, the criti­ cism is still intensifying. New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo in September subpoenaed five members of Bank of America’s board as part of an investigation into the Merrill deal. Lewis’ depa­ rture won’t affect the inves­ tigation, Cuomo said in a statement.

Bank of America had settled a separate investi­ gation last month into disclo­ sures about the Merrill bonuses with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but a federal judge threw out that $33 million settlement, and needlessly penalized the bank’s shareholders.

To purchase tickets, call Frontier Airlines at 1-800-981-2626 and use the code /4761 or visit Frontier’s Web site at www.frontier.com.

Frontier Airlines is liquidating it’s plans to retire as CEO and leave the company’s board.

Frontier Airlines to emerge from bankruptcy

Frontier Airlines is set to exit bankruptcy protection on Thursday as part of Republic Airways, which seems determined to run an efficient airline. It will ruffle some feathers in the process.

By buying Frontier, Republic is transforming itself from a regional jet hauler of travelers for other airlines into a carrier that competes for its own passengers. This year it bought Milwaukee-based Midwest Airlines.

Republic will move Frontier’s maintenance operation out of Denver. It’s grounding the last of the Boeing 717s flown by newly acquired Midwest Airlines. It’s gambling that the coup in that hunk of its own customers will make up for whatever goodwill it might lose with the big airline partners that hire it to fly pas­ sengers for them.

Republic is looking at moving Frontier’s aircraft maintenance and some ticketing operations out Denver because of high costs there, CEO Bryan Bedford said in an interview on Wednesday.

Bedford said both Indianapolis (where Republic is based) and Milwaukee are competing for the maintenance operation, and he hopes to make a decision by the end of October. Frontier employs about 250 people to work on planes in Denver, and they would get a chance to move to jobs wherever they’re located, Bedford said.

Taxes at the Denver airport make maintenance there more expensive, he said. And a special tax on tickets processed on Frontier’s computer in Denver adds about $1.5 million a year extra to the airline’s tax bill, he said.

He said he expects Frontier pilots and flight attendants to stay in their own unions since they work on the Airbus A320 family of planes while Republic crews fly Embraer regional jets. Frontier’s mechanics are repre­ sented by the Teamsters, while Republic’s aren’t in a union.

Republic is also returning the last of its Midwest’s 717s to Boeing in November, and furloughing the last 125 pilots and flight attendants who churned them on Nov. 30. Those work­ ers could get jobs back if their unions integrate with those at Republic.
Indonesia hit by earthquake

Country struck by tremors of 6.8 magnitude; hundreds feared dead

Associated Press

PADANG, Indonesia — A powerful earthquake that struck western Indonesia trapped thousands of people under collapsed buildings — including hospitals, a hotel and a classroom, officials said. At least 200 bodies were found in one coastal city and the toll was expected to be far higher.

The trembler Wednesday started fires, sent earth surging off power and communications to Padang, a coastal city of 900,000 on Sumatra island. Thousands fled in panic, fearing a tsunami.

The undersea quake of 7.6 magnitude was followed by a powerful, shallow inland earthquake on Thursday morning with a preliminary magnitude of 6.8, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It hit about 150 miles (240 kilometers) from Padang, a depth of just 24 kilometers (under 20 miles).

Shallow, inland earthquakes generally are more destructive, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

On Wednesday, buildings had swayed hundreds of miles (kilometers) away in neighboring Malaysia and Singapore.

In Padang, the capital of West Sumatra province, the shaking was so intense that people crouched or sat on the street to avoid falling debris. Someaurants were feared to be damaged.

At least 500 buildings in Padang collapsed or were badly damaged, said Disaster Management Agency spokesman Priyadi Kardono, adding that 200 bodies had been pulled from the rubble there. The extent of damage in surrounding areas was still unclear due to poor communications, he said.

Padang's mayor appealed for assistance on Indonesian radio station el-Shinta.

"We are overwhelmed with victims and ... lack of clean water, electricity and telecommunication," Mayor Fachru said. "We really need help. We call on people in come to Padang, help in the evacuation and help the injured."

Furthermore, people were trapped under collapsed buildings in Padang alone, including a four-star hotel, officials said.

Thousands were believed trapped throughout the province, said Rusman Pakaya, head of the Health Ministry's emergency center.

"This is a high-scale disaster," Health Minister Siti Fadilah Supart said Metro TV.

Indonesian broadcaster TVRI showed footage of heavy equipment breaking through the remains of a damaged 3-story cement building, where dozens or children had been taking classes. It said more than 30 children were missing and feared dead, but gave no source for the information.

Wednesday's quake struck just 60 kilometers (37 miles) west of Padang, the Geological Survey reported. It occurred a day after a killer tsunami hit islands in the South Pacific and was along the same fault line that spawned the Asian tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen nations.

A tsunami warning was issued Wednesday for countries along the Indian Ocean, but was lifted after about an hour; there were no reports of giant waves.

The shaking in Padang felled trees and crushed cars. A foot could be seen sticking out from one pile of rubble. At daybreak, residents used their bare hands to search for survivors, pulling at the wreckage and tossing it away piece by piece.

"People ran to high ground. Houses and buildings were badly damaged," said Kasumi, who lives on the coast near the quake's epicenter.

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Times split services

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post are breaking up their news service after 47 years, making it the latest casualty of the media upheaval driven by the array of alternative information and entertainment sources on the Internet.

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It's unclear whether the Tribune Co.'s troubles factored into the demise of the Times-Post service — a partnership forged in 1962 by two renowned publishers, Otis Chandler on the Los Angeles side and Philip Graham on the Washington end. When the service started, newspapers were still highly profitable and the dominant news source in their markets. But the number of people reading newspapers has been shrinking as more people turn to the Internet, leading more advertisers to shift their spending online.

The worst U.S. recession since World War II has drained even more ad revenue from newspapers, prompting both the Post and the Times to reduce the number of reporters and photographers feeding content to their news service.

Although they are smaller than they once were, the Times and Post still have large audiences. The Times is the fourth largest U.S. newspaper with a weekday circulation of 725,000 while the Post is the fifth largest with a weekday circulation of 660,000, according to the most recent figures from the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Baby kidnapped by fake immigration agent

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — A newborn snatched from a Nashville home was missing and his mother recovering from stab wounds she said she suffered in a struggle with the woman kidnapper posing as an immigration agent, authorities said Wednesday.

Maria Gurrolla told reporters she saw a woman carrying the baby before she showed up at her door Tuesday evening. She said the woman was wearing a coat, jacket, hood and carrying a suitcase.

"I need my baby back," the 30-year-old woman said Thursday. "I need my baby back." The woman got a knife from the woman kidnapper posing as an immigration agent and sliced her throat. She has lived in Nashville for at least 10 years.

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American Samoa. "All the people who was on a bus when the shock came," said Didi Afuafi, 28, strewn streets, pulverized homes and bodies scattered in a tsunami. "It was just crazy."

With the water approaching fast, the bus driver sped to the top of a nearby mountain, where 300 to 500 people were gathered, including patients evacuated from the main hospital. Among them were newborns with IVs, crying children and frightened elderly people.

A family atop the mountain provided food and water, while clergymen led prayers. Afuafi said people are still on edge and feared another quake.

"This is going to be talked about for generations," said Afuafi, who lives just outside the village of Leone, one of the hardest hit areas.

On Samoa, the two-hour drive from Apia airport to the heavily damaged southeast coast initially showed no sign of damage before becoming little more than a link between one flattened village after another. Mattresses hung from trees, and utility poles were bent at awkward angles.

"It was clear that tourists were among the casualties, but figures were impossible to ascertain immediately with officials saying they had no solid head count on the number of visitors in the area."

"There's not a single house standing, it's total devastation (to) the most popular place for tourists," Dr. Ben Makalavea of Apia's main hospital told New Zealand's National Radio Thursday. He said some couples can't find their children, and fear they may have been washed out to sea.

"One woman saw was so confused that she doesn't even know where she comes from," he said.

Makalavea added that the hospital needs nurses, doctors, surgeons and blood to treat the increasing numbers of casualties with broken bones and cuts.

At Sale Ataga village, more than 50 police, some wearing masks to filter out some of the growing stench of decay in the steamy conditions, searched for bodies underneath upset trees and palm trees up at the foot of a mountain.

Tony Fauenia, a 29-year-old farmer, said the bodies of his 35-year-old niece and her 6-month-old sea were found Tuesday but four other family members were still missing. "We don't know if the rest are under there or released to sea," he said.

Suva loane was rattled by the violent earthquake that shook Voutou, a village of 600 people. But he didn't have much time to calm down.

