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‘A Little High and Outside’

Obama opens season with a wild fastball

By Nicholas Johnston

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama threw out the ceremonial first pitch on Opening Day at the Washington Nationals’ first baseball game of 2010 on Monday.

“It was a little high and outside,” Obama, who wore a Nationals jacket, said as he left the field.

Obama, who practiced for the pitch in the White House’s Rose Garden, threw the ball to third-baseman Ryan Zimmerman at Nationals Park in Washington before the game against the Philadelphia Phillies.

“Like major leaguers making their debut today, the president has fit in a little spring training for his pitching, to try to get his arm in shape,” White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters Monday morning.

Obama’s throw came 100 years after William Howard Taft started a tradition of presidential first pitches in Washington at a game between the former American League Nationals, also known as the Senators, and the Philadelphia Athletics.

Obama missed Opening Day last year because of an overseas trip. He did throw out the first pitch before Major League Baseball’s All-Star game in St. Louis.



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President Barack Obama opened the National’s season, he missed the opening game last season due to a trip abroad.

That pitch was a lob that St. Louis Cardinals first-baseman Albert Pujols had to step forward to scoop up.

The Nationals were the worst team in baseball last year, losing 103 games and winning 59. The Phillies won 93 games and lost 69 during the regular season, and won the National League title before falling to the New York Yankees in the World Series.

— WPBloom

Human trafficking hits close to home

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“Slavery is hiding,” is the name of an active campaign that struggles against the abuse and debasement involved in modern day slavery, otherwise known as human trafficking.

Tomas Lares was the guest speaker of a public information session held Wednesday, that was hosted by Valencia’s HERO club. The issues of every day minor sex trafficking and forced labor were among the major issues of the event.

The fact is that 2,100 children are reported missing in the U.S. every day and an additional 100,000 to 300,000 are at risk for becoming sexual commodities.

In one case, a 16-year-old girl began talking online, to an average 17-year-old boy. They began talking and exchanging pictures and pieces of their lives with one another, just beginning to open up. The girl didn’t know he worked for human traffickers in Puerto Rico and that she would soon be at their mercy. She was rescued after three weeks, but by that time she had already been raped and abused by dozens of men.

Kidnapping isn’t exclusive to only children. In 2006, 24-year-old Jennifer Kesse was taken from her home in Orlando. No one has seen or heard from her since. Concerns were made whether she is involved in the human trafficking ring in Florida.

The main motivation for human traffickers is money. The net profit for trafficking was \$36 billion last year. Between \$33 and \$34 billion was made in drug trafficking.

“Greed doesn’t discriminate,” said professor Subhas Rampersaud, advisor to the HERO club. “It doesn’t care what age you are or of what descent.”

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People unknowingly support this inhumane business throughout their day to day lives. Mail order brides and female escorts are usually engaged in forced labor by the hand of traffickers. During the Super Bowl, last year, a recorded 300,000 escorts were paid for in the U.S. over the course of a week.

There is still much to be done to prevent human trafficking from occurring.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Department of Children and Families have a task force which meets every November. The problem resides in the constant battle over jurisdiction between counties and the never ending red tape that must be fought off in order to bring an individual case to court.

One setback includes the fact that the victims of human trafficking are usually minors. The child must have a file in DCF's system in order to be considered for help. Then, after forms have been signed, government officials have been contacted, and questions have been asked of both sides, the child is considered "rescued." When rescued, the victims are put in safe houses, until the police and DCF can decide what to do with them. Most end up in a juvenile detention center for lack of a place to stay.

"The system is broken," said Lares.



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Guest speaker from 'Slavery is hiding,' Tomas Lares with students and advisor of HERO, Subhas Rampersaud. The campaign host a seminar providing information about human trafficking on Wednesday.

HERO stands for the Human Empathy and Rights Organization and it is a student club based on the West campus. Member Margaret Lavinghousez designed the logo and her mother thought of the name for the club.

Former vice president for the Student Government Association and current member of HERO, Edward Uzzle, said when he first heard of this tragedy, it squeezed his heart. He was so affected by the information given to him that he had to join the club, as soon as possible. He said he wants to make a difference in the lives of these victims and help prevent this from happening in the future.

These victims need the help of others to be free of their bonds.

Various psychological tactics are used to keep trafficking victims attached to their owners. Traffickers use drug dependency, debt bondage, threats against family, mental abuse, physical abuse, and many other ways to beat these people into submission.

