Judge dismisses Ramadan lawsuit

ACLU claimed Ramadan’s visa unconstitutionally denied; court maintains terrorist ties

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

More than three years after prominent Muslim scholar Tariq Ramadan was barred from entering the United States to take up a tenured teaching position at Notre Dame, a federal judge in New York has ruled that the government had legitimate reasons to deny Ramadan’s visa.

The judge, Paul A.Croty of the Federal District Court in Manhattan, dismissed a lawsuit in December filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) that claimed the government used an unconstitutional portion of the Patriot Act to deny Ramadan a work visa in July 2004, when he attempted to enter the United States from his home in Switzerland, The New York Times reported in December. The ACLU suit claimed the portion of the Patriot Act denying visas to people who “endorse or espouse terrorist activity” was unconstitutional.

Croty ruled the government had revoked Ramadan’s visa because the scholar had, over the course of four years, given $1,336 to a Swiss charity later designated as a terrorist group, the Times reported. He did not address the Patriot Act’s constitutionality.

Ramadan has publicly argued he was unaware of any terrorist ties and had made contributions solely as humanitarian aid.

“In its letter, the U.S. Embassy claims that I reasonably should have known that the charities in question provided money to Hamas,” Ramadan wrote in a letter published in The Washington Post in October 2006. “But my donations were made between December 1998 and July 2002, and the United States did not blacklist the charities until 2003. How should I reasonably have known of their activities before the U.S. government itself knew?”

University uses residence halls for classrooms

O’Neill, McGlinn lounges host literature seminars due to lack of campus teaching space

By GENE NOONEY
News Writer

For the first time in the University’s history, a number of courses are currently being taught inside residence halls.

Lounges in O’Neill and McGlinn Halls are currently being used as classrooms for a variety of courses, including a literature University seminar, a “Great Books” seminar and several Portuguese courses. Vice President and Associate Provost Jacobs said.

Jacobs said the residence halls’ lounges would only be used as classrooms during mid-day hours, a time slot during which the University has had difficulty finding teaching space recently.

“There is tremendous demand on this campus for classes which meet anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and Notre Dame does not have enough classroom space to meet the demand,” Jacobs said. “Therefore, the seminar spaces in O’Neill and McGlinn will allow additional courses to meet during the most popular time slots.”

The administration, he said, first considered the possibility of holding classes in the dorms in November 2006. At that time, McGlinn resident director Mary Lynch and O’Neill resident Ed Mack pitched the idea to Residence Hall Association members that Little Sibs Week, student government and students, faculty to consider ‘iTunes U’

Program offers downloadable course materials

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

With the tagline “the campus that never sleeps,” Apple, Inc. launched “iTunes U” last spring, a program that looks like the regular iTunes store but offers students, professors and the public free access to downloadable classroom lectures. And while more than 250 institutions across the nation are registered, Notre Dame is still in the process of examining the technology.

“My description of it would be a way of distribut ing media — namely video clips, audio clips, pictures, and even documents — to share what is going on in classrooms with the public,” said senior Patrick Finnigan, the undergraduate representative to the University Committee on Academic Technology.

Schools that are already affiliated with iTunes U use it to distribute course content to its students, but some even take it a step further by turning it into a public relations medium. It can offer prospective high school students guided tours of campuses, Finnigan said.
INSIDE COLUMN

10 Things that make Heath news

Every time I come back to school, my mom gets inevitably tearful, and in desper­ate attempts to cheer her up I always tell her to look ahead to the next break, when I’ll be home and we’ll have plenty of moth­er-daughter time. This time I told her to look ahead to the summer, for “The X-Files,” and “The City, The Movie,” and “The Dark Knight.” And then I went on a tangent about how Heath Ledger’s portrayal of The Joker is scary. Way darker than Jack Nicholson’s. But with death Tuesday and the exten­sive coverage that followed it, it’s a sur­prise that he’s been so totally dis­missed. It’s easy to look back and see things in a new light, and to think his story is really that his image’s story. I picked 10.

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3. His parents are still alive. And no par­ents should have to bury a child.
4. He gave gay cowboys everywhere a reason to exist.
5. His death was unexpected. Death is sad whether it’s a surprise or the end of a prolonged disease. But when it’s a sur­prise it’s easier to be paralyzed by it.
6. That being said, I hope all the self­righteous, holier-than-thou people who think the Federal Reserve’s rate cuts or the Super Bowl are legitimate news — and Heath Ledger is tabloid news to them — realize that we, those who are suscepti­ble to this news, are not foolish or in­jured. We are merely that. Susceptible.
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The bodybag was carried out on a stretcher to the waiting ambulance.

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

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Offbeat

Missing cat found in owner’s suitcase

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. — The last time cat­
owner Kelly Levy saw her tiger-striped feline was before she took her hus­band to the airport. The 24­year-old came back to her home late Friday to find the bottom step, where Gracie Mae usually be waited, empty.

Levy saw the house before looking for the 10-month­
tabby who had been spayed just days before. She and her dad took out bath­room tiles and part of a cabinet to check a craw­l space and pattered the neighborhood with “lost cat” signs.

Then she got a phone call. “Hi, you’re not going to believe this, but I am calling from Fort Worth, Texas, and I accidentally picked up your husband’s luggage. And when I opened the lug­
age, a cat jumped out,” Levy recalled the caller say­ing, the South Florida Sun­Sentinel reported.

Misspelled sends caller to sex service

Calvert Md. — A Cecil County man who phoned the governor’s office with an opinion about the mortgage foreclosure debate realized he wasn’t talking to a secre­
 ary when the woman who answered greeted him with a “Hi, sexy.”

Pete Pritchard of Calvert discovered the number for the governor’s office is mis­

The previous edition had the same mistake. Pritchard wonders if his friends in the next two years that ever called the governor’s office by using that directory.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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IN BRIEF

The entire Rec Sports fitness class schedule is available for free during the “Try It, You’ll Like It!” week today through Sunday. Show up at Roll’s Rec Sports Center to try various classes. Space is first come, first serve. Online class registration begins Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

The Creative Writing Program presents Professor Honorée Jeffers, who will read her poetry tonight at 7:30 in the Gold Room of North Dining Hall.

The Notre Dame Post Office will offer a Passport Fair Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On this day only, no appointment will be necessary to apply for a passport. Applicants should bring proof of U.S. citi­zenship, proof of identity and two recent photos.

Actors from The London Stage will present The Taming of the Shrew on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are available for $12.

