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TODAY 'The Real Helen Keller' screening followed by discussion

A screening and discussion of the film "The Real Helen Keller" will take place today at 4 p.m. in the Sarratt Cinema. The documentary reveals hidden details of Keller's life. There will be a discussion following the screening. The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Medicine, Health and Society, Women's and Gender Studies, and Film Studies.

TODAY Networking your way to an internship

At 4 p.m. in the Career Center Conference Room in the Student Life Center, the Career Center will offer a session aimed at helping students search for internships. The session will also focus on the art of networking, which is how 80 percent of internships are found, according to the Career Center.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27 African American and Diaspora Studies lecture

A lecture sponsored by the history department entitled "Corruption in Africa: History, Colonialism, and the State in Northern Nigeria" will be held at 4:10 p.m. in Buttrick Hall 302. It will be led by Steven Pierce, a lecturer in Modern African History at the University of Manchester. A reception will follow.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27 Girl Scout Cookies sold on campus

Brownie Girl Scouts will be on campus selling cookies at Rand during dinner. The troop is here to learn more about the Vanderbilt campus and to increase their knowledge of financial management and entrepreneurship. They will use the money to pay for events, programs and trips for their troop. Cookies can be bought with cash or check.

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

VANDY GAMEDAY: VANDERBILT 67 KENTUCKY 65

'Great to be gold'



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Juniors Ross Neltner and Shan Foster celebrate following the Commodores' 67-65 victory over Kentucky on Sunday.

Vandy beats Kentucky for fourth straight time.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

Like junior guard Shan Foster, Vice Chancellor for Student Life and University Affairs David Williams had a good feeling No. 17 Vanderbilt would prevail in Sunday's contest with Kentucky.

With the game close in the final minutes, Williams, along with other Vanderbilt officials, including Chancellor Gordon Gee, positioned himself in front of the student section to ensure that fans did not rush the court.

"I kind of felt that, yeah, we were going to get this one," Williams said following the Commodores' 67-65 victory over the Wildcats in front of a cooperative Memorial Gym crowd of 14,316.

Foster, who scored 21 points on seven-for-12 shooting, said afterwards there was no question the Commodores would defeat Kentucky for the fourth straight time even though their first lead did not come until senior Derrick

Byars hit a floater with 25.5 seconds remaining.

"I remember looking up at the score with four minutes to go, and (even) with the game being as close as it was, there was no doubt in any of our teammates' minds that we were going to win the game," he said.

With the victory, Vanderbilt (19-9, 9-5 Southeastern Conference) moves into sole possession of second place in the SEC Eastern Division, while Kentucky (19-9, 8-6 SEC) drops into a three-way tie for third with Tennessee and Georgia. In addition to winning their 13th consecutive home game, the Commodores secured their first winning record in league play since 1997.

As well as Vanderbilt played in the second half to overcome a 32-23 deficit, it needed a ball to bounce its way to win it at the end.

Byars went to the foul line with 29.6 seconds remaining with a chance to even the score at 65, but after making his first shot, he

front-rimmed the second attempt. Fortunately, senior Dan Cage was able to tip the ball back to Byars, who then hit an off-balance floater to give the Commodores their first lead, 66-65.

"(It was the) biggest play of the game," said Byars, who scored 21 of his game-high 26 points in the second half. "I missed the free throw, and Dan Cage stuck his nose in there and tapped it out to me. I was fortunate to get the ball back, and I just wanted to make a quick shot at it. I saw Randolph (Morris) down there, and he blocked my shot earlier in the second half, so I just wanted to get it up with good touch, and it went in."

Foster recorded on a steal on the Wildcats' next possession and made one of two free throws, giving Kentucky 9.7 seconds to tie or win the game. But Ramel Bradley's shot attempt was unsuccessful and the Commodores, Williams included, broke into celebration.

"It's great to be gold," Williams said. ■

Program offers hands-on business training

Information session to be held tonight in Averbuch Auditorium.

by ELLIE ATKINS
Staff Reporter

Undergraduates will have the chance to participate in an "Apprentince"-esque summer program at the Owen Graduate School of Management. Teams of students will compete against one another for 30 days to create business solutions for local and national corporations.

An information session for the third annual Accelerator Summer Business Institute will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Owen's Averbuch Auditorium. The program, which

might be a little different this year with a new director, is open to all undergraduate students and recent college graduates.

Peabody junior Mark Mason, who participated in the program last summer, said the program was one of the "most intense experiences of my life."

"The time schedule was seven days week for 10 hours a day on average," Mason said. "The guy who ran the program last year is no longer running it, so it may be different now."

Originally a history

major, Mason said he applied to the program to discover if he really wanted pursue business, especially because Vanderbilt does not offer a business major.

Mason said three hours of each day were spent towards classroom learning, while the rest of the time students participated in multiple experiential learning projects, which included working on marketing solutions for Dodge.

"It's an internship on steroids," Mason said. "We were always running and always doing something. It

was a combination of the stuff we learned in the classroom and then being able to apply it to real world situations with real companies."

Faculty Director Michael Burcham said part of the allure of the program is the element of surprise. Until the moment of the competition, students will not know which company they are working for.

Fifteen corporations participate in each summer session. Past corporations have included prominent

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VSG races remain uncontested as elections approach

Lancaster expects higher quality in elected officials to result.

by KRISTEN CHMIELEWSKI
Asst News Editor

Just one Vanderbilt Student Government senate position of seven, that of Peabody senator, remains contested as the Tuesday elections approach.

Student Government Association Attorney General Elizabeth Scott said many candidates left the race because they changed their positions or received other appointed positions within VSG.

Student council elections will be held Tuesday as well, deciding council positions for all four undergraduate schools. The Peabody council president and engineering council president races are also uncontested.

VSG Speaker of the Senate Jared Anderson said he had hoped the senate seats would be more contested but does not think the lack of candidates reflects poorly upon VSG.

"For the first time in who knows how many years, every position in the student Senate will be filled," he said. "Furthermore, we have many candidates who are returning from this past year's senate, council representatives who are running for council president, and committee members and co-chairs who are running for senate as well."

