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Today: Becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms by afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Wind becoming north 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

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## TODAY

### BRIEFS

#### Trucker fight

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — George Mason, 47, of Orlando, was charged with one count of aggravated battery Monday, following a dispute at the Seminole County Refuse Transfer Station off CR-419.

According to sheriff spokesman Ed McDonough, at approximately 4 p.m. Monday, Mason, a driver for DisposAll of Orlando, had driven his truck to the transfer station to dump refuse, and reportedly got into an argument with Adam Belch, 25, of Altamonte Springs.

Mason reportedly cut Belch over in the neck and once across the chest with a piece of glass. McDonough said Belch was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center where he received a total of 40 stitches for his wounds. The cut across his chest was approximately nine inches long.

#### LPA Meeting

LAKE MARY — The City of Lake Mary Local Planning Agency (LPA) meets tonight beginning at 7 p.m., at City Hall. New business on the agenda includes a petition for a change of land use designation from low density residential to commercial, for lots 28 through 31, block 27, Crystal Lake Winter Homes, located at the north side of Crystal Lake Avenue, between Country Club Road and Second Street.

Also scheduled is a review of the Capital Improvements Element.

#### Volunteer Week

LAKE MARY — The week of April 21 through 27 has been declared National Volunteer Week, to recognize the efforts of 600 volunteers who serve with RSVP and give an estimated 118,000 hours of service each year to the people of Seminole County.

Gloria Black, executive director commented, "At a time when government programs are cut back and challenges to our community continue to mount, our RSVP volunteers are a vital resource for solving problems."

Support for RSVP comes from the Corporation of National Service which administers AmeriCorps, which includes 24,000 foster grandparents, 450,000 RSVP volunteers, and 12,000 senior companions, plus Learn & Serve America which involves 500,000 school and college students in community service.

Locally, RSVP is sponsored by Seminole Community Volunteer Program, Inc., Lake Mary. For information phone 323-4440.

#### Friends meeting

Clay Henderson, president of the Florida Audubon Society will be keynote speaker at the annual dinner-meeting of the Friends of the Wekiva River, at 7 p.m., this Friday, at Townsend's Plantation in Apopka. Friends President Jim Lee will present his annual report on the State-of-the-Wekiva-River.

The public is invited. Cost, including the buffet dinner is \$26.

For reservations and/or information phone Phil Harden, 323-5678.

#### Career Day 2000

The third annual school district-wide Career Day will be held on May 2 at Seminole Community College.

More than 3,800 tenth grade students from the six district high schools were invited to the event. They will have the opportunity to learn about three of 92 possible careers at the event.

There will be over 200 speakers offering information to the students about their careers between 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 320-0168.

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It goes without saying that you should never have more children than you have car windows.

-Erma Bombeck (1927-1996)

## Be all that you can be



The VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary honor SFC Jack S. Bradley in a military awards ceremony. VFW Adjutant Russ Germain left, presents Bradley with a plack of his military service awards as his wife, Maggie, rear, and U.S. Army Capt. Terrell Parker observe.

## Old soldier honored for Army service

From staff reports

SANFORD — When German snipers opened fire, an American soldier fresh from boot camp was ripped by the enemy's bullet. After being awarded the Purple Heart for bravery, the soldier fought on through Europe and Korea.

Members of the VFW Post 10108 and its Ladies Auxiliary held a special military awards ceremony last Thursday for the now-retired soldier, Sergeant First Class (E-7) Jack S. Bradley, 83, at Hill Haven Healthcare Center, 950 Mellonville Avenue in Sanford. Bradley was presented with a mounted display of the various medals received during his military service which began in March 1944.

Shortly after joining the army, Bradley was

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Bradley with wife Maggie and service medals he earned.

# Borrow pit saga

## Residents line up to protest again, but owner drops appeal

By JEFF BERLINICKE  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County Commission Chairman Dick Van Der Weide opened last night's commission meeting by thanking a group of Keeth Elementary School students for their award for best art in Seminole County.

He seemed to appreciate the light moment because he knew things were about to become darker.

"Thank you," he said to the students. "You loosened up the crowd. It could be quite contentious tonight."

He wasn't far off from his prediction. Residents of Marquette Shores flocked to the commission hearing to protest an appeal from Sanford borrow pit owners Sid Vihlen and Ben Benham against the county Board of Adjustment's decision to deny permission for a facility for disposal of clean, burnable land clearing debris. The pit is located on the north side of E. Lake Mary Boulevard, south of Marquette Avenue and east of Ohio Street.

After nearly six hours of debate, commissioners accepted by a vote of 3-1 Vihlen's unconditional withdrawal of his appeal as well as his agreement to a consent order with Seminole County to burn his debris in accordance with recommendations of the commission. Among the conditions:

- Vihlen and Benham have seven months to get burning permits from the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry and the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Only onsite materials may be burned.
- After seven months, if there is no adverse effect shown from the onsite burning, Vihlen and Benham may burn offsite materials, if it can be shown that there is an adverse effect, materials would have to be hauled from the site.

Commissioner Randy Morris abstained from voting and Win Adams voted against the agreement.

Vihlen and Benham had previously been denied a request to expand their borrow pit from 11.9 acres to 27 acres and were defeated during a subsequent appeal after the county determined the pit, which reportedly had not reached ca-

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# Who's minding the preschoolers?

By VICKI DeSORMIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — An increase in the early 1990s in the number of dads caring for the kids while mom worked may not have been a societal trend after all.

It now seems more likely that recession-induced unemployment resulted in more fathers out of work, and they watched the kids because the family had less money for day care.

Even those who were working were making less money than be-

fore and child care was still an unattainable luxury so grandparents, aunts and uncles and other family members were looking out for the little ones who were not in school.

Local child care centers, which were packed to capacity and beyond

several years ago, had suffered greatly, they said. Things are starting to look up, however.

When the economy picked up, dad went back to work and the kids went back to day care, or the baby

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## Section of street to be renamed

By NICK PFEIFAUF  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Barring any complications, the city is expected to rename part of Persimmon Avenue when two blocks become known as Merthie Drive.

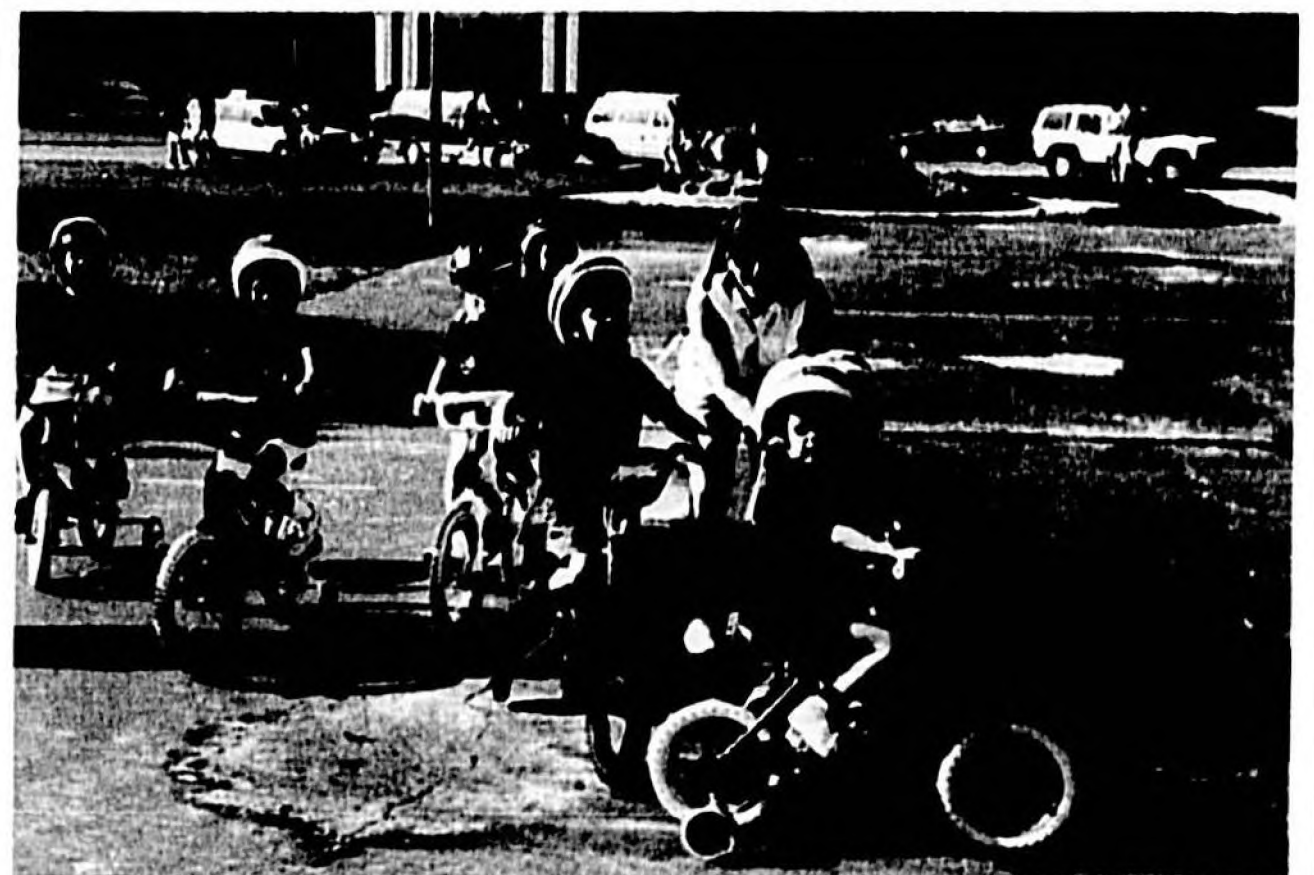
City Commissioner Bob Thomas brought the matter onto the agenda as the result of a letter from Ora Butler Brown and Lutricia Graham, chairwomen of the Foundation of Elderly Education.