Prints from the Snite Museum of Art’s collection that focus on artistic subjects from the 17th century will be displayed Friday from 16:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit, “Rembrandt and the Art of Printmaking in Holland,” will highlight the golden age of Dutch art, depic­tions of landscapes, portraits of animals and individuals in non­aristocratic social and economic classes, and scenes of their everyday life.

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

Special to The Observer

In 1947, an anti-government uprising in northern Taiwan led to the slaughter of some 20,000 citizens and contributed to a 40-year period of government suppression that effectively buried knowledge of the incident until martial law ended in 1987.

How the uprising re-entered the public consciousness through literature and film is examined in a new book by Sylvia Lin, assistant professor of East Asian languages and cultures at Notre Dame. Called "Representing Atrocity in Taiwan: The 2/28 Incident and White Terror in Fiction and Film," it is published by Columbia University Press.

A native of Taiwan, Lin has first-hand experience of living in a totalitarian state, exemplified by the era known as White Terror. During the 40 years of martial law, the government effectively suppressed challenges by arresting and imprisoning dissidents and by instilling a pervasive fear in the citizenry. The bloodiest of these acts occurred around Feb. 28, 1947, a melee that began when government agents harassed a woman who was selling untaxed, black market cigarettes.

Fearing retribution, Lin's parents' generation refused to discuss the 2/28 incident even in private. Unlike the Jews in the Holocaust or the Japanese who survived Hiroshima, Lin's generation grew up unaware of this national tragedy.

The subsequent awakening provides a case study on the lasting cultural impact of atrocities, particularly as they are portrayed in literature and films. Drawing on abundant Holocaust scholarship of atrocity and trauma, Lin analyzes Taiwanese and Chinese literature and post-martial law cinema and identifies emotional and reflective patterns that appear across cultures.

Time is needed to support an environment in which art turns from themes such as anger or victimization to those that honor the sacrifice of the dead and grasp the tragedy of human suffering. However, Lin's book cautions, the process demands judicious deliberation to avoid a reversal of interpretative tyranny after a regime change.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2002, Lin teaches modern and contemporary Chinese literature, film and culture. Her research interests include Western missionaries and Chinese women, women and new culture in early 20th century China, language and identity in Taiwan, and narrative theory. She earned her doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Jacobs and several faculty members. "They proposed the idea that the study lounges in their respective halls be utilized as seminar classrooms during the daytime because students rarely use them for personal study space except at night." Jacobs said.

The rectors eventually took their proposal back to their respective hall councils, which welcomed the plan. The suggestion then also received support from the Provost's Office and the Office of Student Affairs, Jacobs said.

A benefit of teaching inside dorms, Jacobs said, is the increased integration of the campus' residential life and its academic one. "We would love to see more faculty and students interact informally outside of the classroom," Jacobs said. "In the way that many students don't always feel comfortable walking into the office of a faculty member, many faculty members have never set foot in a resident hall." Jacobs said he hopes this "pilot program" will begin to break down some of these barriers and formalities and help students and professors make residence halls a place where both informal conversation and intellectual dialogue can occur.

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election allegations and (deter-
mint) appropriate sanctions and penalties, if a hearing
aries,” Judicial Council presi-
dent, Ashley Weiss, said in a let-
ter to the Council.

In addition to Weiss and vice
president of Elections Danny Smith, the committee will be
presided over by four Judicial
Council dorm representatives:
junior Tom Kingsbury (Alumni) and sophomores Joe Martinich
(‘07), Libby Bierman (Irons) and
Monserrat Miramontes (Panbong), Weiss appointed the
remaining two members — sen-
or Anthony Dayrell, vice presi-
dent of the Peer Advocacy pro-
gram, and junior Lake Derheimer.

Derheimer was also approved
as the new controller of voter
turnout, whose duties will
include encouraging students to
turn out for future campus
elections through the “Rock the
Vote” campaign. Weiss nomini-
ed him for the position, pointing to his “extensive experience in
the election proceedings,” having
served as a senator in last year’s
elections.

Weiss felt that it was neces-
sary to appoint Derheimer because Weiss’ duties as Judicial
Council president would make it
difficult for him to effectively
lead “Rock the Vote.”

Derheimer said his major task
will be executing the proposals
already set forth by Weiss and
Smith. For example, he is
charged with organizing the
meet-and-greet with the candi-
dates and the candidate debates.
The Council also reviewed the
College Readership program, which provides students with
free copies of USA Today, The
New York Times and the
Chicago Tribune.

Carol Hendrickson, the chair
of Academic Affairs, said she
was very pleased with the
response the program has
received this year.

“Consumption rates are in the
high 80 percent all across cam-
puses,” she said. “This year we’ve
been really happy with the pro-
gram because we’ve been able
to find the right amount and the
right papers (to distribute).”

Although Hendrickson often
requests a certain amount of
papers, USA Today (which runs
the program) will often use its
own figures to determine how
many to deliver, said.

Student body president Liz Brown explained that the con-
tract is written in such a way
that USA Today has the freedom
to use its own analysis to deter-
mine the quantities it should deliv-
er to campus.

However, because this has not
caused the program to exceed
its budget and readership is cur-
rently strong, Hendrickson has
seen no major reason to com-
plain.

Moreover, the program has
seen a major success in its
recent expansion to the Mendoza College of Business and the
Hesburgh Library.

“We’ve been targeting more
people,” Hendrickson said.

The success at Mendoza and the Library really shows more peo-
ple are reading it.”

The Council also unanimously
approved sophomore Caitlin Flynn as its new secretary.

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Ramadan had sought in 2004 to move with his family to South
Beach, where he had been invited
by the Luce professor of religion,
conflict and peace-building at the
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Before the relocation, he
had been granted a visa after pass-
ing background checks by the
Department of Homeland
Security and the State Depart-
ment. However, Luce refused to
explain why it had revoked Ramadan’s visa until
September. More than a year
after he had applied a sec-
ond time for a temporary busi-
ness and tourism visa.

Ramadan resigned his position
on the Notre Dame faculty in
December 2004. He is now
teaching a course on Islam in
the modern world at the
University of Oxford in England.
He is also a visiting professor at
Howard University in the
Netherlands.

B. Scott Appleby, director of
the Kroc Institute, called the
episode of the visa revocation
and the government’s subse-
quent silence “unfortunate in
every respect.”

