



Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy, left, presents County Attorney Robert McPherson with a plaque Thursday in honor of his 13 years in the post. McPherson has announced his retirement. (Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

McPherson honored with surprise retirement party

Bob McPherson is saying "so long" to his position as county attorney and "hello" to retirement. McPherson, who is completing 13 years as the top legal eagle for Gray County, will step down Dec. 31 to do "not much of anything."

He was honored Thursday with a surprise retirement retirement party

at Gray County courthouse. Party organizers report that they had to tell McPherson he was expected at a juvenile hearing at 2 p.m. to make sure he showed for his bash. McPherson expects to do some traveling in 1994 and enroll in an intensive six-week class in Spanish. A trip to Alaska also is a possibility.

In the legal field, the attorney reports that he has some civil matters to attend to besides making himself available for some court-appointed attorney assignments. Some things won't change much for the early bird, however. "I'll probably still get up at five in the morning," he said.

Cisneros says he won't leave HUD for Senate race

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros says he remains committed to his Cabinet post and won't make a run for the U.S. Senate next year.

Cisneros testified Thursday before a field hearing held by the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development and reviewed his strategies for improving the federal government's housing programs.

Before testifying, Cisneros again told reporters he has decided not to run for the U.S. Senate seat held by Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison. Cisneros said he wants to continue at the helm of HUD.

He also indicated earlier this

week he would not make the Senate run.

"I've brought people aboard, I've gone around the country and raised people's hopes, told them that this is possible, and frequently they said, 'Yes, but are you going to stay?' And I said, 'Yes, I'm going to stay,'" Cisneros said.

"So, I feel like I'm going to be a person of my word and stay and work and do the job," said Cisneros, the former mayor of San Antonio.

The government has a definite role in providing low-income housing, Cisneros testified, though he stressed that some policies need changing so that federal aid recipients can work toward self-sufficiency.

"No matter what the opponents of public housing may say, it is a critical resource and must be maintained as such," Cisneros said. Currently there are 1.4 million public housing units nationwide.

Cisneros praised subcommittee chairman U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, for his housing efforts and for "a lifetime of staying very close to the people."

In the past, Cisneros said, HUD and its bureaucracy and regulations have contributed to housing problems.

Among the proposals now under consideration is disassociating a family's income from public housing rent so that there is no disincentive to work, Cisneros said.

PEDC to take bids on leasing property for temporary cattle grazing purposes

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

It looks as if the Pampa Economic Development Corporation may have found a use, if only temporary, for more than 200 acres of land it recently purchased from the 3M Corporation.

Beginning sometime before its next meeting, the PEDC's Board of Directors will advertise for bids to lease the 213.8 acres of land it owns to area cattlemen for grazing purposes.

Because of the limited space, however, the number of cattle will be restricted to a few dozen, the directors agreed.

In addition, the lease would require the owner of the cattle to provide watering facilities for the animals, repair fences and remove the animals on short notice if the land was ever to be used for industrial development.

"Personally I would see no reason why we shouldn't have it, considering what income it would bring, until we have in mind a specific interest to devote the property to, provided that we have an understanding with whomever is renting from us that we can terminate a lease on a very short notice," said Bill Waters, the president of the PEDC.

The idea to lease the land to a rancher was first proposed when Nathan Miller, an area resident and owner of cattle, approached Waters with the idea.

Waters, thinking Miller was the

only person interested in leasing the area for grazing cattle, put the item on the PEDC's agenda to be voted upon. When it was discussed, however, Wayne Stribling, the PEDC's secretary, said he knew of two other people who would be interested in grazing cattle on the land.

A compromise was agreed upon when Stribling suggested the lease be open to bids, which the directors voted unanimously to do.

Bids for the lease will be accepted until Jan. 11, two days prior to the next meeting of the board of directors, at which time the sealed bids will be opened.

In other business, the directors agreed to split the printing costs of 10,000 brochures recently created by the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

The PEDC's half of the cost totals \$1,826.