SGA President Boone Lancaster said higher quality candidates are running for positions this year, but it is true that the numbers are smaller than usual for the senate race.

"While it would have been ideal to see more people answer the call to represent their fellow students, it is clear that those individuals who did (decide to run for

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Students dance for sick children Marathon raises \$163,915.



LAUREN FONDRIEST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Morale captains keep the crowd motivated Friday night in the Rec with their morale dance. The amount raised this year surpassed last year's total by more than \$51,000.

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and Wind
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The news you need — in brief

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WORLD

Iranian leader Ahmadinejad compares nuclear program to train without breaks

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Sunday his country's disputed nuclear program was like a train without brakes or a reverse gear, prompting Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to respond that Iran needs "a stop button."

The comments came as senior officials of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Britain, the U.S., France, China and Russia — and Germany prepared for an emergency summit in London on Monday to discuss increased international pressure on Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment program.

The International Atomic Energy Agency last week reported that Iran had ignored a U.N. Security Council ultimatum to freeze its uranium enrichment program and instead had expanded the program by setting up hundreds of centrifuges. Iran has repeatedly refused to halt enrichment as a precondition to negotiations about its program.

"The train of the Iranian nation is without brakes and a rear gear," state radio quoted Ahmadinejad as telling a gathering of Islamic clerics. "We dismantled the rear gear and brakes of the train and threw them away sometime ago."

Rice responded by saying "they don't need a reverse gear. They need a stop button."

The U.S. has said it has no plans to strike Iran militarily but has also refused to rule out any options.

Israeli troops raid largest West Bank city, put Nablus citizens under curfew

Dozens of Israeli jeeps and armored vehicles poured into Nablus overnight Sunday, placing large areas of the city under curfew and conducting house-to-house arrest raids in one of the largest West Bank military operations in months.

The army also took over local television and radio stations, ordering people to remain indoors and warning residents that the clampdown would remain in effect for several days, Palestinian residents said. Two soldiers and several Palestinians were lightly wounded in clashes, officials said.

An Israeli military spokesman said the operation was aimed at countering "terrorist threats" in Nablus. The raid came a day after Israeli troops discovered an explosives laboratory in the city. Nablus, the West Bank's largest city and commercial center, is known as a stronghold of Palestinian militants.

Palestinian officials condemned the raid, saying it threatened President Mahmoud Abbas' efforts to restart peace talks with Israel.

Abbas held a rare meeting last week with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Although little progress was made at the meeting, participants said they discussed the possibility of extending a cease-fire in the Gaza Strip to the West Bank.

While the operation largely shut down Nablus, sporadic clashes were reported. Soldiers were pelted with stones and cement blocks, and exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen, the army said, adding that two soldiers were lightly wounded by a Palestinian bomb.

NATION

Buyers in potential \$32 billion sale of TXU would drop plans for most new coal plants

Private-equity firms trying to buy TXU Corp. have agreed to drop plans for most of the utility's proposed new coal-fired power plants in Texas if the deal goes through, according to people familiar with the situation.

The new buyers would also support a mandatory national program to cap emissions of greenhouse gases and pledge not to build coal-fired plants outside Texas, the people said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the sale was not final.

An obstacle to a TXU sale has been the company's controversial proposal to build 11 new coal-fired power plants in Texas. Environmentalists and civic leaders in some cities, including the mayor of Dallas, are fighting the company's plans.

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Texas Pacific Group were in advanced talks Sunday to buy TXU for about \$32 billion, or about \$70 per share, plus the assumption of TXU debt. It would be the largest private-equity acquisition ever.

Wall Street expects TXU, the largest producer of electricity in Texas, to report this week that it earned more than \$2.5 billion last year.

TXU's board was expected to meet Sunday to consider the offer, and an announcement was possible early Monday, said people close to the deal.

CAMPUS

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center receives highest level of ACoS approval

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center has received a three-year accreditation with commendation, the highest level of approval, from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

Accreditation is awarded through an evaluation and on-site review of the compliance with quality-of-care standards every three years.

Fewer than 25 percent of hospitals in the United States and Puerto Rico receive ACoS Commission on Cancer approval, and even fewer attain the level of accreditation with commendation.

The Commission on Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients. Its membership includes the Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 40 national organizations.

TDOT eliminates public transit division; director resigns

Transportation commissioner reorganizes department.

by ERIK SCHELZIG
Associated Press

The director of the public transportation planning division within the Tennessee Department of Transportation resigned over the decision to eliminate her office.

The department accepted the resignation of Diane Davidson, director of TDOT's Public Transportation, Rail and Waterways Division, after deciding to reassign her office's responsibilities within TDOT.

Ed Cole, the department's planning chief, said he recommended the changes to give planners a better way to coordinate multiple modes of transportation.

Davidson wrote in her Feb. 16 resignation letter that getting rid of her division "is a structural change that I feel will weaken, not strengthen, our multi-modal planning and operations," according to e-mail correspondence obtained by The Associated Press.

Given those doubts, Davidson said she would resign on March 2. Cole

acknowledged "differing perspectives" in accepting her resignation.

Transportation Commissioner Jerry Nicely said the department's elimination of the division does not signal a de-emphasis on mass transit in Tennessee.

Nicely said increasing the use of mass transit remains a major facet of the department's long-term goals.

"We simply feel at this point that the department would better served — and transit and rail would be better served — by functioning as an integrated part of the department, rather than as a standalone entity," Nicely said.

Gov. Phil Bredesen brought in Nicely, a top aide to Bredesen when he was mayor of Nashville, to overhaul the department many considered arrogant and unresponsive to communities and citizens.

Early in Nicely's tenure as TDOT commissioner he acknowledged he had to fight an ingrained culture of wanting to build more or wider roads to solve every transportation problem in

the state.

Bredesen and Nicely say their dedication to non-road transportation has not waned.

"I know that Jerry is committed to the subject of public transit," Bredesen said. "I don't know specifically about this organizational change, but I would be astonished if it represented any stepping back of a commitment to the growth of public transit in the state."

