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NEWS DIGEST

BRIEFS

Standoff on missile talks

WASHINGTON — A standoff over proposed negotiations on short range nuclear forces in Europe has confronted President Bush with a crisis that risks a serious split within NATO just three weeks before a summit of allied leaders.

The controversy sharpened Sunday as Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita asserted in an interview with the newspaper La Repubblica that the United States and Britain are to blame for the controversy endangering NATO unity.

The British and American governments raised the problem, De Mita said in embracing a West German call — adamantly rejected by Washington and London — for talks on cuts in short range forces.

Closer to home, veteran arms negotiator Paul Nitze faulted the administration for forcing unpopular decisions on missile modernization and short range force negotiations on the West German government.

"I don't believe that those two propositions can be agreed by any German government in the current political situation in Germany," Nitze said. "This issue is apt to pull Germany apart and NATO apart and I think it's important that we address that issue right now."

Fighting renews in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Artillery duels in the densely populated capital resumed Sunday pitting Muslim militiamen against Christian army units following overnight exchanges in and around the city that killed 16 people and wounded 80 others, police said.

Police said the regulars and the militias pounded both sectors of Beirut and a string of villages in hills overlooking the city as of noon Sunday in yet a new challenge to a recently Arab League brokered peace plan.

The renewed shelling shattered a morning lull after more than six hours of savage bombardments of residential districts late Saturday killed 16 people, wounded 80 others and prompted hundreds of families to flee the city to safe places in southern Lebanon, police and witnesses said.

From United Press International reports

INSIDE

Florida

Schools are overcrowded

TALLAHASSEE — A new state study says more than one-third of Florida's kindergartners through third graders are in overcrowded classes, while another study shows more than 30 percent in those grades fall each year.

A Florida Department of Education study says that as of February, 37 percent of children up to grade three were in classes of more than 25 students.

Educators believe that with small children, learning trails off in classes of more than 25 students.

The department's study found 8,068 primary classrooms with more than 25 pupils and 768 with more than 30.

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Sports

Four Lady Rams to state finals

Lake Mary will send four girls to the state finals this week at Showalter Field in Winter Park with high hopes of bringing back a state runner-up trophy.

The Lady Rams are few in numbers but they all turn in quality performances and are state caliber athletes that are capable of scoring highly in the state meet.

"Palm Beach Lakes will win the meet unless they run into some major trouble," Lake Mary coach Mike Gibson said. "After that the meet is wide open for a team who can score 20-25 points. We have a real good chance of scoring 20 points and possibly taking second."

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Sunny and mild today



Sunny today with a high in the low to mid 80s and northeast winds at 5-10 mph. Clear tonight with a low of 60. Sunny and warm tomorrow with a high of 90.

Exercise break for kids

By VICKI DeSORMIER Herald staff writer

At 10 a.m. today, students around the country took a break from their regular routines and stepped out onto the lawns to participate in an aerobic work out and learn about the importance of physical fitness.

The simultaneous exercise program was developed by Lemmy Saunders, a physical education teacher in Montville, N.J. This year his scope was nationwide, next year he hopes to have international participation.

Not too long ago, studies showed that American children were in worse physical condition than children in any other industrialized nation. We were becoming a nation of overweight, lazy complainers.

It used to be that a vigorous work out at school consisted of a little boy chasing his female counterpart around the room with her stopping occasionally to slap him.

Those days are gone for ever. Yes, there have been physical education programs in the schools for a long time, but most

children participated only because it was required.

Today, even the youngest children know they need to lead a happier, happier life. They need to be in shape.

There are special work out clothes designed specifically for wear in schools, and video work out tapes, pedometers for kids only and new youth physical education work.

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports proclaimed May to be National Physical Education Week and encouraged

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Celebrating 68 years

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Even after 68 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Gardner share a kiss at the eighth annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration which was held Sunday at the Sanford Civic Center. Fifty-four couples

married fifty years or more, renewed their nuptial vows. They all received certificates commemorating the event before rounding out the festivities with music and dancing.

Longwood election tomorrow

By SANDRA BOUCHAMINE Herald staff writer

LONGWOOD — A special election to fill the District 3 commission seat left vacant when commissioners voted to remove Carol Odum will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow at city hall.

Two candidates are vying for the seat. They are Perry E. Faulkner, 44, 4046 First Place, and Jeffrey R. Morton, 41, 872 Barkley Place in Hidden Oaks Estates.

Faulkner, who served as commissioner for one term in 1985-1986, ran for the same seat occupied by Lynette Dennis in November and was defeated by Odum. He trailed behind the other two candidates, garnering only 20.2 percent of the votes, with Odum winning 44.7 percent of the votes. His campaign had been cut short by a sudden illness which sent him to the hospital.

In tomorrow's special election campaign, Faulkner reiterates many of the same issues as in the last one. He said that his two years



Faulkner Morton

of experience is more than any number of the present commission. Besides his service in Longwood, Faulkner served as chairman of the personnel administration board in Altamonte Springs.

Faulkner wants to eliminate the one mill tax placed on property used for road reconstruction. Instead, he suggests a "wheel tax" paid by all who use the roads. He said this is the only fair way to pay for improvements.

He criticizes the city for an inflated budget, money spent as a result of

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Hit-and-run vehicle recovered here

From staff reports

SANFORD — A vehicle which may have been driven in a fatal hit-and-run accident Friday was recovered here Saturday morning.

Kissimmee police report Shelly Lynn Neider, 29, Kissimmee, died Saturday night after she was struck by a light blue, late model Pontiac Grand Prix traveling north on

17-92. Peter Simonson, sergeant of special operations, said Neider was crossing 17-92 in the middle of the block at about 11:30 p.m. Neider died at Kissimmee Memorial Hospital Friday night, Simonson said.

Witnesses on the scene were able to describe the car to Kissimmee police, Simonson said. About two hours after the accident, Sanford police located a similar vehicle with

damage to the right front in a business parking lot. Simonson said the suspect allegedly was picked up by another driver at the lot.

It Mike Rotundo of the Sanford police department said, Sanford police located the car in Sanford early Saturday morning. Kissimmee police were notified and they took custody of the car. Rotundo said he has no information

on the Kissimmee accident and does not know the identity of the suspect driver of the car.

Simonson said the suspect is an employee in Seminole County. No other information about the suspect's identity was available at press time.

