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THE WALL

compiled by SARA GAST

TODAY

Free Speech Friday

"We are Vanderbilt" continues on Rand Terrace from noon to 1 p.m. where students can stand up and speak out with students, faculty and staff. Students are encouraged to wear "We are Vanderbilt" T-shirts.

TODAY Lambda Drag Show

The 13th annual Vanderbilt Lambda **Association Drag** Show, the concluding event of the first Vanderbilt Rainbow ReVU week, will be held at 7 p.m. on Alumni Lawn.

TODAY Haiti Surgical barbecue benefit

Students can join Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at 5 p.m. at the SAE house to raise funds to provide life-saving surgeries performed by SAE alumni and **Emory Medishare to** the people of Haiti's Central Plateau.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 Relay For Life

The fundraiser for Society will feature

the American Cancer entertainment, food and an all-night walka-thon starting at 7 p.m. at the track.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

InVUsion Students are invited to

join the Multicultural Leadership Council as it celebrates the conclusion to its week devoted to cultural awareness. There will be food and performances by various groups on campus at 1 p.m. Alumni Lawn.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 Cafe con Leche

Performances for the annual event include merengue, cumbia, bachata, salsa, bomba, tango, hip-hop and festejo, as well as skits and student group Spoken Word. The event will be at 7 p.m.

in Ingram Auditorium,

and tickets are \$5 at

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Looking back on what **Bilotta built**



Senior Cara Bilotta accomplished multiple goals in her year as Vanderbilt Student Government's first president. Among them are adding a second 25-passenger Vandy Van, bringing the USA Today Collegiate Readership Program to campus, and adding Best Wok and Qdoba to the Taste of Nashville program.

by SYDNEY WILMER

Senior Reporter

Maybe it cannot be done pinpointing the biggest achievement of Vanderbilt Student Government's inaugural year and its first leader, that is.

Though Cara Bilotta achieved much of her platform — and she said she still gets a warm fuzzy feeling when she sees a full, big beige Vandy Van, the fruit of months of negotiation — perhaps, she said, "our greatest achievement is something that is a little less tangible."

Among her successes, Bilotta led VSG to host the first-ever Memorial Madness, restructure the Student Finance Committee and activity fee application process, extend the hours of the Highland Quad

Munchie Mart to 1 a.m., add a second 25-passenger Vandy Van, change the way seniority was determined for the housing selection (from academic credit hours to years of study), add Odoba and Best Wok to the Taste of Nashville program, bring the USA Today Collegiate Readership Program to campus and save the student tailgate lot.

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Students 'squeeze' discussion on JuicyCampus

by JANELLE STOKES

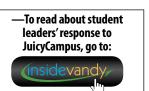
Senior Reporter

JuicyCampus.com isn't a new phenomenon for our generation.

We've been introduced primitive spreading our entire lives (think "Harriet the Spy" and her old-school notebook or "Mean Girls"). However, JuicyCampus is a new form of gossip that thrives on anonymity and the power of the Internet.

Wednesday night, the Towers West lounge was full of students and faculty who wanted to "Squeeze the Juice" out of the popular Web site through a facilitated discussion codirected by junior Joann Lee and senior Courtney Williams.

Facilitators in green shirts encouraged those who came through the doors to grab a sandwich



and talk to three people they didn't know. The room was full of students eager to tackle the issues of what to do about JuicyCampus even before the event officially began.

"Our plans were to unite the student body. We wanted to bring out the whole campus, not just blackpeople, white people or people who had been affected by JuicyCampus, but everyone," Williams said. "Our goals really manifested themselves in the diverse group of people that were there and how everyone engaged in the conversations."

Theeventwasstructured around posts taken from the Web site that were Please see **JUICY CAMPUS**, page 3



The "We are Vanderbilt" pledge was signed by hundreds of students to honor the Community Creed values of scholarship, honesty, civility, accountability, caring, discovery and celebration. Students who signed received T-shirts to wear today.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF Security lapse exposes **Facebook photos**

SAN FRANCISCO — A security lapse made it possible for unwelcome strangers to peruse personal photos posted on Facebook Inc.'s popular online hangout, circumventing a recent upgrade to the Web site's privacy controls.

The Associated Press verified the loophole after receiving a tip from a Byron Ng, a Vancouver, Canada, computer technician. Ng began looking for security weaknesses last week after Facebook unveiled more ways for 67 million members to restrict access to their personal profiles.

But the added protections weren't enough to prevent Ng from pulling up the most recent pictures posted by Facebook members and their friends, even if the privacy settings were set to restrict the audience to a select few.

After being alerted Monday afternoon, a Facebook spokeswoman said the Palo Altobased company would look into the problem, and the Web site appears to have closed the security hole.

The lapse serves as another reminder of the perils of sharing sensitive photos and personal information online, even when Web sites pledge to shield the information from prying eyes.

Reservation fee for classrooms eliminated

by ADAM WEINSTEIN Asst News Editor

For student organizations, it's easier than ever

Earlier this week, Dean of the College of Arts and Science Richard McCarty agreed to a Vanderbilt Student Government-initiated proposal to eliminate room reservation fees for student groups reserving space in Arts and Science classrooms in the fall semester. It is a move that VSG President Joseph Williams and Vice President Wyatt Smith hope will lead to better allocation of student activities fees and save organizations money.

"This is a policy shift that helps everyone," Williams said. "It helps all the organizations, all of their budgets, and, in turn, helps and allows student activity fee funds to be given to more people for more purposes."

With all of the diverse interests represented at Vanderbilt, room reservation fees can be a hardship for small or new student groups.

"Being actively involved in a lot of student organizations, I know what a burden room reservations cost have had on small student groups," Smith said. "It was really unfortunate because student money was going to finance things that the university had negligible cost for."

The Community Partnership House and Sarratt Student Center are the only places where space can be rented without cost, but with the fee elimination almost all rooms in Calhoun, Furman, Buttrick and Benson halls will be available to student groups, free of charge.

"This will take a lot of burden off the Community Partnership House, who gives space to community service groups," Smith said. "They're overloaded right now, and there have been instances where they just haven't been able to accommodate all the people interested because there's not enough room there."

