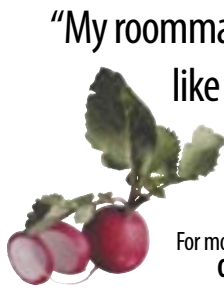


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## THE WALL

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### TODAY IMPACT Symposium

The IMPACT Symposium, an annual three-day political lecture series coordinated by the VU Speakers Committee, kicks off today with keynote speaker Lou Dobbs at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. The series will continue Tuesday with former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Friday with former U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr. IMPACT is open to the public, and tickets can be purchased at the Sarratt box office.



DOBBS



GINGRICH



FORD

### TODAY A conversation with contemporary Jewish women writers

Four of the world's foremost Jewish women authors, Allegra Goodman, Nancy Reisman, Marjorie Agosin and Esther Discherit, will host a discussion at 8 p.m. in the Ben Schulman Center. Topics of conversation will include their relationships to their Jewish identities and their writing, works and readers.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20 Deadly misdiagnoses in ECG interpretation

Dr. Amal Mattu, Emergency Medicine program director and an associate professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, will be speaking at noon in Light Hall, Room 208.



MATTU

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20 Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament



A showing of Jay Bolotin's film "The Jackleg Testament" will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. The film will continue to be screened there through March 22 or by visitor request.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

# HOW SWEET IT IS

VANDY GAMEDAY (DOUBLE OT): VANDERBILT 78 WASHINGTON STATE 74



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ / AP Photo

An exhausted Derrick Byars reacts after Vanderbilt beat Washington State, 78-74, in double overtime in the second round of the NCAA East Regional at Arco Arena in Sacramento, Calif., on Saturday. Byars scored a game-high 27 points in the victory.

## Commodores outlast Cougars in a game for the ages to advance to Sweet 16.

by JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — Moments after the buzzer sounded on the most exhilarating game of his career, senior Derrick Byars turned to the Vanderbilt section of the Arco Arena crowd and yelled, "We ain't going home!"

In a classic game that will be relived for decades, sixth-seeded Vanderbilt (22-11) outlasted third-seeded Washington State 78-74 in double overtime Saturday to advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2004 and the fourth time in 20 years. The Commodores will play second-seeded Georgetown in the East Regional semifinals in East Rutherford, N.J., on Friday at 6:27 p.m. CDT.

"That's one of the best college basketball games I've ever been involved in," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "As happy as I am for our team, my heart goes out to Tony Bennett and the Washington State players because neither team deserved to lose that game."

If not for Byars, the Commodores would

have been on the unlucky end of a contest that, with nine ties, 10 lead changes and countless chewed nails, epitomized March Madness. The Southeastern Conference Player of the Year scored 12 of his game-high 27 points in a five-minute stretch midway through the second half to jumpstart Vanderbilt, who trailed by eight at halftime.

"When he got that look, which we've seen on occasion this year, all of sudden the momentum and the energy picked up on our team," Stallings said. "It was like, 'Uh oh, D.B.'s getting on a roll here so this thing can be a lot of fun."

While the thriller was most certainly fun, it was equally nerve-wracking. In the waning seconds of regulation, the Commodores held their collective breath as Washington State's Daven Harmeling released a 3-pointer from the corner. The shot missed, sending the game into overtime.

It was then, with the score even at 69 and 8.5 seconds remaining, that Cougar guard Taylor Rochestie stole the inbounds pass and raced downcourt for a potential game-winning layup.

Senior Dan Cage got in front of Rochestie, which allowed Byars to get back in the play and send Rochestie's shot flying. Not a bad time to record just his fourth block of the season.

The second overtime belonged to the Commodores, but after Alex Gordon missed two free throws, the Cougars still had a chance to win. However, Rochestie's 3-point attempt came up short, Cage secured the rebound and the ball eventually ended up in the hands of Foster, who laid it in to cap the 50-minute ordeal.

Afterward, an exhausted Foster called the game "ruggedy." When Stallings playfully corrected him, saying the word is not in the dictionary, Foster replied, "I'm trying, Coach. I can't breathe."

Forgive Foster for his grammatical error. He and his teammates had just played the most grueling game of their lives.

"All year, we've been a team that stays together," Foster said. "We believe that we're the best team in the country when it comes to winning close games, and we proved that (Saturday)."

These Commodores ain't going home yet. ■

## IMPACT series begins

by EVE ATTERMANN  
Asst News Editor

The Vanderbilt Programming Board will host its annual IMPACT Symposium this week in the Student Life Center.

This year's keynote speakers are political analyst Lou Dobbs, former Speaker of the House and presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich, and former U.S. Rep. and current Vanderbilt professor Harold Ford Jr.

The speakers' presentations will differ this year, because there will be no set theme for each of the lectures. Speakers Committee member and senior Nate Meltzer said this was because the committee did not want to pigeonhole the speakers into talking about select topics.

"These speakers will be able to give an accurate representation of the political climate," Meltzer said. "You have Lou Dobbs, an analyst for the mainstream public who will be able to talk about the general political climate. Newt Gingrich is a Republican and a potential presidential candidate, and Harold Ford is a new, young guy who's had 10 years in Congress and is a Democrat."

Senior Mark Mason, president of VPB, noted IMPACT Symposium is the only VPB program

that focuses on political issues.

"It's one of the major events, and it's one of the only politically motivated events that we have, which is important because everyone talks about how Vanderbilt's student body is politically apathetic," Mason said. "All of us are voting age."

Mason also said he expects the event to sell out, as it did last year. The IMPACT Symposium, which is open to the public, hosts audiences composed of those both within and outside the Vanderbilt community.

Sophomores Katie Murphy and Holly Hoffman said they are looking forward to the event because of both the popularity and the relevance of the lectures.

"I'm going because my friends are interested in it, but it should be very informative," Murphy said.

"I'm very excited because I am a political science major and have a lot of interest in the subject," Hoffman said. "I heard John Edwards last year, and he was great."

