ND students send letters to GIs

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

When 1st Lt. Christopher Brusznicki was directed in general to request to the Notre Dame athletic community for letters and care packages for his fellow troops stationed in Iraq, he never expected members of the Army ROTC to step in and lead the effort.

However, when Capt. Kerstin Palm read the letter, she knew it was something that the group should be involved in, and brought the letter to the attention of the newly-formed service organization within the Army ROTC. Its leader, junior Patrick Robinson, immediately saw the request as an opportunity to give back to the service-men in Iraq.

"We had special ties to [Brusznicki], since he graduated from Notre Dame in 2002 and was a member of the Army ROTC program, so we really wanted to help him out," Robinson said.

In the letter, Brusznicki, Platoon Leader for the 82nd Airborne Division, described the conditions where he is stationed in Fallujah, Iraq optimistically, but added that news and items from home were needed to keep the soldiers' spirits up.

"Morale is getting to be pretty needed to keep the soldiers' spirits up."

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Students write letters to U.S. soldiers overseas Sunday night in the basement of Walsh Hall. The letters were part of an initiative requested by 1st Lt. Christopher Brusznicki.

NDSP reports wave of thefts

Backpacks and coats line the lobby of South Dining Hall. Notre Dame Security/Police has reported a wave of thefts of unattended personal belongings, including backpacks.

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

The Notre Dame campus has fallen victim to a wave of thefts since students returned from winter break. University officials said last week.

On four separate dates, beginning Jan. 25 and continuing through February, students have reported stolen belongings from the Hesburgh Library and the South Dining Hall lobby, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security Policing.

"These thefts are occurring while students are having book bags unattended while using the restroom or [visiting] vending machines," Hurley said of the library thefts, and the items robbed from South Dining Hall have disappeared while unattended in the lobby.

He said no thefts have been reported from dorms or at North Dining Hall, where students are allowed to bring personal items with them into the dining areas.

"We'll talk to the dining halls and see what they can help with," said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police.

Banned cab driver's license revoked by city

South Bend suspends taxi license of driver accused of rape

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

The city of South Bend has revoked the license of a Yellow Cab Company taxi driver who had already been banned from the Notre Dame campus due to allegations that he raped a female passenger.

The Mishawaka cab driver, Piara Singh, 30, was banned from campus last week after allegations surfaced that he participated in the confinement and rape of a female passenger Feb. 8.

The notice of license revocation, issued Thursday by the South Bend Department of Law, stated the Mishawaka Police Department was investigating an allegation that Singh and two other people in the Yellow Cab took a woman to an apartment to rape and confine her.

The notice also stated that Singh drove the woman to various other locations to confine and molest her. Notre Dame issued a no trespassing order to Singh last week due to concern for student and employee safety, University spokesman Matt Storin said. The woman Singh is accused of raping is not a Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student.

Saint Mary's fights eating disorders

By ANGELA SAOUĐ
News Writer

Ninety-one percent of college-age women nationwide are on a diet. Fifteen percent have a medically diagnosed eating disorder. Starting today, Saint Mary's will try to raise awareness about this abusive — and increasingly common — behavior by hosting an Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Titled "Celebrate Your S.H.A.P.E.," which stands for Spiritful gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personal Care, and Experience, the week includes an array of activities designed to offer information, support and resources to students who suffer from eating problems.

The events begin tonight, when junior Sarah Anderson will detail her personal experience in a lecture called "Experiencing Eating Disorders From the Inside Out." The talk will begin at 6:30 p.m. in 303 Haggar Hall.

On Tuesday, writer, poet and activist Sonia Sanchez will speak in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Disorders From the Inside Out..."Eating Disorders From the Inside Out...": An Awareness Week at Saint Mary's. The letters were part of an initiative requested by 1st Lt. Christopher Brusznicki.

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BANNER ENSKY

I have found the problem. Yes, I know the problems of our sporadic men's basketball team have already been well documented by editors, experts, propagandists, pundits and all. The talking heads you could ever ask for. Blame has been passed around like the team like the residents of Cavanaugh (I kid, I kid...). Chris Thomas is a favorite target, but on the plus side, at least no one keys his Hummer. Perhaps Mike Brey is to blame for not re-forming a porous defense or not developing an offense that exists inside of 25 feet from the basket. Maybe I could try the more simplistic/insensitive approach of Gary Barnett and just write the team off as just "terrible."

There's no other way to say it. No, the problem is at a much higher level than all of these. Much higher. About one hundred feet higher. I didn't realize the problem until I pinched a nerve in my neck trying to see the top of the random blow-up Godzilla at the JPW Gala. I was pointing out to my junior P.E. teacher the banners that hang from the ceiling above the basketball court. Big East championships were listed proudly in gold. The women's basketball 2001 national championship was the most prominent. Even the men's appearance in the 1978 basketball Final Four was notable. These are all good and well. But as we moved down the line, the banners became less and less noteworthy. "Sweet 16 Appearances" were followed by "NCAA Tournament" berths. Perhaps Mike Brey is trying to see the top of a random Godzilla. Maybe I could try his Hummer. Perhaps Mike Brey is trying to see the top of his random Godzilla.

The Notre Dame football team to celebrate mediocrity. And why those status-quo banners. The move should be to gut the Joyce of (or so I'm told). The team measures itself by championships. I defy anyone to find a "Like a Champion Today" sign? Well, all those banners. Room on Dick Vitale's forehead for his Hummer. Perhaps Mike Brey is trying to see the top of his random Godzilla.

"NCAA Tournament" berths.

OFFBEAT

Topless coffee shop reconsidered
MADISON, Maine — A businessman who hoped to open a topless coffee shop is having second thoughts. Normand St. Michel said he was taken aback Thursday by the opposition that surfaced at a hearing before the Planning Board. "I was all for it when I came here but now I am split down the middle," he said, adding that his wife also was opposed to his plan.

