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Sports

Seminole Pony 14 All-Stars win

BRANDON — Three pitchers combined on four-hitter as Seminole defeated Brandon 3-1 Wednesday night in the Florida PONY Baseball Pony 14 All-Star State Tournament.

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BRIEFS

Longer tax hours

SANFORD — Seminole County Tax Collector Ray Valdes has announced extended hours at his office in Altamonte Springs.

Beginning Monday, July 31, the tax collector's office in the Oak Grove Shoppes will be closed Mondays. On Aug. 1, the Altamonte Springs office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

"Some of the citizens of Seminole County have been telling us they would like the opportunity to transact business before 8:30 a.m. and after 5 p.m., in at least one of our offices," Valdes explained. "The other three offices will remain on the standard Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule."

The new hours will be tested for public reaction and usage for three months. If customer feedback and productivity are positive, the hours will be continued, he added.

Regular hours will remain in effect at the tax collector's offices in the County Services Building, Sanford; Wilshire Plaza, Casselberry and Oviedo City Hall.

Road work continues

TUSKAWILLA — Road improvement work is continuing at the intersection of SR-419 and SR-434 in Seminole County. Construction is scheduled to be accomplished Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and is to be completed by October of next year.

Improvements will include the addition of two east and west bound lanes to SR-419 to allow for the increase in traffic.

To accommodate motorists and residents, the county has established a public information office to answer questions or concerns. Contact Trey Sisk, at Herbert-Halback, Inc., in Orlando, at 422-1449.

Star Trek car wash

SANFORD — Members of U.S.S. Genesis, a Star Trek Fan Association, will be holding a car wash Saturday. Proceeds will go toward helping the "Meals on Wheels" program. The car wash will be at Schlitzsky's Deli, 2904 S. Orlando Drive, (U.S. Highway 17-92), in Sanford from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Correction

The Expressway Authority workshop meeting listed in Wednesday's *Sanford Herald* is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, rather than the date reported. The meeting, in the commission chambers of the Seminole County Services Building, 1101 E. First Street, will deal with the proposed GreeneWay "missing link." The meeting is scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m., with the public invited.

Compiled from staff reports

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Here's one small step for a man...one giant leap for mankind.

-Neil Armstrong



Partly Cloudy

Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower to mid 90s. Wind west 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

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Herald Photo by Apryl Keniston

Police placed the remains of a woman in a yellow body bag before carrying it from the lake.

Watery grave

Woman's body found in lake

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Dental records are being checked in an effort to identify the body of a woman found floating in Lake Minnie Wednesday afternoon with a large chain wrapped around her ankles.

Sanford Police Cmdr. Dennis Whitmire said the body was discovered about 4 p.m. near the southwest shore of the lake, just west of U.S. Highway 17-92 in south Sanford.

Police estimated the decomposing body had been in the water four or five days. An autopsy

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Gregory Picallis, center, tells Paramedic Dean Rainville and Sanford Police Inv. Arthur Barnes details of discovering a woman's body partially submerged in Lake Minnie Wednesday.



Herald Photo by Apryl Keniston

Paramedics Dean Rainville and David Tobias, who retrieved a woman's decomposing body from Lake Minnie, spray each other with anti-bacterial solution after handling the remains.

Support grows for convention center

By NICK PFEIFAUPE
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Government and social organizations have been asked to lend support to the concept of a multi-purpose convention and performance center in northern Seminole County. Resolutions to that effect are now

being received.

The drive is underway through the support of the Seminole County Tourist Development Council (TDC). The council has already completed a feasibility study. TDC Director of Tourism Jack Wert said Phase I was completed last fall, with Phase II

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Help shape county cable ordinance

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County residents, not just cable subscribers, have the chance to help shape the county's cable ordinance next week during a public hearing.

The county staff has been revising the cable ordinance in light of the new technologies available now or in the near future. Ginny Huff,

county cable coordinator recently outlined some of the changes and is available to answer question or receive comments from the public.

At the July 25th hearing, participants will be able to comment on proposed revisions to the ordinance and tell their experiences with cable, wireless cable and satellite TV. After the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners

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Psychic's take on Smith case lands spot in the Enquirer

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — You might look at the *National Enquirer* from behind large, dark glasses in the checkout line. If no one else is around you might pick it up and flip through the pages.

But hundreds of thousands of people buy the publication and some find the news stories included in the magazine to be well-written, informative and credible.

Among those is *Sanford Herald* psychic columnist Jerry Stewart.

Stewart will be particularly interested in reading the issue which will hit newsstands next Wednesday. You see, he will be the subject of one of the feature stories in that issue.

The article, written by Susan Loden, a local freelance writer, began as a feature about the

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Jerry Stewart

The mall must go on



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Regardless of the touring visitors yesterday at Seminole Towne Center Mall, work must go on. Mike McGroarty, with Minelli Tile Company of Apopka, left, works on a planter along the

ledge of the second story level of the mall as the press conference tour members, in white hard hats, pass by.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Tool capers

A number of tool thefts were reported within the Sanford city limits Tuesday.

- An estimated \$400 in tools was taken from a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Garrison Drive.
- Over \$300 in tools was reported stolen from a Chevrolet van parked in the 1400 block of S. Park Avenue.
- An estimated \$568 in tools was reportedly stolen from inside the building at the Seminole Towne Center Mall construction site.

Drug arrest

Terrance Wayne Bass, 22, 1113 W. Ninth Street, Sanford, was located by Sanford police at Ninth Street and Pecan Avenue Tuesday. He was charged with possession of crack cocaine.

Retail theft

Mark Joseph Paster, 20, 117 Sandpoint Court, Sanford, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at a retail store in the 3600 block of Lake Emma Road near Lake Mary Tuesday. He was accused of having taken two packs of cigarettes from the store without paying. He has been charged with retail theft.

