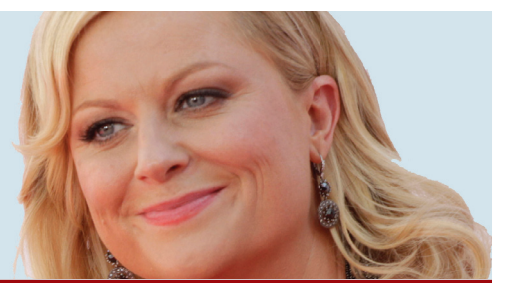




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See the Life section on **page 4** for The Hustler's Golden Globe predictions for this weekend.



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BEFORE BID DAY

The two-week recruitment process incorporates algorithms, secret voting meetings and sleepless nights for both potential new members and sorority girls alike. But what really goes on once the cheering stops and the doors close?

By **KYLE BLAINE**
Senior news reporter

It's a Saturday morning on Greek Row, two days before spring semester classes start. After an entire fall of being silently observed by upperclassmen, hundreds of Vanderbilt women corral into separate groups as they prepare themselves and each other for an unnerving week of socialization.

It's the beginning of spring recruitment for Panhellenic sororities at Vanderbilt. Over the course of two weekends and four different rounds, each of these 534 potential new members, or PNMs as they are commonly referred to, will be assessed by the 10 Panhellenic sorority chapters at Vanderbilt, all of which are looking for women who are so-called "good fits" for the house.

In turn, the PNMs will make selections of their own, deciding where they feel like they most belong. The hope is that the two parties, each of which is blind to the others' decisions, will mutually select each other.

Yet to get there involves both the PNM and the sorority trying to predict each others' actions, and in the final hour, those decisions are run through a nationwide computer program that makes the final placement using complex algorithms. The end result, according to Director of Greek Life Kristin Shorter, is that the final placement will allow the new member to grow at Vanderbilt.

"I believe being a member of a Greek organization allows for the members to be a better, more confident version of who they are, not conform to what they think the organization is," Shorter said.

But before that placement is announced on Bid Day this coming

Sunday, PNMs go through a series of four rounds — Display, Philanthropy, Entertainment and the final round on Preference Night. After each round, the PNMs choose which sororities they would like to return to, and each sorority makes a list of which PNMs they are inviting back to the house for the next round.

Commonly referred to as cuts but officially called releases by members of the Office of Greek Life, the list of women invited back to a sorority can be the source of intense deliberation within a chapter, although the exact process by which the list is compiled varies from sorority to sorority.

The amount of women each sorority can cut is based on historical return rates at each sorority. In other words, the sororities which typically receive the most acceptances from women invited to join are more selective than those who have lower rates of return.

Reasons for why certain women are not invited back are kept secret, other than "We didn't feel she was a good fit." This may be the source of most

negative stereotypes surrounding the process. In the absence of information, it's easy to assume the worst about the choices made — that each house rejects girls that don't conform to their sorority's most superficial image. Many within the Greek community try to deny that these associations exist, but a quick glance at Greek gossip websites or just a strong ear for lunch table conversation suggest that people are aware of the stereotypes associated with each chapter.

This is an issue within the community that Associate Director of Greek Life Krystal Clark says she hopes will be addressed by Phired Up's IValU, a research-based educational program that hopes to match the personal

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KRISTIN SHORTER,
Vanderbilt's Director of Greek Life



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Members of the spring 2011 Chi Omega pledge class pose for a picture on their bid day. After opening letters revealing their sorority membership, the girls learn new cheers and take buses to an off-campus location for further festivities.

values of potential new members with those of campus chapters.

"We want PNMs to make substantive decisions about the recruitment process," Clark told The Hustler in a sit-down interview. "The program offers a values exploration process that will hopefully change some of the conversation surrounding the process."

There may be no way to measure the success of the program, but the popularity of sororities does not seem to be faltering — first-day recruitment numbers are on par with previous years.

SORORITY RECRUITMENT BY THE NUMBERS

534 Number of potential new members going through recruitment this year	5 Maximum number of sororities a PNM can visit for Friday's entertainment round
10 Number of Panhellenic sororities on Vanderbilt's campus	3 Maximum number of sororities a PNM can visit for Saturday's preference round

BWAA pitches shutout

For the first time since 1996, the Baseball Writers Association of America voted no player into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The player who came closest to being inducted was former Houston Astros second baseman, catcher and outfielder Craig Biggio, who fell 39 votes short of receiving the 427 votes — or 75 percent of the electorate — needed for election.

That Biggio, who had over 3,000 hits in his career, failed to achieve induction was mildly surprising, but the real story involves two players who garnered nowhere near enough support for induction.

Barry Bonds, Major League Baseball's all-time home run leader, and Roger Clemens, whose seven Cy Young awards are the most in the history of the game, both on the ballot for the first time, fell far short of the necessary vote total. Despite their impressive statistics and accomplishments, both players lost many votes due to their accused use of performance-enhancing drugs.

The Pre-Integration Era Committee did decide to induct three new members: Jacob Ruppert, who owned the Yankees from 1915-1939; Hank O'Day, a turn-of-the-19th-century umpire; and 19th-century catcher Deacon White. All three have been dead for at least 70 years.



GEORGE BRIDGES / KRT

Ventures announces winner

Vanderbilt Student Government has announced that Hot and Cold Rental Services is the winner of this year's Vanderbilt Ventures program. Vanderbilt Ventures allows undergraduate entrepreneurs to gain tangible business experience and exercise ethical business leadership through the establishment of on-campus ventures that address unmet student needs.

Projects go through a rigorous judging process and must establish itemized budgets as well as logistical procedures to execute their business plan. The winner receives \$10,000 startup capital and the exclusive right to operate on campus.

Hot and Cold Rental Services' plan merges convenience and functionality. Beginning this fall, Hot and Cold Rental Services will be providing MicroFridges — appliances that combine a microwave with a small refrigerator — for students to rent. Hot and Cold Rental Services aims to eliminate the hassle of resale or storage for appliances at the end of each semester and any possible possession disputes among roommates.

Hot and Cold Rental Services will be owned by Vanderbilt and operated by students.

Are angry judges good judges?

Not necessarily, according to law professor Terry Maroney of Vanderbilt University Law School.

"Anger is the quintessentially judicial emotion," Maroney said. "It involves appraisal of wrongdoing, attribution of blame and assignment of punishment — precisely what we ask of judges."

That assertion goes against the grain of the conventional view — that judges should not have emotions, and if they do, they should do everything in their power to overcome them.

The reality is more nuanced, particularly for anger, Maroney believes.

In her new article "Angry Judges," published by the Vanderbilt Law Review, Maroney maps out a path for making good use of anger.

"Righteously angry judges," Maroney said, "acknowledge and manage anger in a way that makes them more effective."

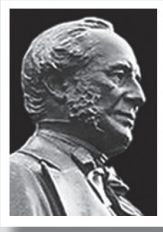
Anger is not always good for judges, Maroney acknowledges. For example, a video captured by the Louisville Courier-Journal and widely circulated on the Internet shows a Kentucky judge furiously berating an attorney who appears simply to be doing his job on behalf of a death row prisoner.

"Anger seems to pose a danger to the neutral, careful decision making we expect of judges," Maroney wrote. It can be "associated with aggression, impulsivity and irrationality."

Maroney's message is finding a receptive audience among judges: she recently has begun a series of judicial trainings, both in the United States and France.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Privacy is dead — get over it."
STEVE RAMBAM, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR



VANDER BITS

CRIME LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 31

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, 2:40 p.m. — An employee was the victim of a simple assault.
Memorial Gym, 8 p.m. — A person was arrested for criminal trespassing.
Carmichael Towers III, 11:40 p.m. — A disciplinary referral was issued for drunkenness.

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

Branscomb Quad, 12:09 a.m. — A disciplinary referral was issued for a liquor law violation.
Wesley Place Apartments, 12:47 a.m. — A person was taken into custody for theft from a building.
Branscomb Lobby, 5 a.m. — A disciplinary referral was issued for drunkenness.
Vanderbilt University Hospital, 10 a.m. — A patient reported a missing purse after being admitted to VUH.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

Medical Center East, 1215 21st Avenue S, 5 p.m. — An employee reported a theft from a building.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital, 3 p.m. — A vehicle part was damaged.
Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, 4:40 p.m. — An employee reported a theft from a building.

MONDAY, JAN. 7

North Hall, 10:37 p.m. — A disciplinary referral was issued to a student found in possession of a drug.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

Heard Library, 5:10 p.m. — A person previously warned for trespassing was taken into custody for trespassing.

POPPING the VANDERBUBBLE

Biden to meet with gun-control advocates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden is meeting at the White House with victims groups and gun-safety organizations in an effort to spur fresh action on gun legislation following last month's Connecticut school shooting.

Wednesday's meeting is to be part of a series of gatherings Biden is conducting this week at the White House, aimed at building consensus around proposals to curb gun violence following the horrific elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn. that killed 20 children and six educators. The vice president will meet Thursday with the National Rifle Association and other gun-owner groups. Meetings with representatives from the video game and entertainment industries are also planned.

President Barack Obama wants Biden to report back to him with policy proposals by the end of the month. Obama has vowed to move swiftly on the recommendations, a package expected to include both legislative proposals and executive action.

"He is mindful of the need to act," White House spokesman Jay Carney said Tuesday.

In addition to Biden's meetings this week, Education Secretary Arne Duncan will meet with parent and teacher groups, while Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius will meet with mental health and disability advocates.

The White House said other meetings are also scheduled with community organizations, business owners and religious leaders.