"Now that you have the information, if you don't speak up, you're part of the problem," said Rampersaud. "Don't let your reaction to this information make you paralyzed. You are becoming a victim, in doing so."

If you think someone may be either a suspect or a victim of human trafficking, you may contact HERO, or find more information at <http://www.stophumantrafficking.com>.



Elizabeth Robertson, Philadelphia Inquirer / MCT

iPad's first-day sales top 300,000

SAN JOSE, California - Apple confirmed Monday that the iPad was a hit in early sales, as if the long lines at the company's stores Saturday when the new device debuted weren't indication enough.

The Cupertino, Calif., company sold more than 300,000 iPads in the United States the first day the new tablet computer was on store shelves. Additionally Saturday, iPad users downloaded more than 1 million programs for the device and 250,000 eBooks.

"It feels great to have the iPad launched into the world - it's going to be a game changer," Apple CEO Steve Jobs said in a statement.

The strong initial demand for the new device led Deutsche Bank analyst Chris Whitmore to raise his earnings forecast and price target for Apple stock. Whitmore, whose firm has done non-investment banking work for Apple in the last year, now expects Apple's stock to hit \$325 a share, up from a previous target of \$250.

In recent trading Monday, Apple's shares were up 35 cents, or less than 1 percent, to \$236.32.

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Valencia fights against poverty

Peer educator collects food to donate to students

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Denise Elmore has been organizing and pushing for food collection to begin at Valencia and its finally begun!

The bill was passed last February to set this operation in motion. In order for the school to legitimately collect and dispense free food to the students, Elmore underwent a long drawn out procedural process. Students can now donate food to those who are in need or at a loss for food, any time during school hours.

"Donate anything, then we'll sort it out," Elmore said. "But we request non-perishables,

cans with pop top lids, microwaveable stuff, anything the average student would eat." On the go meal bars, vegetarian foods or Cheetos would be good, too.

Students can, also, give their feedback to SGA regarding what they'd like to eat and what students should donate.

There are many reasons why a student might not be able to afford their own food. Some people set their education as their top priority, over having a job. They can just take out student loans, instead, and pay the money back after they graduate.

In 2008, more than 30 percent of the nation's population fell below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The poverty line for a household of 1 person is \$10,830 and for three people, \$18,310. Students should donate as soon as they can because summer is on its way.

Summer is the season with the highest amount of hungry students. They may have to feed children who are on summer vacation and would otherwise receive free food during the school year in the cafeteria.

The food shelf is run as a sort of a discreet operation. With SGA running it, there are no forms to sign when you either donate food or take food from the room. "You need to trust people to pick up only what they need and the students need to trust SGA to keep it discreet," Elmore said.

"Confidentiality is respected," she said.

Because the pantry is still in the beginning stage, there is still some expanding and allocation of space to take place. Any excess food will be donated to Second Harvest, if students don't need it.



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Denise Elmore has organized a food collection to dispense to students for free to help them save money.

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Rescuers race against time

Search for trapped miners continues as hopes wane

By David Zucchini and Kim Geiger
Los Angeles Times

Apr. 8--Reporting from Montcoal, W.Va.

Four rescue crews made their way into the Upper Big Branch mine just before 5 a.m. Eastern time Thursday in an attempt to reach four miners unaccounted for since the devastating explosion that killed 25 coworkers Monday, Gov. Joe Manchin III told reporters.

"We are in full recovery mode," Manchin said at an early morning news conference. "They are advancing. They will move as rapidly as they possibly can."

Once rescue crews are deep inside the mine, they will decide whether to also try to recover the bodies of 18 miners near the two locations where officials hope the four missing miners will be found.

Four teams of eight men each are riding small rail cars the first three miles into the mine. They will have to walk the final two miles or so, slowing the process, authorities said.

The rescue crews will attempt to reach two airtight safety chambers, about 2,500 feet apart, which officials hope the miners were able to enter if they survived the explosion. Three miners are believed to be in or near one chamber, and the fourth miner in or near another.

The chambers contain enough food, water and oxygen to sustain miners for at least four days. Families "are very hopeful, very prayerful, that we can put a finality to this today," Manchin said.

"They want to move on."

The governor said he hoped to have answers from the crews by noon. The rescue teams are in radio contact with an above-ground command center.

It could take the teams two to three hours to reach the chambers, depending on the amount of debris they encounter, officials said. Each crew member is carrying about 30 pounds of gear and breathing apparatus.

Manchin said many family members have remained at mine offices since shortly after the explosion rocked the complex Monday. Between 50 and 100 family members were still there Thursday, meeting with authorities every few hours.

