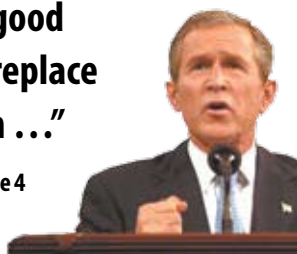


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THE WALL

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

TODAY Holocaust Lecture Series

The 30th Annual Holocaust Lecture Series continues at 7 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Room 103 with a lecture from Saul Friedlander titled "The years of extermination: An integrated history of the Holocaust."

TODAY Black on the block lecture

Northwestern University professor Mary Pattillo will discuss her new book "Black on the block: The politics of race and class in the city" in Wilson Hall, Room 115 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. A professor of sociology and African-American studies, she explores how class conflicts within the black community are changing the shape and terms of racial solidarity.

TODAY Peter Sheppard Skaerved concert

Peter Sheppard Skaerved and Aaron Shorr will present a guest artist recital in the Blair School of Music's Turner Recital Hall from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The show will include works by Carl Maria von Weber, Hans Werne Henze and Blair's Michael Alec Rose.

TODAY Witness to Innocence Project

Amnesty International and Vanderbilt Prison Project present Ron Keine from the Witness to Innocence Project to speak about his experience as an innocent man on death row in Furman Hall, Room 114 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and a discussion will follow.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6 Applications due

Applications for VIEW and the Kampala Project should be completed and returned to the Community Partnership House by 5 p.m.

See <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

Assessing net impact



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Business students and professionals from around the country gather outside on Saturday during the Net Impact conference. Over 1,800 people attended the annual event, which brought together people interested in combining business with sound environmental practices.

Business professionals and students gather for 'socially conscious' conference.

by LAKENDRA SCOTT
Staff Reporter

Professionals and business students donned suits this weekend when 1,800 of them came to Vanderbilt for the three-day Net Impact conference.

The conference, which had the highest participation in its 15-year history, made its Southern debut at Vanderbilt.

A common theme of the conference was the importance of students and their involvement in the business and political worlds.

Jim Cooper, a capstone speaker and Nashville congressman, said he believes the wellbeing of the country hinges on students from universities such as Vanderbilt.

"It's an amazing force that students have organized here in Nashville. The world's superpower needs a wise board of directors — we need people like you," Cooper said.

The student-run event covered issues from sustainability to environmental issues in lectures, panels and question-and-answer

sessions.

"The conference is about weaving socially conscious issues and business together. The students wanted to make sure that participants had a wealth of opportunities," said Jon Lehman, associate dean of the Owen Graduate School of Management.

Owen students both helped facilitate and took part in the events.

"We had over 100 panel and 360 speakers, so it was really a highly rated conference," said Owen student James Butler, one of the two main organizers.

The professional presence on campus added an important business atmosphere for many Owen students. Graduate student Young Huyun said she believes the conference benefited students.

"I think that there is a good mix of people involved with the conference. There was very good communication between the school and the students, and I am glad I could be involved," Huyun said.

Butler agreed, saying, "The conference is a way to use what we learned in business schools."

The conference was also an important recruiting event for students and professionals from all over the country.

"I'm really interested in environmental and social enterprise. I have really enjoyed the panels, and this conference is really giving me exposure to many different companies," said Diana Hardeman, a New York University graduate student.

Butler and recent alumna Julie Sinton spearheaded planning after lobbying for the conference to come to Vanderbilt. It has previously been hosted at Stanford and Northwestern universities.

"The students did it all; they were really dedicated to seeing this work well," Lehman said. ■

—To listen to excerpts of Congressman Jim Cooper's capstone address, go to:



WORLD NEWS BRIEF

500 Pakistani activists arrested after emergency rule; U.S. to review aid to Pakistan

Police rounded up hundreds of opposition leaders and rights activists Sunday after Pakistan's military ruler suspended the constitution, ousted the top judge and deployed troops to fight what he called rising Islamic extremism.

Increasingly concerned by the unfolding crisis, the Bush administration said Sunday that American aid to Pakistan would be reviewed. The U.S. has provided about \$11 billion to Pakistan since 2001, when Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, allied with the United States after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Some of the aid that goes to Pakistan is directly related to the counterterrorism mission," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters traveling with her. "We just have to review the situation."

SOURCE: AP

—For more news briefs from around the world, nation and campus, see page 2.

Partnership to benefit China, Tennessee

by DAVID BROWN
Staff Reporter

Fifty Chinese health officials will come to Vanderbilt next summer to learn about Tennessee's health care system.

On a recent trade mission to China, Gov. Phil Bredesen signed a letter of intent to bring the officials to Tennessee for three summers starting in 2008.

"The program will commence for an initial three summers, and then the partnership will be re-evaluated," Bredesen said.

The decision came after spending the first day of his two-week trip to China meeting with health officials about some of the country's severe health care problems.

"There are enormous health challenges in China. We are seen as (experts) in some of the areas that interest them, and we learned about their challenges and the problems they were trying to solve," Bredesen said in his dispatches from China.

The collaboration will also benefit Tennessee, Bredesen said.

"This (partnership) is being done with a genuine desire to build lasting bridges, but I can't imagine that our Tennessee health care companies won't find real opportunities as a result," Bredesen said.

Please see **HEALTH VISIT**, page 3

Rand, Commons dining focus on different goals

by VASANTH SATHIYAKUMAR
Staff Reporter

Rand Dining Center will receive renovations to enhance its dining experience, though the food served in Sarratt does not differ from that served on The Commons.

"It may have different facilities than The Commons, but it's the same quality," said Camp Howard, associate director of dining services and executive chef. "But let's face it: (Rand) is over 40 years old and is due for renovation."