The case remains under investigation by Kissimmee police. No charges have been filed.

Roadside peddlers' wares regulated

By SUSAN LODEN Herald staff writer

SANFORD — They're a nomadic breed who bring you boiled peanuts, whole seafood and

fresh produce. They're the peddlers who pop up on the roadside by day and disappear each night.

They are the roadside peddlers, bringing you seafood and produce on the wing, fresh from the back of their truck.

Although you can usually see for yourself the

peddlers, the overripe, or the melons, are drawing the county officials regulate the quality of these foods and approve the containers and the circumstances under which they are sold by licensed peddlers.

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Atlantis prepares to land

United Press International

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The Atlantis astronauts replaced a faulty flight computer for a windy Mojave Desert landing today, leaving the \$530 million Magellan probe behind in space on a 15-month voyage to Venus.

Commander David Walker and copilot Ronald Grabe planned to fire Atlantis's twin braking rockets over the southern Indian Ocean to begin the hour-long descent to a dry lake bed runway, closing out a four-day, 96-minute mission that covered 1.6 million miles and 64 orbits since blastoff last Thursday.

The weather outlook for Edwards called for scattered clouds and generally favorable

Today's shuttle schedule

CAPE CANAVERAL — Here are the flight plan highlights of the shuttle Atlantis's final day in orbit Monday (all times in EDT and subject to change):

- 7:47 a.m. — Commander David Walker, 44, copilot Ronald Grabe, 43, Mary Cleave, 42, Mark Lee, 36, and Norman Thagard, 45, end an eight-hour sleep period during their 60th orbit.
- 11:17 a.m. — Mission control in Houston updates the shuttle's flight computers for the upcoming glide back to Earth.
- 11:25 a.m. — Flight director Ronald Ditmore gives Walker a "go" to close the shuttle's payload bay doors for reentry.
- 12:02 p.m. — Atlantis's payload bay doors are closed.
- 12:25 p.m. — The shuttle's computers are loaded with programs that will control the ship during reentry.
- 1:02 p.m. — The astronauts review reentry procedures.
- 1:17 p.m. — Walker and Grabe put on their space suits, part of a post-Challenger crew bailout system. The rest of the crew follows suit later.
- 1:36 p.m. — Walker and Grabe test the movement of Atlantis's braking rocket nozzles to make sure they will work properly.

2:20 p.m. — Mission control gives the crew a "go" to fire Atlantis's braking rockets to begin the descent to Earth.

2:26 p.m. — Atlantis is maneuvered into the proper orientation — upside down and flying tail first — for the rocket firing.

2:37 p.m. — Grabe fires up one of the ship's three hydraulic power units. These machines produce the hydraulic power required to move Atlantis's wing flaps, tail fin and to drop the shuttle's landing gear.

2:41 p.m. — Atlantis's two orbital maneuvering engines are fired for two minutes, 43 seconds, slowing the shuttle by 397 feet per second. This is just enough to drop the spaceship out of orbit for the long glide back to Earth.

3:01 p.m. — Grabe starts Atlantis's two remaining hydraulic power units.

3:13 p.m. — Atlantis falls into the discernible atmosphere at an altitude of about 100,000 feet.

3:35 p.m. — Atlantis traveling at five times the speed of sound at altitude of 12,000 feet off California coast.

3:39 p.m. — Atlantis slows to the speed of sound at 48,000 feet.

3:43 p.m. — Walker guides Atlantis to a touchdown on runway 17 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., closing out a four-day, 96-minute mission that spanned 63 orbits.

POLICE BRIEFS

Man charged with cocaine possession

SANFORD — Willie Charles Jackson, 28, 1309 W. Seventh St., Sanford, was arrested at the Delux Bar on Southwest Road near Sanford Friday at about 11 p.m. on charges of cocaine possession. Seminole County deputies report finding Jackson with an aspirin tube containing crack cocaine outside the club. He was later released on \$2,000 bond.

Man arrested on burglary charges

SANFORD — Ricky Charles Hampton, 36, 1904 S. Summerlin Ave., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday afternoon on burglary charges. The owner of the house at 203 S. Magnolia St. identified Hampton as the man who tried to burglarize his home earlier that day, according to police reports. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Stolen beer results in arrest

LAKE MARY — Lloyd Scott Whitlock, 31, 215 S. Short St., Lake Mary, was arrested Friday morning after the clerk of the 7-11 convenience store on Lake Mary Boulevard identified him as the man who stole a case of beer and threatened her earlier that morning. The clerk said he raised his fist at her at about 3:45 a.m. as he took a case of beer without paying for it.

Whitlock was arrested when he arrived at the Lake Mary Police Department and charged with strong arm robbery. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Many arrested on DUI charges

The following people have been arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated in Seminole County.

● John Russell Letter, 26, 1012 N. Old Mill Rd., Deltona, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol by Lake Mary Police Saturday at 2:45 a.m. on Lake Mary Boulevard.

● Russell D. Lacey, 26, 240 Quail Circle, Casselberry, was charged with DUI, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license by a Seminole County deputy Saturday at 12:45 a.m. at Winter Park Hospital following an 8:45 p.m. accident on Eagle Circle where he struck a parked car. Lacey was treated for a cut nose.

● Gail E. Davis, 32, 109 Newport Square, Sanford, was charged with DUI by Lake Mary police on Lake Mary Boulevard at about 2:30 a.m. Friday morning.

● Edward Hewitt Majors, 34, 314 Rachel Ave., #1021, Sanford, was charged with DUI by a Florida Highway patrolman Saturday at 12:15 p.m. following a single-car accident on U.S. Highway 17-92 a mile west of Sanford.

● Santiago Lopez, 46, of 302 Pinewood Court, Fern Park, at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday on Mattland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, after he was seen driving erratically.

● Fletcher Wade Smith, 38, of Winter Park, was arrested at 1:13 a.m. Thursday after a policeman, who had seen him earlier and warned him not to drive, reportedly saw him driving on State Road 436, Altamonte Springs.

● Margaret Elizabeth Ingram, 18, of Winter Park, at 4:14 a.m. Thursday after her car failed to maintain a single lane and ran a redlight on State Road 436 at Lake Howell Road, Casselberry. She was also charged for driving without a license.

● Jody Ray Foster, 22, of 608 E. Alpine Road, Altamonte Springs, was arrested at 6:19 p.m. Saturday after he was seen driving erratically in Altamonte Springs.

