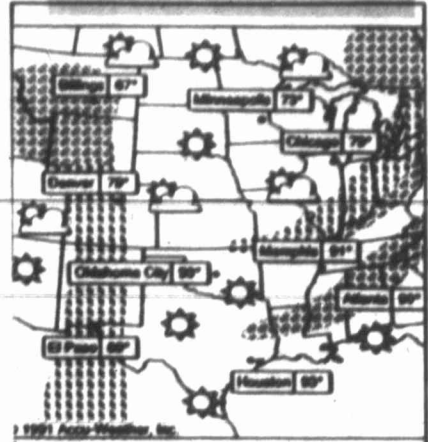




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## Azerbaijan Single candidate bribes voters with food

MOSCOW (AP) — A former Communist Party stalwart appeared headed for an overwhelming victory today as the only candidate in Azerbaijan's first popular presidential election. Opposition leaders rejected the balloting.

The election, the first since the coup and the sweeping reforms it caused, showed just how far some of the republics have to go in implementing democracy.

The republic of Tadjikistan declared its independence from the

Soviet Union, the independent Interfax news agency said. The move by Tadjik lawmakers made the Central Asian republic the 11th Soviet republic to take the step.

The declaration was largely symbolic, given the decision by national and republican lawmakers last week to transform the Soviet Union into a loose confederation. Only Russia, Armenia, Turkmenia and Kazakhstan have not declared independence, although Armenia has declared its intention to gain

independence.

Opposition leaders in Azerbaijan said they would not recognize the election of incumbent President Ayaz Muttalibov, who quit the Communist Party only after last month's abortive coup attempt and the subsequent collapse of the party.

Official results of Sunday's election in the southern republic were not expected until late today or Tuesday, but an informal exit poll by the independent ASSA news

agency gave Muttalibov 90 percent of the vote.

The Popular Front of Azerbaijan accused officials of stuffing ballots boxes and stocking polls with sausages and other scarce foods to entice Azerbaijanis to vote for Muttalibov.

Zardusht Arlizade of the opposition Social Democratic Party pulled out of the election to protest what the Front termed "undemocratic elections."

About 50,000 Muttalibov op-

ponents rallied in the capital city of Baku on Sunday, demanding the resignation of his government and saying they would not recognize the election results, the independent Turan news agency said.

Assembling in Freedom Square, they urged creation of strike committees and vowed to demonstrate daily until granted access to the republic's news media, Turan said.

An opposition figure withdrew his candidacy last week and the op-

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### Weather

Highs today and tomorrow near 90. Low tonight in the upper 60s.

Sunday's high temp.	87
Sunday's low temp.	70
Average high	90
Average low	64
Record high	101 in 1984
Record low	50 in 1954
Rainfall Friday and Saturday	.12
Month to date	3.40
Month's normal	2.30
Year to date	16.41
Normal for year	13.52

### Tax rate on agenda of Stanton ISD

STANTON — Trustees for the school district will discuss the tax rate for the 1991-92 school year during the regular school board meeting in Stanton tonight, beginning at 7 p.m.

The chief appraiser will give a report on the tax role and the delinquent tax roll for 1991. Trustees will also consider bids for automobiles and discuss the board members' districts.

### Grady ISD to set new tax rate

LENORA — Setting the tax rate for the 1991-92 school year will be considered by the board of trustees for Grady Independent School District during tonight's regular meeting.

Beginning at 8 p.m. in the administration board room, other items for action include certifying the delinquent tax role, consider allowing a transfer student into the district and consider allowing students in grades kindergarten through fifth to wear shorts.

### Colorado ISD to propose tax rate

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado Independent School District board of trustees will propose and vote on the 1991-92 school year tax rate during tonight's regular meeting, beginning at 7 p.m.

Proposals for the year's budget will also be considered, as well as the tax roll collection, approval of athletic supply bids and proposals to sell school property. District policies and a scheduled band trip will also be discussed.

### Stanton city council to consider budget

STANTON — The city council will have a public hearing beginning at 7 p.m. tonight to consider the 1991-92 budget and to consider the demolition of housing located at various lots in the city.