Changes at Rand will come in phases beginning next summer, but Vanderbilt Dining will solicit

opinions on how to improve Rand from focus groups of eight to 10 students beginning this week.

"Most of the difference comes in terms of visual appearance," Howard said. "Having the food cooked in front of you in The Commons on nice china in a brand new building can influence how you feel about the food."

Rand offers a wide variety of food choices and provides convenient, quick meal options, Howard said.

"We have focused on providing two different experiences with The Commons and Rand," Howard said. "The Commons is more of a dine-in experience while Rand

is more transient and allows students to quickly get their food because Rand is in the heart of the campus and right next to classes."

These goals influence the types of food offered in both areas, among other factors, such as overall taste, healthiness and input from students. Budget, however, does not factor in, and the plate cost at The Commons equals the plate cost in Rand.

Freshman Nabil Sabbak said his schedule dictates where he eats.

"I only go to The Commons if I have time to sit down and eat there because it is so far away," Sabbak said. "Usually, I just go to Rand because it is so close." ■



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Changes to campus dining venues, such as the addition of a wok to The Commons Dining Center, will be evaluated starting this week. Rand will receive renovations over the summer.

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WEDNESDAY



Sunny, 55/34

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy, 60/41

VUPD CRIME LOG
compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 8:31 a.m.:
A large banner was reported stolen from the Kennedy Center building.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2 p.m.:
Subject left her purse in Rand Dining Center, and when she went back to look for it, it was gone. An employee reported the purse had been turned in, and the subject found money and her cell phone missing from the purse.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 10:32 p.m.:
Guns and ammunitions were stolen from a vehicle parked in Lot 102.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

WORLD

Kurdish officials confirm release of 8 Turkish soldiers in Iraq

Kurdish rebels on Sunday released eight Turkish soldiers in northern Iraq two weeks after capturing them in an ambush inside Turkey, Kurdish government and insurgent leaders said.

The release came before Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan meets President George W. Bush on Monday in Washington to agree on measures against the rebels, and avert a cross-border offensive against the Kurdish rebel group.

A spokesman for the group that captured the soldiers, the Kurdistan Workers' Party or PKK, told The Associated Press by telephone that the eight were released Sunday morning near the border between Turkey and the semi-autonomous Kurdish region in Iraq's north.

SOURCE: AP

Egypt unveils King Tut's face to public

The face of King Tut was unshrouded in public for the first time on Sunday — 85 years after the 3,000-year-old boy pharaoh's golden enshrined tomb and mummy were discovered in Luxor's famed Valley of the Kings.

Archeologists removed the mummy from his stone sarcophagus in his underground tomb, momentarily pulling aside a white linen covering to reveal a shriveled leathery black face and body. The mummy of the 19-year-old pharaoh, whose life and death has captivated people for nearly a century, was placed in a climate-controlled glass box in the tomb, with only the face and feet showing under the linen covering.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Nebraska teacher arrested, 13-year-old boy's immigration status leaves him stuck in Mexico

A 13-year-old student with whom a middle school teacher is accused of fleeing to create a romantic life in the boy's native Mexico may be required to stay there.

An illegal immigrant while residing in the United States, 13-year-old Fernando Rodriguez may not be able to return to the rural Nebraska town where he was an eighth-grader.

Kelsey Peterson, 25, and Rodriguez were taken into custody without incident after the boy's relatives told police he had called home asking for money, leading investigators to a shopping mall in the border city of Mexicali on Friday.

Peterson, a sixth-grade math teacher and basketball coach at Lexington Middle School, fled with the boy after police began investigating whether the pair had an intimate relationship.

SOURCE: AP

Spacewalking astronauts fix torn space station solar wing

Spacewalker Scott Parazynski fixed a ripped solar energy panel on the international space station Saturday in a difficult and dangerous emergency procedure that allowed the crew to extend the wing to its full length.

Astronauts inside slowly extended the wing, watching closely for more problems. The wing was about three-quarters unfurled when the crew noticed the damage on Tuesday.

Perched at the tip of a 90-foot robotic arm and boom extension, Parazynski worked at the far left end of the linked shuttle-station complex, about half a football field away from the pressurized compartments where the astronauts work and live.

SOURCE: AP

Drought could make Georgia No. 1 for pecans this year

The record drought gripping the Southeast is not all bad news: It means nearly perfect weather for growing pecans in Georgia.

The state is on pace to be the nation's top pecan producer this year, with shellers predicting a more than 125 million pound harvest, said pecan horticulturist Lenny Wells of the University of Georgia's agriculture extension.

Georgia was the nation's third-leading pecan producer last year. The nation's two other top producers — New Mexico and Texas — are not expected to grow nearly as much due to heavy rains, Wells said.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Study finds schools do not target nearly proficient students in response to No Child Left Behind

Contrary to popular belief, schools are not devoting more time and resources to students that fall just below federal standards in response to No Child Left Behind, a new study from Vanderbilt has found.

"When academic achievement is measured with test score performance in the state we studied, the much-politicized argument that NCLB compromises the educational needs and opportunities of high-performing, academically accelerated students holds no water," Matthew G. Springer, research assistant professor of public policy and education at Peabody College and director of the federally funded National Center on Performance Incentives, wrote.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

Noted science writer will discuss reporting on nuclear power, defense technology, physics, geology

Vanderbilt's Writing Studio will host a public lecture by Sally Adey, a science writer who lives in Baltimore, Md., and specializes in reporting on geology, solid-state physics, nuclear energy and defense technology.