● Eugene Gregory Quinn, 54, of 831 Sutter Loop, Longwood, at 1:40 a.m. today after his car failed to maintain a single lane on Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary.

Alarm sounds, two suspects found

LONGWOOD — Seminole County sheriff's deputies who responded to a burglary alarm at Seminole Honda, 1799 U.S. Highway 17-92, Longwood, reported arresting a man and a 16-year-old boy found outside that business.

Troy Jason Gonzales, 18, of Orlando, and the boy were charged with burglary to a business at 2:28 a.m. Thursday. The boy ran, but was caught and charged with resisting arrest and possession of marijuana in addition to the burglary charge.

Man accused of raping juvenile

GENEVA — A 19-year-old Orange City landscaper is charged with sexual battery, accused of raping a 16-year-old Geneva girl while giving her a ride home Sunday morning.

Juan Ernesto Roque, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies at the girl's house where Roque was held by her grandfather after he brought the girl home at about 3 a.m. Sunday.

The girl said Roque had offered her a ride home after she completed a date with her boyfriend, who is a friend of Roque's. The girl said Roque began kissing and fondling her while they were traveling on Osceola Road. She said she resisted and tried to get out of the car and the suspect got out and dragged her from the car. She tried to escape, but he allegedly caught her and raped her. She said he hit her several times with his fists. After the attack, the girl said, the assailant drove her home where her grandfather held him for sheriff's deputies. Bond is \$45,000.

Woman says husband punched her

SANFORD — A Sanford woman complained to Seminole County sheriff's deputies her husband punched her in the face when she refused to leave the Delux Bar, Southwest Road, rural Sanford, at about midnight Saturday.

That brought a charge of battery-spouse abuse against Robert Lee Perry, 35, of 39 Castle Brewer Court, Sanford. He was arrested at the bar. Bond is \$500.

Bag of cocaine tossed

SANFORD — A man who allegedly threw down a bag of crack cocaine when Seminole County sheriff's deputies approached him at the Delux Bar, Southwest Road, rural Sanford at about 12:11 a.m. Sunday, was charged with possession of cocaine.

Bond for Denzal A. Burke, 26, of 125 Academy Manor, Sanford, is \$3,000.

Arrested for cocaine sale

SANFORD — Sanford police charged Timothy Thomas, 18, of 2019 McCarthy Ave., Sanford, with sale and delivery of cocaine after he allegedly sold \$20 worth of crack to an undercover policeman at the Last Stop Bar, Southwest Road, 18th Street. The arrest was made at 6:28 p.m. Saturday. Bond is \$5,000.

Man jailed in killing of girlfriend

By **BUSAN LODEN**
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — A Sanford man charged with murder remains jailed today accused in the strangulation of his live-in girlfriend early Sunday.

Dead is Jean Marie Fitch, 44, of 206 Krider Road. Charged in connection with the slaying is William John McLaughlin, 31, of the same address at Granada Thoushoue Condominiums.

Sanford police Lt. Mike Rotundo said today police believe the killing was a crime of "anger, or a crime of passion." McLaughlin is accused of strangling Fitch with his hands.

After McLaughlin was captured outside his house and arrested after questioning at the police station at 10:36 a.m. Sunday, he reportedly told police he was intoxicated at the time of the killing, which occurred during an argument "that was a build up of past disputes."

McLaughlin had lived with Fitch several years, in the condo that was also shared by Fitch's daughter Jennifer, 17. Rotundo said the victim's daughter was not at home at the time of the killing. Fitch's parents live in Daytona Beach.

McLaughlin, a 7-Eleven clerk, reportedly left the house after Fitch was strangled. He met his brother Stewart McLaughlin and

allegedly told him of the slaying. Stewart McLaughlin, reported the claim to the Seminole County Sheriff's Department. Sanford police were notified of the crime by sheriff's deputies.

Within two minutes of receiving that call at 8:58 a.m., Sanford police were on the scene. Police reported finding Fitch's body covered with a bedspread of the floor of an upstairs southwest bedroom.

While police were on the scene with the suspect's brother, the suspect drove by and his brother pointed him out to police, the arrest report said.

Sgt. Ron Nance and Lt. Joe Dillard stopped McLaughlin's car at Kader Road and Samra Boulevard. He was taken into custody. Police said McLaughlin

is also wanted for violation of probation in Brevard County.

"All you can say is it's an absolute shock...Especially so close," said a nearby neighbor of Fitch, who asked not to be identified.

The neighbor said she had heard the couple argue before, but heard nothing unusually the morning Fitch died. The neighbor said Fitch lived at that location for about four of five years. Fitch, like McLaughlin, worked at a 7-Eleven, the neighbor said.

The neighbor said the couple kept to themselves. "She wasn't sociable. We would speak. She never confided in me. She kept to herself. I never had a conversation with him. I just said hello," the neighbor said.

Boulevard beautification on Sanford agenda tonight

By **LAURA L. BULLIVAN**
Herald staff writer

SANFORD — The city could become the third and final party to officially approve the Lake Mary Boulevard beautification project if the city commission tonight enters an agreement with Seminole County and Lake Mary.

Lake Mary and Seminole County have approved the interlocal agreement, and are waiting for Sanford's approval to execute the beautification plan.

City Manager Frank Fatson has prepared a revision of a proposed interlocal agreement between the city, Lake Mary and Seminole County for the com-

mission to review tonight.

Fatson's revision provides that a local option gas tax, if passed on referendum, would fund city and county obligations to the project. Sanford's part would not be due until two years prior to construction of the 2-mile segment between Country Club Road and U.S. 17-92, according to the amended agreement.

Fatson divided approval of the project into three items: concept, interlocal agreement and funding.

Fatson has recommended approval of the amended agreement, then decision on funding during budget work sessions. The city's contribution to the project could be slated in the city's Capital Improvement Program for the years when construction is anticipated, he said in a remark on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

In the initial agreement, Sanford's contribution was estimated at \$898,000. A revised schedule of costs reviewed by the commission last week reduced the estimate to \$209,000.

History group meets tomorrow

LONGWOOD — The Central Florida Society for Historical Preservation will have its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Bradlee/McIntyre House, 130 W. Warren St., Longwood.