The two suggested the street on which Merthie Daycare Center is located, (1611 Persimmon Avenue) be renamed in honor of owner/founder Lillie Merthie, who was described in the letter as having "devoted her life to educating many prominent African American citizens born and reared in Sanford."

During commission work session discussion, Thomas said he believed a renaming would be both fitting and proper. "She began with just one room in a house," he said, "and expanded it to become an organized day care center. I believe renaming the street would be one

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## Hot wheels



The pre-kindergarten students at All Souls Catholic School did their part to help raise money for school programs during the annual walk-a-thon activities this past week. With parent volunteer Teresa Vogt presiding, the youngsters moved around a course at Ft. Mellon Park and collected money for each lap they completed on their bikes and trikes. The older students also participated, walking to the park from the school.



## POLICE BRIEFS

### Snuff situation

Sheriff's deputies were called Monday to a store in the 4800 block of SR-46, regarding two persons reportedly selling items to customers outside the store. When deputies arrived, they found the two were selling cans of snuff, without the permission or approval of the store manager, David Tyrone Gaymon, 41, 122 Coachlight Court, Sanford, and Kathleen Rilla Herrera, 33, of 1120 Florida Avenue, reportedly gave officers false identities. Each was charged with resisting/obstructing/opposing law enforcement officers without violence. They were also issued trespass warnings.

### Attempted murder

Albert Lee Brown, 41, of 1010 Holly Avenue, was arrested at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Monday by Sanford police. Officers said on Jan. 19, he was accused of shooting a man twice, once in the head and once in the neck, during a dispute behind the 1300 block of Williams Avenue. Brown was subsequently identified by his victim and witnesses from a photo lineup. He has been charged with attempted murder, and use/display of a concealed firearm in the commission of a felony.

### Drive through

Sheriff's deputies were called to Lake Forest subdivision Monday by a security guard to reported a man in a pickup truck had crashed through the security gate and was seen driving in the subdivision. At one point, the deputy said he stopped the truck, only to have the man shout an obscenity at him and drive off, striking the side of the patrol car. The vehicle was subsequently stopped. Phillip Earl Hunt, 38, of 137 Wildwood Drive, Sanford, was charged with aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, fleeing/attempting to elude an officer, having an illegal license plate, trespassing, and criminal mischief.

### Park resters

Early Monday morning, Lake Mary police arrested Cosme Sanchez Ramirez, 32 and Jose Emilio Sanchez, 43, neither of whom had any local addresses. The two were reportedly seen lying down in Central Park, immediately adjacent to the Lake Mary City Hall. Each was arrested on charges of violation of a city ordinance regarding trespassing in a city park between sunset and sunrise.

### Burglary

Patricia A. Romaine, 28, of 308 Rachele Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. Officers said she was suspected of burglarizing a nearby apartment and taking \$2,673 in property including jewelry, clothing and household items. She was located at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and charged with grand theft, burglary, and possession of stolen property.

### Domestic case

Christopher Dolch, 31, 118 Lake Minnie Drive, Sanford, was arrested by deputies at his residence Monday, following a reported dispute with a female. He was charged with battery domestic violence, and resisting an officer without violence.

### Traffic stop

Robert Wayne Smith, 34, 210 Baymeadow Drive, Longwood, was stopped by deputies on Longwood-Lake Mary Road early Tuesday. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and having improper equipment. Deputies also found he was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear on a charge of obtaining property with a worthless check.

### Sheriff reports

● A 1991 pickup truck was reported missing Monday from a car dealership in the 4100 block of N. U.S. Highway 17-92. Deputies said the woman who took the truck, stating she would purchase it, was found not to be living at the address she gave, and was wanted on an Orange County warrant for grand theft.

● An estimated \$250 in assorted wrenches were reported stolen Monday from a shed at an auto dealership in the 3500 block of N. 17-92 near Lake Mary.

● A 1988 Chrysler, was reported stolen Monday in the 2000 block of Dixie Avenue. Sanford police reported finding the vehicle following a wreck at Celery Avenue and Scott Drive. They said the driver managed to flee from the area.

### Sanford police reports

An estimated \$310 in furniture, including a trash can, were reported stolen Monday from a residence in the 300 block of Palmetto Avenue in Sanford.

● A 1982 Chevrolet, reported stolen from a dealership in the 2700 block of S. Orlando Drive, was located by police Monday at the dead end at 18th Street and Oleander Avenue in Sanford.

● Four tires and wheels, valued at \$800, were reported stolen from a 1979 Jeep Saturday, parked in the 4200 block of S. Orlando Drive in Sanford.

● A 1978 Pontiac, aqua/blue, was reported stolen Saturday in the 700 block of Sanford Avenue. The vehicle had no license tag.

● A white 1982 Chevrolet, with no license tag, was reported stolen early Monday from the 2700 block of Orlando Drive in Sanford.

# Graduation night

## SCC awards 780 General Equivalency Diplomas

By VICKI DeBORNIER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Not everyone graduates from high school and has the opportunity to cross the stage to accept a diploma.

At Seminole Community College this evening some 780 people who returned to classes and earned their GED (General Equivalency Diploma) will finally have their moment in the spotlight at the college's annual GED honors night.

Some choose to drop out of school, others leave for a variety of reasons such as the need to support a family or take care of a loved one at home. Later they return to complete their education in an effort to improve their employment opportunities or simply to face the challenge of getting the diploma.

The nearly 800 students who successfully completed the GED examination at SCC over the last year will be presented with their State of Florida High School Diploma during the ceremony which will take place in the college's gymnasium this evening at 7:30.

Several of the hard-working

students will be awarded special scholarships during the event so they may continue their education.

"There are people from all walks of life involved in the Adult Basic Education and the GED program," James Mills of SCC's adult education department said. "They all have a story to tell."

Some, having completed their high school work are continuing their education at SCC while others are entering the workforce with additional credentials that will allow them to increase their income.

SCC offers adult education programs at their main campus in Sanford as well as at 20 locations throughout Seminole County.

Since the ABE/GED program began at the college 26 years ago, more than 10,700 adults have earned their equivalency diploma through SCC.

Dr. E. Ann McGee, the new president of SCC, will give the address to the graduates and their families.

Dean Gloria Pickar will present a special Community Service award to a local company that

has helped advance the cause of adult education in Seminole County.

Dr. Marguerite Culp, dean of student services at SCC, will talk to the graduates about taking the next step.

The Sheelah M. Ryan and Bertha B. Valentine Scholarships will be awarded to the outstanding graduates who have enrolled at Seminole Com-

munity College and plan to advance their education there.

Finally, Julie Osborne, a graduate of the GED program at SCC and a former winner of the Ryan Scholarship, will address the class of 1996. On Thursday, Osborne will graduate from SCC with an associates degree and she is now making plans to continue her studies to seek a bachelors degree.

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# Polly Klaas trial: Davis' confession

By MICHELLE LOCKE  
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — In chilling detail, a parolee told police where he drove 12-year-old Polly Klaas, how he had to kill her to stay free and that when he cinched a cloth around her neck "she didn't know what hit her."

But nowhere in the more than 280 pages of transcripts released Tuesday does Richard Allen Davis ever answer the most nagging question in the case.

"I don't know why I took her," he said. "I don't know, man. I don't know."

In the interviews, Davis describes how he was "toasted" on drugs and alcohol the night of Oct. 1, 1993, and didn't remember much until he found himself driving around with Polly in the front seat, her hands bound.

Davis, who has spent more than 15 years in prison for crimes including burglary and assault, said one thing he was sure of: "If I let her go I'd be

goin' back to the joint."