"I finally sensed some relief this morning that closure is getting near," the governor said.

Rescue operations were halted late Monday after dangerous levels of deadly carbon monoxide and highly combustible methane were detected. The rescue effort resumed after tests of air samples from a bore hole drilled 1,100 feet from the top of the mine found conditions safe enough for teams to enter, said Kevin Stricklin, an administrator for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Mine safety authorities have warned family members that chances are slim for finding anyone alive.

"The odds are not in our favor because of the horrendous blast we had," Stricklin said.

Officials said the explosion occurred at 3:02 p.m. Monday as 31 miners were coming off the

day shift. The blast knocked out lights, communications and ventilation fans, and created a windstorm that roared up shafts to the surface, shooting rocks, dirt and debris into the air.

After the blast subsided, several miners rushed inside and found six men dead and three injured; one of the injured later died. The other two remain hospitalized after the nation's deadliest coal mining accident in more than a quarter-century. One is in intensive care, Manchin said. The other is expected to be released from a hospital soon.

The names of the four missing miners have not been released.

The cause of the explosion is undetermined, although the mine owner, Massey Energy Co., has come under increasing fire for a spotty record of safety operations at Upper Big Branch, including 10 citations this year for inadequate ventilation of explosive gases.

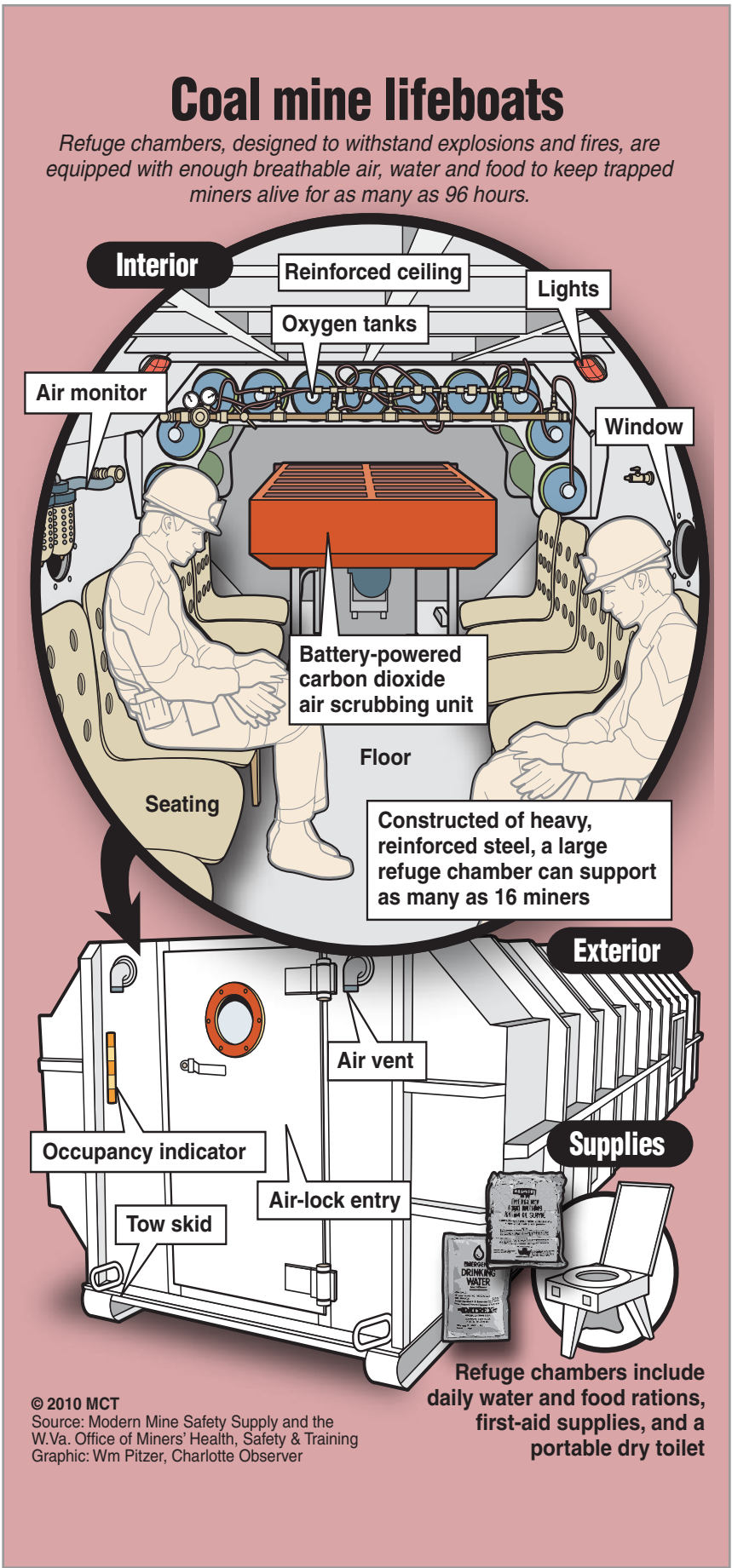
Over the past year, federal safety inspectors fined the company more than \$382,000 for repeated serious violations involving its ventilation plan and equipment at the mine.