Chalmar Yielding and Steve Provost of the architect and engineering firm of Yielding and Provost will speak about the progress made in the documentation of the history of the houses in the Historic District of Longwood. Their work is sponsored by the Longwood City Council.

The meeting is open to the public.

Man sentenced

SANFORD — Sentenced in Seminole County Circuit Court Friday after pleading guilty to driving while under the influence of intoxicants was:

● Mark E. Duty, 32, of 294 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Lake Mary, who was arrested Jan. 16 after his vehicle was clocked traveling 62 miles per hour in a 50 mph zone on Lake Mary Blvd. He was fined \$250, placed on one-year probation, ordered to perform 50 hours of community service, and his drivers license was suspended for six months.

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EMERGENCY CALLS

- SUNDAY**
● 12:41 a.m. — 1100 W. 13th St., medical call, woman, 35, transported to Central Florida Regional Hospital.
● 3:42 a.m. — 18 Cowan Moughton, trauma, woman, 42, not transported.
● 4:20 a.m. — 219 Hayes Dr., medical call, woman, 46, transported.
● 6:15 a.m. — 2541 Magnolia Ave., medical call, woman, 62, not transported.
● 4:18 p.m. — 500 Airport Blvd., trauma, girl, 62, not transported.
● 4:33 p.m. — Live Oak and Master Cove Road, discarded mattress burning.
● 4:42 p.m. — First Street and Locust Avenue, false alarm.
● 8:58 p.m. — 3770 S. Orlando Dr., trauma, boy, 1, not transported.
● 11:53 p.m. — 2614A Iroquois Ave., medical call, woman, 31, not transported.

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EDITORIALS

Sanford should OK beautifying Lake Mary Blvd.

The Sanford City Commission is teetering on the precipice of a golden opportunity to invest in the future of Sanford, Lake Mary and all of northern Seminole County.

At issue is whether the city should approve an interlocal agreement with Seminole County and Lake Mary to beautify nearly eight miles of Lake Mary Boulevard.

City Manager Frank Falson says the question can be broken into two parts: first is the approval, or not, of the concept of beautification, followed by whether and how to pay for it.

The issue again is before the City Commission tonight. The time has come for commissioners to rise to the occasion by approving at least the concept now, if not the financing.

To further delay, or to refuse to participate in the project, which has been the object of substantial public support, would risk plunging a new spirit of cooperation and hope for the future in northern Seminole County into an abyss of uncertainty. Worse, such penny-wise, pound-foolish thinking would further isolate Sanford from the benefits of regional approaches to urban problems, but not insulate it from those inexorable forces of change.

Lake Mary Boulevard extends from Markham Woods Road on the west to Sanford Avenue on the east, and at some point traverses Sanford, Lake Mary and Seminole County along Sanford's southern edges. The boulevard is one of three Sanford-area exits from Interstate 4, the heaviest-traveled road into and out of the Sanford-Lake Mary area.

Beautification would bring a center divider with trees and landscaping and, along both sides, special zoning controls including building setbacks and sign restrictions, and more trees and landscaping. Beautification would occur as the two-lane road is widened to four lanes, a project that already has been authorized. Sanford's share of the beautification of the easterly portions of the road under its jurisdiction would amount to several hundred thousand dollars by the time the money would have to be paid; the first payments would be due in about five years when the widening reaches the city's portions of the road.

Lake Mary and the county have approved their participation in the project. Only Sanford's official participation remains in doubt. A majority of Sanford's commissioners have said they like the concept of beautification, including its application to other so-called community gateways in Seminole County.

However, there is considerable concern about whether Sanford would benefit enough from its share of the cost.

On one side of the debate, which has lurched from one Sanford commission meeting to another without resolution, is Commissioner Whitey Eckstein, who calls the project visionary and who contends Sanford would reap considerable benefit. On the other side is Commissioner A.A. McClanahan who calls the project a gateway only to the exclusive Heathrow community and Lake Mary. Other gateways to Sanford, such as State Route 46 and U.S. 17-92 - the area's other two I-4 exits - are more important to the city, he contends.

Both commissioners are closer to being right than they are to being wrong and Mayor Betty Smith appears, rightly, to be seeking common ground from which all the commissioners could launch their support for the project.

Beautiful gateways to an area help to set the tone for the quality of life there. Aesthetics and first impressions are important in assessing that quality of life. Quality of life is important in attracting new residents and the business and industry needed for jobs and a sound tax base.

Sanford should not be the obdurate obstacle that trips up the cooperative project just because Lake Mary's officials had the foresight and took the initiative to act first.

Sanford officials, who no doubt are genuinely concerned about the city's well-being, and who have advanced some worthwhile concepts and projects of their own, should support their neighboring-city officials' foresight and actions by giving a boost to the Lake Mary Boulevard project.

Then, Sanford officials should rededicate themselves to other creative and visionary ways to continue to improve the city's other gateways and its control over its own destiny.

ARNOLD SAWISLAK

Two of democracy's toughest problems

WASHINGTON - Flaring controversies over abortion and the death penalty remind us that some disagreements in our society run so deep that they seem beyond the reach of democratic compromise.

Abortion was legalized and the death penalty outlawed by the courts during the 1960s and 1970s. But those decisions, hailed by liberals as a triumph of progressivism, did not settle the questions.

Feelings continued to run so high on both issues that the death penalty was reinstated for some specific crimes and abortion remained as a volatile element in the legislative, judicial and political arenas. Even now, the Supreme Court is considering a case that could make abortion a crime again.

Both of these issues reflect basic values of right and wrong for many people.

The biblical concept of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," is the first remedy many people think of in response to violent crimes such as the wolfpack attack on a jogger in New York's Central Park, even though it would not have been a death penalty crime unless the victim died. Others view the death penalty as a savage response to savage behavior.

The idea that artificially ending a pregnancy constitutes murder is fervently supported by

anti-abortionists, while the concept of a government requiring a pregnant woman to give birth outrages those who support the current legal status of abortion.

In its 1973 decision legalizing abortion in the early stages of pregnancy, the Supreme Court sought a compromise position, but it failed to quiet the concerns of anti-abortionists.

And it is a good guess if the court now tries to finesse the legalization question at the national level by returning the abortion issue to the states, it will provoke a roar of protest from those who support legal abortions.

These certainly are not the first seemingly intractable controversies to face the United States in its two century history. One was slavery, which in part caused the bloodbath of the Civil War, and another was the consump-

tion of alcohol, which brought on one of the most lawless eras in the nation's history.