Due to concerns about research security, Wilson Hall is not being included in the room fee elimination. Student groups will still be able to reserve space in Wilson by the current reservation process, which allows students to reserve Wilson 103, Wilson 126 and at least one additional classroom.

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Gates orders full inventory of US nuclear weapons, related materials after mistaken delivery

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates has ordered a full inventory of all nuclear weapons and related materials after the mistaken delivery of ballistic missile fuses to Taiwan, the Pentagon told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Gates told officials with the Air Force, Navy and Defense Logistics Agency to assess inventory control procedures for the materials and to submit a report within 60 days.

US diplomats instructed to take cover in Baghdad after attacks

WASHINGTON — The State Department has instructed all personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad not to leave reinforced structures due to incoming insurgent rocket fire that has killed two American government workers this week.

In a memo sent Thursday to embassy staff and obtained by The Associated Press, the department says employees are required to wear helmets, body armor and other protective gear if they must venture outside and strongly advises them to sleep in blastresistant locations instead of the less secure trailers that most occupy.

Obama wants tighter watch on Wall St., Clinton warns of 3 a.m. economic crisis call

NEW YORK — Democrat Barack Obama said Thursday a firmer government hand is needed on Wall Street and a \$30 billion stimulus is needed to rescue homeowners and the jobless, The Associated Press reported.

Rival Hillary Clinton called for a new job retraining program to remedy what both candidates derided as Republican indifference to a sputtering economy.

Both Obama and Clinton argued that Republican nominee-inwaiting John McCain isn't ready or willing to handle an economic emergency.

One-time bitter rivals, McCain, Romney campaign together

SALT LAKE CITY — In a show of Republican unity, one-time bitter foes John McCain and Mitt Romney raised money and campaigned together Thursday for a single goal — getting McCain elected president.

"We are united. Now our job is to energize our party," the Arizona senator said in an airport hangar, flanked by Romney and Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr., an early McCain supporter. Both have been mentioned as potential vice presidential picks, and McCain praised each, according to The Associated Press.

China's tightly scripted media tour of Tibet disrupted by monks shouting they have no freedom

LHASA, **China** — The stage-managed tour of Tibet's holiest temple was going according to the government script. Suddenly, 30 young Buddhist monks pushed their way in, slammed the door, and began shouting and crying to the foreign reporters that there was no freedom in the riot-torn region.

The emotional, 15-minute outburst by the red-robed monks decrying their lack of religious freedom was the only spontaneous moment Thursday in an otherwise tightly controlled government trip to the Tibetan capital for foreign reporters following this month's deadly riots, The Associated Press reported.

Traveler said TSA forced her to remove nipple piercings at Texas airport

LOS ANGELES — A Texas woman who said she was forced to remove a nipple ring with pliers in order to board an airplane called for an apology by federal security agents and a civil rights investigation, The Associated Press reported.

Mandi Hamlin said she was trying to board a flight from Lubbock to Dallas when she was scanned by a Transportation Security Administration agent, who called over her male colleagues when the handheld detector beeped in front of Hamlin's chest. One of them said she would have to remove the jewelry, Hamlin said.

LA Times apologizes, says documents used for Tupac Shakur story likely fabricated

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Times apologized for using apparently fabricated documents in a story implying that a 1994 assault on Tupac Shakur was carried out by associates of Sean "Diddy" Combs, and that he knew about it ahead of time, The Associated Press reported.

Pulitzer-prize winning reporter Chuck Philips, who wrote the story, and his supervisor, Deputy Managing Editor Marc Duvoisin, also apologized.

Democratic House leaders opposed to retention GPA phase in plan

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Democratic House leaders want to lower the cumulative grade point average needed to maintain a lottery scholarship, The Associated Press reported, but they prefer to do it all at once, opposing a Republican plan to phase in the change as well as a plan by the governor.

Under current rules, students must be enrolled full time in college, have a GPA of at least 2.75 after their freshman year and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for subsequent years to keep the scholarship.

Study shows candidates should pay more attention to their speaking skills **NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Voters without strong ideological beliefs are

swayed by presidential candidates with better oratorical skills, according to research by Vanderbilt assistant political science professor Christian Grose.

In addition, highly educated voters are more likely than those with fewer years of schooling to be influenced by complex speech.

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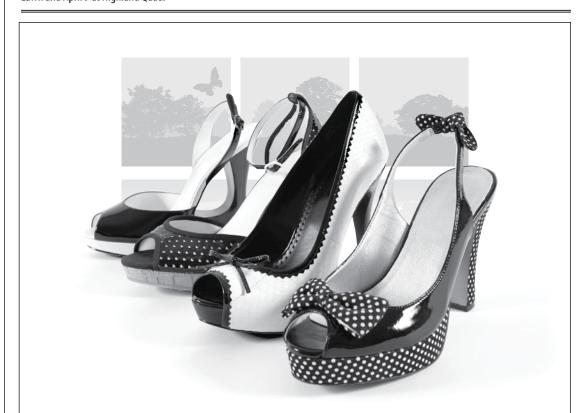


SNAPSHOT



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Captain Roger Stearns and freshman Yoseph Beki play volleyball at Beat the Heat on The Commons Upper Quad on March 26. The program tries to acquaint students with their officers in a fun, non-confrontational setting. Additional events will be April 2 on Alumni Lawn and April 9 at Highland Quad.



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FEE REMOVAL: Fund in place to

Fund in place to protect room from student damage

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An issue for the cost elimination proposal was the control the fees provided in case groups caused damage or a mess that needed to be cleaned up by the janitorial staffs in the rooms.

"That was really the critical issue," McCarty said. "I was really impressed by the plan Wyatt and Joseph came up with, which allows a fund to be set up in case there's any damage to the rooms or anything that needs to be cleaned up."

To provide accountability to the College of Arts and Science for damaging the classrooms, the proposal calls for the VSG and the Office of the Dean of Students to set aside a "Classroom Integrity Security Fund" totaling \$5,000.

In order for the removal of fees to truly be successful, students must remember not to abuse the allocation of space and treat the rooms appropriately.

"It's important that students understand that with the benefits of free room reservations comes added responsibility on being accountable for your actions in these spaces," Smith said. "If you don't, we'll lose more than we have right now."