A second printing of the brochure, which will cost the PEDC \$450, will include more information specifically on the corporation as well as general information on Pampa.

As for a prospect request on the director's agenda, no actions were taken.

The request dealt with an area businessman who was looking to move to a new area of the city. The rent of his location now is being increased and he is asking for suggestions of new places to move his business, Waters said. The man's business covers about five acres, is within the city, and must have

access to both rail lines and the highway, according to Waters.

The businessman is not looking for financial assistance, however, said Waters.

Although the directors agreed to consider the request, no one could make any suggestions that would meet the needs of the businessman.

In a report to the other board members, Waters said that he and Victor Raymond, the PEDC's vice president, recently met with an architect from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who said plans for an addition to Ruff Jordan Unit, located east of Pampa, would be done in about a month.

As for other plans for the addition to the prison, which is projected to create as many as 120 jobs, no specific dates have been set, Waters said. However, it seemed generally accepted by the board members the project could be finished by the end of 1994.

In addition to the regular meeting, the board also met in executive session to discuss the hiring of a new director for the corporation.

Bill Miller, the former director of the PEDC, resigned earlier this year to go into private business.

No action was taken following the executive session.

The next PEDC meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13, 1994 in the offices of the corporation at 301 N. Ballard.

The mission of the PEDC is to help attract business and industry to Pampa. It was created last year and is funded by a 1/2 cent city sales tax.

County receives comments from lawmakers on its resolution for English language request

A resolution passed Nov. 15 by Gray County commissioners has received notice by area lawmakers.

The commissioners responded to a request by Los Angeles County, Calif., to issue a resolution designating English as the common language of the United States.

County Judge Carl Kennedy told the commissioners that he received responses from state Sen. Teel Bivins and Rep. Bill Sarpalius in response to the resolution sent to them.

Bivins told commissioners in a letter that he was not optimistic about legislative approval for designating English as the common language in the U.S. because of the defeat of earlier bills.

Sarpalius reported that bills have been offered which would establish English as the official language of the U.S. if passed. His letter stated that he plans to keep in mind the thoughts of the commissioners when considering his vote on the bills.

While the group did not adopt the resolution precisely as presented to them, Kennedy modified the resolution which the panel adopted unanimously.

It reads:
TO RESOLVE, that English be adopted as the common language for governmental purposes:
WHEREAS, the United States of America is a great

nation of people from all walks of life and from almost all parts of the earth;

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WHEREAS, the majority of books, magazines, newspapers and other publications, for both government and private use, are printed in English;

WHEREAS, the majority of television and radio broadcasts are in English;

WHEREAS, a common language enables Americans to participate in social, economic, political and religious communications and share their multi-cultural backgrounds;

WHEREAS, the cost to the American taxpayers can be substantially reduced by using one common language for all governmental purposes, including elections, printed materials, communications, and records;

WHEREAS, a common language helps unite the citizens of a nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of Gray County, Texas hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States of America and the Legislature of the State of Texas to enact and adopt English as the common language for all governmental purposes.

Hemphill County grand jury returns four indictments

CANADIAN — A Hemphill County grand jury returned indictments on four individuals Monday.

Indicted were:
• Ione Mixon, 38, Farm-to-Market Road 1920, is charged with forgery.

Her bond is \$1,500.

• Luis Perez Ochoa, 25, 102 Cheyenne, Canadian, is charged with driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense. His bond is \$1,500.

• Charles Edward Ross, 37, is in Hemphill County jail on a charge of theft. His bond is \$10,000.

• Johnny Lee Watkins, 42, is in Hemphill County jail on a charge of theft. His bond is \$10,000.

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Clinton's choice as Aspin's successor is long-time defense specialist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bobby Ray Inman, the retired Navy admiral chosen by President Clinton to be his new secretary of defense, is a career intelligence expert with a reputation as a clear thinker, firm leader and excellent manager.

