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Today: Variable clouds with mainly afternoon thunderstorms likely. High near 90. Wind southwest 10 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent.

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## TODAY

### BRIEFS

#### Before the fireworks

SANFORD — The Monroe Harbour Yacht Club has announced that a "Blessing of the Fleet" will be conducted on Wednesday, July 3, beginning at 7 p.m. on the laketrans in downtown Sanford. The blessing event will be part of the boat parade scheduled for the holiday.

The club says it wants to make this an annual event in conjunction with the holiday activities in Sanford.

Following the blessing and parade, the annual Independence Day fireworks display will get under way along the laketrans in the Fort Mellon park area.

For information on the boating event or to sign up for participation, phone 322-2910.

#### Short meeting

SANFORD — The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sanford Planning and Zoning Commission, this Thursday evening, has only one item listed on the agenda. A public hearing is to be held regarding a conditional use request for property at 1420 Elm Avenue, for the purpose of trailer and equipment storage.

Additional items may be brought up by members of the commission or persons attending the meeting, but none were listed when the agenda was issued early this week.

The P&Z meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 20, in the city commission chambers of Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Avenue.

#### No meeting

LAKE MARY — The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake Mary City Commission, scheduled for the third Thursday of the month, (June 20), has been postponed until June 27.

Several commissioners would be unable to attend a meeting this Thursday because of previous commitments to attend a conference.

The June 27 meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., in the commission chambers of Lake Mary City Hall, 100 N. Country Club Road.

#### Tropical storm bears down

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Tropical Storm Arthur crept up the South Carolina coast, dumping heavy rain and blowing high wind on beach resort towns.

Arthur was expected to make landfall about midday in Brunswick County, N.C.

The season's first tropical depression was upgraded to a minimal tropical storm about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday as sustained winds increased from 35 mph to 40 mph, with stronger gusts. Little change in strength was likely today, forecasters said.

The storm was expected to drop as much as 5 inches of rain along the South Carolina coast. Forecasters warned residents to watch out for minor coastal flooding and beach erosion because of the rising tide and heavy surf.

Up to 4 inches of rain had fallen in Georgetown County by 5:40 a.m., forecasters said. Ponds of water were reported on some roads near the coast by sheriff's deputies, but no serious problems had occurred.

A tropical storm warning was posted from Cape Romain to the North Carolina-Virginia border. The warning was canceled for the area from Edisto Beach to Cape Romain at 5 a.m. A storm watch was in effect from the North Carolina-Virginia border to Cape Charles, Virginia.

At 8 a.m. EDT, Arthur's center was about 80 miles south-southwest of Wilmington, N.C. It was moving north about 10 mph and was expected to slowly turn to the north-northeast.

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Not all women give most of their waking thoughts to pleasing men. Some are married.  
-Emma Lee

### Doggone tired



Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent

This time, the fire at the Humane Society of Seminole County was planned and controlled. In a controlled burn that was part of a training process for local fire departments, the remaining old humane society buildings were set ablaze and the fire was extinguished Tuesday. In 1993, the facility was nearly completely destroyed by a fire that killed 50 dogs and injured many others. After several years of fund-raising and internal problems, the humane society constructed a new state-of-the-art facility. With the new home for dogs and cats ready for use on the east side of the property, the older buildings were no longer needed. Firefighters in a realistic setting ignited then put out a fire at the old building Tuesday afternoon. Above, Lt. Urbanaki of Seminole County Fire-Rescue joined Trent Johnson, Mike Kent and Matt Herford, his comrades from the Oviedo Fire Department, in taking a rest during the controlled burn. Meanwhile, at right, a couple of other fire fighters were hard at work making sure the flames were well under control. The new facility is ready to house the canines and felines who need a place to live while awaiting adoption by loving families.



## Main Street grants aid businesses with improving facades

By MICK PFEIFER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford Main Street has money to hand out to selected downtown businesses. Applications are now being accepted.

The money is not without stipulations however. It is to be used as part of the 1996 Facade Grant Application program.

Project Director Jennifer Graviano said that the money is all-inclusive for work on downtown business buildings for such projects as exterior painting, lighting, landscaping, signage and general exterior (facade repairs/improvements).

This is the second time this program has been offered. Last year, 10 downtown businesses were recipients of assistance money from the program.

Graviano said the Sanford Main Street Design Committee will be

offering design and architectural assistance in conjunction with this year's grants. The assistance is available on development of facade improvements, or in connection with the finalizing of any other project.

Here's how it works: A person representing a downtown business files an application package with Sanford Main Street. If selected for the grant, the merchant launches into the approved project, and pays for it.

Upon completion, Sanford Main Street will give up to \$1,000 to the merchant or building owner. The money however, is in the form of a matching grant, which means the person will receive up to 50 percent of the money spent, but not to exceed the \$1,000 limit.

If the cost of improvements is \$2,000, then Main Street gives \$1,000, or 50 percent. If the cost is \$800, Main Street will give half, or \$400. See Facades, Page 5A



Barbara Farrell, owner of the historic Fire Station, used some grant money for second story awnings.

## Culture boost

### Professional theatre, SCC in alliance of arts

By VICKI BOGNER  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Following a seven months gestation period, a cultural arts baby was birthed in the Fine Arts building of Seminole Community College on Tuesday morning.

After a casual conversation about the future direction of the performing arts in Seminole County began early in the holiday season in 1995 at Chili's, an alliance between the Seminole Community College theatre department and the Orlando Theatre Project (OTP) formalized before a cheering crowd.

"We're not celebrating the culmination of a dream here, but rather the beginning of one," said Bob Ray, president of the Orlando Theatre Project. See Culture, Page 5A

## Paralyzed youth may go home if convicted

By The Associated Press

ORLANDO — A prosecutor says he may recommend that a paralyzed youth be returned home if he is convicted of killing a sheriff's deputy in a stolen pickup.

The medical condition of quadriplegic Jason Tucker, 18, may never permit him to serve time in prison, said State Attorney Lawson Lamar on Tuesday.