Williams and Smith said they were pleased to see their efforts pay off in their first major implication as the new leaders of VSG.

"It's so nice to see this now come to fruition," Williams said. "It's a perfect example of what student government can do when they work together, when they do their research and when they keep pushing even when they come up against some hurdles. They can actually get some real things accomplished to help student organizations."

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BILOTTA: Balance of roles created challenge

From **BILOTTA**, page 1

Nevertheless, she maintains that communication has been the crowning achievement of the year, if there is one.

"I think developing partnerships with administrators and student leaders has been one of the biggest accomplishments this year," Bilotta said. "This will help (VSG President) Joseph (Williams) more than anything else we have achieved."

She also thinks that it will further one of her original platform points: showing students exactly what the student government can and could do for the study body. Bilotta campaigned on this concept of "transparency" in spring 2007 and believes it is one of the keys to improving VSG.

"Sometimes it is hard to inform students about what we are doing," she said. "Working on proposals for things like housing requires a lot of knowledge that the general student doesn't have. It is hard to show students exactly what the work involved is."

But the biggest challenge Bilotta encountered this year was balance, she

"Sometimes I felt less like a student and more like a staff member," Bilotta said. "I had to skip class, skip parts of my social life. I knew it would be a time commitment, but it was a surprise. Figuring out balance was really difficult.

"You want to be the students' main advocate, so staying in touch is so

"Sometimes it is hard to inform important, but it is incredibly difficult adents about what we are doing," she to stay in touch."

As Bilotta prepares for graduation, she said she believes there are big and bright things on the horizon for VSG and Vanderbilt.

She is hopeful that initiatives like funding financial aid for summer study abroad will go through successfully and that students will be proactive in holding their student leaders accountable.

Bilotta said she was surprised so few students contacted her directly with questions.

"I want to see students looking at their student leaders as advocates," she said. "I also want to see them keeping those leaders — Joseph Williams next year — on their toes. "I think VSG has a really bright future, and (it) can continue to strengthen relationships; (it has) made considerable strides, and I want to see (it) improve that communication."

And Vanderbilt, she said, also has a

bright future in store.

"A lot of people worry that Vanderbilt is getting too smart," she said. "I disagree."

She said she thinks Vanderbilt will not lose its social appeal anytime soon — or its SEC prowess.

"It is a place I am happy to call my alma mater," Bilotta said. ■

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Derby Days determination



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Derby Days events, like Tuesday's field events, continue today, with the winner being announced at tomorrow night's party. Alpha Chi Omega sorority found the black derby, the search for which is one of the highlights of the week. To see more photos from Derby Days, go to InsideVandy.com

JUICY CAMPUS: Community events planned for future

From JUICY CAMPUS, page 1

read and then discussed amongst several groups facilitated by leaders from various student organizations. Students were able to vent their frustrations in a safe environment and think of actions that could be taken to negate the effects on campus.

When Dean of Students Mark Bandas found out about JuicyCampus, the posts were innocuous, but he became concerned when personal attacks were made. Since then, Bandas, who attended the discussion, has supported student organizations in their efforts to stymie the popularity of the site in attempts to preserve the campus community.

"What I value about Vanderbilt is the community, and to make (it) function you have to act in an awareness of other people, and you have to weave into that awareness respect, consideration and circumspection," Bandas said. "Preserving the strength (and civility) of that community is really at the heart of our educational mission."

Matt Ivester, JuicyCampus creator and Duke alumnus, intended for the Web site to be a place for students to post funny, helpful and insightful comments about their campus. In a letter to "Juicy Campers" on the official blog, Ivester urged students to weigh their actions when posting after receiving

several complaints from students claiming defamation.

"We want you to be able to post about the topics that are most important, interesting and entertaining to you. ... We want you to post about the real life scandals that are happening," Ivester said. "We want you to make JuicyCampus juicy, not hateful."

However, students at the forum decided JuicyCampus was causing more harm than good and opted not to visit the site again. Today, students are wearing black "We are Vanderbilt" shirts and participating in "Free Speech Friday," where students can reestablish the respect and solidarity of the community. Future plans include "Mix it up Monday," where students will sit with people they normally would not, and "Orange Day," where students will wear orange to express their solidarity against JuicyCampus.

"The purpose of the event was past JuicyCampus. It's really about the posts and what our fellow students are saying about other students," Lee said. "We are a community, and if we are treating each other like this, we are dividing the community. We wanted to talk (about) and work through these issues that we have."

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COLUMN

Bilotta leaves record of action, accomplishment

Cara Bilotta's term as the first president involved of Vanderbilt Student Government has concluded, as has a far more productive year than has been seen in recent

Bilottasawsuccessinthelargemajority of the areas she outlined last year when campaigning. That success covers a wide and varied group of initiatives ranging from the way in which student money is allocated to housing ballot point simplification, from weekend social issues like Vandy Vans and the tailgate lot to extended Varsity Market hours and Taste of Nashville expansion, as well as the addition of the USA Today Collegiate Readership Program.

While none of these accomplishments

VSG pledge

makes lame

attempt to

'save' us all

Barack Obama likes to believe he is saving

America. Indeed, it seems to Obama and his

supporters that there is a national soul, and this

soul is in peril. They contend that by reaffirming

something about unity and common purpose,

we can heal the nebulous wounds of the older

generations and move forward. It's a movement

that excites young people. It's a movement

that warms hearts and makes us feel good. It's

a movement that anyone of any background

And it's a movement that bothers me to no

There's a similar movement on our own

campus. We've heard constantly this school

year about the need for Vanderbilt to move

forward. As a community, they say, we need to

embrace one another, celebrate our differences

as well as our commonalities. Some of this

movement is driven by the university, some of it

by student groups and much of it by our elected

undergraduate governing body, Vanderbilt

The student body received an e-mail from the

new VSG president, Joseph Williams, on Tuesday

morning. The e-mail alerted students to a series

should be able to get behind.

revolutionary collectively they amount to quite a bit of success. In considering these developments, the editorial board finds that each reflects an enthusiastic yet realistic approach to noted student wishes and concerns, while always seeking to infuse the undergraduate experience with greater fairness. A drive for this fairness, though, would have been pointless without concrete accomplishment — Bilotta's legacy will be one of refreshing action.