Inman, 62, was one of the youngest four-star admirals in Navy history and became the youngest director of the supersecret National Security Agency in 1977. He was chief deputy to the late CIA Director William Casey in 1981-82 until he resigned because of policy differences with the Reagan administration.

He is also well known to some

prominent Washington outsiders. After Inman had returned to private life in Texas, another former Navy man, Ross Perot, used him to get a private message to President Reagan's national security director during the Iran-Contra affair.

His last big splash in Washington was as a staunch defender of Robert Gates, a one-time assistant, to become CIA director in the Bush administration.

Gates said in an interview with The Associated Press Thursday that Inman was an excellent choice for Clinton, and not just because of his extensive military background.

"On top of knowing the business

well, he also is an exceptionally effective administrator of large government organizations," Gates said. "He has almost unique bipartisan support on the Hill" developed over many years.

Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., Thursday praised Inman for his experience in both the military and business worlds. McCurdy predicted Inman would be confirmed swiftly by the Senate.

Inman was a frequently mentioned candidate to be Clinton's defense secretary when the newly elected president was putting his Cabinet together. Inman said at the time he did not want another full-

time Washington job. Gates said he believed it took a job as challenging as defense secretary to lure Inman back to Washington.

He would be the nation's 19th secretary of defense if confirmed by the Senate.

Inman had been widely reported to be on President Bush's short list for the Pentagon job before Bush settled on Dick Cheney. Later in the Bush administration Inman served for nearly two years as chairman of the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Commenting in 1989 on an issue that is even more prominent now than then, Inman told a Senate com-

mittee that immediate action was needed to stem erosion of the defense industrial base.

"I should have put my money into T-bills instead of defense production," he said in a light vein, but advised against legislation under consideration at the time to restrict the ability of the U.S. military to make purchases from foreign suppliers.

Inman is familiar to many Capitol Hill veterans, especially the senior senators familiar with defense and intelligence issues who would be asked to confirm his nomination.

"Admiral Inman arrives as a career naval officer," Cheney noted

Thursday in a television interview. "He knows the department extremely well and I think he already has a well established set of relationships with many of the senior military people he'll be working with."

Inman was president and chief executive officer of Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp. in Austin, Texas, from 1983 to 1986, and then was chairman of the defense contractor Westmark Systems Inc. of Austin, for three years before resigning Dec. 31, 1989.

More recently he has remained in Austin and done consulting work, served on corporate boards and taught at the University of Texas.

Hutchison makes court appearance

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison received assurances Thursday from the judge in her criminal case that every effort will be made to give her a speedy trial on ethics charges.

Mrs. Hutchison, 50, appeared in court and waived arraignment before judge John Onion Jr., meaning a plea of not guilty was formally entered on the four felony and one misdemeanor charges.

The senator, who denies any wrongdoing, sat behind her attorneys, Dick DeGuerin and Michael Tigar, frequently offering them information as they argued several pre-trial motions on her behalf.

The Republican from Dallas is accused of using state employees and equipment during her tenure as state treasurer to further her personal and political ambitions. She also is accused of destroying computer records containing employee work schedules to cover up any wrongdoing.

She contends the case is a conspiracy by Democrats to topple her reelection bid next year. She faces 51 years in prison and fines up to \$43,000 if convicted on all charges.

Two former Treasury aides also were indicted, although their cases are being heard separately.

Thursday marked Hutchison's first court appearance since being re-indicted by a Travis County grand jury Dec. 8. Indictments handed up against her by a grand jury in September were thrown out due to a technicality.

Hutchison declined to comment to reporters as she smiled before television cameras while leaving the courthouse during a lunch break.

Onion, a former chief justice of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals who agreed this week to hear the case, ruled on several defense motions, but made no decision on the senator's request for a quick resolution of the case.

Still, he said, "I assure you every effort will be made to give a speedy trial."

DeGuerin said he would like the trial to be over by the time the Senate reconvenes Jan. 25, "so Texas will have both its senators serving them."

Prosecutors said they, too, would like the court process to move quickly. But they said the numerous motions filed by the senator's attorneys could bog things down.

