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MONDAY, MARCH 22
• **Highland Quad Destress Fest**
VSG will host the Highland Quad Destress Fest from 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Highland Quadrangle. The event will feature Las Paletas popsicles, professional caricatures and games, and will be held rain or shine.

MONDAY, MARCH 22
• **Doyle and Debbie**
Country music parody artists Doyle and Debbie will perform their hits in Sarratt Cinema at 7 p.m. Following the performance will be a discussion and reception with the performers, and Vanderbilt professors will discuss how parody songs can shed light on social issues.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23
• **Kasiisi Cafe**



The second-annual Kasiisi Cafe open mic night will be held from 7-10 p.m. at the Schulman Center. The event will feature performances by nearly two dozen groups, with proceeds benefiting Kasiisi Project. Tickets are available for \$7 on the card.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
• **Interfaith Chocolate Seder**
Vanderbilt Hillel and Interfaith Council will host their annual chocolate seder at 6 p.m. in the Schulman Center. The event will allow individuals to learn more about other religions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
• **SS Rand**
The annual Vanderbilt Dining event SS Rand will bring the culture and cuisine of a port country to the Rand Dining Center for dinner.



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Dorothy Legros 1987-2010



photos submitted by CHISATO NISHIKAWA

Dorothy "Dorie" Legros played integral roles in campus faith and service groups in a life cut short by tragedy.

by KATHERINE MILLER
InsideVandy Editor

The same words come up again and again about Dorothy Legros: motivated, ambitious, driven, had plans — plans for a trip this summer to Haiti, plans for law school, plans to be a Supreme Court justice.

Dead at 22, younger than her newlywed parents were when they came to America, Legros will not realize any of these plans.

The Vanderbilt community will have the opportunity to remember and reflect on Dorothy Legros' life at the on-campus memorial service on Friday, March 26 at Benton Chapel at 5 p.m.

As reported by The Hustler and in an e-mail to the student body by Dean of Students Mark Bandas, Legros died at the scene of a two-car collision in Hampton, Ga., on March 8 while on spring break visiting her sister, Rachel. Her funeral was held Saturday at Alabanza Evangelical Baptist Church in Miami.

"I was extremely saddened," said Jamie Frazier, campus pastor for Jeremiah Generation. "Dorothy was a really a quiver in the hand of God, to be launched out into the world, into the legal world, to serve people."

Frazier met Legros her freshman year when she joined Jeremiah Generation's welcoming committee.

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photo provided by JEFF BERRY

Mentor TennisSee, founded by senior Jeff Berry, links academic tutoring and life-skills development for children who would otherwise have no exposure to the game.

Mentor TennisSee teaches life skills through sports

by LAURA DOLBOW
Asst News Editor

As a teenager in Philadelphia, senior Jeff Berry played tennis competitively at a place where inner-city children could play for free on the weekends.

"For me, tennis was a significant motivator growing up. I had the chance to empower kids at a young age through tennis. That experience was very powerful for me, and I knew I would want to have the chance to do it again much later on," Berry said.

When he arrived at Vanderbilt, he put wheels in motion to establish a similar program in Nashville that would connect tennis instruction with academic tutoring.

"When I got to Vanderbilt, I saw that Nashville did not have a strong tennis and academic program for inner-city kids. And given the resources we have at Vanderbilt and the resources we have in the city, it made a lot of sense to bring a program like that to Nashville. Nashville is a generous and sophisticated city, so it was the perfect opportunity to start this organization here," Berry said.

The program has become so successful that it was named

the 2009 Organization of the Year in Tennessee by the United States Tennis Association.

"We were fortunate that we failed quickly and learned from our mistakes. We were able to produce a model that worked and has been working for the past year. I'm confident our model, which is based upon the other programs that have successfully served high-risk kids for 20-plus years, will continue to produce dramatic results," Berry said.

Furthermore, the program has three participants who are currently in the top 10 of the national First Serve competition. The competition ranks participants from the country's 30 best inner-city tennis programs based on their grades and participation in tennis matches. Winners receive scholarships towards a college education.

The program partners with LEAD Academy, IT Creswell Middle Arts Magnet, and John Early Middle School to enroll students.

"(We're) working with a smaller number of schools allows us to approach kids from every angle," Berry said.

Yet with the infrastructure of the city, the program plans

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Less competition for Carmichael Towers suites

by JUSTIN TARDIFF
News Editor

Students who applied for Carmichael Towers had a better chance of getting their desired housing than in recent years, based on numbers available Friday afternoon before the window to submit Towers and Morgan/Lewis applications closed at 4:30 p.m.

As of 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon, only 114 ballots had been submitted for Towers suites. On Sunday afternoon, 101 groups learned that their ballots had progressed to the suite selection stage.

The low number of submitted ballots suggested that most students who wanted to live in Towers would be able to live there.

"We could have some really excited students," said Jason Jakubowski, director of housing assignments, on Friday afternoon.

Some Towers suite recipients in the Class of 2011 said improved housing was owed to them, as the class was the only one that did not have the opportunity of living on the

Peabody campus.

"Housing for our class hasn't always been fair," said junior Colleen Cummings. "A lot of us have lived in what used to be freshman housing for three years in a row, so it's nice to upgrade and know we'll have common areas, kitchens and our own bathrooms."

Despite higher availability of Towers suites, more students had applied this year for the 82 available three-person Morgan/Lewis apartments. Jakubowski e-mailed Morgan/Lewis applicants on Thursday to alert them that twice as many ballots had been submitted for Morgan/Lewis rooms as had been submitted for Towers suites. Applicants were allowed to apply for spots in both residences before the deadline.

While there is no concrete reason for the increase in applications to Morgan/Lewis, Jakubowski said one possibility is that upperclassmen may have talked up the difficulty of getting a Towers suite, which may have discouraged younger applicants and pushed them toward alternate residences. ■



Usually one of the most contested living arrangements for undergraduates, only 114 groups applied for one of 101 available Towers suites for the 2010-2011 school year.

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CRIME LOG compiled by JUSTIN TARDIFF

March 18, 2010 at 9:10 a.m.
Two people were being verbally confrontational to officers and staff at the Vanderbilt University Hospital.

March 18, 2010 between 10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
A backpack with a laptop and an umbrella were stolen from Central Library. The backpack and umbrella were recovered.

