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The New York-based Conference Board reported that its confidence index fell to 75.0 in February, down from a revised January reading of 75.3. The drop was far below the 83 reading that analysts had forecast and put the index at its lowest level since February 2003, a period that reflected anxiety in the leadup to the Iraq war.

Consumers were shaken by a prolonged dourness in housing that has pushed the country close to a recession.

A third report Tuesday showed that home prices, measured by the S&P/Case-Shiller Index, dropped by 8.9 percent in the fourth quarter of last year, the steepest drop in the 20-year history of the index.

"Home prices across the nation and in most metro areas are significantly lower than where they were a year ago," said Robert Shiller, one of the index's creators. "Wherever you look, things look bleak."

The January inflation surge left wholesale prices rising by 7.4 percent over the past 12 months, the fastest pace in more than 26 years.

The worse-than-expected performance was certain to capture attention at the Federal Reserve, which has chosen to combat a threatened recession by aggressively cutting interest rates in the belief that weaker economic growth will keep a lid on prices.

The combination of rising inflation and weaker growth raises the threat of "stagflation," the economic malady that plagued the country through the 1970s, when a series of oil shocks left households battered by the twin problems of stagnant growth and rising inflation.

The 1 percent jump in wholesale prices followed a 0.3 percent decline in December and was the biggest one-month increase since a 2.6 percent increase in November. That gain had been driven by sharply higher energy costs.

The big jump in wholesale prices followed a report last week that consumer prices had risen by a worse-than-expected 0.4 percent, reflecting higher costs for food, energy and health care.

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Souza

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CSU system, but by tearing into a 15-year-old build­
ing, it is going to be hard for us to be sustainable and it
might not be cost effective," Souza said.

Souza said sustainable practices would cost more but
did not rule out sustainable construction practices and
materials completely.

"Building sustainable could pay off in the long run
and pay for itself," he said.

The expansion is proposed because of the increasing
number of students and lack of machines and space in
the facility.

"I really do like the Rec Center idea; the school is
only getting bigger," Marin said.

Liberal studies freshman Sarah Wierbuck agreed.

"As long as we pay after it is completed, I'm fine with
it," said Wierbuck, who had just left the Rec Center af­
er not finding a machine and noted that she wouldn't
mind paying the extra fees for a larger Rec Center.

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"One of the most important things is learning how to
work really hard at what he does," Wierbuck said.

Souza has weekly, biweekly and monthly meetings
with people ranging from Cal Poly President Warren
Baker to ASI students to community members. One of
those meetings each month is the Student Community
Liaison Committee meeting held at City Hall.

The Student Community Liaison Committee has
created the San Luis Obispo Night with your Neigh­
bors, keeping a good town and gown relationship, be­
cause things do pop up that affect our university's im­
age," Souza said.

Cornel Morton, vice president for Student Affairs at
Cal Poly who also sits on the S('L(' with Souza, speaks
impressed by what Souza is doing for the school.

"I have a very safe campus when it comes to stu­
dent safety on and off campus. Students shouldn't be
scared," Souza said.

This year, ASI has also expanded The New York
Times readers program so more students can pick up a
national newspaper for free on campus.

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Upcoming projects for Souza include driving to Sac­
ramento to make a stand against legislation hurting the
CSU system due to the state's recent budget deficits.

"It's encouraging because there are many different
options purposed to make a solution to allocating more
funding to the college systems. We are now spending
more on the education system, and for every dollar put
into the system the state gets $4 in return," Souza said.

Economy

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The wholesale report said that energy prices jumped 1.5
percent, as gasoline prices rose by 2.9 percent and the cost
of home heating oil jumped by 8.5 percent.

Food prices, which have been surging because of increased
demand stemming from ethanol production, rose by 1.7 percent
last month, the biggest monthly increase in three years. Prices
for beef, bakery products and eggs were all up sharply.

Core wholesale inflation, which excludes food and energy,
opposed a 0.4 percent increase, the biggest increase in 11 months.
This gain was led by a 1.5 percent spike in the cost of prescrip­
tion and non-prescription drugs.

The cost of book publishing was up 1.7 percent while the
price of light trucks and passenger cars both rose by 0.3 per­
cent.