Traffic stops

- Earl Jack Williams, 21, 44 Lake Monroe Terrace, Sanford, was stopped at 12th Street and Pecan Avenue by Sanford police Tuesday. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.
- Sean H. Rappaport, 18, of Winter Park, was said to have been a passenger in a vehicle stopped by Sanford police Tuesday at Fifth Street and Olive Avenue. He was reportedly found to be in possession of a can of beer. He was charged with having an open container of alcohol, and possession of alcohol by a person under age.

Domestic cases

- Patricia Ann Pierce, 49, 1021 W. First Street, Sanford, was arrested at her residence by Sanford police Tuesday following a reported fight with a male. She was charged with battery domestic violence, and resisting an officer without violence.
- David Erwin Borgens, 20, 1322 Douglas Avenue, Sanford, was arrested at his residence by Sanford police Tuesday following a reported altercation with his uncle. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Warrants

- Steven Douglas Stutta, 22, of Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday. He was wanted for failing to appear on a charge of aggravated assault/battery.
- Willie Williams Jr., 18, 1505 W. 25th Street, was arrested by Sanford police at Fifth Street and Sanford Avenue Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of probation.
- Richard Lewis Bell, 38, 285 Dixon Lake Road, was served a warrant at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility Tuesday. He was wanted for failing to appear on a charge of driving with a suspended/revoked license.
- Earnest Grant, 31, 2080 W. Airport Blvd., was served a warrant at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of grand theft.
- Reginald Eugene Roberts, 33, 1302 Shepard, Sanford, was located by Sanford police in the 3100 block of Orlando Drive Tuesday. He was wanted for failing to appear on a charge of retail theft.
- Samuel Hastings, 26, 1315 Pineway, Sanford, was served a warrant at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for violation of probation on convictions of burglary/grand theft/petit theft.
- Jerome Grant, 34, 1891 Roseberry Lane, Sanford, was served a warrant at the jail Tuesday. He was wanted for failing to appear; violation of right-of-way, violation of probation.

Sheriff reports

- An electronic terminal valued at \$2,500 was reportedly stolen Tuesday from a retail store in the 3700 block of Lake Emma Road near Lake Mary.
- A riding mower and other items with a total value of \$970 were reportedly stolen Tuesday from a shed in the 400 block of Myrtle Avenue.
- A silver 1980 Ford, license number PRK-76H was reported stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 300 block of Elder Road.

Sanford police reports

- Seventeen items, with a total value estimated at \$415 were reported stolen Tuesday from the trunk of a Lake Mary woman's vehicle parked in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive.
- A woman's purse containing \$180 in food stamps and \$120 in cash was reported stolen Tuesday, from the restroom of a retail store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive.
- Seven emblems valued at \$400 were reportedly stolen from a Cadillac Tuesday, parked in the 1500 block of W. 15th Street.
- A witness told police three juveniles, possibly between the ages of 9 and 12, stole a bike valued at \$180 from a residence in the 400 block of Palmetto Avenue on Tuesday.

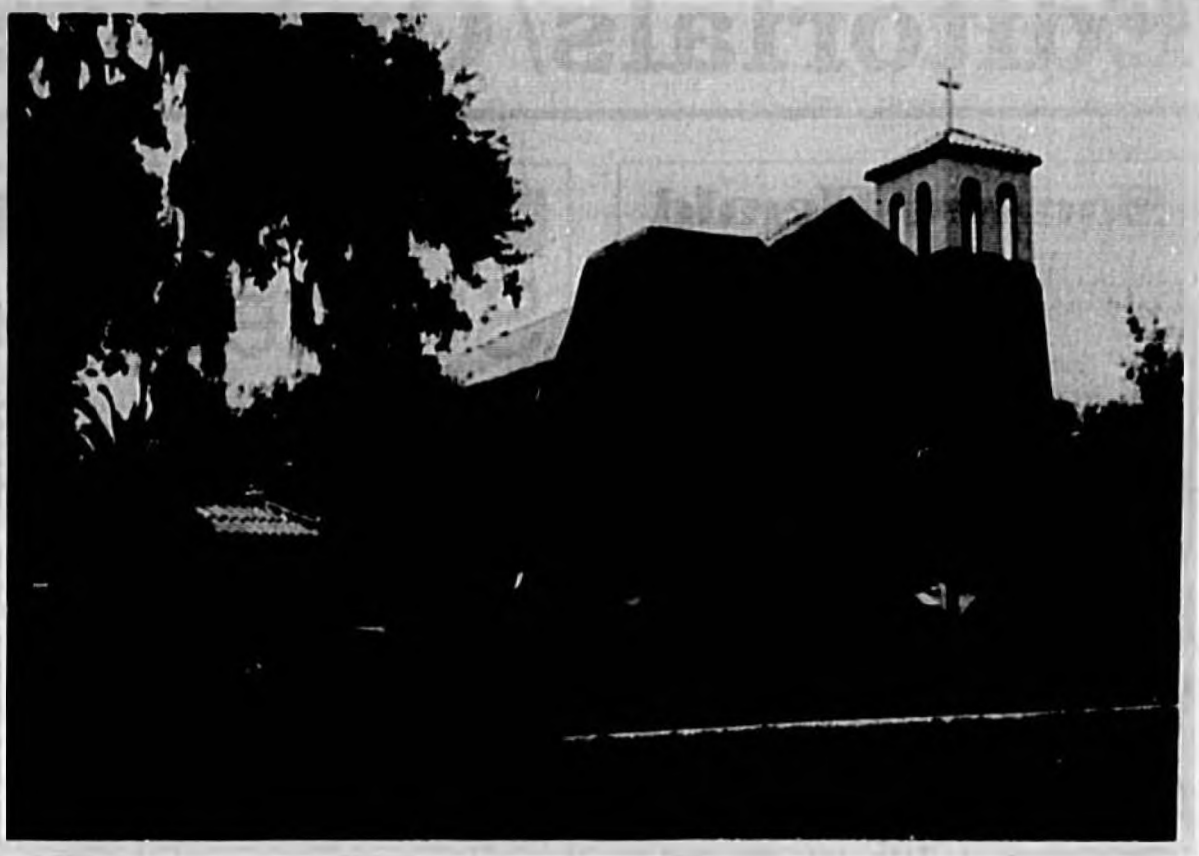
Drug arrest

James Richard Jones, 22, of Oviedo, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at Pecan and Fifth Street in Sanford. Police investigated when they believed they saw suspicious activities by several persons in and around a pickup truck. Jones was subsequently charged with possession of crack cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In-tents pest control

Tenting for pest control work is an unusual sight, especially when it takes place on a prominent church building. Pest control work has been going on for several days at All Souls Catholic Church, 800 Oak Avenue in Sanford. While the work is now completed, the staff will not be able to return to their offices until Friday morning.