“It implied that the United
States government feels itself to be
too powerful — so much so, that it
felt vulnerable to the presence of
a Muslim intellectual whose every utterance and movement
has been thoroughly scruti-
nized,” Appleby said in an
email Tuesday.

Appleby said he was deeply disappointed by the “punitively
religious behavior” of President
Bush’s administration during this
time.

“We Americans are quite
capable of interacting with such a
person and not becoming over-
whelmed, threatened or cor-
rupted’ by challenging ideas,
provocative criticisms and con-
traversial opinions,” he said.

Appleby praised the Uni-
versity’s “courageous” sup-
port of Ramadan, a decision that
aired debate even before the
visa revocation became a con-
traversial over the scholar’s
views.

Ramadan is known as a liberal
Muslim scholar who has spoken
for religious tolerance and added to
debate on issues of Middle
East, Islam and the Western
and democratic world. He has also
been accused by some of his
students and faculty.

The Luce professorship has
remained unfilled since
Ramadan resigned in December
2004. The University plans to
search for a suitable candidate
this year, Appleby said.

Appleby said he does not
expect Ramadan will teach at
Notre Dame in the future.

“It seems unlikely that
Professor Ramadan will be re-
appointed to Notre Dame, given
disregard for his current position or the fact that he still does not
have a visa permitting him per-
manent residence in the U.S.,”
he said.

The addition of Ramadan to
the University’s teaching faculty
would have made a particular
impact on the mission of the
Kroc Institute, he said.

“Ramadan is influential with
millions of people whom we seek
to better understand and engage
in a constructive way,” he said.

“As a person of faith, he wel-
comed a chance to interact with
Catholics and other Christians,

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International News

Israel sends fuel, cases five-day blockade

Gaza City -- Israel sent fuel to Gaza's power plant Tuesday as a gesture in five-day blockade of the Palestinian territory amid growing international concern about a humanitarian crisis.

The U.S.-warned Israel not to add to the hardship for ordinary Palestinians but blamed the Palestinian Authority for imposing the blockade, which it did not.

Despite the easing of the closure, Palestinian militants in Gaza have continued to fire rockets toward Israel on a daily basis.

A medical worker said three people were killed in an explosion near the Egyptian border Tuesday.

U.N. to pressure Iran's nuclear program

It was a hard decision for the U.N. to make, but a Security Council resolution on Iran's nuclear program is expected to be adopted Tuesday, although it is unlikely to do much to curb the Islamic country's missile program.

U.S. officials say the resolution will require Iran to suspend all nuclear activities related to its program.

National News

Heath Ledger found dead, pills nearby

NEW YORK -- Heath Ledger was found dead Tuesday morning at his apartment in the SoHo neighborhood of Manhattan, according to police.

The cause of death was not immediately available, but police said that pills were found at the scene.

The family of the Oscar-nominated actor said in a statement that it was a "shocking and tragic loss.

As his father stood near his hospital bed in Baghdad, about 35 miles northeast of the city center, the actor was found dead at 3:26 a.m.

A medical examiner's office has agreed to a尸 autopsy.

Clinton, Obama spar after debate

WASHINGTON -- Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton and her rival, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., both avoided direct questions about Iraq as they prepared for the first debate.

In a conference call shortly after she left the White House driveway with her husband, former President Clinton, distort was missing.

"I think it's very clear that Senator Clinton ... and the president have been spending the last month attacking me in ways that are not accurate," Obama said in a conference call shortly after she left the White House in a bitter exchange that carried over from Monday night's debate.

Local News

State senator undergoes surgery

FORT WAYNE, Ind. -- State Sen. David Ford of Hartford City, Ind., was in surgery Wednesday on Tuesday with what his family said was cancer.

Ford, 58, underwent surgery Friday after being hospitalized with flu-like symptoms Jan. 15. Senate President Pro Tem David Long said, "We will continue to release information as it becomes available.

The family of the schoolteacher described Ford as "critically ill." According to a statement released by Ford's family, doctors described the cancer as "aggressive.

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The bombing -- one of two attacks near Iraqi schools on the same day -- follows a spike in violence blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq against funerals and school events.

Iraq

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ACTOR'S FAMILY SAYS DEATH AN ACCIDENT

Associated Press

SYDNEY — Heath Ledger's family rejected any suggestion Wednesday that the actor killed himself and joined fellow Australians in mourning one of their rising stars after he was found dead in a New York apartment.

The Australian-born actor was found face-down and naked at the foot of a bed in a Manhattan apartment Tuesday. Police said there were prescription sleeping pills near Ledger's body, but there was no obvious sign he had committed suicide.

Ledger's family members faced a throng of journalists in the actor's hometown of Perth in western Australia and read a statement saying his death was purely accidental, though they did not say whether he died of suicide.

“We, Heath's family, can confirm the very tragic, untimely and accidental passing of our dearly loved son, brother and finest actors in the prime of his life,” actor's family member and executive director of the Ledger Foundation Australia, Kim Ledger, told reporters.

The family said they were shocked and saddened by the death of the actor, whose career was launched in Australia and who moved to the United States to pursue his Hollywood dreams.

“His love and generosity for his art and for so many who he brought to tears and laughter will be his legacy and our new hope,” the statement said.

At the news conference Wednesday, with actress Nicole Kidman and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd looking on, Ledger's father Kim told reporters that he and his wife, Lydia, “are in shock and disbelief” as they try to come to terms with their son's death.

“The only real challenge is to help, like my son always tried to do to others,” said Kim Ledger, an actor who played the devoted father of “The King of Queens” character Arthur Henry Appleton.

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The family said they were shocked and saddened by the death of the actor, whose career was launched in Australia and who moved to the United States to pursue his Hollywood dreams.

“His love and generosity for his art and for so many who he brought to tears and laughter will be his legacy and our new hope,” the statement said.

At the news conference Wednesday, with actress Nicole Kidman and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd looking on, Ledger's father Kim told reporters that he and his wife, Lydia, “are in shock and disbelief” as they try to come to terms with their son's death.

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Dow Jones falls early, rebounds later
Emergency prime rate cut precedes 300-point drop in first month of trading

NEW YORK — The opening bell hadn’t even sounded on Wall Street when the Federal Reserve announced an emergency interest-rate cut. The Dow Jones Industrial average fell 465 points — including 300 in the first minute — before it decided to finish down a more bearable 128.

The recovery Tuesday was a victory of sorts for a battered market. But a long-term comeback may depend on factors much more difficult to control — a turnaround in the housing market and renewed confidence among U.S. consumers, who hold up most of the economy.