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Voyeur websites hit Vandy scene

Whether you're making out, passing out or just causally chatting on campus, chances are your candid photo could end up on the Internet, available for public viewing

By **TYLER BISHOP**
News manager

"Vandy Passouts," the newest anonymous-submission Internet account, was created three days ago on Twitter, in the vein of other accounts like Vandy Makeouts (Twitter) and Vandy Man Candy (Tumblr) that feature student-submitted photos of other students.

As technology and the "social media revolution" advance, questions of legal and privacy concerns online continue to surface. Could these "voyeur" websites present such concerns?

"I think there it's an invasion of privacy," said senior Abby Sosha.

Some scholars in the field of Internet privacy argue that because of the increasing availability and permanence of anything posted online, the idea of privacy no longer exists.

"Privacy is dead — get over it," said Steve Rambam, a private investigator specializing in Internet privacy cases.

There are, however, experts who argue Internet privacy is possible, and it should be regulated.

"Privacy protects us from abuses by those in power, even if we're doing nothing wrong at the time of surveillance," wrote Bruce Schneier in "The Value of Privacy," an essay on privacy in the 21st century.

Regardless of the debate over privacy, anything that is posted online is permanent and, according to Vanderbilt Law School professor Edward Cheng, is fair game — even in a court of law.

"In general, the photographs will not be excluded merely because they are unflattering or taken without the subject's permission," Cheng said.

Photographs or other information found online could only be excluded if they did not contribute to the legal question or unfairly taint the jury's view of a party involved, according to Cheng.

Each account has carved out its own popularity. Vandy Makeouts was created in early September 2012 and since has acquired 1,347 followers, tweeting over 100 anonymous photos of students. Most of the followers are Vanderbilt undergraduate students, but other followers include students from other schools and other members of the online community.

Vandy Man Candy, also created in early September 2012, has published 68 photos of Vanderbilt men submitted by other students.

Vandy Passouts was created on Jan. 6 and has acquired 173 followers in just three days, already having tweeted four photos of students "passed out."

Based on the account descriptions, the intent of all accounts are lighthearted and are not meant to be malicious.

"Three 'Vanderbells' serving up your daily dose of fine university gentlemen. We're on a mission to document all the hotties on campus," the Vandy Man Candy Tumblr account description reads.

"Even though you might not remember, we do," reads the Vandy Makeouts Twitter page.

"#Anchoringdown (on the



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ground)," is part of the Vandy Passouts description.

Despite the intent of the accounts, not all students are pleased with their public presence. A student who appeared on Vandy Makeouts and was unaware of the photo for weeks after it surfaced, said that even though it was funny, he was not happy with the photo being published on the Internet.

"At first I was surprised — then I laughed about it, but when I think about it more, I kind of realize how creepy it is," said the student who

wished to remain anonymous. Some other students share this feeling.

"I would not want my picture to be up there," junior Tommy Goodman said.

Despite the concerns about privacy from students, there is not much support for having the websites taken down.

"I think there should be freedom on the Internet," Sosha said. "I would just encourage people not to use them as much rather than have them taken down."

Vanderbilt Dance Marathon holds carnival for sick children

By **MADDIE HUGHES**
News staff reporter

Vanderbilt Dance Marathon will host a carnival for patients and their families at the Vanderbilt University Children's Hospital on Friday. The organization, which will hold its main event on Feb. 2, hosts carnivals several times throughout the year to continue its mission of support for the hospital and especially, to echo the organization's most pervasive refrain, for the kids.

The carnival is jungle-themed and will include games and activities such as make-your-

own animal masks, pin the tail on the lion and coconut bowling. There are also fun prizes for the kids to win, like stuffed animals and coloring books.

"The purpose of the carnivals is to maintain close ties with the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital," said family relations chair Katharine Miller in an email. "The carnivals provide a fun environment for the patients. They get to play some games and do crafts that take their mind off of being in the hospital for a while."

The carnival also serves as an opportunity for the organization to connect with the people Dance Marathon supports, and for committee

members to see the real-world impact of their fundraising efforts. Students volunteer to work at the carnival as well as donate prizes for the children to win.

"For volunteers, it gives us a chance to see how amazing the hospital is from the inside and what a worthwhile cause we are working to support," added Miller.

Dance Marathon has raised over \$1 million for the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital in the past 11 years. The organization's biggest event of the year, the Dance Marathon, is a fundraiser that lasts 13.1 hours and will be hosted Feb. 2 from 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m. in the SLC.

Flu season hits harder this year

College campuses are more susceptible to flu than most places, and this year's flu season is worst than most.

By **CHARLOTTE GILL**
News staff reporter

Tennessee was one of 29 states reporting high influenza-like illness (ILI) activity for the last week of December, further indication that this flu season is more severe than last year's.

For the same week, ILI accounted for 7 percent of all deaths reported through the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System, which is just below the threshold for classifying an illness as an epidemic.

Nashville-Davidson County has not been hit as hard as the rest of Tennessee, with only 3.8 percent of patients reporting ILI, below the 8.08 percent state average.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "These current levels of ILI are nearing what have been peak levels of ILI during moderately severe seasons in the past."

In addition, flu season appears to have begun earlier this winter.

"Flu season usually peaks in February, but it started in a serious way in November, took off in December and is still accelerating into January," said Dr. Bill Schaffner, chair of the Department of Preventative Medicine.

Despite concerns in the media of an abnormally severe season, Dr. Schaffner concurred with the CDC's assessment that this season was of "moderate severity."

"We were kind of spoiled last year — it was the mildest in the last 50 years," Schaffner said.

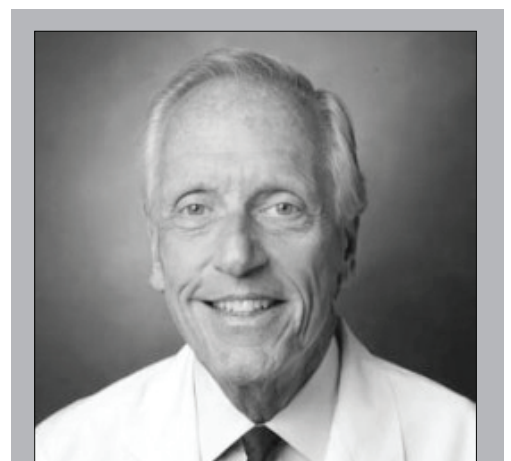
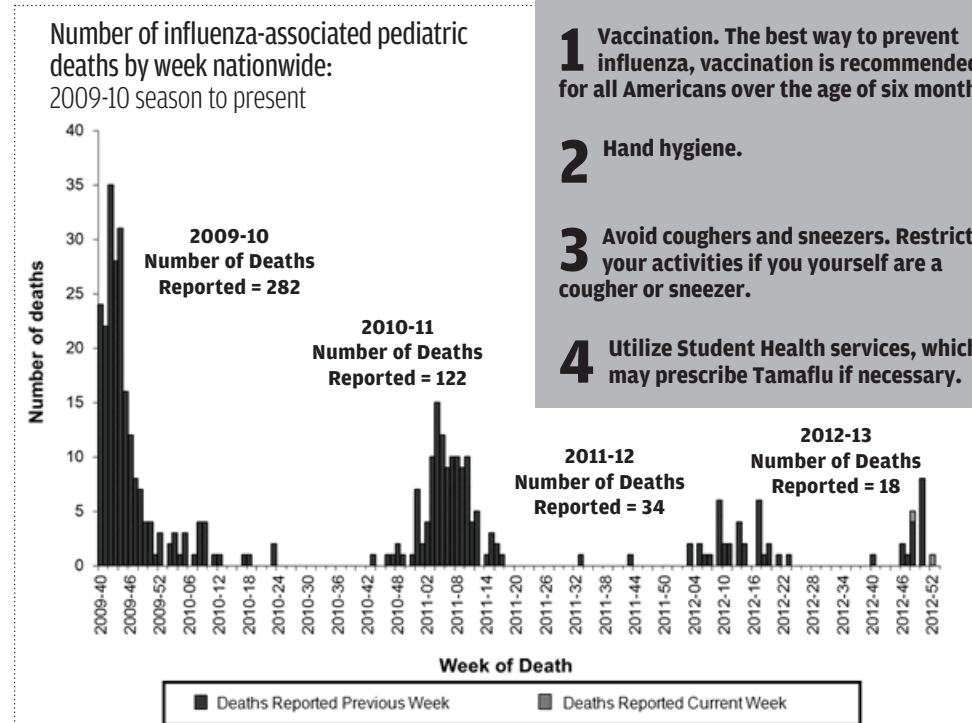
According to Dr. Schaffner, there are frequently multiple strains of flu virus in a given

season. This year, the vaccine includes the dominant strain and the influenza B strain. However, another strain not covered by the vaccine is causing 5 to 8 percent of infections. Next year, pharmacists hope to include four strains of influenza in each vaccination.

In addition, the FDA recently approved a new cell-based flu vaccination that can grow more quickly and would give health officials more resources and flexibility in the case of a flu epidemic. However, Dr. Schaffner emphasized that protecting against influenza goes far beyond vaccinations.

"People should realize that the vaccine is good but not perfect. It is not 100 percent effective in prevention, but it can prevent complications, such as pneumonia," Schaffner said.

Currently, investigators in the Vanderbilt Medical Center are involved in surveillance and documentation of influenza frequency.



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Flu prevention advice for college students from Dr. Bill Schaffner:

- 1 Vaccination.** The best way to prevent influenza, vaccination is recommended for all Americans over the age of six months.
- 2 Hand hygiene.**
- 3 Avoid coughers and sneezers.** Restrict your activities if you yourself are a cougher or sneezer.
- 4 Utilize Student Health services,** which may prescribe Tamaflu if necessary.