Photo Courtesy of Ron Proser



Smith's ex-boyfriend: No kids

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

UNION, S.C. — Jurors in Susan Smith's murder trial heard the words written by an ex-boyfriend that prosecutors say drove the young mother to kill her two sons: "I just don't want children."

In a letter to Ms. Smith written a week before 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex were drowned in a lake, Tom Findlay described her as "intelligent, beautiful, sensitive, understanding."

But he said the two of them could not have a relationship, in part because he does not want children.

"Susan, I could really fall for you. ... But like I have told you before, there are some things about you that aren't suited for me, and yes, I am speaking about your children," he wrote.

"I'm sure that your kids are good kids, but it really wouldn't matter how good they may be ... the fact is, I just don't want children."

The typed letter, written Oct. 17 and given to Ms. Smith on Oct. 18, was read aloud in court Wednesday during Findlay's testimony.

He told the jury during more than two hours of testimony that Ms. Smith is "very caring, very loving — a good friend to everyone." But he also said she claimed to have had sex with his father and her stepfather, then later recanted the story about Findlay's father — who also was her boss.

Findlay testified that Ms. Smith had three conversations with him Oct. 25, the day she sent her car rolling into John D. Long Lake with the boys strapped inside.

The first time, she told him her ex-husband threatened to tell people she had sex with his father, Cary Findlay, and her stepfather, Beverly Russell.

The next time, she tried to return his sweatshirt. "She said, 'I want to give you this because I may not see you again,'" Findlay said. "It seemed very clear she was suicidal."

The third time, she returned with her sons and a friend, Susan Brown, and recanted the story about his father, Findlay said. She seemed a little shaken, but less distraught than earlier, he said. That was the last time he saw Michael and Alex.

Findlay's letter also chastised Ms. Smith for kissing Ms. Brown's husband at an Oct. 15 party at Findlay's apartment. "You know, nice girls don't sleep with married men," he wrote.

In a handwritten letter to Findlay on Oct. 17, Ms. Smith had written, "I'm glad we are friends and if that is all we can be, then we will just have to do a hell of a job of being that. Who knows what the future holds for our relationship."

Ms. Smith, 23, could face the death penalty if convicted. Before confessing, she claimed for nine days that a black carjacker abducted the boys.

Defense lawyers have portrayed the deaths as a failed suicide by a woman under great mental pressure. Prosecutors say she drowned her sons because they got in the way of her love affair.

If she is found guilty, or guilty but mentally ill, she could be sentenced to death. A verdict of innocent by reason of insanity would send her to a mental hospital. If later she is declared sane, she could be released.

Both Ms. Smith and her ex-husband, David Smith, burst into tears when a diver testified

about seeing one of her sons reaching for the window in her submerged car.

Steve Morrow, one of two divers who found Ms. Smith's submerged car, said he couldn't see anything until he shined his flashlight inside the nose-down car. "I was able to see a small hand against the glass," he said, choking as he spoke.

Defense attorney Judy Clarke placed her arm around Ms.

Smith, while across the courtroom, Smith's father, Charles, attempted to comfort him.

In other developments: — Circuit Judge William Howard refused to allow prosecutors to present graphic photographs of the boys' bodies strapped into their car seats. Pope wanted to display the pictures because they showed the children "were tortured for nine days."

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Portrait of a heat victim: old, alone, no one who cared

By MIKE ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — Her possessions were few: some stuffed animals, a few well-thumbed books, a stack of dishes piled in a rust-stained sink. And of course, the memory of her husband.

That treasured memory was why 93-year-old Lenora MacGown wouldn't budge from the cramped, one-room apartment where she died in the searing heat that killed at least 436 people in the Chicago area.

"She said she wanted to die here because it was right here that she lived with her husband," building manager Bertha Diaz said Wednesday as county officials searched the home for any trace of a living relative.

The national death toll from last week's blistering heat wave in the Northeast and Midwest stood at 752 today.

The frail widow, who died Friday, symbolized scores of victims — elderly, alone, already sick and living in a matchbox

apartment without air conditioning. Authorities say 80 percent of the victims of the five-day heat wave were 55 or older.

Mrs. MacGown also was among the growing number of unclaimed victims.

County Medical Examiner Edmund Donoghue said Wednesday it was too early to say how many of the victims' bodies will be unclaimed. Technicians and pathologists continued to examine bodies so numerous that many were stored in refrigerated trucks outside the morgue.

Public Administrator Louis G. Apostol, whose office clears up the affairs of the unclaimed, estimated 400 bodies go unclaimed annually. Authorities say many heat victims clearly will have to be buried by the government.

On Wednesday, Toby Kucharaski, a husky investigator for the public administrator's office, broke the police seal on Mrs. MacGown's door.

Inside, the stuffed animals — two bears, a horse and a rabbit

— sat atop a flowered sofa. The dishes were stacked in the sink, which was wedged into a dark closet beside a grease-stained stove and waist-high refrigerator.