The reorganization, which the department plans to complete by July, may also allow TDOT to leave some vacant positions unfilled, Nicely said.

Integrating the office's responsibilities will make it easier for the state to apply for federal grants, he said.

Pinion said he wants to hear how the changes will affect the various modes of transportation.

"It doesn't really matter to me how (Nicely) separates divisions — that to me is an administrative decision," Pinion said. "What matters to me is to make sure that we don't turn our back on them and put them on the back burner." ■

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Weekend cultural show celebrates Asian New Year.



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Students perform the Malay Dance during the Asian American Student Association's Asian New Year Festival Saturday evening in the Student Life Center. The dance incorporates a combination of two traditional dance styles: the Inang and the Dikir Barat.

Student dancers present the ReMix Hip Hop performance at the Asian New Year Festival sponsored by the Asian American Student Association Saturday night.

—View a photo gallery of the event in the Life section of:



TYLER HAGEN/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Ryan Rau assembles a computer during Engineering Week's Fastest Geek Competition Friday afternoon in Featheringill Hall. Rau won a Dell laptop for building his computer in one minute and 51 seconds.

Engineering Week ends with computer, potato gun building contests

—Watch a video of the last Engineering Week event, Saturday's Potato Gun Competition, in the Multimedia section of:



VSG: Positions to take on 'a lot more importance'

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office) have the drive and dedication to fulfill the new increased roles of the VSG senate," Lancaster said.

In the new structure of VSG, senators will hold much more importance than SGA senators, with each VSG senator taking on the commitment of a current SGA vice president, Anderson said.

Anderson said he expects an experienced VSG senate that will be able to energetically pursue student interests.

"The biggest difference and advantage of the new senate will be that it is a smaller, more potent group of student leaders who will be able to bring a new focus and drive to the VSG senate," Lancaster said.

With a smaller group, the accountability of each of the members is higher than ever, he said.

While Anderson said there are a number of reasons that senate candidates decided to run for other positions, he said the "intense time commitment" required may be the main justification, as "positions in VSG are taking on a lot more importance than they had previously under SGA and Interhall."

Anderson said other reasons for the decrease in candidates include the fact that some former senators were more interested in the administrative areas of student government, such as publicity and finance.

He also said he thinks many would-be candidates have opted to run as dorm presidents in the fall.

With the election of the new senate, Anderson said that, as speaker, he plans to pursue different initiatives to make the current body the most effective student senate in the history of student government at Vanderbilt.

"I want to increase the transparency of the senate, increase the interaction between senators and the student body, and ultimately strengthen the voice of students on this campus," he said. ■

OWEN: Deadline April 16

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national and local companies such as Dodge and the Nashville Sounds.

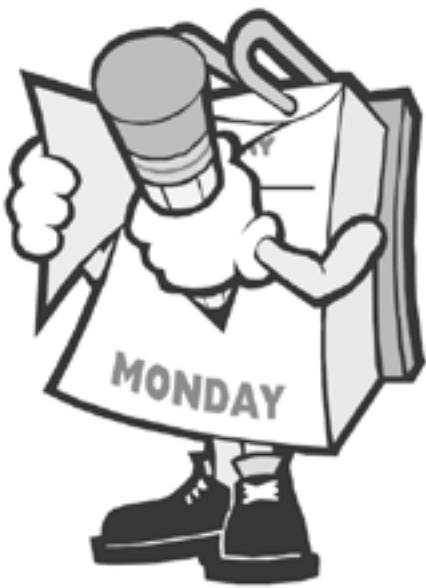
Peabody sophomore Leigh Taylor already applied to the program.

"It's a great opportunity to network with Vanderbilt business alumni and other companies that are well established in Nashville," she said. "I'm looking to get some hands-on experience and learn what it's like to work with a team in the corporate world."

This summer's program will run from May 26 to June 24. Applications will be accepted for the early application deadline until Feb. 28. Second round applications are due April 16. Students are asked to RSVP to tonight's program by e-mailing accelerator@owen.vanderbilt.edu. ■

The Office of Student Organizations and Governance announces the new

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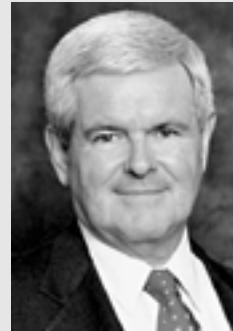
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OUR VIEW

DePauw University sorority's actions miss point of sisterhood

The reputation of DePauw University's chapter of Delta Zeta has suffered tremendously of late, ironically because the sisters and national officers wished to improve its stature on campus. In an effort to minimize the chapter's "socially awkward" reputation, Delta Zeta's national officers interviewed 35 members and deemed 23 of them uncommitted to recruitment, evicting them from the sorority house in the process.

According to the Feb. 25 The New York Times, the 23 evicted from the house included "every woman who was overweight. They also included the only black, Korean and Vietnamese members. The dozen students allowed to stay were slender and popular with fraternity men — conventionally pretty women the sorority hoped could attract new members." Even the chapter's president found herself evicted.

Any sorority whose primary function is to attract ever-increasing numbers of superficially attractive but shallow young women is not a sorority but a meat market. Delta Zeta's Web site cites the following principles: "to unite its members in the bonds of sincere and lasting friendship,

to stimulate one another in the pursuit of knowledge, to promote the moral and social culture of its members, and to develop plans for guidance and unity in action." Note that "accumulating very thin girls in order to score MRS degrees for members at the expense of building up any sort of true or meaningful sisterhood" is not, in fact, a value upon which the sorority was founded.

While we recognize that any given organization will have concerns about its image, and that these concerns are often valid, Delta Zeta completely botched their publicity campaign. No organization should shove aside its talented and dedicated members in favor of those only superficially appealing. If Delta Zeta had escaped scrutiny for its actions, it is likely they would have admitted more members than in past years. But what would these members share? They would not be brought together by common interests or common values, but instead by the fact that they seemed physically attractive to one of Delta Zeta's national officers. How does one build a friendship on such sand when the bedrock of shared values and true sisterhood remains absent?