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THE RANT

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1. If Chris Carroll is convinced that the non-student WRVU DJs do not add to the undergraduate experience, then why do all of the undergraduates involved in WRVU believe that the non-student DJs add to their experience?

2. Does the Vanderbilt student body have an opinion about anything except alcohol?

3. It's Day 3. How am I already behind???

4. Anchor Link. 'Nuff said.

5. Can the Hustler get a conservative columnist who can actually structure a persuasive argument?

6. Café Coco: So close, yet so far away...

7. Hannah Rutcofsky, have you ever considered investing in ear-plugs or wearing the ones provided by the libraries? It's a bit unreasonable to expect silence in the quantities you seek.

8. The right side of my throat is sore, but the asymmetry is bothering me more than anything else.

9. Everyone needs to stop hating on Les Mis. It makes me sad :(

10. We need more than one person working in the Library Cafe at a time.

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Gun safety, not control



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After the Sandy Hook shooting, President Obama was visibly shaken. Of course, he was devastated by the loss of human life. Beyond this, others have argued that he may have felt intense guilt for having been so lax on gun control during his first term. While he was not often perceived this way, Obama has done nothing but expand gun rights over the past four years. The policy goals of this president for the next four years have changed.

This week, Joe Biden and his gun control task force will begin meeting with leading advocacy groups, from the National Rifle Association to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, in the debate over firearm policy. These groups and their cohorts will definitely bring different solutions to the table.

For a little perspective on the opinion gap, here's a quotation from the president of the NRA about Obama's pro-gun stances: "It's all part of a massive Obama conspiracy to deceive voters and hide his true intentions to destroy the Second Amendment in our country. So when he got elected, they concocted a scheme to stay away from the gun issue, lull gun owners to sleep and play us for fools in 2012." So that's what the NRA is bringing to the table with Biden. On the other end of the spectrum, the Brady Campaign recently released this simple statement: "Ninety-six percent of Americans want background checks on all gun sales to screen out felons (CNN/2012). Eighty-seven percent of non-NRA gun owners support requiring a criminal background check of anyone purchasing a gun. Seventy-four percent of NRA gun owners support requiring a criminal background check of anyone purchasing a gun." Clearly there are groups that will appear in Washington over the course of this national debate that will advocate for disparate solutions to the gun violence problem; this is no revelation.

Obama has publicly instructed Biden's task force to report their recommendations by the end of January. The Obama administration and Democrats in Congress are

planning to act while public outrage over shooting violence is still palpable. Many readers are already aware of proposed new laws: a renewed ban on assault rifles, the closing of the gun show loophole, and a ban on high-capacity magazines (more than 10 bullets at a time). But I believe that there is a better way to frame this debate.

Advocates have to stop saying "gun control." That phrase implies that people who have guns will have them taken away — and no one is pushing for that position. A more accurate term for the proposed reforms is "gun safety."

To request background checks and waiting periods on gun purchases is a common sense safety measure; it neither takes guns away from legal owners nor does it forbid citizens from purchasing new guns. The same principle applies to all of the proposed reforms. A ban on huge magazines only limits ammunition purchases; it still allows people to safely own and purchase guns.

The connotation between these terms — "gun control" vs. "gun safety" — is entirely different.

"Gun safety" is a more accurate and acceptable phrase to describe the proposed new legislation. Everyone, gun owners especially, knows the importance of safe gun practices, but we do not all agree on the values implied, rightly or wrongly, by the loaded term "gun control."

The talks that started yesterday will be revealing. Both sides might overstep their bounds, but by the end of the month Obama will be formulating a bill. This piece of legislation has the potential to push the allegiances of Southern and Western lawmakers against Northeastern ones and also polarize the legislature along party lines once again. There will be an intense legislative battle, and as Obama pointed out, the outcome of this fight will in many ways rely on constituents who demand action. In the end, only voters will be able to convince their elected representatives that a vote for gun safety is a political victory.

— Skyler Hutto

Who's afraid of the dark?

Light pollution is not only wasteful — it spoils the night sky for all



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It's one of the first questions you learn to answer: What color is the sky?

But the answer seems less clear tonight.

Hello from my roof in New York City. I'm looking up at the sky — it's orange and purple. The stars in the city never shine as brightly as they do anywhere else. Sometimes, and rather frequently in the winter, the sky takes on this unnatural hue.

Why does this occur? Light pollution.

The New York Times describes the phenomenon as "that glow represents wasted energy, light that should be focused downward from outdoor lighting but that is actually emitted skyward."

There is a lot of passion about fighting light pollution around the Internet. International Dark-Sky Association's website Darksky.org has information on the subject and its harmfulness. There are also maps of cities' light pollution available.

I am reminded of a similar issue I learned about on a summer program in which I partook a few years ago. I lived

on a conservation reserve on a small island, Carricou, near Grenada in the Caribbean. We would do beach walks late at night to look for baby sea turtles. A light nearby on the road's scope came too close to the turtles' nest for comfort. It was feared that these sea turtles would crawl the wrong way given the distractions caused by this brightness. Normally, they are attracted to the ocean by the light of the moon.

Nashville has begun to receive recognition for its recent quick growth. I hope Nashville will keep its skies dark as best it can as it develops further.

The story of light pollution rings familiar bells to those warning of other harmful emissions and encouragement to recycle.

In the words of Dr. Seuss, from *The Lorax* "UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

— Hannah Rutcofsky

Tips from a waitress

A plea for courtesy

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The way people eat has evolved greatly over the past generation. As a society, we have gone from being food creators to food consumers.

Less than 200 years ago, many people could grow and produce the entirety of their nutritional sustenance. Today, even if we cook our own food, we obtain it from grocery stores dominated by large factory-style farms that mass-produce food like cars. People today eat at restaurants more than ever before, choosing to pay marked-up prices to have their food prepared and served by strangers outside the comfort of their own home.

Despite the fact that food service meets an essential need, people who work in food service tend to be disproportionately poor. The annual median income of food service workers is \$18,130 compared to approximately \$50,000 for the average U.S. worker.

As college students with busy schedules, our relationship with food and nutrition is interesting, to say the least. We eat at irregular and sporadic times, we eat on the go, sometimes we even forget to eat. Most of the time we do not prepare our own food.

The controversy over the maltreatment of Vanderbilt's dining workers makes the issue particularly relevant on our campus. Although most college students don't have large amounts of extra cash, students eat out more than the average person. Because Vanderbilt is a relatively wealthy institution, the amount of students who eat out seems even higher. Personally, I know that since attending college, I have cooked less than I did previously.

Being a customer in a restaurant is a strange role reversal for me. This past summer, I worked 40 hours a week as a server at a restaurant. A huge amount of servers are college students or other part-time workers, but there are many people who live off their wages as food service employees. The job made a huge impact on the way I experience restaurants as a customer, as well as my opinion of people in general.

The way that people interact with servers varies from unfailing pleasantries and kindness to downright rudeness and harassment. Rudeness from customers always shocked me: Why would you be mean to the person who serves your food? We're in control of food you're about to eat.

That said, I have never seen a server sabotage a customer's food. For some crazy reason, college kids in particular have a terrible reputation among servers. We groan when they sit down, because they're going to leave no tip, or a comment like "sorry I'm so poor :(" or "get a real job" written in the tip line. Or they're the people we watch like hawks to make sure they don't try to dine-and-dash on us.

I like to give people the benefit of the doubt and assume that most college kids are unaware of why tipping exists, rather than just deciding that everyone's an asshole.

Let me enlighten you. Servers do not get paid minimum wage. The federal minimum wage is currently \$7.25 per hour. The federal minimum wage for tipped employees is \$2.13 per hour. Tennessee has no state laws regarding minimum wage, therefore the federal laws apply. This means that your servers at most Nashville restaurants are

making \$2.13 per hour. A server's paycheck usually has at least half of it taken out for Social Security and Medicare, because the government assumes that most of their income comes from tips.

So here's my point: if you "can't afford" to tip 20 percent, don't go out to eat. Period. Go to the grocery store and make your own food. If your server was absolutely terrible, give them 15 percent and leave a rude note, or talk to their manager. Leaving nothing is never acceptable.

— Molly Corn

The way that people interact with servers varies from unfailing pleasantries and kindness to downright rudeness and harassment. Rudeness from customers always shocked me: Why would you be mean to the person who serves your food? We're in control of food you're about to eat.

Life

Rihanna should stick to singing

Rihanna was recently nominated "Worst Supporting Actress" for her role in "Battleship" for the 33rd Annual Golden Raspberry Awards alongside Jessica Biel and Jennifer Lopez. Tune in for the "Razzies" a day before the Oscars to see if Rihanna takes home the gold.



WATCH THIS!

Our Golden Globe picks

By KELLY HALOM
Life editor

This Sunday, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler will be hosting the 70th Annual Golden Globe Awards. The Hustler breaks down some of the more coveted awards, giving you our predictions for the winners.

BEST MOTION PICTURE – DRAMA

1. "Argo"
2. "Django Unchained"
3. "Life of Pi"
4. "Lincoln"
5. "Zero Dark Thirty" ← Our call

While "Django Unchained" definitely put up a good fight, it will be very surprising if "Zero Dark Thirty" does not win on Sunday. This partially fictionalized account of the decade-long search for Osama bin Laden has received rave reviews from critics across the country. Feeding off one of the biggest moments in America's recent history, this film not only scores points for relevancy but also for capturing the emotion of the moment.