DeGuerin argued that Hutchison's trial should be moved from Travis County, in part, because the case has received extensive news coverage over the past six months.

He noted that press coverage in Travis County may have negatively influenced potential jurors because Hutchison's case was mentioned with the case of notorious convicted killer Kenneth McDuff when the original indictments were dismissed.

Both cases were part of more than 300 set aside after Hutchison's attorneys pointed out that a grand juror who helped investigate the cases faced a pending theft charge.

DeGuerin also argued that several key witnesses in the case, including three computer operators at the Treasury believed to have turned in Hutchison, have failed to cooperate with defense attorneys.

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Religion

School tries to have happy holiday under new policy

By DAVID GERMAIN
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WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Students, educators and parents are cautiously tiptoeing around new rules governing religion in Williamsville schools and finding that, for all the controversy, little has changed since the guidelines were enacted.

High school students in the suburban Buffalo district can still dress up a classmate as Santa Claus for a fund-raiser. Jewish mothers can still come to school to teach students about Hanukkah. Students can still decorate a pine tree in the hallways — though they call it a holiday tree, not a Christmas tree.

Religious symbols such as Nativity scenes or the Star of David may be displayed in classrooms, but only as part of an educational unit. Holiday displays can remain up for no longer than 10 days.

Though most of its 10,000 students are Christians, the Williamsville district has a large Jewish population and many Hindu, Muslim and Sikh students.

A year ago, when guidelines were being formulated, school board meetings degenerated into shouting matches over the policy.

Now that the policy is in effect, the debate has largely died down. School officials are still finetuning the rules, but teachers, parents and students so far have seen only minor changes.

"The idea is to make the schools less oppressive to those who are not in the majority religion," said Francis Murphy, school superintendent. "Why should a Muslim student coming to school 20 days before Christmas feel like an interloper in a Christian environment?"

The policy bans holiday gift exchanges in classrooms, a rule that has miffed some students and parents accustomed to trading presents for Christmas or Hanukkah. At a fourth-grade holiday party, candy canes — supposedly a representation of the staffs of shepherds who flocked to Christ's birth — were replaced by Pez candy dispensers.

"We've had to put a little more thought into everything that goes on for the holidays," said Suzanne Tozer, a parent who helped organize the party.

"I have nothing against my son playing 'Jingle Bells' or some of the Christmas festivities in the school," said Kailash Chadha, a Hindu who supports the policy. "At the same time, I don't want my children being taught Christianity in the classroom."

If you're in the minority, why should you be exposed to that?"

Troubled by such questions, teachers often leave religion out of lessons for fear they might violate U.S. Supreme Court rulings on the separation of church and state.

Like Williamsville, school boards around the country have adopted policies to give teachers guidelines on how to deal with religion.

"Religion is a fact of life, it's a fact of our culture, and I think that teaching that ignores religion is poor teaching," said Charles Kniker of the National Council on Religion and Public Education.

The Williamsville policy is intended to allow instruction about religion as a cultural influence, with lessons balanced among Christianity, Judaism, Islam and other faiths.

"No school system is seriously going to ban all discussion of religion. That goes too far, and good educators know that," said Robert Boston of the group Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "Williamsville is leading the way. It's a good source for model policies for other schools."

But a year ago, many Williamsville parents viewed the policy as a total ban on religion, along with such secular trappings as Halloween pumpkins or Easter eggs. At the height of the debate, a protester dressed up as Santa Claus and held a sign accusing the school board of taking Santa out of Christmas.

In anticipation of the policy last year, one high school eliminated holiday music from its winter concert, substituting Walt Disney songs.

Alan Garrow, a school board member who voted against the policy, said the new rules have taken some of the harmless fun out of the holidays. While Christmas decorations aren't banned, Garrow said he has seen fewer signs of the holiday around the district's 13 schools.