Plastic surgery has infiltrated U.S. society

ROBYN HYDEN
Columnist

I am obsessed with cosmetic surgery. Almost nothing is more fascinating to me than watching famous people slowly tweak their familiar features and figures into vague resemblances of their former selves. I spend far more time examining plastic surgery Web sites, such as the aptly named awfulplasticsurgery.com, than I do expanding my knowledge of important stuff. I look at every public figure and wonder, have they? Or haven't they? I have determined that almost everyone I see on TV has had cosmetic surgery. Obviously, I spend way too much time thinking about it.

That said, I think most people do not think enough about plastic surgery, if they even think of it at all. Recently, I brought up a topic that has fascinated me for some time now: Hillary Clinton's facelift(s). Surely others must have noticed and marveled that she looked almost nothing like she used to look. She certainly is not aging naturally. But when I brought it up, my friends just looked puzzled. Had everyone failed to notice?

A few nights ago, I was horrified by Peter O'Toole's appearance on "The Daily Show." What has he done to his eyes? My boyfriend did not notice anything at first, and then seemed to think that some people just "age well." But the more I thought about it, the more bothered I became. Peter O'Toole does not look like he used to, and he does not look like he should look at 94 — I even Googled him to form a loose timeline of his under-eye-bags progression, so I know I am not crazy. His famously blue eyes are tilted so highly that he does not even look like himself. He doesn't look like the established, superbly talented, nonagenarian actor that he is. He looks creepy.

In related news, we just endured IMAGE Week at Vanderbilt. So now seems as good a time as any to get something off my chest: As much as I am horribly fascinated by it, I hate cosmetic surgery. I hate the way it has skewed our image of what is natural so much so that we don't even notice it. I hate that everyone has succumbed to it, be it Al Pacino, whose face once full of character now looks almost unrecognizable, or Rupert Everett, who used to be gorgeous and certainly would have aged like Cary Grant had he not gotten a grotesque brow lift, or Peter O'Toole, who one would assume was beyond such things. I hate even more that politicians are subjected to such camera scrutiny that they feel the need to seek cosmetic help (just see John Edwards, who was 50 during the last presidential election and had so much Botox injected he looked plastic).

Ultimately, I am just mortified that nobody else seems really concerned one way or the other. Perhaps I am exaggerating and I have been on the Internet for too long. For all I know, John Edwards is naturally boyish and Peter O'Toole's eyes just aged upward. Maybe it doesn't even matter, and I am the one who is being superficial here. Who really cares as long as our politicians are getting work done? Shouldn't I have bigger things to worry about than what Hillary Clinton would look like if she had just aged naturally (and whether she would be even remotely electable then)?

At any rate, check out awfulplasticsurgery.com for a few minutes, and you may find yourself becoming obsessed. Like any other Internet gossip, it becomes infinitely more interesting the closer it is to a paper's due date. And, if questions of authenticity don't worry you as much as they do me, at the very least you will find yourself entertained.

—Robyn Hyden is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science.



Don Wright—MCT

LETTER

IMAGE Week flier campaign works against its cause

To the Editor:

Is anyone else as frustrated as I am by the blue IMAGE Week fliers taking over the campus? They are plastered all over my dorm and the girls' bathrooms and are quite frankly getting on my nerves.

The fliers have three taglines, the first being: "Beauty is a subjective concept." Though quite possibly true, this statement is frustrating because it tags beauty as being objectively subjective. This is self-contradictory because if beauty is indeed subjective, objective statements should not be made concerning it. If you are going to make fliers with a bold claim, at least make sure the claim does not contradict itself. Come on now.

The second statement, "Question the status quo," also proves problematic. If we have just defined beauty as subjective there should be no status quo that requires a challenge; everyone has her own right to an opinion. In addition, merely questioning a status quo does nothing. This statement is useless in my book.

The third claim is "Don't let our culture determine how much you value your body." Now this is most annoying because by telling people not to let others determine how valuable one's body is, IMAGE is encouraging just what they claim to fight. By following this claim's mandate, people must trust IMAGE that "the status quo" is wrong and "beauty is subjective" and thus allow IMAGE to

determine how much they value their bodies.

The problems with these fliers even transcend the semantics. The flier's representation of the beauty that "challenges the status quo" is a rose. If they actually wanted to encourage a challenge to the status quo, they should have chosen a less stereotypical symbol, such as a clover-flower or something. By using the rose to epitomize beauty, IMAGE merely reinforces the status quo they claim to want to destroy.

In addition, the mere fact that these handbills are plastered in every girls' restroom on campus but not in the boys' betrays the sexism of these efforts. Obviously, if the fliers were meant to reach the entire campus, the headline would read something like "Looks are subjective" or "Attractiveness is a subjective concept," but the fact that IMAGE chose the word "beauty" betrays a target audience of "Vandy girls." This does little but reinforce the negative stereotype that girls have eating disorders while boys do not. This is not true. If IMAGE's intent was to reach out to the campus, they should reach out to all of us.

Ultimately, I find these fliers contradictory, stereotypical and sexist. Well done, IMAGE. Your target audience loves you.

Kimi DeMent
Sophomore, A&S

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COLUMN

Regional differences affect areas outside U.S. borders

RACHEL UNGER
Guest Columnist

I have been abroad in Germany for less than a month, and already Regensburg has taught me just as much about my own culture as it has about Bayrisch culture. The differences between big-city Berlin last summer and this southern German town are as entertaining to discover as the disparity between New Englanders, whom I still fondly call Yankees, and Southerners, such as my sweet tea-drinking self. It definitely is not just East and West Germany anymore, and it never really was.

Even though I had already spent a summer abroad in Berlin before committing to a full six months here, the differences in dialect, culture, slang and even the right word for bread were facets of Bavarian culture I certainly was not prepared for. There is nothing more embarrassing than asking for Brötchen and getting Semmeln instead. They are the same thing, but I also received a scowl for failing to "Gruess Gott" (greet God) on my way in. Needless to say, I found a new bakery.

A few things carried over from Berlin, such as the basic structure of the bus system and the learning curve concerning the three or four receptacles the Germans like to use for recycling. Different parts of yogurt containers go in different bins. It really does not help to have a dilemma over garbage when you are late for the painstakingly punctual bus.