The Speakers Committee has hosted IMPACT Symposium, a three-day event in which speakers discuss current events and topics of a controversial nature. Past speakers include Martin Luther King Jr., Robert F. Kennedy, George H. W. Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Jimmy Carter and Colin Powell. ■

## Juggleville II sells out for second year



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Juggleville II, was performed by the Vanderbilt Juggling and Physical Arts Club on Friday and Saturday in Ingram Hall. The show, which featured a mix of juggling, live music, dance and physical comedy, sold out for a second straight year. For a multimedia presentation of this event, check out **Life** on:

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compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

**WORLD**

**Israeli prime minister rules out peace talks with new Palestinian government**

On Sunday, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert ruled out peace talks with the Palestinians, saying contacts will be limited to humanitarian issues until the new coalition government explicitly renounces violence and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

Speaking at the weekly meeting of his Cabinet, Olmert said he would boycott the new government and urged the international community to follow suit. The Cabinet overwhelmingly endorsed Olmert's position.

The rival Palestinian factions Hamas and Fatah installed their new unity government Saturday, hoping the alliance will end months of infighting and persuade the international community to lift a year of economic sanctions.

Israeli officials fear the new government will cause the tough international stance against the Palestinians to crumble. On Sunday, Israel and the U.S. ruled out a resumption of financial transfers to the Palestinians.

While the coalition's platform is more moderate than that of the previous Hamas-led government, Olmert said it fell short of international demands to renounce violence, recognize Israel and accept past peace deals. He also noted its affirmation of the right to "resistance."

"This is a government that does not accept the conditions of the international community and sees terror as a legitimate goal," Olmert told his Cabinet.

SOURCE: AP

**Envoys seek schedule for North Korea to dismantle nuclear program**

Envoys worked Sunday to negotiate a schedule for dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs, amid efforts to resolve the thorny issue of U.S. financial sanctions that have frozen some \$25 million in North Korean funds.

Christopher Hill, the American envoy, said he met with representatives from the North Korea delegation over the weekend to explain the U.S. position on the funds in Macau's Banco Delta Asia bank and said he was hopeful the issue had been resolved.

However, he had yet to meet with his North Korean counterpart, Kim Kye Gwan, who arrived Saturday but did not participate in preparatory meetings ahead of a formal resumption of six-party nuclear talks Monday.

The talks are meant to assess progress since a Feb. 13 disarmament agreement was reached, giving North Korea 60 days to shut down its main reactor and a plutonium processing plant and allow U.N. monitors to verify the shutdown. In return, North Korea is to receive energy and economic assistance and a start toward normalizing relations with the U.S. and Japan.

SOURCE: AP

**NATION**

**With Democrats in charge, White House veto threats proliferate**

The president with the fewest vetoes in more than a century, George W. Bush is poised to make up for lost time as congressional Democrats move legislation the White House says is unacceptable.

In the past week alone, the White House threatened to veto House bills dealing with presidential records and protection for whistle-blowers, and a defeated Senate bill that would have set a deadline for withdrawal from Iraq.

The White House also warned that a war-spending bill the House will take up this coming week would face a veto because it contains Iraq withdrawal language.

Since Democrats took over Congress in January, the White House has put out 22 position papers on major bills before Congress; of these, nine contain veto threats aimed at the bills or provisions in them.

In all of 2006, when Republicans ran Capitol Hill, the White House issued 61 such policy statements, with only seven veto threats. Several were reminders not to exceed or tamper with spending ceilings; two were aimed at spending bills that had wording, which was later removed, that would have eased U.S. penalties against Cuba.

SOURCE: AP

**Committee chair Leahy intends to push ahead with White House subpoenas**

The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said Sunday he intends to subpoena White House officials involved in ousting federal prosecutors and is dismissing anything short of their testimony in public.

The White House was expected to announce early this week whether it will let political strategist Karl Rove, former White House counsel Harriet Miers and other officials testify, or will seek to assert executive privilege in preventing their appearance.

Last week chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., delayed a vote on the subpoenas until Thursday, as the president's counsel, Fred Fielding, sought to negotiate terms. But on Sunday, Leahy said he had not met Fielding nor was he particularly open to any compromises, such as a private briefing by the administration officials.

"I want testimony under oath. I am sick and tired of getting half-truths on this," Leahy said. "I do not believe in this, 'We'll have a private briefing for you where we'll tell you everything,' and they don't."

SOURCE: AP

**CAMPUS**

**Ray Suarez of The NewsHour to speak on politics of faith in Benton Chapel**

Ray Suarez, a senior correspondent for "The NewsHour" on PBS will speak on "The Politics of Faith in America" at Vanderbilt on March 27.

Ray Suarez, also the author of a book about the relationship between religion and politics in America, will speak on "The Politics of Faith in America."

Suarez, the former host of "Talk of the Nation" on National Public Radio, will speak at 7 p.m. in Benton Chapel. The lecture is free, and the public is invited.

Suarez has been the Washington-based senior correspondent for "The NewsHour" since 1999. His books include "The Holy Vote," published last year, which examined the tightening relationship between religion and politics in America. He is also the author of "The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration."

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

**MSA celebrates Islam Awareness Week**

by KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI  
Asst News Editor

This week the Muslim Student Association has planned several activities in celebration of Islam Awareness Week.

According to MSA Vice President Galaal Elsamadicy, the basic goal of Islam Awareness Week is to help students make sense of Islam and fight some of the common misconceptions about it.

"The events for this year cover a broad spectrum of Islam, and we hope many people can pick and see which part of Islam that interests them the most and come out and learn about it," said MSA President Emadaldine Elsamadicy.

In comparison to last year, this year's Islam Awareness Week is more serious, according to Galaal

Elsamadicy. Last year the week featured an Islamic comedian who approached the topic in a rather lighthearted manner, he said. This year, he expects the week to be more serious.

"We don't have a primary theme, but the main focus is exposing Islam and Muslims to the Western world, fighting preconceptions and presuppositions," he said.

"The biggest thing is that it shows Vanderbilt campus a different side of Islam rather than the perceptions the media advance," said Middle Eastern Student Association President Jeanine Mansour.

The first of four events is the Conversion Panel, which will feature former Christians recently converted to Islam and discuss their motives, experience and knowledge gained as a result of their conversion.

The panel will meet in Stevenson Center, Room 4327 at 6 p.m. today. The event will convene until approximately 6:45 p.m., so as not to interfere with the IMPACT Symposium.

MSA will host World on Wednesday at noon in Meeting Room 1 of the Student Life Center. The topic for discussion will be "How Islam Respects Women."