Adey will read from her work and talk about the craft of science writing Nov. 15 at 4:10 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 117. She will discuss how to make technical topics accessible to lay readers, the need for "balance" in reporting about controversial science topics and career opportunities in science writing.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

Q&A



JEFF BARRIE

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

Solving the energy crisis in America begins at the grassroots level. In an interview with The Vanderbilt Hustler at the Oct. 25 premiere of his film "Kilowatt Ours," Nashville filmmaker Jeff Barrie chatted about his passion for film and his role as an environmentalist.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What is your film about, and how does it relate to Vanderbilt students?

JEFF BARRIE: My film is about solutions, and it empowers people to go home and make a difference. We are working with Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling and other groups on campus to set up a screening (to) bring these ideas into your classroom, your dorm or your apartment.

VH: What sparked your interest in the environment?

JB: I actually was an environmental studies major at UCLA. That was the first time I learned about the problems facing our planet. That made me wonder, "What are the solutions to these problems?" I have been working on these for the last 15 years.

VH: What advice would you offer college students interested in environmental activism?

JB: We need lots of help. We need talented people, creative people and smart folks to get involved. We need people to be addressing these problems because they are reshaping our world. This is the greatest thing facing humankind as the population grows. Job opportunities will abound in the coming years.

VH: Do you have any closing thoughts?

JB: It is important for us to remember that we impact the world on a daily basis with the choices we make. It is also our responsibility to see if there are ways we can minimize our impact.

—To watch Jeff Barrie explain his film and commitment to environmentalism, go to:



SNAPSHOT

MAKING THE ROUNDS



LAUREN FONDRIST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Greek Ambassador Meghan Backes, a senior, talks to members of her group as they go through Fall Rounds on Saturday. Fall Rounds give women rushing sororities a chance to visit all 10 Panhellenic chapters.

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New classes present unique opportunities



NIKKY OKORO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Meredith Murray performs a titration during a General Chemistry lab. Two new classes being offered next semester will bring science into more students' schedules.

by **NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA**
Staff Reporter

"CSI" and "Law & Order" will come to Vanderbilt with two spring courses.

Forensic Analytical Chemistry will allow students to study analytical chemistry from a crime scene perspective, and Politics and Genetics will focus on the study of whether genes affect the choices people make.

Political science professor John Geer will co-teach Politics and Genetics with medicine and cell biology professor David Bader and said the idea of genetic makeup influencing behavior is a relatively novel and controversial one.

"Only recently have scholars begun to look at this connection," Geer said. "The course, as a result, offers the

chance to expose students to some very new and exciting ideas."

Bader agreed. "We will study the impact of genetic research on society and question whether a person's genetic makeup can affect their political behavior," he said. "Political science is a relatively new area of study. We want to determine (whether) people vote in a particular way because of genetic data."

Although it will be offered within the political science and medicine, health and society departments, Bader recommended the class to all students and described it as entry-level.

"Anyone can take it. I think the emerging idea of whether our genes or our experiences govern our actions is an interesting one," he said.

He also said the science will be "relatively simple."

"We will teach students what a gene is and how genes work," Bader said.

Grace Zoorob's forensics class, although more advanced, also deals with novel ideas and technologies.

Students will examine lipsticks and face powders, explosives and bullets, and modified versions of cocaine and amphetamines to analyze laboratory crime scenes.

As a prerequisite, students must have taken the regular analytical chemistry lab.

"I wanted to teach a class that would attract more students to chemistry," Zoorob said. "I got the idea from 'CSI.' Hopefully, solving mysteries will make students more interested in science." ■

HEALTH VISIT: State can learn from rural health issues in China

From **HEALTH VISIT**, page 1

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Ken Holroyd agreed.

"This is excellent opportunity for Vanderbilt and the state of Tennessee to learn about the problems China is facing, with rural health care being of critical importance," he said.

"Tennessee is the third largest exporter of goods to China in the United States, and the partnership will do nothing but bolster our relationship," Holroyd said.

This group will spend time at Vanderbilt learning about health care management before splitting into two groups based on specific areas of interest.

One group will spend three weeks at East Tennessee State University while the other will travel to the University of Memphis.

In response to growing criticism from some Tennessee lawmakers for ignoring China's controversial economic and human rights policies, Bredesen said he is "better mannered than to use his time in China to criticize the country."

"I recognize that the Chinese people don't enjoy the same freedoms as Americans; still, China is bound to be a major factor in international relations for the foreseeable future," he said. ■