For as short of a time as I have been here, and for as recently as I was in Berlin, the amount of novel culture I have encountered has been staggering. Even though I knew there were regional differences in dialect and culture, for some reason I never imagined it would be so stark.

But the most eerie feeling was the realization of how "Southern" Bavaria feels, and, in retrospect, how "Northern" Berlin felt. Not just geographically, but culturally: the prevalence of Catholics here is comparable to the population of Southern Baptists in the American South. The awe-inspiring public transportation in Berlin reminded me of New York, but admittedly my experiences above the Mason-Dixon Line are limited and mostly based on the impressions of Wheaton and Wesleyan students in my program.

Socially, the South is more conservative here as well. I have yet to stumble across a homosexual couple or even a gay bar, yet in Berlin I found myself one day walking smack into the Christopher Street Day parade, and on occasion rounding the corner to see a circle of kids passing a joint. The worst I have seen in Regensburg is the usual crowd of drunken teenagers, and even they get a disapproving look from passersby.

Oddly enough, however, the bar-to-resident ratio here seems unusually high, which is an interesting counterpart to Tennessee's dry counties and sin taxes. On my first day I spent an unsuccessful hour looking for a supermarket but found no less than eight local pubs and two breweries that looked interesting.

Regensburg also follows the stereotype of closing their stores at 5 p.m. much more closely than Berlin, and they also close everything on Sundays as well — that is, except for the bars. I cannot buy bread awkwardly on a Sunday afternoon, but I can certainly order a liter of beer on a Sunday evening.

For as short of a time as I have been here, and for as recently as I was in Berlin, the amount of novel culture I have encountered has been staggering. Even though I knew there were regional differences in dialect and culture, for some reason I never imagined it would be so stark. We can laugh at the "War of Northern Aggression" or about the ambiguous existence of the Mason-Dixon Line, but the same kind of diversity isn't only found across the borders of countries, but also within countries themselves. If you ever get the chance to study abroad, I suggest not only visiting Europe as a whole, but also different regions of the same country. What you find will undoubtedly be surprising.

So, just like some call it soda, pop or Broetchen, others call it Coke and Semmeln. I for one am simply glad that iced tea is popular here as well.

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Compiled by Ceaf Lewis

"Germany has such great beer, but why, oh why, do they insist on serving it at room temperature?"

"Maybe the Office of Traffic and Parking could use the income from all those parking tickets they give out to paint spots along the street. I drove by so many spaces tonight that were just short of fitting a car."

"How come now that the frozen yogurt machine is fixed, we can't use it at brunch?"

"Nationally, K-12 teachers make \$20 per hour on average (payscale.com). Meanwhile, civil engineers make about \$24 and accountants make about \$17. Based on that, I don't see how paying maintenance workers \$9.75 is an injustice to future teachers, or heck, future engineers and accountants."

"I hate it when people don't give Opinion any content!"

"Whoever owns the Mercedes parked outside of DKE needs to move. Not only is the space in front of it too small for any car to fit, but no one can fit behind it and within the curb limits either. Why is your nice car parked outside of the frats anyways?"

"I wish more people fought on campus, but I'm afraid that if I fight someone, I'll get sued."

"An AD almost ran me over the other night."

"I'm so angry at the world I don't even know where to start. Angry. ANGRY."

"To the idiot who took my laundry out of the dryer and dumped it on the floor: You did not have to paw through my underwear."

"People who don't follow through on their commitments suck."

"I hate my roommates. I'd say more, but they'd know it was me."

"I met this guy two years ago, and I still don't recognize him when I see him. It has been a two-year awkward situation."

"Andrew Solomon should give up his column for Lent."

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Upcoming Events

Men's Basketball
No. 12 Georgetown at
Syracuse
Tonight
6 p.m. CT
ESPN

The Hoyas (25-5, 12-2 Big East) appear to be the league's best after beating Pittsburgh over the weekend. Led by Jeff Green and Roy Hibbert, Georgetown is playing great basketball and should be one of the teams to beat come March. Syracuse, meanwhile, held on to edge Providence over the weekend to put itself in position for a tourney bid.

Prediction: *Georgetown 70, Syracuse 61*

Men's Basketball
No. 18 West Virginia
at No. 8 Pittsburgh
Tuesday
6 p.m. CT
ESPN

West Virginia lost its last time out against Providence, while Pittsburgh dropped to second in the Big East after falling to Georgetown. The Mountaineers have lost five of their six league games away from home, meaning they will most likely struggle in this one.

Prediction: *Pittsburgh 66, West Virginia 62*

Men's Basketball
No. 22 Brigham Young
at No. 13 Air Force
Tuesday
8 p.m. CT

While BYU is coming off a loss to San Diego State, it still owns a game-and-a-half lead over Air Force in the Mountain West Conference. Air Force has lost two in row, at UNLV and TCU, both of which were on the road, and will be excited to return home.

Prediction: *Air Force 74, BYU 70*

Men's Basketball
No. 3 Florida at
Tennessee
Tuesday
8 p.m. CT
ESPN

Two weeks ago, Tennessee would not have been given a shot to beat the Gators. But now, a victory seems quite attainable. Florida lost to Louisiana State over the weekend, while the Vols have won two straight and five of their last six. Vanderbilt fans should be rooting for the Gators since Tennessee is just one game back of the Dores.

Prediction: *Florida 77, Tennessee 74*

Baseball
Austin Peay at No. 1
Vanderbilt
Tuesday
4 p.m. CT

The Commodores, who are off to their best start in school history (10-0), look to remain undefeated with this midweek contest against Austin Peay.

Prediction: *Vandy 9, Austin Peay 3*

OVERALL RECORD:
59-37

Vandy at its best when it matters most

Dores head confidently into crunch time.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

As Vanderbilt players headed to the bench for the under-four-minute timeout, it would have been easy for them to be frustrated.

Not only had Ramel Bradley just nailed a 3-pointer to give Kentucky a 62-59 lead, but he was fouled on the play, meaning the Wildcats would soon extend the margin to four.