Prices excluding food and energy are up 2.5 percent over the
past 12 months, the fastest 12-month gain since a 2.5 percent
rise in the 12 months ending in October.
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celebrity news

Left Out

Whoopi Goldberg seemed sad and choked up on "The View" Monday when her fellow co-hosts discussed how she was not included in a montage featuring Oscar hosts during the Academy Awards telecast.

The 52-year-old Goldberg has received two Oscar nominations, winning for her role as Oda Mae Brown in 1999's "Ghost." She hosted the event in 1994, 1996, 1999 and 2002. She did, however, appear as an Oscar winner in a separate montage Sunday night.

Goldberg appeared stunned that the academy would leave her out of the one clip, as well as repeat host Steve Martin.

Clapton in Korea

North Korean officials have invited rock guitarist Eric Clapton to play a concert in the Communist state, a diplomat at the country's embassy in London said Tuesday.

The diplomat confirmed reports in the British media that Clapton was officially invited to Pyongyang — the first such invitation to a Western rock star to the isolated nation.

"Eric Clapton is a well-known musician and guitarist, famous throughout the world," said the official, who declined to give his name. "It will be a good opportunity for Western music to be understood better by Koreans."

Not so funny?

In a filing in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, attorneys for former sitcom star Jerry Seinfeld said they will not give up their legal battle against the comedian's lawyers over his "Seinfeld" series.

The lawyers are seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages for copyright and trademark infringement claims.

Lapine, the author of "The Snacky Chef: Simple Strategies for Hiding Healthy Foods in Kids' Favorite Meals," accused Seinfeld's company of plagiarizing her cookbook, Jessica Seinfeld's "Decadently Delicious: Simple Secrets to Get Your Kids Eating Good Food," which was published in October.

More Britney Drama

Britney Spears' father and a lawyer who claims to represent her traded legal barbs Monday in an intensifying fight over whether James Spears is violating her civil rights by controlling her finances and life.

A lawyer for James Spears said in papers filed Monday that Attorney John Eardley cannot represent the singer because a probate judge in state court found that Britney Spears "lacks the capacity to hire an attorney, and Mr. Eardley cannot remove the conservatorship proceedings on his own behalf."

The pop star and her estate were placed under a temporary conservatorship after she was taken to UCLA Medical Center on Jan. 31, her second hospitalization in a month. Conservatorships are granted for people deemed unable to care for themselves or their affairs.

Sick Naomi

Naomi Campbell was hospitalized in Sao Paulo and is being treated by one of Brazil's top specialists in infectious disease, the hospital's press office said Tuesday.

"The patient and her advisers have determined that the hospital's medical staff will not issue any formal or informal information on her medical condition," the hospital said in a statement.

Word on the Street

"Would you use the Rec Center more after the expansion?"

Compiled and photographed by Dustin Stone

"Maybe. As of now, it's really crowded. More room might be more of an incentive to go."

— Lisa Martini, biology senior

"Probably not. I kind of have my set times between classes when I go."

— Mark Dieu, business junior

"I'm a senior, so by the time it gets expanded, I'll be out. If it would have happened sooner, I would have."

— Amanda Thorson, child development senior

"Yeah, I heard they're supposed to put in a roller-hockey rink. I play for the Cal Poly hockey team and that would be a lot nicer than having to drive to Santa Maria."

— Scott Ondek, business junior

State Briefs

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is planning a partnership with the San Luis Obispo County Chamber of Commerce to help develop a regional plan for the city.

"The deal between Cal Poly and the Chamber of Commerce makes sense because the city is a major economic engine in Santa Barbara County, bringing jobs, increasing tourism and generating $15.3 million to the regional economy."

FULLERTON (AP) — Two men were stabbed while watching a horror film about brain-eating killers in what appears to be a random attack, police said.

Officers were sent to the AMC Fullerton 20 shortly before 7:30 Sunday night for a report of a bag being found containing illegal substances, police Lt. Tom Basham said.

While officers were on the scene, people started running out of the theater shouting "The Signal," including two bloody men.

SANTAYNEZ (AP) — The Chumash Casino Resort is a major economic engine in Santa Barbara County, bringing jobs, increasing tourism and generating $15.3 million to the regional economy.

A 40-page economic impact report funded by the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association group concluded the Santa Ynez Valley Indian casino is a "significant economic enterprise."