—The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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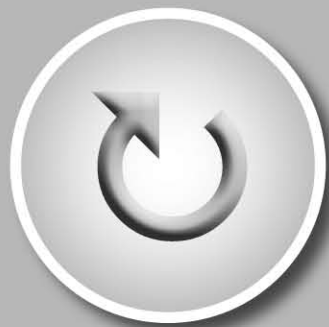
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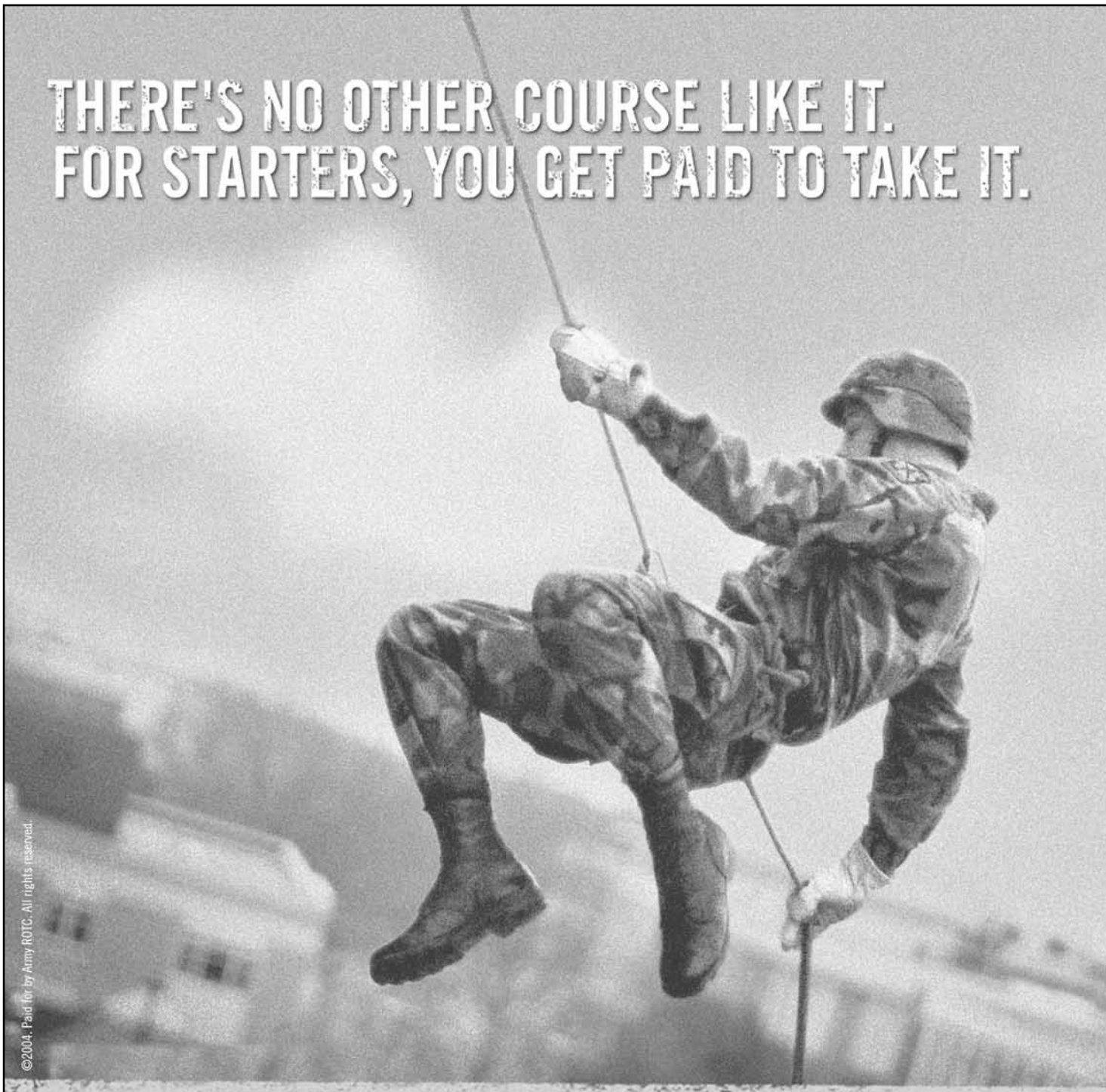
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OUR VIEW

Water conservation must be priority

Though located in the same state, the city of Nashville, which boasts a population of about 545,000, and the tiny town of Orme, population 145, have little in common. But that does not mean those of us residing here cannot learn from Orme's misfortunes.

As a result of the drought plaguing the southeastern United States, Orme's water supply has completely dried up. In order to provide Orme with water, fire trucks must make multiple runs hauling water retrieved from an Alabama fire hydrant, and even then, water can only be made available for a brief, strictly regulated three hours a day from 6 to 9 p.m. Tony Reames, mayor of Orme, told The Associated Press this crisis should serve as a warning to other communities to conserve water before it's too late.

Officials in Atlanta, Ga., announced about a month ago that, without intervention, the city was likely to run out

of water in three months. If no solution is found, over 4 million people in the metropolitan area could find themselves without water. Already, a ban on outdoor water use has been put into effect in the area. The situation stands to become much worse.

Luckily, Nashville, which has also been suffering from dry conditions, has had some recent rains that have, at least temporarily, minimized the drought. However, it remains vital that Vanderbilt students, as members of the Nashville community, recognize the value of the water they use on a daily basis and do their part to conserve this resource. Easy ways to conserve water include not letting water run while washing dishes by hand, only using washing machines when really necessary, taking shorter showers and making sure that none of the plumbing in your living quarters leaks.

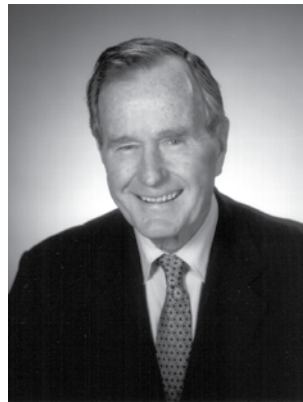


SOUND BYTES

Entertaining quotes from this week's notable news stories around the world.

"I have nothing to hide. I enjoy being myself. I'm not going to change who I am just because it's Halloween."

—**Barack Obama**, making a surprise appearance on "Saturday Night Live" in a sketch set at a Halloween party hosted by Hillary Clinton, played by Amy Poehler.



"My favorite picture is a picture of American soldiers surrounding a guy whose been in a foxhole, (an) Iraqi soldier, and the American guy says, 'We're not going to harm you; we're American soldiers.'"

—**George H.W. Bush**, who got emotional as he recalled his favorite image from the first Gulf War in an interview conducted by Chris Wallace for Fox News Sunday.



"The studios made it clear that they would rather shut down this town than reach a fair and reasonable deal."

—**Patric Verrone**, president of the Writers Guild of America, West. Hollywood writers are set to begin their first strike since 1988.



LETTER

The Verdict makes unfair value judgment of Haiti

To the Editor:

Last week The Hustler offered a one-liner concerning the recent find that HIV first entered the United States through Haiti in the late 1960s.