Seeming at times detached from the crime, he gave a matter-of-fact description of how he held the cloth tight around the girl's neck for what seemed like "forever."

"I remember easing up," Davis said. "And I heard her groan or somethin'."

"So what did you do then?" an investigator asked.

"Tightened back up on the cloth," Davis said.

"She didn't know what hit her," he said. "Then I got another piece of cord, tied it around her neck, cinched the knot up, tightened it up, just to make sure."

Davis' lawyer has already conceded that the burly 41-year-old man snatched Polly from her bedroom and killed her, but he argued there is no evidence of sexual molestation, a tactic seen as an attempt to avoid the death penalty. Testimony in the trial began last week.

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### EDITORIAL

## Be there

A majority of folks in North Seminole County are not members of the chamber of commerce. A majority are, however, registered voters for Florida House District 33.

Tomorrow morning, the two candidates seeking the post formerly held by Marvin Couch, will be on hand at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce in downtown Sanford. Republican candidate Tom Feeney, and Democratic candidate Jim Hattaway will be on hand to explain where they stand on the issues, and answer questions from members of the audience.

This isn't just a chamber function. As an organization dedicated to serving the people, the event is being opened to the general public.

We suspect not too many people know much about either of the two candidates. They don't know where they stand on the issues with which we, the people, are vitally concerned. Actually, all many people have been hearing is negative reports from one candidate aimed at his opponent.

Many people are also wondering why there is even an election, seeing as how the winning candidate will probably end up spending only four days in the present legislative session, and be facing re-election this November.

We also question this move, and wonder why Governor Lawton Chiles did not see fit to merely appoint someone for the remaining term. But this is a done-deal now, so we will have to live with it.

We will say, however, that each of the two candidates, win or lose this Saturday, has already indicated intentions to seek the same post this November.

With this in mind, it behooves..... (That's a good word, "behooves," it means to be incumbent upon or proper for...), everyone who can to attend tomorrow morning's political gathering at the chamber. It may be crowded if there are enough concerned individuals in our community as we hope. Therefore, advance reservations can be made by phoning the chamber at 322-2212 as soon as possible.

The gathering begins at 7:30 tomorrow morning at the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce building, 400 E. First Street in Sanford.

It behooves you to be there.

### LETTER

## Goals for airport

At a recent Monday City Commission work session, Sanford commissioners did exactly the right thing concerning the city's lease with Sanford-Orlando Airport (a more appropriate name, I think). What they did was nothing because no action was necessary. This matter was put to rest in December with assurances that the city would not pull the rug from under the Airport Authority somewhere down the road.

A system of checks and balances is necessary in government. The Airport Authority is answerable only to the commission, not the voters. That's where the checks and balances come in. The city commission is answerable and accountable to the voters and by virtue of this, is ultimately responsible for the good of Sanford, including the airport.

This matter should not come up again. The commission has the same goals as the authority does for the airport, those being putting it to its highest and best use and for it to be profitable and good for Sanford.

Larry Blair  
Sanford

### WILLIAM RASPBERRY

## What politicians have to do with it

Americans, says the Associated Press report, are "disenchanted with the Republican Congress" and are about to trounce Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole in his quest for the presidency.

The source of that wisdom is a nationwide Los Angeles Times poll that shows Dole trailing President Clinton by 55 percent to 37 percent—and that also has a plurality of voters agreeing with the statement that the Republicans don't "deserve to maintain control of Congress."

Obviously that cannot be good news for Dole and the Republicans. But it may be smart for Clinton and the Democrats not to try to make too much of it. It wasn't that long ago that the voters, then "disenchanted" with the Democratic Congress, handed legislative control to the very party it now appears ready to repudiate. And if Clinton is re-elected and given a Democratic majority in the Congress, there will, I am certain, be a new wave of anti-Democratic disenchantment.

I don't doubt the disenchantment—then and now—and, though it's far too early to be making electoral predictions, I wouldn't be surprised if President Clinton is able to fend off his challenger even by the double-digit margin the

poll suggests. But my suspicion is that the disenchantment is less with party than with politics.

People are hurting, and, despite their solemn-faced promises, the politicians don't seem to be doing much to ease the pain. Maybe they can't. Voting is a political activity—perhaps the only political activity for too many Americans—and the pain is mostly non-political.

No wonder those who see voting as the extent of their effort to improve the society keep being frustrated at the outcomes.

Think of a couple who, back when they were young and hopeful and deeply in love, spent a perfectly enchanted evening at a modest

but wonderful restaurant. Now, though they are no longer hopeful of very much in life, they keep looking for a restaurant capable of bringing back the old feeling.

They peruse the advertisements, scan the menus, read the ad-writers' imaginative descriptions of food and ambiance. They are forever trying new restaurants—and revisiting old ones—and they are endlessly disenchanted.

You'd think that, sooner or later, they'd figure out that the long ago enchantment wasn't in the restaurant but in their relationship.

I keep hoping the voters will learn a similar lesson. Maybe it would dawn on them that the things they yearn for can't be delivered by politicians.

They want safe and friendly communities, responsible neighbors, the economic security they used to take for granted. The politicians give them more jails, another promise of welfare reform and affirmative action and immigrants as explanations for their unsettled economics.

Maybe one of these days, we'll stop searching for that fondly remembered restaurant and get working on those lost relationships. And if we can do that, maybe we'll start to understand how little the politicians have to do with anything.



People are hurting, and the politicians don't seem to be doing much to ease the pain.



### ELLEN GOODMAN

## Papa Bob vs. Daddy Bill

And you thought that Bob Dole and Bill Clinton were running for President. Instead it turns out that these two men are in a race to become Father of their Country.

Recently, in a Philadelphia suburb, the will-be Republican nominee told a crowd, "If something happened along the route and you had to leave your children with Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, I think you'd probably leave your children with Bob Dole."

Well, I am not at all sure that I'd want to leave my children with someone who talks about himself in the third person. But Dole was raising the Big Daddy issue as a test of character. "It all boils down to who do you trust. ... It's all about the future. It's about the young people in the band."

To Dole's generation, the "young people in the band" may still be The Beatles. Nevertheless, it's intriguing to see how the trust issue has crossed from one political arena to another. The character question used to be, "Would you buy a used car from this man?" Now it's "Would you leave your children in his custody?"

All winter long, while the Republicans were pummeling each other on the primary circuit, Bill Clinton was working the dad beat. He went on the road and air as the quintessential Boomer Dad in the White House, a thousand points of paternal light.

One day he was speaking out for school uniforms, the next day for a V-chip, and the next against teen smoking. He even did a PTA turn in California where he and Al helped hook up a school to the Internet. All this prompted Bob Dole to say sourly, "If he makes a 10-minute speech, he'll mention children 17 times. I've clocked him."

Now it's spring and Dole is offering himself up as the alternative, the Trusted Guardian. So we have the bare outlines of the 1996 Campaign: It's Papa Bob versus Daddy Bill.

It's pretty easy to imagine what our kids would be in for if they were in the custody of these two men. I envision dinner with Bob as a rather formal affair where the Senate leader clears his throat over the candleabra to ask the 8-year olds what grade they are in. Dinner with Bill would be more like takeout on the floor of the family room.

Any kid in trouble with Bob would get a lecture, a list of virtues, and some character-building chores. Bill on the other hand would force her into a marathon discussion of her motives, his pain, and sentence her to a timeout. Or a therapist.

The emergence of the dads' competition, however, is based on the assumption that the country is on an all-points search for a national father-figure.

These days, we are indeed deluged with

studies, sermons, and statistics on absent fathers, unwed fathers, deadbeat fathers. The Million Man March, the rise of the Promise Keepers, the sudden plethora of books on fatherhood all suggest that what is missing in American life is dad.

By now the father deficit is the subject for more rueful public conversation than the national debt. We have arrived at a consensus that fathers have been lost and must be found.

But the differences in images between these two candidates also highlight the weakness of this consensus. What are we looking for, Big Daddy or Involved Daddy? Can you get the Papa back without the Patriarchy?

These two candidates for First Father, with one daughter apiece, have a style emblematic of their generation. Dole comes across as a dad of his time, caring but distant. Clinton is the baby-boomer father who doesn't always know beat but is on the case. Around kids, Bob goes by Robert's Rules of Order; Bill is a natural. Bob is the authority figure; Bill the parenting partner.

However intriguing this contest, I have a problem with playing politics with parenting skills. I'm not sure we should be searching for the country's runaway dad on a campaign trail. The presidency is not a private post, it's a public one. The president isn't a foster father, but a policy-maker.

If I were writing a test for Presidential Poppa, it wouldn't just be about teen sex and V-chips. I'd ask these two candidates what they are going to do about the 15 million children in poverty, or the kids killed by gunfire every 92 minutes. If I were looking for someone to trust with children I'd ask why the youngest take the biggest budget hits.