The alarming early drop in U.S. stocks followed the lead of markets abroad, where investors fled stocks and went into Treasuries on fears of a recession, analysts said. The Dow had recovered to a loss of 128.11, or just over 1 percent, at 11,971.9.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Embrace life

Most fundamental human activity, the greatest good, is having children. Abortion is a product of the contraceptive ethic. "Eclipse their differ­ences," said John Paul II, "contracep­tion and abortion are often closely con­nected, as fruits of the same tree, rooted in a hedonistic mentality unwill­ ing to accept responsibility in matters of sexuality, and ... a self-centered con­cept of freedom, which regards procre­ation as an obstacle to personal fulfill­ment.

Until the Anglican Lambeth Conference of 1990, no Christian denomination had ever said that contracep­tion could ever be objectively sought, and that such an effort would be an exercise in futility.

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I don’t know about you, but I am going to vote for Mike Huckabee for one reason and one reason only: Chuck Norris is campaigning for him. Anybody who is hiding a fist in his beard must know his politics.

But Norris has definitely won my support, and how could he not? I’m not about to oppose a man who can kill two rocks with one bird.

But back to Huckabee. I think the main reason I’m voting for him is because of Chuck Norris. Any candidate who can win the support of and employ a celebrity in his campaigning arsenal is obviously the best candidate.

In case you don’t know, the other day Norris, while campaigning for Huckabee, said that an opponent, John McCain, wouldn’t make a good president because of his old age. He even made a comment about McCain’s good traits being inherited from his mom. Norris pretty much just karate-kicked McCain in the face there.

But this really annoys me, this whole trend of celebrities getting involved in politics enough so to try and use their reputation and position to not only win votes for their candidate, but they go so far as to try and demean their opponents. But in Huckabee’s defense, the title President Huckabee, brought to you by Chuck Norris, does roll off the tongue pretty easily.

I know this has been going on for a long time, and will continue to happen in elections come to be, but I just think it’s sad that Norris campaigning for Huckabee will actually win some votes. And then to go even further and bash other people, I think is a misuse of fame.

I understand Norris is free to spend his money and think politically however he likes, but it just seems that more and more our society is getting sponsored. It started with sports stadiums and theaters, how we now go to the Allstate arena instead of the Rosemont Horizon. Now Huckabee is, in a way, being sponsored by Chuck Norris, something I think is a misuse of fame.

Imagine that exactly one year and two days from now, President Huckabee is sworn into the chair of the president. What will that mean? Will it lead to a possible change for the better? Will it be a moment of change? Or will it just be a round-house kick to the face if they don’t vote for Huckabee?

I don’t. I think that there are certain areas, policies being one of them, that famed citizens should stay out of. It’s a cheap trick performed by Huckabee, a desperate attempt to try and win more votes, and an irresponsible decision by Norris, who will sway people’s decisions with no regard to issues and the welfare of our nation, but because of popularity and famed jokes. Granted, Norris almost assuredly believes Huckabee is the best candidate, I’m not entirely comfortable with the idea of people blindly voting for Huckabee because Norris endorses him. I can think of some people who will be swayed by Norris’ influence on Huckabee’s campaign, and that could be all it takes in a race this close.

It’s just sad that our society has become so commercialized to the point where it influences critical issues for the welfare of our country. This column first appeared in the Jan. 22 edition of The Daily Eastern News, the daily newspaper at Eastern Illinois University. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Vote for Norris, not Huckabee

Once, in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. Forty-five years later, it moves closer to reality.

We stand in a present where a possible future is that our first black president, Barack Obama, brings tremendous change to society. This is not a political endorsement, just something to think about. Imagine that exactly one year and two days from now, Obama is sworn into the chair President Bush has warmed since 2000. This would be a symbol of social change, a symbol that the nation has moved a step beyond prejudice toward a greater humanity.

Many of us claim we are not voting based on his race. Instead, it’s his charming demeanor, intelligent remarks, thought on policy or the fact that, unlike most politicians, he is a part of us secretly roots for him because he is potentially the first black president.

This possible future where Obama takes the presidential oath would be a moment where King’s prophetic dream reaches fulfillment. The beauty of Obama’s character is that he represents the whole spectrum: black to white, rich to poor. His victory would fulfill King’s words: “Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.” On the international level, America would finally share brotherhood with the greater part of the globe: We would finally have a non-white leader.

This world will alter worldwide opinion of America; in case you didn’t know, a good percentage of the world is some shade of brown, whether in Pakistan, Peru or Palau. That has gone beyond and defines racial harmony beyond the limited paradigm of just black or white; think about what the letters of its name mean.

We would be brothers with countries where non-white leaders led massive democratic reform. South Africa ended apartheid with the help of Nelson Mandela. Bolivia recently began reforming the constitution with the help of indigenous president Evo Morales, who is obviously the raicoraised Bolivian percent who was the futile lower caste into equals.

President Obama may not join them in creating structural change, but he would get respect from a world of people who have long felt oppressed by the legacy of colonialism and that American policy makers do not understand them.

This wish for equality is what makes Obama so dynamic. On a deeper level, we want him to win because he understands us. No matter who you are, he understands your people, your people and their people. His cultural sensitivity proclaims us equals, fulfilling King’s dream to “make justice a reality for all of God’s children.”

Of course, reality is never as magical as we wish, but if Obama were to win, society would be redefined, and those who have hungered and thirsted for equality, as King once did, would be satisfied.

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By CHRIS McGRAy

Scene Writer

Tom Hanks’ predictability is beginning to be almost laughable. Before all you fans out there get angry, it does not mean that his roles are typecast, or that he is struggling. Rather it seems that these days, any movie starring Hanks is instantly good.

Such is the case in “Charlie Wilson’s War,” where Hanks once again turns in an impressive performance. He plays Texas congressman Charlie Wilson, and the story follows him as he tries to garner support to help Afghanistan rid itself of Soviet oppression. When Wilson visits Afghanistan and views the refugee camps left in the wake of Soviet bombing, he launches a campaign to garner American support to help Afghanistan liberate itself from Soviet control.

Hank’s whiskey-swilling, straight-talk ing character is likeable from the beginning. Opposite of Hanks is Julia Roberts, playing Texas aristocrat Joanne Herring. Roberts turns in a decent performance, but is probably the least-believable character in the film. Her Southern drawl sounds tepid and she is sometimes outshone by her co-actors. One remarkable thing about her performance is how good she looks in a bikini at age 40 and after three children.