Given that this paper is the premier news publication on campus, it ought to cover such issues, and I commend The Hustler for presenting this breakthrough to students. However, I am a bit bedeviled by The Hustler's brief nuanced presentation of this matter, which I found to be wholly imprudent and shortsighted.

If you missed the excerpt, it was one of the subject lines of "The Verdict" and read, "Haiti: Thumbs down. Though not given credit until now, this tiny Caribbean country was, in fact, the original gateway to America — for AIDS!"

Unfortunately, in printing this The Hustler took an impartial, fact-finding study and transmuted it into an object of antagonism, discord and condemnation. The Hustler obtusely made a value judgment concerning an entire nation due to the results of the advancement of a disease that currently inflicts 40 million people worldwide, as if the citizens of Haiti are somehow at fault for the state of HIV/AIDS in the U.S. I'm quite sorry, but the dissemination of this disease does not adhere to anyone's politics. This particular disease has no politics. It afflicts one regardless of age, sex, gender, nationality, creed, race or religion, and our actions need to reflect this fact.

Sadly, The Hustler is not the only publication that

committed this callous error, which is all the more disheartening. I wonder if we would we really attempt to condemn an entire nation? Would we truly forge such an aversion toward the one Haitian with the disease who came over to start anew on American soil? I surely hope not. But for those who would have the audacity to consider it, first consider the reasons why a Haitian might feel impelled to move to America during this particular time period. Might it have been to escape the vicious military rule of the Duvalier dictatorship, made possible by the preceding two-decade long failed American occupation and subsequent abandonment of Haiti? Perhaps; perhaps not.

Alas, I digress from the real matter at hand and the point that needs to hit home with the might of Zeus: Haiti is not responsible for HIV and AIDS, nor are diseases exclusive to those who are impoverished, nor are they confined to one particular region, nor are they fettered by any chain, real or imaginary. It's a human problem and a global issue. We need to stop addressing this matter depending on where it happens to fall along lines of race, region or anything else. We need to recognize everyone in the world is inextricably linked, and unless we achieve genuine solidarity as human beings the true potential to combat this epidemic will never be realized.

Michael Poku
Junior, A&S

COLUMN

Presidential candidates leave a great deal to be desired

AIMEE SOBHANI

Guest Columnist

I can honestly say I am not looking forward to the next presidential election. Though I welcome the expulsion of President George W. Bush from the White House as much as the next liberal, I cringe a little when I think about the candidates who could replace him.

1. Mitt Romney

I think Mitt Romney is probably the most wishy-washy candidate in the mix. He should realize that people have noticed how much his political positions have changed.

For example, in his 2002 run for the governorship of Massachusetts, he vowed to protect a woman's right to have an abortion. Now that he is running for president, he has suddenly declared himself anti-choice. Wow, that's not suspicious at all.

I can honestly say I am not looking forward to the next presidential election. Though I welcome the expulsion of President George W. Bush from the White House as much as the next liberal, I cringe a little when I think about the candidates who could replace him.

Though people tend to become more conservative as they grow older, this complete reversal seems too extreme to be sincere. Abortion is an issue many people feel strongly about; they do not suddenly change their minds about it. Romney should have paid closer attention to the 2004 election. He probably would have noticed that candidates with inconsistent views don't win elections (cough John Kerry).

2. Hillary Rodham Clinton

I would love to see Bill Clinton become the first First Gentleman. However, my desire to see him regain 'political importance' is not strong enough to compel me to vote for his wife. I can't help but feel her political success is a result of riding her husband's coattails.

Though I agree with many of Clinton's political views, I just don't think she has a chance in the next election. She is such a polarizing figure; many people harbor intense hatred for her, making her particularly vulnerable to strong political attacks.

Clinton would have a difficult time uniting the country, and in a time when the United States lacks respect internationally, it is particularly important our leaders enjoy strong support at home.

3. Rudy Giuliani

Rudy Giuliani seems like a relatively good guy despite his involvement in a couple of scandalous affairs. Then again, what politician hasn't been embroiled in some sort of controversy at one point or another?

My main problem with Giuliani is he seems a little too hawkish when it comes to foreign policy. Giuliani strongly supports Bush's handling of the war in Iraq; he might need a reality check because in case he hasn't noticed, the United States is not doing too well. Perhaps Giuliani thinks violence

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Submitted in response to:
"Legal system needs dose of common sense"
 by The Hustler Editorial Board

the law

Submitted by Michael Wilt on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007 - 19:45.

The legal system doesn't need common sense. State legislatures do; they are the ones who draft the stupid, inane or poorly written statutes.

Having said that, though, law, like much everything else in our society, changes with the times. Like everything else in our society, the law also is imperfect. Putting "common sense" into it isn't going to do anything. Whose common sense are we going to use? Not everyone agrees on value judgments.

Students preparing for law school should consider how they can withstand the overwhelming force of inertia in the law toward maintenance of the status quo. The best way to do this? Question everything, and never take something for granted.

SOBHANI: No presidential candidate delivers an appealing message to voters

From SOBHANI, page 4

and instability in a volatile region are signs of success, but most Americans do not see the current situation in the Middle East through Giuliani's rose-colored glasses.

In addition, Giuliani surrounds himself with prominent neoconservatives such as Norman Podhoretz, who favors military action against Iran. Does the country really need to become trapped in another Middle Eastern conflict? Enough people in that part of the world already despise the U.S., and adding to that number will only decrease our security.

4. Barack Obama

Barack Obama appeared in the national spotlight after delivering a very eloquent speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Since then, an unprecedented amount of hype and excitement has surrounded Obama.

However, Obama has not had enough time to truly prove himself worthy of the excessive attention he receives from the media. He has

served in the U.S. Senate for a mere three years and has not really done anything particularly out of the ordinary.