March 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
Police responded to the Children's Hospital pharmacy, where a person had been making harassing phone calls to pharmacy staff.

March 19, 2010 at 2:30 a.m.
A man was arrested was causing a disturbance at the Varsity Grill at 204 21st Avenue South. He was unsteady on his feet, and had very slurred speech. He could not produce any identification, and said his friends had left him.

Around the Loop

compiled by KYLE BLAINE

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL?



I am interested in seeing what effects it has because it may not have been the right idea.
— **Will Bonfiglio, Class of 2012**



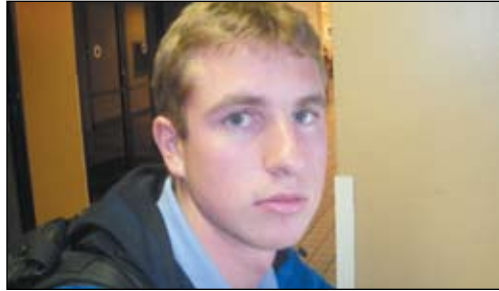
I would prefer that it doesn't pass, but if it does I would think that the Supreme Court would rule it out.
— **Andrea Messer, Class of 2012**



I think it's about time. I think it's a good bill and it's something America really needs, so I am excited for it.
— **Sarah Goodrich, Class of 2011**



I am not that political, but I will be interested in seeing what consequences it brings.
— **Savannah Hicks, Class of 2011**



I do not agree with the bill because I believe that it ruins the free market system and turns health care into a government-run system.
— **Garrett Sweitzer, Class of 2012**

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WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

Don't remind me. I flipped burgers at a fast-food joint in LA called Carl's Jr. (sort of like a Wendy's). It was terrible. But it taught me the value of a hard-earned buck. I don't think I've ever been so proud of a paycheck as that first one.

IF YOU WEREN'T A PROFESSOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Probably law or government or intelligence. Maybe I already work for the CIA, for all you know.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

Go out on a date with my wife. My two little boys are the center of my life, but she is the love of my life.

compiled by CONRAD GOERINGER

SNAPSHOT

Volley against violence



NICOLE MANDEL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Vanderbilt chapter of Alpha Chi Omega sorority partnered with the MTSU chapter for their first annual "Volley Against Violence" volleyball tournament. The two chapters brought in more than 20 different organizations to play in the tournament, with MTSU's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity winning the overall competition. Proceeds were donated to the YWCA of Nashville, which aids victims of domestic violence.



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LEGROS: Senior valued faith, service

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"That speaks to her willingness to embrace new people and seek them out," he said. "Dorothy was dynamic and genuine, someone who could (interact) with different belief systems and values, without compromising her own."

"She greeted people at services with her beautiful smile, which was just the perfect job for her," said senior Brittney Fyffe. Fyffe and Legros were both members of Jeremiah Generation and Campus Crusade for Christ.

Legros's faith informed her actions and relationships, creating a woman confident in her purpose — and fun.

"She loved to dance. That was her passion — she just loved, loved, loved to dance," said senior Kristen Kuan, one of her roommates. "We would all always go out together, and she didn't really care about anyone around her, it was about us, and about her, living it up."

Her roommate Chisato Nishikawa recounted the night she and Legros followed a friend to dinner at the Cheesecake Factory with a Harris Teeter-bought rose and a typed note ("Dear Kristen, I adore you. Please meet me by the bathroom"), and got their waiter to hand deliver it to her.

"We probably should have been studying," Nishikawa said, "but it was just fun. It was something to do. That was Dorie."

Friends mattered to Legros, in any situation.

"I had to make a decision about working at a summer camp — a Christian camp — for no money, and a dance camp where I would have been paid a lot of money each week," Fyffe said. "I knew where I could have been the most help, which was with the Christian camp, and finally, Dorie told me, 'It's not your summer, it's God's summer.'"

Legros struggled at times to reconcile the imperative to serve now and her education. After attending one of the featured panels in the Martin Luther King Jr. series in February with Nishikawa, Legros got choked up walking back — rare for her.

"We were walking back," Nishikawa said, "and Dorothy just said, 'You know, I want to do so much. Those people (on the panel) did so much, and they didn't graduate from Harvard — they just did it. I just want to get out of here so bad. I want to do that, I want to change people, change their lives.'"

Legros planned to go to law school — she had been accepted to Georgetown, but was waiting to hear back from other schools. She planned on a life of public service.

"She had a quote on her Facebook profile, 'Tomorrow is not promised, but my eternity is guaranteed,' and that quote was something she lived by," Fyffe said. "It was not about her, it was about God and what he was calling her to do and what he is calling us to do. She didn't do things for her own glory." ■

MOSAIC gives prospects a different perspective



CHRIS HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

by **KYLE BLAINE**
Asst News Editor

The MOSAIC Recruitment Weekend occurred this past Thursday through Sunday in an effort to provide prospective minority students with a taste of Vanderbilt University.

Over the course of the weekend, hundreds of high school seniors from around the country traveled to Nashville for the unique opportunity to experience the academic and social life of Vanderbilt students. Prospective students were able to attend classes and a variety of workshops. Live VU, a student talent show, and the National Pan-Hellenic

Council step show provided a taste of the diverse culture at the university.

"I really didn't know what to expect. I came and thought it was going to be a dance show, but it was really neat that all the different groups came out and performed," said MOSAIC participant Crystal Lee about the NPHC step show.

The four-day event was capped off with a Spring Fling Carnival that included games, free food and obstacle courses for student enjoyment.

Overall, the university hopes that a brief glimpse into the life of a Commodore will influence MOSAIC students to choose Vanderbilt when it comes time to commit. ■



Check out InsideVandy.com for a video highlighting the variety of events and perspectives from MOSAIC Weekend, as well as a slideshow from Saturday night's NPHC Step Show.

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MENTOR TENNISSEE: Group focuses on lasting impact for students

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to expand in the long run, aiming for an enrollment of approximately 75 kids. Berry said he hopes they will be able to partner with state education administrators to receive funding to work with kids from failing schools under No Child Left Behind. The Mayor's After Zones Initiative, for which the organization is currently a Complementary Partner, will bus in at-risk kids from East Nashville to participate in the program.

Retention is one of the major goals of the program. Participants must participate in an interview process and are required to attend every session, which take place three times a week for two-and-a-half hours.

