Eyes on Africa Foundation makes progress

Notre Dame-founded program raises more than $100,000, helps provide HIV testing in Africa and looks forward to future

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News Writer

The Eyes on Africa Foundation (EOAF) is bringing into focus its goal of helping the troubled continent by raising donations and starting several new projects, founder and Notre Dame senior Jeff Lakusta said.

“Now, we’ve raised more than $100,000 and taken several groups of volunteers to Africa,” Lakusta said. “We’ll have another trip this summer, and anyone is invited. Volunteers need to pay their own way — so we don’t take donors money to pay for people’s trips — and it’s a life-changing experience.”

Last year the Foundation helped to provide an HIV testing vehicle to the area outside Cape Town, South Africa. A car dealer donated the vehicle and EOAF helped to renovate it. Etafeni, a community-based care center for AIDS, hooked it all up that the guy who ran the cabinet said, “It’s a great, community-based model we think is a unique solution to some of the problems, privacy issues, safety concerns, and simple weather and timing constraints.”

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How should I put this nicely?
Student attendance at basketball games this semester has been, well, less than stellar. In fact, at a few games this season, there have been more players on the benches than students in the stands. I understand it may be tough to get pumped up for Idaho State or IUPUI, but there is one opponent coming to the JACC — excuse me, Purcell Pavilion — that does warrant your attention.

On Dec. 19, one of the great inter-sectional rivalries in college basketball will return to Notre Dame when UCLA comes to town. For those of you unaware of the history between the two teams, here’s a primer.

Notre Dame has beaten UCLA twice in the country, including the 1974 upset, which has gone down as arguably the greatest game in Notre Dame basketball history. The Bruins entered into the game with an NCAA-record 88 consecutive victories, having not lost since a 1971 defeat to the Irish. Trailing 70-59 with just 3:30 remaining hope looked lost for the Irish. But Notre Dame scored 12 consecutive points, capped off by a Dwight Clay jumper from the corner, and set off an epic party in South Bend.

Last year, the Bruins shut down Notre Dame in Los Angeles en route to an 89-63 win.

Now, I’m sure you saw the date for this year’s epic showdown and said, “Well, of course I want to stay, but the game is the day after finals end, so won’t the dorms be closed?”

Not so fast. In a shockingly competitive move, the University of Notre Dame said you can stay for the madness. At the very least, do it for Luke Harangody. The Irish senior is likely to be playing his last home game before going pro in 2010.

Show your support. Stay for UCLA.

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

INSIDE COLUMN

Help renew the rivalry

In Brief

A colloquium titled “Rare isotopes in cosmic explosions and in accelerators on earth” will be held in 118 Newland Science Hall. The colloquium will be held at 4 p.m. today.

The Snite Museum of Art is hosting an exhibit titled “Darkness and Light: Death and Beauty in Photography” today through Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will examine various aspects of death and beauty in thought-provoking images from around the world, ranging from 1844 to the present.

The Notre Dame women’s basketball team is playing Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356 or visit the Athletic Ticket Office Web site.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will be hosting its Christmas Concert on Saturday at 6 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. Both will take place in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

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Correction

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sam Werner at swerner@nd.edu
One of the things students miss when they are away from home is the cooking, but Saint Mary’s Barry Bowles, general manager for Sodexo at the College, said he does his best to work with the more than 1,200 students who have meal plans on campus.

Bowles said one of his most demanding challenges is satisfying the diverse needs of the young women. He said he tries to please as many as possible, knowing he can never satisfy everyone.

“Students have a different idea of what healthy means, they have a different idea of what variety means,” Bowles said.

According to Bowles, the dining hall Web site has been updated recently to keep in sync with the rest of the College’s Web site. The site now offers more convenient nutritional information for students, as well as continuing to provide weekly menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The updated Web site also has a place where students can go to make comments, either anonymously or with their e-mail addresses so they can get a direct response. Bowles said he would like to hear from students more.

“Saint Mary’s women are so nice. It’s hard to get people to open up,” Bowles said.

The form requires students pick what venue they have a concern with, or even positive feedback for, and then the date on which it happened. The forms are linked on the food services Web page.

Also, students wishing to make comments can do so at the front desk of the Student Center.

The process for reviewing the comments was changed, and they no longer go directly to food services, Bowles said. Now, a representative in Student Involvement sees them first, and then gives a report to Bowles. He then responds to them by posting on the bulletin board inside the door of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

Another issue on campus with food services has been rumors about the closing of Dalloway’s, the campus clubhouse. Bowles said he has no authority to close the location, and he encourages students to continue to go there.

“It has one of the more cozy, warm atmospheres on campus. I would love to see more students make use of it,” Bowles said.

Lunches are served at Dalloway’s every Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner is served there every Monday through Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m. These meals count as meal swipes on students’ cards, Bowles said.

Bowles is also working to make meals available in Spes Unica Hall. He said he hopes to have a fresh sandwich and maybe fresh fruit or something small to go with it that would be available for students who only have time for a quick lunch, or who need something on the go.

Bowles said he is working on other projects that faculty and students have wanted to see such as a food cart in the library. The timeframe for these ideas is still up in the air though.

Overall, Bowles would like to see more feedback from students — both positive and negative — about food services on campus.

“We are available to talk to, so please talk to us,” Bowles said. “I love talking to students and I am available and very approachable.”

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nearly 1,000 faculty members in a variety of ways. “The CIF is quite critical among many factors that contribute to an evaluation of a faculty member’s teaching,” he said. Jacobs said these evaluations are key for determining the tenure trajectory of University faculty.

He also said the CIF evaluations are important for collecting feedback on a course, developing course improvements, and evaluating the University as a whole. “We’re examining over 2,000 courses each semester using the CIF,” he said. Jacobs said students have two key incentives for completing their CIF forms. If students do so, they can see their first semester grades on Dec. 22 instead of Dec. 28, and they can access teacher reviews generated by the CIF system when they register for classes in the spring.

University faculty members said they were pleased with student turnout so far. “Seventy-three percent of all my students have filled out the CIFs,” Spanish professor Johara Sonza said. “I greatly appreciate my students’ insight, and appreciate their thoughtful suggestions.”

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Sharratt said that practicing Orthodox Judaism at a school with a pervasive Catholic atmosphere has been a challenge but has also helped him to strengthen his commitment to the faith. “I’ll tell you a very important thing that I’ve kind of noticed,” he said. “If for example I’m one of 10,000 Jews living in one community, everyone’s doing the [same thing], but when you’re more isolated, all those things that you would normally do, you have to question ‘why am I really doing this?’ You really get to a more pure form of service of G-D. You’re really able to know yourself that much more.”

