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**WEEKLY ADVICE COLUMN**  
**What's up?**

Welcome to What's Up, the weekly advice column. Submit your anonymous questions to [advicecolumnusc@hotmail.com](mailto:advicecolumnusc@hotmail.com). The Counseling Center interns are supervised by the center's professional staff. We offer no personal responses via e-mail. The following advice represents the opinions of the Counseling Center and not necessarily the opinions of The Gamecock.

**QUESTION:** I've been with my boyfriend for one year. I really love him, but I am finding myself attracted to other guys. I feel like the excitement of our sex life has worn off, and I miss that "butterfly feeling" of new romance. What can I do to rekindle that flame, or is it time to find a new fire?

**ANSWER:** Try to remember what attracted you to each other one year ago. Do those reasons still exist? Try to redefine your relationship, as it exists now. You might want to share your feelings with him to work together on building something new. If your intimate life is unsatisfying, try discussing your likes and dislikes. Couples therapy might help the situation. Relationships are dynamic; both of you are constantly changing. It is normal to go through an exploration process of

what you need from a partner.

**Q:** I am having trouble getting enough sleep. I sleep about six hours per night, and do not have time to sleep any longer than that. I study until midnight and wake up at 6 a.m. to exercise before work and class. Around 3 p.m. my eyes are drooping and I need a nap. I drink too much coffee in place of sleep. What can I do?

**A:** It sounds like you have a lot on your plate. It is pretty difficult to balance school, job and a heavy fitness routine. Consider working out three days a week in order to get more sleep, which might improve the effectiveness of your study time. Consider going to bed an hour earlier. Coffee could also exacerbate the problem; excessive caffeine intake disrupts sleep patterns. Your fatigue should be seen as a normal reaction to a busy schedule. You sound very organized, but you need time for self-care, and that includes getting sufficient sleep.

**Q:** I am really beginning to dislike my roommate although we got along fine last semester. She has been in my business nonstop. Whenever I get a call, she listens in and responds. Sometimes I have to change phones. When my boyfriend calls, she chats it up

with him before giving me the phone. I am suspicious and even monitor what has been eaten in the refrigerator. Normally, I am easygoing and don't care about petty things. How can survive this semester living with her?

**A:** Handling boundary issues with roommates requires a combination of sensitivity and firmness. Remember that you can be assertive without being offensive. Try having an open and candid conversation with her that deals with one problem at a time. Try sharing your concerns using "I" statements: "I feel like I have no privacy when I get a phone call. I would appreciate you allowing me to speak in private." Develop coping strategies such as requesting phone calls during times when your roommate is not present, and modeling the behavior that you desire from your roommate. (Leave the room when she gets a call.) You both deserve to be happy in your apartment. By improving communication, you might be able to meet each other's needs.

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**DiFranco**

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personal and emotional display of self-reflection on these and other tracks forces inward contemplation. The saxophone in "Shrug

supplies a resonate sensation of solitude, matched only by the loneliness seething through "Welcome To."

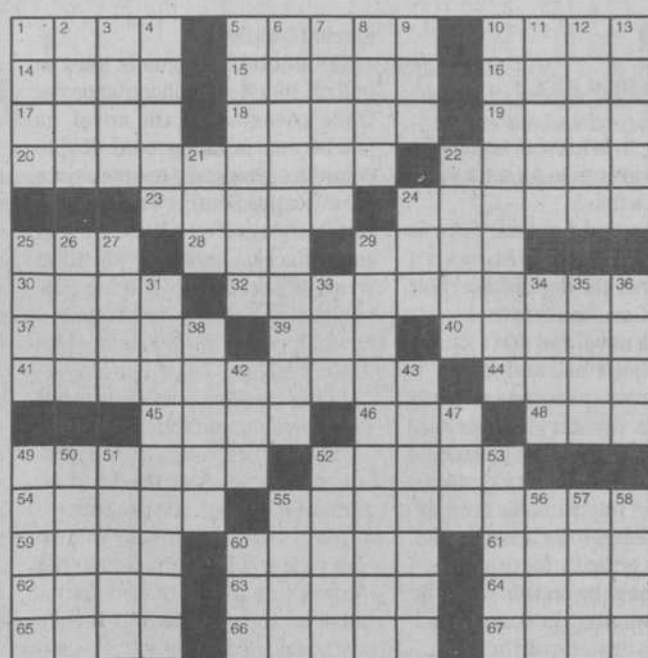
On "Evolve," DiFranco stays true to her role as a speaker of truths. As a vocal, political activist "on a mission," DiFranco does not

shy away from controversy. Rather, she embraces it in songs like "Evolve," in which she condemns the actions of America's "arrogant government." Satirically, she sings, "Now, let's all go to war/ Get some bang for our buck." Equally powerful is