Despite all the criticism, board members concluded that the proposal did not require their approval and that St. Michel could go forward as long as he met state and federal requirements.

But rejection turned out to be a silver — maybe even platinum — lining. In the weeks since he got boot-ed by the TV talent show, the 21-year-old Hung has become an Insta-Net celebrity, sought after by talk shows, record producers and idol dreamers everywhere.

By now, you've probably seen Hung in action — arms waving over his head, hips following the beat of an entirely different drummer as he cheerfully attacks Martin's song. Information compiled from the Associated Press.
ND researchers study effects of ballast water

Professor, Ph.D candidate publish groundbreaking work in marine biology

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

In a study slated to debut in Britain next month, Notre Dame researchers John Drake and David Lodge analyzed the biological effects of ballast water from ships, identifying global hotspots and offering suggestions to combat the problem. The study will premiere in print form in the "Proceeding of the Royal Society," a publication from a British scientific academy.

As cargo ships distribute goods across the world, they take on and later dump thousands of tons of sea water — and microbes, small invertebrates and the eggs and larva of various marine species — in order to maintain balance and preserve the vessel’s structural integrity. Although the pumping process and hostile environment of the ships’ hulls kill the vast majority of these organisms, the sheer quantity of water cycling through each year worldwide — three to five billion tons, according to the Global Ballast Water Management Programme — means some will survive transport and disrupt the ecosystems where they are dumped.

"This discharged water is responsible for hundreds of nuisance species around the world." — John Drake researcher

The introduction of European zebra mussels to the Great Lakes and an Asian species of kelp into the waterways of South Australia, for example, has displaced native species. The invasion of a type of North American jellyfish in the Black Sea has resulted in the collapse of some commercial fisheries in the region. Perhaps more frightening is the threat that invading microbes bring — causing cholera outbreaks and spreading red tide.

"It's a practical problem that needs to be solved," said Drake, a Ph.D. candidate who worked with Lodge, a biology professor, on the project. "This discharged water is responsible for hundreds of nuisance species around the world. Ballast water is also a concern because it moves around human pathogens."

The researchers sifted through data from over 28,000 ship arrivals collected at 243 ports around the world. The information they gathered was used to construct a simulation of ship traffic that also relied on gravity models to assess water movement. Mathematical manipulation of the data allowed Drake and Lodge to estimate the rate of port to port invasions and determine which areas face the greatest danger.

"There's a lot of bias on where the problems are being reported." — John Drake researcher

The results, Drake said, were surprising. While places like the Great Lakes and San Francisco Bay area often receive more attention, the true global hotspots for ballast water invasion are located in Asia and parts of Europe.

Part of the reason for increased attention to certain areas, Drake said, is that wealthier countries like the United States have more resources to study the problem while their less affluent counterparts typically overlook it. "I think the correct interpretation is that more intensely sampled areas aren't [necessarily] hot spots," he said. "There's a lot of bias on where the problems are being reported."

The study also looked at possible ways of dealing with the problem beyond today's preferred method of dumping it into the open ocean — a solution that is not effective. All the eliminated water can endanger the ecosystems of islands located "down stream."

"We found far and away that implementing the onboard technology is a better strategy," Drake said.

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of Notre Dame Security/Police. He said discussions would most likely take place after Junior Parent's Weekend because most directors and staff members were likely busy with the scheduled events and preparations. Such crime waves have occurred before, and Hurley said that, in the past, investigations into the thefts have indicated that people outside of the University have been responsible. In this most recent situation, there is no evidence to indicate whether the culprit is working from inside or outside of the Notre Dame community. "I would like to think that it's not an internal problem, but I have no evidence to qualify my statement," Hurley said. And if the problem is internal, Rakow said, it is harder to spot. "The officers... know the reports and what the trends are," Hurley said, and "they certainly look out for what's happening." But if items are being stolen by members within the community, however, it is more difficult for officers to identify them as the thieves, Rakow said. "Students look like students," he said. Both Rakow and Hurley stressed diligence on the part of members of the University community until the security department establishes, if possible, more efficient measures or apprehends those responsible. "I think students need to be diligent and aware of who's messing around with book bags and who looks out of place," Rakow said. Despite the recent theft trend, however, students remained unconcerned in South Dining Hall Sunday. "I haven't had any problems," sophomore Jessica Voss said, adding that the only item of value she leaves in the lobby of South is her calculator. Freshman Justin Smith echoed Voss's opinions. "Personally, I don't keep anything valuable in the stuff I leave here," he said. He said it would be nice if students did not have to worry about their belongings disappearing while they ate, but Voss expressed a more resigned view. "People steal everywhere," Voss said.

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Sanchéz's most recent work, a collection of emotional poems and powerful affirmations called "Shake Loose My Skin," was published in 1999. "The Women's Studies Department and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership are co-sponsoring her visit to Saint Mary's. More personal activities will also be included in the week. Firsthand nutritional information will be distributed on handouts in the Noble Family dining hall on Wednesday, and confidential screenings for eating disorders will take place on Thursday. The screenings will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the center for Career and Counseling Development. Also Thursday, the movie "Real Women Have Curves" will be shown in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. Door prizes will be given out and refreshments will be served. Eating Disorder Awareness Week will conclude Friday with a stress release and meditation session. The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the center for Career and Counseling Development. The week is sponsored by the Saint Mary's Career and Counseling Development Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Red Cross meets with Saddam

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The International Red Cross has met with Saddam Hussein in jail for the first time Saturday, and the ousted dictator wrote the human rights group in a letter that will be delivered once the United States confirms it does not contain any hidden messages to his followers.

The announcement of the visit came after the U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, said Friday that it may take 15 months to arrange elections — far longer than desired by leading Iraqi politicians.

The two-member International Committee of the Red Cross delegation, which included a specialist in Geneva to Sinai privately at an undisclosed location in Iraq, spokeswoman Nada Doumani said. The announcement dispelled rumors the Americans had spirited Saddam out of the country following his Dec. 13 capture in a house near Tikrit.