Her apartment, a few blocks from the lakefront, was the kind of place newlyweds may have called cozy in the decades before World War II. Gangs now haunt Chicago's blighted Uptown area on the North Side. Laundry hangs drying from windows. Buildings are battered and crumbling.

Just when Mrs. MacGown's husband died was unclear.

"Some say she lived here 25 years, some say longer," Diaz said. "When I first came here she wanted to talk longer, but I didn't have the time. She said that she never wanted to go to the nursing home, that her husband had left her enough money to stay for the rest of her life."

"She said, 'I wish I knew somebody, I never had any children,'" Diaz said.

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EDITORIAL

What happens next?

We all know it. Malls come and they go. Years ago, the Colonial Plaza and Winter Park malls were the main shopping centers of Central Florida. Then, along came the Altamonte Mall. Colonial Plaza is gone, and Winter Park Mall is mostly empty.

Sanford eventually had the Zayre's Plaza and Sanford Plaza. These were the major shopping centers for the city. Now, they are virtually ghost towns.

J.C. Penneys will be moving from Sanford Plaza to the new Seminole Towne Center Mall, and southern Sanford will no longer have shopping malls other than the smaller strip malls. (Many are still succeeding and we can all be proud of that fact.)

What will happen to these two major mall areas now? Imagine this for the Sanford Plaza site:

An entire mall devoted strictly to the arts. Shops would include art galleries, art supply stores, studios where arts are taught, photography studios, picture framers, photo supply stores, and that old movie theatre could be used for artistic performances.

Imagine this for the Zayre's Plaza: The entire area dedicated to organizations helping the needy. There might be a health clinic, food stamp distribution center, low income housing agencies, social service agencies, and others. Those requiring one of this type service often need several of the others as well. They could then go to one single area without having to travel all over town, which could be expensive for persons who don't have their own transportation.

That would be a real utopia. People with needs in the community would have a center. People with artistic talents or desires would have their own center. Everyone would benefit, and we believe people would enjoy having these functions rather than continuing to see the vacant malls which were once the headquarters of Sanford shopping outside the downtown area.

What is to prevent this from happening? The costs of leasing the facilities? Costs of refurbishing old stores to once again meet with city codes? The lack of organized groups who would join together to establish these centers?

The answer is probably a combination of all of these. Yet something needs to be done, and in order to bring it about, cooperation is needed, plus the willingness on the part of some to bend a bit.

Give it some thought. The Seminole Towne Center Mall will be an excellent shopping center. Yet it cannot hope to meet other needs of all people in the northern part of Seminole County.

Any ideas?

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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

Berry's World



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WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Strategy for a Powell campaign

Let's assume that Colin Powell wants to be president. There is a road that, for him, leads directly to the White House, at the head of a party with a majority in both houses of Congress. All he has to do is follow the road. Let me describe it - for you, and for him.

Some time around Labor Day Gen. Powell will hit the road on a speaking tour, designed (at least ostensibly) to promote his autobiography. The tour will last most of the fall. It will afford him a matchless opportunity to describe his fundamental beliefs to the American people. Since we have almost no inkling today of what those beliefs are, the revelation will go far toward determining his future (if any) as a presidential candidate.

My own gloomy guess, as I have said before, is that he will turn out to be a woolly Eisenhower centrist: conservative on fiscal policy but liberal on the social issues, foursquare for a sound defense but aware of the avarice of the "military-industrial complex," a strong believer in individual effort and achievement but acutely aware of how much he and his immigrant parents were helped by "affirmative action" when he was a child, deeply devout and proudly patriotic but openly turned off by "superpatriots" and the noisy "religious right."

But suppose - just suppose - that he turns out to be a forthright conservative, thoroughly in sympathy with the ideals implicit in the Contract With America. Suppose he recognizes that the American people have turned for good against the overweening, intrusive Nanny State, and are truly determined to bring the federal budget back into balance. Suppose he favors drastic revisions and reductions in the tax laws, and a total revamping of the welfare system to eliminate single mothers and deadbeat dads.

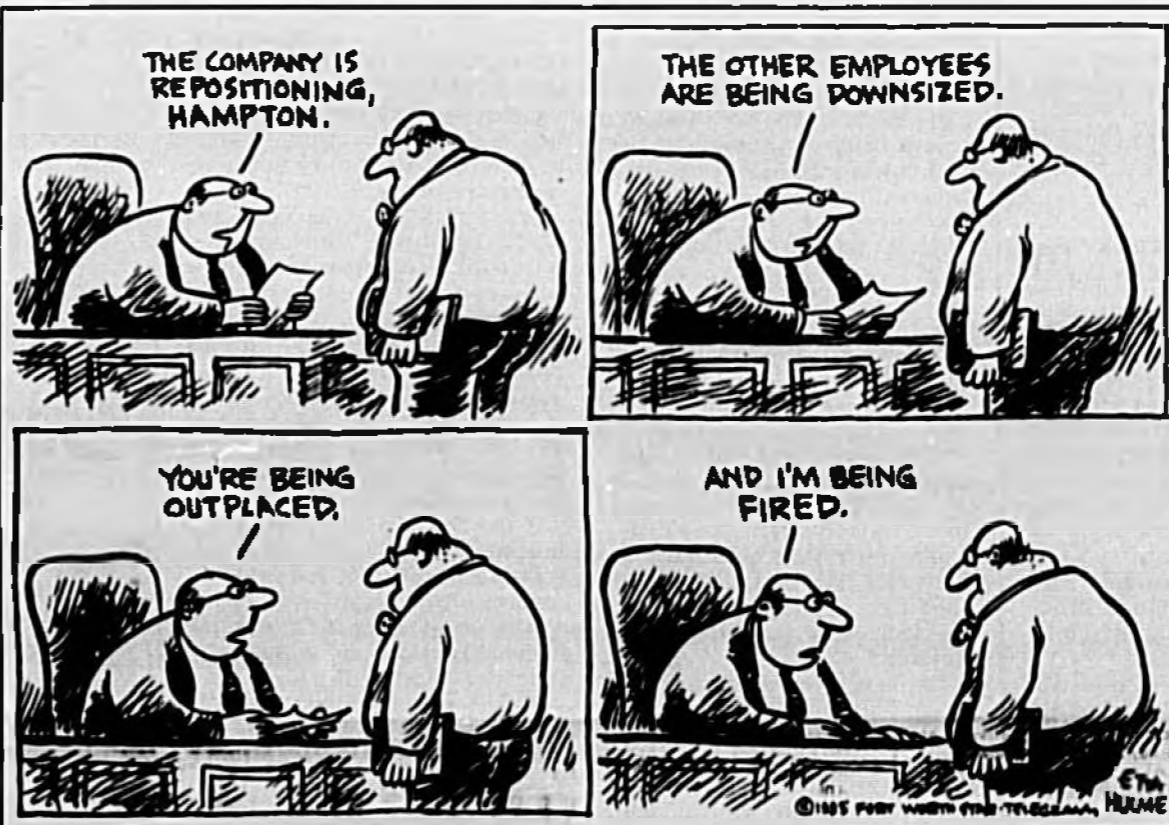
Suppose, what's more, that he turns out to be a strong believer in the "family values," meaning two-parent families where possible, voluntary prayer in the schools, opposition to abortion in all save the rare "hard cases" (rape, incest, and the life of the mother), and no special favors for gays and lesbians. Suppose he favors an all-out attack on the drug plague, from both the supply and demand ends.