While extensive experience does not necessarily equate to being a better candidate, Obama is just a little too fresh and green. Serving another term in the Senate will certainly toughen him up and allow him more time to build his resume.

The presidential candidates in next year's election represent a wider spectrum than ever. It's encouraging that not all of the frontrunners are the rich, white, old Protestants that usually dominate the American political scene.

However, none of the major candidates are delivering messages I find particularly appealing. Then again, it is highly unlikely that someone with the perfect blend of qualities will appear this late in the game.

—Aimee Sobhani is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.



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SPORTS

Gator bait

Commodores overmatched in the Swamp.

GAME BREAKDOWN

GAME BALL:

While it's tough to reward any player after such an ugly game, we'll give the nod to safety Reshard Langford, who had a career-high 10 tackles and an interception. Other nominees include D.J. Moore, who continues to excel for the Commodores. The sophomore had nine tackles, deflected the pass Langford picked off and returned two kicks for 73 yards. Wide receiver Sean Walker had a solid afternoon on offense, recording four catches for 50 yards.

PLAY OF THE GAME

There were not too many bright spots against the Gators, but Bryant Hahnfeldt's onside kick to begin the second half was a thing of beauty. The junior caught Florida off-guard when he kicked the ball just over 10 yards and recovered it himself. He could not have executed the play any better.

STAT OF THE GAME: 17

That's the number of consecutive times Florida has beaten Vanderbilt. While the past two contests have gone down to the wire, Saturday's game wasn't even close. The Gators, led by Percy Harvin's 110 receiving yards, outgained the Commodores 498 to 255.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We've got to regroup, which is going to be tough, because we thought that we were going to be able to come in here and play a good game. But our guys have been pretty tough, pretty resilient, so I expect them to come back from this."
— Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson

SEC EAST STANDINGS

Georgia	7-2
Tennessee	6-3
Florida	6-3
South Carolina	6-4
Kentucky	6-3
Vanderbilt	5-4

WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

Arkansas at Tennessee: Saturday (11:30 a.m.)

Auburn at Georgia: Saturday (2:30 p.m.)

Florida at South Carolina: Saturday (6:45 p.m.)

Kentucky at Vanderbilt: Saturday (1 p.m.)

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Reporter

Halloween came late for the Commodore defense.

After three straight solid performances that led them to a No. 14 national ranking in total defense, Vanderbilt (5-4, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) was no match for the hungry Gators at the Swamp in Saturday's 49-22 loss.

Florida scored a touchdown on all but one possession in the first half, using the lethal combination of quarterback Tim Tebow and tailback/wide receiver Percy Harvin to torch the Commodores for 358 total yards.

Vanderbilt had averaged 301 total yards allowed per game this season.

By the time the damage was done, it was hauntingly clear that Vandy was not out-schemed or out-coached against Florida. The Gators simply had more talented players on offense that proved to be no match for the defense.

"They took it to us today, whipped us," said head coach Bobby Johnson. "We couldn't match up with a lot of the things they were offensively. We gave up a big play to start their scoring and just went downhill from there."

The focus all week was on Heisman candidate Tim Tebow and his acclaimed running ability, but it was Harvin who did most of that, while Tebow concentrated on dissecting the Vanderbilt secondary with his arm.



Florida's Percy Harvin escapes a tackle from Vanderbilt's Patrick Benoist (30) and Jonathan Goff (47) during the Gators' 49-22 victory Saturday in Gainesville. Harvin torched the Commodores for 110 rushing yards and 113 receiving yards.

Coming off a week in which cornerbacks Myron Lewis and Darlon Spead were recovering from injuries, the secondary looked about three steps slower than Florida's receivers.

Tebow connected on all but three of his 22 pass attempts in the first half for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

But this week was simply the Percy Harvin Show. Florida's sophomore ran for 113 yards

and added 110 yards as a receiver, proving himself as the best dual threat in the conference.

As such, the Commodores had never seen anything like him before, and they were amazed by his performance.

"He's definitely fun to watch," said receiver George Smith. "That's a good athlete in my book when you can play running back and receiver like that."

Johnson praised him a step further.

"I'd take him right now back on the plane home," he said.

Thankfully, the Commodores did indeed board that plane out of Gainesville and must now look to correct what went horribly wrong this week at the Swamp.

On the checklist: The front seven needs to improve upon a pass rush that generated

no sacks and only hit Tebow twice.

The linebackers have to secure tackles in the running game, as Harvin frequently turned short gains into 15- to 20-yard game-breakers. The secondary just needs to forget about what happened and move on.

"Kentucky is a different team," said safety Reshard Langford of next week's critical matchup. "We'll go out in practice tomorrow and get things corrected that we didn't do so well."

The Commodores also struggled in containing screen passes, a problem that has plagued them for most of the season.

This week, their blitz and five-man rush schemes were simply not fast enough to get to Tebow before he got rid of the ball, which he usually did to Harvin for a long gain.

"They were throwing some short balls on our five-man rushes," Johnson said. "When they pick you up you're down a man in coverage so they had a chance to get some pretty good gains in the passing game."

Inconsistent defense has been a huge problem for Vanderbilt in previous years. This year's unit seemed to have solved that issue for the most part, but massive hiccups in Auburn and Gainesville suggest the Commodores might not be talented enough to compete with the "A" game of the SEC's elite.

Saturday was certainly evidence of that. ■

Johnson hopes Vandy can regroup

Dores to host Kentucky in key conference tilt.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Sports Reporter

While Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson knew his team would have to give its best performance to beat Florida, he certainly did not see Saturday coming.

Truth be told, neither did Florida's Urban Meyer.