She plays the sixth-richest woman in Texas, and with her political influence, she helps Hanks raise awareness of the Soviet atrocities.

However, the real show-stealer of the film is Philip Seymour Hoffman, who is quickly solidifying himself as one of Hollywood’s best talents. Hoffman plays CIA agent Gust Avrakotos, a quick-tempered and sarcastic character who works with Hanks. Hoffman has already garnered a bid for an Academy Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, and more awards are sure to follow. Hoffman repeatedly steals the scenes from the other actors, and his energy is palpable.

The greatest thing about his performance is the realism of how he portrays his character. Hot-headed, quick-to-react, but obviously intelligent, Hoffman plays the role of Avrakotos perfectly. Without him, “Charlie Wilson’s War” would not be nearly as strong.

The film also stars Amy Adams as Wilson’s assistant Bonnie Rait. Adams’ portrayal is quite good, albeit forgettable. However, she does a great job with what she is given and turns in a strong performance.

“Charlie Wilson’s War” was nominated for five Golden Globes — Best Motion Picture (Musical or Comedy), Best Actor (Hanks), Best Supporting Actor (Hoffman), Best Supporting Actor (Roberts) and Best Screenplay (Aaron Sorkin).

The film is directed by Mike Nichols and is based off of the book (and true story) by George Crile. It was adapted for film by Sorkin, and the screenplay is full of sharp dialogue and brilliant language.

All in all, the film is a very strong screenplay supported by several stellar actors.

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By RYAN RAFFIN

Scene Writer

Radiohead is everywhere these days. After setting the world (or maybe just the Internet) on fire with the sneakily digital release of “In Rainbows,” the band continues to cast a long shadow over modern music. It seems with each passing day it becomes more influential, crawling ever closer to the level of music legends. So, given the stylistic similarities, it is nearly inevitable that the Washington electronic rock duo Idiot Pilot will be compared to them. Ethereal vocals, electronic textures and drumming, soaring choruses — it’s all there.

The wrinkle that Idiot Pilot brings to the game is a slightly more aggressive sound. The clean vocals can become harsher and occasionally move into the game is a slightly more aggressive Radiohead clone, but nothing even close to new or original. To establish band does not guarantee success or critical admiration. This album is the simple case of a band that lacks the patience. Despite the fact that the rest of the album surely lacks.

The now-rare moments of aggression on “Wolves” seem forced, as if the band included them only for fear of alienating its fan base by changing its sound too much from its debut.

One example is the fourth song on the record, titled “Wolves.” This is certainly a pop album, especially when compared to their prior work.

It’s an unfortunate regression as the band strikes a fine balance between pop-oriented melodies and cathartic thrashing on their 2005 debut Strange We Should Meet Here.

The best song on the album is the opener “Last Chance”, with an explosive, catchy and anthem-like chorus. It is the only track that really stands out on the record, which is a rather disappointing fact, because the song shows quite a bit of promise.

Though still heavily indebted to Radiohead, there is a spark of creativity here that the rest of the album

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Daniel Day-Lewis gets his hands dirty with
There Will Be Blood

By MARK WITTE
Scene Writer

Paul Thomas Anderson has returned from a five-year hiatus with his new film "There Will Be Blood" — an epic tale of oil, family, hate, deception and madness at the turn of the 20th century. The movie is an intense work of filmmaking which captivates in a horrifyingly beautiful, yet uncomfortable manner.

It opens with a thin, scraggly man, chipping away at the sides of a mountain. Eventually deciding to blast the rock with dynamite, the man lights a fuse, climbs out of the shaft he is in, and hoists his explosive into position. After the blast he begins to climb back down, but by accident his ladder breaks and he falls from about halfway up, down to the bottom of the shaft, breaking his leg. Despite his incapacitation the man discovers silver and not only hauls himself out of the hole with the metal, but drags Plainview taking the crying child from above. This particular accident happens at the turn of the 20th century. The story takes a turn when Daniel Plainview happens upon the Sunday Ranch and its oil. There Daniel runs into the deceitfully passive Eli (Dillon Freasier), an evangelist preacher for the Church of the Third Revelation, whose career is also on the rise. Both Eli Sunday (Paul Dano), an

Director: Paul Thomas Anderson
Starring: Daniel Day-Lewis, Paul Dano, Ciara Hinds and Kevin J. O'Connor

There Will Be Blood

The film hits a climax when one of Daniel's wells overpressurizes and oil shoots up from the ground into the tremendous fountain, a blast which departs his nearby son. The film itself has been nominated for Best Picture as well. These nominations were well-deserved and the haunting force of "There Will Be Blood" is one to be reckoned with.

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Paul Dano holds his own onscreen with Daniel Day-Lewis as Eli Sunday, an evangelist preacher who comes into contention over oil money.

Unimittable actor Daniel Day-Lewis adds to his career portfolio with another excellent performance as Daniel Plainview, a burgeoning oil tycoon.
NHL

Devils net 5 power-play goals in blowout win

Islanders beat 'Canes behind three shorthanded goals; Rangers break out of slump against Thrashers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — All the New Jersey Devils needed to get their slumping power play going was a low-scoring defenseman.

Johnny Oduya had a goal and three assists and the New Jersey Devils scored five times on the power play in a 7-3 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

The Devils beat Philadelphia for the fifth straight time this season to move into first place in the Atlantic Division.

"We're nice to score," said Oduya, who recorded multiple points for the first time in 117 career games. "I don't get that many points. But I'm more happy for the win in a big game."

Patrick Elias and Zach Parise each had a pair of goals, and Jamie Langenbrunner and Dainius Zubrus also scored for New Jersey.

The Devils equaled the team record for power-play goals and fell one short of the franchise mark. New Jersey had five power-play goals two other times in club history. The club was known as the Colorado Rockies when they scored six power-play goals in an 8-6 win over the Flyers on Feb. 19, 1990.

"We put pucks on net, we directed pucks toward the net, and we had guys around the net," Devils coach Brent Sutter said. "We moved the puck well, we got some rebounds, we got some scorers shots and we made the most of our opportunities.

We created chances by going to areas of the ice, scoring some goals in areas we need to score some goals in."

Daniel Briere, Mike Knuble and Jeff Carter had Philadelphia's goals.

The Flyers hadn't been in regulation in their previous eight games and were 10-1-2 in the last 13. But they hardly looked like a team playing for first place.