Let's assume that Colin Powell wants to be president.

Suppose he wants a "breathing space" to enable the country to absorb the huge influx of immigrants (both legal and illegal) since 1965. Suppose he opposes granting a preference in employment or college admission to any American simply because of race or gender, and calls on his fellow blacks to stand on their own two feet and compete on equal terms. Suppose he favors a strong defense, and humanitarian aid to the forces of freedom everywhere, but would refuse to risk the life of any unformed American unless this nation's vital interests were at stake.

Have I missed anything? In any case, you get the point: What if Colin Powell turns out to be the answer to the unanimous prayer of America's conservatives for a candidate who genuinely represents their views on the major issues facing the nation? They will settle for Bob Dole, or even somebody else if necessary, but they would go for that kind of Colin Powell so fast the wind would knock you over.



DONNA BRITT

Waiting for the next vacation

TECATE, MEXICO - Though the flower - a grapefruit-sized orchid the color of melted butter - was one of a dozen buds rising from a large clay pot, it was the only bloom bold enough to have flung itself open to the sun. I was compelled to sniff it - and laughed to discover that it had no scent to speak of.

For a flower so beautiful, I realized, perfume would be redundant.

I had walked the path where the flowerpot sat a couple of dozen times in the six years that I've visited the bloom's Mexican home. But somehow, I'd never noticed this pot, never paused to really see its flamboyant contents.

Because of my many visits, I thought I knew what a woody, wonderful place my Mexican retreat could be. So why, each year, am I startled anew at how the sage and rosemary scents here crowd your lungs and curl into your consciousness? Or how a towering pair of budding bushes lean to kiss across a brick path, spilling pink blossoms as love offerings onto those who wander underneath?

Look, they whispered, as if I'd never heard them before. Breathe. Feel. Know. And they spoke one more word: Vacation.

Perhaps you've already taken yours, rendering it a memory whose flavor the "real world" is already stripping from your taste buds. Or perhaps your kitchen calendar is a festival of "X's," marking off the days until yours begins.

Either way, you know that vacation is the best part of life.

Or so it seems when you've just had one. Having just completed my summer break, I find it difficult to think of much else. I have a friend who each year returns from her midyear holiday certain that the vacation life - where you can sit still long enough to actually see your spouse and listen to the music behind your child's, and your own, laughter - is the only one worth having. "The rest of my life," says this busy career woman-mom-wife, "is insane."

For about a week afterward, my friend conspires to extend the vacation, the sanity, into everyday life - researching the cost of a move to a waterfront home, calculating whether her family could survive on just her husband's income. But before long, her spirit rejoins the work world. She comes to her senses - or becomes crazy enough for the insanity to again make sense.

Most years, my own sanity is to be found at Rancho La Puerta, a peace-steeped mind-body-fitness spa in Tecate, Baja, California, nestled at the foot of Mount Kuchuma, a peak considered sacred by the Kumeyaay Indians. There, my husband and I eat organic food, inhale pure air and hike the

mountain, punishing things unaccustomed to such effort, but rewarding our souls with the silence and light you find at 2,500 feet.

And like my friend, I yearn to prolong my acquaintance with the woman who paused to smell that orchid. I want to be so familiar with walking slowly enough to note a flower petal's preposterous curve and the particular blue of a changing sky that their magic doesn't surprise me.

Like her, I always forget.

But I never stop wondering: Which person is the real me? The one I am 50 weeks of the year, who never seems to quite catch her breath and who snaps at people she loves, or the vacation soul who for two weeks sees, breathes, knows so much more?

This year, I discovered that even the vacation me is more complex than I'd believed. Even visiting the ranch, I realized that, in years past, I had packed my crazy real-world self along with my leotards. I'd dashed from the mountain hike to aerobics to circuit training, and sweated over whether I would drop the desired number of pounds. It took days to relax into relaxing.

But because I'm now pregnant, I was forced to pace myself - to walk slower and skip strenuous workouts. And I discovered bushes that kiss and one perfect orchid which had always been there for the marveling.

Like most people, I'd like to think the vacation me is the real me. I like her easy smiles, her confidence in other people's - and her own - basic goodness.

Truthfully, I find her sometimes when I'm not on vacations. Most often, she surfaces when I make time to be still, to listen, to take an inner sojourn that puts me in touch with the strong, loving and perceptive vacation me.