Slavery was ended by the defeat of the Confederacy, but it was another century before American blacks were able to move toward significant political and economic equality. While no one seriously defends slavery now, progress in dealing with the underlying problems of racial relations has been slow.

As for liquor, the 1919-1932 Prohibition era, which followed decades of zealous anti-booze campaigning by lay and religious groups, caused such chaos and crime that the country finally decided the cure was worse than the ailment.

The compromise that accompanied repeal of Prohibition was to forbid liquor to children and adolescents, but even that was eased in many places during the nation's fling with cultural liberalism.

And the problem of alcohol abuse, which also was not solved by Prohibition, remains with us. In one way or another, booze kills more Americans than all but a few other causes.

This is a bad news-good news situation. The bad news is that we haven't found universally accepted solutions to racism, alcohol abuse, birth control and violent crime despite many decades of effort. The good news is that some progress has been made and we're still trying.



Both these issues reflect basic values



ELLEN GOODMAN

Where will the state stop?

BOSTON - There were no windows in the chambers of the Supreme Court. The justices there were buffered from the sights and sounds of the street, where rights were being defended with such inelegant phrases as "Two, Four, Six, Eight, You Can't Make Us Procreate."

Inside, the argument last Wednesday was cast with far more restraint, far more dignity. But there was drama when Charles Fried took the floor saying, "Today the United States asks this Court to reconsider and overrule its decision in Roe v. Wade."

As the spectators tried to read the lips and minds of the justices there followed a seminal exchange between Fried and Sandra Day O'Connor, the justice who may be pivotal in this case. "Do you say there is no fundamental right to decide whether to have a child or not?" O'Connor asked Fried.

He answered hesitantly and she pursued. What if, she said, in a future century, we had a serious overpopulation problem. Does the state have a right to require abortions?

This was not some trick hypothetical question that professors use to trip up first-years students. It went to the heart of the matter. The government wants the Court to "reconsider" who has the right to decide the question of abortion: The woman or the state. If it's the state, she asked, couldn't a legislature that disallowed abortion today force it tomorrow?

Fried's response was as quick as it was obtuse. There is a difference, he insisted, between preventing an operation and forcing one. A forced abortion would mean "violently...laying hands on a woman and submitting her to an operation..." A forced pregnancy, however, was what? Nonviolent? Benign?

Such distinction would seem obscure to a woman pregnant against her will for nine months. They would seem specious to the doctor calculating the medical risks of her condition. But George Bush's lawyer saw nothing intrusive in such a pregnancy.

It was O'Connor alone who raised the issue of coercion. Like others who have reservations about Roe and about abortion itself, she had concerns as well about individual liberty. If, as she once wrote, abortion was on a collision course with medical technology, then "pro-life" is on a collision course with liberty.

Indeed, the scenario that she decided is not as far-fetched as it sounds. We do not have to look to the future or to China to see state attempts to control reproduction. We've made our own.

Earlier in this century, there were numerous forced sterilizations in the United States. It

was 1974 before the courts ruled that the poor or mentally incompetent couldn't be coerced into such procedures.

Six years ago, in Massachusetts, a court ruled in favor of a husband who wanted to force his wife into a cervical operations so she wouldn't miscarry. She was only protected from this "violently...laying on hands" by the Roe reasoning of a higher court.

During the 1980s, we have seen as many as 11 Caesarean sections ordered by courts. We have had at least one pregnant woman accused of fetal neglect and had others put in protective custody - protective of the fetus.

Even now there is serious debate about whether a pregnant woman could be forced into testing and treatment for her fetus. There are suggestions among those who talk of fetal rights that the government could constrain a pregnant woman's diet and physical activities, stomp out her cigarettes, empty her wine glasses...or else.

If that is true today, what if the protection of Roe were shattered, and a woman's rights transferred piecemeal to the government? How freely would the state intervene?

The specter of forced pregnancy is serious enough. There is no real need to tap into Justice O'Connor's fantasy of forced abortion to see the dangers of gutting Roe. But pendulums swing. How hard is it to imagine the first financially strapped state practicing coercive family planning? How hard to imagine another group of eugenicists in a state-house insisting that the brain-damaged fetus of a welfare mother be aborted?

As Harvard Law School's Larry Tribe says, "There's no principled way to say that the government can use women's bodies against their will to nurture the unborn without accepting the other serious and totalitarian implications about privacy." While the Court deliberates the Missouri case, it is worth remembering that if you take away the right of individuals to make decisions about their lives, you cede it to the state. And that is just the beginning.



George Bush's lawyer saw nothing intrusive in such a pregnancy

JACK ANDERSON

Iraqi leader nearly executes his own son

BAGHDAD, Iraq - This is the story of a father and son - a story that is unlikely to warm the cockles of your heart. The father, the no-nonsense president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, almost had his son executed last fall. And the son, in despair, almost succeeded in killing himself. Once the heir apparent in Iraq, he is unheard of in this capital city today.

The story of this falling out between father and son has been kept a secret from the outside world. In the upper echelons of Iraqi government, it is a reminder of what kind of man runs the country.

Revelry in the Middle East usually involves guns. It is a little-known fact to the rest of the world that dozens of deaths have occurred in Lebanon after celebrants at weddings and other family occasions fire their guns into the air. Call it the Middle Eastern answer to rice. Except falling rice doesn't kill and falling bullets do.

Imagine the celebration at the end of a war. When Iran and Iraq reached a truce last August, Baghdad rocked and reverberated for 48 hours with the sound of these "jubilation bullets." Iraqi soldiers still on duty marked the occasion by blasting away with light artillery pieces, tanks and even anti-aircraft guns. The death toll from the party, according to knowledgeable sources, was as many as 300, with more than 2,000 injured.

President Hussein wisely announced a new policy - no more jubilation bullets.

Summer moved into fall, and Hussein's eldest son, Uday, attended a party. Among others there was the wife of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. At some point, a jubilant young captain started firing his pistol into the air.

Uday told him to stop. There is some debate by those present whether Uday was faithfully carrying out his father's edict or whether he was just playing the bully as he was wont to do. The captain's gun was silenced, but only for 15 minutes. Then, caught up in the moment, the captain began firing again and Uday got serious. An eyewitness told us Uday beat the captain in the head with a stick-like object and then showed genuine surprise when the captain fell to the ground, dead.

