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When: Thursday, April 18, 6:00-8:30 pm

Village Focus International (VFI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Oregon, USA committed to strengthening the capacity of poor and marginalized rural communities in Southeast Asia to improve the quality of their lives.

VFI places primary emphasis upon education, leadership, and participation at the village level, rather than simply providing physical services. While VFI does build schools, conduct health care trainings, dig wells, and supports other activities in every village in which we work, quality of life in the long term can be raised only if local people have the skills to lead and maintain their own development initiatives.

Sports brief

Drew Bledsoe, Bills will play into Harrington's fate

The Detroit Lions have decided not to take quarterback Joey Harrington of Oregon with their No. 3 pick, bringing the early part of this weekend's NFL Draft into a lot better focus.

"As much as Marty (coach Marty Mornhinweg) loves quarterbacks, they're not going in that direction," a source said.

Things aren't going to defuzz further, however, until the Buffalo Bills, with an even more desperate quarterback need, decide what to do at No. 4, where their quandary involves not only Harrington but Drew Bledsoe, who has become quarterback non grata in New England.

When it all washes out Saturday afternoon, the best guess is that Harrington slips back to No. 10, where the Cincinnati Bengals will once again pick and pray, and the Patriots will settle for a second-round pick in order to dump Bledsoe.

Unfortunately, that's about as

much intrigue as you can expect in this draft. The first 10 picks now shape up like this, barring trades:

Quarterback David Carr to Houston, defensive end Julius Peppers to Carolina, cornerback Quentin Jammer to Detroit, defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth to Buffalo, tackle Bryant McKinnie of Miami to San Diego, tackle Mike Williams to Dallas, defensive tackle Ryan Sims to Minnesota, defensive tackle John Henderson to Kansas City, cornerback Phillip Buchanan of Miami to Jacksonville and Harrington to Cincinnati.

Bledsoe is the one wild card out there. Long before anyone thought of Tom Brady quarterbacking New England to the Super Bowl, Bledsoe signed a 10-year contract worth \$103 million if completed.

That deal by next year will become a salary cap albatross and so the Patriots must deal away their veteran quarterback. Only the Bengals and Bills, however, have expressed serious interest, and Bledsoe has let it be known he won't play in Cincinnati.

— Charles Bricker, (KRT) South Florida Sun-Sentinel

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And Patrick's not that bad on his other gig, "SportsCenter," either...

The NBA playoffs also start within the next week or so, and sorry to say, but the bad-boy Blazers probably don't stand a chance, especially with Damon Stoudamire creating his own headlines these days regarding illegal drugs.

Damon, note to self: "Just say no"... Through four games at Olympic Stadium, the Montreal Expos have averaged 12,150 fans per game. Take away the 34,351 in attendance on Opening Day, and the Expos average 4,749.

The Pacific Coast League's Portland Beavers, through four home dates — including a doubleheader on Sunday — have averaged 5,948 patrons per game. Now, is there any reason to believe that Portland won't be able to support a major league squad?

Instead of focusing on Washing-

ton D.C., where it seems Baltimore owner Peter Angelos will fight to the death to keep a team from moving to the nation's capital, Major League Baseball should look out west. Besides, D.C. has already had its chances at a team, and failed — twice...

Track Town, U.S.A., is in full-swing, but the weather has tried to rain on Oregon's parade. Rain is not surprising, but snow in March? This is spring, for crying out loud.

Whether the weather lets up or not, both the men's and women's track versions are looking like potential contenders to impress at the NCAA Championships in Baton Rouge, La. The women should improve from their 60th place finish last year, and the men will have a hard time improving from ninth. But that doesn't mean they won't try...

Finally, as if you didn't need any other reasons to be happy it's April, remember, there's no XFL this year.

That brings a smile to my face.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 17). This year you may have trouble achieving the things that look like they should be a cinch. Amazingly, something that used to seem impossible becomes quite easy. Don't be alarmed if your priorities change. If you get nervous about it, a sometimes-strange friend will help you get back on track.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - The more reading you do, the more you'll understand what that genius friend of yours is talking about. Your investigation is about to prove that he or she is right. This makes you look smarter, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - No need to stir things up. Let somebody else try to do that. You're on solid ground. By Sunday, you'll rule. Until then, just run out the clock.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You're a good follower when you have a good leader, but you may not be used to being out in the spotlight yourself. Strut your stuff! Grab another 15 minutes of fame.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Continue to discuss important details with the people who can take care of them. You don't have to let everyone know what you're up to. They'll find out soon enough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - What you need is a good think tank. Luckily, you have one: your circle of friends. You provide the goals, the structure, the guidance. They provide the ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't forget an important chore because you're busy

talking with friends. You're usually quite punctual, but today there are distractions. Get that one important thing done, and make a great impression.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - Do you have a few short stories that you've always wanted to publish? How about those really good poems you wrote years ago? Now's the time to send them off. Gain some recognition as a wordsmith.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Things could be moving a little too fast for your tastes. That's why you always like to be prepared. If you are, you can make a fine deal on something for your home - or real estate, or food.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - A brilliant idea saves the day and brings victory to your side. You may not be the one who has the idea, but your efforts still count. You're the instigator.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You could find an exceptional bargain or make a fabulous deal. It's also a good day to form a partnership or launch a business. The major obstacles have been overcome. Don't wait!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Don't ditch school or work, even if you can come up with a good excuse. There's stuff on your list that had better get done, or somebody will be inconvenienced and complain. Stop giggling!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - There's so much going on at home, it's hard to find a quiet nook. One person understands you well. Go to that person and find the calm you seek.



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