Albanians march on capital

TIRANA, Albania — Thousands of protesters marched past Albania’s heavily fortified parliament headquarters on Saturday, demanding the prime minister resign over corruption allegations and his failure to improve living conditions in one of Europe’s poorest nations.

International observers estimated between 6,000 and 20,000 people participated in the march, organized by former President Sali Berisha and other opposition groups. The groups have joined forces in recent weeks to unseat Prime Minister Fatos Nano and his Socialist-led government.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

S.F. mayor defends gay marriages

SAN FRANCISCO — He’s been called a renegade born in the side of the Democratic Party’s presidential ambitions.

Yet what really matters to Mayor Gavin Newsom is what they’re saying in the neighborhoods of San Francisco — that his decision to buck California law and grant marriage licenses gay and lesbian couples makes him a hero.

“At the end of the day I sleep well, and in life there is nothing more important than that,” Newsom said Saturday during an interview at City Hall, where nearly 3,200 same-sex couples have taken vows in the last 10 days.

Edward demands more debates

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John Edwards made the case Saturday that his presidential campaign represents a fight for change that sets him apart from Barack Obama. He also kept up pressure on the front-runner to have more debates.

Edwards and Kerry accepted an invitation to a debate on Feb. 29 in New York. Edwards called Friday for four debates before March 2, when 10 states hold contests. Kerry rejected that idea, although he has committed to the New York event and a long-scheduled debate in California Thursday.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Woman arrested in mom’s death

MUNSTER — An 81-year-old woman was found hanging from her home for at least four days before police officers entered and arrested the woman’s daughter, authorities said.

Police had received a tip that Margaret Laxa, who lives in the town just south of Hammond and found her body on Friday.

Officials identified 54-year-old Margaret Church, whom neighbors said is legally blind and whose daughter, Sheena Laxa, lives nearby. Church was being held on a preliminary charge of murder. Diane Poulton, a spokeswoman for the Lake County prosecutor’s office, said additional information would not be released until formal charges could be filed Monday.

**HAI Authors**

Rebels take major city in uprising

CAP-HAITIEN — Rebels captured Haiti’s second-largest city with little resistance Sunday, claiming Cap-Haitien’s strategic value and a two-week uprising that has driven government forces from half the country.

The fighters shot off celebratory rounds in the air as people looted and torched buildings, sending a thick plume of black smoke over the city of 500,000.

Rebels leader Guy Philippe had vowed to take Cap-Haitien and Port-au-Prince during Carnival festivities that extend to Tuesday night. Philippe has told reporters there already are rebel forces in the capital, just waiting for the signal to attack.

Rebels said their force of about 200 only met resistance at the Cap-Haitien airport. They said eight people were killed in fighting with militiamen loyal to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Aristide supporters commandeered a plane from the airport, and witnesses said those who fled on it included seven police officers and former Aristide lawman Numa N Dumel, whose Radio Africa had been inciting violence against opponents.

“We came in today and we took Cap-Haitien, tomorrow we take Port-au-Prince” the capital, boasted Lucien Estime, a 19-year-old who joined the popular rebellion from the hamlet of Saint Raphael, south of Cap-Haitien.

“Our mission is to liberate Haiti,” he said.

The victory leaves more than half of Haiti beyond control of the central government. As that reality sets in, panic began spreading Sunday in Port-au-Prince.

Sources close to the government told The Associated Press that several cabinet ministers were asking friends for places to hide in case the capital is attacked.

On the highway leading into Port-au-Prince from the north, Aristide partisans set up flaming barricades and burned several cars.

In Cap-Haitien, thousands shouting “Aristide fini!” — Aristide is finished — marched along with about 40 rebels in commandeered cars.

“We’re free,” one person shouted, ripping Aristide posters off walls.

Some looted Marcellus’ radio station. Then rebels shot up a building and set it ablaze, to applause from the crowds.

Reporters saw three bodies on the streets, and doctors said a 12-year-old girl also was shot and killed. At least one rebel was wounded.

Earlier, about 10 armed men stormed the police station and freed about 250 prisoners. The police fled and the prisoners armed themselves, witnesses said.
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In Brief

Consumer index jumps in Jan.

WASHINGTON — The Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge, rose by 0.5 percent, more than double December's 0.2 percent increase, the Labor Department reported Friday. Much of the January jump was blamed on sharply higher energy costs. Inflation, a sign of price increases in parts of the country, strong global demand and tight supplies, economists said.

For energy and food prices, which tend to swing widely from month to month, the rate of inflation increased by a mild 0.2 percent in January, up from 0.1 percent increase in December but suggesting that prices for many goods and services remain fairly stable.

Microsoft fights back in lawsuit

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. argued Friday that its conduct in breaking into the digital media field "constitutes permissible competitive activity," and accused rival RealNetworks of using an antitrust lawsuit to gain market share.

The Redmond-based software giant was responding to an antitrust lawsuit that Seattle-based RealNetworks filed last December in U.S. District Court in San Jose, Calif. Microsoft's response, filed Friday, indicated — as expected that the software giant would vigorously defend itself.

Boeing to cut jobs in Air Force row

CHICAGO — Boeing Co. said Friday it is reducing efforts to convert its 767 planes for use as refueling tankers. The company plans to lease and sell 100 jets to the Air Force for use as refueling tankers.

Wireless Services

'Merger mania' goes wireless

Investment banks jockey for position after Cingular buyout of AT&T Wireless

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There are other ways to measure a cell phone company other than size.

With the taste of freshly baked baking fees charming the waters, Wall Street's sharks are already preying on a delayed Air Force project that has been Seattle.

Steam rises from a New York City building. Securities analysts have been predicting that 2004 will see a rush of company mergers.

In a brief argument on the charge

"When you define heft you've got to be careful," said Jack Rooney, president and chief executive of U.S. Cellular, which recently launched service in Chicago, it's biggest market yet. "In five of the major markets where we've been for a number of years, we are the dominant carrier. In the sixth, we're tied for number one."