Saddam Hussein loved his son and was grooming him as a successor, but Uday was about to find out that his father loved the late captain like a son. He was part of the presidential bodyguard, an aide de camp, chauffeur, briefcase carrier and food-taster to President Hussein.

The president was furious. Our sources say he considered executing his son and then threw the humiliated Uday into jail. The despondent Uday apparently attempted suicide, according to our sources. At this point, his mother, Sadia, begged Hussein to spring her son from jail. She trundled Uday off to Geneva where he was supposed to be part of Iraq's mission to the United Nations. Except Switzerland refused to give him credentials.

After a decent interval, Uday was allowed to return to Iraq this spring. He has not been seen publicly since the episode that disgraced him.

President Hussein has emerged from the incident smelling like a rose, at least among top military leaders and those in the secret service. They know that when push came to shove, their president punished his own son for harming one of their own. That Hussein stopped short of executing his offspring makes him a humanitarian to boot in their eyes.



Imagine the celebration at the end of a war

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Baker heads to Moscow

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State James Baker, during his trip to Moscow, hopes to challenge the Kremlin to come up with action matching the rhetoric of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "new thinking," officials say.

Baker heads to Moscow early Monday for his second meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze as well as talks Thursday with Gorbachev, possibly to discuss a U.S.-Soviet summit this year.

Earlier this week, Baker laid out in general terms the U.S. approach to the Soviet Union, saying he wanted to move beyond the traditional areas of arms control and human rights to challenge the Soviets to follow through on Gorbachev's calls for economic restructuring and openness in political life.

School buses don't need seatbelts?

WASHINGTON - Seatbelts are unnecessary to protect the 25 million U.S. children that ride school buses, an expert panel said Monday, noting that riding in a school bus is four times safer than traveling by car.

A National Research Council committee studying school bus safety said it found that "the overall potential benefit of requiring seat belts in school buses is insufficient to justify a federal standard mandating installation."

It would cost about \$40 million annually to install and maintain seatbelts in the large school buses that make up 80 to 85 percent of the nation's 380,000 bus fleet, the panel said. With seatbelts, the panel said, one life might be saved and several dozen serious injuries avoided each year.

2.2 million injured in violent crimes

WASHINGTON - An average of 2.2 million people are injured in violent crimes each year and the likelihood that a crime victim will be injured has increased slightly in recent years, a U.S. Justice Department study showed.

From 1979 to 1986, an average of 2.2 million crime victims were injured each year nationwide, according to the study released Sunday by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Of those, an estimated 500,000 were treated at emergency rooms or hospitals, and some 350,000 each year were hospitalized for two or more days, the National Crime Survey showed.

Federal aid to city governments declines

WASHINGTON - Federal and state aid to city governments has declined to the lowest level since 1967, providing only about 20 cents of every municipal revenue dollar in fiscal 1986-87, the Census Bureau said.

By contrast, in the mid-1970s, federal and state aid to city governments rose to a high of 32 cents of each dollar in city revenues, the bureau said Sunday.

According to the Census Bureau report, "City Government Finances in 1986-87, federal aid to cities in 1987 amounted to 5 cents of each dollar in revenue while state aid provided another 15 cents.

Federal revenues peaked at 13 cents in 1978, while state revenues reached 22 cents per dollar in 1975, said the Census Bureau, a branch of the Department of Commerce.

Cold in the East; warm in the West

Rain made for a gloomy Monday from Minnesota to Nebraska, while winterlike weather lingered in the Northeast and points south, the National Weather Service said.

In western New York, Rochester and Buffalo set snowfall records for the month of May on Sunday. Rochester ended up with 10.7 inches of snow, and residents of Buffalo dug out from under 7.2 inches.

Although the snow continued to fall in the area early Monday, some of it was mixing with rain or melting once it hit the ground, forecasters said. Still, snow advisories remained in effect early Monday for western New York.

Frost and freeze advisories extend over a wide area from Michigan to South Carolina early Monday. Areas affected included lower Michigan, most of Indiana, western Ohio, eastern Kentucky, most of West Virginia, southwest Virginia and inland areas of the Carolinas.

Rainshowers were widespread from Minnesota to Nebraska, the NWS said, with some severe thunderstorms expected in parts of Kansas and Oklahoma, as well as most of Missouri and Arkansas.

Women mayors to run 3 Texas cities

DALLAS - Voters in municipal elections gave easy victories to women mayoral candidates in two of the state's largest cities.

Incumbent Dallas Mayor Annette Strauss scored a whopping 72 percent landslide victory Saturday. In San Antonio, former three-term Mayor Lila Cockrell got almost 60 percent of the total to succeed Henry Cisneros as head of the city government.

The victories meant the three largest cities in Texas will be run by women, at least until November when Houston Mayor Kathy Whitlire faces an election. She is expected to run for a fifth term.

Congressmen lambaste oil industry

VALDEZ, Alaska - The company that runs the Alaska oil pipeline violated the national trust by failing to protect the environment in exchange for the right to drill on the North Slope, congressmen said at a hearing on the nation's worst oil spill.

"You broke your compact with the American people," Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House subcommittee on water, power and offshore energy resources, lectured Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. officials Sunday at a hearing on the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

"You promised the American people that if you were allowed to get the oil, you would protect the resource," said Rep. Wayne Owens, D-Utah. "You broke your word."

If a feeble response to the spill had been envisioned, said Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., "Do you think any federal agency would have given you a permit for the pipeline?"

Alyeska operates the 800-mile trans-Alaska oil pipeline and the Valdez oil terminal, source of one-fourth of America's oil. Alyeska, owned by Exxon and six other oil companies, is required to mount the initial response to a spill near Valdez.

Political strain over missiles grows

WASHINGTON - A standoff over proposed negotiations on short-range nuclear forces in Europe has confronted President Bush with a crisis that risks a serious split within NATO just three weeks before a summit of allied leaders.

The controversy sharpened Sunday as Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita asserted in an interview with the newspaper La Repubblica that the United States and Britain are to blame for the controversy endangering NATO unity.

"The British and American governments raised the problem," De Mita said in embracing a West German call - adamantly rejected by Washington and London - for talks on cuts in short-range forces.

Closer to home, veteran arms negotiator Paul Nitze faulted the administration for forcing unpopular decisions on missile modernization and short-range force negotiations on the West German government.