Her tenure's success sets a higher standard for VSG as a body than might have otherwise occurred. In many organizations, the first year following a major structural change involves a fair

change, bit of posturing and sluggish responses, in the name of transition. Bilotta did not follow this model and, hopefully, that will translate into a foundation to build on for VSG President Joseph Williams.

> Moreover, Bilotta seems to balance and embody many of the traits that comprise the superlative Vanderbilt student: a commitment to academics and deep involvement in the campus community while maintaining a social life — and a larger perspective on how those components should fit together.

> We always seek student leaders who can both represent our interests and reflect who we are as a student body and, in many ways, Bilotta succeeded in both regards.

COLUMN

Clinton will ruin her own party

BRIAN WENTWORTH Guest Columnist

Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico put it best when defending his decision to back Barack Obama for the Democratic nomination despite long-time Clinton ties: "(The Clintons) think they have a sense of entitlement to the presidency." Hillary Clinton launched her campaign for the White House in January 2007, and prior to the Iowa caucuses, she ran as the presumptive frontrunner and inevitable choice for Democrats.

Yet since those first few votes began to trickle in, Democrats, independents and even some Republicans have clearly rejected this Clintonian arrogance. Obama has won more states (and more primaries if you want to exclude caucus states), has over 150 more pledged delegates, has gotten many recent high profile superdelegates and has a large lead in the popular vote. In the face of this overwhelming evidence, Clinton refuses to acknowledge that the majority prefers Obama's message of hope and inspiration, his sincere desire to unite the country after eight years of bitter bipartisanship and his willingness to talk with our enemies. Obama represents a new direction for our country — this generation's John F. Kennedy, as Caroline Kennedy pointed out.

believes she can win nomination. Before Texas and Ohio the math did not look pretty; it looks even less favorable today as she would need to win by 60 percent or more in each state just to pull in pledged delegates. Instead of doing the honorable thing and ceding the nomination to Obama, she continues to tear apart the Democratic Party. The latest polls show that 37 percent of Clinton supporters would not vote for Obama; 26 percent of Obama supporters would not vote for Clinton. This polarization, a term often used to characterize Clinton's figure, just seems to be deepening the political rift.

Obama from the start promised a new kind of politics, one that did not focus on tearing each other down but rather building a strong, unified coalition that would once again elevate our great nation in the eyes of the world. Although a few of his campaign staffers have deviated from this pillar, they have quickly resigned; Obama himself has not launched attack ads or to attack Clinton's attempted

In the face of defeat, Clinton has resorted to the tactics Obama has decried. The 3 a.m. ad was a page out of Karl Rove's playbook, but it underscored the hypocrisy of the Clinton camp. Days later Please see WENTWORTH, page 5

COLUMN

Why our girls are hotter



I was perusing the Internet yesterday, doing some research for my 17th-century literature class when one of my Google searches somehow managed to pull up a link entitled "Hottest Student Bodies." I couldn't remember which author we had studied wrote that one, so I decided to do the academic thing and investigate further. You can imagine my disappointment when I discovered the article had absolutely nothing to do with literature, but was instead a list of the 50 hottest colleges ranked by looks (of the girls) alone. Becasue these lists are the sole reason I decided to attend Vanderbilt, I eagerly read on. I figured we'd be something like top ten, maybe twenty if they somehow caught us without makeup on. Apparently, we've been putting on weight. We're

I know for a fact we are much hotter than this. I immediately started paging through numbers one to 30, and it's awful. Duke? Woof. Michigan State? Please. Utah?! Are you kidding?! I couldn't believe what I was reading. As I looked through the list, past all the drunk blondes, it made me realize how lucky I was to go through college with girls like you. Honestly. Sure, other girls are hot. Of course that girl from USC is hot, but she's also probably the most likely to get spit out the bottom of the porn industry. But you're different.

31. Thirty-one. What?

You're smart. I can't speak for every guy of course, but the fact you can tutor me in Spanish is hot. Plus, you can give me your notes when I miss class, and I know I'll be all right. Seriously though, I don't think some people appreciate the fact we go to school with a very intelligent group of women, and it couldn't be nicer.

You're fun. I love the fact I call you at 4 p.m. and, sometimes, you've been drinking. You come up with outrageous ideas about what we're going to do today, and occasionally we'll do them.

You know what you're talking about. You've traveled. You understand there is a world outside of your home state. You've been there. While these things themselves are not cool, what you've learned from them is. Sometimes I talk to you and I realize I know absolutely nothing about the world around me.

You're hot. You're not the Jenn Sterger porn star type, and it's a good thing. You know exactly how to smile and make it mean something. You can do more with a sundress than those girls can do with a G-string. That's not to say that, should the mood strike you, you shouldn't try one on.

You have your life together. The fact I don't have to worry about tons of excess baggage in disguise is great. You don't call me at 5 a.m. asking to be picked up at your drug dealer's house. These things may sound outlandish to you, but this is because you're not recently released from the psych ward at Arkham asylum.

Your family has money. There, I said it. I'm not saying I'm planning our Christmas card together, but it's cool if your family has a 60-foot yacht in Nassau we could spend a weekend on. A week in Aspen for spring break next year in your aunt's condo? Only if you want to, I wouldn't want to impose ... ARE YOU SERIOUS?! Oh, if I promise to bring it back by 5, can I borrow your BMW? These aren't legit reasons to like someone of course, but they sure are perks.

You know what you want. Confidence in a woman is hot, I don't care what anyone says. You don't need constant attention because you're secure enough in yourself to be on your own. You're almost too good at this; you never call anymore. Was it something I said?

You have dreams. You may not know what you want to do next year, or next minute, but that's not what I'm saying. You know where you want to be, and you're not content to just move back home. Seeing how you'll get there is going to be half the

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Richardson's critical endorsement



<u> AIMEE SOBHANI</u>

Columnist

Please see **WARREN**, page 5

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are two very strong contenders in what will be probably one of the most historical presidential races in our country's history. The two candidates possess very different qualities, explaining why the race to gain the Democratic nomination is so heated. At this point, anything could help either of the candidates pull forward in the race — meaning Bill Richardson's endorsement of Obama could give him enough momentum to beat out Clinton.