"It's going to be a talk to debunk the impressions people have of women in the media through movies, news and other media outlets," Galaal Elsamadicy said.

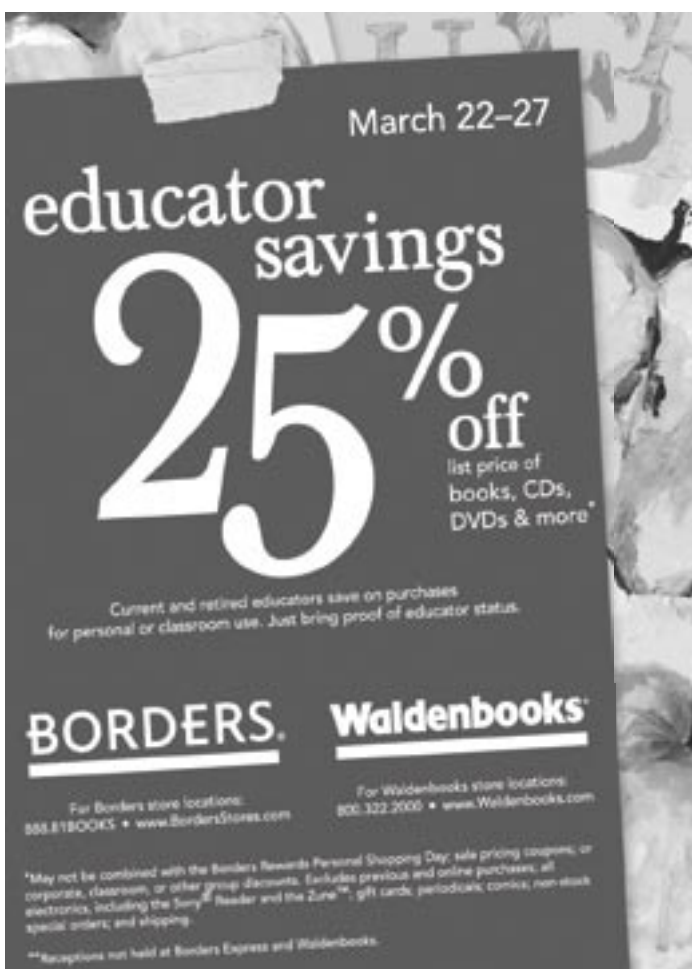
The headline event Thursday will feature a lecture by former chaplain Sheikh Yusuf Estes. His speech, "Exploring Islam and Muslims," will start at 7 p.m. in Stevenson Center, Room 4309.

Estes has traveled and spoken all across the world, in both Islamic and Western countries.

"It is particularly interesting because I have never heard of a converted sheikh (an Arabic word meaning a revered elder)," Galaal Elsamadicy said. "Estes converted to Islam in his 50s and is currently in his 70s. Participants will have the opportunity for open questions and discussion following the speech."

MSA will host a sports night Saturday, inviting Muslims and non-Muslims to play soccer at the Natchez Trace field at 7:30 p.m.

"What I would like students to know is that our events are not designed to preach to you about Islam," Emadaldine Elsamadicy said. "The events are held to simply describe what Muslims believe in and how certain actions in the world are against Islamic teachings." ■





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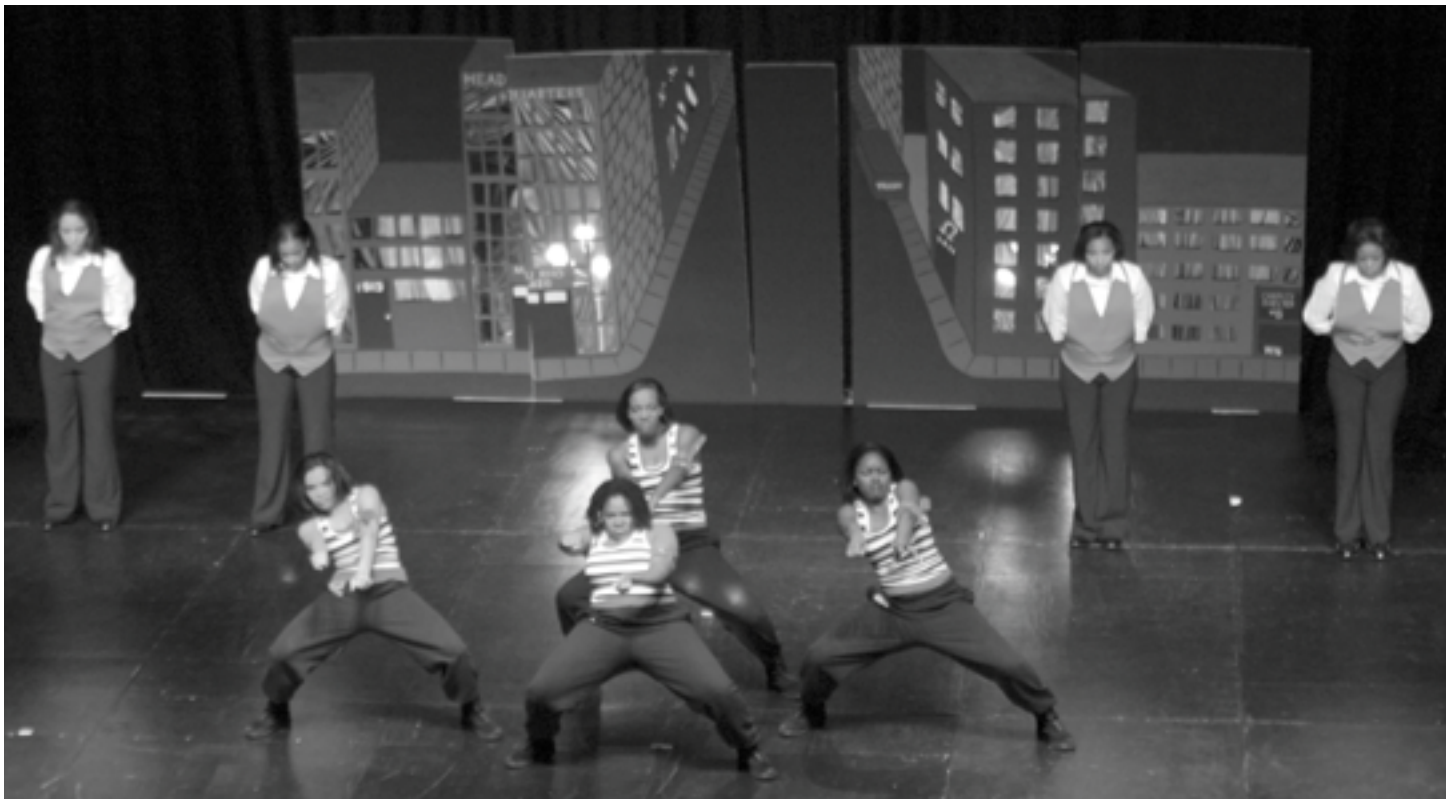
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# Divinity school, Owen School of Management travel to India

by SYDNEY WILMER  
Senior Reporter

For Nat Robinson, his return from spring break in India marks more than just the halfway point in his final semester of graduate school.