BEST MOTION PICTURE – COMEDY OR MUSICAL

1. "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"
2. "Les Miserables" ← Our call
3. "Moonrise Kingdom"
4. "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"
5. "Silver Linings Playbook"

While "Moonrise Kingdom" was a particularly strong contender and "Silver Linings Playbook" has received surprisingly strong reviews, "Les Miserables" still seems most likely to take home the globe. Though some of the singing left something to be desired (cough cough Russell Crowe), the acting remained strong and the story can't be beat. Match that with a star-studded cast and beautiful visual and ensemble moments and you get a motion picture that might just be worthy of the win.

BEST ACTOR – DRAMA

1. Daniel Day-Lewis, "Lincoln" ← Our call
2. Richard Gere, "Arbitrage"
3. John Hawkes, "The Sessions"
4. Joaquin Phoenix, "The Master"
5. Denzel Washington, "Flight"

Without question, it looks like Daniel Day-Lewis will be taking home the globe for his stunning portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in "Lincoln." Day-Lewis clearly did his research, as the portrayal remains authentic and historically accurate. Not only did Day-Lewis capture the gravity of this time in history, but he subtly captured Lincoln's particular brand of wit, an aspect that many other actors might have overlooked.

You didn't get your first choice bid.

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WHAT NOW?

While **formal recruitment** can be an exhilarating time for many, some women might be **shocked** on Sunday. Krystal Clark, associate director of Greek Life, explains what to do if you see a **chapter you weren't expecting**.

By CIERRA LOCKETT
Life reporter

After many nights filled with cheers and chants from especially excited sorority women, all potential new members (PNMs) must face the reality of possibly being rejected from their first choice sorority.

On Bid Day, PNMs can expect to sit in a circle with their Gamma Chi groups as well as to sit on top of their envelopes before being allowed to open them, and then are allowed to run freely to the representative from the sorority that has invited them.

However, sometimes women do not run with arms wide open to their new sisters. Every year, women burst into tears upon opening their envelopes, finding that the invitation is not from the chapter they were expecting. While this can be shocking for many new Panhellenic women, Krystal Clark, associate director of Greek Life, advises these students to give their new chapter a chance.

"The initial shock can be hard, but the reality is that our sororities are offering the same basic benefits," Clark said.

Clark compares getting into your second choice sorority like getting into your second choice college.

"For the vast majority of those people who received their second or third choice, they couldn't be any happier with the life they have made for themselves at that institution and often when asked, couldn't see themselves attending college at any other place," Clark said. "This is the same thing that often happens with our sorority women who do not receive their first choice on Bid Day."

Clark advises women who are unhappy with their respective placements to be open and honest about what they are feeling. In times of emotional distress on Bid Day, new members are advised to look to their "Bid Day Buddy," New Member Educator or another young lady that they knew previously in the sorority for comfort and advice.

"They really work to get the women excited about their new member class and the active members of the chapter," Clark said. "Through this day of activities, many of the women who might not be enthusiastic about their second or third choice tend to come around on that day or in the following week after Bid Day."

And while some women may find their Bid Day results shocking, they are made fully aware that getting placed in a second or third choice is a possibility. If a woman has chosen to place a chapter on her Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement, she is told numerous times that she has a possibility of getting a bid from that chapter.

Clark constantly reminds PNMs to "always ask (themselves) how they would feel if they open their envelope and see each of their available choices." If a woman imagines herself opening up the envelope and being upset, it might not be worth writing down. However, by taking this route she would then run the risk of not being accepted to any chapter.

Of course, PNMs do have the option of refusing an invitation in hopes of repeating the recruitment period the next spring, but this is discouraged because of the

missed opportunity to engage in a new sisterhood and all of its new experiences that fall.

Additionally, placement in one's top choice is not guaranteed after a second attempt at formal recruitment. This strategy is somewhat frowned upon, as the act of refusal may insult a sorority and potentially hurt one's chances at a bid in the next recruitment period. Clark states that upperclassmen rarely refuse a bid — as it is their final chance to join and enjoy sorority life — and that there have been a lot more upperclassmen happily participating in recruitment in the past several years at Vanderbilt.

"The question often becomes, 'Do you want to be in a sorority or not?' I encourage women to give their bid a chance," said Clark.

Clark advises women conflicted over whether or not to continue in the Panhellenic experience to "meet as many people as you can in the chapter, attend the new member programming, and really give an 'all-in' shot."

"Fully invest yourself in the experience for a week or two, and if you truly do that and still find that you are not connecting with the chapter and being a new member of the chapter makes you unhappy then by all means back away from the situation," Clark said.

PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Vanderbilt Men's Basketball vs. Kentucky
Memorial Gymnasium
Jan. 10, 2013

Drop your books and come see our 'Dores compete against their rival Kentucky in Memorial Gym.



Rod Odom

Nashville Boat & Sportshow
Nashville Convention Center
Jan. 10-13

This event showcases the latest boats from top dealers and marine technology. On top of that, attendees can experience the latest paddlesports — including kayaking and canoeing — for free at the new Paddle Sports Demo and Try-It Pool. Tickets are \$9 at <http://www.nashvilleboatshow.com/>.



Gangster Squad

'Gangster Squad'
Wide Release
Opening Jan. 11

Gangster Squad, starring Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Sean Penn, opens to rave reviews. It follows the LAPD's fight against the Mafia in the 1940s and '50s and promises to be quite an entertaining picture.

'A Haunted House'
Wide Release
Opening Jan. 11

"A Haunted House" is a comedic take on such found footage films as "Paranormal Activity" and "The Devil Inside." It stars Marlon Wayans, who starred in several films from the "Scary Movie" franchise, and Cedric the Entertainer. The movie is sure to provide a nice way to laugh away an evening.

SATURDAY

'Zero Dark Thirty'
Wide Release
Opening Jan. 11

From the people who brought you "The Hurt Locker," "Zero Dark Thirty" is a chronicle of the hunt for Osama bin Laden after 9/11.



Turbo Fruits

Mercy Lounge 10-year Anniversary Party
Jan. 11-12

This weekend, Mercy Lounge celebrates their 10-year anniversary with amazing shows at Mercy Lounge, Cannery Ballroom and High Watt. There will be performances by Jeff the Brotherhood, Turbo Fruits and many more. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 per night and \$15 for a weekend pass. Find out more at mercyloounge.com.



Hard work in the Big Easy

Participants on the **New Orleans** site for Alternative Winter Break worked to **reconstruct the community** that was destroyed by **Katrina**.

By **ANGELICA LASALA**
Chief copy editor

New Orleans, La., conjures up images of Mardi Gras festivities — a popular road trip for many Vanderbilt students. Hurricane Katrina, eight years removed from 2013, seems like a distant memory left on the backburner of the United States' national consciousness. Nonetheless, from Dec. 16-22, senior Jakerra Simmons, along with 11 fellow Alternative Winter Break participants, experienced firsthand the lasting effects of natural disaster on the Big Easy.

"So many years after Hurricane Katrina, there's still so much work that needs to be done," Simmons said. "And so it was really eye-opening to see pictures of the damage and how far they've come, and how far they have to go."

According to Simmons, much of the trip's service involved building restoration projects and interacting with locals directly affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"It was definitely a lot of hands-on, manual labor," Simmons said. "We painted an entire house, we helped a lady move — she had a warehouse of things she recovered, like historical furniture and door frames

Years later, New Orleans is still recovering from the terrible natural disaster, Hurricane Katrina. Members on the site pose with window frames they used in renovating houses.

and windows and things like that." Simmons' site even got the opportunity to meet up with the owners of the house they painted. She said, "His wife actually made us lunch one day, and it was really great to have that human interaction, to see how appreciative he was of what we were doing."

This winter's New Orleans trip — and its emphasis on both the tangible and intangible dimensions of service — aligns with AWB's goals of service, education and reflection. Together, these three goals comprise what AWB participants know as "the triangle."

"The triangle is a huge deal," Simmons said. "We really try to promote the three sides of the triangle throughout the trip."

Besides the act of service itself, Simmons and her fellow site participants were exposed to New Orleans' rich culture and history. "I had never been to New Orleans before, and I think there was only one person on our trip who'd ever been to New Orleans," Simmons said. "It was just great to learn about a new city, in addition to learning about Hurricane Katrina." Simmons noted, however, that the education AWB promotes is not only regional and issue-oriented but also interpersonal — in her words, "learning about other people — and learning about yourself through your interactions with other people."

Simmons, a three-year AWB participant, connected insights from her past AWB

experiences to her week in New Orleans: "I also went to Joplin, Mo., last year, and for me personally, I remember seeing that damage and just being able to reflect on that and compare and contrast the cleanup from the hurricane and the tornado."

Moreover, students interested in volunteering through AWB need not worry about missing Christmas or New Year's Day. "I would like to emphasize that it is just one week during winter break," Simmons said. "That's the biggest misconception about Alternative Winter Break — that it is through the entire winter break."

Though AWB's volunteer opportunities range from animal wellness to poverty and homelessness, the triangle, and, by extension, the introspection characteristic of AWB, proves universal. "If you're really interested in getting out of your comfort zone and meeting new people — new, different people outside of your friend group — then AWB is definitely a great opportunity to do that," Simmons said.

PROVIDED BY JAKERRA SIMMONS

Through the eyes of a cheerleader

By **STACEY OSWALD**
Life reporter

On game day, Vanderbilt can seem consumed by basketball: professors discussing the game in class, students trading stats in Rand, Vandy Fanatics giving out jerseys outside the gym, constant Facebook posts and tweets about the team — the list goes on and on. But even the biggest fans often forget about the team's supporting cast: Vanderbilt's cheerleaders.

It is easy to discard the cheerleaders as mere background noise to the game, but the dedication and hard work of these student-athletes seems to be paralleled only by the teams they are rooting for. And unlike the football team or the basketball team, offseason does not exist for this group of women.