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No doubt, there are advantages to corporate heft. By joining forces, Sprint and T-Mobile can spread the gospel of "bigger is better" across a far larger customer base.

But Bruce Greenland, professor of economic strategy at Columbia Business School, cautioned that biggest costs of a wireless business are concentrated on the local level. Geographic size can be a disadvantage if a company's customers are too spread out, a problem he sees with the Cingular-AT&T Wireless combination.

"The guys who are profitable dominate local markets. It's all local economies of scale," said Greenland.

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Corporate Scandal

Martha tries to get charges tossed

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Governors to hold meeting with Bush

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite the rising tensions and rhetoric of a presidential race, the nation’s governors are looking to President Bush and his administration for more support on education, health care and job-producing road spending.

Bush was to sit down Monday with governors, along with his Cabinet officials, for a wide-ranging discussion on the most pressing issues facing the states.

Republican and Democratic leaders of the National Governors Association, at their annual four-day annual meeting here, urged consensus. But others said that was unlikely.

“I don’t think you can count on the national governors as being an effective lobbying force. It’s an election year,” said Democratic New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. “I suspect the meeting with the president will be a little contentious.”

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“Earlier in the day, governors met privately with the top National Guard general and Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge to express their concerns about the increasing demands on Guard units in the fight against terrorism. “It’s not that we’re not supportive of the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq,”

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Associated Press

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With a genome five times the size of the human genome, wheat is so complex that it is one of the last major crops to undergo genetic manipulation. The staple food has become the center of the fight over genetically modified organisms.

Genetically modified wheat won’t be released to farmers until it is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Agriculture Department.

“For the non-GM people this is their last fight on a major crop,” said Harold Trick, a wheat researcher and assistant professor at Kansas State University. “If this fails, it will be hard for them to come back from that.”

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But the furor over transgenic wheat has yet to flare up in Kansas, the nation’s biggest wheat grower.

Kansas grows winter wheat varieties. The introduction of biotech wheat will begin with spring wheat — which is grown primarily in North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota.

St. Louis-based Monsanto Co. says it is developing a genetically modified spring wheat that, within six years, would enable farmers to spray weed killer without killing the wheat.

Such a trial is of far less interest to winter wheat growers, who plant their crops in the fall and harvest them in early summer before most weeds have a chance to take hold, said David Frey, administrator of the Kansas Wheat Commission.

The Kansas Wheat Commission — a grower-funded advocacy group whose mission is global wheat marketing — is funding much of the genetic research at Kansas State University.
NIGERIA

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AFGHANISTAN

One dead in attack of unspecified U.S. helicopter

Associated Press

TALOQAN — A lone attacker sprayed a U.S. company with a rocket-propelled grenade Sunday, killing the Australian pilot was identified as Paul Goodwin, 38, according to a statement issued by the U.S. military.

The MTBA, who was killed in the attack, belonged to The Louis Berger Group Inc., an engineering firm in East Orange, N.J., that oversees infrastructure projects in southern Afghanistan.

"We had to get away from that area," said the group's chief of staff, Mike Staple, a public relations official for Louis Berger in Kabul. "We were not in the right place at the right time.

"If we had been, there would have been a bigger problem," he said.

Four foreigners and an Afghan were killed in the attack, which left three of the U.S. embassy personnel and three others injured.

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Election 2004: Choosing the path of America's future

Years from now, most people will remember George Bush's 2000-04 presidency as a time when America took on the world. Republicans will think back to the days when Bush, our courageous general, warned renegade governments and militant groups that oppression and terror would no longer be tolerated and then followed through on his vow.

Democrats will recall a vision of President Bush as a cowboy, whose foolish foreign policy alienated our country from the rest of the world. Many other issues are important when it comes to our current president, but I believe that for most of us, like or dislike of Bush primarily comes down to this single issue of unilateralism.

Should the United States take actions that we deem to be appropriate, when other nations around the world disagree? This question is the legacy of the Bush term so far. Do we need the United Nations or a system of international courts? Will our movements be blocked if the international community resists against us? What matters more—the support of foreign governments or the support of foreign populations themselves?

To be completely honest, unilateralism has very real benefits, as well as dangerous costs. First, actions such as the war in Iraq demonstrate to hostile groups that they no longer have any room for error. The U.N. passed resolution after resolution, but prior to our military action against Saddam Hussein, tyrants and oligarchies were able to feel relatively safe that their demands were nothing but hollow threats. Saddam, in essence, tried to call Bush's bluff, thinking that America would not dare move before garnering more popular support.

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To a critical observer, this makes the Bush administration's decisions highly manipulative and devious. A government that knows there is insufficient physical evidence and therefore must "sell" the case, like a used car salesperson, cannot be tolerated. More importantly, it creates an international understanding that we will do whatever we want to do, regardless of how other nations feel about it. In such a world, nations will not be quick to come to our aid.

This is a dangerous road to be following. Perhaps today, we are strong enough to exist without much international support. However, the system will evolve, and one day, we will not be so powerful. It is foolish and naïve to think that all of the great civilizations formed through history, ours is sometimes different, and will be the first one to be invincible. It may seem that we can alienate foreign governments now, but history suggests that such arrogance will only speed our fall, not prevent it.

Furthermore, as globalization brings the world ever closer, the value of international cooperation and support is only going to increase.

Consider this issue above all the others when thinking about the presidential candidates this year. If Bush retains the presidency, America's hard line against our enemies may indeed keep our borders safer, especially in the short term. If a Democrat takes office, expect an attempt to rebuild the international relations that are currently in a state of disarray. One thing is certain. The future belongs to America's future. Choose wisely.

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quote of the day

"The future is the worst thing about the present."

Gustave Flaubert
French novelist

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Meanwhile in Washington...