Rather, for Robinson, a second-year Owen Graduate School of Management student, it marks the "crystallization" of an interdisciplinary study of poverty-alleviating business models.

Combining 23 Owen and Divinity School graduate students, Project Pyramid examines the concept of socially conscious, for-profit businesses. The program also aims to broaden perspectives on the socially and economically complex issue of world poverty.

"The unique thing about the program is that it crosses schools," said Bart Victor, a professor of moral leadership. "I'm not aware of any other program

that includes other schools within the university."

President of Project Pyramid and second-year Owen student Rehan Choudhry said the purpose of the project is to teach students how to "do good while doing well."

The program works to put an end to poverty by stimulating economic growth, Victor said.

"The idea is that we grant loans on the basis of trust so people can create their own businesses," Choudhry said. "Though the specifics are complicated, the ideology resides in the adage, 'give a man a fish and feed him for a day versus giving him a pole and feeding him for a lifetime.'"

Graham Reside, a participant and director of the Cal Turner Program, said achieving the goal is more complicated.

"It strikes me that some of the problems we face today are too large for one group to manage on their own,"

Reside said.

"For our students in the Divinity School, it was good to get different professional angles. These students will one day have their own parishioners, and learning from the business students will help them engage their congregations."

While the program was kept small for control purposes, Choudhry said, organizers want to expand to other graduate schools and even open it up to some undergraduate students.

"We wanted to be one of the first student-led initiatives for this kind of project — bringing together the interdisciplinary aspect, trips, classes. Next year's plan is to include the law, medical and other graduate schools."

Project Pyramid will begin to raise awareness on March 22 with a program of guest speakers scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Law School's Flynn Auditorium. ■



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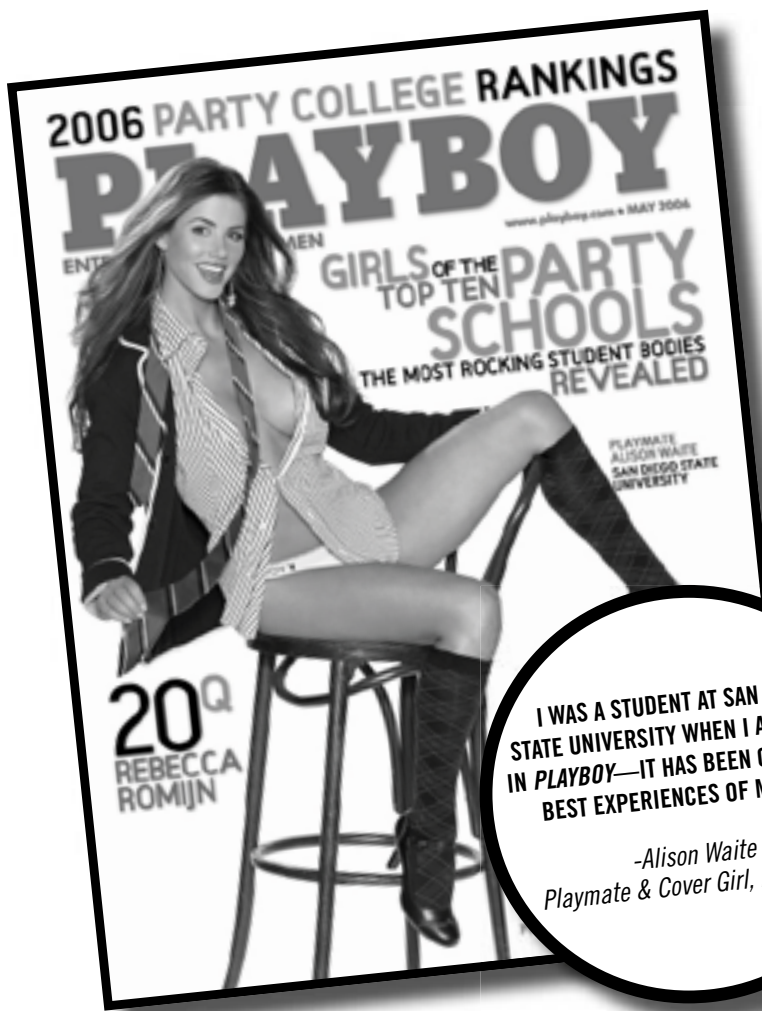
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## Project models success of cooperation

Like the plague, March Madness has swept the region and taken many of our best and brightest. Every year, this event brings to mind the events of 2003, when Johnny Cash died and absolutely everyone, even people who had never once expressed an interest in country music, gushed about how they always liked the Man in Black and appreciated his contributions to music. People who have not watched a basketball game in years spend hours on brackets. Facebook news feeds are overwhelmed with pool announcement upon pool announcement.

The damage March Madness causes to our economy must be tremendous; an entire Thursday and Friday have been lost entirely as far as the United States' gross domestic product is concerned. Classes have been let out early or cancelled entirely. Harsh words were exchanged in the Hustler office regarding a conflict between basketball and "Grey's Anatomy." March Madness has temporarily rent the very fabric of our society.

March Madness has disrupted quite a bit, and our teams are working hard to ensure that the disruption is worth it. The Commodores stepped on the Colonials'

toes at the Big Dance on March 15 with a final score of 77-44, so "stomped" might be a more accurate description. Vanderbilt will go on to play Washington State on Saturday. The No. 2-seeded women's basketball team plays Delaware State on Sunday. While both games will be played far from Memorial, our teams deserve our support.