"After the shaking finished, about five or 10 minutes after the wave very quickly came over us," said loane, who was carried by a wave about 80 yards (meters) inland. He knew he was lucky to be alive; eight bodies were found in a nearby swamp.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii said it issued an alert, but the waves got to the islands so quickly that rescuers only had about 10 minutes to respond. Another system designed to alert aid agencies suffered a hang-up function that delayed notification, but that did not affect island residents.

The quake was centered about 120 miles south of the islands of Samoa, which has about 220,000 people, and American Samoa, a U.S. territory.

Another strong underwater earthquake rocked western Indonesia Wednesday, briefly triggering a tsunami alert along the coast. The 7.7-magnitude quaking toppled buildings, cut power and triggered a landslide. In neighboring Papua New Guinea, at least 75 people were reported killed. Experts say the seismic events were not related.

Hampered by power and communications outages, officials in the South Pacific islands struggled to determine casualties and damage.

Samoa National Disaster Management committee member Filomina Nelson told New Zealand's National Radio the number of dead in her country had reached 83 — mostly elderly and young children. At least 30 people were killed on American Samoa. Gov. Togiola Tulafono said:

"Right now, we're focused on bringing in the assistance for people who have been injured, and for the immediate needs of the tens of thousands of survivors down there," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

The National Guard C-130 plane loaded with aid and carrying emergency personnel flew from Hawaii to American Samoa's capital of Pago Pago, where debris had been cleared by hundreds of volunteers from runaways so emergency planes could land. President Barack Obama declared a major disaster for American Samoa.

English said the temporary moratorium and the identification team were sent to Samoa after local officials expressed concern about the growing death toll.

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In Carson, Calif., High Chief Leilani Mauila, president of the Samoan Federation of America, comforted Samoans in the crowded community room of one of her housing projects with news of their relatives. The chief said she learned the body of a 60-year-old, who had been reported missing, was found floating along the shore.

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Pilot killed after plane crashes into cornfield

Associated Press

ALBANY — A single-engine plane crashed into an Indiana cornfield near Traverse City, killing the pilot, who was seen slumped over at the controls, lost consciousness and the aircraft flew out of control, officials said.

Military officials do not believe the crash was terrorist-related but instead said the pilot may have had a health problem and was suffering from a lack of oxygen. F-16s under command of U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command intercepted the plane and were able to fly it about an hour until it crashed. Indiana State Police Sgt. Rod Russell said the pilot, who was the only person aboard the plane, died in the crash but the pilot's name would not be released until the body is positively identified. No one on the ground was injured when it crashed.

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Controllers in Indianapolis reported the plane had been circling in the area for over an hour. One flight in the area for over an hour until it crashed. Indiana State Police Sgt. Rod Russell said the pilot, who was the only person aboard the plane, died in the crash but the pilot's name would not be released until the body is positively identified. No one on the ground was injured when it crashed.

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Illegal marijuana farms overtake San Francisco

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Socked in by coastal fog gardens in the city's Sunset District struggle to coax vegetables from plots rarely touched by sunlight. But recently, a certain crop has flourished behind closed doors.

Marijuana farms have become so widespread in this middle-class neighborhood that the city's new police chief applied for a 3-day vacation Wednesday to help shoot down the budding business.

Apparently even in this pot-tolerant town, there is such a thing as too much smoke.

In the Sunset, police say row houses crammed with as many as 2,000 marijuana plants bear the marks of classic crime documentaries.

Raided on three dozen homes and warehouses have uncovered some 20,000 plants and nearly 585,000 inverters believed that organized crime is keeping the drugs, cash and weapons flowing.

Often once grow houses are raided, police said, their backers just set up new operations down the block.

"All this has led to the creation of a new form of organized crime," Chief George Gascon said.

Growers are attracted by rents that are moderate by San Francisco standards. The Real Deal, a Coastal winds sweep pot's skunky smell away.

But some are concerned about drug-ripoff showrooms and deals gone bad, officials said.

The FBI says it did not edit bombing videotapes

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The FBI says it did not edit videotapes of the blast of the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building before turning them over to an attorney who is conducting an unofficial inquiry into the bombing.

The FBI turned over more than two dozen videos taken from security cameras on buildings and other locations around the federal building to Salt Lake City attorney Jesse Trentadue, who obtained them through the federal Freedom of Information Act. Trentadue said the tapes are blank at various times in the minutes before the blast.

"I have been edited," Trentadue said Wednesday.

The soundless recordings showed a police car and building corridors near the federal building immediately after the explosion. A lifeless and fertilized oil bomb detonated in front of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people, injuring more than 400 and remaining eligible for an honorable discharge.

Most of the injured were children, and remains eligible for an honorable discharge.

None shows some people fleeing through corridors covered with debris. None shows the actual explosion that ripped through the building.

Trentadue said the absence of footage before the blast indicated something was wrong with the tapes that the FBI did not want to make public.

"They don't show anything by accident," he said.

A spokesman for the FBI in Washington, Paul Broussard, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that the agency did not edit the tapes before turning them over to Trentadue.

Broussard said the FBI identified 26 videos in its files in response to an April request by Trentadue for video from security cameras in 11 different locations. FBI agents did not report finding any security tapes from the federal building.

"The FBI made no edits or redactions in the processing of the videos," Broussard said.

The tapes are typical security footage, the view switches among windows to keep an eye on the depot and in the blast.

In his 2007 confession to a Navy Criminal Investigative Service investigator, Nelson said he entered the Fallujah home to find a man standing against a wall and three men hiding behind a staircase. He ordered them to lie face down on the floor.

Nazarino and Weemer shoot another detainee and complained when another detainee shot Nelson on his boots. Weemer then shot a man who was on his knees, Nelson said.

"I gave in to the peer pressure and I had to live with it for the rest of my life," Jermaine Nelson, U.S. marine

Marine avoids prison sentence

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON — A Marine was spared prison time Wednesday for killing an unarmed Iraqi detainee during a battle to recapture the heart of Fallujah, ending a case that proved troublesome for the government because there were no bodies and no relatives complaining of lost ones.

A military judge reduced Sgt. Jermaine Nelson's rank from sergeant to staff sergeant but ruled out a bad conduct discharge.

"I just wanted everybody to hear my side of the story and what did happen," Nelson told reporters after the sentencing.

"You're going to do one, Weemer's going to do one and I'm going to do the same," Nelson recalled being told by Nazarino.

According to Nelson, Nazarino shot another detainee and complained when another detainee shot Nelson on his boots. Weemer then shot a man who was on his knees, Nelson said.

"He was just shot, shooting, shooting," Nelson said.

Nelson said he shot the remaining detainee. He didn't elaborate.

The case came to light after the battle.

In 2006, after he left the Marine Corps, Weemer applied for a job in the Secret Service. During a background interview before a polygraph test as part of the application, he was asked about the most serious crime he ever committed.

"We went into this house, there happened to be four or five guys in the house," Weemer said in a recording of the interview played during his trial. "We ended up shooting them, we had to..."
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I choose, as a freshman, to major in both philosophy and English. I told myself that they would complement one another, but this proved a fiction; philosophy looks outward, seeking the world in which we live, while English looks inward, seeking the stories that we tell ourselves in the end. In my choice to pursue philosophy over English was largely arbitrary, and I bore for a long time the sorrow that followed this insight. Although I joked afterward that I had overcome a disability, I often felt that I had lost a part of myself, for I know in my heart that I was not only a rational animal but also a teller of stories.

The sorrow faded in time. I learned, in philosophy, to seek the world, to grapple with experience for the truth, wresting from it an understanding of the world—a theory that would allow me to predict further experience and, perhaps, to survive. It. But the theory I sought proved simpler than expected. There rrages, in the philosophy of science, a controversy between instrumental realism and realism: the former holds that the objects of science are "really" just convenient fictions—that things like electrons and genes are just stories, that electrons and genes are nothing like electrons and genes in a cloud chamber, we posit chairs in an arbitrary, and I bore for a long time the sorrow that followed this insight. Although I joked afterward that I had overcome a disability, I often felt that I had lost a part of myself, for I know in my heart that I was not only a rational animal but also a teller of stories.

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What is your favorite new restaurant at Eddy St. Commons?

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To kneel or not to kneel

Presiding at Notre Dame Masses around campus these days has become a study in group dynamics, and sometimes brings me to the differing approaches to kneeling, standing, and other liturgical postures and gestures at Mass. My words here do not seek to contribute to the debate surrounding "Who's right and who's wrong," but rather, in reflection of last Sunday's Gospel, to offer a word of caution to both "sides." It is a bit painful to mention "sides" when talking about a group who is celebrating the Eucharist together.

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' apostles come running to Jesus, distressed and worried, "This man is casting out demons..." The right word might be "liberality" in its technical sense but has become impossible to use in a politics-neutral discussion. Arguments proliferate about the importance of the reverence of kneeling, the union of standing, how far consent to bow before receiving the Eucharist, whether one should genuflect before receiving the Eucharist, whether to approach in a "specialist" manner or in a "lay" manner.