"I feel our kids are being short-changed," Garrow said. "Things like Santa Claus and the Christmas tree aren't religious. Nobody worships Santa, nobody goes to church and worships a tree. They're symbols of tradition. For the sake of saying some children are offended by those things, we're punishing the 90 percent of our children who aren't offended."

Public schools in Madison, Wis., had similar problems with a religion policy adopted three years ago, said Ellen Ostrahaus, multicultural curriculum specialist. At one point, parents were arguing over whether students could paint a deer's nose red



(AP Photo) Lindsay Berman, left, uses the shamash candle to light the second candle of the Jewish Hanukkah Menorah that her mother, Jill, holds during a demonstration for Lindsay's kindergarten class at Hiem Elementary School on Dec. 9, in Williamsville, N.Y.

because it might resemble Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, she said. The debate was equally trivial in Williamsville, where school board meetings deteriorated into petty

feuds between parents. "Our parents became such bad examples, screaming at each other, yelling vulgar remarks," said high school senior Anita Misra, a Hindu student.

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GATT's road in Congress may be easier than NAFTA's

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is likely to give the new global trade agreement a warmer reception next year than it gave to the North American Free Trade Agreement, President Clinton and lawmakers say. A key NAFTA foe said Thursday the new pact moves the nation "in the right direction."

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which negotiators completed Wednesday, would lower commercial barriers among 116 countries, including most of the developed world.

NAFTA linked the U.S. and Canadian economies to Mexico's, and some worried it would prompt U.S. companies to move jobs to Mexico, where wages are lower.

House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt, who bucked his president and opposed NAFTA, emerged from a congressional leadership meeting with the president Thursday with kind words for the global trade deal.

"I think there are some concerns a number of us will have, but I think they are concerns that are solvable," he told reporters. "What has been done moves the entire world and, most important, the United States in the right direction" by dropping tariffs and opening markets to U.S. goods.

He said NAFTA required the mingling of three economies, raising environmental and labor concerns that are not as great in the world deal.

Gephardt said some lawmakers are concerned about how the accord will change laws allowing the U.S. to force better access to other markets.

Gephardt made the remarks as his colleagues expressed optimism about GATT's chances.

"It's far more difficult to conjure up the image of lost jobs ... because there are so many developed countries included," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the Senate trade subcommittee chairman, said in an interview. "The administration won't have near the difficulty it had with NAFTA."

House Ways and Means Com-

mittee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., said the pact would create "a larger and healthier international economy."

Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., who chairs the panel's trade subcommittee, also praised it as "a big advantage to us" because of the lowered barriers against U.S. service industries and agricultural products.

When Clinton was asked if he expected GATT to run into the problems NAFTA did, he replied, "No."

Lawmakers are expected to begin considering GATT as early as mid-April. Leaders hope for approval by summer.

Congress approved NAFTA last month after heavy lobbying by the Clinton administration rescued the measure in the House. Most Democrats opposed the agreement, but strong Republican support helped push the measure through the House by a 234-200 vote. The Senate approved it easily, 61-38.

On Wednesday, hours after negotiators completed the 550-page GATT deal, many lawmakers

and organizations said it was too early to take a position.

"I will evaluate the agreement by one standard — whether it is in the best interests of the United States and its workers," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., whose panel oversees trade issues and who opposed NAFTA, said he would have to study the pact.

But in a possible indication that the agreement's prospects were good, one opponent, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., predicted passage. Hollings believes the deal would hurt his state's textile industry.

"They'll fix the votes, just like they did on NAFTA," he said.

Organized labor fiercely opposed NAFTA for fear of losing American jobs.

AFL-CIO officials said Wednesday they would not take a position on GATT until they had examined the deal.

But Rex Hardesty, spokesman for the labor federation, said he

believed some unions might soften their opposition to the global agreement because it would ease U.S. trade with other economic powerhouses, not simply a poor country like Mexico.

"Some of those countries are building over here" in American factories that create American jobs, said Hardesty.

Lawmakers agreed that opposition and support again would cut across party lines and members would base their decisions on GATT's impact on local industries and unions, as well as on the environment.

