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A new, slammin' dance is released by Master DJ P Howard Dean Diddy.

Heads and Tails BY JONATHAN HUGHES/THE GAMECOCK



CAPTAIN RIBMAN in *Oops!* by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



What's up

Welcome to What's Up, the weekly advice column brought to you by the Counseling and Human Development Center (CHDC) interns and staff. Submit your anonymous questions to adviceatus@hotmail.com. We offer no personal responses via e-mail. The CHDC professional staff supervises all interns. The following advice represents the opinions of the CHDC and not necessarily the opinions of The Gamecock.

QUESTION: I am a sophomore girl living on campus in the residence halls. For the last few months, I have been having some strange feelings for my roommate which I have not told anybody about. I have always been attracted to guys and I am freaking out about the feelings I am having for her. I am not sure if it is that I just really like her as a friend and kind of look up to her or if these feelings are more romantic. I, of course, don't want to tell her about all of this because I don't even know what to make of it. Plus, she has a boyfriend and that would just make things weird. But I also feel like I am acting kind of strange around her. Please help me sort through this mess.

ANSWER: I am sure it has been difficult to hold in these feelings for such a long time. This is a difficult situation, because while you are having these feelings, you feel as though you cannot express them to her or anyone. Whether this is out of fear or confusion, it makes life hard. Many people go through times in their lives in which exploration of romantic feelings for a person of the same sex challenges all they have ever known about themselves. It is great that you are willing to talk about these feelings and that you recognize that they may not be romantic feelings, but more about admiration for your friend. The CHDC has a new lesbian/bisexual/questioning group that may help you talk with other women who may have never had a lesbian experience, but may be questioning their sexuality. Topics addressing the impact of these new feelings on your college experience and your relationship with your roommate are addressed. It may also be beneficial to talk or write about your feelings concerning your roommate so you are not keeping it all bottled inside. Please do not be scared of these feelings. As for your roommate, try to think about how this is affecting your friendship.

It sounds like you have realistic expectations about your relationship with her, which may help you out when you think about all of the issues. This topic is very delicate and would be best sorted out with someone who is a professional or who can help you talk about your feelings in a non-judgmental, open atmosphere. The Safezone Project is also new to the USC Campus. If you need someone with whom to talk, look for a Safezone sign. These areas are places where you will be able to find people who are experienced, professional, and willing to listen.

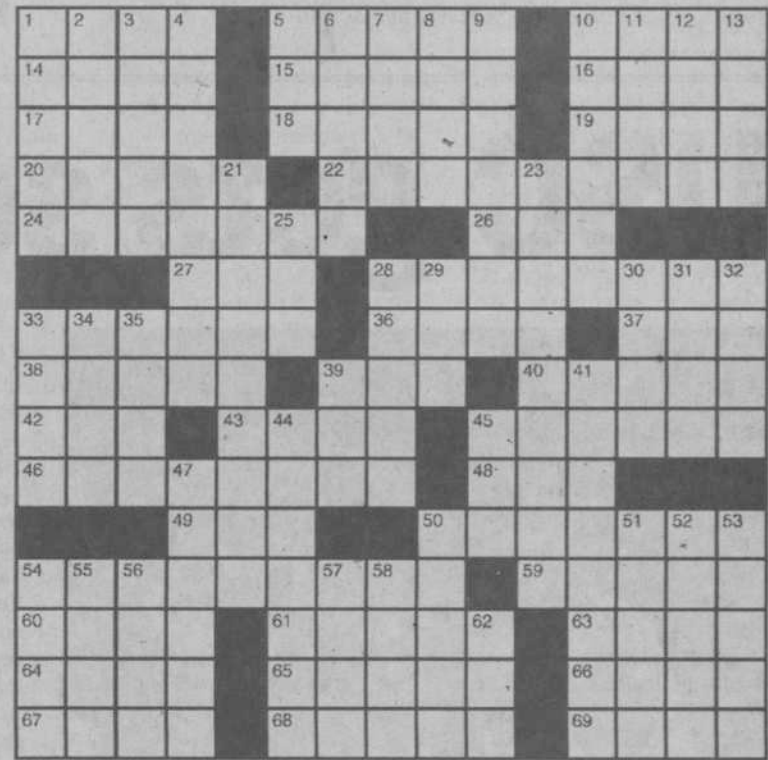
QUESTION: It's almost Valentine's Day again — the dreaded time of year when we single people get to watch as our friends get bouquets of flowers and boxes of chocolates, while we wonder if there is anyone out there who will ever care for us in the same way. I hate this time of year because I never have a boyfriend and feel lonely when it seems like everyone else has a date. How do I get through this?

ANSWER: It is time for a reality check — every person does not have a date on Valentine's Day. In reality, many single people are happily spending the day just like any other day. For you, if you are concerned about finding a date, then attend a singles event that night or make an extra effort to ask out someone you have always wanted to spend some time with. Think about all of the things you can do and experience by simply relying on yourself. Invite some friends over to watch movies. Use this day to express your love and appreciation for your family or friends. Volunteer to help at a place where people do not have family and friends expressing their love on that day. Most of all, realize that love comes in many forms, not all of which are romantic. Know that someday down the road, romantic love will probably exist for you, but for now, enjoy your singlehood and enjoy your day with people who you care about and who care about you.