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Hope also gives us something to work towards, a challenge to meet or goal to fulfill. Each year about 300 Notre Dame students choose to take personally hope's call to action. They take 48 hours out of their week to break "to plunge" into urban poverty and examine what hope looks like in over 35 cities across the country. They pair up with Alumni Clubs and charitable organizations to learn about problems of poverty, hunger, education, healthcare, inequality, unemployment, and homelessness through direct service. This immersion experience is the basis of a one-credit experiential learning course offered by the Center for Social Concerns. People with still reeling over the economic meltdown, health-care crisis, and the intensification of our military situations abroad, some have found it hard to hope. It becomes even more important though, in times of turmoil, to embrace hope, as Pope Benedict XVI does in his recent encyclical Spe Salvi. In the face of the problems we concern ourselves with to do with its "Hope in Action" campaign. We must remember though that hope does not necessitate a点亮 of solidarity with the poor who have been and will continue to bear the brunt of economic downturns. While we at Notre Dame are not immune to the effects of these hard times, we have an obligation to face the challenges squarely. "I'm going to need you to work," says Notre Dame football coach Brian Kelly. "I hope that you'll take some time this winter to go into the city not just to shop or catch a show, but to give something back to the other side of the city. Our recognition of poverty and the hidden hope that is found there is critical information on the Urban and Community Study, a visit socialconcerns.nd.edu. The application opens this week and the deadline to apply is October 30th.

No band? I'm sorry

In response to Jim Blase ("No band, no excuses", Sept. 28), I would like to ask, were you in band when you attended Notre Dame Law School? My guess is no. If you knew how the band worked, you would know that we are told what we play, and when. We, as band members, cannot just "volunteer" to attend a game that the whole band is not being sent to it, it just does not work that way. If I were to walk into the Purdue stadium, for instance, knowing that I would not be expected to wear the band jersey, I would look at me like I was crazy. I know the band appreciates wanting us to be at games, but you have to know how the system works before you get upset about it.

Perhaps you believe in "normal" band students, no uniform, no instrument, and I wouldn't trade it for a thing. Don't get me wrong, I love playing in the band at football games more than anything, but the fact that we do wear our band jerseys, face paint and all, is just an accommodation I've been waiting for, so don't take that away from me because your voice wasn't loud enough to sing the Victory March and Alma Mater over the Purdue fans like mine and the rest of our band members who attended the game. Thanks, and Go Irish, beat Huskies!

Jessica Young
senior
Levy hall
Sept. 29
Braving the Autumn Weather

by Alexandra Kilpatrick

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2. Glass in Lullabies – The Autumns
3. I Want You Back – Jackson 5
4. Mushaboom – Feist
5. Hey Jealousy – Gin Blossoms
6. Be True to Your School – The Beach Boys
7. There She Goes – The La's
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11. Rocket Man – Elton John
12. Under Pressure – Queen & David Bowie

It's inevitable, the leaves are changing colors, the temperatures are dropping and autumn is officially underway. No better way to welcome the new season than with a mug of warm apple cider and a playlist made complete with reminiscent classic rock songs, soul spirit and upbeat '90s jams.

America's favorite love-to-hate/hate-to-love reality shows are back. New seasons of MTV's 'The Hills' and 'The City' have started, but with some changes. The most notable: the replacement of Lauren Conrad on 'The Hills' with Kristin Cavallari, Conrad's arch-nemesis from high school. Their drama played out on 'The Hills' predecessor, 'Laguna Beach.'

Cavallari's presence is sure to shake up the reality show in its fifth season. 'The Hills' peaked when Conrad and former best friend Heidi Montag had a screaming match at a club in Season 3 over Conrad's alleged sextape and Montag's evil other half, Spencer Pratt. Since then, 'The Hills' had become stale and惯惯ndant by repeating Montag's whining about becoming friends with Lauren again and the fact that the show never acknowledged Conrad's rising celebrity and other jobs of fashion designer. With any indication from the premiere episode, 'The Hills' is headling in a new direction full of drama with Cavallari as its lead.

In just the premiere, entitled 'The Bitch is Back,' Cavallari has a loud fight with two of the other vapid only-famous-for-doing-nothing stars, Stephanie Pratt and Audrina Patridge. Cavallari is known for stealing boyfriends, so when she starts flirting with Patridge's ex, the insults start flying. This will inevitably continue to develop throughout the season so many more fights can be expected.

Over in 'The City,' the New York City counterpart to Los Angeles' 'The Hills' and the Whitney Port spinoff, new changes in casting have also taken place in its second season. Half of the cast was overloaded, leaving behind just Port and quirky co-worker Olivia Palermo.

Port has returned to working for cutthroat Kelly Cutrone while also working on her clothing line, with women who are her complete opposites. Port's former co-worker Palermo has a new job this season as well. She now works for 'Elle' magazine under Erin Kaplan, who does not appreciate Palermo's uppity attitude. They have a throw down over styling issues within Palermo's first few days of working, hinting to the audience that many more are to come.

Both shows will benefit from the casting shake-up. Cavallari is a much more entertaining lead that Conrad's bland good girl character. Everyone lives to watch a bad girl wreck her have, which Cavallari will definitely do on season five of 'The Hills.' Port, while sweet and driven, is not exactly the most exciting lead.

Hopefully there will be more screen time for City. If not, Cavallari's former co-worker Lauren Conrad on 'The Hills' and the upcoming spinoff, 'New York City' will definitely do on season five of 'The Hills.' Port, while sweet and driven, is not exactly the most exciting lead.

For some inexplicable reason, 'The Hills' and 'The City' draw viewers back episode after episode. Is it that they get a voyeuristic pleasure out of watching the young, rich and famous lead their glamorous lives? Their lives can hardly be considered accurate on a 'reality show' that is so obviously scripted and poorly acted. These shows are the ultimate in guilty pleasures, mostly because guilt is the prominent emotion felt while watching them. There are many, many better ways to spend one's time, yet 'The Hills' and 'The City' are so compelling and entertaining that they cannot be missed.

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The Avett Brothers' latest album "I and Love and You" explores love and connection of family — both those related and the kind you choose for yourself. This choice reflects the band itself, as well as recognized and hardly heralded band Kwon into their fold.

The Avett Brothers' latest quartet "Kick Drum Heart," "Behind Blue Eyes" with a bit of "Whoaangep! (There It Is)" and "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)!" "YMCA" is even more an appearance, you'll just have to see for yourself.

No doubt this will be a blast, so bring your friends and get ready to dance all night long to some of the most ridiculous tunes from the last 20 years. Decade appropriate clothing and accessories suggested.

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Phillies clinch third straight NL East title
Chamberlain lasts less than four innings against the Royals in final start before the postseason begins

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Now, the Philadelphia Phillies can rest and prepare to defend their World Series title.

Kyle Kendrick pitched three scoreless innings in relief of Pedro Martinez and the Phillies beat the Houston Astros 10-3 Wednesday night to clinch their third straight NL East crown.

Raul Ibanez hit his career-high 34th homer and Jimmy Rollins had a double and triple for Philadelphia, which is heading to the postseason for the third straight year for the first time since Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton and crew won three consecutive division titles from 1976-78.

The Phillies are trying to become the first repeat champions since the New York Yankees won three World Series in a row from 1996-2000. The Cincinnati Reds were the last NL team to win two straight in 1975-76.

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The Phillies are trying to become the fourth repeat champion since winning the NL East in 2007.

J.R. Towles, a career .187 hitter (43 for 230), hit a pair of solo homers off Martinez, a three-time Cy Young Award winner. But the Astros couldn’t spoil Philadelphia’s party.

Kendrick (3-1) gave up two hits and struck out four. Martinez lasted just four innings, allowing three runs and six hits in his first start since a neck strain forced him out of a game at Atlanta on Sept. 20.

Brad Lidge, who has 11 blown saves after a perfect season last year, came in to get the last out after Scott Eyre retired the first two batters in the ninth.

A's starter Brian Moehler (4-12) gave up seven runs in 4 1/3 innings.

A crowd of 45,207 — the 38th straight sellout at Citizens Bank Park — waved their white-and-red “Fightin’ Phils” rally towels throughout the night and made the atmosphere festive.

Celebrations are becoming common for the Phillies, who used to be the NL’s laughing-stock. The most famous team in professional sports has been thinking dynasty since winning the franchise’s second championship in 126 years last October.

Unlike the last two years, the Phillies didn’t sweat out this division title. They moved into first place in good for May 30 and have spent 136 days atop the standings.