Tucker is expected to be released from an Orlando hospital today, and he will be charged with second-degree murder in the death of deputy John Creegan, 37, at a roadblock in Lake Mary on May 29, Lamar said.

Tucker's speeding truck was stopped by gunfire from a pursuing officer. A bullet severed the youth's spinal column at the neck, paralyzing him from the shoulders down.

The youth is expected to be released to his parents and flown to their home in Norfolk, Va., after he leaves the hospital. He would be tried in Orange-Osceola Circuit Court if he is fit to stand trial.

Because of the permanent spinal cord injury and the medical costs See Paralyzed, Page 5A







# Fighting epidemic of church fires

**By Jeff Hester**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Two legislative bills passed by Congress to address church fire outbreaks in the past few years. President Clinton is moving with South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges to call on the White House to consider steps to fight an epidemic of church fires.

Clinton is to sign on plans to increase the budget of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to \$1.5 billion to intensify federal efforts against the fire damage caused by black churches in the South.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the administration is also looking at the Justice Department's budget, about \$2.5 billion, for 1999 to see if it can be used to investigate each of the arson incidents.

The House on Tuesday voted 455-0 to give federal officials more authority to investigate and prosecute crimes against religious property.

The bill authorizes a \$100,000 national property damage fund to help pay for a federal investigation and charges current law to broaden federal rights to investigate on the basis of historical sites involving religious structures.

The measure, which Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said would be taken up soon in the Senate, also allows victims of church burnings to be compensated from the Crime Victims Trust Fund set up in 1984.

A similar current law to make it a federal crime to damage religious property because of its racial or ethnic character. Now, federal violations only apply to cases of damage because of the religious character of property. The bill applies to all religious property, not just black churches.

"We come here today because the nation is in crisis and the symptoms of that crisis have been reflected in the church burnings in mostly African-American churches," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., a senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus and ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

Black Caucus members are to meet on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial today with the Lawyers' International Union of North America and religious and human rights groups to launch a campaign to rebuild churches destroyed by fire. The program will provide financial aid, insurance and training.

At least 80 predominantly black churches, and a number of white churches, have been damaged by fires since the beginning of last year. In many cases arson is suspected.

Fire heavily damaged a black church on Maryland's Eastern Shore early today, but state officials said the fire at the St. John's United Methodist Church in Berlin, Md., was sparked accidentally by an electrical problem.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.,

said removal of the monetary threshold for federal investigation was crucial because "spray painted swastikas on synagogues or gunshots fired through church windows may not reflect large dollar losses, but they are nevertheless assaults on religious freedom."

The Senate on Tuesday also concurred with a similar House action last week in passing a resolution condemning the spate of church burnings across the South. "There is no way we can tolerate this type of activity."

## Bones found

Sanford city employee Charles Collins filed a report with Sanford police Monday. Sometime between Saturday and Monday, someone apparently broke into the vestry area of the City of Sanford Evergreen Cemetery. Collins said two unknown bones, placed in the form of a cross, and wrapped in moss, had been left on the floor of the building. Nothing was reportedly damaged except during the actual break-in.

Sanford police are conducting an investigation to determine the origin of the bones.

## Drug arrests

Members of the Sanford police GUAD-Squad made three arrests Monday. Officers responded to a call regarding suspicious activities at Lincoln Court, and reported finding two females at the rear of a vacant house. As they were questioning the women, one officer went around the house and spotted a man, identified as Joe White, 37, of 108 Condo Brewer Court. He was subsequently arrested on a charge of possession of cocaine.

Other GUAD-Squad officers arrested the two women, Diane Brown Ingram, 41, of 47 Redding Gardens, and Tania Lovette Harris, 26, of 2011 Airport Blvd. Each was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Stolen/recovered vehicles

• A maroon 1988 Chevrolet van, license number AA88400 was reported stolen Monday from a parking lot in the 2800 block of S. Orlando Drive in Sanford.

• A maroon 1988 Chevrolet 4-door sedan, reported stolen in the 600 block of W. 23rd Street in Sanford, was recovered early Tuesday in Seminole Gardens.

• A brown 1984 Oldsmobile, license number G1588 was reported stolen Monday in the 200 block of E. First Street in downtown Sanford.

• A boat trailer, license number AF887V was reported stolen Monday from an apartment complex storage area in the 2300 block of S. Orlando Drive in Sanford.

## Retail thefts

• James Allbritton, 29, 1243 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at a retail store in the 600 block of W. Lake Mary Blvd. Monday. Officers said he is reported to have taken a package of meat, valued at \$18 from the store, hidden in his pants. They said he then returned to the store and asked for a cash refund. Allbritton was charged with shoplifting.

• Ronald Crocoll, 43, of 340 Dublin Drive, Lake Mary, was arrested by Sanford police at the Seminole Towne Center Monday. Officers said he took a dress shirt, valued at \$68 from a store, without paying. The shirt was reportedly hidden in a shopping bag. He was charged with retail theft.

• Jay N. DeGirolo, 18, and Robert Daniel Mosley, 19, both of Altamonte Springs, were arrested by Sanford police at the Seminole Towne Center. Officers said the two took merchandise from a store without paying. Each was charged with retail theft.

## Domestic cases

• William Henry Cash, 43, 1200 Mangoustine Avenue, Sanford, was arrested early Tuesday by Sanford police at his residence, as the result of a reported dispute with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

• Vicent A. Dames, 34, 208 Holly Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by police at his residence Monday after a reported altercation with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

• Dexter Leon Graham, 20, 123 Academy Avenue, was located by police at 25th Street and Airport Blvd. Monday, after a reported dispute with a female in the 400 block of Cedar Creek Circle.

## Traffic stops

• Mario Benitz, 41, of Daytona, was stopped by Lake Mary police on Interstate-4 Monday. He was charged with driving under the influence.

• James William Stephens, 37, of Casselberry, was stopped by sheriff's deputies Monday on Beardall Avenue near Sanford. He was charged with driving with a suspended/revoked license. Deputies subsequently found he was wanted on an active Seminole County warrant for violation of probation on a previous conviction of driving with a suspended/revoked license.