However, as they caught their wind and prepared for the final three minutes and 29 seconds, the Commodores (19-9, 9-5 Southeastern Conference) did not panic. Why? Because they knew crunch time is their time.

"We talked about it at the under-four-minute timeout, that this is when we play our best," said coach Kevin Stallings following Vanderbilt's 67-65 comeback victory over Kentucky Sunday at Memorial Gym. "This is when we play well, and our kids really did the job there in the last couple minutes of the game."

In many respects, Kentucky (19-9, 8-6 SEC) was the better team Sunday, as it shot 58 percent and held Vanderbilt to 41.4 percent shooting, including 30.3 percent from 3-point range. The Wildcats nearly led from start to finish, surrendering the lead for the first time with 25.5

seconds remaining.

Although Vanderbilt came out strong in the second half, Kentucky appeared to have all the answers.

"It seemed like as hard as we played offensively and made shots, we kept looking at the scoreboard and were like, 'Damn, we're still down nine. The lead's not going anywhere,'" said senior Derrick Byars, who scored a game-high 26 points.

Slowly but surely, the Commodores clawed back.

"It took a while, but the last four minutes of the game, we feel most comfortable in that time," Byars said.

After Bradley's four-point play, Byars and junior Ross Neltner made two free throws apiece to even the score at 65.

Later, it looked as though junior Shan Foster was going to give the Commodores their first lead of the game, but his 3-pointer went in and out. The Wildcats came down and scored on their next possession when Bobby Perry put back a Randolph Morris miss.

Trailing by two with less than a minute left, Byars attacked the basket and got fouled. He calmly sunk the first before coming up short on the next.

That's when the undersized Dan Cage snuck in there and kept the ball alive.

"Our 6-foot-4-inch power forward got in there and got his hand on it and tapped it



JOHN RUSSELL / AP Photo

Ross Neltner and Dan Cage celebrate with Shan Foster after Kentucky fouled in the closing seconds of the Commodores' 67-65 victory Sunday at Memorial Gym. While Vanderbilt did not lead until the final minute, players said they were confident they would pull it out. With the victory, the Commodores improved to 9-5 in the Southeastern Conference and are all alone in second place.

out," Stallings said.

If Cage had not made that play, Vanderbilt probably would have lost the game. As Stallings said, "It's a fine line between victory and defeat."

Nobody has walked that line better than Vanderbilt, who now has sole possession of second place in the SEC Eastern Division with two games remaining.

"I think our team has been pretty good this year in the stretch run of games," Stallings said. "I think that's been a strength of ours, and (Sunday) was no exception."

When you look to explain how the Commodores have been able to beat Kentucky four consecutive times, it is not because of talent.

"Every time we play them it's a close game," said Byars, who has never lost to Kentucky in five games, going to back to his days at Virginia. "We're two evenly matched teams. We're both 19-9 now. We were both tied for second (in the SEC Eastern Division). The difference is we're getting it done at the end of games."

That's it — plain and simple.

As for why the Commodores are so successful down the stretch, it boils down to confidence, experience and effort.

Foster said he knew they were going to win because, having done it many times before, they knew exactly what it would take. His coach could not have agreed more.

"I thought our guys gave every ounce of energy and effort that they had, and that's what ended up winning it for us," Stallings said. ■

Big-shot Byars continues to amaze

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings and assistant Tom Richardson told senior Derrick Byars to "wake up" at halftime. Looks like he got the message.

After recording nearly as many turnovers (four) as points (five) in the first half, Byars responded with 21 points, including the game-winner, in the final 20 minutes to lead the Commodores past the Wildcats 67-65 Sunday at Memorial Gym.

"(Stallings) and assistant coach Tom Richardson told me to pick it up some," Byars said. "The team depends on me heavily, and (I needed to) just wake up because I don't know what was getting into me in the first half."

Byars, who held to just seven points in the team's 83-70 loss at Mississippi State on Wednesday, came out flat Sunday, making just two of eight shots as Vanderbilt trailed 32-23 at the break. That is when he heard it from the coaching staff.

"We kind of challenged Derrick at halftime," Stallings said. "We didn't think he had one of his better first halves, and he was pretty spectacular in the second."

Byars most certainly was. As he said, "the second half is my time."

From the career-high 32 points against South Carolina to the 24 points against then-No. 1 Florida to the 26 points Sunday, the fifth-year senior saved his best for last. Against the Wildcats, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year candidate scored 11 points in less than five minutes to begin the second half.

Later, with his team trailing 59-54, Byars nailed a 3-pointer (the fourth the Commodores had attempted on that possession) and put back an Alex Gordon miss to even the score.



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Senior Derrick Byars scored 21 of his game-high 26 points in the second half to lead the Commodores to a 67-65 victory over Kentucky Sunday.

And then there is the game-winner. Even though Byars missed the free throw that would have evened the score, he stuck with the play and managed to connect on an off-balance shot as Kentucky center Randolph Morris closed in on him.

"The shot he made was incredible," Stallings said.

Byars has been incredible all season, which is why no one was surprised to see him come through in the clutch on Sunday.

"It's what he's been doing for us," Stallings said. "I heard Jermaine (Beal) say to him when he walked in the locker room, 'Just another game for you, Derrick.' He's been special in a lot of games in the conference season."

Byars has repeatedly said that his only goal is to get to the NCAA Tournament. We can tell. ■

SEC NOTEBOOK
News and notes from Sunday's victory over Kentucky

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

• **THE TRUTH:**

Junior guard Shan Foster quietly turned in the Commodores' best performance Sunday, scoring 21 points on efficient seven-for-12 shooting to go along with seven rebounds and three assists in 37 minutes. With his team trailing 46-36 with 14:15 remaining, Foster hit two of his four 3-pointers to cut the lead to six. Coupled with senior Derrick Byars, Vanderbilt has quite the duo.

"We try to feed off each other and feel like we're pretty much one of the best tandems in our league," Foster said. "When we play like we did (Sunday), we feel like we can't be beat."

Byars and Foster scored 35 points in the second half, which is two more than the entire Kentucky team. "In the second half, I guess we just decided not to defend them," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith.