In 2007, the Phillies trailed the Mets by seven games with 17 remaining. They took advantage of New York’s historic collapse and clinched the division on the final day of the regular season, ending a 14-year postseason drought.

Players and fans had a wild celebration and Philadelphia was promptly swept by Colorado in the NLDS.

Last year, the Phillies were 3½ games behind the Mets with 17 to play. They caught them during the final week and clinched on the next-to-last day of the regular season.

With four games left this year, manager Charlie Manuel has a chance to rest his regulars and set up his postseason pitching rotation. The Phillies still have a chance to secure home-field advantage throughout the NL playoffs. They entered the night 1 1/2 games behind Los Angeles.

Martinez, who is 3-1 with a 3.63 ERA in nine starts, struck out from the start. He walked Hunter Pence to force in a run in the first and gave up home runs to Frank Thomas and Hunter Pence to force in a run in the fifth.

Juson Werth’s RBI groundout put the Phillies ahead for good. Pedro Feliz doubled in another run to make it 5-3.

Rollins’ sacrifice hit back-to-back triples to start Philadelphia’s fifth. Ibanez’s sacrifice fly made it 7-3.

Royals 4, Yankees 3

The Yankees ended their first regular season at their new $1.5 billion ballpark the same way they began — with a loss. Joe Girardi announced just 2 2/3 innings in his final tuneup for the postseason and was booed by fans at Yankee Stadium when he walked off Wednesday night during the Kansas City Royals’ win over New York.

Derek Jeter homered leading off the first, and Nick Swisher’s 29th homer tied the score in the fifth. A two-run drive off Robinson Tejeda.

Kansas City broke a seven­inning tie when Mark Teahen walked against Damaso Marte (1-3) and John Buck tripled off Sergio Mitre on a catchable drive that Swisher got turned around on and then fell down. Yuniesky Betancourt followed with a missed a squeeze bunt, and Buck was tagged out at catcher Jorge Posada.

Jamie Wright (3-5) pitched two innings for the win in relief off Robinson Tejeda, and Jonkin Soris got three outs for his 30th save in 33 chances, stopping the Yankees’ seven-game winning streak.

Betancourt’s throwing error from shortstop put runners on second and third with two outs in the ninth, Ramiro Pena flew out to shallow center.

New York opened the ballpark on April 16 with a 10-2 loss to Cleveland but went on to finish 57-24 (.704) at new Yankee Stadium, the third-highest winning percentage since 1901 for a team in a first-year ballpark, according to STATS LLC. The Boston Red Sox were 57-20 (.742) in their first in 1912 at the Fenway Park, and the Boston Somerseys were 49-20 (.710) in 1901 at the Huntington Avenue Baseball Grounds.

“Now,” said Bath 407, “Let’s do it a second time”.

Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain leaves the mound in the fourth inning of New York’s 4-3 loss to Kansas City Wednesday.

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**associated Press**

CLEVELAND — Eric Wedge lost his job and kept his uniform.

Wedge was fired Wednesday as manager of the Cleveland Indians, who are in the final days of a terrible season that began with high hopes.

Despite being told he would not be back next season, Wedge will manage the last six games of his seventh year with Cleveland, which entered Wednesday's doubleheader against the Chicago White Sox one game out of last place in the AL Central.

"I still wanted to finish what we started this year," said Wedge, who led the Indians to one playoff appearance since 2003 and went through two rebuilding projects with the midmarket club. "It felt it was the right thing to do. It's been a long run here — as managers go."

General manager Mark Shapiro said he and owners Larry and Paul Dolan came to a collective decision on Wedge's future "fairly recently" and that Cleveland's coaches were told Tuesday night that they would not be retained for the 2010 season. Wedge is under contract for 2010.

Wedge's firing had been rumored for weeks, and although he still being around makes for an awkward situation, he's glad to have some resolution.

"It's been a big elephant in the room for a while," he said.

After leaving the interview room at Progressive Field, Wedge headed back to his office to begin preparing for his final two home games. It was a strange scene as he walked down the corridor. He was passed by several White Sox players who said hello and seemed surprised to see him still wearing his Chief Wahoo cap.

The Indians won the doubleheader opener 5-1. Shapiro refused to discuss any specifics about why Wedge was dismissed.

The Indians were plagued by slow starts throughout the 41-year-old's tenure and this season they couldn't overcome some early injuries and an atrocious bullpen that blew games in April and May.

Cleveland also recently went on an 11-game losing streak and has dropped 20 of its last 25, a tailspin that likely sealed Wedge's fate.

"It was not one overwhelming component that led us to this," Shapiro said. "It was a large number of things occurring. I think we just reached the point where it was time to make a change."

Shapiro said the Indians will begin their search for a new manager soon.

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Segal would not reveal terms of the endorsement. "We are excited that he's back with Nike," Segal said. "Having him back is a good thing for the company."

The endowment is the latest step Vick has taken in trying to revive his image since going to prison. He has said he is committed to living a new life.

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The deal was announced during a panel discussion at the Sport's Sponsorship Symposium by Michael Principe, the managing director of BEST, the agency that represents Vick.

The endorsement is the latest step forward for Vick as he seeks to rehabilitate his career and his image after serving 18 months in federal prison. On Sunday, Vick played his first regular-season game since December 2006.

**marlins' nolasco strikes out nine consecutive batters**

ATLANTA — Florida Marlins pitcher Ricky Nolasco struck out nine consecutive batters against the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night, one short of the major league record.

The streak ended with a leadoff double by Adam LaRoche in the sixth inning, and Nolasco finished with a club-record 16 strikeouts. After throwing more than 120 pitches, he was lifted by manager Fredi Gonzalez with two outs in the eighth. The Marlins were leading 3-2.

The big league record for consecutive strikeouts in a game is 10 by Hall of Famer Tom Seaver for the New York Mets on April 22, 1970, against San Diego.

The endorser struck out 19 in that game at Shea Stadium, including his final 10 batters in a 2-1 victory.

The major league record for strikeouts in a nine-inning game is 20, set by Roger Clemens (twice) and Kerry Wood.

**yankee stadium sets another home run record**

NEW YORK — Another home run record has fallen at the new Yankee Stadium.

Derek Jeter homered against Kansas City's Robinson Tejeda leading off the bottom of the first inning Wednesday night, and the .13 billion ballpark became the first major league stadium with home runs in all but one regular-season game.

Three ballparks have had home runs in 79 of 81 games, according to STATS LLC. Edison Field (2000), Coors Field (2001) and U.S. Cellular Field (2004). The only game without a home run at Yankee Stadium this season was on June 18, when the Washington Nationals won 3-0 in a game that started after a 2-hour, 26-minute rain delay.

Playing its regular-season home finale, New York also became the first team to go deep in 73 home games, according to STATS. The 2004 Chicago White Sox homered in 72 home games.
Cowboys running wild despite injuries

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Imagine how many yards the Dallas Cowboys have run for if they could keep their running backs healthy.

It happened in Week 1 when starting Marion Barber missed the last game because of an injury and back-up Palestin was leaving two games with injuries. Dallas has averaged a whopping 193.7 yards rushing per game, 23 yards better than any other NFL team.

OK, three weeks into the season, league-leading totals are pretty worthless. But here's a pretty significant statistic: The Cowboys have run for more than 200 yards each of the last two games, a back-to-back feat they haven't done since 1979. In other words, it never happened in all the years Emmitt Smith was running for the Cowboys in NFL history.

So, what gives?

How can Dallas be so much more successful than last year, when they ranked 21st in rushing, 39 yards a game? He called for a pretty much the same run game as before.

"I don't have the answer," offensive line coach Hudson Hagnard said, muscles bulging. "I should have investigated that more. I didn't.".

A logical reason would be the team's preseason pledge to run more. However, that's not the only reason. The Cowboys situation has five fewer carries than three games into last year, yet they're the top team in the NFL.

The obvious difference is they are running more effectively.

The linemen are in their second year under Linebacker and are back at full strength. The team also has added a right guard Kyle Koszalka, who recovered from foot problems that limited him to seven games last season. Granted, it's more comfortable in his second year under Linebacker, where Jones and third-stringer Tashard Choice are better in their second year with Linebacker.

Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett did say things differently, too.

His basic formation uses two tight ends, featuring Martellus Bennett, and sometimes he goes with a third, rookie John Phillips. Other times he goes with fullback Daryl Washington and end Martellus Bennett, a combo that show Garrett is doing a good job mixing things up, sometimes calling in perfect play against a defense.

For instance, against Carolina on Monday night, Garrett called for a left-side run when the Panthers were in a 3-4 defense. He already has broken 40 yards. He had a 36-yarder against New York, which the week before had Barber and Jones had a combined 35 yards.

All told, the Cowboys have seven runs of at least 20 yards and 18 yards or more of 10 at full strength.