Game day for the cheerleaders is not just about presenting an image, though that is a major part of it. They spend hours before kickoff taking pictures with fans, talking to recruits and entertaining the crowds with chants and dances. But when they walk into the stadium, they're preparing for an insane test of skill just like the other athletes.

As their new head coach Dante Tennant said, "If you're not dead by halftime, you're not cheering hard enough."

Throughout the game, they tumble, put up advanced stunts, cheer and dance, all while wearing lipstick and spandex.

The day starts early for these 21 students who spend nearly an hour and a half curling their hair, putting on fake eyelashes and dressing in uniform.

After applying their crimson lipstick, these students head to Coach Tennant's office, where they review exactly what they have to do for the next few hours, trying to make sure that their actions appear seamless to the massive crowd that awaits them.

Outside of game day, the cheerleaders must adhere to a rigorous schedule during the week that is in many ways more complex than that of your average athlete.

They practice three times a week for two hours, participate in extra practices that focus on specific skills like tumbling and do cardio workouts on their days off. These girls are in killer shape — making sure that those crop-top uniforms always appear flattering.

They must also balance the demands of being in a sorority and other extracurriculars — 16 out of the 21 girls are Greek, and several of them are involved in major religious groups on campus.

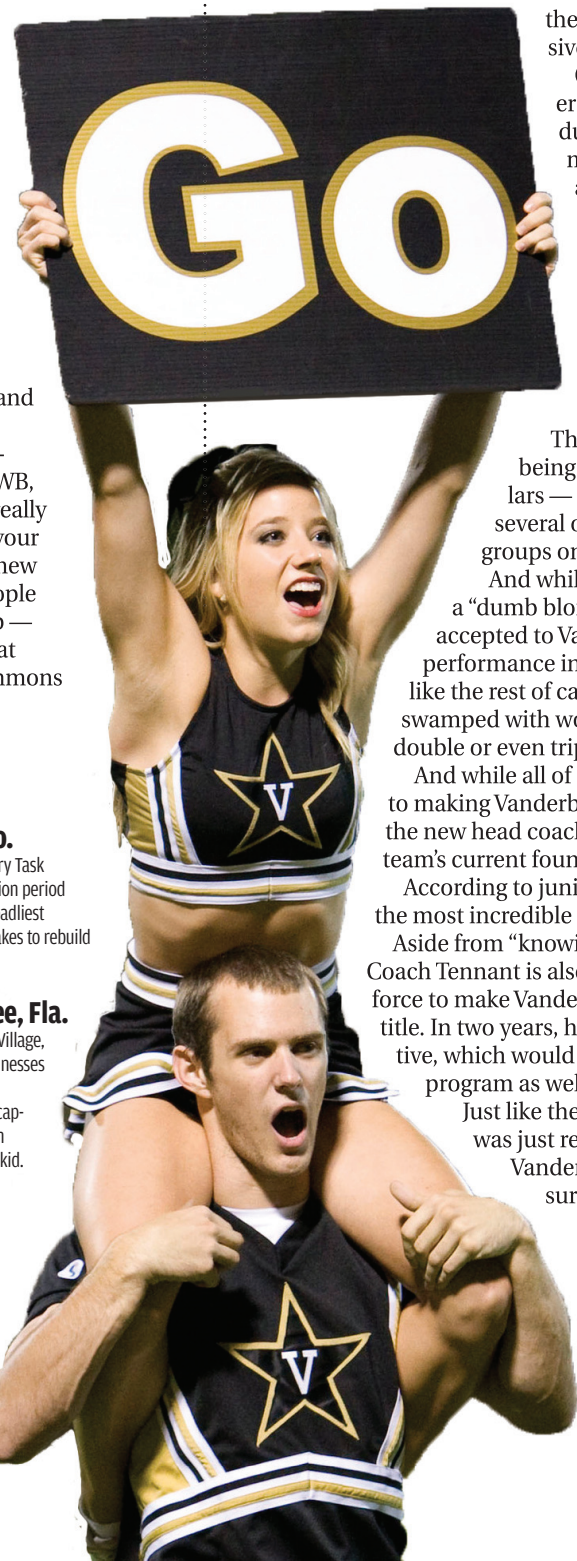
And while cheerleaders often are labeled with a "dumb blonde" stereotype, these women were accepted to Vanderbilt based on their own academic performance in high school, not as athletes. Just like the rest of campus, multiple girls are constantly swamped with work as they are pre-med and often double or even triple major.

And while all of this hard work has already contributed to making Vanderbilt Cheerleading a top-notch program, the new head coach has plans to keep building on the team's current foundation.

According to junior cheerleader Alyson Martin, "he is the most incredible thing to happen to Vandy Cheer."

Aside from "knowing every type of exercise imaginable," Coach Tennant is also an amazing motivator and a driving force to make Vanderbilt Cheerleading worthy of its SEC title. In two years, he plans on making the team competitive, which would add a whole new dimension to the program as well as many extra days of practice.

Just like the Commodore football team, which was just recently voted into the AP Top 25, Vanderbilt cheerleading is on the rise. Be sure to watch out for them.



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Members of the cheerleading squad teach the crowd a cheer during the Gold Rush pep rally on Friday, Sept. 3, 2010.

Other AWB Sites

Alternative Winter Break had seven service sites all around the country. Read the descriptions of all the work your peers did over winter break.

Animal Rescue in Seguin, Tex.

Participants on this site worked with Southern Animal Rescue Association (SARA), feeding, cleaning and socializing with hundreds of dogs, cats and farm animals. SARA provides homeless companion animals with love and life in a no-kill shelter.

Immigration Issues in Brownsville, Tex.

Participants worked with La Esperanza, a home for young boys detained at the border, devoted to providing these children with the help they need until they are placed back with their families. Additionally, they worked with Brownsville Youth Build to provide affordable housing and basic education for troubled youth.

Community Building in Huntsville, Ala.

Huntsville is home to Lincoln Village, a once-overlooked and struggling community. Students helped break the cycle of poverty in the area by working with the Lincoln Mill Project, which seeks to impact the community through many different avenues.

Tornado Recovery in Joplin, Mo.

Students in Joplin worked with AmeriCorps Recovery Task Force to help with the four-to-five-year reconstruction period that Joplin faced in the wake of one of America's deadliest tornadoes. Participants learned firsthand what it takes to rebuild a community destroyed by a tornado.

Working with Children in Kissimmee, Fla.

Volunteers on this site worked with Give Kids the World Village, a program that provides children with life-threatening illnesses and their families a cost-free, week-long trip to all of the theme parks in Central Florida. The village is fully handicap-accessible and volunteers worked to ensure that children were able to forget about their illness and enjoy being a kid.

Environmental Restoration in Everglades, Fla.

Students that traveled to the Everglades focused on conservation education and environmental service, which included aquatic and terrestrial restoration, seabird rescue, mangrove planting, working in a recycling center and coral reef preservation.

Come back to **Nashville** with a vengeance, and check out these **great events around town**. From the most hyped **movies** of the year to the **Harlem Globetrotters** to **Mercy Lounge's 10-year anniversary**, the city has a lot to offer this weekend.

SUNDAY

Blue & White Formal
Student Life Center
Jan. 12

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. host the Blue & White Formal in celebration of their Founder's Day. With performances by the Melodores, Jugal Vandy, Bhangradores and Frank Deville, be prepared for a good time. Tickets are available in Sarratt for \$15 or \$25 for two.

'Shatner's World'
TPAC
Jan. 12

Join legend William Shatner for his one-man show "Shatner's World" this Saturday at TPAC. He guides us on a journey through his career — from his beginnings as a Shakespearean stage actor to "Star Trek" to "Boston Legal" to today. Tickets range from \$25-75 and are available online at tpac.org

Harlem Globetrotters
Nashville Municipal Auditorium
Jan. 13

The Harlem Globetrotters return to Nashville to perform tricks and flips for your amusement. This year, fans can vote on a new and crazy rule and can see it enforced live at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are as cheap as \$20 and can be found at ticketmaster.com. Find out more at harlemglobetrotters.com

Vanderbilt Women's Basketball vs. Arkansas
Memorial Gymnasium
Jan. 13

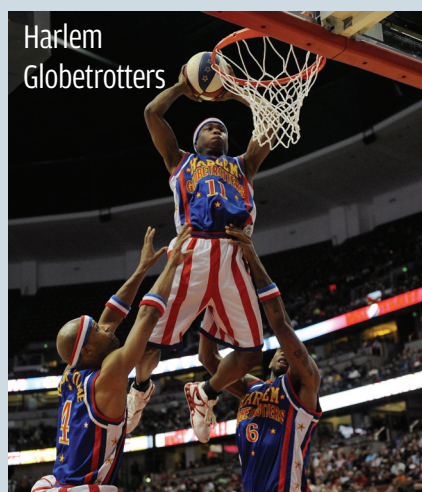
Come support the Vandy women's basketball team as they look to protect their home court against Arkansas this Sunday.

Golden Globes
NBC
Jan. 13

Check out Tina Fey and Amy Poehler host the 70th Annual Golden Globes this Sunday at 7 p.m. While the two hosts will inevitably make this an awards night to remember, this year's highly competitive race for Best Motion Picture Drama itself is worth watching the award ceremony.



William Shatner



Harlem Globetrotters



Women's Basketball



Tina Fey

sports

THE BIG STAT

Overall team free throw percentage of the men's basketball team — worst in the SEC and 12 percentage points lower than last season's average.

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MINUTE DRILL

THE WEEKEND IN VANDERBILT SPORTS

By **ALLISON MAST**
Sports reporter

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Women's Basketball at South Carolina 6 p.m.