## Sanford police reports

• An estimated \$4,000 in various computer equipment was reported stolen Monday from a business in the 400 block of W. Fourth Street in Sanford.

• A TV, jacket, and assorted men's clothing, valued at over \$850 were reported stolen Monday from an apartment in the 2700 block of Ridgewood Avenue in Sanford.

# Watchdog group evaluates HMOs

**By LARNA HODGLES**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers looking for objective information as they choose health plans now can get detailed evaluations for the first time, a private watchdog group said today.

The National Committee for Quality Assurance, which accredits health-maintenance organizations, released information on 48 health plans nationwide. As other plans are assessed, those results will be released as well.

"Our mission is to put information about health plan quality into the hands of purchasers and consumers to help them make informed choices," said Margaret E. O'Kane, president of the oversight group.

The reports are available for \$8 each by calling a toll-free number or they are free on the World Wide Web portion of the Internet.

The reports take the information used by the group to make accreditation decisions and distill it into six categories, rating each plan's performance. Graphics compare individual scores with national averages.

Until now, NCOA has simply told the public what an HMO's status was — either full, one-year or provisional accreditation, depending on how close the plan came to meeting standards, or

no accreditation at all.

Now more information is available, including ratings for quality of care, relationships with members, physician qualifications and evaluation, preventive health services, decision-making on services, and medical records.

NCOA has no regulatory power over HMOs, and accreditation is a purely voluntary process. About half of the nation's HMOs have been reviewed.

In the first batch of reports released today, only one HMO was denied accreditation, Qual-Med Oregon Health Plan Inc. of Portland, Ore. But a spokesman for that plan said the review was healthy for the HMO and was worth the effort even though consumers will see its weaknesses — such as a low score for its investigation of physician qualifications.

"We feel like we've made an enormous amount of progress in a result," said David Olson, spokesman for parent corporation Health Systems International of Woodland Hills, Calif. "It's a better plan because of the NCOA process."

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### EDITORIAL

## Do what you can to help kids

People may or may not have been fans of Miami Dolphins' former running back Sammy Smith. Smith, presently in the John E. Polk Correctional Facility in Sanford, is about to launch into seven years and three months in prison on convictions of various drug related charges.

Not to make him a hero to be admired by today's younger generation, or make him appear to be something he may not be, we must take note of a statement he made during an interview for Associated Press.

"The only answer I can come up with is stupidity," he said.

The Associated Press observed that Smith said he didn't try to preach to his misguided friends or relatives because they had been doing it (drugs) for years and probably would not listen.

"Who am I to come back in my community (Zellwood) and tell those guys, 'Don't sell drugs.' Now, with what I'm going through, maybe they'll listen now," Smith said.

While media in Central Florida may have presented a great deal of news about Smith and his trials and tribulations connected with drug activities, he is only one of what is proving to be an all-too-many number of professional sports stars who have erred.

Many of today's youngsters say they want to become basketball, football, baseball, or other professionals when they grow up.

Good. It's fine to have a goal in one's life. But in pursuing this goal, the youngster (as well as others around him or her) needs to be aware that fame and fortune must be followed by honesty and clean living.

Smith may not be urging his friends to stay away from drugs, but he has opened himself up as an example of what will inevitably happen to people who do not.

Coaches, parents, fellow students, we urge you to help today's youngsters. Convince them to refrain from what may appear to be the thing to do for heroes of today.

Don't allow drugs to take over their lives. Give adulthood an ample opportunity.

### LETTER

## No support

On May 13 the law enforcement officers of Seminole County supported the Special Olympics with a torch run which is a continuation of a State-wide effort by law enforcement. Not only did law enforcement support this cause, the business community and citizens supported it with donations and assistance.

This is not about the wonderful people who supported the effort. It's about the Sanford Airport who refused to support local law enforcement and the Special Olympics by refusing to allow the use of the Lake Golden recreation area without a payment of \$800. I ask you what kind of people do we have running the airport that they will not support a community effort. Could be the City Commission should look into replacing someone or maybe the whole bunch.

Ronnie T. Nance  
Sanford

## Berry's World



WASHINGTON'S NEW  
RIGHT-LEANING  
PISA-LIKE TOWER

DONNA BRITT

## Almost anyone can do the unthinkable

Recent photos of the charred remains of more than 30 Southern black churches have me thinking about fathers.

Perhaps it's because of this past Sunday's holiday. Or because so many of my own early church memories are of fathers: The pastor whose youngest daughter giggled with me during service; the dark-suited deacon whose glasses fell on his face.

Maybe it's because church is home to our common Father. Who would dare to defile His place?

The blackened rubble reminds me: There are fathers, and there are fathers.

Some are like the easygoing guy I met a few years after my first marriage died. After hours of sitting with me, the man--then single, childless and enjoying both--greeted the news that I had two small sons with, "I love kids!" Later, he'd prove it, through countless science projects and power baseball games; by keeping his son during midnight runs for Children's Tylenol. When our son was born last fall, his smile disappeared in joyful tears.

And there are fathers like the former love of my writer pal Shonda. He hasn't seen their 8-year old daughter in six months, although he lives four miles away. After a teacher asked Shonda for the overdue day care fee her ex-



There are fathers, and there are fathers.

had sworn he'd pay, Shonda wrote: "I feel the blood rush to my head. ... I had spent the last of my wrinkled ones on groceries." When her ex said, "I don't know when I can have it," Shonda longed to shake him "hard enough to make his head snap off."

Then there are the fathers whom I envision to be among the people cutting free down South--down whom I can imagine blessing their kids good night before heading out to torch other children's churches.

Some folks assume otherwise. They imagine the culprit as twisted loner unconnected to anything as warm as a child. But history teaches us that almost anyone can do

the unthinkable. Churches have been burned by praying people devoted to their own houses of worship. But loyal brothers, cherished sons and, yes, good fathers.