Richardson, the Democratic governor of New Mexico and former presidential candidate, has some influence despite the fact he failed to garner enough support to make it past the earlier Democratic primaries. Since he is a governor, he is a superdelegate, but this distinction pales in comparison to the fact that Richardson is a prominent Hispanic official.

Even though race should not be an issue in the election, Richardson's endorsement could sway his fellow Hispanics to support Obama. Hispanics, unlike other key minority groups, do not exhibit an overwhelming tendency to vote for a certain party. According to The Washington Post, Al Gore gained support of 65

percent of Hispanics in the 2000 election, but Kerry failed to win a large Hispanic backing, capturing only 55 percent of Hispanic votes in the 2004 election.

The Democrats' failure to completely win over Hispanic voters stems largely from the fact that most Hispanic people are strict adherents to Catholicism, meaning many of them are more conservative than blacks, who almost always support Democratic candidates. Thus, Hispanics are more likely to find Democrats' positions on certain issues, such as abortion and gay marriage,

If the Democrats want to win in November, they must have strong support from the Hispanic community. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, Hispanics represent the largest and fastestgrowing minority in the United States, and they will make up about 15 percent of the population in 2008. While Hispanic voters will probably only account for about nine percent of the vote in the next election, that small, seemingly insignificant percentage will probably decide who will be our next leader.

In particular, the Hispanic vote is important in southwestern states like New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, where Hispanics make up either a plurality or a majority of the population. The

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hate, intolerance pervades our campus

From WARREN, page 4 of the Vanderbilt Community Creed: civility. The purpose of this hastily publicized programming? To tackle issues stemming from Juicycampus, the online and anonymous gossip forum that has faded as most fads at Vanderbilt do.

This week's initiative, inanely titled "We Are Vanderbilt" (as if there were any belief to the contrary), clearly doesn't resolve the target issue. A small number of people (who may or may not actually attend Vanderbilt) anonymously posted offensive comments, and they don't believe in civility. What do people who sign the pledge to show their "intolerance for hate speech" gain from doing so? Perhaps a sense of pride about their own beliefs or a feeling of solidarity with Vanderbilt students who share those beliefs, but this doesn't necessarily change the culture.

This seems to be the overarching purpose: changing the culture at Vanderbilt. Apparently, ours is one of intolerance of people of other backgrounds or belief systems. Never mind that there was only one Vanderbilt undergraduate involved in the physical attack on a gay couple last fall; then-VSG President Cara Bilotta used the incident to indict a whole campus for a lack of compassion and understanding. The logic does not follow, but it makes us feel good to be the first to target a perceived problem and criticize ourselves for it.

WARREN: 'We Are Vanderbilt' assumes

In the same way, all those involved in organizing the indoctrination — excuse me, reaffirmation — take pride in their efforts to make a statement that is not bold and forward thinking, but bland and contrived. VSG and their ilk may believe they are saving Vanderbilt's soul, but we would do well to relegate that job to vessels of our own personal faith or belief system.

The e-mail boldly proclaimed that the Vanderbilt community does "not tolerate gossip, slander or hateful speech," and we must affirm our common values in opposition to this. I take issue with the last of these intolerable expressions. Gossip, of course, is only as consequential as the people who hear it make it, and we all know it is generally unnecessary. Slander is wrong, and quantifiably so: People cannot intentionally lie when attacking another person's

evidence can determine if attacks are true.

The term "hateful speech" and its cousin "hate speech" are different stories. "Hate" is a subjective term, and what may be hateful to some may be logical to others. There are those statements that are invariably offensive to all, but those are irrelevant in this discussion; if there is near-universal agreement that a statement is hateful and should not be tolerated, what good does a pledge reaffirming this create?

The "We Are Vanderbilt" initiative is annoyingly presumptuous presupposition that there is a culture of intolerance rampant on Vanderbilt's campus, and its supporters are vastly out of touch with reality if they believe a poster of signatures and a mass of self-congratulating T-shirts can make some kind of difference. The initiative makes little sense, but it sure makes us all feel better about ourselves.

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"I don't know what to do with my life. Why are there so many

"What's that, Todd Goldman? Your inspiration is your 'wittiness' and 'sense of humor'? Yeah, anyone stupid enough to buy anything you 'made' would believe that."

"I am not exactly comfortable giving the living wage to people who are constantly rude, i.e., Morgan munchie mart workers."

"I'll tell you why discussions of on-campus food are more valuable than discussions of drug use. There is still question as to whether on-campus food is good or not, but we all know that the on-campus drugs are great!"

"Seriously, what the hell are you DKEs doing every night? One night I looked out my window to see where all the yelling was coming from, and I saw a kid in just his boxers holding a broom and wearing what appeared to be a Darth Vader helmet singing the national anthem."

"Maybe if you don't want Greek Life to punish your sorority, you should all grow penises. Problem solved."

"I've ranted about this before, but PLEASE learn how to use the ordering machine at Stonehenge. I know technology can be intimidating, but I just want my sandwich!"

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SOBHANI: Richardson's endorsement may alter the Hispanic vote for the Democrats

Democrats need to win the electoral votes from these states if they wish to counteract the Southern states' tendency to vote Republican, and winning a large majority of the Hispanic vote could help the Democrats make headway in states that are not California and not located in the Northeast.

Though obviously Richardson's support of either Democratic candidate would help the Democrats as a whole gain more votes, Richardson's support of Obama is particularly important when viewed in a

social context. Historically, African-Americans and Hispanics have had past tensions. Thus, Richardson's endorsement of Obama may offer a critical bridging between groups within the Democratic Party.

Richardson's decision to endorse Obama can only help his campaign, but only time will tell if the New Mexican governor's opinion will actually matter in the scheme of things.

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WENTWORTH: Hillary's entitlement, greed continue to drive divisive campaign

From WENTWORTH, page 4

Compiled by Katherine Miller

Bill and Hillary both suggested that a unity ticket, with Obama serving as vice president, could be unbeatable. Yet the Clinton campaign had previously doubted Obama's readiness to be president; how could he be prepared to be vice president and not president (especially when he's an assassination or medical emergency away from the Oval Office)?