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Standing

It’s a good school. My family kind of made me go, actually,” he said. “I went to Florida State my first year, did well, and my family basically told me I had to go to a better school.”

Sharratt grew up in a Reform Jewish family in Hollywood, Fla. He decided to become Orthodox around the age of 18, right before he came to Notre Dame. Sharratt said the tight-knit Orthodox community is “something that no other culture in the world has.”

“There are times where I’ve been at some random place and with two phone calls I have free housing and free food,” he said. “(The hosts) don’t even know me. It’s very trusting.”

Sharratt has found the Orthodox community in South Bend to be “small but good.” For services, he attends the Hebrew Orthodox Congregation or the kollel, which is an institute for Talmudic study, in South Bend. Orthodox Jewish faculty members also have been a source of support for Sharratt.

“I’ve been close with Dr. Franks. He teaches Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic. I’m usually at his house every weekend. I’ve never been on campus during the Sabbath. I’ve never been to a football game. There’s a lot of rules associated with keeping the Sabbath.”

Sharratt said although it would not be impossible to keep the Sabbath on campus, it would be difficult.

“You can’t write, you can’t drive, you can’t manipulate electricity. It is a day of service and prayer,” he said.

Friday nights, Sharratt attends Shabbat services, which are followed by a formal dinner at the Franks’ home. For him, Saturdays are spent resting and praying.

“It’s a day of reverence, a day of rest, but really it’s a day to focus on spirituality,” Sharratt said.

Sharratt said all of his professors and peers have been accepting of his faith.

“I haven’t gotten one ounce of anti-Semitism,” he said. “If anything, I’ve gotten more respect.” However, Sharratt said he feels a general ignorance pervades campus about what Judaism stands for and how Orthodox Judaism is distinguished from the Conservative and Reform denominations.

“I would say the majority of people on campus have never met an Orthodox Jew,” he said.

Practicing Orthodox Judaism, Sharratt said, requires more than just attending synagogue, observing the Sabbath and praying three times a day. According to him, it means following laws that affect every aspect of life.

“There are laws on how to clip your fingernails, tie your shoes, dress, what to think about, what you should have on your mind, self-inspection, prayer, business dealings — there are 613 biblical commandments,” he said.

“They are: what is your purpose in life? What is the purpose of your being alive? What happens after death? All the major philosophical, ethical issues, Judaism addresses,” he said. “(Judaism) gives you a complete purpose of life [and helps to explain] why you do all the things you do.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police recover stolen jewels
PARIS — Police say they have recovered nearly $1.181 million in jewels stolen last month in a holdup at a Cartier jewelry store in the southeastern French city of Lyon.

A police official says officers came across the stash by accident while searching the apartment of a man suspected of jewelry theft. The suspect is still at large.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday because of department policy.

In the Nov. 26 attack on the Cartier store, thieves used a sledgehammer to smash through the reinforced glass on the downtown Lyon store to grab hundreds of necklaces and watches from display cases.

The attackers roughed up the store's manager, slapped one customer but no one was injured.

Grenade attacks injure three
MEXICO CITY — Near-simultaneous grenade attacks on officers' businesses and gas stations in a northern Mexican state slightly injured three people, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Sonora state prosecutors' spokesman Jose Langeron said two grenades exploded in three cities, including the capital, Hermosillo.

The targets included two gas stations, a restaurant, a bank office and a building housing the state Attorney General's Office.

The injuries were all from the restaurant attack, the victims were treated and released, Larrinaga said.

LOCAL NEWS

Men drive through day care facility
INDIANAPOLIS — Prosecutors have filed charges against two men who drove through a day care center's wall, injuring four children and an employee in a shower of bricks and other debris.

The announcement by the Vatican that the pope had agreed with his aides to move up the appointment by two hours, raised some concern about the pontiff’s health.

But Vatican officials have insisted his health is fine, and that Benedict had agreed with aides to have more time to rest before a noon appearance at crowds in St. Peter’s Square on Christmas Day.
WASHINGTON — Abortion opponents failed to inject tougher restrictions into sweeping Senate health care legislation Tuesday, and Democratic leaders labored to make sure fallout from the controversy wouldn’t hinder the drive to pass President Barack Obama’s top domestic priority.

The 54-45 vote over abortion took place as Democrats, in day-long private talks in the Capitol, appeared to have a tentative deal to scuttle plans for a government-run insurance option that liberals have long sought, Democratic senators said.

In general, the legislation is designed to expand insurance coverage to millions who lack it, while banning insurance industry practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and reining in the relentless growth of medical costs in general.

Most Americans would be required to carry insurance for the first time, and face penalties if they refused. At the same time, the bill includes hundreds of billions in subsidies to help defray the cost of coverage for lower and middle income families.

A potential alternative to the government-run insurance option was taking shape, several officials said, including a private insurance arrangement to be supervised by the federal agency that oversees the system through which lawmakers purchase coverage.

Additionally, the federal Medicare health care program for the elderly would be opened up to uninsured Americans beginning at age 55, a significant expansion of the already large program that currently serves the over-65 population.

Taken together, Tuesday’s developments underscored the complexity that confronts the administration and Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid as they seek the 60 votes needed to overcome Republican opposition and pass a bill by Christmas.

Yet another controversy quickly followed, when Democratic Sen. Byron Dorgan proposed legislation to ban the use of federal funds to pay for abortion services under insurance plans expected to be offered in a new health care system, except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother was in jeopardy.

Individuals who receive federal subsidies to purchase insurance under the plans would be permitted to use personal funds to pay for abortion services — the point on which the two sides in the dispute part company.

Opponents derided the idea as an accounting gimmick. Abortion rights supporters, Senate Democratic women most prominently, countered heatedly, saying abortion opponents were driven by ideology.

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LOS ANGELES — Five of the nation’s largest publishers of newspapers and magazines are teaming up to challenge Amazon.com Inc.’s Kindle electronic-book reader with their own digital format that will display in color and work on a variety of devices.

Time Inc., News Corp., Conde Nast, Hearst Corp., and Meredith Corp., whose magazines include Time, Cosmopolitan and Better Homes and Gardens, announced a joint venture on Tuesday to develop new ways of presenting publications digitally to rival Kindle’s gray “electronic ink” technique.

The publishers’ answer to the text-oriented Kindle promises to emphasize visuals, retaining the distinctive look of each publication. It also aims to incorporate videos, games and social networking along with a classic magazine layout that can be flipped through with the touch of a finger.