"We have about 25 kids in the program. We want them to attend regularly so we can maximize the benefit they receive. We'd rather

work with 10 kids for 50 hours than 50 kids for 10 hours," Berry said.

About 10 Vanderbilt students are currently involved, and they are working to institutionalize the program at Vanderbilt. The program is endowing a scholarship at Peabody for a graduate or professional student to run the organization. The six-figure endowment is the result of fundraising to attract top talent to manage the program. Berry said he hopes the scholarship will ensure the sustainability of the program on the Vanderbilt scene.

"Much of it is relationship-driven, so we want Vanderbilt students to be connected to each kid. It's very important to have Vanderbilt students building relationships with the kids," Berry said. "There is no better ambassador for a college education than a current college student." ■

VUnetID passwords must be changed annually

by **RUTH KINSEY**
Asst News Editor

For the first time, Vanderbilt's Information Technology Services department is requiring all VUnetID holders to change their ePasswords annually. The deadline for this year's password change is June 15.

This change in policy is due to efforts to comply with federal regulation and enhance the security of Vanderbilt Internet services, including Vanderbilt Gmail, OAK and YES, the new registration program. Before ITS instituted this policy, there were no requirements governing the frequency of password changes.

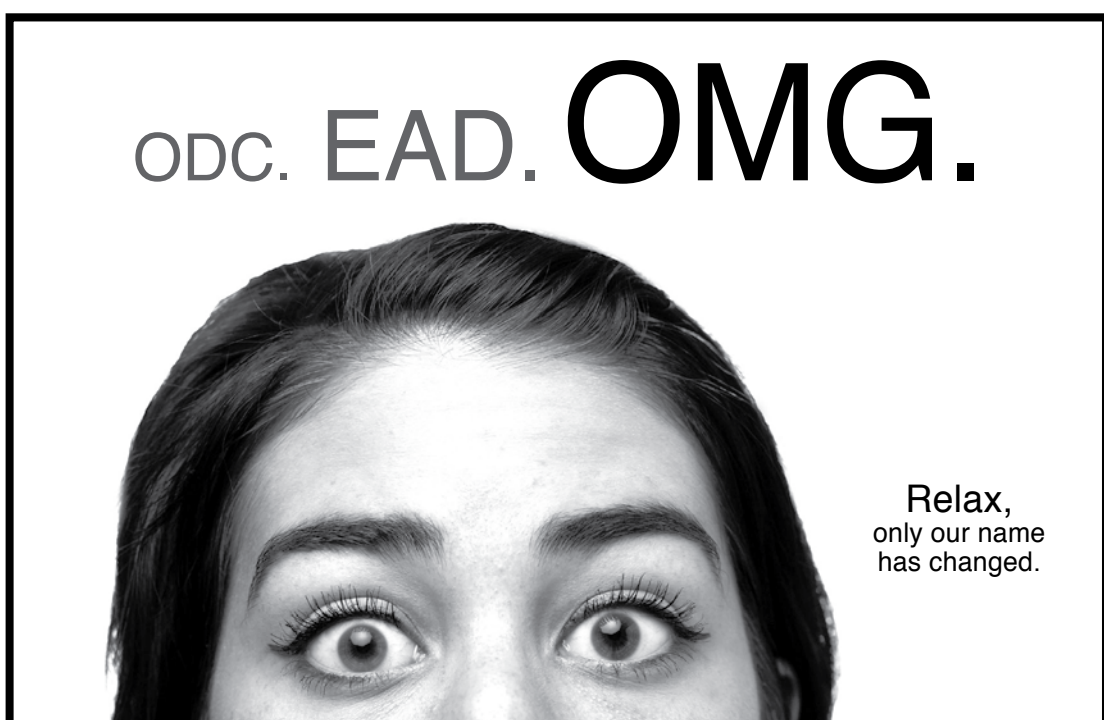
"It was an individual choice as to how often each person changed (their password)," said Cindy Frank, director of service delivery and project management at ITS.

There have been no problems with the password changes so far. However, if the June 15 deadline is missed, Vanderbilt Internet accounts will be locked, and the only system students will be able to access with their VUnetID and ePassword is the ePassword management site — the place to change your password.

Due to these potential problems, ITS is urging people to change their passwords as soon as possible.

"Change it sooner than later," Frank said. "But bear in mind that it sometimes takes up to 15 minutes to propagate the new password to all systems."

To change their passwords, students should go to www.vanderbilt.edu/passwordchange. The ITS help desk is available if problems are encountered and can be reached by calling (615) 343-3999. ■



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COLUMN

Chancellor Zeppos, Vandy alienate students

University's decision to support health care reform insults students and employees.



MIKE WARREN
Columnist

For a school that desperately wants my money after I graduate, Vanderbilt is doing a good job of ensuring that it doesn't get a dime from me — voluntarily, that is.

That's certainly a shame. I've had a remarkable four years here. We have some of the best professors in the world, and they've given me a rich, rewarding education.

I've made tons of great friendships with all different kinds of people. Working in student media has provided me with career opportunities I hadn't even considered when I came here in 2006. Last week's embarrassing loss notwithstanding, I've even witnessed some pretty remarkable sporting events. And I don't have to tell any of you readers about the great social culture this university fosters.

So why, Vanderbilt, are you making it very difficult for me to want to give you any of my forthcoming hard-earned money? (And no, I still don't have a job as of this writing; give me a break.)

Friday, on the perfect day to dump news you'd like people to ignore, the university released a statement from Chancellor Zeppos and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Jeffrey Balsler that begins, "Vanderbilt University supports the comprehensive health care reform legislation pending before Congress." Being the curious young chap that I am, I had more than a couple questions, none of which administrators seemed

willing to answer.

Why would a university that employs hundreds of doctors and other medical professionals support a bill that the Tennessee Medical Association, along with several other state-level doctor organizations, opposes? Why would they support legislation that our Democratic governor is telling members of Tennessee's congressional delegation the state can't afford? Why would they support a bill that will increase the cost to the taxpayer while increasing government's role in 17 percent of our nation's economy, will indirectly raise health insurance premiums, and does nothing to address the ever-growing unfunded liability of Medicare and Medicaid?