After two easy victories over the Mississippi schools, the Commodores look for a 3-0 start in conference play. Their opponents, the South Carolina Gamecocks, have a 1-1 SEC record, posting a win over Mississippi State and a 20-point loss to Tennessee.

Men's Basketball vs. Kentucky 8 p.m.

The Commodores kick off conference play against the Kentucky Wildcats, 2012 National Champions (and runners-up in the SEC Tournament). The Wildcats lost four non-conference games and are currently not ranked in the Top 25.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

Women's Track at Kentucky All Day

Women's track and field will start the semester with the first major indoor event. In early December, part of the team traveled to the Birmingham-Southern Indoor Ice Breaker where Brionne Williams won the high jump and set a personal record.

Bowling at Mid Winter Classic (Jonesboro, Ark.) All Day

Last semester, the bowling team had the best team game in school history at the Track Kat Klash. The squad is currently ranked third in the NTCA Coaches poll.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Women's Swimming vs. Evansville 1 p.m.

The women's swimming team is back in action after a training trip to Puerto Rico. The meet against Evansville is the team's first competition since its second-place finish at the Western Kentucky Invite.

Men's Basketball at Arkansas 5 p.m.

The men's basketball team travels to Fayetteville to face the Razorbacks, who went 9-4 in the non-conference portion of the season. This marks the first SEC away game for the Commodores.

Bowling at Mid Winter Classic All Day

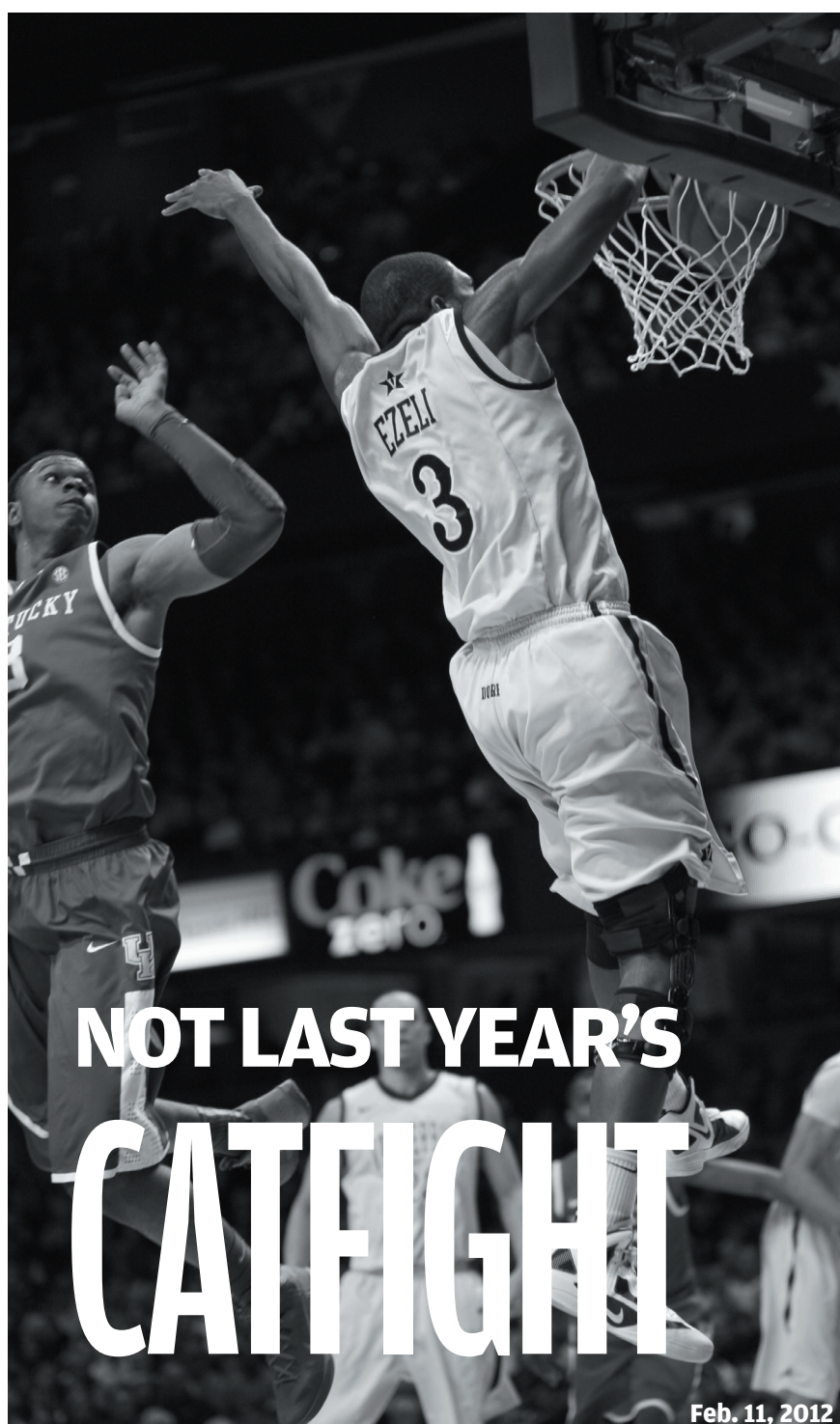
Women's Track at Kentucky All Day

SUNDAY, JAN. 13

Women's Basketball vs. Arkansas 2 p.m.

The Arkansas women's basketball team went 12-1 in non-conference play but has been struggling against SEC opponents. The Commodores have the talent to keep the Razorbacks at the bottom of the league rankings.

Bowling at Mid Winter Classic All Day



NOT LAST YEAR'S CATFIGHT

Feb. 11, 2012

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March 11, 2012

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Feb. 25, 2012

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Last season, the Commodores dropped their two regular season matchups to Kentucky on Feb. 11 and Feb. 25 despite strong efforts by Festus Ezeli (left) and Jeff Taylor (bottom right). Lance Goulbourne (top right) and company were able to bring home the SEC Championship by knocking off the Wildcats on March 11.

They're not the Goliath of last year, but **Kentucky** is still the team that **Kyle Fuller and the Commodores** have circled on their schedule.

By **NATE HEAGNEY**
Sports reporter

The last time the Vanderbilt men's basketball team faced Kentucky, an SEC championship was on the line, both rosters featured a litany of future NBA draft picks and there were serious post-season implications at stake. When the Commodores (6-6) face off against the Wildcats (9-4) tonight at 8 p.m. in Memorial Gymnasium, the circumstances will be much different for the young Vanderbilt squad. However, for the coaches and players, the game still holds major importance as both teams begin conference play.

"I think it's a great opportunity for our team," said coach Kevin Stallings. "We've

been up and down, of course, in the non-conference and really this is probably a good way for us to start the conference season, to have them come in here. If you have success, if you can win, it can certainly catapult and generate a lot of confidence in our team going forward in the league schedule."

Stallings would have you believe that the SEC opener against Kentucky is no different from any game against any other SEC team. But when you press the matter, you can tell playing the defending national champion is special to the Vandy players.

"They are Kentucky. Kentucky has the biggest name. We don't have the biggest name, and to bring down the biggest name makes us feel even better about ourselves," said guard Kyle Fuller.

Though Kentucky is a big name as Fuller notes, their season has not quite lived up to the team's pedigree. Kentucky (9-4) enters tonight's contest unranked. Though the Wildcats' freshman class consists of highly touted high school players, as per usual under coach John Calipari, they have not gelled as well as some Kentucky teams of recent memory.

Facing a team that has displayed signs of chemistry issues, Fuller and company feel like they have a chance.

"I always do the pregame speech," Fuller

said. "I'm going to tell this is everything we fight for right here — Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky, Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee."

That fight will come against a very long and athletic opponent. Kentucky enters the game ranking 20th in the nation in points per game, as well as eighth in blocked shots. Its attack is spearheaded by guard Archie Goodwin and forward Alex Poythress, who score 15.8 and 14 points a game, respectively. Poythress hails from nearby Clarksville, Tenn. and was recruited heavily by Vanderbilt.

Additionally, Kentucky features the No. 1-ranked recruit in the nation, Nerlens Noel. Noel leads Kentucky in both rebounds per game (9.3) and blocks (3.5).

Yet none of those players suited up for UK in last year's SEC championship game. In fact, only four players from last year's game will take the court tonight.

"It's a lot different game. They're a very different team," said junior Rod Odom. "They're long and athletic and very talented so it'll be a good test."

A win to start SEC play would help Vandy put aside its non-conference woes, especially against a formidable Kentucky team.

"It's going to be a battle; it's going to be a war," Fuller said. "And I'm going to try and make sure — me and Kedren are going to make sure — our family fights the hardest."

Coachspeak: Stallings on UK

On the difficulty of playing against Kentucky:

"They (Kentucky) present the same problems they always present, and it's always a big challenge to play them and to beat them."

On the buzz that comes every year when UK comes to town:

"I always go back to the statistic that they've won more championships than all the rest of the league put together. And so when you are dominant like that, of course people get excited to try and beat you. I think they face that kind of environment wherever they go."

On defending the Wildcats:

"I think you have to do the best job you can of keeping the ball away from the goal. Sometimes it seems like their best offense is a missed shot. They just go and rebound it and tip it in or dunk it in."

On Vanderbilt's free throw shooting woes:

"As I've maintained all along, they've made them in practice. So it's not an issue of where they can make them or not. It's whether they can make them in the games. We know that they're good enough shooters to make them."

On building off last year's SEC Championship win against UK:

"It takes great performances like that to beat teams with great talent. And that's the kind of performance we're going to need on Thursday night because they have great talent. It's young talent, but last year's team was young talent and they won the national championship."