Like many a working mother, I think the kids are better off in Bill's hands. At least he works at home. But November is a long way off, and I'm not ready yet to crown either of these men Father of the Year.



These two men are in a race to become Father of their Country.

### JACK ANDERSON

## Is Kerry forfeiting principles for cash?

WASHINGTON -- There was something unkosher about the way Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., was shaking down a Jewish lobbyist for campaign contributions just steps off the Senate floor recently.

After casting a vote that Tuesday afternoon, Kerry was rushing to meet a group of Massachusetts firefighters in a nearby room when he was intercepted by Robert Asher, a board member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and one of the most powerful pro-Israel lobbyists in Washington. The encounter took place in a room where lobbyists try to put the arm on senators. But in this case, Kerry did the arm-twisting.

"I'm helping you," Asher told Kerry, who is locked in a tight re-election battle with popular Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

"Then Kerry literally grabbed Asher's right arm.

"We need more help," Kerry told Asher. "We need it more than ever." Kerry, looking drawn and haggard, complained that Republicans were intensifying their attacks against him.

A Kerry spokesperson confirmed the essence of the exchange, admitting that Kerry has spoken repeatedly in recent weeks with Asher about holding a major fund-raiser for the senator in the near future. Asher also has personally contributed \$1,000 to Kerry.

Federal law prohibits members of Congress from soliciting campaign contributions on the Capitol grounds. According to the 1996 Senate election law guidebook, it is "unlawful for any person to solicit or receive any contribution... in any room or building" on federal property. Violations are punishable by fines and jail.

A Kerry spokesperson strongly denied that the senator ever solicited money on the Capitol grounds. "The word 'money' was never said," this spokesperson told us. "That's your interpretation of 'I need help more than ever.'"

Senate Democratic veterans do not find the interpretation very ambiguous. "There is such a feeding frenzy for campaign contributions that it often leads to this kind of violation," says one Democratic source. "It can usually be done behind the scenes, and in places where folks won't know about it."

An AIPAC source with knowledge of the conversation told our associate Ed Henry that he "would not consider this asking for money. (Kerry) said, 'You've been a big help for me over the years. Will you help me again?'"

Asher, who is a member of the national finance committee for Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's presidential campaign, is no novice to the nexus between money and power. Asher was so influential in drafting Dole's legislation to move the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem -- a major sop to the Jewish-American community -- that some Senate insiders reportedly refer to it as the "Asher bill."

Asher is also an avid score-keeper, keeping a tally of how Kerry and other senators vote on key issues affecting Israel. One of the issues involves Israel's controversial ARROW missile defense system, of which Kerry is a strong backer even though he has resisted missile defense systems for the United States.

Kerry's chance for re-election in one of the most closely watched Senate races of the year may hinge on deep pockets. The two-term senator has raised \$3.7 million so far, but has refused Weld's request for a \$5 million spending cap. Kerry has also not ruled out tapping into the inherited family fortune of his new wife, Teresa Heinz.



The encounter took place in a room where lobbyists try to put the arm on senators.



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## WORLD BRIEFS



### Russia cultivates ties with East

BEIJING (AP) — Russia is cultivating closer ties with the East. China, at odds with the United States, is nurturing its connections to the north and west.

Small wonder that Russian President Boris Yeltsin arrived in China today to what may be the warmest welcome ever accorded a Russian leader.

Even during the Cold War, ideological differences and border disputes kept China and the Soviet Union at arm's length. Now, the two nations are discovering reasons why they ought to be moving closer.

At odds with Washington over its policies on Taiwan, Tibet, trade and human rights, Chinese leaders have been strengthened their ties with the rest of the world, particularly Europe and Russia.

### Rebel leader killed in airstrike

MOSCOW — Top Chechen leaders and a Russian military official said today that rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev was killed in a Russian airstrike, adding weight to earlier reports that he was dead.

Shamil Basayev, a top rebel field commander in Chechnya, said on rebel television late Tuesday that the breakaway republic was observing three days of mourning for Dudayev, the Interfax news agency reported today.

Dudayev's representative in Moscow, Vagap Tutakov — who had denied the report Tuesday — said today that he was certain Dudayev was dead.

"The struggle will be continued with tripled energy," he told the Interfax news agency. "Supporters of the president of (Chechnya) have vowed to avenge his death."

### Is anybody down there listening?

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Something fishy is going on in Borneo: Fishermen are stealing pay phones and using them as electronic bait.

In the past year, about 900 of the 3,500 Telekom Malaysia pay phones were stolen in the state of Sabah on Borneo Island, according to Ahmad Zaini Mohammad Amin, a senior company official.

"Even our telephone manufacturer in Italy was baffled by the thefts," he told local newspapers.

An investigation revealed that fishermen had cut off the handsets, connected them to high-powered batteries and lowered them into the water. The electricity passing through the microphones produced a high-pitched sound that attracted fish into their nets, Ahmad said.

Fisheries Department Director General Shahrom Abdul Majid told the newspapers that explanation makes sense.

He noted that some aquariums in Japan release piped music into tanks and the fish move to the rhythm. "It almost looks as if they are dancing," he said.

The criminal innovation came to light because of the unusually high number of telephone thefts last year. On a normal year, about 800 of Malaysia's 40,000 pay phones are vandalized, Ahmad said.

### U.S. acting like superpower again

LONDON — The United States is acting like a superpower again, but domestic pressure to retreat from world affairs is putting that role in danger, a leading think tank said today.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies applauded the Clinton administration for helping to "put out fires" in Bosnia, the Middle East, Northern Ireland and Asia with diplomatic and military leadership.

"Putting out fires ... is a long-term procedure," the independent think tank said in its Strategic Survey 1995-96. "Even if the U.S. is a reluctant superpower, to make a useful difference it must remain a persistent superpower."

"It would be disastrous for the world if the U.S. were to retreat to the kind of isolation some Republican aspirants for the presidential nomination espoused," it said, an apparent reference to Pat Buchanan, who supports a less active role for the United States in world affairs.

The institute noted that there is still only "fragile support" among the American people for U.S. assertiveness abroad, especially if American lives are threatened or lost and costs begin to rise.

"It is an open question whether the United States, with its cost-cutting and unilateralist Congress, fickle public opinion and forthcoming presidential elections, will be able to provide the steady leadership and enduring commitment that the world clearly still requires," it said.

The institute, financed from private sources, is an independent center for research on security, conflict and arms control.

Its report offered a survey of threats to peace from around the world, noting that terrorism poses a serious challenge to efforts to calm conflicts in the Middle East and Northern Ireland.

The transition to democracy in Russia suffered setbacks this year, with communists gaining on reformers in parliament and the invasion of Chechnya complicating moves toward democracy, the institute said.

From Associated Press reports

## Competition cuts airline ticket prices

By RANDOLPH E. SCHINDL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When low-cost airlines start flying to a city, ticket prices start coming down.

That may sound like Economics 101, but it saved American travelers \$6 billion last year, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena reported Tuesday.

Starting in the West and Southwest and now expanding East, some 39 new jet airlines have started up in the last few years, Pena said.

And he predicted that the low-cost carriers will continue to elbow their way into new cities and may expand to international markets.

The added competition caused major airlines to cut their fares, and this encouraged more people to fly, Pena said.

"In cities where low-cost airlines fly, Americans pay \$54 less per flight, on average," he reported. In airline hub cities, the saving is \$70 per flight.

Indeed, Pena boasted of personally having flown from Houston to Dallas and back, from Baltimore to Chicago and from Albuquerque, N.M., to

Phoenix on low-fare airlines at a total cost of \$189.

"All these airlines are safe," Pena added, stressing that they meet the same safety standards as larger carriers.

Admittedly, prices have stayed high in areas where there is less competition, and department officials say that some larger carriers may have even increased fares in those markets.

But, they pointed out, markets with high fares tend to attract more competition.

Today, nearly 40 percent of passengers fly in markets where low-fare service is available, up from just 15 percent in 1988 when Southwest Airlines was pioneering the field.

And 53 of the nation's 60 busiest airports have at least some low-fare service, Pena reported.

While some established carriers have been concerned about the growing competition, Pena pointed out that business and profits were up last year throughout the airline industry.

The lower fares helped attract an additional 47 million passengers in 1995, he said, producing more business for everyone.

# Bill would expand health insurance

By DIANE DUSTON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans and Democrats alike are claiming credit for a bill that would expand health insurance opportunities for millions of Americans. But key differences with a more ambitious House version remain to be resolved.

"We've been trying to pass some of these common sense measures for the past decade," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said after the Senate, in a rare 100-0 vote, passed the bill Tuesday.

At the same time, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle claimed the bill as part of his party's "action agenda," which also includes raising the minimum wage and expanding pension benefits.