From United Press International reports

Cult leader orders own execution

MEXICO CITY - Drug cult leader Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, believing policemen inspecting an abandoned car had discovered his hideout, showered the street with \$20 bills and ordered a follower to kill him, a member of the group said Sunday.

Alvaro de Leon, one of five suspects presented to a crowd of reporters at the attorney general's office, described Constanzo as a man consumed by paranoia and admitted he shot and killed the 20-year-old cult leader blamed for the deaths of at least 15 people, most of them in ritualistic human sacrifices near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Constanzo's girlfriend, Sara Aldrete Villarreal, 24, the so-called "witch" of the cult, was one of the five arrested Saturday after a shootout in a five-story apartment building in Mexico City's luxurious Cuauhtemoc section.

Constanzo and Aldrete had been sought by police in Mexico and the United States since April 9, when the first of 13 bodies were found at the Rancho Santa Elena outside the border city of Matamoros. The bodies of two more victims were found at a neighboring ranch.

De Leon told reporters that Constanzo became nervous Saturday when he saw policemen near his apartment hideout inspecting a car on the street, and when Constanzo saw the police he cried: "All is lost!" and began throwing \$20 dollar bills to the street below. "This money is not going to be for anyone," de Leon quoted Constanzo as saying.

Shouting, "Take this, you poor slabs!" Constanzo then began shooting at the policemen, who returned fire and called in reinforcements.

Deputy Attorney General Abraham Polo Usanga said the officer had been inspecting an abandoned car and did not know Constanzo was in the building.

When Constanzo saw he was surrounded by police, he ordered de Leon to kill him and Martin Quintana Rodriguez, another cult member, Aldrete and de Leon said.

Asked how he killed Constanzo and Quintana, Aldrete pointed to de Leon and said, "He killed them. He was the one that killed them because [Constanzo] ordered him to do it. [Constanzo] wanted to die because he said everything has ended."

"It was finished, and he wanted to die

with Martin. ... He was shouting, 'Do it! Do it! If you don't do it, the circumstances will be hell!' He got all desperate."

De Leon, also known as El Duby, admitted killing the two men.

"I shot them, and I killed them," de Leon said. "I killed Adolfo and Martin with a machine gun after [Constanzo] asked me to. I didn't want to do it, but Adolfo told me that things would be bad for you in hell. They entered the closet, I squeezed the trigger, let off a burst and killed them."

Aldrete insisted she did not know about the cult's sacrificial slayings in the town of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas, until she saw the bodies of some of the 15 victims on television.

"When I saw the things on the television, watching all the sacrifices and all that, I just ... it was amazing," Aldrete said in a low voice.

Asked how she became involved with Constanzo, Aldrete said, "I don't know how I got involved. I just can't express what it is like."

Asked if she was in love with Constanzo, Aldrete said, "I did not love him, but I followed him."

Panamanian election disputed

United Press International

PANAMA CITY, Panama - Pro-government candidate Carlos Duque, a staunch supporter of military leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, ignored opposition claims of victory and declared himself the winner in Panama's national elections Sunday.

"The story of fraud is over," Duque said at a news conference in Panama City Sunday night, citing exit polls carried out by a firm he identified as Intergallup. The exit poll showed Duque winning 50.9 percent of the vote

to 44.73 percent for opposition candidate Guillermo Endara.

Former President Jimmy Carter drew loud cheers when he turned up at a school named after him to monitor voting in presidential elections and declared he was encouraged by the large turnout.

Carter led a 19-member international delegation monitoring the presidential elections that critics charged had been rigged by supporters of de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Opposition vice presidential candidate Ricardo Arias

Calderon charged that even in the largest urban areas of Panama, party ballots were not replaced promptly.

Arias also cited many cases where opposition supporters found their names had disappeared from voting lists and one case of a dead person who voted in the Atlantic province of Colon. He said that voting registration lists were inaccurate and charged that government soldiers may have voted more than once.

The government banned the publication of partial or unofficial results in Panama.

Arafat rejects Iranian death threats

United Press International

MANAMA, Bahrain - PLO leader Yasser Arafat denounced a call from the speaker of Iran's parliament to kill five Westerners, including Americans, for every Palestinian killed in the Israeli-occupied territories.

"I completely and categorically reject this call," Arab news agencies quoted Arafat as telling reporters Sunday at a news

conference at Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia.

Hojatoleslam Ali-Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani made his call for the death of Americans, French and British at a Friday prayer sermon in Tehran. He said if that was done, Israelis "would not continue their wrongs" against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a related development, the

main Iranian opposition group called Sunday for an oil and arms boycott on Iran, saying it was the only way to stop Iran from "exporting terrorism."

Also Sunday, Iran's outgoing President H. Khamenei endorsed Rafsanjani to succeed him, and also backed constitutional reforms that would give the presidency more executive powers, including greater control over the armed forces.

No clear winner in Bolivia

UPI report

LA PAZ, Bolivia - Former military dictator Hugo Banzer, denied the presidency four years ago by Congress, took an early lead Sunday in presidential voting, but it appeared that lawmakers again would be called upon to select Bolivia's chief executive.

According to unofficial vote totals by Bolivian news media, Banzer was leading with 28.9 percent of the 213,000 votes counted. That represents 10 percent of the 2.1 million citizens eligible to vote.

He was followed by mine-owner Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, 58, candidate of the governing National Revolutionary Movement Party and point man for the economic austerity program of President Victor Paz Estensabor. Sanchez de Lozada captured 25.9 percent of the vote.

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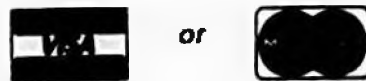


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His spots before eyes said to be tuberculosis

DEAR DR. GOTT: In June 1987, the teaching staff at the University of San Francisco determined that I had TB of the eyes. I still see spots and markings, but I was declared cured after taking 300 milligrams of Isoniazid for over a year. Now my family doctor and two others say they have never heard of TB of the eyes. Will the spots ever go away?

DEAR READER: Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection that can affect many organs, especially the lungs. On occasion, TB bacteria are carried by the blood stream to distant sites, such as the brain or kidneys, where they cause local areas of infection called tubercles.