The company was cited for failing to follow its safety plan, allowing combustible coal dust to accumulate and having improper firefighting equipment.

Three workers have been killed at the mine in the past 12 years. A worker was electrocuted in 2003, another died after a roof collapse in 2001 and a third died when a beam collapsed in 1998.

The mine was cited for two safety violations Monday, the day of the disaster. But Stricklin said he was "very confident" that the infractions played no role in causing the explosion because they occurred several miles from the blast site.

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The super blow coke fiend

How the world's coal addiction has reached critical mass

It is no doubt that the biggest drug problems facing the globe is the coke epidemic.

It goes by various street names such as black rock, anthracite, graphite, or just coal. It is smuggled all over the country and is used in every town, city, and home in the modernized world.

The most common use of coal is cutting it down and applying heat to release smoke. The effects are a warm cozy feeling and the desire to stay in your house. The comedown is severe, usually resulting in chills, decreased appetite, and un-cleanliness.

Recently, the world coke problem has reached disastrous consequences making headline news all over the globe.

In West Virginia, there was an explosion at a coke harvesting facility. The unfortunate tragedy resulted in the death of at least 25 workers.

So desperate for product and profit, these black rock companies often ignore safety procedures creating hazardous working conditions.

Another problem in a Chinese coke plant resulted in the death of over half the workers.

All over the world this vile drug is ruining people lives.

A global dependency has been stabilized by the disassociated cartels that can afford the luxury of never having to walk into a neighborhood they ruined.

They never looked in the face of someone dying of coke withdrawal.

Also in the news, a freighter carrying a large shipment of coke ran into the Great Barrier Reef. Trying to cut costs by taking a quicker route outside the shipping lanes, or perhaps deliriously high on their



Michael Bryant, Philadelphia Inquirer / MCT Campus

A mountain of it is coaxed toward the boiler at a Central Pennsylvania power plant.

on product, no one is quite sure how the freighter came to be so far off course, but it is obvious that the dangerous lifestyle this rock creates is to blame.

We need to eradicate this problem before it gets any worse.

The problem here is the coal itself. It is a dangerous chemical that leads to actions that are slowly destroying our world, as we know it.

When can we expect this to stop?

It is clear that this coal leads to criminal activity.

No one can be trusted to make rational decisions when under the influence of coke. It is our responsibility to impose consequences on these users.

Here and now we call for an all out plan of them chemical compound coal, in all forms.

Imposing strict laws that could lead to jail time, on users, sellers, and manufacturers.

Then we can hope that one-day the world's children can live in a world free from this repugnant compound.

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Will you be participating in the census?

Hispanics say yes to census

Most Hispanics say they plan to participate in the 2010 census, according to a Pew Hispanic Center study.

Say they have already sent in their 2010 census form or definitely will



Say census is good for community



Say census is used to determine how much money the community receives



Believe Census Bureau will keep personal information confidential



Source: Pew Hispanic Center telephone survey of 1,003 U.S. adults, March 16-25; margin of error: +/- 4.5 percentage points
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My parents always participate.
—Annisha Mohamed



Probably not. I've never participated before!
—Denzel Crapps



Yes. I'll be participating in the census because I want to see improvements in my community and the school system.
—Deveena McLean



Yes. It's mandatory. We have to!
—Dayvel Bernabe



Yes. It's really easy. There's no reason not to participate.
—Lorenzo Perez



Yes. It's easy and only takes about ten minutes of your time.
—Xiomara Ortiz



Yes. My family always participates.
—Kashmir Haley-Palmore

‘Last Song’ a spring hit

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If you were expecting just another love story you might be more than pleasantly surprised to find that ‘The Last Song’ is much more.