As it did with NAFTA,

Congress has approved a debate on GATT that blocks amendments.


Clinton must sign the agreement by April 15. Congressional committees write drafts of what they would like the implementing legislation to say, but the actual implementing legislation will be submitted by Clinton after April 15. Congress will have 90 business days to approve or defeat it.

If any deadlines are missed, the procedure protecting the measure from amendments would be dropped, and the agreement would be in jeopardy.

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Trade deficit stabilizes despite an increased gap with Japan

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After deteriorating through the spring and summer, the U.S. trade deficit stabilized in October despite the largest gap with Japan in nearly seven years.

The difference between what Americans sold overseas and what they purchased from abroad narrowed by 1.6 percent to \$10.5 billion, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

The modest improvement came even though the deficit with Japan jumped 14 percent to \$6.1 billion, the largest since November 1986.

Overall in October, a 3.2 percent increase in exports to a record \$40.1 billion outweighed a 2.1 percent rise in imports to \$50.6 billion, also a record.

According to economists, slumps in Europe and Japan have cut exports while the moderate improvement in the U.S. economy has increased Americans' appetite for foreign goods.

"We will continue to grow faster so there's probably going to be more trade deterioration in 1994," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch.

"Once you get a more solid recovery taking hold everywhere, you'll begin to see our trade deficit start shrinking again, probably in 1995," he said.

Meanwhile, a separate report from the Labor Department found that 7,000 fewer Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week than the week before.

A seasonally adjusted 330,000 people claimed benefits during the week ended Dec. 11. A less-volatile four-week moving average of claims declined by 2,000 to a nine-week low of 332,000. The numbers were taken as signs of continued, although irregular, improvement in the job market.

Trade was one of the few strong components of the American economy during the 1990-91 recession, but it has turned into an economic drag this year.

For the first 10 months of the year, the trade gap is running at an annual rate of \$117.8 billion, far higher than last year's \$84.5 billion. That puts the United States on track for its worst trade performance since 1988.

Biggest counties got the biggest bucks

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's biggest counties got the biggest slices of the state spending pie, Comptroller John Sharp reports.

In a study issued Thursday, Sharp said that during the budget year ending Aug. 31, the state spent \$33.7 billion on goods and services for

Texas residents in all 254 counties. "The counties that ranked the highest in state expenditures are, naturally, those which are the most populous," he said.

That included Harris, which got \$4.6 billion; Travis, \$3.4 billion; Dallas, \$2.55 billion, and Bexar, \$2.2 billion.

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- Severely
- Eternally
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- Fish eggs
- Chaney
- Part of pedestal

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- Flowers
- Algerian seaport
- Low area
- Roosevelt state
- Cow's
- Stomach
- Made do with
- Plot of soil
- Disguised merry-maker
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- Pout
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- Acknowledge frankly
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your desires for material accumulation could be rather strong today, but you won't be looking for something for nothing. You'll be truly entitled to what you get.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In addition to your aptitude for detail today, you'll also have another dimension that should serve you well. It's your ability to see something in its entirety.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be overly anxious today regarding matters that affect your material well being. What's presently stirring will make you feel pretty secure when revealed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might be required to make a decision that affect others as well as yourself and could have far reaching effects. Fortunately, your judgment should be more astute than usual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Go all out today, because your efforts will not go unacknowledged by persons who are pertinent to your present plans. Once you gain their respect, they will become allies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and today you might be a bit surprised when someone you thought disliked you starts doing everything your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something in which you're presently involved could produce a much larger payoff than you anticipate. Start examining this endeavor from a more optimistic base.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Generally speaking, you should be able to get along rather well with just about everyone today. However, you are likely to be more dynamic dealing with people on a one-to-one basis.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Materially and financially your prospects continue to look encouraging. Today, however, your rewards may come only from special work or service you perform.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons you know socially could prove to be rather lucky for you today, especially in situations where you need their help to open doors you can't on your own.

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