Last year, the tribe had 1,527 employees and spent an estimated $185 million on labor, goods, services, payroll and financial distributions to tribal members.
Iraq combat tours to be cut even if troop reductions are suspended

Anne Fabbery

The Army’s top general said Tuesday he hopes to reduce combat tours for soldiers in Iraq from 15 months to 12 months this summer, and he said the number of active-duty Army brigades in Iraq and Afghanistan should be cut by 15 by the end of July, according to the committee chairman.

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International Briefs

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi government demanded for the first time that Turkey immediately withdraw from northern Iraq, warning Tuesday it feared an ongoing incursion could lead to clashes with the official forces of the semi-autonomous Kurdish region.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the operation would only end "once its goal has been reached." • • •

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Police fired tear gas at Bosnian Serb rioters Tuesday to prevent them from storming the building of the U.S. consulate after protests against Kosovo's independence.

A group split away from the almost 10,000 peaceful protesters in Banja Luka and headed toward the consulate, breaking shop windows and throwing stones at police who blocked the streets leading to the building with armored vehicles.

Some bystanders returning from the peaceful part of Tuesday's protests yelled "Shame on you!" at the rioters. One man, apparently a former Bosnian Serb soldier, shouted: "This is not what I fought for!"

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NEW DELHI (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Monday he was not concerned about a missile test announced by Indian officials on the same day he was holding talks with the prime minister and other leaders.

Instead, he said it is impressed by how much the relationship between the American and Indian military has grown in recent years, and the United States is interested in further expanding that relationship.

India's quest to modernize its military against a backdrop of China's burgeoning defense growth and an ongoing regional terrorism threat are key focuses of Gates visit here.

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez's government is taking in battle against U.S. "imperialism" into Venezuelans' dictionaries, urging state phone company workers to avoid English-language business and tech terms.

Through a campaign launched Monday, newly naturalized CANTV hopes to wean employees and others from words like "staff" or "equipment" and "marketing," urging them to "mercadeo" and "contrasena" instead.

Stickers and banners printed up by the company exhort Venezuelans to "Say it in Spanish. Say it with pride."

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NEW YORK (AP) — Most of the world's Internet users lost access to YouTube.com for several hours Sunday after an attempt by Pakistan's government to block access to YouTube's "anti-Islamic" videos.

The outage highlighted yet another of the Internet's vulnerabilities, coming less than a month after broken fiber-optic cables in the Mediterranean took Egypt off line and caused communication problems from the Middle East to India.

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"All people deserve to fulfill potential." This is the line reiterated throughout "The Heidi Chronicles," a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein, that portrays the play’s main theme. This resonating line is the writer’s definition of feminism, according to Pamela Malkin, a Cal Poly theatre professor and director of the upcoming performances.

“She branded feminism as humanism, stating women and men should have intellectual, emotional, political and social equality. Wendy Wasserstein and her characters did not like any philosophy that was too rigid,” Malkin emphasized. “Her characters are bright, funny and witty, and struggle to be true to themselves.”

More than 50 actors — mostly Cal Poly students — auditioned last fall for the cast of eight. This comedy takes the audience from 1965 into the 1990s, as the characters find their way through women’s movements and gender gaps.

Wasserstein wrote the play in 1989 out of frustration; she didn’t think theatre at the time showed women she recognized, Malkin said.

“She captured contemporary women’s struggles, particularly women that wanted both intellectual independence and a long-term relationship,” Malkin said of Wasserstein.

Each character shows personal changes, especially Susan, played by theatre junior Lindsey Cieibel. When Susan is first introduced, she’s at the forefront of the women’s movement. Then, as she grows older, she withdraws from everything she once knew. Malkin told Cieibel to study Samantha from “Sex and the City,” taking note of how she talks and the way she moves, in order to prepare for playing Susan.

“My character changes drastically with every decade. I am up there at the top with the feminist movement, then go into being self-absorbed in Hollywood. She is a really fun character to play in the end,” Cieibel said.

Theatre junior Sarah Butler plays three women, each unlike the next, in the performance.

“Lisa is a lot like me, Jill is a lot like my mom, and Debbie has been a struggle because she is an angry person. It’s definitely been a learning experience and growth experience as an actress,” Butler said.

Butler said she has grown as an actress but has also learned about the historic women’s movement on a more personal level through her preparation for “The Heidi Chronicles.”