"I must say that I didn't anticipate (that)," said Meyer following the Gators' 49-22 home victory over the Commodores. "I told our coaches that's the best team that they've had in years, and I asked him what he thought, and he said they have good personnel everywhere."

If the Commodores (5-4, 2-4 Southeastern Conference) have good players, the Gators (6-3, 4-3 SEC) have great ones.

"We came in with a chip on our shoulder, upset about last week," said quarterback Tim Tebow, referring to Florida's loss to Georgia. "Our goal was to score every time we touched the ball. We were pretty close to that."

Now, Johnson must make sure his squad doesn't let the loss linger, especially with Andre Woodson's Kentucky Wildcats rolling into Nashville next weekend.

"We've got to regroup, which is going to be pretty tough," said Johnson. "I thought we'd come in here and play a good game. But our guys have been pretty tough, pretty resilient. We've got to admit, they beat us. They beat us pretty badly. We can't make excuses. We've got to get back and start working again."

While the Commodores



Vanderbilt quarterback Mackenzi Adams dives over the goal line for a touchdown as he gets a block from lineman Josh Eames (78) and gets past Florida's A.J. Jones during the Gators' 49-22 victory in Gainesville on Saturday. Adams ran for two 1-yard touchdowns on the afternoon.

were undoubtedly out-played Saturday, they were within seven at one point in the second quarter and actually outscored the Gators 15-14 in the second half. Still, there is much work to be done, especially offensively.

Currently the offensive game plan calls for short passes, lots of running plays and if the opponent's safeties begin to cheat up, the occasional throw down field. This is generally a methodical and time-consuming offense and Vanderbilt seems to implement it very well.

However, when Vanderbilt gets in a hole early, as it did against Florida, it is very difficult to catch up using short passes and runs because they simply don't get points back on the board quickly.

For this reason, the Commodores have yet to make a comeback in the second half with the exception of last week against Miami (Ohio), in which they trailed by a field goal with 10:20 left to go in the third quarter.

Vanderbilt tried unsuccessfully to alter its game plan against the Gators.

"We tried to hit them with a little something different," said wide receiver George Smith. "A lot of teams expect the (quarterback) draw so I think we tried to catch them a little off guard. Like I said, we have a lot of weapons, so we're trying to utilize everyone on offense."

Even if Vanderbilt had done everything right, however, it probably wouldn't have been

enough against a Gator defense that played as well as it has all season.

"We were all waiting for that," Meyer said. "The Gator Nation has been waiting for that. The head coach has been waiting for that. That was excellent defense to hold a very talented group to a very limited number of yards and plays."

It may be cliché, but a good defense has been Vanderbilt's best offense this year, as it allows them to implement its deliberate offense successfully. If the Commodores want to beat Kentucky next weekend, they'll clearly need to play well on both sides of the ball.

As Smith put it, "When our defense and offense are on the same page I feel like we're unstoppable." ■

Ulery paces tennis

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Junior Courtney Ulery finished the fall season with a perfect 13-0 record, defeating teammate Take Bertrand in the finals of the singles B flight at the Fall Southeastern Conference Coaches' Classic.

Sophomore Catherine Newman also finished the fall season strong, winning the championship of singles flight A.

"I thought it was a solid tournament for all involved," said Vanderbilt coach Geoff Macdonald. "Everyone had good wins throughout the weekend."

Ulery claimed the title of singles flight B, winning in straight sets over her teammate Bertrand, 6-3, 6-2.

"Courtney worked really hard over the summer," Macdonald said. "I thought there were also some breakthroughs for her on the mental side. I thought she competed hard every match. It shows that hard work pays off."

In singles flight A, No. 28 Newman also recorded a straight set win in the finals, defeating South Carolina's Gira Schofield 6-4, 6-4.

In doubles play, the team of Caroline Ferrell and Liberty Sveke defeated Subramania and Nika Koukhartchouk of Ole Miss 8-3.

The SEC Fall Coaches' Classic concludes the fall season for the Commodores. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by Jonathan Kurzner

C- QUARTERBACKS

Mackenzi Adams' second start on the road against a Southeastern Conference foe ranked in the top 25 fared far worse than his first. Adams (16-for-32, 159 yards and two interceptions) never got into a rhythm. He was not very effective on the ground either but did rush for a pair of 1-yard touchdowns.

A- RUNNING BACKS

Jeff Jennings (six carries for 37 yards) ran well early, but the large deficit forced Vandy to abandon its running game.

B- WIDE RECEIVERS

Sean Walker (four catches for 50 yards) made some nice grabs in traffic. Tight end Jake Bradford had a great 35-yard catch in the first half, setting up a Vandy touchdown. Earl Bennett (five catches for 31 yards) was held in check.

B- OFFENSIVE LINE

Surprisingly, the Gators did not have any sacks in the game even though pressure came all afternoon. Low rushing totals were a circumstance of the game, which is not the offensive line's fault.

F DEFENSIVE LINE

No sacks and no pressure allowed Gator quarterback Tim Tebow to do what he wanted with his left arm (22-for-27, 281 yards and three touchdowns) and his legs (six carries for 35 yards and two touchdowns). Rushing lanes were as wide as the interstate.

D- LINEBACKERS

Percy Harvin (11 carries for 113 yards, two scores) and Kestahn Moore (10 carries for 85 yards) ran through the Vandy linebackers with ease. Marcus Buggs had a career high of 10 tackles, but Jonathan Goff had just three.

D DEFENSIVE BACKS

Reshard Langford had 10 tackles and an interception off a D.J. Moore deflection, but that was the only highlight as Tebow and the Gator wideouts torched this group. With the exception of Buggs, all of Vandy's leading tacklers were in the secondary, which shows not only how many passes were completed but also how far the Gator running backs scampered before they were tackled.