Could that be the secret to the surge in production, that Dallas has become a big-play running team instead of a grind-it-out type?

"The interesting thing is, we can do both," running backs coach Skip Peete said. "We already had the chance to do both, too. My feeling is he touches it. It's very exciting to watch.".

Jones was going to get a stiff test Sunday against Denver. The Broncos have the NFL's stingiest defense, allowing only 214.7 total yards per game. They are seventh against the run at 78.3 yards per game.

A bigger issue is the health of the Cowboys' running backs. With Barber and Jones hobbling, Choice is likely to start and could be the one who suits up.

"It's almost certainly out because of sprained ligament in his left knee. Barber could be back from this this Thursday. There's no telling yet whether he'll start, relief or inactive again. If he'll miss the game, Dallas probably would call up Chauncey Washington from the practice squad. Anderson is the only other ballcarrier on the 53-man roster, but he has been inactive in the last three over seasons.

Anderson is having a serious situation, " coach Wade Phillips said. "We're looking at what we can do or what the possibilities are. We certainly don't want to go into the game with one running back.".

Choice is no typical third-stringer. He already is ready for 22 yards on 22 carries, a solid 4.5 yards per carry, and he did a great job as the primary running back over the final month of 2008 when Barber and Jones were hurt.

"Being put in that position last year and doing well through and showing the team is very important, note for the coaches and then my teammates," Choice said. "Once those guys look at you, the huddle and know you can play, it's a good feeling." And they certainly do.

"We feel very confident when he is out there," quarterback Tony Romo said. "He's a smart, hard worker.".

Barber hurt his left thigh at the end of his 35-yard run and missed the last game. Phillips said Barber was limited in practice Wednesday, but not listed as last week. How Barber Barber Friday will go is going to try and stay positive and keep working hard and hope for the best. That's all you can do.".

"It hasn't been enough so far." Owens was initially criticized after he refused to address reporters following a season-opening loss at New England. He was questioned again after brushing aside the media following a 33-20 win over Tampa Bay in Week 2.

Then came last weekend.

After failing to make a catch since Week 6 of his rookie season, Owens went to the postgame podium, where he provided short answers and, on four occasions, said "Just going with the plays called.".

His responses didn't sit well with two NBC football analysts, former coach Tony Dungy and former safety Rodney Harrison, on Sunday night.

Harrison referred to Owens as "a clown," and added, "He's more concerned with his own stats than the team's success."

Owens shot back at Harrison with several posts on his Twitter page, making reference to Harrison being suspended in 2007 for using a banned substance.

"I can only take so much and try to be the butt of someone's jokes," Owens said. "I'm not going to allow someone to just call me a clown and feel like they can just run all over me."

Bills defensive tackle Marcus Stroud believes the criticism has been unfair. Stroud also credited T.O. for not giving in to his emotions following the loss.

"Any time you go out and play and lose a game, it's hard," Stroud said. "The thing is, a lot of people want to see him do something and they try to target him, but at the same time, he's getting a lot of unfair criticism."

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Judge rejects both bids for Coyotes

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The NHL could challenge a bankruptcy judge's decision Wednesday on a U.S. bank that rejected bids by the league and Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes.

The Arizona Republic, citing a source familiar with the case, said Judge Kevin Faikus issued a written order rejecting both Balsillie's $148.5 million bid and the Coyotes' plan to sell to Moyes, contingent on the NHL's approval.

The judge upheld the league's right to determine the franchise's future and failed to buy an NHL team. Previous efforts to purchase the Pittsburgh Penguins and Nashville Predators also fell through.

At the last minute when other potential bids fell through, the league offered $140 million to the Coyotes to keep the franchise in Arizona. Failing that, the NHL said it would look to relocate the franchise.

"There are multiple factors that support the NHL's bid," the judge wrote.

However, he raised his rejection of the league bid on that fact that it would pay all unsecured creditors in full except Moyes, who wants to win, he thinks he can.

"One of the prime policies of bankruptcy is equality of distribution among creditors," Baum wrote.

Moyes says he has been the only team of its possible franchise, but that has not been easy.

"I think you get into that," Moyes said. "But if we're going to keep this franchise moving forward, it's important that we have the support of the NHL."

Moyes, who is a former founder and CEO of BlackBerry manufacturer Research in Motion, said he considered the NHL an illegal cartel and that its rules were anti-competitive under antitrust law.

Balsillie, who listed his personal wealth at $3 billion, has said his bid is an offer to buy an NHL franchise and that a team would thrive in a market where those teams play.

"It's not easy though," Moyes said. "If we don't win, it's going to be hard," said Moyes."
**NFL**

**Clowney addresses benching concerns**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson was back at practice Wednesday for the first time since spraining his right ankle in the season opener, an encouraging sign for a San Diego Chargers team that has struggled to run the ball.

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"I'm just trying to get back into it, just kind of testing it and see how it feels during practice," he said. "Any time you come off being injured, you gain confidence back by practicing. So today was a measuring stick of where I am. It felt pretty good."

"Any way I can help this team, I'm willing to do it," he said. "Definitely the red zone is the area maybe I can take some of the pressure off things that we do down there, and teams have to play us a little bit more honest. That's what it's all about, and hopefully I can do that."

The Chargers have gained only 199 yards in three games, ranking them next-to-last in the NFL.

"There's no question throughout the season we're better when we run the ball well," Turner said. "You look at the end of the year last year when we started playing the way we're capable of playing, it was because we got the run going. We haven't run the ball well enough to keep them from just zeroing in on our passer and our pass protections."

Also back at practice was rookie right guard Louis Vasquez, who hasn't played since spraining a knee in the season opener.

**LT returns to practice for Chargers**

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NFL

Vernon Davis needs to step up for 49ers

Associated Press
SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Vernon Davis declared from Day One that he could be a key playmaker.

He vowed to have a big impact this season in his new offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye’s system — as long as he was healthy.

The veteran tight end known as "The Monster" because of his bulk and athleticism was out of the backfield as his lack of production during his first three NFL seasons is not the way the San Francisco 49ers expected to start the season. Davis, who was selected with its top draft pick in 2006 at sixth overall, was dealing with a hip injury.

He delivered with a career day in Sunday’s second-last loss at Minnesota, and the Niners could be calling the shots now, even more so this week against St. Louis. The Niners backups Frank Gore sidelined by an ankle injury.

Davis is a captain and seems ready to change his image once and for all through his behavior and letting his play do the talking. For starters, he ignores all questions about his health.

"There isn’t nobody going to get under your skin," Davis said Wednesday. "Because the minute you let them get under your skin is the minute you get weak."

Davis, who has come a long way to earn a leadership role for coach Mike Singletary, matched his career best with seven catches against the Vikings and set career highs with 96 yards and two touchdown receptions.

He has 31 receptions for 393 yards and two touchdowns in the opener.

"I can do a lot more than that," Davis said. "I’m just starting to be a little better now. With opportunities, anything is possible."

After Sunday’s 27-24 defeat, Singletary told Davis that very thing.

"I knowed Dave has more to offer."

Raye, the 49ers’ seventh offensive coordinator in as many years, runs a tight-end-friendly offense and always has. While in Kansas City, he kept Al-Pro tight end Tony Gonzalez a main part of Chiefs’ mix.

Davis has been targeted on 23 of 83 throws this season, 27.7 percent of San Francisco’s pass plays, compared to 49 of 569, or 9.6 percent, last season under former coordinator Mike McDonald.

"He’s as focused as ever, too. "He’s a big-time player for us. We need him out there, and it’s for the best."

"You always have to,” he said. "It’s about the team."

"He’s just as bad as ever."

He has already equaled his TD total from last season (six) and almost doubled his total of 14 catches.

Davis scored two touchdowns.

He has seven catches for 68 yards and one touchdown.

He has 50 catches for 569 yards and four touchdowns.

"I’m just scratching the surface right now. With opportunities, anything is possible."

Vernon Davis
49ers tight end

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Bradshaw is latest injured Giant

Associated Press
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The banged-up New York Giants have another injury to worry about.

With 10 players already on their injury report, coach Tom Coughlin found a new name on the list Wednesday: backup halfback Ahmad Bradshaw, who rushed for 104 yards in New York’s 24-0 win over Tampa Bay this past weekend.

Bradshaw walked to practice wearing a boot on his right foot to protect sprains to his ankle and foot. He did not work out.

Neither Coughlin nor Bradshaw seemed concerned whether the backup to starter Brandon Jacobs would play Sunday when the Giants (3-0) travel to Kansas City (0-3).

"It’s an old college injury," Bradshaw said, remembering his initial injury — a high ankle sprain — during open practice during training camp. He did it this year after saying such antics were behind him. Single leg sent him to the showers early during the rookie’s debut last October against Seattle on the way Davis reacted to a personal feeling.