As children, many of us studied old magazine photos of kids being held aloft by grinning men at lynching. What kind of daddy, we wondered, would share that with his kids? Didn't he understand that the man swinging from the tree could be a daddy, too?

I still wonder. I also wonder what makes a father--good, bad or horrific. Just as I'm stumped by anyone setting a match to God's house, I'm clueless as to what drives some guys to embrace stepfatherhood and others to emotional and financial abandonment to the tune of more than \$6 billion a year in unpaid child support in the United States. Why do some sacrifice their time and money to care for other men's children, while others treat their own blood like so much swamp water?

The answer is love. Motherhood, by its nature, begins with a physical link, with separate bodies sharing the same blood and tissue. Active, involved fatherhood is always a choice. And though much is made of the nobility of mothers, a man sticking around to raise a child and love its mother in a world of distractions is every bit as noble.



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## WRITER'S BLOCK

NICK  
PFEIFER

Staff Writer

## You think our roads are bad?

I had to make an unexpected trip to my birth-state of Michigan this past weekend. I did a considerable amount of driving in a rental car.

As far as Florida motorists are concerned, regardless of a few potholes here and there, they probably don't know how good this highway system is, unless they can compare it with those in Michigan, especially in the Detroit/Pontiac area.

Here is the "Motor Capital" of the world, and yet the roads and highways are probably the poorest maintained I have seen, and I have driven in many states.

I asked a news reporter in Pontiac what the difficulty was. He told me that the governor had allocated several million dollars for road repair, but had taken the money and re-directed it toward a new stadium for a professional sports team. The stadium however, is in a state of indecision, so the money sits there, and the roads are falling apart.

Yes, we have our difficulties here in Central Florida. Several months ago there were problems reported on Rinehart Road, for example. Within days however, the potholes were filled. More have since opened up, but our road crews are working diligently on them as well.

Naturally, Michigan roads are broken up because of the freezing weather they have in the winter, and the salt poured on the roads to reduce icing. When the spring thaw comes, the roads shift and what may have been a slight crack caused by icing, becomes a miniature Grand Canyon. They are a major disaster when a vehicle's tires come in contact.

Other northern states are also troubled by ice and freezing temperatures, but somehow, they manage to keep their highway structure in much better condition.

In Central Florida, people are often quick to complain about poor roads and highways. When the state, county or city begin work to make repairs, people then complain about the inconvenience caused by construction. But at least we have construction going on.

Look at the months and months of complaints during the widening of Lake Mary Boulevard from Heathrow to U.S. Highway 17-92. Everyone, the Department of Transportation, Seminole County, Lake Mary, and Sanford heard complaints about how that was conducted.

But how about now? That boulevard is a dream-highway. We have other streets, such as south Sanford Avenue, in the process of also becoming beautiful and smooth highways.

It is probably difficult to think nice thoughts when you have hit a pothole or become involved in a construction traffic jam, but if you want to see the extreme other side of the picture, drive through Michigan.

P.S., if you do, be certain it's a rental car. Don't ruin your own car's tires.

BEN WATTENBERG

## What would a Dole win mean?

Do I have great readers, or what? In April I announced a contest. Respondents were asked to help me with a futuristic novel by submitting essays of no more than 650 words on the topic "What Would a Dole Victory Mean?" This is hard, unpaid work -- for five unspecified prizes. Yet 53 entries were received.

I had explained my predicament:  
1.) A Dole victory would likely give the country its first all-Republican/conservative government in recent years.

The Rep-cons would have the presidency, the Congress, a sympathetic Supreme Court, a majority of the governorships, and probably a majority of state legislatures and legislatures.

2.) The Republican/conservative coalition is factionalized: Main Street, Wall Street and K Street conservatives, neo- and paleo-conservatives, social and economic conservatives, pro-growth, slow-growth and no-growth conservatives, compassionate and communitarian conservatives, isolationist, internationalist and nationalist conservatives.

Dole is moving up in the polls. The contest question is relevant.

If the Clintons don't stop violating the first rule of politics, it will be reality. ("If you're in a hole, stop digging.")

All other things being equal, I would crown Mike Berry (Burlington, Md.) winner. But Berry exceeded the 650-word limit -- by several thousand words. Still, I offer his storyline:

Dole beats Clinton 48 percent to 43 percent. Colin Powell turns down Dole's invitation to be Secretary of State in order to start organizations to help disadvantaged students by recruiting former members of the military as tutors and mentors.

The new Congress passes the old Contract With America. Dick Army, the hard-line GOP House Majority Leader, feuds with soft-line Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Still, Medicaid, Medicare and welfare reforms are enacted into law.

The economy goes into recession, blamed on Republicans. Pat Buchanan blames free trade.

The Democrats gain seats, but remain in the minority. The 108th Congress stalemates. Dole is sick. Gingrich is pooped. Army is attacked by Buchananes for being too soft.

Foreign crises erupt. Dole calls for more defense spending. The budget goes deep into the red. Dole says he won't run for re-election.

In 1999, Sen. John McCain and former Sen. Bill Bradley announce a campaign to choose Powell as the nominee for both parties. He wins both nominations and his "Consensus" candidacy wins big in the election of 2000 despite opposition from new right-wing and left-wing parties.

Professor of History Newt Gingrich, teaching at Georgia State, is asked whether the Republican Revolution has been defeated.

No, he says, but it did not entirely succeed; the revolution was succeeded by Powell's

"New American Consensus." There are many historical parallels to this. Professor Gingrich notes.

Berry was one of many contestants who stressed that the upshot of it all would be a m o d e r n

ate-conservative government of the center, not a sharp lurch to the right. The others got there without Powell.

A second major theme concerned a surge of religious feeling. (Old historical axiom: An era of rationality is followed by an era of religion.)

Jim Meroney (Camarillo, Calif.) explains how, in 2004, this sentiment helps elect the man whose slogan is "It's not a money thing, it's a morals thing."  
-- Alan Keyes.