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Vanderbilt's women's track team competes at the Black & Gold Invitational Track Meet; Nashville, TN; March 24, 2012



CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

The Southeastern Conference appears to be one of the more top-heavy leagues in the country, with a handful of teams having Final Four aspirations and a much larger group who who barely made it out of the first half of the season in one piece. Ahead of the first weekend of conference play, here's how the league shakes out:



Power Rankings

By ERIC SINGLE, Editor-in-chief



1. FLORIDA (11-2 OVERALL, 1-0 SEC):

In the wake of the departures of Bradley Beal and Erving Walker, last year's sidekicks have stepped up around senior guard Kenny Boynton to help shoulder the scoring load for the Gators. Mike Rosario, Will Yeguete and Scottie Wilbekin are the type of role players that make deep tournament runs realities. And there's no shame at all in losing to Arizona in Tuscon and falling to Kansas State in Kansas City.



2. MISSOURI (12-2, 1-0):

Tigers fans started dreaming of basketball season almost as soon as Kentucky fans did this fall — dropping a shocker to Norfolk State in the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament and missing the postseason altogether on the gridiron can have that effect. Phil Pressey and Laurence Bowers make a strong case for the best outside-inside combo in the country, and the arrival of a pair of transfers — Alex Oriakhi from UConn and Jabari Brown from Oregon — is helping Frank Haith's team do what it does best once again: rebound, score and run.



3. KENTUCKY (9-4, 0-0):

Whether we're watching a rope-a-dope performance of 2010-11 vintage or a talented Kentucky team that truly cannot mesh as well as its predecessors, the defending national champions will have the eyes of the league upon them this spring. Freshman Nerlens Noel will block almost anything, and Alex Poythress and Willie Cauley-Stein are physical enough to rebound everything else — any serious challenger needs an NBA-sized frontcourt to have a shot. The Wildcats looked the best they have all season in two non-conference dogfights against Duke and Louisville, both close losses.



4. LSU (9-3, 0-1):

First-year head coach Johnny Jones might be a little ahead of schedule in Baton Rouge. A young but game-tested Tigers lineup made it through non-conference play unscathed, with two road losses at the hands of tournament teams in Marquette and Boise State. If junior college transfer Shavon Coleman, averaging 14.1 points and 8.6 rebounds a game, continues to set the pace, the Tigers might end up as the class of what used to be the SEC West.



5. SOUTH CAROLINA (10-4, 0-1):

Avert your eyes from the Gamecocks' double-digit losses to Elon and St. John's and instead appreciate the job first-year head coach Frank Martin has done with a lineup that underwent a pretty substantial facelift from last year's 10-21 squad — the only significant holdover are senior forward Lakeem Jackson and football star Bruce Ellington. When the Gamecocks can run with anybody in three years and Martin's angry face is once again a national phenomenon, SEC basketball will be that much more fun.



6. OLE MISS (12-2, 1-0):

The Rebels rode a paper-thin non-conference schedule to their impressive start and therefore slide down to the middle of our first set of rankings. Losses to Middle Tennessee State and Indiana State aren't exactly world-shattering, but they were also Ole Miss' toughest two opponents of the first half. Expect the Rebels' fifth-best scoring average to slide once they start picking on teams their own size.



7. ARKANSAS (9-5, 0-1):

Count on any Mike Anderson team to get its points — not to mention its wins. Turns out The Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball was coming to the SEC whether Anderson stayed at Missouri two years ago or not. Mark your calendars for both legs of that home-and-home series this season.



8. TENNESSEE (8-5, 0-1):

Head coach Cuonzo Martin is getting his blue-collar, defense-first message across to the Volunteers, but sometimes the product on the court stays a little too true to the script. See November's 37-36 loss to Georgetown as proof. Vanderbilt and Tennessee might not combine to break 100 in either of their meetings this season.



9. TEXAS A&M (11-3, 1-0):

The Aggies were expected to struggle in their first season of SEC play, but they've overcome losses to St. Louis and Southern to reach 10 wins heading into their conference schedule. With two seniors averaging double-digit scoring in Elston Turner and Ray Turner, A&M might be a few more years away from having the depth to truly matter.



10. VANDERBILT (6-6, 0-0):

Call the Commodores out for poor free-throw shooting, puzzling late-game decisions and shooting streaks that both terrify and amaze all you want, but here's the simple fact: You know just as little about this team as Kevin Stallings does, and he's been pretty candid about how much frustration and head-shaking Vanderbilt's first half has engendered on his end. Facing an SEC slate filled with equally inconsistent opponents, the Commodores could make an improbable run just as easily as they could crash and burn.



11. ALABAMA (8-6, 0-1):

Junior guard Trevor Releford can fill it up, as he showed once again with 26 points in Tuesday's loss to Missouri, but without forwards JaMychal Greene and Tony Mitchell patrolling the frontcourt, the Crimson Tide just aren't the same. Anthony Grant's team will continue to put up a fight with anybody, but losing five of your last seven non-conference games doesn't auger well for SEC relevance.



12. AUBURN (7-7, 1-0):

After a 78-72 win over Florida State on Jan. 2 and a close loss to Illinois on the road just a few days before, are the Tigers rounding into form? Senior guard Frankie Sullivan is setting the pace with 17.8 points per game on a team that has the experience and depth to rotate liberally — 11 players are averaging double-digit minutes.



13. GEORGIA (6-8, 0-1):

The program turnaround head coach Mark Fox had begun to put in place over the last few years stalled out in ugly fashion at the start of the 2012-13 season. After losing back-to-back home games to Youngstown State and Southern Miss, the Bulldogs lost to No. 1 Indiana and No. 11 UCLA at the Progressive Legends Classic in Brooklyn, with none other than Bob Knight painting a picture of their selfish, lazy brand of basketball for a national audience the whole way through. Sophomore Kentavious Caldwell-Pope makes a strong case for the best one-man show in the SEC, however.



14. MISSISSIPPI STATE (6-7, 1-0):

In addition to being completely outclassed at the Maui Invitational at the hands of North Carolina, Marquette and Texas, the Bulldogs have suffered less public, more shameful losses on the contiguous United States — to Troy, Providence, Loyola (Ill.) and Alabama A&M — to secure a place in the SEC basement.

Three matchups to watch this weekend

By BEN WEINRIB
Sports reporter

Nerlens Noel and Willie Cauley-Stein vs. Vanderbilt's front line:

Vanderbilt is one of the smallest teams in the NCAA. While the Commodores play 6-foot-11-inch center Josh Henderson 21 minutes per game, the only other player on the roster taller than 6 feet 8 inches is Rod Odom, a forward known more for his jump shooting than his post game. On the other sideline, the Wildcat freshman tandem of Nerlens Noel (6 feet 10 inches) and Willie Cauley-Stein (7 feet) has combined for 18.1 points, 15.1 rebounds and 5.6 blocks per game. Though Noel and Cauley-Stein are both quite raw offensively, both already have made a big impact defensively, they should be able to exploit Vanderbilt's lack of size down low on both ends. Henderson, Odom and the rest of the Commodore "biggs" will need to contain the Wildcats on the boards and find a way to overcome their own smaller stature on defense.

Archie Goodwin vs. Kedren Johnson:

The leading scorers for Kentucky and Vanderbilt are both 6-foot-4-inch combo guards. The two play similar offensive games and are shooting with almost identical efficiency so far this year: Goodwin has a .469 field goal percentage (.400 three-point percentage), and Johnson has a .471 field goal percentage (.391 three-point percentage). Goodwin, however, drives to the basket at a higher rate, shooting 6.8 foul shots per game compared to Johnson's 3.9 attempts per game. It'll be key for Johnson, who often struggles on defense, to keep Goodwin from driving and racking up fouls on Vanderbilt's already-thin frontcourt.

Kentucky's vs. Vanderbilt's three-point shooting:

Kentucky and Vanderbilt are second and fifth respectively in the SEC in three-point shooting. Both teams are dependent on long-range shooting for different reasons: Kentucky because their big men are so raw offensively and Vanderbilt because of its dearth of talent in the frontcourt. Over its six wins, Vanderbilt has shot 42.3 percent from beyond the arc while only allowing the opposition to shoot 25.6 percent from the field. The remainder of contests, however, have seen Vanderbilt shoot just 27.2 percent from three, with its competitors shooting from long range at a 37.6 percent clip. The Wildcats have a similar but not quite as polarized relationship between three-point field goal percentage and success. The Commodores must not only contain Goodwin, Alex Poythress and Kyle Wiltjer (the trio is shooting 42.4 percent from three on the year) but also shoot well on the opposite end of the floor. Guard Kyle Fuller is shooting 15.8 percent from beyond the arc in losses, compared to 32.1 percent from range in wins — Vanderbilt is also 6-2 when he makes at least one three-pointer. Kevin Bright also has a noticeable split with 60-percent three-point shooting in wins and 38.5-percent shooting in losses, and the Commodores are 5-1 in games in which he makes two three-pointers. Vanderbilt's ability to hang with the Wildcats deep into Thursday's contest may very well hinge on how well they shoot from deep.



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Women's basketball takes 9-game streak to SC

By STEVE SCHINDLER
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The Vanderbilt women's basketball team has put together a string of strong performances over the past month. Head coach Melanie Balcomb's veteran squad is currently riding high on a nine-game winning streak that includes victories in the team's first two SEC matchups. After a dominant 92-41 win over Mississippi State at home, the Commodores beat Ole Miss in Oxford by 19 points on Sunday to put the memory of the squad's back-to-back losses in the San Juan Shootout in November even farther in the past.