A- SPECIAL TEAMS

Nice onside kick from kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt, and D.J. Moore continues to impress in the return game. Punter Brett Upson was solid with a 40-yard average on five punts, including two inside the 20.

F COACHING

Bobby Johnson's team did not belong on the same field as Urban Meyer's Gators, especially on the defensive side of the ball. Why did Johnson bring Chris Nickson in for a first-half drive? Johnson must develop confidence in Mackenzi Adams, who has shown he can do the job, and bringing in Nickson, who orchestrated a three-and-out, stunts the growth of Adams as a quarterback and a team leader.

Florida ends soccer's season

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Vanderbilt's five-year streak of advancing to the Southeastern Conference Tournament came to an end Sunday when it fell to Florida 3-0.

The Commodores finished ninth in the SEC with an overall record of 6-10-3 and 3-6-2 in league play. The top eight teams advanced to Orange Beach. Florida, meanwhile, captured the SEC regular season title with the victory.

The game was scoreless until the 65th minute when Ashlee Elliott scored off a rebound, and the Gators then tallied two goals in a little over a minute to make it 3-0.

As a result, five Vanderbilt seniors played their final game in the black and gold: Amy Baumann, Sarah Dennis, Brette Healy, Meredith Kohn and Audrey Nonemaker.

The Commodores dropped a close 1-0 contest to Kentucky on their Senior Night Friday.

"It was an adrenaline-filled game for both teams, and Kentucky showed up to play in

the first half. I can't make any excuses for it," said Vanderbilt coach Ronnie Coveleskie. "We made our own bed at halftime going down 1-0, and Kentucky did everything they needed to do to win that game."

Vanderbilt dominated the second half, holding a 19-1 shot advantage but could not find the back of the net. Dennis had a team-high six shots on goal, while Molly Kinsella chipped in with four.

"We started the game with five seniors on the field and ended it with five on the field," Coveleskie said. "I wanted to give them the opportunity to win this game. I felt like they deserved that after four hard-fought years, and I am proud of all their efforts. They dug as deep as they could to help us win."

Vanderbilt returns eight starters next season, including its top two scorers in Kinsella and junior Amy Wilcox. Junior Katie Schulz and sophomore Megan Forester will also be back, as will goalkeeper Rachel Bachtel and defender Mary Rachel Reynolds, both freshmen. ■



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Vanderbilt sophomore Megan Forester chases down a ball during the Commodores' 1-0 loss to Kentucky Friday at the VU Soccer Complex. The Commodores finished the season 6-10-3.

Basketball squads host doubleheader

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Don't look now, but basketball season is here.

Both Vanderbilt basketball teams play their final exhibition games tonight at Memorial Gymnasium, with the women tipping off at 5:30 p.m., and the men following at 8 p.m.

The women, the defending Southeastern Conference Tournament champions, are ranked No. 23 in the preseason poll.

They welcome Anderson University after defeating

Cumberland University, 104-43, in their first exhibition contest last Wednesday.

Senior Liz Sherwood and junior Christina Wirth, both preseason All-SEC selections, led Vanderbilt with 16 points apiece.

With 10 sophomores and freshmen on a 13-woman roster, coach Melanie Balcomb relishes the opportunity to see more live action before the regular season opens later this week with home games against UAB on Friday and Furman on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the men play their first and only exhibition game of the season against Tusculum College tonight.

The Commodores return three starters from their 2007 Sweet 16 team, including senior swingman Shan Foster, who was recently named to the preseason All-SEC first team.

Foster ranks as the conference's third-leading returning scorer after pouring in 15.6 points per contest as a junior, and he needs 572 points to become Vanderbilt's all-time leader in scoring.

Senior point guard Alex Gordon and senior forward Ross Neltner also return as starters. Gordon finished fourth in the conference with a 2.22-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio, while Neltner led all SEC newcomers with a team-high 5.7 rebounds per game.

Other returnees include sophomore guards Jermaine Beal and George Drake and senior forward Alan Metcalfe.

The men host Austin Peay on Saturday at 7 p.m. in their season opener and travel to Toledo next Tuesday. ■

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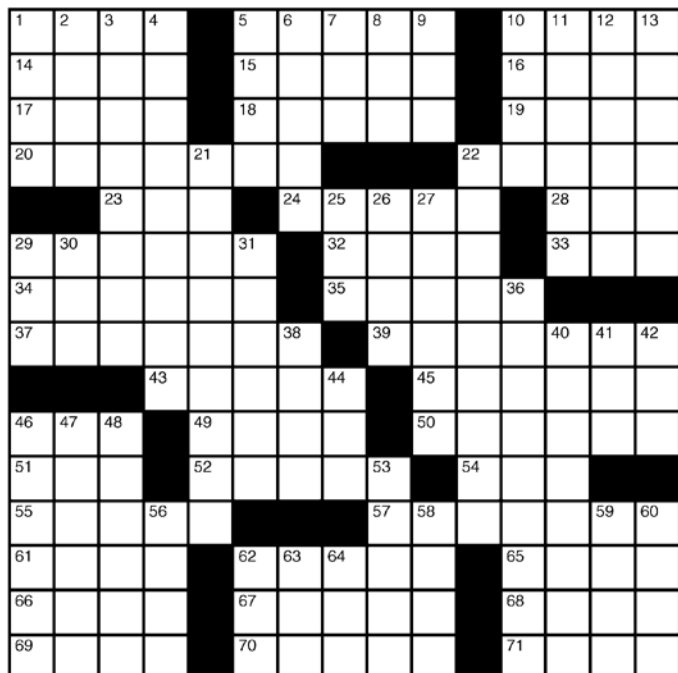
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