The following are ways in which you, too, may support the fantastic Commodore basketball machine. Skipping classes to watch games is always a Vanderbilt favorite, while the wealthier students among us may wish to send our teams gift baskets full of delicious mini-muffins. With just the tiniest amount of effort and some black-and-gold streamers, St. Patrick's Day parties easily can become St. Vanderbilt's Day parties. Also, painting up and streaking across Alumni Lawn would be an excellent way to demonstrate your support. The beauty of this plan is the resulting media coverage will still be here when our teams return. Our players would see the partially blurred photos and say, "Now that is a dedicated fan." March Madness comes once a year; we would be remiss if we didn't go a little crazy.



Wayne Stayskal—MCT

### COLUMN

## Overarching judgments ruin healthy relationships

**ANDREW SOLOMON**  
Columnist

For those of you who have previously read this column, you have probably come to expect a level of indecency and offensiveness that might have prevented you from ever reading it again. As such, I am going to assume that if you are reading this, you fall into one of two categories:

A) You've decided to give me another chance. You won't regret it. I promise that other girl didn't mean anything to me.

B) Unfortunate coincidence has led you at least this far.

Due to the fact that after reading my column most of my friends stopped returning my phone calls and my mother started sending me Alcoholics Anonymous pamphlets, I have decided to change it up a bit. Like Hugh Grant swearing off prostitutes, I'm cleanin' up my act.

This past spring break I decided to go to Florida with a few of my friends and a large group of girls that I, for the most part, did not know. From what I had heard about these girls they were

supposedly a pretty tame group compared to the "Animal House" regulars I normally associate with. So I decided to do what any logical guy would do when placed in such a situation: drink heavily and laugh at the girls when they couldn't keep up. I figured if we couldn't bond over tequila, what else could we possibly have in common?

The first day was interesting to say the least. We pulled into the driveway of our house and realized that we were going to have to fit 14 college kids in a house that normally sleeps six. This was going to require more tequila than I originally thought.

The festivities began with me running around the house, displaying my social tact by slinging snide comments everywhere and leaving all kinds of offended women in my wake. This behavior continued for the next several days. I would coat my woes in a thick layer of margarita and go about my business.

At this point you may be thinking, "Andrew, I thought you were turning over a new leaf. All I've heard about so far is how much booze you mainlined." And you'd

be right. But the thing was, normally when faced with people whom I rub the wrong way, I turn around and walk the other direction. It's much more convenient that way. But in this particular situation, I was stuck with this group, for better or worse, for an entire week. After the second day or so when all the topical conversation wore out, everyone began to realize that we would have to learn not only to interact but also to live with one another.

I began to realize what an ass I was being when my buddy and I went to lunch on Monday. Among other things, he told me that a lot of the girls on the trip felt I did not enjoy being around them. My attitude over the past couple days had been pretty standoffish and they didn't like being around someone like that. Still reeling from the realization that everyone didn't think I was the coolest thing since Chia Pets, I started to think about why I had acted the way I did.

After hours spent trying to rake the shallow bottom of my emotional pool, I began to see why I had decided to behave in such a

Please see **SOLOMON**, page 5

### COLUMN

## Administrators should work to resolve housing problems

**JASON LEVINE**  
Columnist

Since the beginning of first semester, rumors regarding Vanderbilt's housing situation circled campus. The word on the street is that neither current sophomores nor freshman will ever be allowed to live off campus, and there is nothing to be done to change this. Furthermore, in case you somehow have yet to hear the news, 136 rising seniors were not granted their requests for off-campus housing out of a pool of some 666 seniors for next year. Jim Kramka, senior director of housing at Vanderbilt, along with the rest of the administrators, have clearly made their decision. I, however, believe something can still be done to please both the students and the administration.

Before discussing a possible solution, we must look at both sides of the argument. Students believe it is their right to have the option to live off campus for their last year at Vanderbilt. They believe that taking on bigger responsibilities of living on their own will allow for an easier transition into the "real world" when they graduate from Vanderbilt, and rightly so. Living off campus will allow the seniors to explore Nashville in ways they could not while living on campus, and let's face it — 21-year-old students living in bunk beds is certainly a bit ridiculous. While the randomness of the off-campus selection process may be fair in that everyone has an equal opportunity, 136 students were denied, and there does not seem to be a legitimate answer as to why. How can the administration justify forcing students to pay MORE money than they otherwise would, for less than superior living accommodations?

Chancellor Gordon Gee believes living off campus only takes away from the Vanderbilt experience. In a recent meeting, Chancellor Gee explained to me that he wants every student to receive a "24/7 Vanderbilt experience," and he believes The Commons is a step in the right direction. Though off-campus housing does sound great, I must admit having a huge majority of our students living on campus has a positive contribution to all the energy and tremendous school spirit on campus. Having visited Miami University recently, I noticed that with sophomores, juniors and seniors allowed to live off campus, everyone seemed to be "doing their own thing." Regardless, a significant portion of the student body is expressing interest in experiencing off-campus living, and simply saying "no" isn't going to cut it. So what can be done?

Well, one idea would be to require all groups of students who wish to live off campus to participate in a community service project, similar to the Mayfield apartments on campus. If every single one of the 666 senior applicants for off-campus housing performed 10 hours of community service each semester, over 13,000 hours would be completed. Surely one would think the administration would be willing to make a small sacrifice to better the community. The administration, however, will likely respond that we are very fortunate to be able to provide housing for every student at Vanderbilt, and therefore have no need for our students to seek to live off campus.

While ideas like this are just a start, I must emphasize that something needs to be done to please both the students and the administration. I believe living off campus is a privilege, not a right. However, by taking away this privilege without the administration explaining its vision and working with students to achieve it, all that will result is a hostile relationship, and little will be accomplished.

—Jason Levine is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.

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Compiled by Ceaf Lewis

"It's over halfway through second semester, and every time I try to unlock my door, I turn the key the wrong way."

"My roommate smells like radishes."

"The only thing better than a brilliant woman with a brilliant mind is a brilliant woman with a brilliant mind and brilliant rack (or possibly one holding a pastrami sandwich from Nashville). Would somebody PLEASE chain up our campus's fat chicks long enough for Papa Hefner to show the world that only Vanderbilt can provide the perfect balance of brilliant academics, Nobel prizes and quality breasts?"