Well, Zeppos and Balsler pretty much answer those questions. "We believe that health care reform is urgently needed and that this legislation will enhance health security, improve the public health care infrastructure, and reduce the impact of uncompensated care on healthcare providers such as Vanderbilt," they say. Boom. Right there. All that money Vanderbilt loses when it treats people who can't pay their bills? Problem solved once the federal government starts paying the tab.

Which means taxpayers are paying the tab. And in a few months for me (and no more than a few years for everyone else), that really means we'll be paying the tab. What it comes down to is that we'll pay higher taxes to fund big government programs that save big health care providers like Vanderbilt big money.

I guess I really don't have to worry about contributing to my class fund — Vanderbilt's going to get my money, one way or another.

—Mike Warren is a senior in the College of Arts and Science. He can be reached at michael.r.warren@vanderbilt.edu.

COLUMN

Governmental woes

As political issues become more complex, citizens and politicians alike must work harder to keep up.



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Opinion Editor

People argue. They argue a lot. Sometimes about health care, other times about tea and taxes and whatnot. In theory, I should care, and on some level I do, but I think everyone can agree that C-SPAN is pretty boring. In other words, I am uninformed. I am not alone.

Reading columns and blogs across the vast frontier of Internet journalism, it's pretty clear no one has any idea of what is going on. The Congressional Budget Office says health care reform is going to cost almost \$1 trillion and somehow cut the deficit by \$140 billion. Admittedly, the latter half of that prediction is pretty meaningless since the 10-year deficit projection will be almost \$9 trillion.

And the pundits are bandying about with fright-inducing terms like socialism and death panels and the like. God forbid we tax the middle class, because, you know, they're the real America. A lot of bickering and not much progress. None of this surprises me, however; arguments get heated and threats and hyperbole occur with increasing frequency.

What bothers me is that some people are actually calling balderdash on the Budget Office. Seriously? I mean, I didn't pour over all the books myself, maybe there's a blatant error, but I have trouble believing that anyone could really be confident enough to question a long-term budget projection. It can get a little complicated.

I've talked about people speculating well outside their range of knowledge before, though I focused more on climate change. I bring it up again not to be antagonistic, but because

it brings up a pretty valid and fundamentally bothersome question. If a bunch of Ph.D.'s have trouble keeping track of the budget, how is a normal everyday person or a regular run-of-the-mill politician going to be able to evaluate the merits of highly complex legislation.

This is not academic either; it's actually an eminently practical concern. If I am uninformed (true) and I vote (not true) for an under-informed candidate and he votes (possibly true) with other congressmen to pass a potential piece of legislation, how can anyone feel comfortable with the outcome? Most people know the little they do because of that bill song from "School House Rock." Collectively speaking, we're putting our faith in an anthropomorphic, singing piece of paper. This is why it's illegal to wear masks in public in Alabama.

I suppose complaining about the state of things is not particularly helpful. I should probably offer a solution or at least some words of comfort. I won't recommend disbanding the Senate; I've seen "Star Wars" and I know what will happen. And if we required politicians to have a background in science or statistics, there wouldn't be any poli sci majors (or politicians for that matter).

I can say the usual stuff — be a good citizen, civic duty is not optional, be informed and don't forget to vote — but this isn't the 1950's, I'm pretty sure no one cares anymore. What we need are rational, reasonable skeptics. Not crazy people who think Planned Parenthood is a racist eugenics organization but claim that Glenn Beck has never lied. On the other hand, maybe the Budget Office occasionally makes mistakes (unintentionally, I would assume). Someone needs to question numbers, but I'll be honest, that person is probably not you and it definitely isn't someone who hosts a radio show.

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THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!
Compiled by Peter Nygaard

President Obama		The most recent Gallup poll indicates that for the first time in his presidency, more people disapprove of Obama than approve. The drop in approval came shortly after thousands of people were persuaded at the last minute by Obama's bracket to pick Kansas to win it all.
Jesse James		Amidst the media firestorm over the affair he had while his wife, Sandra Bullock, was filming "The Blind Side," the TV personality was able to find his missing dog. James' dog, a pitbull named Cinnabun, went missing soon after the news of the affair broke. Ironically, during that period of time, James' watch, his coffee mug, his keys and his favorite shirt all went missing too.
Frauds		Reality TV star Heidi Montag fired her recently hired business manager, a Malibu psychic named Aiden Chase. In a statement to People magazine, Chase said he was unaware of any change in their business relationship. Wow. He must be like a really, really good psychic to know this whole thing's going to blow over.
Knitting		Police in West Cape May, N.J., have been on the lookout for a vandal who has been dubbed "The Midnight Knitter." The offender has apparently been knitting little multicolored sweaters around trees, lampposts and telephone poles in the area. I have never been more proud of my home state. Ever.

LETTER

Living our values

To the Editor:

"You must live your values," Gen. David Petraeus admonished the full house at the Student Life Center earlier this month. "If you don't live your values," he said, "you're going to pay for it in the long run."

These are good words that beg hard questions: What values is the U.S. living in its wars in Afghanistan and Iraq? What values are our soldiers living as they fight, kill and die in lands far from home? What values is Congress living as it commits nearly 57 percent of our federal budget to military spending (and 4 percent on education)? What values is the leadership of the U.S. military living as it continues to view the death of civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan simply as collateral damage, not even worthy of keeping count?

From the vantage point of this student, the values the U.S. is living in its occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan are arrogance, hypocrisy and fear. The U.S. entered Iraq under false pretense (remember those weapons of mass destruction) and in violation of international law. The U.S.'s long history in Afghanistan is one of convenient alliances made without concern for the freedom of the Afghan people or their capacity for self-governance. Both wars have seen uninhibited profiteering by U.S.-based and multi-national corporations as well as the employment of mercenary armies such as Xe. Clothed in language of freedom and democracy, Petraeus — and the military he represents — have executed a policy based on fear, misrepresentation and an uncritical posture of U.S. dominance on the world stage.

My concerns about the living out of these values are deeply personal. My younger brother, Jesse, is currently deployed in the Maysan province of Iraq at Forward Operating Base Hunter. He doesn't love killing or violence. He believes that he is simply doing his duty. However, I am concerned for Jesse, concerned about the values that he is living during his deployment, concerned about which of those values he will carry home with him. Will he, like so many of his peers, come home with the lingering effects of physical or mental wounds such as post-traumatic stress disorder? Even if he is not visibly changed, how will his life and values be deformed by the national sin in which he participates?