• **RED BULL:**

While it took most of the team 20 minutes to get going, Vanderbilt point guard Alex "Red" Gordon was ready from the start. He scored eight first-half points on two 3-pointers and a driving layup to keep the Commodores within striking distance.

"Alex is a fighter, he's a warrior, he's one of those guys that wants to do anything possible to help the team, and that's just what he did," Foster said. "He saw we needed an extra spark, and he went out there and made plays and kept us in the game."

• **DE-FENSE:**

When asked if he ever remembered winning a game in which the opposing team shot 58 percent from the field, coach Kevin Stallings said, "No, I don't." When asked if he ever remembered losing a game in which his team shot 58 percent, Tubby Smith said, "No. I have coached a lot of games, and no."

Then how do you explain Vanderbilt's 67-65 victory Sunday? The Commodores managed to take 15 more shots than the Wildcats thanks to 16 offensive rebounds and 22 Kentucky turnovers. They also forced the guests into three shot-clock violations.

"Defensively our pressure was pretty good. We ran at them and trapped them a couple of times and got them to turn it over," Stallings said. "We wanted to try and keep them off balance because we felt like if they could get into a rhythm it would be problematic."

Junior Ross Neltner's performance stood out, as he limited Kentucky center Randolph Morris to just four points on one-for-five shooting.

• **BLACK OUT:**

There are many reasons the Commodores have won 13 straight home games, including all seven in Southeastern Conference play. The fans are certainly one of them.

A week after leading Vanderbilt to a "white out" of Florida, the crowd helped "black out" Kentucky Sunday. Vice Chancellor for Student Life and University Affairs David Williams said he thanks the fans for not storming the court.

Flaherty's walk-off lifts Dores

by PETE MADDEN
Sports Reporter

"Are you guys ready to win the game?"

Commodore shortstop Ryan Flaherty posed this question to his teammates in the dugout before he stepped up to plate with two outs in the bottom of ninth and the game on the line.

Having issued a walk to third baseman Pedro Alvarez, Boston College closer Dan Houston fell behind Flaherty, 2-0. Desperate for a strike, Houston grooved a fastball over the inner third of the plate — Flaherty was ready. He sent Houston's offering soaring over the 375-foot sign in right-center field and circled the bases with his fist raised triumphantly in celebration of a 7-6 victory for the Commodores.

"I can't even explain what was going through my mind," said Flaherty, whose game-winning blast preserved the Commodores' perfect record. "It felt pretty good to run around those bases."

Flaherty's confidence impressed even coach Tim Corbin, whose No. 1 Commodores improved their record to 10-0, their best start in team history.

"(Flaherty) is a special kid," Corbin said. "He doesn't feel pressure. He told us beforehand that he was going to win the game, and then he went up there and did it. He did everything but point to where the ball was going to go. I get a good feeling every time he comes up to the plate. When the game is on the line, I know he's going to do something."

Although Flaherty's homerun certainly made the difference in the game, Corbin credited the victory to senior reliever Stephen Shao, who pitched a career-high six innings in relief of the struggling sophomore starter, Brett Jacobson. After taking over for Jacobson in the third, Shao held the Eagles scoreless until the ninth, allowing only one run on four hits while striking out five.

"[Shao] picked up the slack for us and kept them at bay," Corbin said. "He threw three quality pitches for strikes and kept them off balance. Once he settled them down, we were able to chip away a little bit and we finally tied the game up. He was the MVP."

Commodore starter Brett Jacobson lasted only two and one-third innings, surrendering five runs on nine hits before giving way to Shao. The Commodores found themselves in a 5-2 hole, the only marks on their side of the scoreboard being a pair of solo homeruns by Alvarez and right fielder Dominic de la Osa.

An RBI single in the fifth by left fielder Parker Hanks cut the score to 5-3. In the eighth, a walk to Alvarez, a single by Flaherty and a sacrifice bunt by catcher Shea Robin put runners on second and third for de la Osa. A slow roller to first allowed Alvarez to score, and the Commodores tied the game when Houston's first pitch to pinch-hitter Ryan Davis sailed wildly past the catcher.



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While the basketball team was in the process of beating Kentucky, the baseball team came back to defeat Boston College 7-6 to improve to 10-0 on the season.

Following a leadoff double and sacrifice bunt in the top of the ninth, senior closer Casey Weathers entered the game in relief of Shao and surrendered only his second hit of the season, an RBI single by Ryan Hutchinson to give the Eagles a 6-5 lead. Flaherty's homerun in the bottom of the ninth gave Weathers his second victory of the season.

Sunday's victory completed a perfect weekend for the Commodores at the Music City Classic.

The Commodores pounded 16 hits against Ball State on Saturday afternoon, hammering the Cardinals 15-3. Designated hitter Kurt Lipton led the Commodore hit parade with three hits, while sophomore starter Nick Christiani struck out a career-high nine batters over six innings of work to earn the victory.

The Commodores opened the weekend with a 4-3 win over Pittsburgh, rallying to overcome an early 3-0 deficit. Commodore ace David Price picked up his second victory of the season, striking out 10 batters in five and two-third innings of work.

The resiliency of this year's Commodores certainly suggests that Corbin's squad could be on the verge of something special.

"They don't give up," Corbin said. "That's been a foundation of our program ever since we started here. We can always come back — no matter what." ■

SPORTS BRIEFS

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Men's tennis beats crosstown rival

The Vanderbilt men's tennis team followed a 4-3 upset over No. 23 Clemson with a 5-2 victory over crosstown rival Middle Tennessee State Sunday.

The Blue Raiders (7-4) swept the doubles point, but the Commodores (5-4) earned five singles victories to take the match. The clinching match fell at No. 3, where sophomore Nik Cromydas defeated No. 100 Marc Rocafort for his first ranked victory of the season. The two competitors exchanged 6-0 set victories, but Cromydas nailed a 6-4 third set victory to clinch the Vanderbilt match win.