The core purpose of the legislation is to assure that people who lose or change their jobs continue to be able to purchase health insurance, even if they have an existing medical problem.

Dole said he regretted that senators turned back his effort to include a House-passed provision setting up tax-exempt medical savings accounts. He

indicated he would continue to push for it in a House-Senate conference that will meet to work out differences between the two measures.

"It's still going to be a matter in conference," said Dole, who will be on the negotiating committee.

White House officials have said President Clinton will veto the bill if it includes medical savings accounts. Limits on malpractice awards contained in the House bill also prompted a veto threat.

Dole's comments bolstered House Republicans who said they want to persuade Clinton to accept medical savings accounts as a way to make health insurance more affordable.

"I think the conference will come back with it in and I think it will pass both the House and the Senate," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

But Daschle said, "If the health care reform bill isn't out of conference and on its way to the president's desk in three weeks — as we passed it, without all the special interest add-ons — we will force it back to the Senate floor."

Clinton has been pushing for the bill but wants to keep it simple. Senate sponsors of the

bill — Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. — agreed.

Kassebaum noted that it grew from the debate over the Clinton health care proposal of the last Congress that failed because it tried to do too much.

Among the many concerns raised at the time was the problem workers had changing jobs for fear of losing their health insurance.

"That's what we started with," Kassebaum said. "We recognized we were not going to achieve success if it didn't have the broadest support possible."

The bill does not regulate the cost of that insurance, but would stop companies from refusing to sell policies to workers with health problems. The practice has prevented millions of people changing employers or striking out on their own.

Buyers of insurance plans with the medical savings account option would get catastrophic health coverage — subject to a high deductible payment before the insurance kicked in. Part of the premium would go into a tax-exempt savings account from which routine medical expenses could be paid.

Unspent savings would earn interest, and the account could

be used for non-medical expenses — but then would be subject to tax.

Opponents object to the tax shelter that medical savings accounts would create and say they would draw healthy people away from traditional insurance pools that need them to keep the cost of insurance affordable for the least healthy.

The only controversial amendment added to the Senate version was one sponsored by Sens. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., that would require insurance companies to consider mental illness the same as physical illness.

Kassebaum and Kennedy both said the amendment would have to come out.

## Nonsmokers exposed to tobacco smoke

By PAUL REGER  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — It may not be seen or smelled, but nicotine wafted into the air from burning cigarettes finds its way into the lungs of just about everybody, smokers and nonsmokers alike, according to a study published today.

Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that blood samples collected around the country show an almost universal exposure to tobacco smoke, even among people who never smoke and don't work or live around people who do.

Dr. James L. Pirkle, head of the CDC team, said that 87.9 percent of nonsmokers among the 10,642 people tested had the telltale blood chemistry of exposure to tobacco smoke.

Pirkle said the study results "were unexpected findings" and suggested that exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is widespread.

"You can definitely have a significant exposure even if you can't see it or smell it," said Pirkle.

The Journal of the American Medical Association is publishing the research today.

The national study involved people ages 4 and older randomly selected at 81 different sites in 26 states. It is the first CDC tobacco study to combine blood samples, physical exams and questionnaires.

Basic numbers from the study will be used to track changes in general exposure to environmental tobacco smoke and could help to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to separate smokers and nonsmokers in restaurants and offices, said Pirkle. The study also will help track the expected decline in tobacco smoke exposure as the number of smokers declines, he said.

Pirkle said that exposure to tobacco smoke was based on the presence in the blood specimens of cotinine, a metabolic residue from the body's processing of inhaled nicotine. There is virtually no other source for such a chemical for non-tobacco-users except inhaled tobacco smoke, Pirkle said, and cotinine can be found in the blood for two to three days after exposure. Cotinine is a standard blood marker used to detect exposure to nicotine.

Much of the exposure comes from smoke that escapes from a cigarette as it burns, said Pirkle. This smoke, he said, has 20 to 30 times the carcinogens, or cancer-causing chemicals, as smoke inhaled by a smoker through the cigarette filter.

Such smoke has been estimated to cause 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually among non-smoking Americans and 150,000 to 300,000 cases of respiratory infection among children, said Pirkle.

The study found that children generally received 50 percent more exposure than adults, that non-Hispanic blacks had twice as much exposure as whites, and that males aged 17 and older had more exposure than women.

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**NATIONAL BRIEFS**



**Sunday morning world**

DENVER — U.S. churches are shaking up their black-or-white Sunday morning world.

United Methodists on Tuesday night approved plans to seek a merger with the three largest black Methodist churches. "The time is right now for us to openly confess to sins of our past and to realize these brothers and sisters belong in one church," United Methodist Bishop Melvin Talbert said at the General Conference of the 6.6 million-member denomination.

The move by the nation's second largest Protestant church follows nearly two years of attempts at racial reconciliation by white Christians, including an apology from the Southern Baptist Convention for racism and the creation of an alliance of white and black Pentecostal churches.

**Automatic teller fees**

WASHINGTON — For Rep. Marge Roukema, the issue of rising fees at bank automatic teller machines was crystallized in the comic pages of her local newspaper.

"The cartoon showed an ATM machine with a large hand and a gun facing out, directed at the consumer," said the New Jersey Republican, who is chairwoman of a House Banking subcommittee on consumer credit.

That image no doubt was spawned by new rules allowing banks to charge additional fees to people who use their ATM machine but don't have an account with that bank.

While only a small number of banks are assessing such fees, which went into effect April 1, the idea of consumers paying more to get at their own money has generated intense interest among consumer groups and Congress.

And Roukema's subcommittee is holding two days of hearings on the subject.

**Goetz found guilty in civil suit**

NEW YORK — In the end, Bernhard Goetz may have been done in by his racist remarks and smirking testimony that shooting four black youths in 1984 could be viewed as a public service.

A jury on Tuesday awarded \$43 million to Darrell Cabey, who was paralyzed by Goetz's final bullet on a subway train and now has what Cabey's family says is the mental capacity of an 8-year-old.

"Our break came when Bernie Goetz took the witness stand and told people who he was, what he did and why he did it," said Cabey's lawyer, Ronald Kuby, who had tears running down his face as the verdict was read.

"This sends a message to all racists with guns who think young black lives are worth nothing — they're worth a lot," he said.

**Selling Camelot piece by piece**

NEW YORK — They're selling Camelot piece by piece, and the prices are sky-high.

Sotheby's on Tuesday began a four-day auction of hundreds of objects — including furniture, china, books and artwork — from the estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

In front of a crowd that gasped as the prices soared, most items sold for well over their presale estimates. A walnut humidor, a gift from Milton Berle to John F. Kennedy, was expected to sell for \$2,000 to \$2,500. It sold for \$574,500.

An oak rocking chair JFK used in the White House went for \$442,500. John F. Kennedy Jr.'s high chair and Caroline Kennedy's rocking horse each fetched \$85,000.

**Cancer breakthrough**

WASHINGTON — After two decades of hype and disappointment, a high-tech medical innovation called the monoclonal antibody is at last showing promise against cancer.

Researchers said Tuesday that breast cancer, a disease that kills 44,000 U.S. women annually, may be the first successful target of this product of biotechnology.

The key seems to be combining these laboratory concoctions with the low-tech chemotherapy drugs that have long been a mainstay of cancer treatment. Together, they seem to produce a powerful one-two punch against cancer that is far greater than either one alone.

As a result, one monoclonal antibody looks impressive enough to undergo a major medical test — an international comparison experiment that will eventually involve at least 600 women with advanced breast cancer. Several others are in earlier stages of testing against a variety of malignancies.

**Missing Margot Kidder is found**

GLENDALE, Calif. — Three days after being reported missing, actress Margot Kidder was discovered dazed in a back yard, apparently with her two front teeth knocked out.

Kidder, 47, was found Tuesday in the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale and taken to a hospital for observation.

The Canadian-born actress, who played Lois Lane in the "Superman" movies, appeared "frightened and paranoid" and was in "obvious mental distress," Glendale police Sgt. Rick Young said.

Kidder was last seen at Los Angeles International Airport on Saturday night, waiting for a flight to Phoenix, said Burbank police Lt. Duane Dow.

But she didn't get on the flight and her publicist reported her missing that night to Burbank Police.

When Kidder was found, it appeared two of her front teeth had been knocked out, said Glendale homeowner William Minarik.

A representative for Kidder did not immediately return a phone call for comment.

**Surgeons complete smile surgery**

LOS ANGELES — After a delicate 10-hour operation, surgeons emerged with all smiles and were hopeful their young patient soon will be able to flash that same winning grin.

Seven-year-old Chelsey Thomas, who was born with a perpetually glum look because she was born without nerves to help her facial muscles form a smile, underwent the surgery Tuesday to give the right corner of her mouth a lift.