The only ones who profit from this chaotic mess are John McCain and the Republicans. He wrapped up the nomination weeks ago and now is able to prepare for the general election in November. While Bush's legacy has certainly tarnished the GOP, poll numbers suggest that McCain would be a tough opponent for any Democrat. The longer he campaigns, the better his connection with independents — a bloc Obama has repeatedly won.

By denying Obama the ability to unify the Democrats and then target undecided voters, Clinton is destroying the Democrats'

chances at the White House. Her greed and sense of entitlement comes at the expense of the party and is costing not only Obama, but the American people as well. Here's one more telling sign that Clinton needs to end her bid. If Rush Limbaugh is telling Republicans to pull the lever for Clinton, he's wetting his pants at the prospect of Obama.

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SPORTS

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TODAY Baseball vs. Arkansas, 6 p.m Coming off a thrilling

walk-off win over MTSU, the Commodores now look towards their matchup against their SEC foe in the Razorbacks. Arkansas, on the other hand, is coming off an ugly loss to Centenary but has been solid in league play so far.

TODAY Men's Tennis vs. Ole Miss, 2 p.m.

Vanderbilt is 2-4 in the SEC, and looks to get closer to that .500 mark when they host the 13-4 Rebels today at home. Junior Nick Cromydas and freshman Alex Zotov have been hot as of late and hope to propel the Dores to victory. Last year, Ole Miss won both matches against Vanderbilt.

SATURDAY Vanderbilt vs. Maryland women's basketball Sweet 16 viewing party

Vandy Fanatics is sponsoring a viewing party of the Vanderbilt vs. Maryland women's basketball game in the battle to advance to the Elite Eight. There will be free food and prizes.

Vanderbilt Bowling Team in NCAAs:

It looks like the women's bowling team is going to get a chance to defend their title. The defending national champs are not the first seed, but are one of only eight teams to get an invitation to compete in Omaha. While the team is happy, they know there is still more work to do. Said coach John Williamson: "Getting to Omaha is an accomplishment and was one of our goals but it is not our ultimate goal."

Teams who were invited to the compete for the national women's bowling championship in Omaha, Nebraska, Vanderbilt being one of those teams.

THEY SAID IT ...

"I got a good piece of the bat on it. It was a good momentum booster to get this win going into the Arkansas series starting on Friday."

-CURT CASALI, the freshman baseball player, on his walk-off homer to beat Middle Tennessee State on Wednesday



RUN Should MLB season begin abroad?



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GOOD CALL

by NICHOLAS HUDSON

Sports Editor

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Japan has arguably the second-largest fan base for baseball in the world, and its fans can be just as enthusiastic about baseball as Americans. With all the talent from Japan pouring into Major League Baseball, why not start the season abroad? The tens of thousands of Japanese fans who attended the recent two-game series in Tokyo must have been ecstatic to see their countrymen Daisuke Matsuzaka and Hideki Okajima on the mound for the Red Sox.

Even though baseball is already very popular in Japan, it still adds credibility to the league as a whole to play the first games there. For one, the term "world series" has always been a bit of a misnomer. With MLB only having teams from North America, it is a little pretentious to declare the winners the "World Champions."

Most of the best players of the modern era were raised and learned the game abroad. The game, which was once "as American as apple pie," is a more multinational affair now. There is probably enough talent in Japan, the Dominican Republic or Cuba to field a competitive major league team. This raises the possibility for baseball to be a political and social motivator. Baseball should embrace these opportunities to expand not only fan support, but also good will toward the very

countries that are churning out many of today's all-stars. The same all-stars who are making millions for franchise owners

By playing exhibition games abroad, the MLB raises the visibility of the sport around the world. While baseball has been played at the Olympics numerous times, and as an officially sanctioned sport since 1992, the International Olympic Committee voted to remove the sport from the 2012 Olympics in London. This hasn't happened to an official Olympic summer sport since polo was voted out in 1936. It would seem baseball as an international sport is waning, not growing.

It's high time for the MLB to reverse this trend and catch up with other major sports leagues and globalize. The NFL, after having disbanded its league in Europe, is looking to hold more games abroad. The NBA has Vujacics, Nenes and Yaos, and in turn has seen their product reach a much broader audience. The Florida Marlins, even with their proximity to Cuba and the rest of the Caribbean, can barely fill their stadium to half capacity.

For those who feel it was still a bad idea to hold opening day in Japan don't forget about the 160 remaining games on the A's and Sox's schedules in the eternity that is the baseball regular season. That goes without mentioning the other 2,000-plus games the other teams in the league will play right here in America. And regardless of whether the MLB continues opening day abroad, that is not likely to change anytime soon. ■

BAD CALL

by ANDREW BARGE

Senior Sports Reporter

Unless you're a diehard Red Sox fan or had an 8 a.m. class, you probably missed the start of the 2008 Major League Baseball season. That's because it started at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday morning.

In Japan.

That's right. Our national pastime opened its season while most of the United States was asleep, thousands of miles away. While there are obvious benefits of playing games in foreign countries, opening day should be saved for the game's home country.

Yes, baseball is big in Japan, but it has also never been more popular in

Last year Major League Baseball saw a new attendance record, and media revenues are thriving.

For the record, this isn't the first time baseball has opened its season in Japan. The Mets and the Cubs did it in 2000, the Yankees and the Devil Rays in 2004, and this year the Red Sox and the Athletics made the infamous 18 hour excursion to start their season abroad. This wasn't a revolutionary idea by any means.

Still, you'd think this year would be different. Based on the steroid circus we've seen since the season ended

last October, you'd think Bud Selig would work extra hard to appeal to his American fans. After all, he's more aware of the embarrassment baseball has felt in recent years than anybody on this planet.

Selig could have used the start of this season to regain some of the lesser-known victims of the Mitchell Report, the fans that lost faith in our pastime's integrity. Instead, he throws Dice-K a bone.

If he really wanted to expose Major League Baseball to Japan, he could have held an exhibition series like he did earlier this month. Selig wanted the 1.3 billion people in China to watch baseball, so he let the Dodgers and Padres play there. It didn't count towards anything, but the game accomplished the same goal of international exposure.