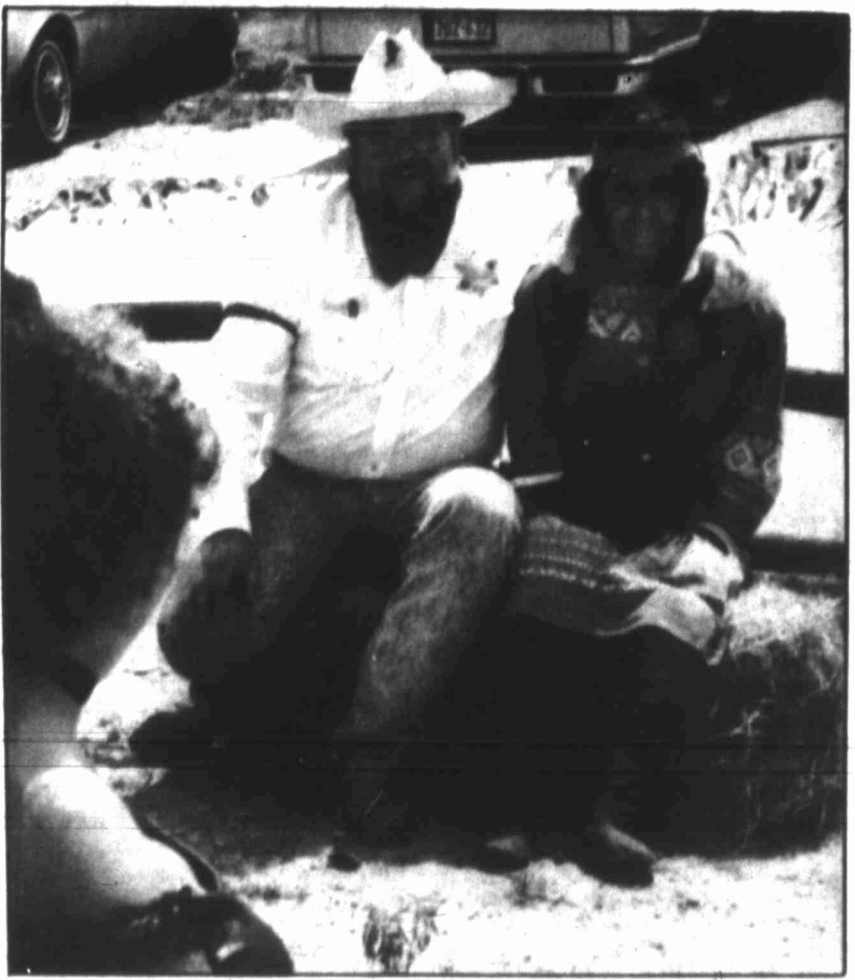
After the public hearing, council members will consider setting the tax rate for 1991, consider adopting a budget for the year and consider the Stanton National Bank water line and annexation.

In other business, council members will discuss requiring property owners to pay a deposit for each rental property, consider authorizing bids for a pickup truck, discuss installing a guard light on Carpenter Street between Convent and St. Theresa streets, consider a Texas Utilities proposal and discuss the police department.



### Juan and Only

Festivities and frolics were the order of the day at the Howard County Fair barbecue cook-off Saturday afternoon, with the "Juan and Only" group from Big Spring providing much of the entertainment. In addition to cooking, Johnnie "Judge Roy Frijole" Hooper serves as the judge in "marrying" passer-byers, such as Tina Hasting and Eddie Money, with witnesses Robyn Drinkard and James Householder in the photo above. During a slow period, Tim Drinkard shares a moment with decoration "Princess Mobeetie," right. The group recently went to the World Championship Goat Cook-Off in Brady, where they won the first place showmanship trophy.



Herald photos by Tim Appel

## Council to consider budget, hear report on police misconduct

By GARY SHANKS  
Staff Writer

The first reading of the proposed budget is on the agenda for Tuesday's city council meeting. Also scheduled is a report from city staff regarding a review of the allegations of officer misconduct tendered against the Big Spring Police Department.

The council is scheduled to adjourn into closed session to discuss "the duties and responsibilities of City Manager Hal Boyd."

"All I know is, the council wants to speak to me about my job," Boyd said last week.

There will also be a public hearing, and the first reading of an ordinance, on the petition to change the name of Hearn Street to Wind-

mill Road.

Also addressed in the agenda are the following items:

- The second and final reading of an ordinance requesting the name of the highway leading to the O.H. Ivie Reservoir be changed to the Ray C. Stoker Jr. Highway.
- The first reading of an ordinance fixing and levying municipal ad valorem taxes and directing their assessment and collection.
- Amending the city code to raise water and wastewater rates.
- Amending the code to raise greens fees for the Municipal Golf Course.
- Resolutions authorizing Mayor Max Green to execute agreements with the Heritage

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## Health care workers suggest solutions to obstetrical shortage

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

While there may be no immediate answers to the obstetrical doctor shortage in Howard County, experts were able to offer some common sense solutions.

Ed Cunningham, chief executive officer for Scenic Mountain Hospital, said he is actively recruiting a new, enthusiastic doctor to specialize in obstetrical care for the hospital. He said attracting doctors to West Texas remains a difficult task, one he's been involved with since he came to the hospital in 1990.