For Jesse's sake, and for the sake of those across the globe impacted by the reach of U.S. imperialism, I must echo Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for a revolution of values. In his speech "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence," King said, "A genuine revolution of values means in the final analysis that our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Every nation must now develop an overriding loyalty to mankind as a whole in order to preserve the best in their individual societies."

The reality is that the United States is paying for its failure to live such ecumenical values from the time King's uttered his prophetic words in 1967 until today. Petraeus helpfully, though inadvertently, reminds us of this harsh reality.

End the wars! Bring our troops home! Let us learn to live the values of peace.

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COLUMN

Partisan politics threatens Senate efficacy

The purpose of a bicameral legislature no longer provides benefits.



HUDSON TODD
Columnist

There has been a debate raging about Democrats using reconciliation to get their health care bill passed in Congress. Reconciliation is a legislative process that allows a budget bill to be passed without the threat of a filibuster, which requires a three-fifths vote to override and has prevented a simple majority from passing the bill. Now, there is a legitimate debate on whether or not health care is out of bounds for a process that is about budgets, but I feel this discussion is missing the larger point. The bigger questions are should the filibuster exist, and, even more broadly, should the Senate exist?

Health care legislation that included a public option already passed in the House, but the Senate, which is historically very undemocratic

and reactionary (i.e., Strom Thurmond filibustering civil rights legislation), did not pass the bill due to the threat of a filibuster.

Let's examine this institution. California has 70 times more people than Wyoming, yet both states have two senators. That would mean, despite the old saying "one person, one vote," compared to the average state, a citizen in Wyoming gets 12 votes, and a person from California gets one-sixth of a vote. Theoretically, 41 senators representing approximately 15 percent of the population can block a bill by 59 senators representing the other 85 percent of the population. It is obvious that this would never happen, but there have been many cases when a minority representing fewer than 40 percent of the population has blocked legislation.

While many make the case that people from smaller states need extra representation, I would direct those people to Texas and California, where rural voters have equal voting power with urban denizens and seem to be doing just fine. It just does not make sense that a state with 500,000 people and a state with 37 million people both have two representatives in the

Senate. The idea that the Senate is necessary as a check is pretty ridiculous when checks are detrimental just as often as they are beneficial, and when the state (Nebraska) and the countries that have unicameral legislatures aren't radical in the least.

Abolishing the Senate makes a lot of sense, but it is highly unlikely that it will happen, because the very legislators who have the power to abolish it are the ones benefiting from it. It is also in the Constitution, and has been part of this country's history for some time. This brings me to our Founding Fathers. Many people I have encountered believe America's Founding Fathers are the most intelligent people who have ever lived, and if we ever deviate from what they believed in we will be destined to fail. I don't dispute their intelligence, but I question whether the government they set up makes much sense today.

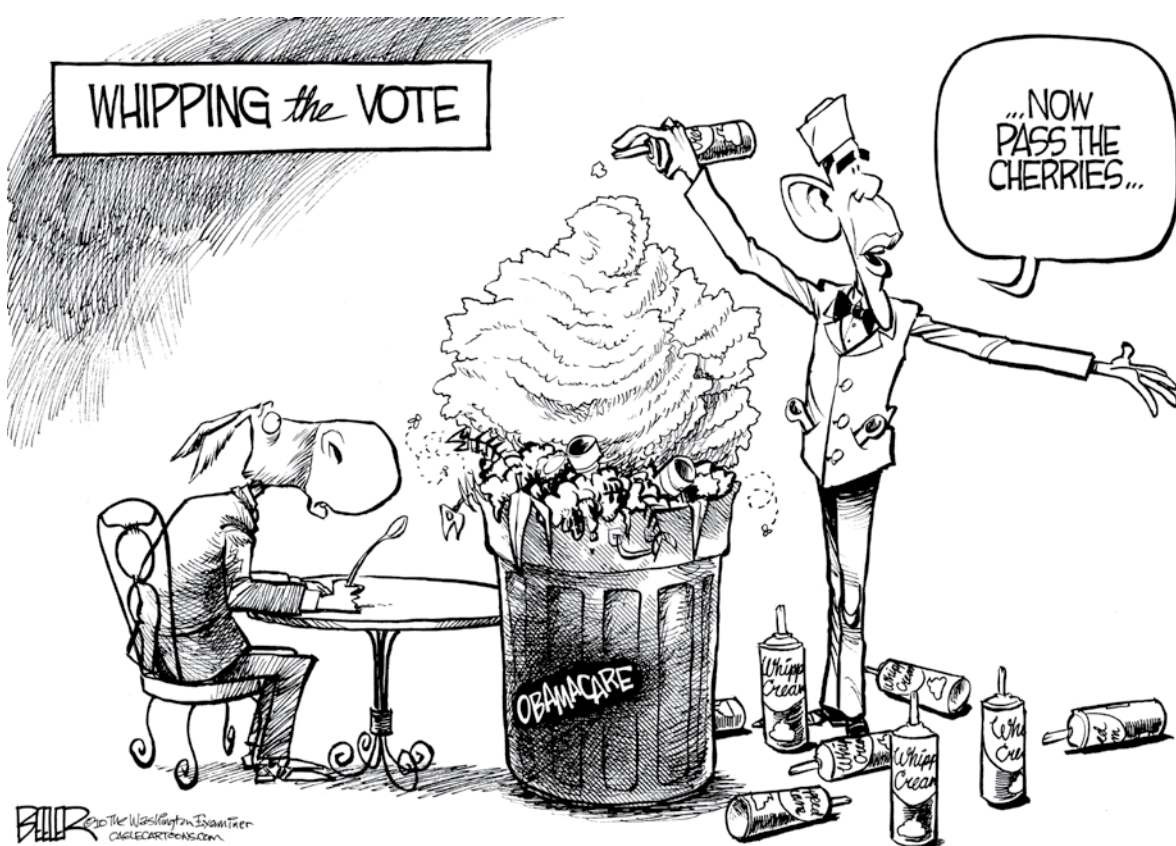
For example, people waste countless hours debating the precise meaning of the Second Amendment, which completely misses the point. Guns and society are very different today than they were hundreds of years ago, so the Founding

Fathers' opinions on them are irrelevant to today's debate. Instead of trying to decipher the Second Amendment, we should ask questions like, "Is it good for our society to have nearly one gun per person?" or "Would it be possible to enact effective methods to regulate guns when there are already so many?" We should not ask, "What did *insert Founding Father here* think about guns?" That would be tantamount to asking Henry Ford to come up with modern-day vehicular safety standards. Frankly, the fact that some of our Founding Fathers thought the Senate was a good idea does not make it a good idea.