The same surgical team worked on her left side on Dec. 15. It will take at least eight weeks to learn if it's an ear-to-ear success. Chelsey is anxious to be able to smile by her 8th birthday on June 29.

Surgeons say the prognosis is good. "As you saw, we all came in smiling," Dr. Avron Daniller said at a news conference after the surgery.

"If this procedure works, it will work forever," he said. "Chelsey will be smiling 20, 30, and 40 years from now."

Chelsey was listed in stable condition early today in the intensive care unit at Kaiser Permanente Hospital.

"We're thrilled," said her father, Bob Thomas. "We're very optimistic the other side is going to work as well and she'll have a full smile."

Doctors removed muscle and nerve from her leg and transplanted them to the right side of her face. After the surgery, doctors stretched the muscles in the corners of her mouth upward.

The corners of Chelsey's mouth had sagged because she was born without the nerve that transmits commands to facial muscles. The condition, called Moebius syndrome, afflicts about 1,000 Americans.

The \$70,000 cost of both surgeries, which are not considered cosmetic, is covered by the family's health insurer.

From Associated Press reports

# Genital mutilation

## Some women may get asylum in U.S.

By MICHAEL J. SNIPPEN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A limited number of the millions of young women who face genital mutilation in African and Middle Eastern cultures may get asylum in this country if the Clinton administration has its way.

In a legal brief, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has asked the Board of Immigration Appeals to rule that fear of genital mutilation can justify asylum — but only for those women who would be forced into the most extreme forms of it if sent home.

"There are certain extreme practices that shock the conscience ... even when done for ostensibly benign reasons," David A. Martin, general counsel of the Immigration Service, said in an interview Tuesday.

If the administration's argument were adopted, asylum would rarely if ever be available on this basis to the more than 80 million women already subjected to the process in several dozen African and Middle Eastern nations, Martin said.

The entire 12-member Board of Immigration Appeals will hear an appeal May 2 by 18-year-old Fauziya Kasinga who fled here from Togo in late 1994 to avoid genital mutilation. She has been jailed ever since and was denied

asylum by an immigration judge last August.

"In its most extreme forms, female genital mutilation is deeply objectionable to most of the world community," the government brief argued, citing condemnations by the U.N. General Assembly and even some nations where it is practiced.

Begun in the 5th century B.C., the custom is observed by Muslims, Christians and adherents of traditional religions in Africa and Asia.

It ranges from cutting the hood of the clitoris to the removal of the clitoris as well as tissue at the entrance to the vagina, the brief said.

Usually, it is performed "with unsterilized instruments such as razor blades, broken glass and knives and without anesthesia," the brief continued. It can produce excruciating pain, tetanus, rupture of the vaginal walls, infertility, painful sexual intercourse, chronic infections, incontinence, increased risk in childbirth and death.

Such extreme bodily invasion constitutes persecution when conducted without consent even though it is administered as a cultural rite, Martin said.

But he said it must be forced to be considered persecution. Those subjected to it "in the past, at a time when they consented or at least acquiesced, as

... when the woman was a small child, have not experienced persecution," the brief said.

Also, asylum should not be given to those subjected merely to ostracism or economic pressure "or who might be able to flee to part of their home country where the practice is forbidden," the brief said.

But Karen Musalo, American University law professor and

Kasinga's attorney, asked, "What if ostracism or economic pressure means you can never marry and can only support yourself by prostitution? Isn't that persecution enough for asylum?"

"And when the brief says a child's acquiescence can be presumed, I find that blood-chillingly shocking," Musalo added.

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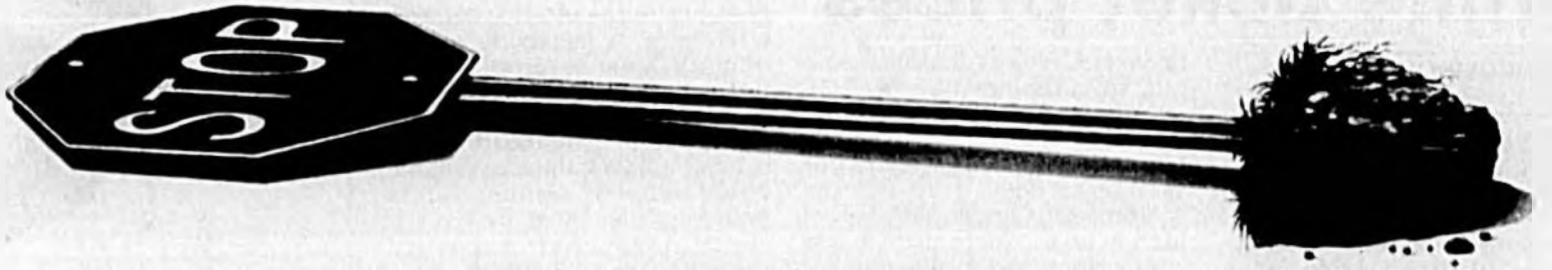
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Proceeds from the event will go to the Seminole High School softball team, which is sponsoring the game. Call coach David Rogers at SHS (322-4352) for ticket information.

#### UCF signs two hoopsters

ORLANDO — University of Central Florida head basketball coach Kirk Speraw announced the signing of Brevard (North Carolina) Community College standout Joe Cooper and Gainesville-Buchholz High School star Inyo Cue to national letters of intent on Monday afternoon. The two join Tampa Leto High School product Mario Lovett to form the first three signees of the spring for UCF.

Cue, a 6-foot-4, 195-pound swingman, was named third team All-State in Class 5A after averaging 22 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Cooper is a 6-foot-7, 220-pound post player from Johnsonville, South Carolina. He averaged 10 points, 7.7 rebounds and 5 blocks per game.

#### Riggs will play only baseball

ORLANDO — Eric Riggs, who helped the University of Central Florida basketball team to the Trans American Athletic Conference Tournament title and a NCAA Tournament appearance this past year, has decided to give up basketball to concentrate on baseball.

The freshman from Brownsburg, Indiana started 22 games and averaged 11.4 points per game on his way to being named the TAAC Newcomer of the Year.

Since joining the baseball team Riggs has started the last 12 games at second base for coach Jay Bergman and is hitting .286.

## AROUND THE STATE

#### Lightning lose advantage

ST. PETERSBURG — John LeClair gave Philadelphia an emotional lift with two power-play goals as the Flyers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-1 and evened their first-round NHL playoff series at two games apiece.

A league single-game record crowd of 28,183 watched LeClair, sidelined since the second period of Game 2 because of a sprained left ankle, score from nearly identical spots on the ice in the first and third periods.

Joel Otto and Dale Hawerchuk also had goals for the Flyers, who regained home-ice advantage in the best-of-7 series that returns to Philadelphia for Game 5 Thursday night.

#### Padres rip Marlins again

MIAMI — Sean Bergman pitched seven strong innings and backup catcher Brian Johnson drove in three runs to help short-handed San Diego beat the Florida Marlins 7-2.

The Padres won their third in a row even though they were again without injured Tony Gwynn and Wally Joyner, the NL's top two hitters. Reserve first baseman Scott Livingstone, who homered Monday, left the team for Dallas to be with his wife, who is expecting the couple's first child soon.

Bergman (2-1) allowed five hits and two runs, lowering his ERA from 6.91 to 5.48.

Bryce Florie hurled two scoreless innings.

#### Marino gets extension

DAVIE — Jimmy Johnson secured a quarterback Tuesday to implement his plan for winning the Super Bowl by 1998.

The name may be familiar: Dan Marino.

The Miami Dolphins signed the most prolific passer in NFL history to a three-year contract reportedly worth \$17.73 million.

Marino, who broke league career passing records last season for touchdowns, yardage and completions, has yet to win a championship. He turns 35 in September.

The deal through 1998 will pay Marino an average of \$5.91 million per season. Denver's John Elway signed a five-year, \$39.5 million contract (\$5.90 million per season).

#### Jaguars make moves

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars signed former Detroit cornerback Robert Masey and let go tight end Craig Keith.

Masey, 29, played in all 16 games last season for the Lions, starting in three games. On Nov. 5 against Atlanta, Masey had 11 tackles, a game and career high.

For the season, Masey made 50 tackles, 40 of them solo, and defensed three passes. He was released by the Lions on March 29.

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# Lyman stays alive

## Greyhounds advance into 6A-4 semifinals

By GARY COATMAN  
 Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Jamie Sharp went 3-for-4 at the plate and scored a run Tuesday to help Lyman eliminate Lake Brantley 5-1 in Class 6A, District softball action at Lyman High School.

"We came out flat," said Lyman coach Christy Bryce. "We did enough to win, but it was nothing spectacular."