A third theme posits riots and violence. John Baugher (Norman, Okla.) foresees such a future triggered by a reduction of welfare benefits, higher food prices and agitation by liberal politicians. Race relations are deeply strained. A school board rebellion in 2006 leads to government funding of top-grade private high school academies. Things work out.

Other choice predictors see a fascist in your future.

F. Michael Stubbs (Springfield, Va.) sees a far-right fringe of the GOP taking over, leading to the election a Juan Peron-like president in 2000. Stubbs reminds us of the old admonition: Be careful what you wish for; you may get more than you ever dreamed of.

Jerry Orr (Charlottesville, Va.) gets a prize for the best word: "assurances." (Speak it up.)

Some entrants looked at techno-fascism; for example, a puberty-delaying pill to reduce out-of-wedlock births among teen-agers.

Joe Bergover (Bristol, Conn.) says Dole is out of chronological order and should have been president instead of Nixon, that he doesn't know the difference between industrial assets and digital assets, and that he'll get into trouble if he doesn't learn what dot-com means. Joe also chides me for having a snail-mail contest with an e-mail address. Next time, Joe.

The prizes? The five co-winners get autographed copies of the new paperback edition of "Valiant Matter Man" by me, with a new introduction. A careful reading will explain what happens next and why.

Mike Berry: It's hard to write short, huh?



Other choice predictors see a fascist in your future.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed. Include daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.





Director T.J. Tolbert joined actors Jamie Debo, Philip Nolan and Angela Jo Strahm on stage after a performance by the Orlando Theatre Project at Seminole Community College Tuesday following the announcement that the two entities were forming a cultural alliance.



To consummate the joining of their forces SCC president Dr. Ann McGee presented commemorative pins to Cathy Wagner, executive director of the Orlando Theatre Project (at podium); Bob Ray, chair of the OTP; and Elaine Ray of the OTP.

**SYLVESTER D. MAY SR.**  
Sylvester D. May Sr., 71, Sunnyside Road, Casselberry, died Tuesday, June 18, 1998 at James A. Hailey V.A. Hospital in Tampa. Born in Dover, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida in 1967. He was a machinist and a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include wife, Agatha; sons, Anthony Robert, Orlando, Thomas John, Winter Springs; daughters, April A., Casselberry, Loretta F., Orlando, Roberta, Casselberry; brother, Leonard D'Alito, Altoona; sisters, Jenny Young, New

Philadelphia, Ohio, Frances Novak, Pompano Beach, Anna Yohman, Wilton Manors. Gaines Carey Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.  
**LUCILE E. McNAB**  
Lucile E. McNab, 80, Kaylarkin Drive, Palatka, died Monday, June 17, 1998 at Columbia Putnam Medical Center, Palatka. Born May 11, 1908 in Osark, Alabama, she moved to Central Florida in 1925. She was a teacher. She was past president of the Pilot Club, Sanford, former owner of Seminole Credit Bureau, San-

ford, Pianist, Organist and Sunday School teacher at San Mateo Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Sanford. Survivors include daughter, Barbara Swaggerty, E. Palatka; sons, Robert David, Alexandria, Va., Richard Kirk, Ocean Springs, Fla.; sisters, Pauline Bradley, Sanford, Evelyn Hansen, Hollywood; brother, Kenneth Echols, Sanford; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren. Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

**CHASE LEROY OGLESBY**  
Chase Leroy Oglesby, infant, Rosecliff Circle, Sanford, died Monday, June 17, 1998 at Columbia Medical Center, Sanford. Survivors include mother, Sarah I. Vangilder and father, James Oglesby, both of Lake Monroe; paternal grandparents, Terry and Leroy Oglesby, Lake Monroe; maternal grandmother, Edith Vangilder, Sanford; maternal great-grandmother, Agnes Short, Sanford; paternal great-grandmother, Virginia Stags, Ohio. Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**JOE WALKER**  
Joe Walker, 39, Mark David Blvd., Casselberry, died Monday, June 17, 1998 at his residence. Born Jan. 21, 1957 in Indianapolis, Ind., he moved to Central Florida in 1990. He was branch manager for City Electric Supply, Winter Park. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Oviedo. Survivors include wife, Alaina; daughter, Nicki, Casselberry; mother, Henrietta, Washington, Ind.; sisters, Linda Richard, Indianapolis, Paula, Washington, Ind.; brother, Jim, St. Augustine. Beacon's National Cremation Society, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

**MRS. LUCILLE E. McNab**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Lucille E. McNab, 80, of Palatka, who passed away Monday, will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Oaklawn Park Chapel of the Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, with Brother Lesley Lewis and Dr. Pete Schorber officiating. Interment will be at Oaklawn Park Cemetery, Lake Mary. Visitation for friends will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Park Chapel, 200 Cr. 44, Lake Mary, Sanford 327-255.

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**Briefs**

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"I don't foresee a lot of problems, but emergency officials are on standby just in case," Myrtle Beach Lt. Larry Hardee said Tuesday night.

Earlier, tourists were asking officials if they should flee the beaches. "I'm telling them no, but they need to keep the Weather Channel on and keep an eye on that storm," said Tommy Harrison, Horry County emergency preparedness director.

**Culture**

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Theatre Project. "This is a birth, as it were. What this child becomes depends on the intensity, the passion and the vision of the parents."  
Ray, SCC president Dr. Ann McGee, and SCC fine arts director Dr. Karen Copp, signed the agreement and pledged their support for one another's programs as a way of enriching the cultural dimension of Seminole County's assets.

Wert noted Seminole County could not compete with Orlando, in terms of dollars, for the tourists. The area can, however, offer unique opportunities for cultural, sports or natural environmental activities.

Wert said. The 1998-97 theatre season at Seminole Community College will begin with the SCC production of *Elektra*, directed by Bobbie Bell.

Kathy Hattaway, vice president of the just-formed Seminole County Cultural Arts Council, pledged her group's support to the SCC-OTP's new alliance.

After that, OTP will put on *Sylvia* in October and *Who's Afraid of Christmas* and *Virginia Wolfe's* during the holiday season.