The new standards the publishers are jointly developing would let consumers read the digital publications on some tablet computers, portable electronic readers and smart phones that render color images. “The genesis of this idea is to build a fully featured kind of immersive e-reading application that can render our content fully on those devices that come to market,” said John Squires, the venture’s interim managing director.

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In Brief

Group sues regarding pollution
Sony, EMI — An activist group is suing the Port of Olympia, claiming that discharges of stormwater from its terminal are polluting south Puget Sound.

The nonprofit group Olympians for Public Accountability filed a federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Seattle on Monday. It says that despite previous promises, the port has failed to monitor and clean up its discharges into Budd Inlet, especially from Weyerhaeuser Corp.’s log export facility.

The lawsuit says the stormwater is depleted of oxygen and includes unacceptable levels of zinc, copper and other pollutants. The port’s executive director, Ed B. Galligan, issued a statement saying the port has been working with the group for some time and he’s “quite surprised” it filed the lawsuit.

Pepsi announces Dr Pepper deal

PepsiCo Inc., the world’s second-biggest soft drink maker, said Tuesday it has reached a deal to make and distribute Dr Pepper and other drinks after it completes its buyout of its two biggest bottlers.

Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc. had deals with the two bottlers, and PepsiCo’s latest deal would replace those once the buyouts going through. Discussions continue with Warner Music Group Corp., the only major music publisher outside the joint Publishers’ answer to the text-oriented Kindle promises to emphasize visuals, retaining the distinctive look of each publication. It also aims to incorporate videos, games and social networking along with a classic magazine layout that can be flipped through with the touch of a finger.

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The options are limited to digital downloads or paper copies from physical bookstore.

“We will not pull content offline?” is a big question,” said Outsell Inc. analyst Ned May. “It’s a prisoner’s dilemma. It takes just one person not to, to garner all the traffic and destroy the effort.”

Representatives from Amazon.com, Sony and Barnes & Noble did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

The new joint venture would allow partners to set prices for their content. It also has plans to develop new advertising formats that are interactive and target an audience that is more engaged than in print.

EMI joins Universal-backed music video site

LOS ANGELES — Music videos from Norah Jones, Coldplay, Katy Perry and other artists under EMI Music Group PLC are headed to an online music video venture, Vevo, set to launch Tuesday with a gala in New York.

EMI’s videos on Vevo will join content from Universal Music Group, which holds the largest stake in the new venture. Realspace Media Music Entertainment is also an equity partner along with Abu Dhabi Media Co., an arm of the Abu Dhabi government.

EMI, which is based in London, will take a stake in the company. Discussions continue with Warner Music Group Corp., the only major recording company not yet involved with Vevo. Warner Music has been separately developing its own artist-branded video channels on YouTube.

Faced with declining sales of compact discs, recording companies are experimenting with new ways of distributing their music online through ventures such as Vevo. It will show videos for free, supported by ads. Such deals are not exclusive, however. Last month, EMI became the only major recording company to put its music videos on Hulu, which primarily carries television shows and movies.

Vevo launches Tuesday as both a Web site and an embedded video player that will replace Universal, Sony and EMI videos now available on Google Inc.’s video site YouTube. Over the next year, as current
That it started. Really? Really Mendoza? Really Notre Dame? This course was at best a joke in extremely poor taste. “Foresight” is the perfect excuse for a course with no substance and no direction. If I were to rank everything that I have learned in life by order of usefulness, all things from “Foresight” would fall somewhere below my memorization of the mating habits of the Burmese moderate. I could digest the fact that this is a real course after some soul-searching, but a requirement? Absolutely ridiculous. Why not have a different class that is, I don’t know, useful because it covers material from a field of study that exists. But chances are good that even despite overwhelming evidence that this class should be removed from the curriculum because there is nearly universally bad for it to a degree normally reserved only for telemarketers and Pete Carroll, it will return year after year like a deranged Santa Claus to spread misery amongst business juniors. It would have been less painful and much more productive for me to have spent every moment that I wasted on Foresight this semester instead repeatedly breaking each of my toes with a cinderblock. Seriously. This course was about as intellectual-ly stimulating as watching a season of Gilmore Girls. The books and articles that we had to read were written by somebody with the mental capacity of Miley Cyrus. Because of the sheer severity of the mental trauma that this class has caused me I am going to spend the remainder of my sad life living in a hut in a remote village in Nicaragua making 3 dollars and 14 cents a month producing plastic molds for portable, hand-held female urinals. It is absolutely beyond me why anyone on earth would ever endure themselves into believing for one moment that this class would ever be informative besides perhaps giving a prime example of what constitutes a complete waste of time. Have you ever seen that move “The Patriot” with Mel Gibson? Yeah, well do you remember that part in the final battle scene where the British dudes shoot a cannonball and it whizzes past Mel Gibson’s character and totally just rips off this dude’s leg at the hamstring? Yeah, I would much rather be that dude and have to endure getting totally jacked by that cannonball and then spend the rest of my potentially short life (gangrene treatments were pretty shoddy back then) having to lean against whatever is handy nearly than to have to endure this worthless experience again. After surviving this cruel travesty I have to restrain myself each day from smacking my forehead with heavy, blunt object in hopes that whichever brain cells tragically lose their lives through such an activity will be the ones that contain my memories from that worthless classroom.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I’m believer

In response to Mark Easley’s article, “Global warming skeptic,” Dec. 7, I find several points he makes alarming. The effects of climate change are having a direct effect on human and ecological well-being. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), sea levels rose six inches during the 20th century. The summer thickened new record high temperatures in July 2015. Glaciers and permafrost are melting, flooding some areas and drying up ecosystems in others. These changes impact species on all continents. Snowfall is more acidic because of increased carbon dioxide absorbed by water, affecting coral reefs and marine life. Human health is negatively impacted by outbreaks of infectious diseases. Sea-level rise is contributing to changing weather patterns that bring stronger storms to some areas, while causing droughts in others.

Yes, the world has gone through periods of warming and cooling. There are naturally occurring phenomena like volcanic eruptions. But also yes, I believe humans have a responsibility to protect our environment. We can’t fix the climate crisis ourselves. MIT scientists estimated in 2008 the average American emitted 20 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. Compared to an average world of four metric tons. It is crucial that the U.S. reduce carbon emissions. Easley asks how developed nations could ask developing countries to pay higher costs for energy. In reality, developing nations are already paying the price for climate change because their people, economies, governments, and health systems are especially vulnerable to the fluctuations caused by climate change.