Vanderbilt will face Furman on Feb. 27 before beginning the SEC season against Alabama and Auburn on March 2 and 4 in Nashville. Ryan Preston, Vijay Paul, Nathan Sachs and Andy Mack also earned victories.

Women's tennis takes two

The Vanderbilt women's tennis team followed a 5-2 upset over No. 3 Georgia Tech with road victories against Brown and Harvard over the weekend.

The No. 25 Commodores (6-5) defeated Brown 6-1 on Saturday after sweeping the doubles point and taking wins at No. 1 through 5 in singles. Vanderbilt was able to replicate its success the following day with a 6-1 victory over No. 54 Harvard.

Vanderbilt will have four days to prepare for the conference season opener against Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Against the Bears, Amanda Taylor, Amanda Fish, Taka Betrand, Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sveke all earned victories.

Women's lacrosse falls to defending national champ Northwestern

The two-time defending national champion Northwestern Wildcats handed No. 19 Vanderbilt its first loss of the season, 20-2, at the Vanderbilt Lacrosse Complex on Sunday.

Led by sophomore Meredith Frank and senior Kristen Kjellman, Northwestern found the back of the net eight times in the first 13 minutes of play. The Wildcats outshot the Commodores 19-9 in the first half en route to a 13-0 halftime lead.

Northwestern would increase that lead to 15-0 in the second half before junior Ali Lemons notched the first goal for Vanderbilt with 15:39 remaining. Freshman Anastasia Adams continued her impressive play scoring the second goal of the game for the Commodores off an assist from junior Margie Curran with 1:36 to go.

But it was an afternoon that belonged to the Wildcats. Frank led all scorers with five goals, while Kjellman added four goals and three assists on the day. Sophomore Hannah Nielsen also recorded five points on the day, tallying two goals and three assists.

With the loss, Vanderbilt falls to 1-1 on the season and drops to 0-1 in American Lacrosse Conference play. The Commodores hit the road this upcoming weekend as they travel to Pittsburgh, Pa., to face Duquesne.

Vandy tripped up by Vols



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Tennessee coach Pat Summitt congratulates Vanderbilt senior guard Dee Davis before the Vols' 73-53 victory over Vanderbilt Sunday.

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

Candace Parker had 21 points and 14 rebounds as No. 2 Tennessee snapped the Commodores' seven-game winning streak with a 73-53 victory over No. 12 Vanderbilt in Knoxville on Sunday.

Despite the loss, the Commodores (24-5, 10-4 Southeastern Conference) are in good position heading into the SEC Tournament, which begins Thursday in Duluth, Ga. Vanderbilt earned the No. 3 seed and will play the winner of the game between Mississippi State and Florida on Friday.

"This is one of the best teams I've coached since I've been at Vanderbilt," said coach Melanie Balcomb. "We're very comfortable together as a team and a program and have really, really come together. We want to get back after it. We will recover from it. I have so much faith in this team, I can't tell you."

Senior Carla Thomas led Vanderbilt with 23 points in the loss, while classmates Caroline Williams and Dee Davis added seven and six points, respectively.

"Carla Thomas played really well. Carla does what she does, and that's what she brought (Sunday)," Balcomb said.

The Lady Vols (27-2, 14-0 SEC) have made a convincing case for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament and played well against the Commodores. Vanderbilt, meanwhile, just had one of those days.

"Well, it just wasn't our night (Sunday)," Balcomb said. "I think our kids played hard, I think we have a very good team, and I can honestly say that this wasn't our best."

Tennessee was able to pressure the ball, which eliminated Vanderbilt's offensive timing. In addition, missing easy shots early hurt the Commodores.

"We've been shooting so well, we've been breaking shooting records. When we get hot, it becomes contagious," Balcomb said. "And I think we had some really good looks early. We missed layups, and then that became contagious."

The Commodores, who shot just 33 percent from the field, will have no trouble putting the regular season finale behind them, Balcomb said.

"They know that it's one game, and they understand that. They're very experienced, very mature," she said. "They care very much about keeping the season going and having a great finish." ■

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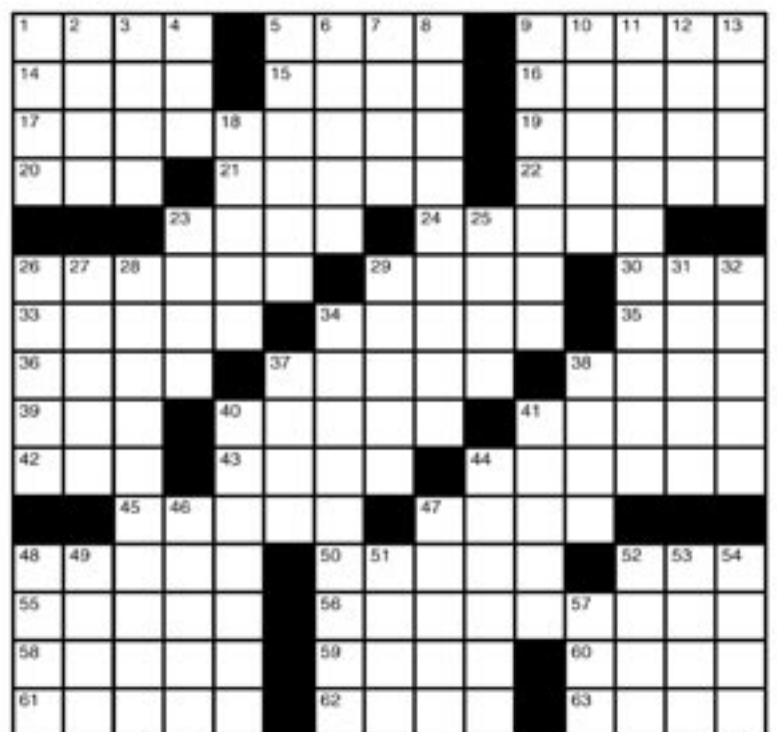
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- Torch's crime
- Read quickly
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- Comportment
- Run off to marry
- Pleasant
- Void's partner?
- Thong
- Old hag
- Unnamed source
- Man of La Mancha
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- Corroborates
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- Release
- Popeye's nemesis
- Tilled
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