So, in conclusion, the whole idea that reconciliation is inappropriate means very little when both the filibuster and Senate are also inappropriate and should not exist. If cheap tactics and loopholes are used to hold up legislation, then cheap tactics and loopholes should be used to pass legislation.

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At a Glance: InsideVandy Blogs

VANDY ABROAD

Barcelona: Things I miss about 'merica.

BY NIKKY OKORO

I love me some Europe, but there are times when I miss things from back home and school. Family and friends are an obvious pick (heheh, I guess?) ... so while daydreaming in class, I came up with a list of the most random of random things I miss about the red, white and blue.

1. Target ... I miss perusing through aisles and buying things I never use and the Go International Clothing Line and cheap popcorn and slushies on the most random days. I saw a Target symbol on a building one day when I was walking through the city. LIES. It ended up being a mall of random stores. STOP TAUNTING ME, BARCELONA!

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Sports

Vanderbilt outlasts DePaul in first round

by ERIC SINGLE
Asst Sports Editor

After 40 minutes of streaky play and multiple shifts of momentum, Merideth Marsh made sure the five-minute overtime period of Sunday's first round NCAA Tournament game would be much less suspenseful.

Marsh scored nine of her 26 points in overtime, and sixth-seeded Vanderbilt used an 11-0 overtime run to hold off DePaul and advance to the second round in Cincinnati, 83-76.

"I felt like it was gut-check time," said Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb. "When we got down in the second half, I really liked how we called a time out and got in their face and they responded. We got more aggressive attacking and got in the tempo that we needed to get into."

The Commodores were not always down, however. They jumped out to an early 15-5 lead, with Marsh scoring seven of the team's first 13 points.

But the 11th-seeded Blue Demons used their size advantage inside to keep the game within reach. Felicia Chester and Keisha Hampton combined for 15 rebounds and four blocks and turned away Commodore drives to the basket all afternoon, and DePaul trailed by just eight at the half.

"They are bigger bodies and harder to get around," said Vanderbilt forward Hannah Tuomi. "I had to get down and fight for a position before them and not let it be easy for them to get the ball."

In spite of the frontcourt's best efforts, the Blue Demons came out hot after halftime, taking advantage of turnovers by Jence Rhoads, Marsh and Tuomi to open the second half

6 VANDERBILT vs. 3 XAVIER

Tuesday, March 23

Cincinnati, Ohio

Tipoff is at 6:06 p.m. CST

TV: ESPN2



After defeating DePaul in overtime on Sunday, the Commodores (23-10, 9-7 Southeastern Conference) will play the third-seeded Xavier Musketeers on Tuesday night. The Musketeers (28-3, 14-0 Atlantic 10) will be playing on their home floor in Cincinnati and will put their 11-game winning streak on that floor on the line. In Xavier's first round game on Sunday afternoon, Amber Harris scored 31 points and Ta'Shia Phillips added 23 points and 21 rebounds in a 94-82 victory over East Tennessee State. Tuesday's game represents a homecoming for head coach Melanie Balcomb, who coached at Xavier for seven seasons and recorded 135 wins with the program before becoming the head coach at Vanderbilt.

on a 14-5 run. Felicia Chester and Ana Martin accounted for 12 of those 14 points and paced DePaul offensively with 19 and 24 points, respectively.

Several quick layups from senior Jessica Mooney stopped the run and gave the Commodores a lead it appeared they would be able to protect.

"We just knew after halftime that we had to come out and play harder than we were playing," said Mooney, who finished with 14 points. "We had a bad stretch, but we had to come out and play harder."

But with just over a minute left, Chester was fouled by Marsh on a layup and hit the subsequent free throw to complete the three point play and tie the game.

Both teams had opportunities to win the game in the final 20 seconds of regulation, but DePaul's Katherine Harry and Mooney missed jumpers at opposite ends of the court, and the score remained tied at 64.

In overtime, Marsh and Tuomi took over for Vanderbilt.

"Overtime is about heart," Marsh

said. "That's all it is. We played a game of 40 minutes and whether or not you have that last five minutes in you. And every senior — I know I didn't want to go out like that and we didn't want to go out like that. We've won every overtime game that we've been in, and that builds a lot of confidence in us."

After Mooney opened the overtime scoring with a layup, the Commodore defense held and Marsh converted a three-point play going the other way. Tuomi scored on back-to-back layups to extend the lead to nine.

Vanderbilt used sound free throw shooting to ice the game as the Blue Demons fouled to stop the clock in the final minutes of the overtime period. The Commodores made 22 of their 23 free throw attempts on the afternoon.

"I don't know what took us (so) long," Balcomb said. "But once we got there, I felt really good about our efforts."

Vanderbilt will play Xavier, Balcomb's former team, in Cincinnati on Tuesday night. ■



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Jence Rhoads (22) hopes to drive the Commodores past the Musketeers on Tuesday much like she drove past Tennessee Volunteer defenders earlier this season.

Lewis a hot commodity in NFL draft circles

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Editor

In his personal finale at Vanderbilt, former Commodore cornerback Myron Lewis did exactly what those around Nashville have come to expect from the defensive stalwart: Intercept the opportunities that come his way.

Lewis made the most of one of his last chances to impress National Football League scouts Friday afternoon at Vanderbilt's Pro Day, building off his solid performance at the NFL Combine several weeks ago. The All-Southeastern Conference corner only ran three drills at Pro Day (the 20-yard shuttle, 60-yard shuttle and three-cone drill), as those were the activities at the Combine that Lewis was forced to miss due to cramps.

"You know you could always do better, but overall I think I did pretty decent," Lewis said of his performance on Friday. "The Combine was more nerve-racking than this. It was a first-time experience and this was just pretty much the same thing over again."