At such times, I know that the sacred is always available, not just on a Mexican peak. That there always are blossoms to marvel at, mountains worth climbing to reach the light tucked within. Even here, in the midst of the madness.

Even here, as I wait for my next vacation.



For a flower so beautiful, I realized, perfume would be redundant.

SARA ECKEL

Hollywood trumps women in age game

Hey, kids, grab yourselves a pencil. It's time to play Hollywood math. This is the game where we are given the age of a particular actor and then must determine the role that would be most appropriate. Are you ready? Let's go.

1. A 45-year-old would work best as:

(a) a middle-aged Italian immigrant now living in Iowa

(b) a sexy, fleet-footed sword fighter of Arthurian times

(c) the aged parent of a grown idiot servant

2. In a romantic movie, you'll get the best chemistry by pairing a 30-year-old with:

(a) a teen-ager

(b) a 65-year-old director

(c) a 65-year-old acting legend



Hey, kids, grab yourselves a pencil. It's time to play Hollywood math.

If you are having trouble answering these questions, don't feel bad. No one could answer them. Or, rather, no one could answer them unless they knew the gender of the actor in question. Then it's easy. Hollywood has always worked with the assumption that a woman's desirability fades to nothing once she hits 35, while a man can be sexy for as long as he has a pulse.

Consider two of Hollywood's biggest names: Meryl Streep and Richard Gere. Streep celebrated her 46th birthday in June; Gere will celebrate his 46th in August. In other words, they're the exact same age. But as far as Hollywood is concerned, Streep is a withered up matron while Gere is but an imphalad.

Clint Eastwood encountered this double standard when he was casting "The Bridges of Madison County." His screen adaptation of Robert James Waller's tale of middle romance, Eastwood wanted Streep to play Francesca Johnson, a 45-year-old housewife who believes she'll never again know great passion. But executives at Warner Bros. balked. They wanted a younger actress to play opposite the 65-year-old Eastwood (who was playing a 52-year-old, but of course no one saw a problem with that).

"They were testing all these 30-year-old women," Eastwood told The New York Times. "And it shocked me. There's something about a woman who knows something that's more interesting."

Meanwhile, director Jerry Zucker was asking Richard Gere to play a part which was, in Gere's words, "written for a 22-year-old." Zucker wanted Gere to play the part of Lancelot, the rakish and daring knight of Arthurian legend, for his movie "First Knight."

Besides, Sean Connery, 65, had already agreed to play King Arthur, so Zucker felt that he needed to up Lancelot's age to make a fitting contrast to Connery.

He felt no such compulsion, however, when casting Queen Guinevere, Arthur's bride. Thirty-year-old Julia Ormond won that role.

I suppose the old goats who run the movie studios think it's perfectly reasonable to suggest that a babe like Ormond would really go for a guy eligible for discount bus fare. It must be a very nice thing for them to think. The problem is, all that optimism resulted in a bad movie, with wooden characters who you did not believe for a minute were really attracted to each other.

I also suppose that a lot of readers will dismiss my comments here. Just another ranting feminist. Just another whiner. Cry me a river.

But you see, I already did cry. I cried along with a theatrical of moviegoers as we watched Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep say goodbye in "The Bridges of Madison County."

There's something about a director who knows something about women that makes a movie so much more interesting.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Mexico bailout

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration says it will work to preserve its bailout of Mexico's feeble economy following a House vote to block the multibillion-dollar loan program from continuing.

In a surprising slap at President Clinton and Congress' bipartisan leaders, the House voted 245-183 Wednesday to forbid the rescue fund from loaning additional money after Oct. 1, the start of the next fiscal year.

Of the \$20 billion Clinton put into the exchange stabilization fund in January with support from leaders of both parties, \$12.5 billion has been dispensed so far. The House measure would not affect the money already distributed.

The ultimate effect of the vote was uncertain because the Senate has yet to act. A leading Senate opponent of the peso rescue, Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., proposed blocking the bailout earlier this year but did not force the issue to a vote.

Errors at Waco

WASHINGTON — Agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have made a public accounting, before members of Congress, of their errors in the 1993 raid against the Branch Davidians near Waco, Texas.

Minority Democrats, meanwhile, painted a sinister portrait of David Koresh, as GOP-run House hearings opened Wednesday on the Waco tragedy, homing in on allegations of child sexual abuse and gun violations by the cult leader.

The ATF first admitted errors in a Treasury Department report issued in 1993, and the agents described them Wednesday.

From Associated Press reports

New look at affirmative action

By WALTER R. MEARS
An AP News Analysis

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's new look at affirmative action programs the government has pursued for three decades led him to the old answers — reform, no racial quotas, but no retreat.

That Democratic orthodoxy is not going to quell the divisive debate he said should be transformed into a reasoned, national conversation. Not now, with Republican presidential challengers demanding an end to the system of preferences meant to redress patterns of discrimination.

When he ordered the affirmative action review five months ago, after Republicans forced the issue in Congress, Clinton said he was not backing away from equal opportunity aims, but trying to "keep this from becoming another cheap, emotional political wedge issue."

Whatever the adjectives, it will be an issue in 1996. It could prove particularly troublesome for the president in California, vital to his re-election prospects and likely to be voting next year in a referendum on affirmative action repeal.

Gov. Pete Wilson, seeking the GOP nomination against Clinton, has made opposition to affirmative action a cornerstone of his campaign, signing an executive order to abolish preferential programs he said amounted to "racial spoils."

Sen. Bob Dole, the front-running GOP candidate, said he will introduce next week his promised bill to end federal affirmative action programs, some of which he'd previously supported. "You don't cure the evil of discrimination with more discrimina-

tion," the Senate majority leader said. But the bill is not likely to face action until next year, in the thick of the campaign season.

The issue is on display in another arena today, as regents of the University of California meet to consider undoing the minority preferences that apply in admissions there, as across the nation. There may be some political theater there. Wilson is president of the board, and will be dramatizing his opposition to affirmative action.