Spending the financial resources to “green” America’s economy is not only possible but value. The benefit of international cooperation fosters global interdependence. A U.S. policy that creates incentives for clean technologies can foster investment in our future economy. America has the technology to make this happen now. By making the switch to cleaner technology, we reduce our dependency on oil, which is a finite resource. In the long term, we can control. MIT scientists estimated in 2008 the average American emitted 20 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. Compared to an average world of four metric tons. It is crucial that the U.S. reduce carbon emissions. Easley asks how developed nations could ask developing countries to pay higher costs for energy. In reality, developing nations are already paying the price for climate change because their people, economies, governments, and health systems are especially vulnerable to the fluctuations caused by climate change.

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I’m still hungry

This morning I read Mr. Easley’s Climate Change article, “Global warming skeptic,” Dec. 7. I am a GreenND member studying in Notre Dame’s Rome Architecture Program. His assertion about Europe’s worry about climate change is correct; people here have been worried about global warming. It greatly saddens me that back at home this is not the case. Here “being green” is daily life, the Romans live in apartments that are hundreds of years old. These buildings rely on natural ventilation and insulation. This is one of the reasons for the increased urbanization of Rome. Seemingly, the government encourages people not to drive cars, without any political debate, it is simply “the right thing to do.”

At Notre Dame, while some naysayers create debate where there should be none, other students get very passionate about recycling and environmental issues, demonstrating how big of an issue it is. They publicly push people to take short showers.

When the American Congress set new lightbulb efficiency standards, people mourned the impending death of incandescent lightbulbs. Lo and behold, scientists have found ways to make incandescents that use the requisite 30 percent less energy. Interestingly, in Italy, with all of its warm weather, there is no concern about Climate Change, I see none of this impassioned grassroots action. If Americans can unite — as Europeans have — behind a firm conviction that something must be done, this uniquely American determination and innovativeness will bring solutions that will avert catastrophe.

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I’ve never thought of myself as a typical male. However, there are times in my life when I’m confronted with the fact that no matter how much it pains me, I share common traits with a Dave-Matthews-listening, Natty-Ice-swilling, Xbox-live-playing frat boy. On matters such as red meat, college football and the simple joy of a bubble bath, I can and have held conversations lasting multiple minutes with my sleevelessly-attired and Chinese-character-tattooed counterpart. For the first 20 years of my life, I could have added another five minutes of conversation to my lifetime concerning the “Twilight” books by Stephenie Meyer. (Yes, we could have held a conversation before the books were written). While most of my readership will likely be familiar with a typical male stance, I would like to clearly explain my understanding of it.

When it comes to movies concerning the topic of love, there were two traditional methods of dealing with it: romantic comedies and Disney movies, both riddled with their own particular evils on the matter. Romantic comedies follow cheesy, clichéd storylines and more often than not are connected to Cameron Diaz. With few exceptions, rom-coms send males into one of three states: sleep, rage or a sleepy rage. Disney movies are actually identical with the exception of Cameron Diaz. Either way, unrealistic and boring depictions of relationships dominate popular cinema.

“Twilight” broke new ground in its depictions of romantic relationships. Specifically, it added a sparkling vampire whose mysterious and cold persona can only be explained by his love for the female lead, Bella. Digging deeper into an already cavernous hole occupied by the notion of romantic love in popular culture, the ridiculous expectations and corny romance of “Twilight” will only leave a nation of young females over eager for “true” love, and, at the end of the day, heartbroken, only comforted by sweatpants and ice cream. For my male companions who have made it this far through the article without actually knowing anything about “Twilight,” I’ll do my best to explain. Edward and Bella (vampire and moody girl, respectively) are now married and living off the coast of Brazil. Taking part in a common newfound activity, houses are destroyed and Bella is repeatedly knocked unconscious. It has something to do with Edward’s super powers and glitter. In these “miracle-of-life moments,” Bella conceives a mutant human/vampire fetus who grows quickly and strikes fear into the heart of pretty much everyone, to the point where Edward wants Bella to have an abortion. Bella, whose ribs have been broken by the super baby’s kicks, carries the pregnancy to term. In this time Jacob, a shape-shifter who resembles a werewolf, finds Bella in order to kill her, or something. Bella starts to give birth but starts losing blood. Edward then returns, turns Bella into a vampire and gives her a C-section with his teeth. Jacob then imprisots the baby. This means he falls in love. A werewolf falls in love with a baby.

Obviously, my third-hand retelling of “Breaking Dawn” contains inaccuracies, but on the off chance that these statements are remotely true, I plan on attending the midnight premier of both movies. If done well, their strangeness will rival David Lynch’s “Eraserhead,” a feat I’d always assumed was impossible. In fact, I silently applauded as “New Moon” shattered box office records. Why? Because in the future of the film series, a werewolf falls in love with a baby.

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Lady Gaga is back in action with “The Fame Monster,” an album of both brand-new songs and covers of her first album “The Fame.” With all the new songs, Lady Gaga proves that she can still make great, catchy dance tunes, but also shows the maturity she’s found since her first album was released last year. Overall, “The Fame Monster” is the next step in the evolution of an incredible performer. “The Fame Monster” is a nice addition to her collection of dance tunes, although it can hardly stand up against a classic like “LoveGame.” But even when Lady Gaga isn’t at her best, she simply owns her fellow dance-pop divas. Yeah, that means you, Rihanna.

“Speechless,” which Lady Gaga performed along with “Bad Romance” at the American Music Awards a few weeks ago, is a great change of pace for the usually upbeat songstress. It’s a standard pop-balled accompanied by piano, done in Lady Gaga fashion; meaning, somehow, that this way-overdone song form seems new and exciting coming from her pipes. I dare you to not sing along. For those who saw the American Music Awards performance, just imagine Lady Gaga breaking bottles over the piano as she sings, and it will seem even better.

“Dance in the Dark” sort of sounds, at least initially, like something out of the ‘80s, with a standard synth riff. However, all Lady Gaga needs is a minute to remind you that you are, indeed, in the 21st century. At first, “Dance in the Dark” seems like just another danceable Lady Gaga track. But after a good minute or two of listening, it’s hard to stop nodding your head. The catchy refrain is full of Lady Gaga “soul,” if you can call it, that while the rest of the song is just plain good. Full of surprises, that Lady Gaga is.

Lady Gaga meets with fellow tour-dessorce pop diva Beyoncé on “Telephone.” Beyoncé’s part may be minimal, but it’s pretty great. Divaicious as always. In case anyone was thinking that Lady Gaga was the only one putting out a great new song, “Monster” is a nice addition to her collection of plain good. Full of surprises, that Lady Gaga is.