Though Lewis will assuredly have to get used to first-time experiences as he makes his jump to the NFL, a number of teams interested in his services hope the 6-foot-2, 185-pound defensive back can bring the same type of consistent productivity to their squads next season. Following up a junior campaign where he registered five sacks and five interceptions, Lewis tacked on four more picks in a down year for the Commodores. In spite of the team's struggles, Lewis is confident his height can help him take his game to new heights at the next level.

"Just having long arms is



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt corner Myron Lewis (5) deflects a pass intended for a Western Carolina receiver last season. Lewis hopes to have similar success in the NFL, where his services are highly sought-after.

big," Lewis said. "I know a lot of defensive back coaches are looking for big cornerbacks with long arms. I am also strong and have good footwork. I tried to show that (Friday) because as a (defensive back) you've always got to have good footwork."

Indeed, one of the knocks on Lewis last season stemmed from his lack of fluidity in and out of breaks, allowing for occasional uncharacteristic breakdowns in coverage and big plays for the opposition. Some have speculated he may have more success in the NFL as a safety, where scouts believe his willingness to play a physical brand of football and his natural coverage skills could turn him into a ball-hawk as the last line of defense. Either way, whether

as a corner or safety, Lewis is projected to be taken between the third and fifth rounds of April's prestigious draft.

"I have no idea when I'm going," he said. "Some team is going to like me and they're going to pick me up and I'm going to do what I've got to do."

Teams interested in Lewis include the Tennessee Titans, Minnesota Vikings, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Miami Dolphins. The NFL Draft begins on the night of April 22, where teams will make their first-round selections, and lasts until April 24. ■

Information from The Tennessee, NFLDraftScout.com and The Sports Xchange contributed to this report.

COLUMN

March Madness lives up to its name

ALEX WALDER
Columnist

For college basketball fans, the opening weekend of March Madness is a uniquely stirring blend of ecstasy and defeat. Buzzer-beating excitement can quickly turn into a horrible feeling in the pit of your stomach as your team is left thinking about next year instead of their next game. Thus far, the tournament has been characterized by madness, with top seeds falling and sleeper Cinderellas finding their slippers.

At the forefront of this charge was the overall favorite to win the tournament and the No. 1 seed in the Midwest region, Kansas. After an uneventful first round matchup with Lehigh, the Jayhawks would face another seemingly lesser opponent in the Northern Iowa Panthers, who had managed to just sneak by their battle with UNLV in the first round. This test would clearly prove to be more than anticipated, as the Jayhawks went down early and never took control of the game. The two-point loss they suffered at the hands of the nine seed was both surprising and destructive to many a bracket, while simultaneously putting a very interesting turn on the rest of the tournament.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Kentucky is still looking primed for a trip to the Final Four. Though most of the top seeds remain in this region, Kentucky might end up with an easier draw than expected. Next week they face the tournament's biggest surprise thus far: Cornell. Aided by a fast pace and three-point proficiency, this Ivy League powerhouse will look to dethrone John Calipari's mighty squad in a Sweet 16 matchup for the ages. Even so, considering the major issue with Kentucky is experience and maturity, the field is playing out very beneficially for them; they should have enough talent and athleticism to overpower these lower seeds making impressive runs.

Looking at the South region, the thing that stands out is the disappointment that was Villanova. Though never discussed as a serious contender for a one seed, the Wildcats were a well-established team from the dominant Big East conference and were an undisputed two seed. Nevertheless, with the underdog St. Mary's team playing on pure emotion, Villanova was knocked out, again sending many a bracket into



SCOTT HANNIGAN / Kentucky Kernel

Freshman forward DeMarcus Cousins has dominated the paint thus far in the NCAA Tournament, and looks to do so again against Cornell.

peril once again.

Overall, the first weekend of the NCAA tournament (particularly the West region) brought a lot less joy to viewers on this campus than in normally would have. Our good friends in Kentucky and Knoxville are still playing, most of us have realized that our brackets are ready to be thrown in the trash and we have to wait another year before we see John Jenkins drain threes in opponent's faces. Fortunately, Commodore fans, March will come again in 2011, as will a chance at redemption for Vanderbilt.

This weekend in Vandy sports

by **PETER NYGAARD**
Sports Reporter



BECK FRIEDMAN / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Vanderbilt women's tennis gave No. 4 Notre Dame its best shot before losing 4-3 to the Irish.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team pushed No. 4 Notre Dame all the way to the brink before losing on the final point of the last singles match, falling 4-3. Senior Catherine Newman notched her 100th singles win, giving the Commodores a 2-1 lead overall. The Irish fought back to take a 3-2 lead before sophomore Chelsea Preeg came back to win her match, leaving it up to a decisive match between Notre Dame's Cosmina Ciobanu and junior Rachel Dillon. Ciobanu defeated Dillon 7-5 in the third set to clinch the overall match. On Sunday, Vanderbilt took on Georgia Tech and was defeated in another nail-biter 4-3 for their second loss of the weekend.

BASEBALL

The Commodores opened Southeastern Conference play on Friday with a 4-2 road loss to Alabama. Sophomore Sonny Gray picked up the loss, despite a quality start that was marred by a two-out throwing error that led to two additional runs in the fourth inning. In Saturday's game, the Crimson Tide had a pair of three-run hits to keep the Commodores at a distance as Vanderbilt lost 8-2. Junior Taylor Hill was the starting pitcher for the Commodores, earning his first loss on the season. Sophomore Jason Esposito and junior Curt Casali scored Vanderbilt's lone runs on the day on a single by freshman Connor Harrell. The Commodores salvaged the series, however, edging Alabama by a score of 5-4 on Sunday afternoon. Sophomore Jack Armstrong pitched six and one third innings for Vanderbilt, recording his third win of the season.

GOLF

At the Schenzel E-Z-GO Invitational at Forest Heights Golf Club in Statesboro, Ga., Vanderbilt got off to a solid start but faded down the stretch, sitting in ninth place out of 15 teams after two days of action. The Commodores had an average first day, but it was enough to tie for sixth place on the strength of junior Ryan Haselden's one-under. The second day was far more up-and-down, and unfortunately for Vandy, it ended on a down note. Senior Hudson Johnson finished two-under on the day to move into the tournament's top 10, and Haselden holed an eagle and a birdie on consecutive holes, but Haselden fell apart on the back nine, finishing at one-over on the day.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sixth-seed Vanderbilt overcame a comeback by 11-seed DePaul to win their NCAA Tournament first round matchup in overtime, 83-76. Senior Merideth Marsh scored a game-high 26 points, including nine points in overtime to help put the game away. Junior Hannah Tuomi added 17 points and 12 rebounds. The Commodores will face three-seed Xavier in the second round as they attempt to reach the Sweet 16 for the third consecutive year.