"We would like to commit our assistance (to the new alliance)," she said. "We are very pleased with what the Orlando Theatre Project has brought to Seminole County."

Jack Wert, executive director of the Seminole County Tourist Development Commission, was excited about the birth of the county's newest cultural alliance.

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**Paralyzed**

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involved, there had been speculation that prosecutors would not bring charges and thus avoid saddling the state with Tucker's long-term care. The state attorney discounted that. "We need to get him in shape for trial. And once he is in shape, we intend to try him," Lamar said.

mates, has only one quadriplegic. "If I never saw him, it would make me happy," said John Burke, administrative medical director of Florida's prisons. "It's hard to say what this guy's costs are going to be."  
Burke made the rough estimate of \$182,000 per year. Lyman Phillips, a spokesman for the National Spinal Cord Injury Association, said first-year rehabilitation treatment for spinal cord patients costs more than \$417,000.

But if Lamar has his way, taxpayers would not have to pay millions to keep him in prison. Tucker's steep hospital and doctor bills are now being paid by his father's insurance company, but when it stands trial and is convicted, the state becomes responsible.

There is no record of a quadriplegic being jailed in Central Florida, and police and prosecutors have been conferring with the victim's family and others over the Tucker case.

Conviction on the charge could bring a life sentence in Florida State Prison. One prison official made a rough estimate for imprisonment and care of at least \$182,000 a year, more than 10 times the cost of a healthy inmate.

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Applications are now being accepted, with the absolute deadline set at 5 p.m., Monday, July 15, 1998. Graviano said before merchants launch into preparing needed paperwork toward a matching grant application, they should set up an appointment with the design committee. For additional information, phone Jennifer Graviano, project director, at 322-5800, or write to Sanford Main Street, Inc., 101 W. First Street, Suite B, Sanford, FL 32771, or P.O. Box 1741, Sanford, FL 32772.

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# STATS & STANDINGS

## Summer Baseball

- Dr. Phillips vs. Lake Mary Students at Lake Mary High School, 7 p.m.
- Goldenrod Post 112 (Orlando) vs. Sanford Post 89 (Altamonte Springs) at Lake Stanley High School, 8 p.m.
- Lake Forest State vs. First Academy at Orlando, 8:30 p.m.

## Sanford Recreation Softball

- State of Shale Park Northern Beach vs. Cray Wilson, 8:30 p.m.; Evening Cruiser vs. World Championship, 7:30 p.m.; Fitzgerald's vs. Monroe Harbor, 8:30 p.m.

## Lake Mary Recreation Softball

- Men of Lake Mary Sports Complex: Fitzgerald's vs. Sanford, 7 p.m.; Service Site vs. Home Depot, 8:15 p.m.

## Recreation Volleyball

- Senior League at Sanford State School, 8 p.m.

Team	W	L	T
Sanford	10	5	1
Lake Mary	8	7	1
Goldenrod Post	6	9	1
Sanford Recreation	5	10	1
Lake Mary Recreation	4	11	1
Goldenrod Post 112	3	12	1
Sanford State	2	13	1
Goldenrod Post 89	1	14	1
Lake Mary Sports Complex	1	15	1
Sanford State School	0	16	1

## Pinhurst

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each), Ann Garnett and Sandra Chapin (one single and one RBI each), Bonnie Chapin (single) and Debbie Boring (run).

The Renegades were led by Angela Whitzy (two singles, run, RBI), Kerrie Ortiz (two singles, RBI), Wanda Davis (two singles, run), Brenda Anderson (single, run, RBI), Diane Colangelo (single, run), Connie Russell (single) and Marie Byrd (RBI).

Sixma's Window Tint got its first victory in a game that mirrored the magic win as Sixma's fell behind 1-0 then went up 7-1 in the fourth inning behind the strength of a four-run fourth inning.

The winners then saw their lead nearly disappear as S Webb & Son plated two runs in each of the fifth and seventh innings.

Carrying Sixma's Window Tint to victory were Karen Lopconic (two singles, two runs), Lisa Hartman (double, run, two RBI), Leola Wynn (single, run, RBI), Kim Mojco (single, two RBI), Esther Monica and Stephanie Hartman (one single each), Dawn Watson (run, RBI), Allison Butler (two runs) and Christine Monica (RBI).

Doing the hitting for S Webb & Son were Michelle Almond (three singles, run, RBI), Shannon Hill (triple, single, three RBI), Gina DeLong (two singles, run, RBI), Vicki Miller

(single, run), Terri Hirt (single) and Chris Clark and Chantal Schwartz (one run each).

Again in the other game it was a late surge that gave the winning team points in relief.

C.A. Sales scored two runs in each of the first and fourth innings and three runs in the seventh inning to take a 7-0 advantage. Sixma's Window Tint scored its first run in the fourth inning, but C.A. Sales answered with an other run in the top of the seventh inning.

Sixma's Window Tint tried to pull out the win, scoring three runs with no one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, but the C.A. Sales pitcher here dove to get a ground out and two strike outs, including the final out, to end the contest.

Leading C.A. Sales, which was out in 11-6, were Kessia Richardson (single, run, two RBI), Jill Hania (single, two runs), Mary Sothwell, Melissa Bishop and Debbie Richardson (one single and one run each), Gigi Klein (single) and Cheryl Franklin (two runs).

Hitting for Sixma's Window Tint were Jennifer Williams (double, single), Lisa Harrison (two singles, run), Stephanie Harrison (double, two RBI), Dawn Watson (single, run, RBI), Esther Hartman (single, run), Karen Cox and Kim Mojco (one single and one run each) and Leola Wynn and Christine Monica (one single each).

# Beer:30 upends Service Elite at Lake Mary

**From Staff Reports**

**LAKE MARY** — A week after forfeiting a game, Beer:30 won its first game of the season and in the process pulled off the upset of the year, handing Service Elite its first loss of the season 15-12 in the City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation Men's Wednesday Night Spring Slowpitch Softball League at the Lake Mary Sports Complex on June 19th.