"If The Hustler thinks Playboy is a bad influence on the Vanderbilt community, then why would they run their ad in the first place? That's pretty retarded."

"I wish Vanderbilt Dining would bring back TaiPei Cafe. I miss it so much, and Lunch Paper isn't doing it justice."

## SOLOMON: Talk with, not at, those around you

From **SOLOMON**, page 4  
 way. See, I had stereotyped all of the girls on the trip before I had even met them. I gave them all one overarching label and treated them as such. Without even learning who they were as individuals, I assumed I knew them, conceded that we wouldn't get along and went about making fun of them. And thus far, this strategy had not endeared me to anyone.

So I arrived home ready to try a new mindset. For the remainder of the trip I would forget what I thought I knew about these people and actually try to get to know them. By the end of the week I had so many great interactions with the girls that I completely changed what I thought about every one of them. It turns out we had a lot more in common than I ever imagined we would, and I cannot wait to learn more about each of them.

Vanderbilt is a college full of stereotypes

and labels. Whether you're in a fraternity or sorority, on a sports team, in a student organization or completely uninvolved, you have a stereotype. And everyone — even you — is guilty of labeling someone every day because of a group with which they associate.

So instead of taking the easy road and squashing someone into a category into which they most likely don't fit, take some time to get to know them. Let them open up to you and listen to what they have to say. Too many people wait for their turn to talk. Be the person who people can talk with, not at. Trust me: if you decide to think outside of labels, not only will you be surprised by what you learn about others, you'll be amazed at what you can reveal about yourself.

—Andrew Solomon is a senior in the School of Engineering.

## Want to Live in a Towers Suite or Commons Triple next year? Apply now!

Groups must submit ballots March 19-20 and successful groups will select Carmichael Towers suites or Commons triples on March 27.

On March 19-20, ballots will be available at the housing office, 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle. Groups of six students of the same sex may apply for a suite. Groups of three students of the same sex may apply for a triple. **The application must be submitted to the housing office, 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle, during the period March 19-20.**

Seniority is a factor in the selection process for both Towers suites and Commons triples. For purposes of participation, rising seniors have four points, rising juniors have three points, and rising sophomores have two points. Groups of students choose their living spaces based upon the order of assignment. The order of assignment is determined by group point totals, highest to lowest. Group point totals are determined by summing the points assigned to each member of the group. The order of assignment for groups with the same point total is determined by a random selection.

The assignment order and a selection schedule for March 27 will be posted on the housing website ([www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd)) on March 25. Successful groups or their representative(s) should come to the Branscomb Recreation Room at their designated times on March 27 to select their suite or triple. The signed pre-printed housing contracts of all group members must be presented at the assignment event.

Detailed information about this assignment process can be found in *A Guide to the Assignment Process: 2007-2008*. The Guide can be found on the housing website at [www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd).

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## SPORTS

## Seniors not ready for run to end

by JARRED AMATO  
Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Dan Cage was hoping to get a good night's sleep before Saturday's contest with Washington State. But once the coaching staff played the Vanderbilt-North Carolina State game tape from 2004 in the team's hotel room, the senior was wide awake.

Reliving the dramatic victory that propelled the Commodores to the Sweet 16 had gotten Cage's adrenaline pumping.

"It was hard to sleep because we got ourselves so worked up," he said. "My heart was going to explode just thinking about the game."

Cage and Ted Skuchas were freshmen when sixth-seeded Vanderbilt overcame a nine-point deficit with four minutes remaining to stun the third-seeded Wolfpack. Their careers came full circle when the Commodores beat Washington State 78-74 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday. The two of them are now the first players in school history to advance to two Sweet 16s.

Throughout the season, Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings stressed that great teams have success because their seniors are playing the best basketball of their careers. As he said, "Sometimes, when those lights go on for those seniors, it makes all the difference in the world."

It was easy to see that Cage, Skuchas and Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Derrick Byars were willing to do anything to make sure their season didn't end against the Cougars. "It's your last go-around. You don't have anything after this," Skuchas said.

During a timeout with 11:50 remaining and his team trailing by five, a frustrated Stallings slammed his clipboard to the

ground not once, but twice.

"Coach very calmly put the clipboard on the floor and told me that I had messed up on defense, which is true," said Cage, who scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds in 49 minutes.

The players got the message. Four minutes later, Cage's 3-pointer gave the Commodores a 55-51 lead. Toward the end of regulation, it was Cage's offensive rebound that allowed Shan Foster to bury a 3-pointer to put Vanderbilt ahead by one.

And then there's Skuchas, who scored four crucial points in the second overtime to go along with seven rebounds, solid post defense and one devastating screen in a career-high 28 minutes. His save to Alex Gordon also set up the game-clinching layup.

"Ted Skuchas came in and played probably the best game I've ever seen him play," said Byars, who wasn't too bad himself, scoring 27 points on five-for-nine shooting from 3-point range.

Byars was a mortal two-for-eight from the field and had three turnovers after 20 minutes when the Commodores trailed 33-25. But, when his team needed him the most, the senior hit one tough shot after another and came up with the play of the game late in the first overtime when he blocked Taylor Rochestie's shot with his left hand.

"Derrick's one of the best players in the country," Cage said. "This whole game happened so fast, and things are a blur right now, but I'm just getting little images in the back of my brain of all these winning plays Derrick made."

Asked to describe the difference in his first- and second-half performances, Byars shrugged before offering a simple explanation.

"I just didn't want to lose." ■



Despite landing hard on his back for the second time in as many games, Vanderbilt senior Dan Cage played 49 minutes in his team's 78-74 victory.

## INSTANT CLASSIC

Vanderbilt's thrilling victory over Washington State on Saturday included one great play after another. In case you were too nervous to watch, here's how the final minutes of regulation and both overtimes unfolded.

1:08	VANDY	WSU
	60	59

Vanderbilt senior Dan Cage grabbed an offensive rebound and kicked it out to Shan Foster, who nailed the 3-pointer.

0:46	VANDY	WSU
	60	60

Washington State's Kyle Weaver made his first free throw, but came up short on the second. It was his first miss in 23 attempts.

0:04	VANDY	WSU
	60	60

Weaver found Daven Harmeling wide open in the corner, but the shot didn't fall, and the game went to overtime.