In fact, although Miley Cyrus’ character, Ronnie, is technically the main character, Greg Kinnear stole the show with his amazing portrayal of Steve Miller, a dad who must learn to get along with his kids after a rough divorce while dealing with his own deadly secret. From beginning to end this Oscar-nominated actor will grab your heart and hold on to show what might be his best performance ever.

Don’t get me wrong, there is a love story here, its just wrapped around a father-daughter story that will pull you to tears.

The story between Ronnie and Will (actor Liam Hemsworth) is definitely a perfect boy-meets-girl story, which only someone like Nicholas Sparks can still awe people with.

With a character as complex as Ronnie, many were having reservations about Miley Cyrus and whether she could portray the character. Miss Miley has fought back with a wonderful performance that tops every caliber of acting she ever achieved in her Disney channel show “Hannah Montana”, proving that she is intent on becoming a force to be reckoned with.

Actor Liam Hemsworth was not left behind with his portrayal of Will Blakelee, a charming volleyball player from a rich family who works as a mechanic for his father’s company while volunteering at the marine life conservation.



Sam Emerson, Courtesy Touchstone Pictures / MCT Campus
Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus star in “The Last Song.”

This Australian actor is proving that he is someone be on the look out for, and certainly more than a pretty face.

The movie is also filled with wonderful secondary characters, only made better by a beautiful and talented cast. Starting with Bobby Coleman as Jonah Miller, Ronnie’s little brother, the twelve year old actor will captivate you his cute smile and talent.

The cast also includes actress Kelly Preston as Ronnie’s mother, and Carly Chaikin, Ronnie’s new friend, who takes on abusive boyfriend Marcus, played by Nick Lashaway.

From the story, to the cast, ‘The Last Song’ is another piece of evidence that you just can’t go wrong with a Nicholas Sparks’ story-line and the right cast.

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★ Outstanding	■ Worthy effort	▼ So-so	● A bomb	New review					
Chloe	R	-	-	●	▼	▼	■	■	■
Clash of the Titans	PG 13	-	-	●	▼	▼	■	▼	▼
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	PG	■	●	-	▼	▼	■	▼	▼
Green Zone	R	-	▼	■	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Hot Tub Time Machine	R	■	■	■	▼	▼	■	●	■
How to Train Your Dragon	PG	★	★	■	■	■	★	■	■
The Last Song	PG	★	▼	-	●	■	▼	-	-
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Astrid (America Ferrera, left) tries to comprehend what Hiccup (Jay Baruchel) has just told her: that all these years, dragons have been misunderstood; they are not the enemy, in DreamWorks Animation's "How to Train Your Dragon."

'Dragon' a hit for all ages

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A new favorite amongst children and adults.

If you want adventure, excitement, discovery, and romance all wrapped into a fesh breath of fire then this is the movie for you.

'How to train your Dragon' is a must-see.

Adults will enjoy the movie as much as the children they take along with them to see it.

Become a kid again as you embark on a life-changing journey of self-discovery with 'Hiccup', a twelve year old boy who never really fit in among the vikings in his village.

Vikings have a sole purpose in life and that is to provide for their families and maintain a strong fight against the dragons or as Hiccup would call them, 'pests' that roam around the village creating chaos, killing vikings, and stealing food at night.

The way the vikings prove their loyalty, abilities, and strengths amongst the others is to train to be-

come a dragon slayer or become a worker.

The movie tells a story of the hundreds of years the vikings have spent slaying dragons and trying to find an island that contains the source of something they've been looking for ever since it all began.

I saw this movie with my nephew Christopher, who's three, and I'm a little embarrassed to say that I probably enjoyed the movie much more than he did.

Both of us kept our eyes glued to the screen from start to finish.

If I had to describe the movie in one word it would have to be refreshing

The story is realistic, romantic and playful while feeling different from other recents such as Twilight or the Harry Potter series.

All of the characters are easy to relate to.

There's not a lot of complicated jargon or words to learn and it's hard to not put yourself in Hiccup's shoes.

That's what makes the movie so much fun to watch. It's simple, interesting, relateable, and perfect for a sunny day with your favorite niece or nephew.

Medical thriller is contagious

'The Last Surgeon' mixes grisly realism with thrilling drama

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Doctor Michael Palmer, an American author and former medical practitioner from Massachusetts, returns with his 15th novel: "The Last Surgeon."



Palmer crafts a nightmarish story that moves from scene to scene as hit-man Franz Koller persuades his targets to kill themselves.

Jillian Coates is shaken after she hears of her sister's suicide, but is confounded as a psychiatric nurse, because her sister did not show any signs of being suicidal.