Davis considers growing up a big part of his game and he large credits Singletary in that process.

"You know what, I have talked about playing through pain during camp, when I first injured it," Bradshaw said. "I have just been able to do that ever since. It always hurts during the game. There is a lot of pounding in the game, somebody might fall on it during the game, it is what it is.

"I just know we have to get my timing down, so I am just as much healthy, but just about you, it’s about the team."

Bradshaw said the injury for him is part of his game now as a freshman, but he has dealt with the pain ever since.

"I do a lot of cutting and am always on the edge of my feet and it is a lingering thing for a running back," said Bradshaw, adding the pain he was feeling Wednesday was nothing compared to what he felt in college.

He said the boot takes pressure off the foot and ankle.

While the Giants remain optimistic Bradshaw will play, the reality is that most players who have missed practice this season have not played on Sundays.

If that’s the case, free agent Garrett Johnson would hold the ball. He was signed a week after Danny Ware dislocated his elbow on the opening kickoff in the season opener.

"I think I’m ready," said Johnson, who got six carries for 23 yards against the Bucs. "Getting some good game time last week was good for me. I need to get my timing down, so I have a lot to improve on."

"We’re just going to have to use our best judgment, he said. "It’s not the same."

He was awarded on waivers after being cut by San Diego before the Chargers’ Monday night season opener. He flew across county and has been expected to play a crash course on the Giants’ offense for past two weeks.

"That’s just the name of the game, that’s just the NFL," said the rookie from Colorado State who still is living in a hotel because he hasn’t had the time to find an apartment. "You just never know. You always have to be prepared."

Jacobs obviously will get the bulk of the carries. He had a season-high 26 carries last week for 92 yards and a touchdown on a day the Giants rushed for 226 yards on 49 attempts.

Quarterback Eli Manning echoed the approach the Giants take to all injuries: someone goes down, the next guy steps up.

"We know whoever is back there, they will know what to do," Manning said, adding if they don’t, he’ll tell them. "We’ll be on the same page. Guys play in the team aspect and we’ll step up and make plays."

Guard Rich Seubert said Johnson was impressive against the Bucs.

"He ran the ball hard," Seubert said. "It was exciting to see him out there. I think they will fit in fine, if we need him."

Besides Bradshaw and Ware, defensive linemen Chris Canty (groin), Michael Boley (shin) and Kevin Tuck (shoulder) did not practice Wednesday. Tuck, who played eight plays against Tampa, said his left shoulder is improving and he expects to play more in Kansas City.

Cornerbacks Aaron Ross (hamstring) and Kevin Dockery (hamstring), receivers Hakeem Nicks (foot) and Domenik Hixon (knee), and linebacker Clint Sintim (groin) were limited in practice, while offensive linemen Aaron Kromazik (knee) and Adam Koets (ankle) participated fully.

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**MLB**

Nolasco, Marlins beat Braves

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ricky Nolasco struck out nine straight Atlanta Braves for 16 strikeouts — the most by a major league pitcher in more than two years — in Florida’s 5-4 victory Wednesday night.

Trying to make a late push for the NL wild card, the Braves rallied for two runs in the ninth inning and had a chance to win after loading the bases with two outs. But the game ended when Matt Diaz was thrown out trying to score back to third following a pitch in the dirt.

Nolasco’s nine consecutive strikeouts in one game were one short of the big league record set by Hall of Famer Tom Seaver for the New York Mets on April 22, 1970, against San Diego.

Seaver struck out 19 in that game at Shea Stadium, including his final 10 batters in a 2-1 victory.

Nolasco’s 16 strikeouts were the most in the majors since Johan Santana fanned 17 for Minnesota on Aug. 19, 2007, according to STATS LLC.

With Martin Prado at the plate in the ninth, Diaz initially broke for home on a ball that bounced away from catcher Ronny Paulino. Diaz hesitated, however, and Paulino retrieved the ball quickly before making a strong throw to the plate.

After he was called out, Diaz slammed his hand on the bag in frustration.

The play gave Brendan Ryan the go-ahead hit, but after Diaz fanned for the second straight K, Braves manager Joe Girardi and coach Bud Black issued the pitchout.

Nolasco, who struck out 14 of his first 19 batters, set a Marlins record with his 15th strikeout when Diaz fanned for the final out of the seventh. Nolasco’s final strikeout victim was rookie Brooks Conrad for the first of the eight.

Nolasco’s ninth inning ended after 123 pitches when manager Fredi Gonzalez brought in Dan Meyer with two outs in the eighth and a runner on first.

Meyer retired Chipper Jones on a liner to end the inning.

Atlanta scored twice in the ninth on Yunel Escobar’s RBI single and pinch-hitter Omar Infante’s RBI single.

Nolasco’s streak of nine straight Ks ended with a leadoff double off Adam Laroche in the sixth, Nolasco fanned 12 through six innings, retiring 14 of his first 15 batters.

Throwing 83 strikes, Nolasco allowed four hits, two runs — none earned — and two walks in 7 2/3 innings.

He has won two of his last three decisions and four of his last six starts.

Nolasco was 1-3 with a 7.44 ERA with 10 homers allowed in his previous six starts against the Braves. After winning 15 games last season, the right-hander got off to a rough start this year and was sent to the minors for a two-week stretch that ended June 2.

Both runs scored in the seventh on Laroche’s two-run single. Neither run was earned because Escobar reached on a shortstop Hanley Ramirez’s fielding error.

The Marlins, who have won two straight, took a 3-0 lead in the third off Braves starter Javier Vazquez (1-3), who lost for the first time in five starts.

After Chris Coghlan led off with a single, third baseman Jones’ fielding error allowed Cameron Maybin to reach, and both runners advanced on Ramirez’s groundout.

Jorge Cantu followed with an RBI single to make it 1-0.

Maybin was already at third when Cantu stole second and scored on Vazquez’s wild pitch to Ross Clay.

Dan Uggla followed with an RBI single for a 3-0 lead.

Giancarlo Stanton, a two-run shot off Vazquez in the fifth, made it 5-0.

Vazquez was 4-0 with an 0.84 ERA in his previous four starts, but he’s been unable against Atlanta the past two. He has an ERA of 12.72 against the Braves since franchise relocated to Atlanta in 1996.

The last pitcher to do it was Sid Fernandez for the Mets on July 14, 1982.

The Marlins were eliminated from postseason contention by the Rockies, who beat the Braves 8-3 on Wednesday.

Kansas City 4, New York 3

The Yankees ended the first regular season at the Huntington Armory with a 10-2 loss to the Kansas City Royals.

Kansas City broke a seventh-inning tie when Mark Teahen homered leading off the eighth.

Yuniesky Betancourt followed with a sacrifice bunt, and Burke was tagged out to shallow center.

New York opened the ballpark on April 16 with a 10-2 loss to Cleveland but went on to finish 57-24 (.704) at new Yankee Stadium, the third-highest winning percentage since 1901 for a team in a first-year ballpark, according to STATS LLC.

The Boston Red Sox were 57-20 (1.40) with one tie in 1912 at Fenway Park, and the Boston Somersets were 49-20 (.710) in 1901 at the Huntington Avenue Baseball Grounds.

Hoping to be the Yankees’ No. 4 starter in the AL championship series and World Series, Chamberlain had a dreadful two-month stretch starting in mid-August, going 0-4 with 5.42 ERA in eight starts after receiving a warning that he said “was a little bit more” than needed.

“I know what to do now,” he said Wednesday. “He had a good start last time and he’s had good starts during the year, but we want him to have another good start because there are decisions that still have to be made.”
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more than ready for Lyons. Last week’s game brought improvement even between the first and second halves, so the extra practice time will surely prepare them even more.

“We look to come out with a bang and plan to prove that Ryan, even as a new team, is a force to be reckoned with,” Bowen said.

While Ryan is rather new to existence as a whole, Lyons is new to the 2009 season. After successful scrimmages and practice time, Lyons is ready to actually play.

The defense is led by sophomores Kar Rodriguez and Caroline Maroney, both of whom proved their strengths last year. They are joined by numerous freshmen.

Offensively, Lyons is looking strong, especially with its upperclassmen. Wide receivers senior Martin Petnuch and sophomore Caroline Maroney are ready to catch any ball that comes their way. “We have an impressive receiving core that I think will be effective at moving the ball down the field,” senior quarterback Claire Cottle said.

The Lions are ready to take on Ryan and start out with a strong season. “We are just going to have to come out aggressive against Ryan and make sure we stick to the game plan,” Connell said.

Ryan and Lyons will play Thursday at 7 p.m. at Richie Field.