In the other game, Home Depot forfeited its game with Fitzgerald's.

Fitzgerald's and Service Elite are now tied for first place with 3-1 records, while Home Depot and Beer:30 are tied for third place with 1-3 marks.

Tonight at the Lake Mary Sports Complex, Fitzgerald's plays Beer:30 at 7 p.m. and Service Elite takes on Home Depot at 8:15 p.m.

Beer:30 took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning on RBI singles by Larry Hirt and Gary Mize.

But Service Elite came back to take a 6-3 lead by scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning, and added two more runs over the lead in the second inning.

Service Elite's first inning runs came home on a double by Frank Lubchek, a single by Ben Frantz, a sacrifice fly by Mel Ganga and an error. An RBI double by Brett Moran and an error plated the second inning runs.

Beer:30 then took the lead for good, expanding for nine runs in the top of the third inning.

Brett Newver started the uprising by doubling with one out. That two-bagger was followed by four singles, five errors and an RBI ground out. Getting RBI were Stephen Sterner, Gary Mize, Ed Michalowski, Buddy Mills and Bobby Kretzschmar.

Service Elite got a run back in the bottom of the third inning on three errors to cut the lead to 11-7, but Beer:30 came back with a pair of insurance runs in the top of the fifth inning on RBI singles by Bobby Kretzschmar and Dennis Miller.

Despite losing 15-7, Service Elite was not ready to give up its season. Instead, instead of a loss, in the bottom of the sixth inning Service Elite got the single, a double, an

error and a sacrifice fly to score five runs and had the tying and go-ahead run standing on second and third when the inning ended.

Service Elite could not mount a challenge in the bottom of the seventh inning, only get one runner on a base on a two-out single by Paul Michalowski.

Powering Beer:30 were Gary Mize (three singles, run, two RBI), Dennis Miller (three singles, run, RBI), Brad Hewer (double, single, run), Stephen Sterner (two singles, run, RBI), John West (two singles, two runs), Buddy Mills (single, two runs, RBI), Larry Hirt (single, run, RBI), Don Green (single, two runs), Bobby Kretzschmar (single, two runs), Ed Michalowski (run, RBI) and Don Heider (run).

Doing the damage for Service Elite were Brett Moran (two doubles, two singles, three runs, two RBI), Raphael Raphael (two singles, run, RBI), Russ Sudek (two singles, two RBI), Paul Michalowski (two singles, run), Frank Lubchek (double, RBI), Ben Frantz (single, two runs, RBI), Mike Frantz and Chip Ganga (one single and one run each), Ben Frantz (single, run) and Mel Ganga and Chantal Schwartz (one run each).

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## Chase

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single, run, RBI), Terren Finch (double, single, RBI), Chad Crumley (single, run, RBI), Chad Crumley (single, run, RBI), Ann Leland (single, run, two RBI), Sue Bagley and Gene Bulzer (one single and one run each) and Jamie Hart (single, RBI).

Getting the hits for the Sharks were Marie Covington (double, single), Missy Bender and Tammie Japes (two singles each), Robin Bishop (single, run), Laura Harlow and Becky McCormick (one single and one RBI each), Tanya Geiger (single) and Cathy Cole (run).

The Sharks claimed their win in the second game, scoring two runs in each of the first and third innings, then putting the game away with five runs in the fifth inning to defeat Club Paradise 9-2.

Doing the damage for the Sharks were Marie Covington (double, single, run, three RBI), Tracy McCormick (two singles, three runs), Tanya Geiger (double, three runs), Tammie Japes (double, two RBI), Robin Bishop (single, run, RBI), Cathy Cole and Laura Harlow (one single and one RBI each) and Missy Bender (run, RBI).

Doing the scorebook for Club Paradise were Becky Simpson (two singles, RBI), Sheri Bishop (single, RBI), Jennifer Bishop and Carol Dick (one single and one run each) and Marie Duckan, Anne Greene and Susan Kough (one single each).

In the final game of the night the Blue Angels took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning and the Blue Angels and the She Devils were tied 2-2 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning.

But the She Devils took the lead for good on an RBI double by Angie Carpenter and added another run in the bottom of the fourth inning on an error. Two errors led to two more runs for the She Devils in the fifth inning and Sha Brown and Rhonda Kennedy drove in two more runs in the sixth inning as the She Devils won going away 9-3.

Powering the She Devils were Sha Brown (double, three singles, run, RBI), Angie Carpenter (two doubles, single, two runs, RBI), Sue Nichol (double, single, run, RBI), Paula Bender (two singles, RBI), Rhonda Kennedy (single, run, RBI), Theresa Sumner, Shelly Harley, Yo Yo Cox and Linda Stafford (one single and one run each), Julie Knocht (single) and Jostia West (RBI).

Providing the offense for the Blue Angels were Lisa Sims (double, single, RBI), Patty Polley (two singles, run), Karen Calhoun and Rebecca Nicholas (two singles each), Kathy Medley (single, RBI), Molly Stroster (single, run), Wendy Petry (single), Jennifer Howers (run) and Michelle Bering (RBI).

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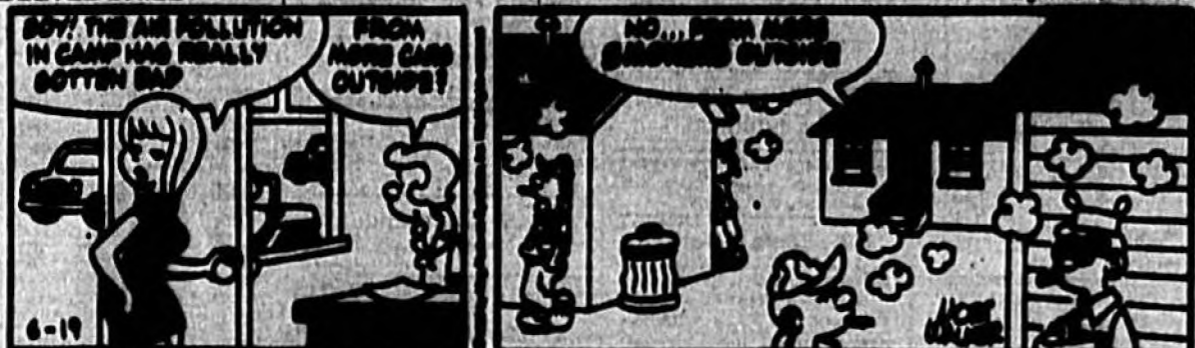
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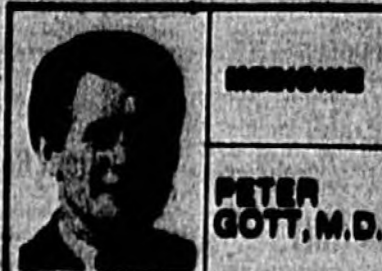
THINK THICKA