“It is interesting because it is what our parents went through. It was interesting to talk to my mom and my grandma about how they felt and how (their experiences were) similar to the characters’ (experiences),” Butler said.

The historical context sets the scene as the women transform in both positive and negative ways. The women try to transcend the stereotype of working women while simultaneously attempting to fulfill their dreams.

“It’s a great story coming through history. It hits all the decades, some of the characters are quirky and change as the decades change. It’s really a beautiful story about Heidi, who plays the main character, and how she tries to stay true to herself,” Geibel said.

“The Heidi Chronicles” opens Thursday in Spanos Theatre and have showings Friday, Saturday, and March 6 to 8. All shows begin at 8 p.m.
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If you talk about innovative and eclectic hip-hop bands, the Rockers are bound to surface. Combining the polished musical talents of three Berklee College of Music graduates, one street-savvy emcee and one beat-producing guru, the five-piece group breathes fresh air into the worlds of jazz, funk, hip-hop and soul.

"We're an amalgamation of sounds," emcee and frontman Raashan Ahmad said. "Each of us comes from such different musical backgrounds. Our music is literally all over the place, which is one of our strongest points."

Relying on sampling and live instruments as a backdrop to smooth, poetic lyrics, the group offers a vibrantly organic sound. Crown City Rockers is similar in comparison to such pioneering acts as De La Soul and A Tribe Called Quest, but in a category all their own.

Group members originated from all over the U.S. but eventually met and formed in the Boston/Roxbury scene during the late '90s. In 1999, they headed west to the Bay Area to record a self-titled EP (then under the name "Mission.") A few years and a full-length album later, the band changed its name to Crown City Rockers. Since then, the group has been touring extensively in support of its most recent full-length, "Fashions," playing for countless fans across the globe.

"We've really been grindin' lately," Ahmad said. "From Japan to the U.K., all our audiences are super live."

Grinding has brought Crown City Rockers to San Luis Obispo many times before, prompting the band to call Downtown Brewing Co. its "second home." Brenden Gough is a student at Cuesta College, but still plans to come to campus to enjoy the Rockers' live show Thursday.

"I've seen them play before," Gough said. "Their live shows are always good; they have a very positive vibe."