Lady Gaga’s second track, “Alejandro,” seems like a throwback, blatantly referencing ABBA’s “Fernando,” although upping the ante ever so slightly. But, big surprise, Lady Gaga rocks what can be best described as a pop-dance inspired pseudo-ballad for a nice change of pace after the known hits. What Lady Gaga proves above all, though, is that she can (sort of) change styles from song to song, retaining an overall cohesive feel to her album.

It’s the “Halliday” season, and Howard Hall is spreading cheer. This Wednesday evening with their signature Christmas event. A winter wonderland will appear between Crowley Hall of Music and LaFortune from 8-10 p.m., full of sweet treats, a sleigh ride and if Santa’s on our side, some magical white precipitation from the sky. The herald angels, otherwise known as the Glee Club and Howard Liturgical Choir, will be singing as horse-drawn carriages trot around God Quad and South Quad. Santa will be on hand, giving cups of hot chocolate and promising report cards full of A’s for those who avoided his Naughty List.

On top of all those goodies, the event will feature tons of free home-baked goods and we’re going to have smores and a grill to roast the marshmallows on, she said.

Howard Hall would love to see the whole campus attend the event. “I’m really excited for everyone to have a chance to unwind before finals week and to see Howard girls and all of campus come together ... I think it’s going to be really fun,” Michelle L. e, Howard’s other social liturgical choir, said.

Lee also recommended that guests arrive early to ensure they get the chance to go on a sleigh ride. The sleigh will be available from during the entire event but can only take a certain number of trips around the campus.

The classy men of Glee Club will start the festivities at 8 p.m., then turn over the stage to Howard’s liturgical choir at 9:30. Christmas carols will ring throughout campus, surely making Bucky the Elf proud.

Howard hopes to share holiday cheer with the rest of campus, Colas said. “I’m most looking forward to seeing everyone have a good time at the Halliday.” It’s a great opportunity ... for everyone to get excited about Christmas and the rest of the semester,” she said.

The event has changed over the years, with new additions including a sleigh ride and a sitting area for guests to relax and indulge in the delicious treats.

“We started planning in September and getting in touch with the sleigh ride company, then a request for the t-shirts,” Colas said. “Howard Halliday” t-shirts will be on sale for $1. All proceeds will go to Howard’s bone marrow drive.

Put on your Christmas gear, gather up your friends and take a trip to LaFortune for some goodies and a photo with Santa. It’s a great new song. Be careful on your way over though. We don’t want anyone getting run over by a reindeer.
Quinn anxious to prove himself against rival Steelers

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Like so many Ohio kids raised on football, Brady Quinn developed a distaste for everything Pittsburgh Steelers.

Growing up a die-hard Browns fan, Cleveland’s quarterback learned from an early age that those neighbors from Pennsylvania wearing black and gold were the enemy. Icon City villains to be despised and beaten whenever possible. Quinn’s distaste for everything Pittsburgh’s, blitzes from every angle, Kelly Holcomb, Bradford, Big Ben, steeling the football, “It always gives us a chance to win. The extra streak in the league. The second-longest active streak in the league.

Quinn’s ability to handle San Francisco’s, blitzes from every angle, Tony Stewart was thought to be the front-runner for her move to NASCAR.

In the end, though, the choice was Danica Patrick. GoDaddy.com made Quinn its driver and Patrick the deal was only announced two days before she’ll study it, he’ll pick up some new insights to pick it up and that’s where we had the numbers to pick it up and that opened up some things.

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Danica Patrick prepares for Nationwide debut

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Danica Patrick received all kinds of advice during her lengthy flirtation with NASCAR. Some encouraged her to give it a try, while others opined why in God’s C—to a 4.5’s biggest star would open her self up to such scrutiny.

Now that she’s offered a part-time NASCAR driver — she announced a two-year deal Tuesday to drive for the second-tier Nationwide team owned by Rick Hendrick — how will she be received? I expect her to be eaten up by the wolves,” said Kelley Earnhardt, general manager of JR Motorsports.

Earnhardt quickly said she was only joking, and clarified that she expects Patrick to be respected immediately. But there’s no doubt the 27-year-old female driver currently compet ing in one of NASCAR’s top two series will try to become the only woman to win a race in one of NASCAR’s top two series.

Patrick will run a full IndyCar Series schedule with Andretti Autosport and squeeze NASCAR Nationwide Series races in between.

Her immediate plans to participate in the ARCA test next week at Daytona International Speedway and make her stock-car debut in that series on Feb. 6 — one day before she’ll appear in the NAPA 200 Nationwide race at Daytona — were shelved.

Patrick unleashed her green machine Wednesday at a news conference at Chase Field with GoDaddy.com, which is sponsoring her in both series, as well as Martin in the premier Sprint Cup Series. And, last week, bringing her relationship with JR Motorsports to fruition, she had the way for Patrick to choose the Earnhardt-owned team over- terback learned from an early season and 1-9 in his stop-and- stop play. But had thought they were different; certainly, Quinn is anxious to prove himself against rival Steelers.

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NFL

Plaxico Burress requests work release

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress wants to get a break from prison, but prosecutors said Tuesday they will likely try to block his bid for work release because he hasn’t served enough time.

The former New York Giant applied for a work furlough — which would let him spend some portion of his time at home — on Nov. 25, about two months into his two-year sentence for carrying an unlicensed gun that went off and wounded a man.

Prosecutors said the bullet narrowly missed a security guard, and they insisted on at least a two-year prison term. A quick furlough would send "a very bad message," Manhattan Chief Assistant District Attorney Mark Dwyer said Tuesday.

"It’s too early," he said.

Burress’ lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, declined to comment.

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IN BRIEF

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Plaxico Burress requests work release

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress wants to get a break from prison, but prosecutors said Tuesday they will likely try to block his bid for work release because he hasn’t served enough time.

The former New York Giant applied for a work furlough — which would let him spend some portion of his time at home — on Nov. 25, about two months into his two-year sentence for carrying an unlicensed gun that went off and wounded a man.

Prosecutors said the bullet narrowly missed a security guard, and they insisted on at least a two-year prison term. A quick furlough would send “a very bad message,” Manhattan Chief Assistant District Attorney Mark Dwyer said Tuesday.

“The time is right,” he said.

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Managers play coy as winter meetings begin

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Baseball’s winter meetings opened at the hotel near downtown Indianapolis Tuesday with the usual slow-moving markets.

Roy Haladay, Curtis Granderson and Dan Uggla were just some of the big names being dangled on the trade market. With Monday, Tuesday and the winter meetings to follow, it appeared to be moving especially deliberately in talks involving Halladay, the much-coveted 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner.