"Serpentine," in which DiFranco shows her disgust for the state of the world. She complains about capitalism, which she calls "the devil's wet dream" and the pacification of America's youth with, among other things, "manifest destiny" and "history book history."

**CROSSWORD**

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5 Ewe's kids  
10 Slightly wet  
14 Jai \_\_\_  
15 Accustom  
16 Pieces of pelvises  
17 Tableland  
18 Farm measurements  
19 Auctioneer's word  
20 Outgoing  
22 Was sore  
23 Face the day  
24 Indistinct  
25 Raises, as stakes  
28 Picnic spoiler  
29 Gradual diminution  
30 D.C. bigwigs  
32 Rapacity  
37 Astrological ram  
39 Apr. collector  
40 Staircase post  
41 Sandwich fillers  
44 Performer's promo  
45 Afternoon affairs  
46 Part of TGIF  
48 Actor Torn  
49 More wily  
52 Trap  
54 Spartan serf  
55 Medieval musical pieces  
59 Teheran's place  
60 Used another match  
61 Genuine  
62 Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"  
63 Atelier stand  
64 Sea eagle  
65 Banana wrap  
66 World-weary  
67 Frog's cousin

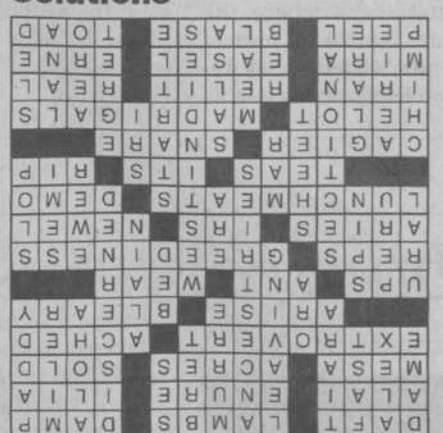


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2 Answer-man  
3 Rapid  
4 Small crown  
5 On the way out  
6 Family trees  
7 Large auk  
8 A Maverick  
9 His: Fr.  
10 Perceived with the eyes  
11 Island farewell  
12 Distance runner  
13 Rice field  
21 \_\_\_ pro nobis  
22 Actor Delon  
24 Oyster farm  
25 Caspian Sea feeder  
26 Lima's land  
27 Type of doctor?  
29 Atlantic archipelago  
31 Sort of sofa  
33 Important time  
34 Pitcher  
35 Big rig  
36 Pig vittles  
38 Piece of paper  
42 Besmirch  
43 Take by surprise  
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50 Eagle's pad  
51 Angry look  
52 Chip dip  
53 White heron  
55 Repast