MEN'S TENNIS

Vanderbilt overwhelmed Alabama in Sunday's match, coasting to a 5-1 overall victory. The Commodores picked up singles wins from freshman Ryan Lipman, juniors Alex Zotov and Adam Baker, and senior Vijay Paul as they moved to 2-3 in Southeastern Conference play. The overall match looked to be in slight jeopardy after junior Bryant Salcedo dropped his match to Alabama's Ricky Doverspike to cut the lead to 2-1, but the Commodores rallied to win the next three matches and clinch an important win.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The No. 14 Commodores knocked off the visiting No. 12 Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, 20-14. Sophomore Ally Carey and senior Carter Foote continued to burn holes in the net, scoring five goals apiece while senior Anastasia Adam and junior Katherine Denkler both contributed a hat trick. Sophomore goalie Natalie Wills stopped seven of 21 shots, earning herself a break in the final minutes as freshman Chelsea Pasfield saw action for the second time this year. ■



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Sarah Downing and the Vanderbilt women's lacrosse team took down another ranked opponent, No. 12 Penn State, on Sunday.

Squash a formidable campus presence

by **SAMANTHA McDONALD**
Sports Reporter

Through rapid success in their five years of existence, the Vanderbilt club squash teams have proved themselves a collective force to be reckoned with in the collegiate squash world.

Backed by strong play in the College Squash Association National Team Championships, where more than 40 colleges across the nation competed, both the men's and women's teams won their brackets, furthering their goal of eventually gaining varsity recognition.

"We're at the point now where we're ready to move on to the next step," said senior and captain Hunter Kinsella. "(Our success) is a blend of practice time when we're working hard and also having a good time on the side. I think it's as much the community we built around squash as much as it is squash itself."

Indeed, the senior leadership displayed by Kinsella and others has also been crucial to building this team from the ground up.

"I was as much of a leader as a parent," Kinsella said. "The team is very young. (Senior leadership) was definitely instrumental to our success but at the same time it's really good that the success within the club is also coming from younger members."

Hence, the team has become a tight-knit family of sorts for its members, allowing for bonding experience unlike any other Kinsella has had on Vanderbilt's campus.

"I think I kind of needed it as a social outlet because I didn't join a (fraternity)," he said.

Women's team captain Maggie Bouscaren also emphasized the sense of community, saying the close proximity of the players leads to a tight bond that shows through

during competition.

"Just by looking at how small the courts are, when you're working out there with a teammate you get really close to them right away," Bouscaren said. "You're hitting shots back and forth within one inch of each other. So we've learned to become really good friends and we have just by practicing and hitting around."

The next hit this group looks to secure is varsity recognition at Vanderbilt, as they are the only top-20 school without official squash courts. Bouscaren believes this would not only provide a boost to a solid team but also could raise student morale.

"One thing that all those top ... schools have are squash teams," she said. "If Vandy is going to compete with them on all levels, squash is definitely one thing that we should be competing with as well."

These Commodores are already setting the bar in their own conference, establishing themselves as the premier southern program and encouraging other schools to immerse themselves in the squash community.

"Southeastern squash has definitely picked up a lot of steam in the past two years, even, and I think we've been a huge proponent in getting it down here. University of North Carolina, Tulane, Sewanee, University of Virginia, College of Charleston: They've all kind of started to follow our lead and we've actually become the favorite in the Southeastern Conference Tournament."

Overall, though, this team feels like it is just scratching the surface of great potential. With a committed core, this group believes it can squash any obstacles that come its way.

"We're all very close and help each other out on the courts and off," Bouscaren said. "There's a lot of potential and eagerness to grow." ■

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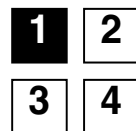


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- 1 Prefix with brewery
- 6 Quite a ways away
- 10 Field furrow maker
- 14 Like a specially formed committee
- 15 Infrequent
- 16 Learn about aurally
- 17 Track shoe part
- 18 Canon shots, briefly
- 19 Dark and murky
- 20 Hopelessly, as in love
- 23 Meal remnant
- 24 Cribbage piece
- 25 Writer's coll. major, often
- 26 Piper in the air
- 29 Field sobriety test
- 32 Fossil fuel
- 35 Draw a bead
- 36 Keeps for later
- 37 A single time
- 38 Theater chain founded in 1904
- 41 ___ Beach, Florida
- 42 Firestone products
- 44 Bit of a chill
- 45 Formerly, previously
- 46 Fierce way to fight
- 50 Reply: Abbr.
- 51 ___ dos, tres ...
- 52 '50s car embellishment
- 53 "Antiques Roadshow" ainer
- 56 Facetious
- 60 Forte of a certain "doctor"
- 62 Eye blatantly
- 63 Throw with effort
- 64 Political alliance
- 65 Mass transit option
- 66 Game show host
- 67 "The Sun ___ Rises"
- 68 Somewhat
- 69 Competed in a bee
- 1 Virile
- 2 Work shirker
- 3 Copy from your classmate's paper, say
- 4 Willie Nelson's "On the ___ Again"
- 5 Squid cousins
- 6 Broken chord, in music
- 7 Expo
- 8 Shooter with a quiver
- 9 Bristle at
- 10 Golfer Mickelson
- 11 Camera's protective cap
- 12 Cask material
- 13 Droll
- 21 Bribe
- 22 They're big in Hollywood
- 27 Online surfers, e.g.
- 28 Stupefy with booze
- 29 Hertz inventory
- 30 Edit
- 31 Umbilicus
- 32 Terra ___; pottery clay
- 33 Burger topper
- 34 Puzzles involving quotes, usually
- 39 Hall of Fame outfielder Dave or actor Paul
- 40 Madrid's country
- 43 Steer clear of
- 47 Long-haired cat
- 48 Chewy candy
- 49 Yard's 36
- 53 What a V-sign may mean
- 54 Slanted edge
- 55 Trapshooting
- 57 Not hoodwinked by
- 58 Director Kazan
- 59 Natural rope fiber
- 60 Place to be pampered
- 61 Buddy

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