After she finds over sixty copies of the same comic book about Dr. Nick Fury, among her dead sister's possessions, she is lead to meet Dr. Nick Garrity.

Garrity is a medical war veteran who suffers from PTSD. He believes her theory and helps her search for answers.

After finding that his long lost war buddy, Umberto Vazquez, was a patient in a very exclusive plastic surgery spa, he is convinced that Umberto and Jillian's sister, who was a

nurse, have crossed paths.

Koller, the hired killer, assumes various disguises that completely change his appearance, and notably acts as a substitute high school chemistry teacher between kills.

As Jillian continues to ask more question about her sister's death, she is considered to be a threat, and becomes a 'non-kill' target.

At times the novel acts as a soap box for veteran affairs and the struggles that are faced when a war veteran applies for funds. Phillip MacCandliss is a hard-nosed investigator that decides if someone needs funding or if they are trying to abuse the system.

In response, Dr. Nick Garrity does not hesitate to drive around in an RV along with his staff to give free care to veterans who need it.

Palmer's writing is very effective as he constructs very disturbing kill scenes and other images.

This antagonist is both unusually cruel and very clever about making the target's murder look like a suicide, which Koller refers to as a 'non-kill.'

In an early scene when Koller is substituting a chemistry class, he imagines a way to kill the entire class as he waits in silence for a volunteer to answer a basic chemistry question.

After hacking into the spa's personal computers and accessing patient information, Nick deciphers and describes the case of an innocent patient who receives intensive facial reconstructive surgery so he'd be framed as a wanted man.

This medical thriller strives to create shock by not sparing the reader any grisly details.

Woods' words ring increasingly hollow

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Tiger Woods faced the media once again on Monday, April 5th during a press conference at Augusta National Golf Club.

He tried to clarify many speculations during the press conference but I believe he was unsuccessful.

For one thing he didn't state anything new about the November car accident, he left the fans and the media the same way they came in, clueless, about what really happened.

The only thing he did mentioned was that he got a busted lip with 5 stitches and a sore neck as a result of the accident, which doesn't tell us anything about it, he would have been better off not mentioning it at all.

He mentions that he spent 45 days of therapy and that he plans to continue but he never mentions therapy for what? This still leaves the speculation of it being "sex therapy," and as I mention in my recent articles, I don't believe it is.

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In my opinion the most interesting part of the press conference was when a reporter asked him about the February speech and if that during that time did he had in his mind of coming back to the game so sudden.

Woods responded with that he did not have any intention of playing golf or coming back to the PGA tour but that two days prior he started practicing and hitting balls and that he got an "itch back" for the game.

Woods, do you really think anybody is going to believe that? You got an "itch back,"? More and more this seems all planned out; Woods knew he was coming back when he gave the speech that is why he did it during that time and not sooner or later.



Tim Dominick, The State / MCT Campus

Mark O'Meara, left, and Tiger Woods played together during a practice round for the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on April 6, 2010.

Too soon would cause a controversy more than the one that is right now and later would be too late for The Masters, The Masters was mostly likely the goal.

Consequently when asked about why not come back in earlier tournaments like the Arnold Palmer Invitational, he responded with that he wasn't physically ready to play. But that seems funny to me because later in the same press conference he mentions that playing in tournaments it's not all about championships that it's about the way you live your life and trying to get better in life. So if it is not about winning then why not play the Arnold Palmer Invitational and just show your face to the sport.

He also mentions that in past years he was winning tournaments but that he wasn't having fun because of the things that he was engaged in but that now he is having fun again like in the years when he was beginning because now the load is off. But how

can you win and not have fun? Better yet how can you concentrate on winning knowing all things that you are involved in life? I guess he is just that good.

With this press conference Woods didn't answer any of our questions, if he did something it was put more speculation to the drama. I believe he just needs to stop talking circles around the situation and tell it how it went or just be quite.

I believe he does want to change and move on and that he wants to fix things but he does not want to open up and say what happened, he wants to keep with the speculations.

So as long as he stays quite about the situation the questions are going to continue but I still do believe he is going to be a more family guy now and he is still going to continue to be great in the golf field because he is just that good. I will go all out and say that he is going to win his 5th green jacket, it's all part of the comeback.

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UConn tops Stanford for title

Huskies extend win streak to 78

By John Altavilla
The Hartford Courant

SAN ANTONIO – Sometimes things don't work out perfectly. So much can happen from the blueprint to the bouquets that just getting the chance to win a national championship is a blessing.