Jesse Jackson threatened to disrupt the meeting; the governor said if that happens, he'll have the civil rights figure arrested.

So much for calm conversation. "This is not a difficult issue," Dole said. "Discrimination is wrong and preferential treatment is wrong, too." That is an ironically apt summation of just how difficult it is.

Clinton said Wednesday that he'd wanted to look at the facts, not the politics of affirmative action.

"It is simply wrong to play politics with the issue of affirmative action and divide our country at a time when, if we're really going to change things, we have to be united," he said in an hour-long speech at the National Archives, standing before the case in which the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are preserved.

Republican challengers promptly and predictably accused him of playing politics, saying his "mend it but don't end it" reaffirmation of support for the system of job, contracting and other preferences was an endorsement of government-sponsored discrimination.

That's the "angry white male" side of the argument, the contention that affirmative action now weighs unfairly against majority Americans when they compete for jobs or contracts.

Clinton's answer is that affirmative action has been good for America, still is and needs to be tuned to work fairly and effectively. He said that is what the administration will do.

"Affirmative action has not always been perfect and affirmative action should not go on forever," the president said. "It should be changed now to take care of those things that are wrong, and it should be retired when it's job is done ... That day has not come."

Clinton summed up his position this way:

"No quotas in theory or practice.
"No illegal discrimination of any kind, including reverse discrimination.
"No preference for people who are not qualified for any job or opportunity.
"And as soon as a program has succeeded, it must be retired."

But advocating fairness and renouncing racial quotas, which are against federal law anyhow, won't blunt the Republican offensive. No reform pledge will persuade the white man who's just seen the job he wanted go to a minority applicant, or the businessman who's lost a contract, that any preference is proper.

That's why the issue is so difficult. And that also is why it will persist.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Reich, Gephardt: GOP will worsen problems of working poor

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The ranks of America's working poor reached 8.2 million people in 1993 and would grow even larger under proposed Republican budget cuts, Labor Secretary Robert Reich said.

"This is very sobering news," Reich said. "These are people who are playing by the rules — who are working harder than ever."

A Labor Department report found that 8.7 percent of the nation's work force had jobs or were looking for work for at least half of 1993, yet still lived below the poverty line. That compared to 8.5 percent in 1987.

Of the 8.2 million working poor in 1993, 4.7 million had full-time jobs most of the time. Amid this decline, Reich said, the nation's productivity is up

2.2 percent over last year and corporate profits continue to rise.

"We now are the most unequal of any industrialized nation in terms of distribution of income," he said.

Reich said Republican plans to cut programs such as education and job training and their refusal to consider increasing the minimum wage will only widen the gap.

"They are cutting education and the ability to get skills ... all of the means by which hard-working people could otherwise get ahead," Reich said.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, who joined Reich at a news conference Wednesday, said the GOP cuts in several education and job-skills programs are being used to pay for a tax cut, half of which would benefit families who earn more than \$100,000 a year.

"If the Republicans' extremist, anti-economic agenda holds sway, and if more is not done to protect, preserve and defend our shrinking middle class, we may not have one in 20 or 30 years," said Gephardt, D-Mo.

The Republican cuts could reach \$43 billion over seven years, Reich said. He added that President Clinton has proposed increases of about \$40 billion in the same programs the Republicans want to cut — a difference of \$83 billion over seven years.

The Labor Department study found the highest rates of poverty in 1993 among black workers, at 16 percent, followed by Hispanics at 13.9 percent. White workers made up three-quarters of the 8.2 million total, but their poverty rate was only 5.7 percent.

The poverty rate for women was higher than for men: 7.3

percent compared to 6.2 percent.

Among age groups, teen-age workers had the highest poverty rates at 13.2 percent, while the lowest was 7.7 percent for those between ages 25 and 34. Working women were far more likely to be poor than men, at 20.5 percent.

The average poverty threshold for a family of four in 1993 was income of \$14,763 a year.

Also Wednesday, the Food

Research and Action Center released a study estimating that 4 million poor children under the age of 12 are not getting enough to eat and are hungry at least part of the time. An additional 9.8 million children are at risk of hunger.

Study director Cheryl A. Wehler said the research documents what "people at the front lines have been saying for years

— hunger is a problem among this nation's low-income families."

Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., said that if nearly one-third of all American children are indeed hungry or at risk of hunger, then federal nutrition programs "have failed our children miserably and must be replaced with more local authority and accountability."

Smoking on rise among teens, especially eighth graders

By PAUL RABURN
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK — Smoking is on the rise among teens, with the most dramatic increases occurring in eighth graders, says a government-funded survey of teen drug use.

Occasional or regular cigarette smoking by eighth graders has jumped to 18.6 percent, an increase of nearly one-third over the past three years, the survey found.

"To see that serious a behavior starting to grow among our children is very disturbing," said Lloyd D. Johnston, who directed the survey for the National Institute on Drug Abuse. "There is no question that that will cause an enormous amount of unnecessary disease and death." Johnston is a social psychologist at the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center.

The findings come at a time when the Clinton administration is considering tougher regulations on cigarettes to combat what it calls the "pediatric disease" of smoking.

Johnston blamed cigarette advertising for the rise in teen smoking. The tobacco industry has steadfastly denied that its ads are intended to reach adolescents.

"No matter what the intent is, I don't think there's any question about the consequence," said Johnston. "Nearly all the themes in the advertising are very attractive to adolescents."

The survey provides solid confirmation of earlier studies, said Michael Eriksen, director of the surgeon general's Office on Smoking and Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"There is absolutely no ques-

tion that teen smoking rates are on the rise," Eriksen said. "The only people who are denying this are spokespersons for the tobacco industry."

Brennan Dawson, a spokeswoman for the Tobacco Institute, said the new survey "is certainly of concern and disappointing, but it points to a much broader social issue, because the increases in illegal drug use and the softening of risk and disapproval of drugs are so much higher than any changes in smoking."