"We had a total letdown," coach John Stevens said.

Philadelphia mostly outplayed New Jersey at even strength.

The problem was stopping the Devils' suddenly potent power play. New Jersey came in 28th in the NHL with a conversion rate of 3.8 percent, and was 0-for-15 over the last four games.

With Oduya playing like Wayne Gretzky in his prime, the Devils capitalized on almost every opportunity on the man advantage.

Oduya came in with nine points in 40 games this season. He scored New Jersey's first goal to tie it at 1 and assisted on three of the next four.

"It seems like always we have been struggling on the power play," Oduya said. "I think we played pretty good at times but tonight we got the bounces early and we got the puck in the net."

Zubrus scored from the slot to tie it at 3-2 late in the first period. Elias made it 4-2 midway through the second. Duncan joined Oduya on the Ownership, a perfect, one-handed centering point.

Flyers goaltender Antero Nittymaki was pulled for Martin Brodeur after Parise made it 5-2 with 5:27 left in the second. Nittymaki, who was 6-0-1 in his last seven starts, allowed five goals on 19 shots.

Islanders 6, Hurricanes 3

New York Islanders kept drawing penalties and scoring goals. When they were in the penalty box, it was tough to tell which team actually had the advantage.

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The Islanders, who scored three short-handed goals for the third time in franchise history, were 2-10-1 in their last 13. But they hardly looked like a team playing for first place.

"We went to score any goals," while killing penalties, Silfverberg said. "We knew that they have forwards that play the point, and if we could get a chance to take advantage of it, we would. But we weren't out there to score goals. We just got some good bounces, some breaks away."

Richard Park also scored down a man, Sean Bergenheim scored on a breakaway while being dragged down Wil, and Blake Comeau added late goals for the Islanders, who scored three short-handed goals for the third time in franchise history.

"The odd one out in a while is going to happen in a game not acceptable," Carolina defensemen Mike Commodore said. "These are supposed to be opportunities for us to score, and we didn't do that."

Islanders coach Jack Capuano and Trent Hunter both had two assists as Carolina, which had 1-a-lley with three goals in the second period and won its fourth straight road game.

Eric Staal, Matt Cullen and Commodore scored for Carolina, which had its two-game winning streak snatched and probably wished it could have declined New York's penalties. The Southeast Division leaders have allowed an NHL-worst 10 short-handed goals and failed to generate a perfect second straight rally from a two-goal deficit against the Islanders.

"The players that are up on the power play have to take the responsibility to do the right things at the right time with the puck, and we didn't," coach Peter Laviolette said.

Cullen scored with 13 minutes remaining to pull Carolina within 4-3, but the Hurricanes — who had scored eight goals in the third period or later of their previous two games, both wins — couldn't get anything else past Wade Dubielewicz. Rick DiPietro's stop made 44 saves in his second victory in Raleigh in just over three weeks; he also beat the Hurricanes 4-1 on Dec. 31.

Carr Ward stopped 25 shots for the Hurricanes before he was pulled with about two minutes left.

Rangers 4, Thrashers 0

Just as they did last spring, the Atlanta Thrashers proved to be the perfect foil for the New York Rangers.

A year ago, the Rangers were 4-0 on the trip to Carolina while winning seven straight games and probably wished it could have declined New York's penalties. The Rangers responded to their angry coach's message and took their frustration out on Atlanta.

"We had the lead. I think that we were playing well, and we just wanted to get it on them right away," Jagr said. "We scored a quick two goals and that was the difference."

Lundqvist stopped 14 shots in earning his seventh shutout and 14th in three NHL seasons. Kari Lehtonen made 35 saves, but failed to win for the fourth straight outing — all losses for the Thrashers, who are three points behind Southeast Division-leading Carolina.

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**Four-time All-Star subpoenaed by House**

Associated Press

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Knoblauch, who played for the Yankees, Twins and Royals, was asked to appear Thursday, the first of five depositions or transcribed interviews scheduled by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee prior to its Feb. 13 hearing.

Roger Clemens was asked to speak to committee staff Saturday, followed by Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte on Jan. 30. Brian McNamee, a former personal trainer for Clemens and Pettitte, is due in Jan. 31, with former New York Mets clubhouse employee Kirk Badowski asked to appear Feb. 1.

They all had until close of business Tuesday to respond to their invitations; Knoblauch's deadline was last Friday.

The committee has taken this step because Mr. Knoblauch failed to respond to the invitation to participate voluntarily in a deposition or transcribed interview and the Feb. 13 hearing committee chairman Henry Waxman and ranking Republican Tom Davis issued a statement.

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"I haven't talked to Chuck in a number of years," his last listed agent with the players' association, Randy Hendricks, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. Hendricks represents Clemens and Pettitte.

In last month's Mitchell Report on performance-enhancing drugs in baseball, McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone in 1998, 2000 and 2001, accusations the seven-time Cy Young Award winner has denied. McNamee also alleged Pettitte used HGH, and Pettitte acknowledged he injected himself twice while the pitcher was recovering from an injury.

**Seattle head coach agrees to finish out contract**

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Mike Holmgren will return for a final season 2008 NFL head coach announced his decision Tuesday to fulfill the final year of his contract, after spending the weekend with his wife at their offseason Arizona home.

"Kathy and I came to this decision to finish my contract," said Holmgren, who had retired at halftime against the Atlanta Falcons during the NFC divisional playoffs. "This will be my last year. We are going to make it the best year ever.

"And then probably after that, I will take a little time off — but not yet. We are going to go after it hard." Two days after Seattle lost at Green Bay in the NFC divisional playoffs, Holmgren was asked if there was a third possibility beyond retiring or finishing the final season of his contract.

Archbishop asking for action against Majerus

ST. LOUIS — A Roman Catholic archbishop said Tuesday that he will ask officials of Saint Louis University to take "appropriate action" against its basketball coach, who said in a television interview that he supports abortion rights.

One of the game's winningest coaches, Rick Majerus made the comment at a weekend rally for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

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**Childress team looking to close in on Hendrick team**

WELCOME, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt's death left Richard Childress thinking it was time to find another way to make a living.

Almost seven years later, Childress and his team, Richard Childress Racing, have made a complete turnaround.

With two successful seasons behind RCR and especially with its new engine program — a combined effort with Dale Earnhardt Inc. — running smoothly after coming together mid-way through 2007, Childress isn't concealing anything to the top NASCAR team, Hendrick Motorsports.