On Thursday night, the Commodores will travel to South Carolina to take on the No. 18 Gamecocks. South Carolina finished in the Elite Eight last year thanks in large part to the team's tough and aggressive style of defense. With two 6-footers in the paint, the Gamecocks force their opponents to struggle offensively by closing off the paint. In order to knock off South Carolina, Vanderbilt will need a big game from forward Tiffany Clarke, who has really stepped up her game recently, posting double-doubles in each of her last two games. In the Commodores' 76-57 victory over Ole Miss, she put up 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

"She plays her best in the most physical games," Balcomb said of Clarke. "She really hits the boards hard and is tough with her back to the basket."

Balcomb believes this team is developing chemistry quickly due to the presence of several veterans on the roster. She isn't afraid to assign praise to her "quarterback," senior point guard Jasmine Lister, for nurturing that on-court chemistry.

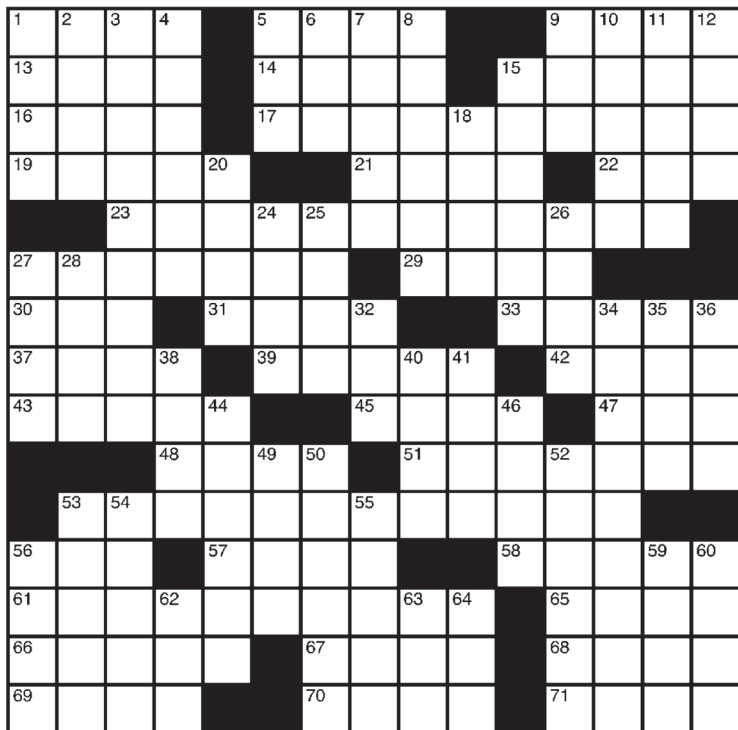
"At this point, our biggest problem is over-passing," said Balcomb. "We are passing up a better shot in order to make that extra pass. That's a good problem to have, especially considering we aren't that developed until tournament time."

The Commodores look poised to make a statement this month, taking on the conference's best in an effort to prolong their winning streak and stay atop the standings.

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Jon of "Mad Men"
 - 5 Site of the volcano Olympus Mons
 - 9 Mosque official
 - 13 Double Stuf treat
 - 14 Downwind
 - 15 Hells Canyon is on its western border
 - 16 Switch from a bottle to a cup, say
 - 17 *Design pattern on some Irish crosses
 - 19 "Migrant Mother" photographer Dorothea _____
 - 21 Q7 automaker
 - 22 Mop & _____
 - 23 *Not surprising
 - 27 Carpenter's accessory
 - 29 Event in many 30-Across
 - 30 Newspaper inserts
 - 31 Tizzy
 - 33 Church leader
 - 37 Stray
 - 39 Monetary interest
 - 42 Retailer Strauss
 - 43 Use a lever on, as a floorboard
 - 45 Org. with bowls
 - 47 Chem cousin
 - 48 Rainbow goddess
 - 51 Battery partner
 - 53 *Ready to come clean
 - 56 Place for a ring
 - 57 Have on
 - 58 Vague
 - 61 *Got some gumption
 - 65 Bog down
 - 66 Voice of the difficult homeowner in "Up"
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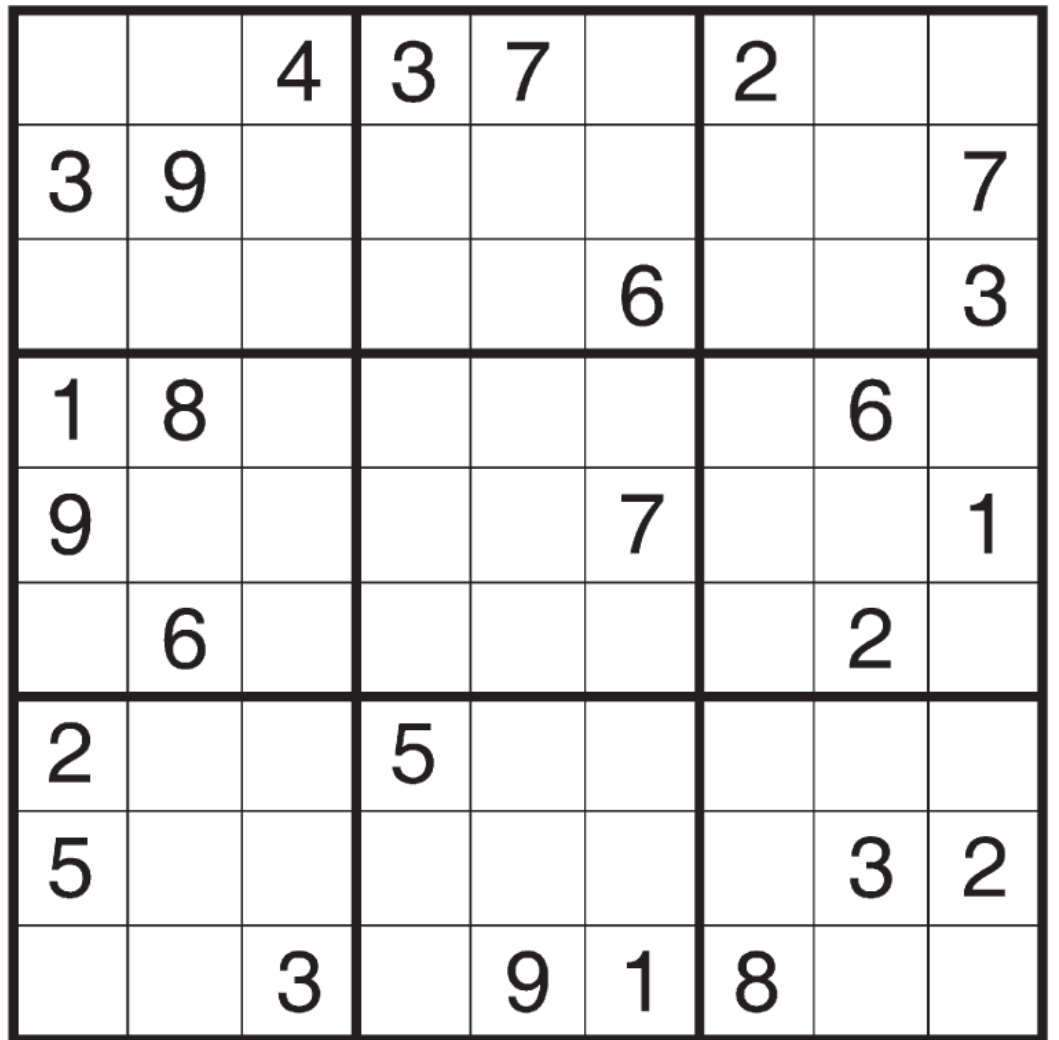
By Jennifer Nutt 1/10/13

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- 10 Itchy canine ailment
- 11 "Get ___ of yourself!"
- 12 Fictional detective skilled in judo
- 15 Wintry spike
- 18 It might just come to you
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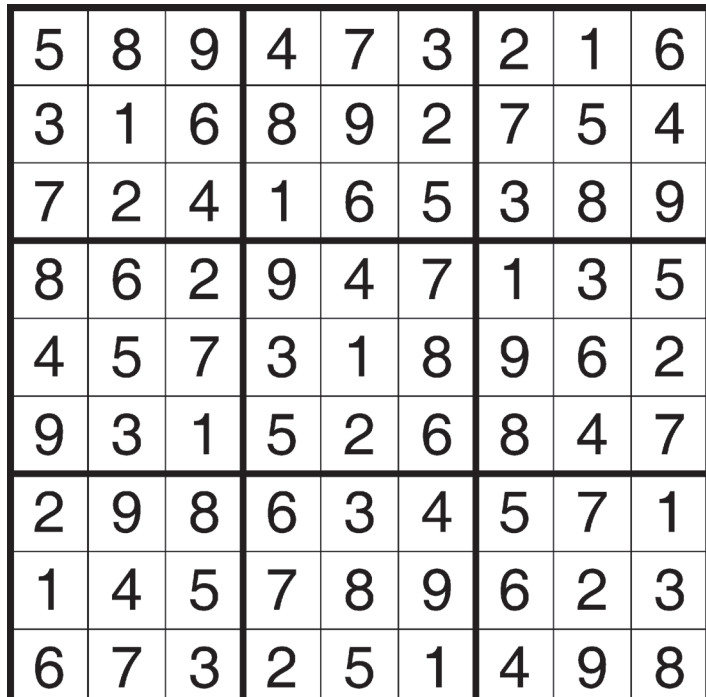


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- 52 Breakdown of social norms
- 53 Ankle bones
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- 64 Slippery ___

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Answers to Monday's puzzle 1/10/13



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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