But opening day is different. The success doesn't translate when Selig decides to play a game overseas that so many American fans care about.

Nobody would want to see the All-Star game being played in Korea. Spreading baseball around the world is important, but that's why we now have the World Baseball Classic.

Opening day isn't a commercial. It's a special day in our country, and Major League Baseball should treat it accordingly. ■

Bowlers get NCAA invitation

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The NCAA's Bowling Committee met Wednesday to announce the eight teams that will comprise next month's NCAA Championship

Defending champion Vanderbilt was one of five Central Region teams chosen along with three Northeast Region squads to compete April 10-12 in Omaha. The selection criteria includes many factors such as strength of schedule and success against top opponents.

"This doesn't come as a surprise but it is always nice to hear things officially," said head coach John Williamson. "Bowling continues to grow, and there are some good teams that did not get an invitation.

"Just two years ago we were not 100 percent sure we would make the final eight, then last year we won the title and everyone's expectations naturally went way up. Getting to Omaha is an our goals but it is not our ultimate

Top-rated Nebraska, Minnesota State-Mankato, Arkansas State and Central Missouri are the other Central Region teams making the cutwhile Maryland-Eastern Shore, runner-up to Vanderbilt last year, New Jersey City and Sacred Heart are the Northeast teams with a chance to win.

Vanderbilt is presently rated third nationally, the same position it was in last year heading to the nationals.

The Commodores bowled in nine major tournaments, winning one and finishing second four times to compile an overall record

"With just one exception, we had a remarkably steady season," Williamson noted. "There is a tendency for fans to think we can and should win every tournament we enter but it is not that simple. We were very close to winning a couple of other tournaments

but when you really analyze our statistics, we are not that far from where we wanted to be."

This year's tournament will be held at Thunder Alley in Omaha, hosted by the University of Nebraska.

"Thunder Alley is a brand new, state-of-the-art bowling center which will be appealing to a large crowd and for our network partner ESPN. We are expecting a great championship event," said Brian Reese, director of sport operations at Vanderbilt and chair of the NCAA Women's Bowling Committee.

Last year Commodore freshman Josie Earnest won Most Valuable Player honors while sophomore teammate Michelle Peloquin made the five-woman all-tournament team. Commodores defeated Sacred Heart, Nebraska, defending champion Fairleigh Dickinson and then Maryland-Eastern Shore in the nationally televised finals for the school's first NCAA team title. ■



The women's bowling team celebrates after winning the NCAA Championship last year in Orlando, Fla. The Commodores will defend their title April 10-12 in Omaha, Neb., as one of eight teams that comprise the NCAA Championship field. Five Central Region teams — including Vanderbilt — and three Northeast Region teams will travel to Nebraska to compete in the tournament.

Last year, Vanderbilt freshman Josie Earnest earned Most Valuable Player honors, and teammate Michelle Peloquin made the all-tournament team. The Commodores earned the school's first NCAA

Black & Gold Scrimmage gives fans football preview

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The Black and Gold Scrimmage, the annual featured attraction of the Commodores' spring practice activities, is scheduled for Saturday in Vanderbilt Stadium.

Fans are invited to come out and see the spring progress of coach Bobby Johnson's Commodores. Since opening spring drills on March 11, the Vanderbilt squad has worked to replace more than a dozen quality starters of the 2007 teams, including such likely NFL draft picks as tackle Chris Williams, receiver Earl Bennett and linebacker Jonathan Goff.

"I've been extremely pleased with the enthusiasm, effort and intensity throughout spring practice. I'm hoping that we continue the momentum Saturday," Johnson

"We'd love to see as many of our fans as possible come out to the stadium and enjoy the scrimmage.

"It will be a great opportunity for Commodore fans to see the progress of a lot of younger guys who will be important to our success next year. There's still a great deal of competition for starting jobs on this team, and the Black and Gold Scrimmage is one of the last opportunities this spring for guys to take advantage and step forward."

The Black and Gold Scrimmage starts at 11 a.m., and is free to the public. Stadium entrances at Gate 2 near the intersection of Jess Neely Drive and Natchez Trace will open at 10 a.m.

The football scrimmage is part of a big athletic weekend on the Vanderbilt campus. Shortly after the scrimmage concludes, the Commodores will host Western Division contender Arkansas in the second of a three-game baseball series at Hawkins Field. A limited number of general admission bleacher tickets remain for the Vanderbilt-Arkansas baseball game on Saturday.

"It's a great opportunity for followers of Vanderbilt sports," Johnson said. "My players would enjoy seeing a large crowd at the scrimmage, and coach (Tim) Corbin's baseball team definitely deserves a full house rooting for them. It's a great way for Commodore fans to enjoy both sports at an inexpensive price."

Eighty Commodores are expected to participate for the scrimmage, which will feature an offense versus defense format for the seventh consecutive year under Johnson. ■



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Quarterback Mackenzi Adams prepares to make a pass against Kentucky this past season. The Dores will hold their annual Black & Gold Scrimmage on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Vanderbilt Stadium.



The Spokane Sixteen

Jennifer Risper, left, and Christina Wirth smile as they leave the court after defeating West Virginia 64-46 in the second round of the NCAA women's tournament basketball game on March 24 at The Pit in Albuquerque,

With the win, the No. 4-seeded Commodores advanced to the Sweet 16 in Spokane, Wash. The team arrived in Washington yesterday to prepare for its matchup against first-seeded Maryland on Saturday. The game will air on ESPN at 8 p.m.

2008 captains to be named Saturday

Johnson expects to name captains for the 2008 Commodore squad at the Black & Gold Scrimmage. Offensive and defensive captains are voted by their teammates.

Squad into third week of spring practice

An eight-series scrimmage in Vanderbilt Stadium was the highlight Tuesday as the Commodores started their third week of spring drills.

The squad also staged a full-gear session on Wednesday and is expected to practice Thursday and Friday prior to the scrimmage on Saturday.

The Commodores will conduct at least one practice next week following the Black & Gold Scrimmage. The extra session will be April 15 and effectively will replace a practice postponed by weather last week.