But to win another championship in the same fashion, so fluently, so flawlessly, so fabulously, is something the sport may never see again.

The magnificent run to a seventh national championship for the nation's pre-eminent college basketball program ended with an unusual but emphatic 53-47 win over Stanford at The Alamodome on Tuesday night.

Maya Moore, the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, scored 18 of her game-high 23 points in the second half to lead UConn past Stanford (36-2).

"People asked how are you going to react when it's a close game," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We reacted the way champions react and we won the game and that's what counts."

Kayla Pedersen led Stanford



Bettina Hansen, Hartford Courant / MCT Campus
Maya Moore of UConn cuts down the nets after beating Stanford in the women's NCAA championship game.

with 15 points. Both of the Cardinal losses were to the Huskies. UConn (39-0) is 7-0 in national championship games and has won four of those titles unbeaten.

There's no other way to put this: It was an incredibly torturous win, the most bizarre of a winning streak that will begin next season at 78. But UConn's streak of double-digit wins ends at 77. The Huskies escaped disaster after scoring 12 first-half points.

The Huskies trailed 20-12 at the half and then came out smoking in

the second, scoring 17 of the first 19 points, including 12 straight. Moore's three with 14:23 to play gave UConn a 23-22 lead. During its 77-game winning streak, it had never trailed later than 14:47.

Soon after came its first 10-point lead (38-27) when Tina Charles scored.

UConn's bold approach had carried it through this season, but the only thing Auriemma ever really feared, an ill-timed doomsday scenario, reared its head with unfathomable fury in the first half.

The Huskies fought back to 20-17 and then caught a break when Stanford's All-America center, Jayne Appel, already dealing with bad right ankle, aggravated it taking a charge with 15:48 to play. It took all she had to hobble to the bench.

UConn missed 18 of its first 20 shots (Moore was 0-for-5)—including 16 straight over 10:37—and that drought enabled the Cardinal to score 12 unanswered points to take the biggest lead (12-5) any team had this season against the Huskies.

What helped UConn most was that Stanford's shooting was just as poor. The Cardinal missed 22 of its first 29 shots and with 1:33 to play, instead of having a double-digit lead, they were ahead by only six (18-12) after Moore's first three-pointer.

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McNabb arrives in D.C.

Ex-Eagle QB introduced to Redskin faithful

By Ian R. Rapoport
Boston Herald

Apr. 7--The quarterback holding the burgundy No. 5 Washington Redskins jersey was Donovan McNabb. From everything that was said, it might have been simpler to just go ahead and call him John Elway II.

The six-time Pro Bowl star was formally introduced yesterday at Redskins Park. He would rather be preparing for a 12th season with

the Philadelphia Eagles, but an Easter Sunday trade between NFC East rivals has opened what he called "a new chapter in the book of Donovan."

"I've always believed in finishing where you started," McNabb said. "I think there's a lot to be said with that."

"Not a lot of quarterbacks in this league are able to do that these days. Sometimes change is better. Sometimes you're forced into change."

"I would have loved to (stay in Philadelphia), but it didn't happen."

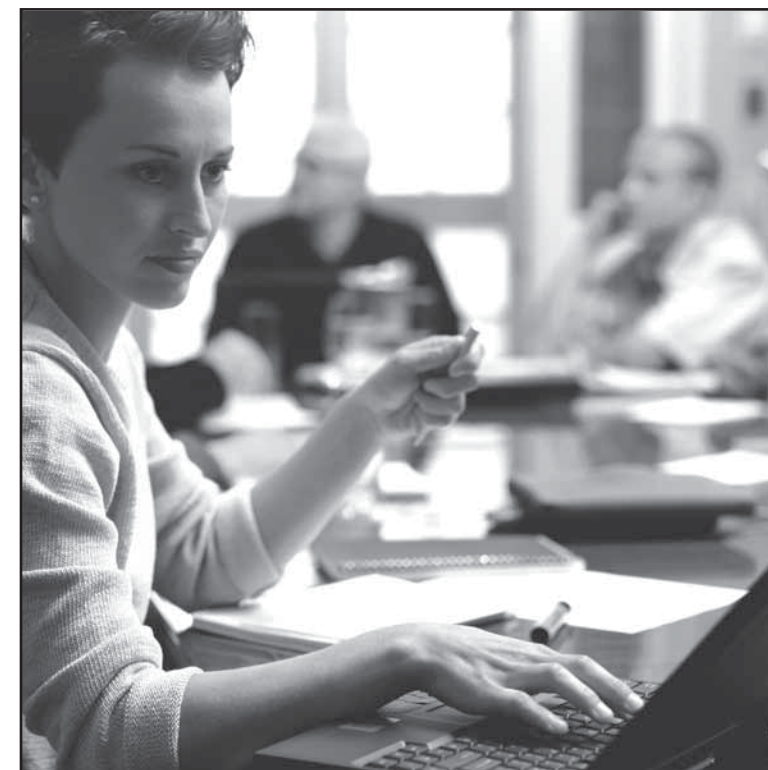
Instead, he is with the Redskins and new coach Mike Shanahan, and both said trading two draft picks for a 33-year-old quarterback with a few nicks is a solid investment.