Becky Letzkus opened the game with a triple for Lake Brantley, and gave the Patriots an early 1-0 lead when Tiffany Poppe singled one out later.

The lead was short-lived as Carolyn Crager tripled for Lyman with two outs in the bottom of the first inning, and knotted the score at 1-1 when Katara Beard followed with a single.

Crager walked to lead off the third inning, took second when Stacy Ritter walked one out later, and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Katie Durham that pushed Ritter to second. Miranda Schultz then gave the Greyhounds a 3-0 cushion with a double that plated Crager and Ritter.

Sharp and Jonnie Beland had consecutive two-out singles in the sixth inning, and scored the final two runs of the game for Lyman when Crager singled.

"We had a lot of fun and a good year," said Lake Brantley coach

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Lyman, Crager, HR - none, Records - Lake	
Brantley 11-11; Lyman 11-10.	

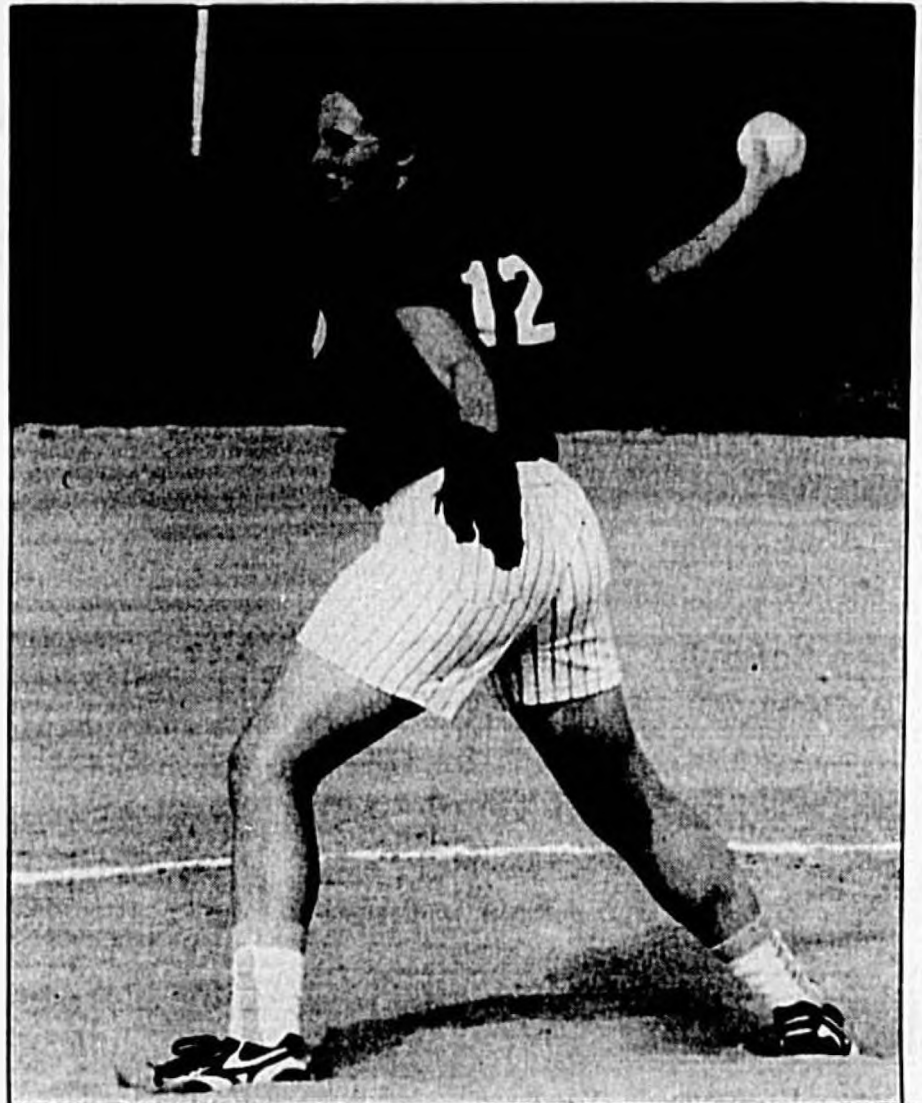
Brian Shafer. "We're going to regroup. We did the best we could this season, but we need to cut down on the number of mental mistakes we made."

Carol Wyler scattered three hits and four walks over seven innings while recording five strikeouts to earn the win. Crager and Schultz were both 2-for-3 at the plate for Lyman, while Beland, Beard, Ritter and Kim Gant each collected a hit.

Letzkus, Poppe and Elizabeth Schlemmer each had a hit for the Patriots (11-11).

Lyman (11-10), the No. 4 seed in the tournament, faces No. 1 seed Oviedo in the semifinals today at 5 p.m. at Lake Mary High School. No. 3 Lake Mary will take on No. 2 Lake Howell at 7:30 p.m. The winners will meet for the district championship at 7 p.m. on Friday. Regardless of today's (Wednesday) results the winning teams will advance to the Regional playoffs next week.

"I think we are more prepared to play Oviedo than we were before," Bryce said. "We just need to hit the ball."



Carol Wyler gave up a run on two hits in the first inning, but hurled one-hit, shutout ball the rest of the way as Lyman eliminated Lake Brantley from the Class 6A-District 4 softball tournament 5-1 Tuesday afternoon.

## DBCC BOUND



Lyman High School softball standout Carolyn Crager (seated) has signed a Grant-In-Aid to attend Daytona Beach Community College next year. The

Scots are 37-6 on the season and ranked No. 9 in the NJCAA National Poll. Shown with Crager are Lyman coach Christy Bryce and DBCC head Chuck Baylor.

# Randall leads Royals' romp

From Staff Reports

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Robert Randall drove in seven runs and Nathaniel Cline and Bruce Carter scattered 10 hits as the Sanford Royals handed the Altamonte Diamondbacks their first loss of the season 18-8 in Senior Babe Ruth Baseball League action Monday night at Eastmonte Park.

Tuesday night's game between the Sanford Phillies

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and Sanford Red Sox was tied in the seventh inning when it was suspended by darkness. The game will be completed when the two teams are scheduled to play later in the season.

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From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Tire City made the most from very little Saturday as the undefeated league leaders rolled to a 17-5 victory over the Sanford Optimist Club in Sanford Recreation Department Spring Junior Girls' Slowpitch Softball League action at Pinehurst Park.

Tire City (4-0) only had four hits, but they were all home runs and accounted for 12 runs. Kristin Weaver had a pair of grand slams and scored three runs, while Kaley Beine had a three-run

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home run and Jennifer Seilers had a solo shot and scored another run.

Also contributing for the winner's were Dionte

# LML leaders avoid upsets

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Enterprise Trucking-Braves and Stairs Realty-White Sox barely survived, but they were luckier than most of their pursuers in weekend action in the Sanford Recreation Department Little Major Baseball League at Ft. Mellon Park.

The Braves (9-1) won easily on Saturday, pummeling the Rich Plan-Indiana 18-2, but needed an RBI double by Keith Bertrand in the bottom of the sixth inning Tuesday night to edge the Rinker Materials-Devil Rays 12-11.

The White Sox (7-1) also had to score a run in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday to nip the United Trophy-Expos 6-5.

The Devil Rays (6-4) were the big loser's of the weekend as in addition to their loss to the Braves they also lost 12-8 to the Disabled American Veterans-Royals (2-8) on Saturday.

The Indians (4-7) bounced back from their loss to the Braves to upset the First Union-Athletics (6-5) 11-10 on Tuesday night.

In the other games Tuesday night, the Expos (8-3) doubled the score on the Ken Rummel Chevrolet-Pirates (6-5) 8-4 and the Sunland Corporation-Red Sox (8-3) dumped the Royals 14-6.