"You know, our team has won 44 races in NASCAR's top three series in the past two years," Childress said during a Sprint Media Tour stop at the sprawling RCR complex about 40 miles north of Charlotte. "So that shows we've got a solid engine program."
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Sharapova beats top-seed Henin down under

Defending champion Serena Williams ousted in quarterfinals by third-ranked Jelena Jankovic in two sets

Associated Press

MELBOURNE — Serena Williams stumbled one round short of a rematch, so Maria Sharapova had to unload a year's worth of frustration on somebody else.

Justine Henin caught the bruising.

Sharapova advanced to the Australian Open semifinals for the fourth straight year with a convincing 6-4, 6-0 win over top-seeded Henin, sustaining the Belgium star's 32-match winning streak.

"Even though I beat Justine, it's definitely not over," the 20-year-old Russian said. "I still have a lot of business to take care of."

Defending champion Williams had slumped 6-3, 6-4 early on Monday in the aftermath of her Australian Open semifinal loss to third-ranked Jelena Jankovic, who reached the semifinals at Melbourne Park for the first time and only the third time in a major.

Williams was unseeded and ranked No. 81 when she made her Australian debut in 2004. The Grand Slam title winner was widely expected to win the championship before losing in three sets to Li Na in 2011, but it was March 19, 2003 when Sharapova won her first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.

"It was a big setback for me," Sharapova said. "I didn't know what to do. And young players are very sensitive."

But the winner of two Grand Slam titles started returning to her best at the WTA championships in November before losing in three sets to Li Na in three hours, 24 minutes — among the dozen longest women's tour matches in the Open era.

She turned the tables on Tuesday, inflicting the first major defeat on Williams here last year. Williams had a point to prove following the Australian Open semifinal loss when she combed for emphasis that she didn't want to play, "I'm like a wounded animal," Sharapova said. "I think maybe, and I made a lot of mistakes."

Williams said, "I didn't play my best match, my best tennis today, but it was enough," the three-time French Open champion said. "It's a good moment for me, first semifinals on hardcourt, Grand Slam." He will play 22-year-old Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who beat No. 14 Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-4 late Tuesday.

The 38th-ranked Tsonga has only played four previous Grand Slam finals, but has already beaten the second seed in the French Open, Tsonga 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

"This is just amazing, I played just unbelievable," Tsonga said. "It's a very big event. It's very difficult to say on this world." Sharapova was that exuberant last year after her amazing run.

Despite being in better physical condition this time around, she still could not get past the quarters for the fourth consecutive major.

Williams looked sluggish and her serve misfired against Jankovic, contributing to seven service breaks.

She had time to reflect on the singles loss when she combined with Venus in a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 doubles quarterfinal loss to Chinese pair Yan Zi and Zheng Jie.

"I think that I went crazy, maybe, and I made a lot of mistakes. I didn't really play the game I wanted to play," Williams said, adding that she had some physical issues she didn't want to elaborate on. "I don't like to make excuses. We won't discuss those.

Williams did not seem to possess the same aggressiveness she used to overcome match points in early rounds last year and beat six seeded men's players on route to the 2007 title.

Instead, she was constantly angry with herself and even got a nod violation for smashing her racket.

"My shots just weren't right," Williams said. "I didn't move the way I want to move, and I wasn't feeling 100 percent."

But as an athlete, some days you have to win feeling 30 percent.

"I'm not going to sit here and make excuses," Sharapova said. "I lost because Jelena played better than me and I made too many errors — I think regardless, the match was on my racket, and I gave it away."

Jankovic has been hampered by a thigh problem since helping Serbia to the Hopman Cup final, where it lost to the Serena Williams-led United States.

She needed treatment during her first-round match here, when she had to save three match points, and again in the second set Tuesday.

"I'm like a wounded animal. I still keep going," she said, adding for emphasis that she had a point to prove following a fourth-round loss to Williams here last year.

"Getting revenge, it feels so good," Jankovic said. "I came out very strong, and I was going for my shots ... and that's how I hurt my opponent."
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DePaul found itself in foul trouble near the end of the game. Forwards Caprice Smith and Felicia Chester fouled out, and the Irish began shooting the double bonus with 7:39 left in the game. Notre Dame, however, shot only 71.4 percent from the line.

"We missed 10 free throws. That's the difference in the game right there," McGraw said.

After Blue Demon forward Natasha Williams hit a free throw that made the score 71-67, Allen drained a 3-pointer from the top of the key to bring the Irish within 1.

But Notre Dame could not close the gap. Quigley converted four free throws in the final three minutes.

Down 77-77 with 23 seconds remaining, Williams fouled Allen, sending the Irish senior to the line with a chance to tie the game. Allen made only one of two and forced Notre Dame to foul Quigley again.

DePaul coach Doug Bruno was thrilled with what the win meant to his team, which has been struggling since a Jan. 2 loss to No. 3 Tennessee.

"I think to come in to a place like the Joyce Center and steal one, I think it's done an unbelievable amount for our collective team psyches," Bruno said. McGraw expressed her disappointment in Notre Dame's defense and said she would retool it from the ground up.

"I think we have to play zone. We obviously can't play people man-to-man," McGraw said. "We must be a zone team." McGraw said that the defensive improvement needed to come on both an individual and team level.

"I think we need to have pride in our defense," she said. "I don’t think we have enough energy out there, and that's going to start at practice tomorrow."

"At some point, we have to just say, you know what, that's enough. We're going to do it, and we have to do it as a team."

The Blue Demons took advantage of the man defense, moving the ball well and creating outside shots for Quigley, Mitteloff and guard Deirdre Naughton, who had 20 points and eight rebounds.

"Tonight was the first time we even got close to the end of the shot clock," Naughton said. "I think we had very good ball movement."

Barlow hit two 3-pointers in quick succession to help the Irish go up 17-9 with 13 minutes remaining in the first half. But Notre Dame relinquished the pressure and allowed DePaul back into the game.

"We got off to a great start, and now we have to get back in the game," McGraw said. "And suddenly they get on a roll, and now a team that's reeling from a couple losses in a row, suddenly they have confidence."