## FIRST OVERTIME

2:22	VANDY	WSU
	67	64

Vanderbilt senior Derrick "Big Shot" Byars came off a screen and buried his fifth 3-pointer of the game from the top of the key. Byars finished with a game-high 27 points.

0:40	VANDY	WSU
	69	69

Washington State's Derrick Low calmly drained a game-tying 3-pointer.

0:02	VANDY	WSU
	69	69

Cougar guard Taylor Rochestie stole Vanderbilt's inbound pass and raced downcourt to attempt a possible game-winner. Cage got in front of him, allowing Byars to come out of nowhere and block Rochestie's shot with his left hand.

## SECOND OVERTIME

2:33	VANDY	WSU
	75	71

Foster's steal and emphatic dunk gave the Commodores a four-point lead.

0:03	VANDY	WSU
	78	74

After Rochestie's 3-pointer came up short, Cage grabbed the rebound and threw it to Ted Skuchas near midcourt. Skuchas then handed it off to Gordon, who found Foster for a lay-up to clinch a 50-minute classic.

## Chemistry sparks Vandy's turnaround

by ANDREW BARGE  
Sports Reporter

Wait, this team lost to Furman?

After watching Vanderbilt pull off two huge victories to open the NCAA Tournament, it's tough to remember what it was like four months ago. It's even harder to remember how things were a year ago, when the Dores fell to Notre Dame in the first round of the NIT.

The future did not look too bright. Seniors Mario Moore and Julian Terrell graduated, which brought up leadership concerns. To make matters worse, rising star DeMarre Carroll decided that Missouri would be a better place to finish his basketball career. Needless to say, the 2006-07 season began with far more questions than answers.

Who could possibly replace Carroll's energy and scoring? With two starting forwards gone, how would Vanderbilt be able to compete against some of the nation's best frontcourts?

Four games passed and no questions were answered, as the team was 1-3 with losses to Wake Forest and Furman. The thought of the Dores competing against Florida or Kentucky was

downright scary, and it looked as though everyone had lost faith.

Well, everyone except the team, that is.

"When we were 1-3, we were trying to survive at that point. We were just trying to hang out with each other and just build it a little at a time," said coach Kevin Stallings. "We focused on being better today than we were yesterday."

The "one step at a time" attitude paid off. Stallings instilled an effective four-guard offense that allowed sharpshooter Dan Cage to bring opposing big men out to the perimeter. Shan Foster quickly recovered his stroke, and Derrick Byars emerged as one of the nation's best. Vanderbilt began to pride itself on unselfish play, and team chemistry turned close games into routine wins.

Twenty victories later, the Dores found themselves in the middle of double overtime against Washington State with a Sweet 16 berth on the line.

It would have been easy for Vanderbilt to let up during the 50-minute dogfight, but the unusually tight bond among the team urged the players on to victory. Fittingly, when asked about the deciding factor of the victory, point guard Alex Gordon pointed to "togetherness."

"We've been through a lot this season, went through a lot of adversity early on," said the junior floor general. "That made it easy to come together at halftime, and we came out and played great defense."

Stallings agreed.

"It was the players never losing faith in themselves, never losing faith in each other, never losing faith in the coaching staff, that's why we're sitting here (in the Sweet 16)."

If anyone needs to be reminded about the importance of team chemistry in basketball, look no further than this year's Commodores.

Despite losing three of last season's top players and dropping three of its first four games, the 2007 Commodores have a chance to be one of the best teams in school history. Gordon and his teammates are not the least bit surprised.

"We came together and overcame adversity. Now we're in a great spot."

"Great spot" might be an understatement. Just four months ago, they were considered one of the league's worst teams.

Now they are one win shy of the program's first Elite Eight appearance. ■

## Baseball wins series in dramatic fashion

by MAX FRANKLIN  
Sports Reporter

With the opening series of Southeastern Conference play on the line, slumping junior centerfielder David Macias stepped to the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning. Facing Rebel closer Scott Bittle, Macias hit a single to right field and senior Matt Meingasner came around to score the winning run to give the Vanderbilt baseball team a 6-5 victory on Sunday afternoon.

The No. 1 Commodores (21-1, 2-1 SEC) took two of three from No. 14 Ole Miss (15-7, 1-2 SEC), bouncing back from Saturday's 6-1 loss.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," said junior catcher Shea Robin. "To come together as a team like this is what we've been hoping for all year. We showed it on Friday and Sunday, we just don't give up and we trust everybody on the team to get the job done."

The Commodores took a 5-4 lead in the seventh

when Jonathan White singled home Ryan Flaherty, but Ole Miss rallied for two in the top of the ninth.

"The feeling in the dugout during the ninth inning is not really any different than the rest of the game," Robin said. "There wasn't really a point in Friday's game or today's game that we ever thought we were going to lose the game."

With one out in the bottom of the ninth, Robin reached first after the Ole Miss first baseman couldn't handle a throw on a grounder. White then singled, and Meingasner roped a ball into left field. Robin scored the tying run, but White was thrown out at third base for the second out. After first baseman Brad French reached base on a bunt single, Macias delivered the heroics.

"The ability to come back and win — that's a huge intangible right there," said coach Tim Corbin. "It's something that you can't discredit. Sometimes you can overcome a sloppy play by the ability, mentally, to think that we're not going to lose."

Macias's game-winning RBI capped what was a weekend full of ups and downs for the Dores. On Saturday, the Commodores lost their first game of the season. "The first thing I told them was how proud I was the way they started off the season," Corbin said. "I had never talked about record before, never talked about ranking."

On a chilly Friday night, the Commodores played one of the most exciting games in the history of Hawkins Field. Trailing by one in the bottom of the ninth, Meingasner hit a soft line drive to right field that fell in, allowing Robin to come around and score on a headfirst slide, avoiding the tag from the catcher. After Pedro Alvarez doubled, White followed with a game-winning single to right.

Junior ace David Price gave up two runs on four hits and two walks, while striking out 14 on 136 pitches in a 10-inning complete game. "That's the reason that Price is our Friday night guy," Robin said. ■

# Dores advance to next round

## Vanderbilt relies on second-half run to win.

by MAX FRANKLIN  
Sports Reporter

The Vanderbilt women's basketball team used a late run in the second half to pull away from Delaware State and win its first-round game in the NCAA Tournament 62-47.