**Solutions**



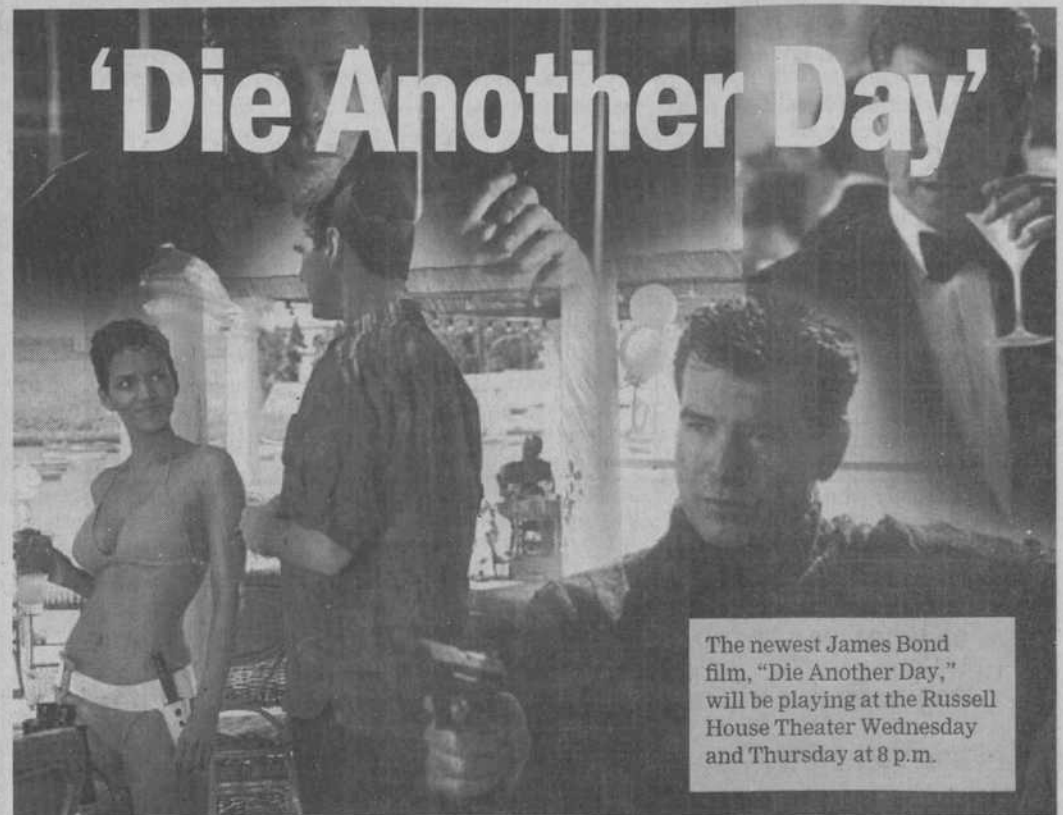
**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** Easy does it. Pushing may cause resistance. Listen more than you talk. If necessary, take notes.  
**TAURUS** One of your options was to bring more money in, remember? Something you're involved with now could do just that. If you don't have a clue, check the want ads.  
**GEMINI** Even though you might not make as much progress as you'd like, the love you find is enormous. Consider that win enough for now.  
**CANCER** Things are in a state of flux, so don't take anything or anyone for granted. If your job's changing, look for ways to make it better.  
**LEO** A little of the pressure has

eased, and you're still lookin' good. You're counselor, guide and friend to those who ask for help.  
**VIRGO** You've done the work. Now, ask for your reward. A raise? Promotion? Let important people know what you want. You've earned it.  
**LIBRA** Indecision will give way to action over the next couple of days. If you're not sure exactly what to do, figure out where you want to go. That'll help.  
**SCORPIO** Don't worry how you'll stay busy. That won't be a problem. Keep to a tight budget. Don't spend what you haven't earned yet.  
**SAGITTARIUS** A rather

disrupting situation leads to a pleasant outcome. Heed your mate or close sibling's advice regarding timing.  
**CAPRICORN** Taking on more responsibility could lead to an increase in pay. The work shouldn't be much worse if you have your routine down pat.  
**AQUARIUS** You can find a path through the confusion when some of the others still can't. Stay calm and show them instead of trying to explain.  
**PISCES** To others it may look like you're in the middle of a remarkable mess. You're just doing what's necessary to make everything turn out right.

**CALENDAR**



The newest James Bond film, "Die Another Day," will be playing at the Russell House Theater Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
March 19  
"I AM TRYING TO BREAK YOUR HEART": 3, 7 and 9 p.m., Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.  
**WEEK 5 OF NONSTOP HIP-HOP LIVE FREESTYLE CONTEST III:** 10 p.m., New

Brookland Tavern, 122 State St., Free with college ID.  
**EKOOSTIK HOOKAH:** Senate Park, 931-B Senate St.  
**Thursday**  
March 20  
"I AM TRYING TO BREAK YOUR HEART": 3, 7 and 9 p.m.,

Nickelodeon Theatre.  
**CROOKED FINGERS WITH MASON JENNINGS:** 10 p.m., New Brookland Tavern, \$7.  
**DONNA THE BUFFALO WITH LOCH NESS JOHNNY:** Senate Park, \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show.