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- 61 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar (46)
- 62 Ego (47)
- 63 Internes, in a cheeky way (48)
- 64 Quick to learn (49)
- 66 Sound uttered like (50)
- 67 Carros or Felpo (51)
- 68 Pull around (with) (52)
- 69 Lout, like (53)
- 70 Try to reach a talk show, say (54)
- 71 Sound uttered while shaking the head (55)
- 72 Flavor (56)
- 73 Chain, for short (57)
- 74 Put into effect (58)
- 75 Brilliantly colored (59)
- 76 Neighbor of Mo. (60)
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**Black Dog**

**MICHAEL MIKUSKA**

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**Jumble**

**UNSCRAMBLE THESE FOUR JUMBLE, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS**

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**Taste Like Failure**

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**Crossword**

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**TASTE LIKE FAILURE PRESENTS**

**HOW TO GET THROUGH REAL LIFE BY STEP...**

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**Answer here:**

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**Jumbles:** ADAPT ELATE FROSTY GOMPER

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**Yesterday's Jumble Answer:** Always a possessive indication — an apostrophe

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**Answer for today:**

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**Happy Birthday:** You'll be eager to get things going this year. The more passion you put into whatever you're trying to accomplish, the more interest you will receive. Your words will be heard and your timing will be perfect. Your numbers are 1, 7, 21, 27, 34, 42.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Do something that's fun, creative and gets you your juices flowing. Your ability to dress up situations with your natural description of your goals will enable you to lose a deal, 3 stars.

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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't get too wrapped up in any melodrama going on at home or with loved ones. You are better off not to react. An opportunity to meet with people from different walks of life will give you renewed enthusiasm for a project in the 1-2 stars.

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**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can make a point that will get everyone around you thinking over that you. An interesting conversation will lead you in a passionate direction. A love relationship will develop or grow into something very valuable, 4 stars.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**Venture away from home to a destination that is totally unfamiliar to you and you will begin to make better decisions on the future. An idea that you can potentially make you money should be put into play or at least researched. 3 stars.

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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Focus on making money and you will. An investment should pay off. An inheritance or gift winning is likely to come your way. Emissions will be difficult to control. Be honest, 3 stars.

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't let your enthusiasm about someone or something stop you from doing what's actually good for you. Can't get involved on a schedule that could cause you to lose financially. 3 stars.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Follow through with your plan. Your only downfall will be a schedule of your own to fit into the time slot. A lack of money and no interest in what is happening will make you feel down. 3 stars.

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Be careful with your trust, if something seems to be date, do it yourself. Don't share your bank account or cash with others if you expect to receive something in return. Do your own thing, 3 stars.

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**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't get angry, get moving. If you need still and others take advantage of you or do the compétent thing, you have to go out on a hunch to begin your life. Be clever, not open-book, 6 stars.

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You have more money than you, but you don't trust your assets and you will learn to worry about what someone you thought you could trust to do. An angry approach to something you will lead to profits. 5 stars.

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You have many friends and you are not as busy, but your assets and you won't have to worry about what someone you thought you could trust to do. An angry approach to something you will lead to profits. 5 stars.

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**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Do something that's fun, creative and gets you your juices flowing. Your ability to dress up situations with your natural description of your goals will enable you to lose a deal, 3 stars.

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**Birthday Baby:** You are an incredibly giving, generous and gracious. You have a strong sense of how life. You are eager to prove your point. Express your own way and you will stand out among your peers. Love is looking good and an agreement between you and someone could trust is doing. 4 stars.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Demonized

Blue Demons exploit man-to-man scheme for victory at Joyce

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

When a team on the rise meets a team gasping for air, sometimes the desire to breathe can prevail over normal respiration.

DePaul, which lost three of its last five games, held off Notre Dame for the entire second half and survived two late scoring chances to win 81-80 Tuesday at the Joyce Center, reversing the Raptors the contest with two to Notre Dame’s troubles. The pulse-quickening moments near the end of a game have never been more common.

The game should have been out of hand earlier than it was, but Allie Quigley gift-wrapped the Irish one more chance.

After Irish guard Brandy Mallory hit two free throws to cut DePaul’s lead to 65-62 with four seconds remaining, all the Blue Demon guard had to do was hold the ball while either

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to continue success on road against Calvin

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Coming off back-to-back MIAA wins, the Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., tonight to play Calvin at 7:30, hoping to even the score after their 67-52 loss to the Knights in December. The

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MEN’S TENNIS

Strong freshman class adds depth to Irish team

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After a strong start to the fall season, No. 12 Notre Dame will look to carry its success into the spring.

Junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheeva Parbhoo had strong showings in the fall and will be contenders for the No. 1 singles position.

"Parbhoo was an All-American last year. Brett (Helgeson) had that kind of fall," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Either one can play the No. 1 singles position."

"Helgeson wasn’t the only one tearing up the courts this fall. The team’s six freshmen also made their presence known, proving that the Irish are a young team, but a deep one.

"We are deeper than last year," Bayliss said.

"Sophomore Sean O’Rourke and (Junior Santiago) Montoya traveled with us last year, and are competing for positions this season. We are less experienced but the freshmen will learn from their experiences,

Freshman Stephen Havens proved himself to be one of the strongest young players for the Irish. Bayliss praised the Cincinnati native for his great timing and ability to make important shots. In addition, Freshman David Anderson is making great strides at net to complement his groundstrokes. Bayliss noted the similarity in the playing style of freshman Daniel Stahl and Helgeson. Stahl likes to bang the ball, but needs to come to the net more.

"Any time you can get two MIAA victories in a week, it’s been a good week," Saint Mary’s coach Jenn Henley said. "We haven’t played our best, but we have found a way to win both times."

Saint Mary’s also had a record-setting week. Senior Alison Kessler scored a program-record 41 points against Kalamazoo and had a team-high 16 points against Tri-State. The single-game total against Kalamazoo is tops in Division III this season.

"I think Alison’s numbers speak for themselves," Henley

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Irish defensive woes a lingering problem

Notre Dame is a good basketball team — but it’s clearly not one of the elites.

When the No. 16 Irish (15-4, 3-2 Big East) fell to No. 22 DePaul on Tuesday, Jay Fitzpatrick

Associate Sports Editor

ranked teams this year. Granted, two of those games were against top-five teams (75-79 against then-No. 3 Maryland on Nov. 16 and 87-63 against No. 2 Tennessee on Jan. 5. But Notre Dame has looked bad in all of those games this year.

The worst part is, the problems haven’t been different every game.

The Terrapins were dominant from beyond the arc, punishing Notre Dame’s impotent 3-point defense with 12 treys against the Irish.

The Lady Vols had a great inside-outside offense working, with guard Angie Bjorklund

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