"Nothing’s happened. If he comes to a team in our division, I’d love to have him. He’s really good," Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Detroit right-hander Edwin Jackson was another player who could be traded, but in a town known for fast moves around the speedway, baseball’s wheelers and deal- ers were slowly mulling their options at the winter meetings.

There were just two minor deals in the first few hours of the four-day session at a hotel just a few miles from Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Washington acquired right- handed reliever Brian Bruney from the New York Yankees for a player to be named and Texas obtained left-hander Clay Rapada from Detroit for a player to be named or cash. Of the 23 free agents offered arbitration by their former club last week, only three accepted by Monday’s midnight deadline: Minnesota pitcher Carl Pavano, Atlanta reliever Rafael Soriano and Colorado reliever Rafael Betancourt.

Among other free agents, St. Louis and right-hander Brad Penny reached a tentative one-year, $7.5 million deal that won’t be completed until after the Cardinals approve the results of his physical Tuesday, a person familiar with the talks said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final.

Catcher Ivan Rodriguez and the Nationals reached a pre- liminary agreement on a $6 million, two-year contract. That deal is subject to the 38-year-old catcher passing a physical, a person familiar with those negotiations said, also speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement was not yet complete. Rodriguez will receive $3 million each in 2010 and 2011.

Detroit agreed to a $1.55 million, one-year contract with shortstop Adam Everett. Also, the Yankees said left- handed Andy Pettitte became free agents. Pettitte said one of the reasons he traded Bruney was that he was eligible for arbitration after making $1.25 million last season.

St. Louis and right-hander Jason Marquis were close to any deals.

"I’ve been told in the right circumstances he wants to pitch," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

Cashman also acknowledged he was interested in right-hander Jason Marquis. GM said he traveled to Indianapolis on Sunday on "Air Levinson" — the private plane of the pitcher’s agents, Sam and Seth Levinson. "Obviously, he’s very suc- cessful — pitched in tough markets," Cashman said. "He’s a New Yorker, so he’s tough." 

Cashman, who received his budget only last Friday, also must decide what offers to make to left fielder Johnny Damon and designated hitter Hideki Matsui, who like Pettitte became free agents. Matsui, the World Series MVP, wants to stay in the major leagues.

"I manage two Japanese players and it’s fun," Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "I love it because all of a sudden when you get fired from the United States, you might have a chance to manage in Japan. You never know." 

Jason Bay and Matt Holliday, the top two free- agent hitters, appear to have slow-moving markets. Given the recession, many teams are reluctant to spend top dollar for stars.

"We are not in that bidding at all," Braves manager Bobby Cox said.

Even the Yankees appear to be trying to reduce their $200 million-plus payroll. Cashman said one of the reasons he traded Bruney was that he was eligible for arbitration after making $1.25 million last season.

Still, other teams are wary of the financial might of the World Series champions.

"They have a couple of things that make life difficult for us. They have a lot of money and they have smart people running what they are doing," Francona said. "They are not going to go away. I hope they don’t get better. But they are there, so we have to deal with them." 

Boston agreed to a small deal with right-hander Scott Atchison, who spent the last two seasons with the Hanshin Tigers in Japan’s Central League. Hanshin purchased the contract of outfielder Matt Murton from Colorado.

The New York Mets, coming off a dismal first season at Citi Field, have held numer- ous trade talks but weren’t close to any deals.

Also, former agent Dennis Gilbert was at the hotel. Now a Chicago White Sox executive, he is among the bidders trying to purchase control of the Texas Rangers from current owner Tom Hicks. Gilbert said he hopes to find out whether his bid succeeds by a Dec. 15 deadline that’s been set.
INDIANAPOLIS — Supremely self-assured every time he stepped onto a ballfield, umpire Doug Harvey developed a stubborn habit. After the final out, he would take his wad of chewing tobacco and throw it on home plate. “I never did have any doubt in my mind,” he said. “The only thing in my mind was, ‘Bring it on, suckers!’”

That strong, authoritative tone he commanded has met with more than three decades is diminished. The man called “God” by players and managers alike now walks slowly, with assistance. He needed a bit of help putting on his Hall of Fame jersey Tuesday.

Yet his spirit remains unbroken. That’s despite the barrage of radiation treatments, the feeding tube, the seizure and the stroke that began after he was diagnosed with oral cancer in 1997. He’s always so positive,” said Harvey’s wife, Joy, a tear welling up in her eye.

A day after he became only the ninth umpire elected to the Hall, the 79-year-old Harvey came to an introductory news conference. Harvey retired after the 1992 season, having worked 4,670 games, five World Series and six All-Star games. Always confident, he chuckled when asked whether he’d ever missed a call.

“Uh, sure,” he said. “But I remember one year I went until Aug. 28 till I kicked a play at second.”

Any plans for an easy retirement, however, were shattered by the onset of cancer. Twice-a-day radiation treatments for six weeks followed. He lost a lot of weight and needed a cane and walker to get around.

“They gave him a 30 percent chance of living,” Joy said. “But he’s a fighter.”

Together, the Harveys took their message about the dangers of smokeless tobacco to players, coaches and managers. Little Leaguers, major leaguers, anyone who would listen. It’s a cause they continue to support.

“They’ve been married 49 years, having met when he was an umpire in the old C League. Near the end of his big league career, Harvey and his wife finished a season in Pittsburgh, where he drove to upstate New York for a visit.”

Along the way, they stopped in Cooperstown. Among the artifacts they saw: One of Harvey’s umpiring uniforms.

“We just bought a ticket and poked around. No one knew who we were,” Joy said.

Harvey singleled out for HOF

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INDIANAPOLIS — Colts president Bill Polian is just an old-fashioned scout at heart.

He willingly attends college games, enjoys interviewing players and coaches and spends countless hours studying film to evaluate college prospects. He prefers being involved in delegating, and he still believes NFL winners are built through the draft.

After decades in pro football, Polian couldn't imagine doing it any other way.

"That's how I've always done it and that's how I'm going to keep doing it until it doesn't work," he said with a chuckle. "We look for athletic ability, for what we call football temperament and aggressiveness, a love for the game and the durability. We want players who have the ability to process information.

By developing them, Polian's acumen for finding and replenishing talent is virtually unmatched.

In the 1980s, he turned a reeling Buffalo franchise into the only NFL team to reach four consecutive Super Bowls. In 1995, he took advantage of the NFL's generous expansion rules and got Carolina to the 1996 NFC championship game.

But his masterpiece has involved to delegating, and he learned this business decades ago. "I say, 'Just do your homework there. Say, 'Just do your home-work there."