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I didn’t know about the hit HBO drama “Sex and the City” until last year. HBO isn’t provided in the dorms and I have my sophomore year abroad in Spain. So by my junior year, I was somewhat out of the loop about the controversial and groundbreaking show that has tried to portray women’s sexuality.

Granted, “Sex and the City” does not portray every woman’s sexuality, or even American women’s sexuality, or even married woman’s sexuality or even sexuality for women of every age. It does, however, strive to dispel old stereotypes, such as that women don’t talk about sex, or that women don’t want sex as much as men.

Inspired by the writings of Candace Bushnell, the show’s stars, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon are fabulous as Carrie Bradshaw, Samantha Jones, Charlotte York and Miranda Hobbes. They are four single women who live in Manhattan. They are independent thirty-somethings with successful careers. They are women fed up with bad relationships.

In the very first episode, Carrie laments with another dumped girlfriend and makes a claim which provides the framework for Sex and the City. “No one has told her about the end of love in Manhattan,” Carrie said. “Welcome to the age of un-innocence.”

Women have always been taught and programmed to believe that love is what they want, but now that it has flown the coop, what is left? They can only conclude that what was left is something left to be seen, however, whether the women of New York will trade in love for the power of sex or turn to despair. This is what a sex in the City is all about.

What makes this show interesting is the way in which the women work out their ideas on sex, love and relationships in a society where women like this have never existed.

As Samantha said in the first episode, “This is the first time in the history of Manhattan that women have had as much money and power as men. Plus, the equal luxury of treating men like sex objects.”

These two facts give women choices and possibilities that women before our time in history have never had.

Ideas like this have not always been new. Women have been taught not to always have personal power and independence, but also sexual freedom. Women have been stonewalled by the world to have the equal luxury of sex outside of marriage. But whether or not people agree with sex outside of marriage, they must admit that women should at least have the equal right to sexual freedom as men.

Even in the United States, where women are technically equal to their male counterparts, there still remains a huge stigma that states female sexuality today. This is apparent in the age-old double standard, which tells us to consider a man who has sex with numerous women as culturally acceptable and label a woman who has sex with a single man as a prostitute.

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Season 1

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Season 2

Samantha and Carrie, on vacation in Los Angeles, search for discount knockoff purses. Samantha wears a Katayone Adeli camisole and cropped Roberto Cavalli jeans. Carrie dons a peasant top by D&G.

Season 3

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Carrie goes from a date with Big to a delivery with Miranda in Michael Kors pleated georgette and lace dress, a rainbow-metallic brocade MoMo Falana coat, and ruffle cascade Christian Louboutin stilettos.

Season 4

Carrie goes casual in a Sex Pistols “Anarchy in the UK” top from punk couture matriarch Vivienne Westwood’s infamous King’s Road boutique “Seditionaries.”

Season 5

Carrie, ready for jury duty, talks to Jack Berger in a pair of pinstripe high-waisted Jean Paul Gaultier pants, a vintage polka dot shirt and City Hall style suspenders. Red Miu Miu shoes peek out from her trousers.

Season 6

Carrie has broken through her common experiences in relationships and sex. By associating with the women in Sex and the City, Carrie was able to universalize and make sense of the experience of women across the board who confront similar issues. The show also allowed women to have fun while confronting those issues. I’m sure anyone who is a fan of the show has favorite episodes and seasons. For me, it’s season three, the first one I watched. Carrie and Mr. Big are still entangled. Charlotte marries Trey, and the girls head to Los Angeles. Not to mention all the fabulous clothes they wear throughout the series. In the first season, Carrie asks herself whether sex is like men, “without anger.” From hindsight, we know that over the next five seasons, Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda will answer “yes.” They also discover, however, that having sex like men is not satisfying or what they want. They discover that having sex is like women, according to their own standards, not according to standards set by society or men or religion. The words of Mr. Big come back to me. “Oh, I get it. You’ve never been in love.”

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The Sacramento Kings pulled back to 93-92 at 1:45, but a 14-2 run, capped it with a fastbreak layup to give the Kings a six-point lead.
Despite late struggles, Weir holds on to win Nissan Open

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mike Weir wanted to prove he could win on Sunday, it felt like with the lead.

By the time he won the Nissan Open on Sunday, it felt like another one of his great comebacks. A seven-iron shot disappeared in a span of 12 holes. Shigeki Maruyama was charging hard, knocking down the pin with a 3-iron at No. 15 and catching Weir on the next hole with a 6-iron that never left the flag.

Then came rain, hard and steady, making the decision, 475-yard 18th hole at Riviera play even longer.

"You have to dig deep," Weir said. "I was able to do that." Right when it seemed as though he was going to let a big one get away, the gutsy Canadian answered with the best chip of an immaculate week with the wedge. From the side of a grassy hill, Weir nearly holed the 45-foot chip and tapped in for par and a one-stroke victory.

The Masters champion, who had won his previous six PGA Tour events from behind and was 0-for-5 with a 54-hole lead, closed with an even-par 71 and became the first back-to-back winner at Riviera since Corey Pavin in 1994-95. He finished at 17-under 267 and earned $864,000.

"If you'd have told me at the beginning of the week I'd be tied on the 17th hole, I'd be happy with that," Weir said. "It wasn't maybe what I was expecting at the beginning of the day, but that's the reality now. I just needed to bear down a little bit.

Maruyama, who trailed by seven when Weir chipped in for birdie on No. 3, injected some excitement with one great shot after another that made Weir wipe his brow even before it started raining.

Maruyama's chances ended when he missed the 18th fairway, couldn't reach the green and hit a 50-yard chip 12 feet past the hole. His par putt to force a playoff slid by on the right.

"The last hole I was trying to hit the ball farther because it started raining," Maruyama said. "That was the biggest mistake of my whole week. I'm still not good at playing in the rain. I start practicing in the shower tonight." It was his only bogey in a final-round 67.

Stuart Appleby got within three shots of the lead on the back nine, but finished with six straight pars for 66 and was three shots back.