On Tuesday, the Commodores will face seventh-seeded Bowling Green, who beat Oklahoma State 70-66. The time of tip-off has not yet been announced.

Sophomore forward Christina Wirth lead the second-seeded Commodores with 17 points, and senior forward Carla Thomas had 16 points on perfect seven-of-seven shooting. Raquel Collier led the 15th-seeded Hornets with 22 points.

"We hadn't played in about 15 days, and it kind of showed," said senior guard Caroline Williams. "It definitely took us a while to get going."

Early in the second half Delaware State tied the game at 28, but then the Commodores went on an 8-0 run. The Hornets closed the gap to four but could not get any closer.

Wirth hit a 3-pointer to give the Commodores a 10-point lead, and Dee Davis extended the lead to 13 with a trey of her own.

"We got the rust out in the second half," said coach Melanie Balcomb. "I really liked our composure."

The Commodores had a sluggish first half, as they committed 12 turnovers. Thomas scored 10 points and Sherwood had five as the Dores were able to



CARLOS OSORIO / AP Photo  
Vanderbilt's Carla Thomas scored 16 points in the Commodores' 62-47 victory over Delaware State on Sunday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

### SECOND ROUND

#2 Vanderbilt vs.  
#7 Bowling Green

Tuesday, March 20  
Time: TBA  
East Lansing, Mich.

control the interior, but Delaware State's stingy defense kept them from getting into any real offensive rhythm. The Commodores were just as tough defensively, forcing eight turnovers and holding the Hornets to only eight field goals on 26 attempts. For the game,

they held Delaware State to 16-of-48 shooting and just four assists.

"It was tough dealing with their size," Collier said. "But we were never out of it. We just needed to knock down a couple more shots."

Williams scored her 1000th career point on a 3-pointer early in the second half, but those would be her only points of the game, as she was held to one-of-six shooting. The Dores survived without her scoring, with center Liz Sherwood coming off the bench to score 12 points and Davis adding six assists and six rebounds to her four points. ■

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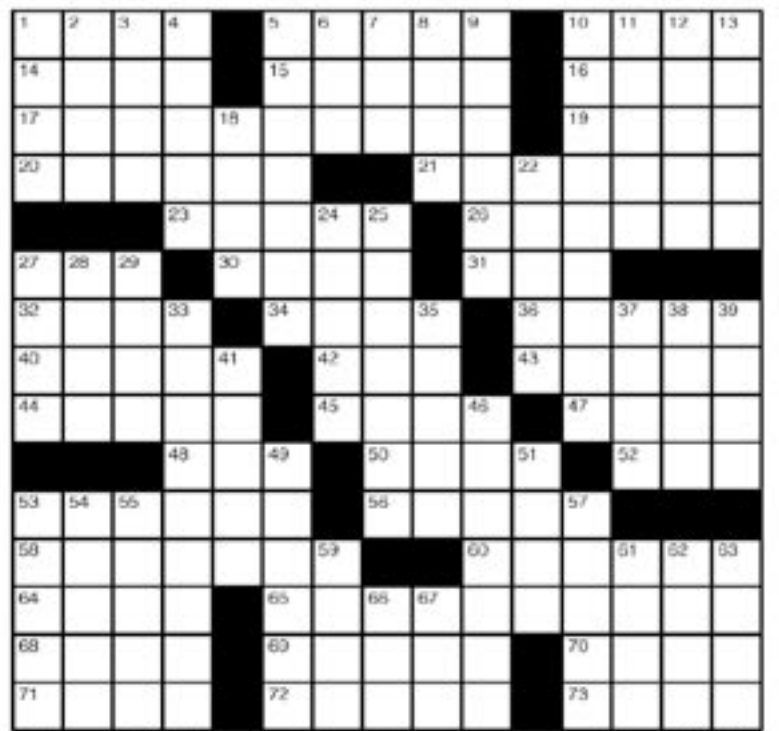
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Actress Rogers
  - 5 Wall climbers
  - 10 Spanish home
  - 14 De-crease
  - 15 Came to
  - 16 Boat's body
  - 17 End of discussion!
  - 19 Polish prose
  - 20 Main course
  - 21 Abate
  - 23 Lady Liberty's prop
  - 26 Supply boat
  - 27 1900
  - 30 Father
  - 31 Business letter abbr.
  - 32 Captain in "Moby Dick"
  - 34 OK Corral combatant
  - 36 Lugged
  - 40 Nigerian city
  - 42 Curly's friend
  - 43 Chalkboard
  - 44 Tween
  - 45 Brad of "Troy"
  - 47 Break bread
  - 48 Use a Singer
  - 50 Dweeb
  - 52 Vegas lead-in
  - 53 Flying object?
  - 56 Iroquois tribe members
  - 58 Sticking to the agenda
  - 60 Pentax or Kodak
  - 64 Black in Burgundy
  - 65 Major phone connections
  - 68 Vogue rival
  - 69 Chart stand
  - 70 Sardine
  - 71 Visualizes
  - 72 Stockholm resident
  - 73 Biblical paradise
- DOWN**
- 1 Mickey and Minnie
  - 2 Shah's realm
  - 3 More than half
  - 4 Stagnant
  - 5 Actress Bertinelli
  - 6 "Sands of ... Jima"
  - 7 Unpromising replies
  - 8 Barely manages
  - 9 Act alluring
  - 10 Congested condition
  - 11 Financial review
  - 12 Playground incline
  - 13 Change
  - 18 Business VIPs
  - 22 Sacrifice plays
  - 24 Charley horse
  - 25 Female lead
  - 27 Brewer's ingredient
  - 28 Tobacco mouthful
  - 29 First Christmas visitors
  - 33 Game figures
  - 35 Falk or Fonda
  - 37 Rear appendage
  - 38 Sicilian volcano
  - 39 Ruby and Sandra
  - 41 Nearly vertical
  - 46 Thin stream
  - 49 Gets off a letter
  - 51 Start a new hand
  - 53 Loudness units
  - 54 Tropical lizard
  - 55 Functional
  - 57 Hit, Biblically
  - 59 Crop of a bird
  - 61 Author Bagnold
  - 62 M. Descartes
  - 63 Grp.
  - 66 Function
  - 67 Actor Beatty



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