Cavanaugh vs. Walsh

Two teams looking to build more momentum off of already impressive starts will meet Thursday as Cavanaugh and Walsh battle at Richie Field.

Cavanaugh started their season with a 14-7 win over Badin, giving up one touchdown down after an interception by junior with excellent field position. The Chaos expect an even better performance from their defense against Walsh.

“We’re confident that we can earn a shutout Thursday,” senior captain Sarah Cline said.

The defensive identity of Cavanaugh’s team can be traced back to the intensity of its leaders, and the high expectation the Cavanaugh players carry with them every time they step on the field.

“To play Cavanaugh football is to be part of a family and a legacy,” Cline said. “Knowing we’re playing for the greatest dorm on campus gives us extra motivation to win.”

The offensive side of the ball, Cavanaugh pours equal passion into their aerial attack, boasting a strong passing game. “Our receivers are quick and athletic, and we expect them to consistently make plays,” Cline said. “Our top receivers are senior Eric Dolan, junior Holly Hinz, and sophomore Britni Alexander.”

If Cavanaugh expects to continue its march to the playoffs, they will have to contend with an equally fiery Walsh team coming off a come-from-behind 18-12 win against Pangborn.

“(Coming from behind) was a good reminder that this season is going to be a lot of work,” senior captain Meghan Haldley said. “But the team handled it marvelously and we came on top.

Walsh is looking to duplicate their undefeated regular season record of last season, and will benefit from new freshman face such as defensive lineman Alyssa Caossil who had two sacks last game, as well as seniors returning from injury.

“We are looking forward to facing [the seniors] back in as well as getting some new faces in the mix,” Haldley said. “But everyone on our team contributes. It’s the truth.”

The Wild Women will look to put together all of the pieces against Cavanaugh and come out on top with a statement victory.

“We have the talent. We have the heart,” Haldley said. “Now we just need some good football.”

The two undefeated squads will face off at Riehle Fields Thursday at 8 p.m.

PW vs. Pangborn

Pangborn (0-1) hopes to rebound from an opening loss with a win over Pasquerilla West (1-0) Thursday.

“We were disappointed in our first game’s loss, but it was a very even match and we are looking forward to our next game,” Pangborn sophomore captain James Cottle said. “Our team has meshed incredibly well and we aren’t worried about bouncing back.

At the center of the Phoxes’ offense is junior quarterback Gabbie Curley, who will lead high octane passing attack. All-purpose senior Megan Brescher and sophomore wide receiver Liz Pawlik will be on the receiving end of Tate’s throws.

Opposing Tate and company will be an outstanding Pasquerilla West defense, which used multiple fourth downs against Ryan last week to preserve a 14-7 victory.

The Purple Weasels defense, led by senior fine- humorous Cynthia Curley and senior defensive back Alyssa Moya, will focus on shutting down the Phoxes’ aerial attack.

The Pasquerilla West offense not only hopes to continue the success it had with option football last week, but also find more balance through the air.

Our passing game is only going to continue to develop. We have six or seven very tough recruits on our quarterback, junior Simone Bigi, is gaining more confidence each week,” Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Carley said. “We know we can run, but we know we can pass and catch too. We’re going to put a one-dimensional offense back to us that may be difficult to adjust to.”

Both teams promise to bring plenty of intensity to the game and hope to come out on top.

“We are going out to come with the same intensity from the start and ensure it’s carried throughout the game,” Carney said. “We will play to the end and hopefully come out with a victory.”

Pasquerilla West takes on Pangborn on Thursday night at 9 p.m. at Riehle Field in a game that should be an exciting one with both passing, well-executed plays, and defensive stands.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Notre Dame Bulldogs past Rainbow Warriors

Associated Press

RUSTON, La. — Louisiana Tech coach Derek Dooley welcomed an opportunity to face his former team this week as the Pride take Wednesday night’s game against Hawaii to see something special.

Turns out that something special was tailback Daniel Porter, who rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns, moved up the charts on three career rushing lists and helped the Bulldogs to a dominant 27-6 win Wednesday night. We also wiped away all those questions surrounding a slow start.

“I got my mojo back tonight,” Porter said, adding, “I’m not going to say it was a dump, but I wasn’t getting my yards.”

Porter joined from 10th to eighth on the Louisiana Tech (2-2, 1.0 WAC) career rushing list and tied the 1973 team (2-0) on the chase the entire game. The senior surpassed his season total of 145 yards rushing, as did the team with 352.

The Bulldogs entered the game ranked 103rd of 120 FBS teams with 97.3 yards rushing per game. Pressure reached them early, however, after the team failed to score their first touchdown against Louisiana Tech pulled away in the second half for their ninth win in their last 10 home games.

“The problem with the run was (it was) the consistent inhibition of tackling in football,” Hawaii coach Greg McMackin said. “We were diving and not tackling our way to. We’re not that kind of football team.”

The Louisiana Tech defense had no problem tackling and was dominant as well, snapping Hawaii’s 62-game streak with at least one touchdown. The Bulldogs held the No. 7 offense to minus-7 yards rushing, as did the team with 97.3. Hawaii rushed for minus-7 yards, well below its average of 152.3.

Tech defenders kept the Warriors out of the end zone with a goal-line stand late in the second quarter and sacked quarterback Greg Alexander five times, including once before knocking him from the game late in the third, and finished with seven.

“The sacks are just devastating,” Louisiana Tech coach Derek Dooley said.

The Bulldogs played their third consecutive road game for the first time since 1964, traveling to Seattle to play Washington State and Las Vegas for UNLV before the game.

“It’s a good start,” McMackin said. It was just their fifth Western Athletic Conference loss in the last 25 games.

McMackin said there is “no winning in football” but acknowledged his team appeared to be at a low ebb as it weathered home games.

“We didn’t have any energy and didn’t play our best game,” he said. “But we’re not going to go forward to going home and playing a conference in front of our crowd.”

All the travel helps explain why it appeared Porter got stronger as the game went on. The Warriors (2-2, 0-1 WAC) entered the game averaging 41.7 yards per game, but Porter passed early in the second half.

He played sparingly in the fourth quarter, but picked up runs of 19 and 14 yards on Bulldogs’ final scoring drive, which ended in a field goal.

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last, in terms of dealing with the toe injury. "Last week after the Michigan State game, after I got injured, it was pretty painful. I could barely walk on it," Clausen said. "Just to translate that to this week, I feel a lot better than I did. After this Purdue game, I felt pretty good on Saturday, and then when I was out there to practice."

The toe will require that Clausen play a limited role Saturday. He said he was prepared to do so for the rest of the season. He had a place in his shoe that limits the mobility of the toe and limits the impact of the pain is still there, whether he's taking drops from under center or out of the shotgun.

"It really doesn't matter," Clausen said. "When you're out there playing, you've got to get out around, throw the ball." Anyone watching Notre Dame's 24-21 victory over Purdue last Saturday saw someone else in Irish white and gold doing just that for the better part of the second half. Sophomore Dayne Crist. Clausen's heir apparent, saw his first meaningful game action against the Boilermakers, effectively guiding the offense on a pair of touchdown drives.

"Whenever guys are out there making plays, it gets me excited," Clausen said. "Just seeing Dayne out there and just making plays is just a really good thing for us. We're not really being another quarterback, it's just fun watching him go out there and make plays, just like other guys on the team."

In another way the Irish made plays Saturday was with the Wildcat formation. The formation made its first appearance this season when the Irish were working on our tackling, and hopefully that translates to better tackling on Saturday."

Even with those moves, however, the run defense was much improved against the Boilermakers Saturday, and special teams captain and backup linebacker Scott Smith hoped to take that confidence against the Huskies with a similar approach. "When you use it effectively in one of the skill positions which, if true, would set a 'sufficient' claim that if proven, would have the skills to take a big step tomorrow over Olivet. With every win, we get more and more comfortable and confident in each of our games which comes across in our next rounds."

"Last spring, the Belles took turning at the NCAA tournament after taking second to Olivet in the fall 2008 season. Saint Mary's is currently 11 strokes ahead of Olivet for the lead in the MIAA. The Belles won four consecutive conference championships from 2002-2005, and are looking to take back the title this fall.

"With the remaining matches this season all being MIAA match-es, we need to play with confidence and hold a tight lead over the other teams," Hamma said. "If we can secure a win this fall season, it will really set us up for suc-cесс this spring; a win would guarantee two of the three rounds for the conference and a spot at nationals would be at our home-course."

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"I think everyone is aware that the woman's allegations make the suit should be dismissed because it failed to name an 'indispensable' party, Judge that hearing Harrington's - Hotel - Casino - and denied Roethlisberger's request to expedite discovery, or the sharing of evidence.