Few thought this was even possible. Polian's masterpieces have included Edgerrin James, the career rushing leader, three-time Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne, Indy career sacks leader Dwight Freeney, Dallas Clark, the Colts' new tight end and former Pro Bowl running back Joseph Addai. He traded down to get Bob Sanders, the 2007 NFL defensive player of the year, in the second round and the Colts won the Super Bowl in large part because 2000 first-round pick Rob Morris solidified the Colts' horrid run defense.

But Polian is even better at finding talent in hidden corners. Take 2003, when he traded up in the fifth round to get future Pro Bowl defensive end Robert Mathis from Alabama A&M. Or 2008, when he landed Division III receiver Pierre Garcon in Round 6. Or last April, when he took cornerback Jerraud Powers in Round 3 and tight end Ben Vinson in Round 4. All four are starters.

"He has a very unusual talent to see things that fit within our scheme," first-year coach Tony Dungy said of Polian. "But you have the coaches involved in that aspect as well giving Bill feedback on it, and then we determine who best would fit our needs." Polian doesn't deviate from his philosophy, either.

Of the 53 players on Indy's active roster, 31 were originally drafted by Polian. Seventeen of those draft picks were in the fourth round or later. Only four Colts players, including kickers Adam Vinatieri and Matt Stover, have played in a game with another NFL team. And 12 players, including defensive captain Gary Brackett, safety Melvin Bullitt, cornerback Jacob Lacey and right guard Kyle DeVan and three-time Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday, weren't drafted at all.

"I've had any job, I was just looking to get a job," said Saturday, who came to Indy in 1999 and is now the second-longest tenured Indy player behind Manning. "Obviously, it was a fantastic fit, looking back. But they gave us an opportunity.

Polian uses stories like Saturday's to recruit more undrafted players, explaining to agents that the Colts will give their clients a better opportunity than most teams. Not only has it helped Polian keep the stream of talent flowing into Indy, it also has given him enough depth to overcome obstacles. The Colts have already lost three defensive starters — Sanders, cornerback Marlin Jackson and linebacker Tijuan Hagler — to season-ending injuries this year. Another starter, cornerback Kelvin Hayden, has played just five of 12 games, and Freeney sat out two games with a biceps injury.

Yet the Colts have allowed a third-fewest points in the league and still haven't lost.

Polian believes it's not a coincidence, it's a reflection of his longtime philosophy and the hard work being done by the team's scouts, the way he learned this business decades ago.

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"They're doing it any other way."

INDIANAPOLIS — Brad Penny and the St. Louis Cardinals com-

dited their deal Tuesday, giving the NL Central champions a

pitcher they'd coveted for quite some time.

A day after the sides reached a tentative agreement, Penny passed a physical. The two-time All-Star got a one-year contract for $7.5 million, with about $1.5 million more available in performance bonuses.

Penny was combined a 11-9 with a 4.88 ERA in 30 starts for Boston and San Francisco last season. He recently turned down a one-year offer to stay with the Giants.

Penny helped Florida win the 2003 World Series, although Cardinals manager Tony La Russa already had his eye on the hurler right-hander. That season, St. Louis and the Marlins began sharing a spring training camp in Jupiter, Fla.

"Whenever a guy faces you and you're not happy when he gets announced, you always think, 'Boy, it would be nice to get him on your side." La Russa said. "So I'm going back to the Marlins days of spring training, that season and ever since. It's a guy that we thought would be a real good starter for our side." The top of St. Louis' rotation is strong with Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright. But the Cardinals were facing the loss of free-agent starters Joel Pineiro, John Smoltz and Todd Wellemeyer.

"Brad Penny has long been a pitcher of interest to us and we are thrilled to have him," Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said in a statement. "By teaming Brad with our Cy Young finalists Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright, in addition to Kyle Lohse, we feel that our pitching staff will continue to be a key cornerstone for the ballclub."

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NCAA Football
Bowden: No apologies for Gator Bowl bid
Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Tuesday that he plans to spend more time sharing his Christian beliefs after he leaves the sidelines for the final time.

"I'm going to have a lot of bumps," Bowden said. "That's what I want to do. I want to do a lot of speaking.

Bowden said that upon reflecting on his life, he wanted him to be a football coach. But now, he said, there are other challenges, most notably in the area of promoting Christianity and talking to young people about their priorities in life.

"I've always felt like God directs your life," he said afterward. "Many times I've asked him how long does he want me to coach? You know, what happened last week it was God telling me, hey, get out.

Bowden said he and his wife, Ann, made the decision two days after losing a sixth straight game to archrival Florida.

"At my age, I'm past the years for coaching," Bowden said. "There is a peace, knowing that you have no more worry about what goes along with that job." Bowden said "No more recruiting, no more raising money, no more worry about grades, no more worry about conduct."

Surfing
Waves large enough for recent contest
Associated Press
HONOLULU — A one-day surfing contest that takes place only in extreme conditions was held for the first time in five years Tuesday, thanks to the massive waves pounding Oahu’s famed North Shore.

Thousands gathered at Waimea beach to watch the world’s top surfers rocket down waves 30 feet high. Some arrived at 4 a.m. for a good spot, while others camped out all night.

Popularly known as “The Eddie,” the competition is held only when waves top 20 feet in Waimea Bay. This is only the eighth time the conditions have been right since the event was founded in 1984.

Many of the 28 competitors were professional surfers, including Kelly Slater, Bruce Irons and Sunny Anderson. All were experienced big-wave riders. Entrants were selected by a poll of surfers.

We want guys who can’t wait to pull themselves over the ledge and drop into a 25-foot wave,” said Bob McKee, president of Quiksilver, the event’s sponsor. He was at a meeting in 1984 that led to the founding of the event.

The contest is held in honor of Eddie Aikau, a legendary Hawaiian surfer, who died in 1978 at the age of 31 when the traditional Hawaiian voyaging canoe he was on capsized en route from Hawaii to Tahiti. Aikau paddled on his surfboard toward Hawaii’s Lanai Island, 19 miles away, to get help, but never returned.

The rest of the crew was rescued soon after.

Clyde Aikau, Eddie’s brother and 1987 winner of “The Eddie,” is competing at age 60. He said his family was humbled by the contest.

"It’s always cool to surf your Eddie,” he said. "It’s a tremendous honor of the event."

The winner, Greg Long of San Clemente, Calif., took home $55,000, while the total purse was $98,000.

Long, 24, edged ahead of his childhood idol Slater with a score of 232. Slater, 37, placed second with 231.
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do,” McGraw said of the
defensive pressure. “We
want to press, we want to
attack, we want to be
aggressive and we’re hoping
to run a lot off of the transi-
tion.”