John Daly, coming off his first PGA Tour victory in nine years, made six birdies on his final 12 holes for a 67 and finished fourth. He had only two top 10s all of last year, and this will allow him to climb even higher in the world ranking as he tries to get into the Masters.

Tiger Woods is now 0-for-6 as a professional at Riviera, the only PGA Tour course he has played so often without winning. For the second straight year, he saved his best round for when it didn't matter — a career-best 64 at Riviera that moved him up 37 spots into a tie for seventh.

"You have to play good for all four days, and I haven't done that," Woods said. Weir started the round with a five-shot lead, although it sure didn't look that way. He was grinding from the first hole, playing like he was tied for the lead coming down the 18th.

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"A GREAT NATION DESERVES GREAT ART"
Belles earn 7th place at MIAA meet

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Despite the overall finish, the Belles are still smiling. After finishing seventh at the MIAA Championships this season, Saint Mary’s still came away from the meet with several strong performances.

As expected, Hope College won the conference title, collecting 587 points. Despite the overall finish, the Belles are still smiling. However, the Belles swam competitive times, earning several of the team’s swimmers a place finish in the 100-yard butterfly and sixth in the 200-yard butterfly.

"It was a great day for us," Saint Mary’s swimming coach Gregg Petcoff said about the Belles’ showing at the meet. "They swam very well," Saint Mary’s swim team’s assistant coach Jamie Metcalf said. "It was a great day for us."

Despite constant pain and limited action, Oswalt, 26, went 10-5 with a 2.97 ERA in 21 starts last year. His 2.92 ERA the last three seasons is better than either Clemens or Pettitte. Williams’ decision was partly to reward Oswalt, and to position the left-handed Pettitte between the team’s top right-handers.

"It’s an honor," Oswalt said. "It’s special, but I don’t see (the others) behind me. I see them with me."
Irish place second at Big East Championship

Notre Dame breaks eight school records, but finishes behind No. 16 Pittsburgh

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Records are made to be broken.
The Irish cracked eight school records and posted an all-time Big East Championship high of 584 points en route to a second place finish behind No. 16 Pittsburgh at the conference championships in East Meadow, N.Y., this weekend.

The runner-up finish snaps a streak of three consecutive fourth-place finishes at the annual meet for the Irish.

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Irish freshman

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"Coach Welsh is really a great motivator and gets the teams focused on what we need to do."

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Irish freshman

The record-breaking whirlwind touched down once again Saturday as both Bauman and Shomberger eclipsed the school mark in the 200-yard backstroke to finish second and fourth, respectively. Sophomores Patrick Davis (1:53.48) and Tyler Grenda (2:00.60) each chipped in as Davis finished second and Grenda came in fifth.

The fight for second place between the Irish and the Hokies came down to the 400-yard freestyle relay with the Irish needing only a ninth place finish to clinch second place. The relay squad (Kegelman, Obringer, freshman Louis Cavadini and junior Drew Pittman) delivered, finishing sixth and securing a second place finish for Notre Dame for the first time since 1999.

As is the case with the women, the future for the Irish remains somewhat hazy. While Coyle will compete in the NCAA Zone C diving meet March 12-13 in Bloomington, Ind., the Irish are unsure if any of their three potential NCAA Championships participants — Kegelman, Brown and Obringer — will be invited. A decision should come in the next two weeks.

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- Atlanta: 18-37
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- Dallas: 35-20 (.636), 6-4
- Houston: 31-23 (.574), 5-5
- Memphis: 33-30 (.574), 8-2
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**IN BRIEF**

Dolphins, Eagles working on deal for Fickey

**Associated Press**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts are expected to designate Pro Bowl quarterback Peyton Manning their franchise player Monday, a move that will cost a league-record $18.4 million.

President Bill Polian promised Sunday to tag Manning, the league's co-MVP, preventing him from hitting the free-agent market March 3.

"There is no question whatsoever," Polian said at the NFL combine, "the only question is what he'll be lined up with."

Manning's contract expired after last season.

NFL rules require teams to pay a "franchise" player the average of the top five players at the position or 120 percent of the player's salary cap number from the previous year, whichever is higher. Manning counted more than $15 million against the team's salary cap last year.

Teams could still sign Manning to an offer sheet but the Colts would have an opportunity to match it. If Indianapolis chose not to, it would receive two first-round draft picks as compensation.

Manning's agent Tom Condon said he expected the move.

"That's what Bill told me the last time we met," Condon said.

Condon would not discuss the status of the negotiations although Polian said he expected to meet with Manning's agent again soon.

The move could force significant roster changes for the Colts, who reached the AFC championship game last year for the first time since 1995. Indianapolis lost to eventual Super Bowl champion New England 24-14.

But the Colts must be in compliance with next year's salary cap, $80.5 million, by March 3.

The Colts have already restricted the contracts of about a half-dozen players to free up space under the salary cap, and they can clear an additional $15 million by releasing offensive lineman Adam Meadows, defensive lineman Chad Bratzke and backup quarterback Brock Huard.

Indianapolis could free up more money, possibly by re-signing Meadows, Bratzke and Huard, if they reach a deal with Manning before March 17. That would allow them to remove the franchise designation and likely lower Manning's cap number.

**Colts to place franchise tag on Manning**

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**IN BRIEF**

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Miami Dolphins and Philadelphia Eagles were working on a trade Saturday night that would send reserve quarterback A.J. Feeley to Miami.

Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt confirmed the trade talks, but said no agreement had been made.

"All we can say is no trade has been made," he said at the NFL scouting combine. "We are talking to Philadelphia and we're in the midst of talks."

No deals can be made official until the offseason trading period begins March 3.

It's likely the Eagles would receive an undisclosed draft pick in 2005 in exchange for Feeley.

Feeley, a restricted free agent, served as Philadelphia's third-string quarterback last season behind Donovan McNabb and Koy Detmer.