Rothlisberger's lawyer David Cornwell said that the outcome of his team was encouraged by the judge's reasoning. "Finding that plaintiff survived the 'but for a reason of a generous 'beyond doubt' standard indicates that, at these early stages, the benefit is indeed given plaintiff her day in court," Cornwell said in a court filing. "Of course, this cuts both ways."

"In any event, her allegations remain false and we remain entitled to a vigorous defense," Rothlisberger's lawyer has repeatedly declined comment on court filings and did not return a phone call. The Indianapolis Star, as a matter of policy, does not identify individuals who have been sexually assaulted.

The woman, a 31-year-old VIP guest at the Hard Rock Hotel's Flamingo Palace in July, alleging Biggobender sexually assaulted her while she was two shots in the first round to match the Howell's pair of 75s, six under par. "He's got it going on," said fifth-round leader Todd Harris, who amassed a 15-under par total for the event. "He's got a lot of potential. The suit claimed she was hospitalized for several months because she was traumatized after the alleged attack.
CROSSWORD

Across
1. Moccasin adornment
2. Faux pas
3. Took (went swimming)
4. Keyboard key
5. Run of Thursday, October 1, 2009
8. Support for the Mott___
9. Took (went swimming)
10. Shrinks
12. Billboard
15. Russo who co-starred in "The Thomas Crown Affair"
17. Literary lead role
18. Run of Thursday, October 1, 2009
19. Abbreviation
20. Alphabet trio
21. Thomas Crown
22. Boot feature
23. Thomas Crown
24. Singer Corinne
25. Bring into being
26. Crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.
27. Intros
28. Lobby in a D C.
29. New York's Institute (art school)
30. Organic Chemistry*
31. Heat Transfer
32. Fluid Dynamics
33. Matlab
34. Peace Studies
35. Organic Chemistry*
36. Out on the water
37. Fitting
38. Foolish chatter
39. Disappointments
40. Broadway
41. Thomas Crown
42. Verified, in a way
43. Brother-and-sister dancing duo
44. Russo who co-starred in "The Thomas Crown Affair"
45. Russo who co-starred in "The Thomas Crown Affair"
46. Stereo
47. Crosswords for young solvers; nytimes.com/learning/xwords.
48. Most merciless
49. Key to form four ordinary words.
50. Sign up for a course, investing your money or doing something to update your look.
51. Things is measured in a D C.
52. First row
53. iets, things, pieces
54. Bigger than big
55. Intersecting
56. Online gap
57. "You're the..."
58. Popular ISP
59. Brazilian hot spot
60. Beach, Fla.
61. Seventh row
62. Russo who co-starred in "The Thomas Crown Affair"
63. Game
64. Edinburgh
65. Parthenon
66. Have a hangover
67. Suffix akin to -o
daddy-o
68. Comedic star
69. Many August
70. Cuban pigt.
maybe

Down
1. Monotone
2. Ancient Spartan magistrate
3. Wide open
4. Fifth row
5. Result of poor ventilation
6. Bossi
7. Japanese butcher
8. Mickey Mouse's puppy pal
9. Shipping magnate Onassis
10. Shrink's
11. Passionately
12. Support for the Mott___
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Organic Chemistry*
Matlab
Fluid Dynamics
Heat Transfer

WILL SHORTZ

Things I learned at ND:
Math
Organic Chemistry*
Matlab
Fluid Dynamics
Heat Transfer

THINGS I WISH I LEARNED:
Film
Philosophy
Art Studio
Peace Studies
How to talk to girls

THINGS I TELL PEOPLE AT BARS:
"I'm a finance major"
"Oh, you have an offer from Deloitte too!"
"Yeah, that class is a total joke"

JUMBLE

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter is to be removed in order to form four ordinary words.

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Happy Birthday: Your unique way of doing things will capture the attention of someone who needs to be made happy. You're about to go on an adventure that will demand you work out the details, make a decision and act. But you'll find your work out land well. An activity will lead you in the path of a person who can inspire you today. Your numbers are 1, 2, 7, 21, 27, 31, 42, 54.

ARIS (March 21-April 19): Apprach carefully. If you allow yourself to get too far into the same situation you will probably feel self-satisfied. Make last-minute changes if it will mean you will need your position. Avoid long-winded problems that will more or less take over.

TALCUS (April 20-May 20): An opportunity will arise — be ready to take on the chal- lenge. You won't have to look far to find answers and we don't tell you to fear what you've been given. An exaggerated point of view can come to you off course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are facing an off-blu situation that must be handled with diplomacy. One false move and you may end up defending your position. Avoid long-winded problems that will more or less take over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your relationships may go in the direction of people with true hard souls. Don't believe the sales pitch you are given. Do your research.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The opportunity you are seeking is not in the line to the true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will criticize you for your inability to follow through with promises. Things is measured in a D C.

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**ND Women’s Golf**

Experienced leadership catapults team to top of Big East

By Chris Michalski
Sports Writer

Most teams at the collegiate level from year to year have to deal with losing seniors and replacing them with untested freshmen. The Notre Dame women’s golf team, however, is not facing that issue this fall.

Losing only one senior from last year, Lisa Mauna, the Irish feature one of the most talented and experienced teams in the Big East. The Irish didn’t pick up any freshmen this year, but rather have a starting lineup of two seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore.

Leading the way is senior Annie Brophy, who is easily the most experienced player on the roster. Brophy has played in every competitive round in her Notre Dame career, which comes out to a total of more than 100 rounds of golf.

“Annie came in and was a good player within the junior rankings, but I think she has just progressed nicely over the last few years and positioned herself well within college golf,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “I think her progression in her game over the years has allowed her to step into that leadership year and be one someone that people can look up to.”

This progression culminated in a tangible accomplishment her sophomore year, a Big East individual championship, which coach Holt described as the “turning point” in her production.

“I think she kind of validated herself as a player,” said Holt. “I thought she responded well to (being the Big East champion) last year and I’ve been real pleased with her play so far this year.”

Brophy’s best finish so far this season was 14th in the Bettie Lou Invitational.

Junior So-Ryan Park has also provided consistent scores and quality leadership for the Irish. Park currently has Notre Dame’s best career stroke average with 74.82 and recently posted the top score of four over par for the Irish at the Bettie Lou Invitational.

This strong leadership is something of utmost importance for the team’s success, but their experience lends itself to even more.

Playing a number of the same tournaments from last season, many of the Irish players have experience on these courses.

Although the Irish finished the same lineup for the Mary Enosum Invitational as they did last year, it did not equate to improved scores.

“Typically you’d like to think that having prior knowledge of a course would certainly help you prepare for an event,” said Holt. “There is a mental preparation advantage to playing a course that you have seen before.”

The Irish will have an even playing field with their opponents in the next tournament, as they did not have the opportunity to compete in the Windy City Collegiate tournament last year. Nevertheless, the Irish possess the necessary skill and leadership to surpass the competition.

The first round of the Collegiate is scheduled to begin on Monday.

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**Football**

Tiptoeing back

Clausen feeling ‘good’ heading into UW game

By Matt Gamber
Sports Editor

And now for your daily turf toe tutorial, here’s Jimmy Clausen.

“I’m feeling good. I practiced yesterday, and I’m just getting better every single day,” the Irish junior quarterback said at his Wednesday press conference. “It’s just a nagging injury. I don’t think I’ll be 100 percent healthy until the end of the season or after the season.”

Even with the lingering pain, all signs point to Clausen — and junior running back Armando Allen (ankle), for that matter — being fully prepared to play Saturday against Purdue.

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**SMC Soccer**

Belles drop match vs. Adrian

By Kate Grabarik
Sports Writer

Adrian broke out to an early 3-0 lead over Saint Mary’s Wednesday and the Belles were never able to recover.

“I thought we played below expectation in the first half and we quickly fell behind 3-0,” head coach Ryan Crabbe said. “I went into this match with much higher expectations.”

The Belles (3-7-1, 0-1) struggled in the first half of the game allowing all three goals before the half and were shut out for the seventh time this season.

With the game marking the beginning of the conference season, the Belles entered the third round of tourney

By Megan Finneran
Chris Allen and Barrick Bollman
Sports Writers

Thursday will mark a beginning for both Ryan and Lyons.

Granted, Ryan has played one game, a 14-7 defeat to Pasquerella West, but it was the first game in dorm history, and the team is still in Pasquerella West.

“We have really been meshing this season,” senior captain Kenzie Bowen said. “We have a lot of young enthusiasm. I would like to believe that we have the most fun week in and week out.”

In terms of key players, Ryan does not recognize any, but rather chooses to acknowledge its team as a whole on both the offensive and defensive ends.

“We play as one unstoppable unit,” Bowens said. “This year will be mainly one of the most intimidating defenses in the league and they do not have the opportunity for scoring confidence.”

Even with their roster status, the Ryan women are