"That's where we really get down. We love rockin' live shows," Ahmad said. "We're just trying to keep the culture of hip hop music alive."
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budgetary hardship, I blame you.
If you are a Republican who compromised your values to elect
Arnold Schwarzenegger in the re­
call of 2003 just because he was
electable, I blame you.
If you are a state politician who
gave a forced service to the people you represent and has done
nothing to solve the problem, I
blame you.
If you are a laborer who votes to
accept new lower wages because you
like the promises they make to you,
despite the fact that they have con­
sistently broken those promises, I
blame you.
If you voted against Propositions
74, 75, 76 and 77 in 2005 because
you are easily swayed by the pro­
paganda of unions and bureaucrats,
you are an idiot and I once again
blame you.
Finally, if you are not outraged by
the current state of the state and
blame you.
For several years now, the state
budget has been a problem and little
has been done to solve it. The prob­
lem is largely structural in nature.
This is largely due to constitutional
requirements for spending in areas
such as education. These require­
ments force the state to increase
spending when times are good,
whereas economies use the service
and for changes in inflation. This
is all fine and good, except when you
name your state and are forced to
come up with the money and California
is forced to be taxed. This is a
vicious circle that will continue to
continue to be paid by the system.
This is an area of the country that
is very fast moving and people sound
increasingly desperate in these
requirements. In cases such as these, the state
is being forced to divert funding from
other spending categories like
transportation and leases to education
to "the damny budget school." Don't get me wrong, I know that education
and it is an important priority.
However, if we look at the results of
the increased spending, Califor­
nia has gone from the top 5 percent of
schools to the bottom 5 percent of
schools. Is throwing more money
the problem really helping? But I
digress.
It is this type of budgetary prob­
lem that contributed to the recall
of Governor Gray Davis. Many
heralded Arnold as the savior of
the state (for the record, I voted
for McClintock). They said he was
going to come in and "terminate" all
the problems. While he started strong, he hit the brakes and
grew became more "moderate" af­
er he failed to gain substantial re­
forms. The state needed the reforms
of Propositions 76 (state budget
spending limits) and 77 (restricting).
Had either of these passed, the
state would not be hurting as much,
if at all. Why might you ask? Poli­
tics, plain and simple. The politicians
in power like to keep their power.
They are not going to make spend­
ing cuts even if they are necessary
because that will hurt the vote. They
are the "bad guy," when it comes to cutting spending, taxes and
prison spending. The bottom line is
our elected representatives are not
here to help you. They are beholden to the
California Teachers Association, who went on strike in the spring of
2005, reform efforts, just as they
are beholden to the police and fire
unions, the nurses unions, and the
prison guards union. These groups
and others spend millions on the
elections, seeing to it that they get
more of the budget pie. When there
isn't enough to go around, they
spend millions more seeing to it that
their share is protected.
I can tell you what the solution is.
I doubt a long-term solution will
be found in the future, if at all. Yes, I
am cynical. Politicians will continue
to spend like drunken sailors, unions
will continue to fight for more
money, and California will con­
tinue to be raped by the system.
It is a vicious cycle that will continue
to continue to be paid by the system.
This is a political party that has
come to be so polarized that the
attitude that we've come all
know (and in my case, hate). They
ever tried to call the elec­
tion as Bush vs. [Not Bush],
but much to their disappointment,
the public saw it more like Bud
ideas vs. [No ideas].
I know I could win a lot of base
understanding but the fore­
sight of the Democratic Party, but
sometimes tell me why we're going to let it happen again this
November.
We can observe this with the
resulting (albeit slow and narrow) of
these extreme-centrist, DLC
grounded candidates like Hillary Clinton and John Edwards.
The Democratic Party finally
recognizes that before it will be
able to authentically take back
the White House, it must funda­
mentally reinaugurate with a new
and more importantly парти (lib­
eral) political vision, garner a new
American majority of voters, and
have enough backbone to stand
on its own principles.
They also have the benefit of
being against a party that was already counting on casting a
Hillary Clinton vs. [Not Hillary Clinton] election, and now it
doesn't look like that won't even have
got for going that for them.
Again, one of the hardest re­
tests for this ballot is, going to have to wrap his or her
mind around, however, is al­
though Americans are tired of the excuses of fear and bitter
partnership associated with the
W era, they know simply putting a
Democrat in the White House
will not fix all their problems.
They want a strong yet open­
minded leader capable reaching
across the aisle to achieve genuine
progress and prosperity... some­
thing they haven't gotten as op­
positive to a different flavor of what they've already got.
Americans are sick and tired
of partisanship and ready to
choose a different brand of
politics.
Let them not forget, as Win­
ston Churchill once said, "The price of greatness is responsibil­
ity.
Jade McGeown is a political sci­
en student and a new Mustang
Dailly liberal column.
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minutes and 18 seconds in a 53-47 defeat at the hands of UC Davis before surrendering a 17-4 run amidst the final 6:17 of regulation in a 75-69 overtime loss to Pacific on Saturday.

"I think our hearts were definitely broken," Mimnaugh said of the pair of failures, in which Cal Poly committed a combined 51 turnovers. "I think the team is really searching for an opportunity to come away with a win."

The Highlanders have had no problem doing that, as their six-game spree was triggered with a 67-55 victory over Cal Poly on Feb. 2, when the Mustangs went 7:44 without scoring, descending a 30-24 deficit into a 42-24 margin they couldn't recover from.

Guard Seyram Gbewonyo was 7 of 13 from the floor to lead the Highlanders with 23 points, while forward Tainoisouti Lott went 6 of 10 to chip in 14 points.

In UC Riverside's 64-55 win over Cal State Fullerton on Saturday, Gbewonyo led four double-digit scorers with 18 points, and Lott added 14 of her own.

Gbewonyo is third in the conference in scoring (40.2 per game) and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.8 per game), should be encouraged by its close outing against first-place UC Santa Barbara (18-7, 12-1) in a 74-72 overtime loss Feb. 16 and then the more recent, narrow slipup against second-place UC Davis (17-8, 11-3), which beat UCSB 59-56 in overtime Saturday.

"This has been a freaky kind of year," Mimnaugh said. "It's really been a lack of consistent performance on our team's behalf."

Junior forward Megan Harrison (23) and Cal Poly can still earn a bye in the conference tournament in Anaheim from March 12 to 15.