Although TB of the eye is an extremely rare occurrence, in theory it is a possible consequence of TB bacteria carried to eye tissues. Such tubercles could cause visual distortion. TB can now be successfully treated with a combination of modern drugs. Isoniazid or INH is such a drug; it is an inexpensive mainstay of tuberculosis therapy. INH is safe, but is associated with jaundice and allergic reactions in some patients. It is often combined with Rifampin and administered for several months.

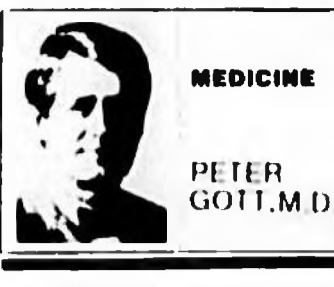
Although medication will usually eradicate TB germs in the body, scar tissue often forms as healing takes place. This is not a problem in most patients; however, if the eyes are involved, visual difficulties may persist. Like your disbelieving doctor, I have never seen a case of TB.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every time I have a cold (with) it seems like every time I turn around I lose my voice. I'm sick of sounding like a frog. Should I have my tonsils out?

DEAR READER: You seem to have a tendency to laryngitis following upper respiratory infection. This can be caused by overuse of your voice or other

infection, smoking and air pollution. Your tonsils may be contributing to the difficulty and, depending on your age and general health, may have to be removed.

However, in cases such as yours, I am more struck by the effects of the environment. See



an ear, nose and throat specialist.

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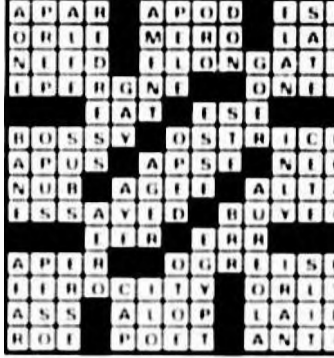
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- 20 Clustered woman
- 21 This (Sp.)
- 23 Paper, newspapers
- 27 Look
- 30 Cowboy gear
- 32 Opposite of with
- 33 Closed
- 34 Common, weary
- 35 Temp. unit
- 36 Class of a church
- 37 Equipment
- 38 Not professional
- 40 Satisfies
- 41 Song words
- 42 Just a sign
- 44 Patient
- 46 Freeway
- 50 Equator
- 54 Map abbreviation
- 55 Unlabeled
- 58 Actress, writer
- 59 Recluse
- 59 Knew change
- 59 Soviet news agency
- 60 Sp. for



DOWN

- 1 Move in water
- 4 Foot
- 5 Inactive
- 6 Radiation measure
- 7 English school
- 8 Smoother
- 9 Author, Anais
- 10 700 Roman
- 11 Look at
- 12 Sensational
- 14 Gout
- 22 Attend
- 24 Dress material
- 25 Wall painting
- 26 Eight
- 27 Hole a lake
- 28 Adversary
- 29 J ___ Hooper
- 31 Spread to dry
- 33 Paper of indistinctness
- 36 Repeat
- 37 Square for game

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 19 Heated discourse
- 40 Taxes
- 41 Walls
- 45 Clump of
- 47 Singer
- 48 Ship canvas
- 49 Let it stand
- 50 Comparative suffix
- 51 Clam genus
- 52 Dog
- 53 Actress, Balm

WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Locant

You're right. I can think that South was overbidding. However, his hand was not good for a sign-off at two spades, and it was not sure how his partner would interpret a jump to three spades. A good agreement to use in response to partner's no-trump opening is to jump in a suit to invite game, and to cuebid the enemy's opening bid suit to force to game.

The defenders quickly took the first three diamond tricks. East then returned the right of hearts and West's poked heart dummy's ace. Not wanting to give more than he had to declarer, he took the AKQ of clubs, shuffling the heart queen, and then led the queen of spades. Everyone played low, but eventually East

trumped with the king.

Declarer can play better. He can cash his clubs, he should lead dummy's spade queen when the 10 falls from the West hand, he can continue with the nine from dummy. When that wins, he can play dummy's good diamond. East discards, and South throws his heart, ruffs a heart, plays a club to dummy and ruffs another heart. When declarer plays his last club to dummy, he is left with A-J of spades over East's K-Q. Note that this line of play also wins when East's original holding is K-10-x of spades, since the play will be spurn, king, ace of spades, followed by declarer shuffling the heart loser on the top clubs before taking a second trumps in trumps against the 10.

SOUTH ♠ A Q J
♥ K Q J
♦ 10 9 8
♣ K Q J

WEST ♠ 10 9 8
♥ K Q J
♦ A K 2
♣ J 10 9

SOUTH ♠ A J 10 9
♥ Q J 2
♦ K 10 9
♣ 7 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

West ♥ Pass
North ♠ Pass
East ♣ Pass
South ♦ Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Oval

YOUR BIRTHDAY
May 9, 1989

AURIGUS (April 20-May 20) Patience and determination will be required in the year ahead in order for you to realize all of the rewards you are capable of achieving. Don't be overwhelmed by insignificant setbacks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone with opposing views might try to intimidate you today in order to win their way. If you respond just as firmly, this person will back off. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The AstroGraph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A situation that presently appears to be unprofitable can be rectified if you take a more imaginative approach. Get out of the rut today and be a bit more adventurous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you run into opposition today

don't attempt to meet it head on. You'll be able to work things out to everyone's mutual benefit through diplomacy and tact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unfortunately, your initial tendencies today might incline you to attempt to do things the hard way. Look for paths of least resistance, not pitfalls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let your pleasurable interests usurp time and attention that should be devoted to your more serious concerns. If you play today, you'll have to pay later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Resistance you encounter today could be caused from self-centered appraisals of situations. If you broaden your concerns to include others, conditions will improve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you and your mate may take diametrically opposing positions, neither will want to yield. Someone will eventually have to compromise, so for the sake of peace, let it be you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A venture in which you are

presently involved could require far more resources than you have at your disposal. Start looking around for a well-heeled ally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A situation that you're likely to anticipate negatively today could turn out much more pleasantly than you think possible. Try looking for sunshine instead of shadows.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A responsibility that presently concerns you could be alleviated to some degree today. However, you may still have to deal with its remnants later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your wishes are in conflict with the wishes of the majority of your peers today, it may be better to adjust your thinking than to attempt to adjust theirs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you feel you are owed some special remuneration or benefit where your work is concerned, speak up and ask for it today. It is not likely to be given to you voluntarily.

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BLOOM COUNTY

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