In other games on Saturday, the Athletics tripped the Railroaders-Diamondbacks (2-6) 8-7; the Red Sox topped the Neith & Son Roofing-Marlins (3-7) 6-1; and

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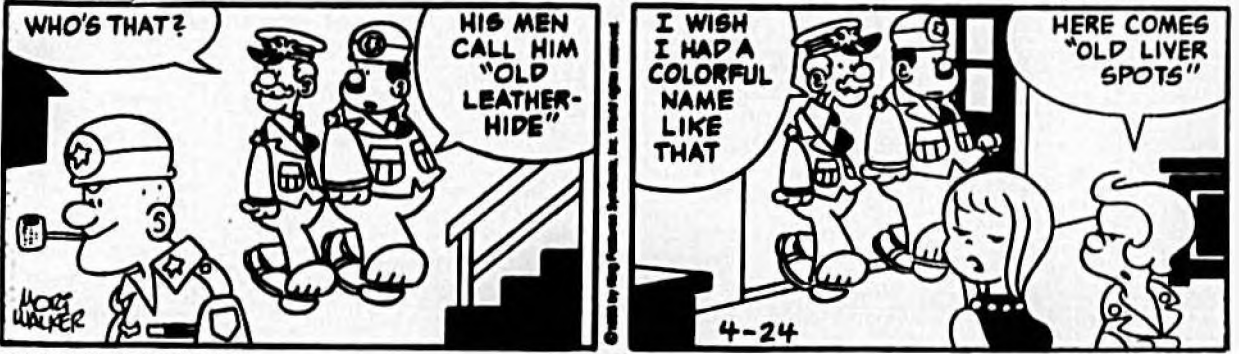


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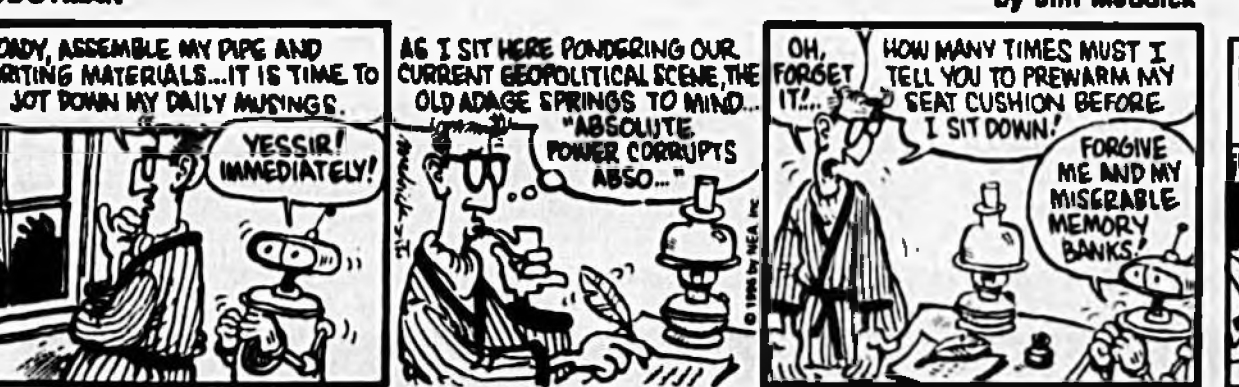
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How to care for hiatal hernia

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor says I have a hiatal hernia. An upper GI study revealed reflux, sluggish peristalsis and gastritis. What does all this mean?

DEAR READER: The junction of the esophagus and the stomach is surrounded by a ring of muscle that acts as a valve to prevent backwash of irritating stomach contents. When this ring malfunctions or stretches, a hiatal hernia is said to be present. "Reflux" is a term that denotes gastric backwash, leading to heartburn, indigestion, gas, and bloating.

In addition to the above, your stomach is not emptying properly because of reduced peristalsis (intestinal contractions). This, in turn, has caused chronic inflammation of the gastric lining (gastritis). In short, you have a whole of a problem with your upper intestine.

Fortunately, however, there are medications to treat the disorders. Antacids will quickly relieve your symptoms; H2 blockers (Tagamet, Zantac and others) will reduce excess stomach acid; Propranolol will enhance peristalsis.

Follow your doctor's advice with respect to diet (no alcohol or caffeine) and medicine. If, after a reasonable period of medical management (about two weeks) your symptoms don't disappear, you may have to consider having your hiatal hernia surgically repaired, a complicated procedure during which the ring of muscle is tightened. However, my bet is that the drugs will be effective and you'll be more comfortable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I have both been diagnosed with hepatitis; he has type A and I have type B. Where does this come from? What should we expect?

DEAR READER: Hepatitis A is a relatively harmless, brief liver inflammation that comes from eating contaminated shellfish and other foods. It is common and causes no long-term health problems.

On the other hand, hepatitis B, a more serious viral infection of the liver, is spread by body fluids, including blood transfusions. In some individuals, it can lead to chronic hepatitis and cirrhosis.

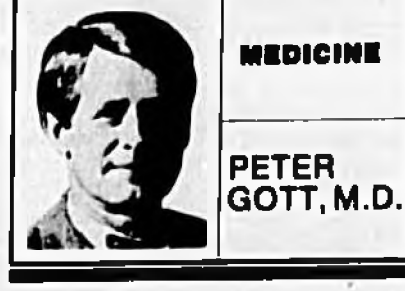
Most types of hepatitis are diagnosed by blood tests.

Apparently, you do not have the active hepatitis B disease; rather, you are a hepatitis B carrier — or else you would have infected your husband by now. If your liver is not inflamed (as determined by blood tests), I assume that you once contracted hepatitis B but basically overcame the infection. However, you can never donate blood, because a recipient could become ill from any living hepatitis B viruses in your system.

Your husband doesn't have a problem; he's probably non-infectious. Your doctor should review your hepatitis status with you in depth. You need further testing to assess your degree of infectivity — if any — and the health of your liver. If everything is OK, you can relax. If not, you should be examined by a liver specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 67-year-old father suffers from high blood pressure. He recently complained of losing the strength in his left hand, drops objects, is unable to button his shirt, etc. This causes him frustration bordering on depression. What's the problem?

DEAR READER: I suspect that your father had a stroke, a common complication of hypertension. He should be



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examined by his family physician and, in my opinion, have a CT scan of his head. This X-ray test should show a stroke if, indeed, one occurred.

In addition, the doctor will arrange for your father to have physical therapy in a stroke rehab program. This may enable him to regain much of the strength he lost — or at least to compensate for its loss.

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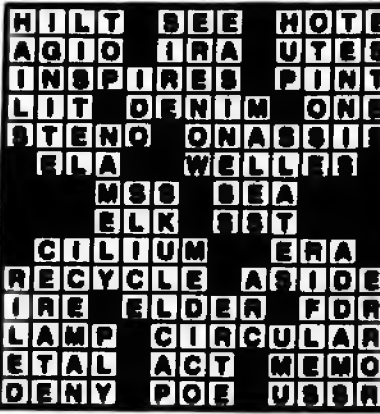
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WIN AT

They ruff, you discard

By Phillip Alder

Last January, Terence Reese died at the age of 82. He was practically born with a deck in his hands. His parents had met at a whist drive and he was playing card games before he could read.

Reese was a brilliant player who won the Bermuda Bowl in 1955, the World Par Contest in 1961 and the European Championship four times. He had a dry sense of humor and didn't suffer fools gladly. For example, when reviewing a bad beginner's book called "Bridge in Ten Lessons," he wrote, "The author should hasten to take them." If Reese saw something in a bridge book or magazine with which he didn't agree, he leapt into print to criticize and give his point of view.

Here is a deal that Reese defended accurately during the 1964 world championship match against Italy, played in New York City.

The contract was four hearts. Reese began with the spade king, under which his partner, Boris Schapiro, signaled with the queen. As the auction made it impossible for this to be a singleton, East was promising the jack as well.

Reese continued with the spade ace and a third spade, dummy ruffing. Not unnaturally, declarer cashed dummy's heart ace and ran the heart 10 to West's queen. What did Reese do now?

Judging that declarer had the remaining spade from the fall of his partner's nine and jack at tricks two and three, Reese led the spade 10. Declarer ruffed with dummy's heart eight, but East took the opportunity to discard his singleton club. When declarer tried to enter his hand in clubs to draw the last trump, Schapiro ruffed to defeat the contract.

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Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♠ K			

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HOROSCOPE



Thursday, April 25, 1996

It will be imperative to define your goals as quickly as possible in the year ahead. Your success will depend on the methods and tactics you decide to employ. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will be more effective in your business dealings today if you try taking it easy rather than coming on like an eager hotshot. Make the other guy want to come to you. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1756, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Imagination and creativity will be two of your best assets, but associates might not have the same level of ability. Do not let their lack

of talent impede you. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make an attempt to allocate your current resources in ways that will provide you with the best returns. Do not indulge in risky or foolish things. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may have to contend with inconsistency and indecisiveness today. Try not to pass judgment before you have all the facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Generally, things will not go smoothly for you today, so don't make things tougher on yourself. If you search for easy outs, you might incur bigger problems. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Share your wisdom, experience and advice today if a friend seeks your counsel, but don't do anything impulsive that involves your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not let negative indicators take the wind out of your sails today. Things will change for the better if you persist and remain patient. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An

acquaintance might say something derogatory about a person you know well today. Use your own judgment and disregard the attacker's caustic comments. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, you will have the ability to succeed in an endeavor you consider a labor of love. Your attitude will be a big factor in your success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Try to be considerate and helpful to people who have proven their loyalty. Conversely, don't cater to someone who might just be full of hot air.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Family matters should take precedence over your outside interests today. Looking out for those you love should be your primary concern.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Members of the opposite sex will find you more appealing than usual today. Enjoy yourself, but beware of someone who will use flattery to manipulate you.

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