Cal Poly, which leads the conference in both rebounding (40.2 per game) and assist-to-turnover ratio (.8 per game), should be encouraged by its close outing against first-place UC Santa Barbara (18-7, 12-1) in a 74-72 overtime loss Feb. 16 and then the more recent, narrow slipup against second-place UC Davis (17-8, 11-3), which beat UCSB 59-56 in overtime Saturday. To learn more about our exciting opportunities, please visit our booth at the Architecture & Environmental Design Job Fair on February 28, 2008 or on the World Wide Web at: www.errg.com. Please click our Employment page to view a list of all of our job openings. You may also send your resume via fax at (925) 969-0751.

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Northwest Division
Denver Nuggets (C-): The Nuggets traded for Tamme Green right before the deadline. It's OK if you don't know who he is in most Denver fans don't know either.

Minnesota Timberwolves (B): The Timberwolves had a great trade to Houston, the Timberwolves received a second-round draft pick, but it was really wouldn't be able to trade Mickael Pietrus The Kings had no choice. Kidd will bring veteran leadership to the Mavericks and will be a better facilitator than Harris.

Southwest Division
Dallas Mavericks (B-): Yes, it was had to trade for Kidd, but Mark Cuban and the Mavericks had no other choice. Kidd will bring veteran leadership to the Mavericks and will be a better facilitator than Harris.

New Orleans Hornets (B): On Thursday the Hornets traded Bonzi Wells and Mike James for Bobby Jackson. Wells and James were lost on the bench and this move was done so that team could add some veteran leadership.

Memphis Grizzlies (F): John Wayne in "The Searchers" said, "Well, there are some things a man just can't run away from." Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace needs to re-member that quote because the draft reaction he caused when trading Gasol to the Lakers created a wild West for many other managers, coaches and team owners will not easily forget.

New Orleans Hornets (C): Although they added some depth with Wells and James, it was unnecessary. They were already one of the top teams in the Western Conference, under the radar.

San Antonio Spurs (A+): Bring in Karl Thoms through a Brawl Barry trade was a fantastic move for the Spurs. He is a veteran who will know his role in the offense. Thorn is also one of the few people that could guard Tim Duncan effectively, and now that they're teammates, that problem is resolved.

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ON THE NBA

The NBA trade deadline has passed, and the dust is finally settling following the flurry of the latest player transactions. Here are grades for each team evaluating the trades they have made this season:

Atlantic Division
Boston Celtics (A-): Over the summer, Danny Ainge must have sold his soul to the devil (aka Kevin McHale) in order to revitalize the Celtics and make them one of the NBA powerhouses.

New Jersey Nets (A): Not many teams can trade a disgruntled, aging all-star, get cap room and a better player in return. Nevertheless, the Nets did last week when they shipped out Jason Kidd for Devin Harris. Statistically, Harris is better than Kidd on offense and defense.

New York Knicks (D): They made some noise while pondering trading either Eddy Curry or Stephon Marbury up to the trade deadline. To nobody's surprise, both men are still Knicks.

Philadelphia 76ers (B): Since trading for Goran Giricek, the 76ers have won more and are now competing for the last playoff spot.

Toronto Raptors (N/A): Even after acquiring Primoz Brezec, the Raptors still deserve an incomplete because they did not address any issues.

Central Division
Chicago (C-): Even though Ben Wallace was a huge disappointment in Chicago, trading for Drew Gooden and Larry Hughes was not the answer. Obviously, John Paxson has never visited www.heylarryhughespleasestoptaking-somanybadshots.com.

Cleveland Cavaliers (A): Wallace should provide the Cavaliers with veteran leadership and defensive toughness. Joe Smith will add depth to the bench, and Wally Szczerbiak will spread the floor out for LeBron James.

Detroit Pistons (A-): By trading for Juan Dixon, the Pistons didn't really accomplish much, but they didn't need to because they are a great veteran team playing in a weak conference.

Indiana Pacers (N/A): They needed to trade Jermaine O'Neal while he still had an ounce of value, but with all of his injuries, he made it impossible.

Milwaukee Bucks (N/A): The Bucks have terrible team chemistry and can't even make the playoffs in the Eastern Conference. The roster needs to be shaken up, and players like Michael Redd, Andrew Bogut and Mo Williams could have brought great value back in the trade market.

Southeast Division
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