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Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 ___ in the belfry
 5 Iridescent gems
 10 Seth's brother
 14 Check prose
 15 Check books
 16 Guitar key changer
 17 Jubilee Line, e.g.
 18 Sweetheart
 19 Bedstand
 20 Otherwise called
 22 Under attack
 24 Prepared for posting
 26 Honolulu garland
 27 ___ du Diable
 28 Sign-makers' aids
 33 Roosevelt VP
 36 Lemony
 37 Brief-swim
 38 Make straight
 39 Peak
 40 Became alert
 42 Moody or Silver
 43 Tie
 45 Climbed
 46 California skyscrapers?
 48 Under the weather
 49 April 15 addressee
 50 Relieved
 54 Jack's climb
 59 Kind of energy
 60 Told
 61 Provide provisions for
 63 Meat paste
 64 Clearasil's target
 65 Reigns over
 66 Seth's son
 67 Molt
 68 ___ Arabia
 69 Puts on

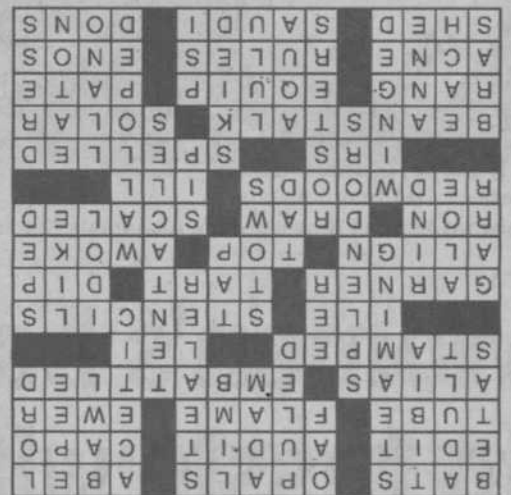


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- DOWN**
 2 Of age
 3 Knee-ankle connection
 4 Preparing clams
 5 Clod
 6 Whined
 7 Seth's father
 8 Large branch of a tree
 9 Thief
 10 Type of acid
 11 Weep noisily
 12 Three-side rapier
 13 Lady's man
 21 Dazzling sights
 23 Feelers
 25 Poetic contraction
 28 Packs away
 29 Spigot
 30 Superstar
 31 Similar to
 32 Raced
 33 Actress Teri
 34 ___ vera
 35 Peel
 39 Small boy
 41 Slugged
 44 Lists of players
 45 Nurse a drink
 47 Like birds and bats

Solutions



- 50 Slalomed
 51 South American plain
 52 John H. or Peggy
 53 Attire
 54 Bikini parts
 55 Apiece
 56 Green Gables girl
 57 Pastel shade
 58 Humdinger
 62 Trident-shaped letter

Horoscopes

ARIES Go over your lists again and decide what you should buy. Don't just think of yourself; make this a consensus opinion. The others will help with the funding if their needs are being met.
TAURUS It looks as if somebody wants you to do something that you care nothing about. How can you possibly accept this order? Get a partner to help. It'll be easier than you think.
GEMINI A solid bond connects you to the people with whom you serve. Now, it's time to get back to work, the whole bunch of you. New assignments are coming in.
CANCER Finish something you've been working on, and delay work on a new project. By giving this current task just a little more time, you'll make sure your results will last.

LEO Focus on something you need for your home, and start drawing up lists and plans. You won't get it all right away, but a rough schedule will be a great help.
VIRGO The good news is that the work you're doing is profitable. That should be a great comfort. The bad news is that it's quite difficult, and time consuming, to get it right.
LIBRA You'll soon want to get more serious and think about practical things. Meanwhile, let your imagination run wild for a while, just because you still can.
SCORPIO You've been known to put off homework until the last minute. Hopefully you won't have to pull an all-nighter in order to be ready by tomorrow.
SAGITTARIUS Gather up all of

the hugs and good vibes that you can, and go into seclusion. You need time to mull over everything that has happened and to finish up a few things.
CAPRICORN Don't try to explain anything for a while. Those who don't understand won't be listening, and those who love you already understand.
AQUARIUS The farther you venture, the more you'll understand. This makes you a better teacher, which could be your next assignment. No need to take notes. You'll remember.
PISCES Moving ahead can mean taking a risk. Even stepping from your fantasies into the creative process can be threatening. Start making modifications to that castle you've built in your imagination so that you can live in it.

CALENDAR

Texas Chainsaw Massacre



Thursday, 8 p.m.
Russell House Theater.

Wednesday

"MALCOLM X": 8 p.m. Russell House Theater
 "ABOUNA": 3, 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
 JACUZZI SUITE: 9 p.m. New

Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. \$2

Thursday

BRING YOUR OWN BAND: 7 p.m. Russell House Ballroom
 "ABOUNA": 7 and 9 p.m.

Nickelodeon Theatre.
PERFECT SLEEPER WITH HOW TO VANISH: 9 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. \$5.
PAUSE FOR EFFECT ACOUSTIC: Sundance Bar & Grill, 902-B Gervais St. No cover.