Notre Dame came out
strong, forcing three early
turnovers to jump out to a
6-0 lead.

“We just like to get out
and start off strong,” Bruszewski said. “We
get so pumped up before the game
and really want to come
out and set the tone.

IPFW responded by going
on a tear from the three-
point line, grabbing an 18-
17 lead after Chelsey
Jackson’s jumper with 10:18
remaining in the first half.

The Irish roared back in
front just seconds later
behind two Erica Williamson
free shots and took a 41-28
lead into halftime.

Notre Dame put the game
out of reach in the second
half after a 13-4 run capped
off by a steal and a layup
from sophomore Fraderica
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remaining in the first half.

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“Hope is a very good team,
and us are more evenly
matched.”

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the challenges of competing in
the MIAA.

“Hope is a very good team,
normally finishing first or sec-
ond in the conference every
year.” Domkowski said. “It
will definitely be a tough meet,

Miller with 15:21 remaining
in the game.

“We were getting mad,”
Schrader said of the spurt.
“We were just frustrated
that we could be up by 30
over this team, but we
weren’t.”

Mastodon guard Anne
Boese led all scorers with 24
points on 6-of-8 shooting
from behind the arc and 4-
of-4 shooting from the free-
throw line.

“Boese was spectacular
today,” McGraw said. “We
had a tough time finding her
and shutting her down
tonight.”

Despite another slow start
for the Irish, McGraw was
happy with the strides that
her team has made since its
last out.

“I was pleased with the
intensity,” she said. “We
worked a lot harder. We
played faster. It was defi-
nitely a huge improvement
from Eastern Michigan.”

The Irish will play host to
another in-state opponent
when they take on
Valparaiso Saturday at
Purcell Pavilion.

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NBA
James’ 43 not enough for Cavs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike
Conley drove past Shaquille
O’Neal(notes) for a layup with 3
seconds left to give the Memphis
Grizzlies a 111-109 overtime vic-
tory over the Cleveland Cavaliers
on Tuesday night.

LeBron James, who had 43
points and 13 rebounds, took the
last shot, but his 30-footer over
Rudy Gay hit the front of the rim,
snapping the Cavaliers’ 4-game
winning streak.

Zach Randolph led Memphis
with 32 points and 14 rebounds.
O.J. Mayo scored 28, and Gay
finished with 21 points. Marc
Gasol had 11 points and eight
rebounds.

Mo Williams had 20 points and
eight assists for the Cavaliers,
while O’Neal scored 16. Reserve
Daniel Gibson added 13 points.

James’ two free throws with
14.9 seconds left tied the game
at 109. But on the ensuing pos-
session, Conley held the ball out
front and drove to the right side
of the basket, lofting it off the
glass as O’Neal moved over.

The two teams were tied at
100 at the end of regulation.
Gay’s layup with 18 seconds left
tied the game. Cleveland had the
final possession, but James lost
the handle on the dribble, and by
the time he gathered it up, his
desperation jumper was short,
sending the game to overtime.

James, who has a reputation
for big fourth quarters, was 5 of
13, including 1 of 5 from outside
the arc, in the fourth and over-
time. His driving layup with 26
seconds left gave Cleveland a
107-106 lead.

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ACROSS
1. Valentine's Day figure
2. Computer that once came in "lounges"
9. Channel with hearings
14. Porterhouse order
15. Cowen's role in "A Beautiful Mind"
16. Swordsman who bounded his mark
17. Stop talking, with "ya!"
18. Three-ingredient breakfast serving?
20. Word before mail or crime
21. TV brand
23. Usually assigned
24. Afraid of wine?

DOWN
1. Across, for one
2. 1941-42 Allies vs. Japanese battle bronze
3. Film that's been "speccialized"
4. Like some school class numbers
5. Words from an acronym
6. More who created Rip
7. Alph-,
8. Comedian Morgan
9. Brown sauce
10. Lead-in to fav activities
12. Constellation month of Scorpions
13. Dictator Lon
14. reddish-brown
15. Tree on a Connecticut state quarter

WILL SHORTZ

98. It's not gross
99. Wrestling" encomium
100. The way of the government?
101. Volcanic thing developed Cotites
102. Totally
103. Very, very
105. Sailed through
106. TV parts
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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

SCANDALOUS
November 23-December 21
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AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
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February 19-March 20
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Jumbles

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH

(Answers tomorrow)

Last night's Jumble: APART DELIVE BAKERY

Answer: BLAH BLAH BLAH

Yesterday's Jumble: BARK

Answer: BLAH

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Garnier's Hair Salons: -FUNKY- 25-34-34-34-34-

What is the Garnier logo?

The Garnier logo is a stylized face or hair with the words "Garnier Hair Salons." The logo features a wave of hair called the "wavy hair logo." It is a recognizable symbol that represents the brand, which offers a range of hair color and care products. The logo is designed to convey the brand's commitment to beauty and innovation in the hair care industry. The logo's design is often updated to reflect trends in hair styling and consumer preferences, ensuring that it remains relevant and appealing to its target audience. The logo is not only a visual identifier for the brand but also a symbol of trust and reliability for consumers seeking high-quality hair care solutions.
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Irish hope to add to four-game win streak against IUPUI

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Notre Dame will look to improve on its best start since the 1973-74 season and win its fourth game in a row when they take on IUPUI tonight in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

The Irish (8-1) are counting on Mike Brey to get them ready to post his 25.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game, but are also hoping that junior Tim Abromaitis will continue his impressive play. After starting the season on the bench, Abromaitis recorded double-digit scoring in the first seven games before earning a start and scoring 31 points Sunday against Central Florida.

“Abromaitis was fabulous, but he’s been really good and he’s been coming on.” Irish coach Muffett McGraw said after the Central Florida game. “We thought it was time to get him in there and start him and have another really offensive guy on the floor because [opponents] double Harangody early sometimes, and it also made us a little bit bigger. Certainly, [Abromaitis] keeps answering every bell and we are very proud of his development.”

The Irish have played well offensively this season, averaging 80.7 points per game with three players averaging double-digits — Harangody, Abromaitis and senior Ben Hansbrough. The Irish also hold their opponents to 66.6 points per game, about 10 less points than the Cougars (76.2 average).

IUPUI has three players who average more than 15 points per game, including senior forward Robert Glenn, whose 18.3 points per game lead the team. Junior Leroy Nobles and sophomore Alex Young also score 15 points per game, and have helped the team to their 41 percent-3-point shooting percentage.

The Irish have played well in most aspects of the game so far this season, but Brey still has some concerns, particularly rebounding, since no one besides Harangody averages at least five rebounds per game, and free throw shooting.

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