by Leonard Starr



Is Coumadin dosage appropriate?

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the negative long-term effects of using 2 1/2 mg of Coumadin daily? I'm on this blood thinner because of a cardiac condition...



PETER GOTT, M.D.

The affliction begins insidiously with fatigue, itching and jaundice. The diagnosis is made by special tests (BSP and liver biopsy), showing inflammation and scar tissue that affect the bile ducts.

In some patients, the disease may not worsen for several years. In others, however, the cholangitis progresses rapidly, leading to cirrhosis (advanced liver scarring) and liver failure.

In addition, about 15 percent of patients develop cancer in the liver. The results of medical therapy are inconsistent.

Therefore, patients with narrowing cholangitis are candidates for liver transplantation. These patients should be under the care of gastroenterologists.

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DEAR READER: Coumadin is a prescription anti-coagulant that is used to prevent inappropriate blood clots that may lead to stroke, heart attack and so forth.

As a general rule, doctors adjust the dose of Coumadin so that blood clotting is about 50 percent slower than normal (about 18 to 20 seconds, as opposed to a normal value of 12 seconds).

You are taking a low dose of Coumadin and, in my view, are being under-treated. I agree with your first doctor. Yet, the second physician may have a valid reason for keeping you at the present, sub-therapeutic level.

If you don't get a straight answer, request a referral to a third physician, who should be able to resolve the issue.

Coumadin is a dangerous drug when it allows coagulation to occur. On the other hand, I don't see much purpose to be gained by using an ineffective amount.

Patients taking Coumadin must have periodic blood tests, at intervals that depend on the physician's judgment, to adjust the effect of the drug and to adjust the dosage.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife suffers from chronic respiratory problems. She has asthma, bronchitis and emphysema, as well as numerous allergies. Two relatives that we visit regularly live in mobile homes, and it is my understanding that formaldehyde was used in the construction of these dwellings. Is this still being done, and is this a possibility for her repeated attacks?

DEAR READER: Formaldehyde has been, in the past, used as insulating material both in trailers and in mobile homes. Unfortunately, formaldehyde vapor often aggravates pulmonary disorders, especially asthma.

Therefore, to my knowledge, it is no longer utilized in the building trade. However, older dwellings may still contain the compound, which can trigger respiratory difficulties in susceptible individuals.

If your wife experiences labored breathing when visiting in mobile homes, she should make other arrangements to spend time with her relatives.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently diagnosed with narrowing cholangitis, a serious liver condition. I've had dif-

culty finding any information about this and would appreciate your input.

DEAR READER: The cause of narrowing cholangitis is unknown, although this dangerous and rare disorder is usually seen in young men who suffer from chronic bowel inflammation, such as ulcerative colitis.

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STUMPED?

Call for Answers

Stumped? Call for Answers. Includes crossword puzzle grid and list of clues.

Under the water

By Phillip Alder

Monday morning saw my introduction to scuba diving. It was strange, breathing through my mouth. Also, for someone who can only do the breast stroke, kicking up and down with my feet got me nowhere rapidly! But by the end I was keen to do more.

the Cairns Bridge Club for a class called Watch Those Spots.

Sitting South, you get to three no-trump with alacrity. West leads the heart 10. How do you continue?

North is right to respond three no-trump, not three diamonds. With limited high-card strength and without a singleton or void, shooting for the no-trump game is better than aiming toward an 11-trick contract.

There appear to be 10 easy tricks: one spade, three hearts (given the lead), five diamonds and one club. But if the defender with the diamond ace can hold it up until the third round, you will need a dummy entry. The only candidate is the heart king. And if you accept the Greek gift, winning the first trick with the heart jack, that candidate will not win any election.

Just win the opening lead with the heart ace; then drive out the diamond ace. Nine tricks over in without difficulty.

After a quick lunch, it was back to

Bridge game analysis including North and South hands, vulnerable status, and opening lead.



Thursday, June 20, 1988

You will enhance your leadership skills in the year ahead. People will follow your lead both at work and in your social life. Plan some fun activities.

money on things which you both can enjoy.

LEO (July 20-Aug. 20) Even though your assignment might be tough, you'll do things with a flourish and you will impress everyone today. You will own the center stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 20-Sept. 22) You will be more effective today if you pull the strings from the background rather than from a visible position. Let others think that your ideas are theirs.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 22) This will be an especially good cycle for realizing your hopes and expectations, so make the most of it. Do not let negative people influence your thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 22) Focus your attention on your most difficult objective today. You will have the ability to achieve your goals, regardless of impediments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) If associates do not agree with you today, do not attempt to impose your ideas on them. Make your presentation bold, but

do not apply pressure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 19) Rely on the judgment of a loyal associate today. If you lack essential knowledge in a commercial involvement, he or she can fill in the blanks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Fairness and tact will be your two greatest assets today. Others will treat you fairly as soon as they see that you're not trying to trick them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Trends will continue to look favorable for you in terms of your career. Keep performing to the best of your ability because your efforts will be appreciated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A hand may be on a tight budget today. Do not embrace the individual by encouraging him or her to spend money lavishly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) A current situation probably will not improve with time, so try to resolve it now. This will be a good day to act.

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