Wearing gold jerseys

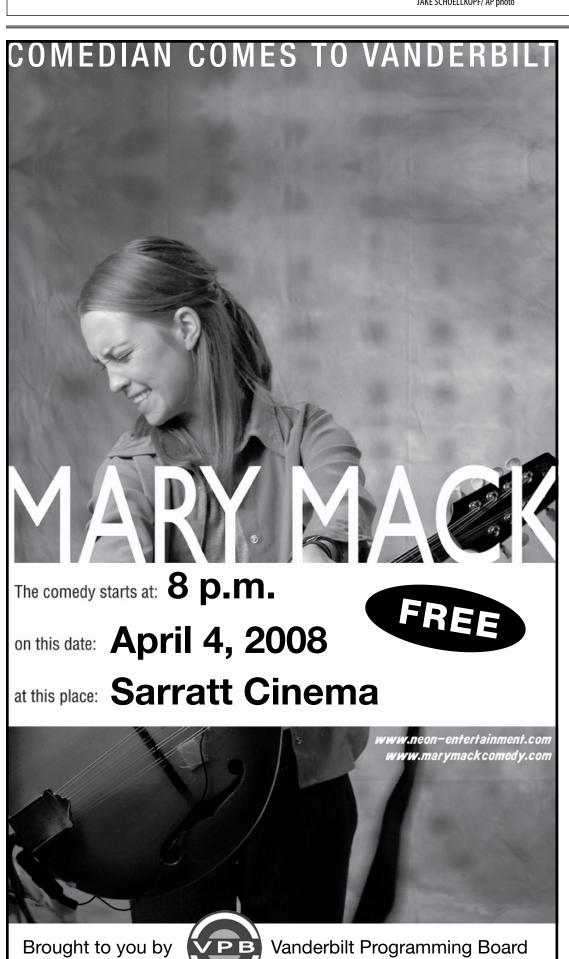
During Tuesday's practice, Johnson awarded gold jerseys to junior receiver Justin Wheeler and senior defensive back Jared Fagan for their efforts in the team's scrimmage last Saturday. On Wednesday, junior center Bradley Vierling and redshirt freshman linebacker Chris Marve were recognized with the gold jerseys for their performances during Tuesday's practice.

Jamie Graham returns to practice

Jamie Graham, the product of Whites Creek High School in Nashville who redshirted in 2007 as a defensive back, is back with the Commodores for the final week of spring practice after a winter contributing on the Vanderbilt basketball squad. Since joining the football team on Tuesday, Graham has worked out as a wide receiver and return specialist in position drills. He spent last fall as a defensive back.

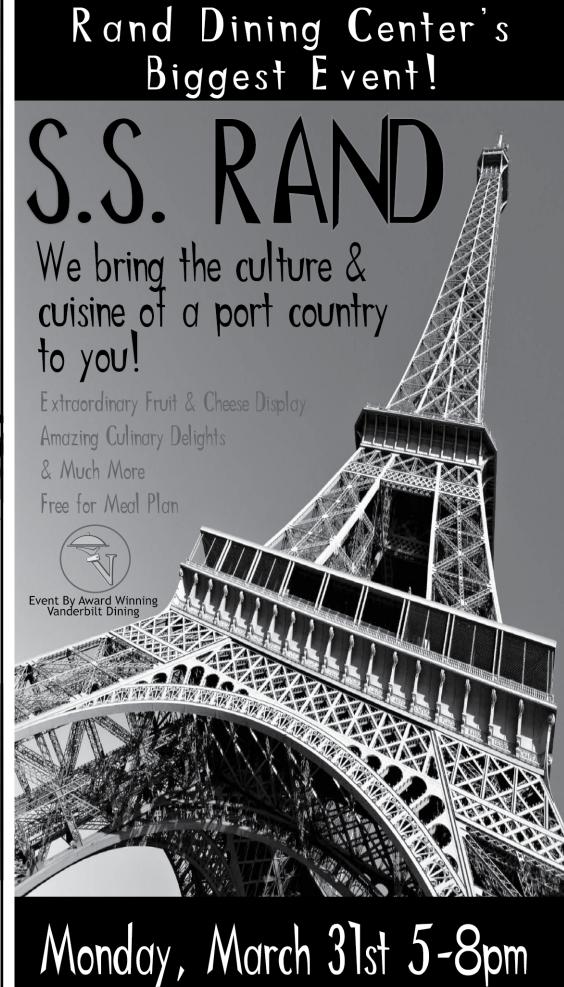
Graham served a key role late in the season as a defensive specialist at guard for Kevin Stallings' squad. He saw substantial playing time in the first round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championships, contributing six points, two steals and plenty of intensity in 10 minutes of action.

Graham is not expected to see action in the Black and Gold Scrimmage. Others not expected to participate are linebackers Brandon Bryant, Patrick Benoist and Michael Garcia, defensive back Darlron Spead, defensive end Tim Fugger and tight end/ fullback Matt Bubis.



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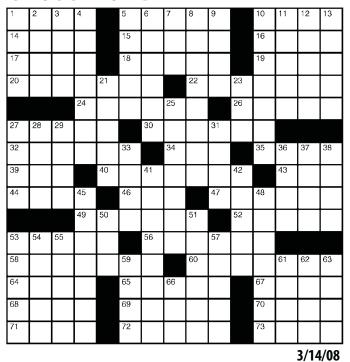
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49 Fabric stiffener 52 Leans to one

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68 Leslie Caron film 69 Join forces

70 Theater area

71 Why don't we? 72 Pelted, on

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- 10 Bog 14 Nemesis 15 Salutation
- 16 Reverse an action
 17 Ran in the wash
- the sun 22 Warded off, as in fencing 24 Recognition
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- 34 Corn serving
- 53 Tragedy 56 Slanted type 58 Answers back 18 Indian or Arctic 19 Opera melody 20 Overshadow, as 64 Singer Redding 65 Inflexible
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- 4 Part of EMS 5 Picked 6 Slope backward
- Stout cousin Nonsense 9 Hawaiian coffee 10 Angry dispute 11 Remove bridles
- 12 Au revoir!
- piece 25 Not strictly
- evidence 23 Scott Joplin

- 27 Let's go! 28 Dynamic start? 29 Become stopped up
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- 36 Peepers 37 Way of moving 38 Has title to
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