A 2001 fifth-round draft choice from Oregon, Feeley showed promise in his second season when he won four consecutive games while McNabb and Detmer were sidelined with injuries.

The Dolphins are trying to upgrade the quarterback position, which hasn't been the same since Dan Marino retired after the 1999 season.

Injury-prone quarterbacks Jay Fiedler and Brian Griese split time last season, but both could be gone this season.

Rodriguez and Jeter face strained relationship

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez watched a practice grounder skip through his legs, tossed his glove to the grass and picked up another mitt.

New to third base, he'll need time to learn the position.

Repairing his relationship with Derek Jeter will take a while, too.

On Sunday, Rodriguez acknowledged his friendship had deteriorated in recent years. Once best buddies — they kidded on the field and crossed paths on the dating scene — the New York teammates have never been the same since A-Rod criticized Jeter's skills and leadership in early 2001.

"When we came up, we were kind of tied at the hip," Rodriguez said. "We haven't been as tight the last three years."

Trace the bad hop between the star shortstops to remarks Rodriguez made shortly after signing his $252 million, 10-year contract with Texas.

First, he said Jeter was unlikely to get such a salary "because he just doesn't do the power numbers and defensively he doesn't do all those things."

Then, talking about a player whose team had won three straight World Series championships, Rodriguez said of Jeter: "He's never had to lead. He can just go and play and have fun. He hits second — that's totally different than third or fourth in a lineup."

Immediately, Rodriguez knew Jeter was stung by the comments.
WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish defeat Brigham Young

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

What a difference. The No. 26 Irish defeated No. 20 Brigham Young 6-1 Friday to extend their winning streak to five matches.

"It was exciting," sophomore Kristina Stastny said. "We really played well and I think this weekend proved that we have the potential to be a top-15 team.

In building on their own success this spring, the Irish broke the Cougars' four-match winning streak.

"This weekend was definitely a confidence booster," sophomore Lauren Connelly said. "It showed us that we can play with any team.

Throughout the season, coach Jay Louderback has emphasized the importance of winning the doubles point each match. In the season-opening match against Michigan, the Irish lost the doubles point and ended up losing the match 4-3.

The Irish proved this point resoundingly, first earning the doubles point and then claiming five of the six singles matches for the win.

No. 39 Lauren Connelly and second singles Alicia Salas came off the courts first with an 8-4 defeat of the Cougars' Sofia Holden and Lauren Jones.

The duo is now 7-0 in dual matches and 13-2 overall. In the clinching win for the Irish, freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson edged out Hadley McFarlane and Barbora Zahnova 8-5.

Stastny followed Connelly's lead, beseling McFarlane 6-2, 6-0 at No. 4 singles. Salas, ranked No. 14 in singles, ensured an Irish victory, with a clinching win at No. 1 singles over No. 43 Barbora Zahnova 6-3, 6-0.

"Alicia has really led by example," Stastny said. "She's really on a roll this spring."

At No. 3 singles, Catrina Thompson added to the team's success, knocking off Jones 6-3, 6-4. Christian Thompson sealed the team's fate in the final match, edging out Holden in a tiebreaker 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 (10-6) at No. 4.

The Irish are set to host No. 36 Indiana Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Goals from Matt Howell, Dan Berger and Pat Walsh led the Irish turn the game around at the beginning of the second half.

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1- and 3-meter boards en route to being named Most Outstanding Diver.

Despite a record-breaking victory by Carroll in the 200-yard individual medley — the freshman broke both the Notre Dame and Big East Championship marks — and first place finishes by Perry-Eaton (1-meter board) and the 200-yard freestyle relay team (Carroll, freshman Rebecca Grove, junior Katie Eckoldt and senior Danielle Hallick), the Irish found themselves in second place, trailing Rutgers by five points at the end of action on Thursday night.

“We’ve been behind a number of times in the past and were able to come back,” Weathers said. “The first day has traditionally been a weaker day for us. We had a lot of girls that didn’t swim (Thursday).”

The Rutgers lead wouldn’t last long as Carroll (100-yard breaststroke) and Perry-Eaton (3-meter board) each won their second event in as many days to propel the Irish to a commanding 503.5-419 advantage over the Scarlet Knights at the end of the meet’s second day.

Senior Marie Labosky also claimed an event victory for herself in the 200-yard freestyle relay team. She joined freshman Okechi Ogboukiri, John Johnson, Labosky and Courtney Choura in addition to her relay teammates (200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 800 freestyle and 400 medley) could receive invitations to the meet.

“I think Meghan has a great chance to qualify in my event,” Weathers said. “We don’t know about the others for a few weeks, but I hope we will qualify a couple more girls.”

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Schaechterle in a 6-3, 6-4 decision.

The Irish were down early in the doubles point.

The Observer

The Irish were comfortable at home against Pittsburg.

"It says a lot for our conditioning..." 

The Mustangs, however, could not be stopped.

They extended that lead to 55-41

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The Observer

Kevin Zeitz had the ball and every rebound ended up in the hands of a Connecticut Huskies.

That meant the Irish would have to shoot their way past the Huskies' tough defense. But Notre Dame only connected on 25 percent of their 20 3-point attempts. And in the face of an inspired Connecticut defensive performance, the potent Irish offense, that wasn't enough.

NOTRE DAME 50

at HARTFORD

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No. 2: Michael Scott (ND) d. Chuck Zekos (UE) 6-3, 6-2

No. 3: erotic (ND) d. Christian Tempko (UE) 6-4, 6-2

No. 4: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Willy Lock (UE) 6-1, 7-6 (4-6, 10-6)

No. 5: Birdy King (ND) d. Matt Christian (UE) 6-2, 6-2

No. 6: Adam Schachtner (NU) d. Eric Langenkamp (UE) 6-3, 6-4

DOUBLES

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No. 3: Breit D'Amico (ND) d. Paul McNaughton (SMU) 6-4, 7-5

No. 4: Stephen Race (ND) d. Alex Skryko (SMU) 6-2, 6-2

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Schaefer in a 6-3, 6-4 decision.