The new findings come from Johnston's 20th annual government-funded survey of teen drug and tobacco use. The survey was initially limited to

high school seniors, but eighth graders and 10th graders were added in 1991.

The number of eighth graders who said they had smoked a cigarette in the previous 30 days rose from 14.3 percent in 1991 to 18.6 percent in 1994, an increase of 30 percent.

Among 10th graders, the figures rose from 20.8 percent to 25.4 percent. For high school seniors, the numbers climbed from 28.3 percent in 1991 to 31.2 percent last year.

The figures are based on questionnaires administered to 17,000 to 18,000 eighth graders, about 15,000 10th graders and 15,000 to 18,000 seniors each year.



Optimistic over softball

Peggy Hardin, center, president of Sanford Optimist Club, was presented a trophy and plaque recently on behalf of the Sanford Recreation Department, for the club's

sponsorship of a girls' softball team. The presentation was made by Wonda Burke, left, team coach, and Tom Kelly, with the recreation department.

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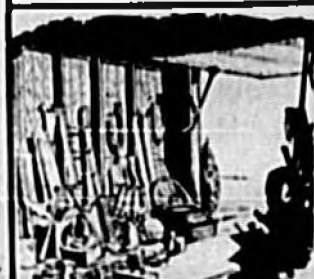
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Is daily bowel movement needed?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please clarify whether it is necessary to have a bowel movement every single day. At what point is it time to be concerned?

DEAR READER: With due respect to generations of mothers and grandmothers, the truth can now be told: You don't need to have a daily bowel movement for good health. Each of us has his or her personal pattern of evacuation that depends on habit, diet, activity, and so forth.

Some perfectly healthy people have one or two bowel movements a day and consider themselves lucky. Other, equally healthy individuals relieve themselves every two or three days. These folks are neither morally inferior nor crammed full of hideous toxins.

If bowel movements are painful and infrequent, medical advice is in order. More important, however, is a sudden CHANGE in bowel habits. Constipation, in someone who is used to a particular pattern, can reflect an intestinal disease, such as a growth or metabolic disturbance.

Obviously, my comments are meant to be a simple generic statement about a natural function that, like other natural functions, shows a normal variation.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A relative was recently diagnosed with temporal arteritis. I understand there is no medication or cure for this condition. Is this true?

DEAR READER: Temporal arteritis is a common disease of unknown cause that leads to headache, malaise, fever, weight loss, and visual disturbances. The basis of the disorder is an inflammation of the lining of the temporal artery (in the scalp over the temple). Because this inflammation impedes the flow of blood to vital tissues, including those related to vision, blindness may result.

The diagnosis is suspected from blood tests (chiefly, an

elevation in the sedimentation rate) and confirmed by biopsy.

Fortunately, there is highly effective therapy for temporal arteritis, in the form of a corticosteroid derivative called prednisone. Large doses of prednisone usually produce prompt relief of symptoms. After about a month of therapy, the daily dose



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is tapered gradually, but must be increased if headache, fever or visual problems reappear.
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WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alder
James Thurber, the American humorist and illustrator, claimed, "Sixty minutes of thinking of any kind is bound to lead to confusion and unhappiness." Certainly, in bridge, if you cannot find the winning move in considerably fewer than 60 minutes, your partner will feel unhappy.

Sometimes, though, even after thinking about the problem, you cannot be sure what is best. This is especially true on opening lead.

Today's deal helped Linda and Robb Gordon win the prestigious Goldman Patra in New York City last May. Four spades was the popular contract. Most Wests led the diamond king or ace before switching to the singleton heart. This gave each declarer the key to finding the winning play. If West had both top diamond honors and reasonable clubs, East probably held the spade

king. So, South won trick two with dummy's heart king and immediately played the ace and another spade. A moment later, dummy's diamond suit provided a winner on which declarer's heart loser could be thrown.

Robb Gordon did better, leading his singleton at trick one. Thinking this placed a top diamond honor in the East hand, South won with dummy's heart king, cashed the club ace, played a club to his king and finessed the spade queen. However, Linda, East, produced the king, gave her husband a heart ruff, and the two diamond winners defeated the contract.

This gave the Gordons 24.5 matchpoints out of 25. And they became only the second married couple to win this event in 67 years, behind Jan and Tobias Stone in 1957.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available,

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Opening lead: ♥ 2

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osel
YOUR BIRTHDAY
July 21, 1995

Your desire for adventure and travel could be rather strong in the year ahead. Your chart indicates that you're likely to fulfill these hopes and expectations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It looks as if you'll be luckier for yourself today than you will be for others. Focus on advancing your personal ambitions and objectives. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Follow your compassionate instincts today if they urge you to make sacrifices on behalf of a friend who has been kind to you in the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Any

person with a truly loyal friend can be considered fortunate. You are doubly blessed because you have two pals upon whom you can always call.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not fight shifting conditions or changes today. They may work out to your ultimate benefit and produce unforeseen advantages for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A situation might arise today that tests your faith and belief system. Fortunately, that in which you trust and believe should prevail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today might mark the beginning of favorable changes that will result in material gains. What is stirring was initiated by others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This will be a good day for you to sit down at the bargaining table. You will be cagey enough to get a good deal, yet you'll be remarkably scrupulous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you see a friend in need of

assistance today, don't wait to be asked to help. The gesture will be more meaningful if it is done by your own volition.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) One of your best assets today will be your ability to communicate well with others. Even those who usually have little to say will be bubbly in your presence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can finalize matters to your satisfaction today, especially if you have a specific, lingering problem. An extra push now could wipe it off the boards.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be a rewarding day for you, especially if you're involved in a new endeavor. Your contagious enthusiasm can arouse substantial support from others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be fortunate in financial involvements today. If you presently have something on the back burner that you think can bring in more money, turn up the heat.

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by Leonard Starr