They did so by repeatedly invoking Elway, who was 34 when Shanahan became coach of the Broncos in 1995.

"I'm turning 34 this year," McNabb said. "And he finished John's career with two Super Bowls. Hopefully I can continue to follow behind that."

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Cinderella misses the ball

Duke tops Butler for national title

By Greg Logan
Newsday

INDIANAPOLIS — This was the alternate ending to "Hoosiers" that didn't play well with moviegoers. They wanted the happy ending, and they got it in the film.

But that's not how real life works. In real life, Gordon Hayward, the kid from Brownsburg, Ind., with a face Norman Rockwell would have loved, misses the winning shot. Not once. That wouldn't be dramatic enough.



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Butler's Matt Howard had 11 points in the loss to Duke.

No, Hayward missed the potential history-making shot twice in excruciating fashion. With about seven seconds left, he went up for a jumper from the right baseline, arched it a little too high to get over 7-1 Duke center Brian Zoubek and saw it go off the back side of the rim and bound to Zoubek, who was fouled.

Zoubek made the first free throw for a 61-59 lead and intentionally missed the second, allowing Butler to get the ball to Hayward for a desperation attempt from the right side just over the half-court line. It looked awfully good in the air, but hit slightly too high on the glass and caromed off the front of the rim, giving Duke and coach Mike Krzyzewski their fourth national championship Monday night at Lucas Oil Stadium.

If nothing else, Duke (35-5) and Butler (33-5), wonderful programs from the opposite end of the spectrum in terms of basketball's privileged class and blue-collar schools, gave scriptwriters plenty of material to work with. You couldn't have asked for a more dramatic ending to a hard-fought game.

The loss ended a 25-game winning streak for Butler, at 4,200 students the smallest school to play in the title game since Jacksonville in 1970. Kyle Singler topped the Blue Devils with 19 points and nine rebounds, Jon Scheyer added 15 points and five assists, and Nolan Smith had 13 points.

Hayward had 12 points for Butler but made only 2 of 11 shots. Shelvin Mack also had 12 for the Bulldogs, Matt Howard added 11, and Avery Jukes 10, all in the first half. Butler shot only 34.5 percent from the field, which was its undoing.

A physical game got even tougher when Duke's Lance Thomas chased down Hayward from behind, hooked an arm and sent him crashing into the basket support. The crowd begged for an in-



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Kyle Singler of Duke goes up for a shot against Butler during the second half of the NCAA championship game.

tentional foul, but the refs disagreed after a replay review.

Hayward shook out the cobwebs and drained two foul shots to cut Duke's lead to 56-55 with 5:07 left. But instead of keeping the ball with a chance to go ahead for an intentional foul, the ball went over to the Blue Devils. Singler came off a screen, caught the ball and popped in a perfect 20-footer for a 58-55 lead at 4:46. That sequence could have drained the momentum Butler needed to pull off the upset.

But after going down 60-55, Matt Howard followed a Singler turnover with a layup. Then Smith's layup try fell off the front of the rim, and Howard made another great move to the basket to pull the Bulldogs within one at 60-59 with 54.8 seconds showing.

On Duke's next possession, Singler's shot came up short and Zoubek grabbed the rebound, but he fell and the ball went off his foot with 33.7 seconds left. Butler's ball with destiny at stake.

Duke led 33-32 at halftime after Jukes got a tough inside shot to go to trigger a 12-7 run. Jukes had eight points in that stretch, ending with a three from the top of the arc with 22 seconds left that made it a one-point game.

Butler was playing far from a perfect game, but the Bulldogs were working hard on the boards to gain a 24-17 edge there at halftime, including 12 offensive rebounds that helped them hang around. Still, Duke was hitting 50 percent of its shots, and the Blue Devils hadn't lost all season when shooting that well.

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