The Irish were down early in the doubles point. Although D'Amico and Ryan Keckley defeated Perrin/Sante Hower 9-8 (7-6), Haddock and Scott fell 6-4 and Bass and King lost 8-5.

It says a lot for our conditioning that 16 hours later we were able to come back and play like this," Baysil said of the quick turnaround between matches.

The Irish were comfortable before an energetic home crowd on Sunday.

"You come into this place, you better bring your lunch, because you're in for a fight," Baysil told his team in the locker room after the match.

The Irish again lost in doubles, with No. 1 D'Amico and Keckley falling to Johan Brunstrom and Henrik Soderberg 8-3. Haddock and Scott defeated Gwinyai Chingoka and former Notre Dame player Paul McNaughton 8-3, but Bass and King lost to Peter Oredsson and Alex Skryko 9-8 (7-2).

After the doubles point, King left the courts with an injured arm. He is expected to play Thursday but was replaced in the No. 2 singles by Langenkamp. Keckley, who had not finished a singles match this season due to recurring ankle injuries, took the No. 6 spot.

The first match completed was an injured Haddad at No. 1, who lost to Brustrom 6-1, 6-2. With the Mustangs up 2-0 and leading in two other matches, the outcome looked grim for the Irish.

The Mustangs, however, could not prepare for the foricity of D'Amico's play against MaNaughton, a former teammate. Despite a nagging shin injury, D'Amico took the point in straight sets with a score of 6-4, 7-5.

Keckley then regained focus after a challenging second set and defeated Oredsson 6-4, 1-6, 2-6 at No. 2. Bass displayed his usual tenacity, beating Alex Skryko 6-3, 5-7, 2-6 at No. 4. He improved to 6-0 in three-set matches this year.

The attention then focused on Scott, who had lost the first set to Chingoka 6-3. Scott's precision placement of the ball proved to be a difference in an emotional match-clinching 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-0 victory.

Langenkamp defeated Fede Murgier 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 to rally at No. 5.

"We've been playing some good tennis," Baysil said. "It's not always pretty but we're able to step up when it matters most.

The Irish will travel to No. 1 Illinois this weekend. The defending national champions have lost all but one of their home matches since losing to Notre Dame in 2002.

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BOSTON COLLEGE (14-5, 4-4)

Bounces 5-6, 2-3, 12; Brown 5-6, 5-12, Ondo 6-1, 2-5, 14, Gordon 1-9, 3-4, 5, Brown 1-9, 1-2; Villanueva 13-1, 2-3, Davis 2-0, 0-0; Troxle 0-0, 0-0; Anderson 4-9, 2-12.

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ish with nine points.

Notre Dame started the second half on a 10-0 run, capped off by a Batteast lay-up. They extended that lead to 55-41 with 16:01 left before Pittsburgh started chipping away. The Panthers took advantage of solid contributions from Jennifer Brown and Katie Husted in the comeback. Brown scored all 12 of her points in the second half and Husted finished with 11.

Pittsburgh had a promotion before the game called "Pack the Peterson", where they sold all tickets to the game for just $1. The Panthers had sold out, but fewer than 8,000 showed up — which was still larger than the typical Pittsburgh crowd.

Notre Dame has Miami, Rutgers and Syracuse remaining before the Big East Tournament. The Irish beat the Hurricanes 59-50 in Coral Gables Jan. 28. Miami is 20-4 and 9-4 in the conference.
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Well it looks like we can finish early unless there are any questions.

Yeah! Could you please review chapters one through thirteen?

Smack!

Okay then... Class dismissed!

SCOTT ADAMS

Brett Campbell & Dan Zychinski

FIVES

In-class morale has been way up since the installation of the Anti-Jerk system at ND. . .

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Peter Fonda, Sylvia Chase, W.E.B. DuBois, Georg Friedrich Handel

Happy Birthday: You'll be open, receptive and prepared to take on the world. This will be a time of expansion for you. You will be far more willing to present your ideas and to work in union with others. Your need to succeed will be the driving force that will help you to get where you want to go. Your numbers are 4, 9, 27, 31, 36, 68

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Friendship opportunities are present if you can get involved in worthwhile groups. Relativities may be able to shed some light on a personal situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional upset will result in confrontations if you don't listen carefully to your verbal interactions. You must remain objective if you wish to resolve your personal situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your curiosity in your pursuits. Your reputation will be at stake if you say things untruthful about other people. Be precise in your conversations to avoid being misrepresented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can expect to have problems with your lover today if you have been somewhat nagging. Communications could lead to isolation. Spending sprees will be damaging to the bank book.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make profitable investments if you have steady cash on hand. Social activity will lead to new friendships. You can manage favorable physical changes if you get into fitness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Property investments will be lucrative. Changes will be to your advantage. You need new surroundings. Help others with their legal or financial problems. Your suggestions will be valued.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Self-improvement programs will bring you into better shape. You will be able to get you into shape. Don't procrastinate when it comes to exercise.

SCORPIO (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Romance will surface if you follow your educational desires. Your communicative talent will result in support. Group involvement will lead to a leadership position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take risks. The temptation to question will result in frustration, so put your emotions in check. Get involved in physical activities that will free you up and get you back into shape.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can help others less to help themselves if you make concessions. You will receive praise for your steadfast efforts. Satisfactions will come if you're realistic in your pursuits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Loneliness will result in depression. Don't give in to emotional blackmail. You need to spend time with close friends who will boost your morale and give you positive support.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your excellent bedside manner will allow you to help a friend who hasn't been feeling well. Take care of any pending legal matters or overdue bills. Look into long-term investments.

Birthday Baby: You've got what it takes to make your parents proud. You're resourceful, caring and at the same time determined, practical and calculated. What a package you are — always wanting to please, but never starting things that you know you can't complete. You're always willing to lend a helping hand to the ones you love.

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