"There are major problems all over West Texas in recruiting doctors. The problem with delivering babies is prohibitive everywhere

and you can't blame that on the doctors. The liability on obstetrics and the reimbursement is so poor that the insurance costs more than the doctors are reimbursed," Cunningham said.

He included tort reforms to control the lawsuits faced by doctors as well as governmental limits on what private medical supply companies charge may work to solve the problems.

"The government should treat everybody the same. The government keeps ratcheting payments lower but supply charges keep going up. The problem is not just with Medicaid, it's with Medicare, too," Cunningham said.

Bruce Cox, a general practitioner.

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## Licensed drivers to be added to jury pool

DALLAS (AP) — Next year the license to drive will carry a hidden cost for Texas residents who have tried to avoid jury duty simply by not registering to vote.

The Texas Legislature recently enacted a measure that orders the Secretary of State's office to provide counties not only a list of registered voters but a list of licensed drivers for use in sending out jury summonses.

"We have people who have refused to register to vote, just so they wouldn't have to serve on juries. We're telling them now, 'Well, if you drive a car, we'll still get you,'" said Billie Roush, jury manager for Dallas County.

But Ms. Roush said counties won't be tapping into this expanded pool of jury candidates right away.

"It's my understanding that this actually goes into effect in January 1992, but that we won't actually be using driver's license information in selecting our juries until a year later," Ms. Roush said.

Meanwhile, there are some kinks to work out.

The state has about 13 million licensed drivers, said Lori Turner, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety. The DPS will supply the list of licensed drivers.

"I don't have it broken down by age, but I assume they'll be looking only at drivers 18 and older," she said.

"And our names are listed by city instead of county. I think that would be a nightmare for someone, matching the cities and the counties. We've got quite a logistics problem ahead of us," Ms. Turner said.

The Secretary of State's office is to compile an updated master list of registered voters in October 1992, the DPS will supply its list of licensed drivers in November 1992, and the Secretary of State's office will merge the two lists and deliver them to the various counties by

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## College students see costs rise

EDITOR'S NOTE — Public colleges and universities took a financial wallop from state legislatures struggling with budget gaps. The final installment of a two-part series, "Costly Lessons," examines how campuses are coping with less, and how the cuts could signal the long-term shift of college costs from taxpayers to families.

By LEE MITGANG  
AP Education Writer

Public colleges are hitting students with the biggest tuition increases in a decade, giving less scholarship aid to pay for it and offering fewer and more crowded classes.

Elementary and secondary school funding largely was protected as legislators struggled this summer to close budget gaps in more than 30 states, but public university campuses were not so lucky.

A 50-state survey by The Associated Press shows that, nationwide, state higher education appropriations for fiscal 1992

total an estimated \$35.7 billion, virtually unchanged from the \$35.5 billion spent by all 50 states in 1991.

Eleven Western and Southern states that weathered the recession better than most are boosting appropriations by at least 5 percent. But 17 others are lowering appropriations, one state's funding remained unchanged, and 21 are raising them by less than 5 percent — not enough, in many cases, to prevent program cuts and higher student fees.

State colleges across the country are deferring maintenance, limiting or freezing faculty pay hikes, cutting back on library, computer and research budgets, and in some cases, laying off non-tenured teachers and administrators.

In at least 21 states, public college tuitions are headed up in double digits, the biggest increase since 1982, when runaway inflation sent tuition and fees at four-year public institutions up an average of 20 percent:

- Tuitions are up 40 percent to

\$2,274 a year at the University of California system after a 14 percent reduction in its state appropriation. Rates are 10 percent to 29 percent higher at Connecticut state campuses, and Florida college students will pay 15 percent more, on the heels of a 10 percent rise last year.

- Mississippi state college rates are up an average of 14 percent, 17.7 percent at predominantly black Jackson State. And at the University of Oregon, fall rates are rising by nearly one-third, \$2,598, from \$1,965.
- City University of New York, which in years past offered free education to generations of immigrants and others, hiked its fees by 28 percent at four-year campuses, to \$1,850. The 64-campus State University of New York had its state funding cut by \$54.8 million and is increasing tuition by \$500 to \$2,150 a year, following a \$300 rise last December.

Fees for out-of-state students are soaring even faster in many

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# Nation

## Thomas faces some hard questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, says senators have a constitutional responsibility to ask Supreme Court nominees about their ideology. But how far they may go is a matter of debate as confirmation hearings open this week on Clarence Thomas' nomination.

Some say the confirmation process has become too political. "I wish it were possible to return to an earlier day when nominees did not even appear" before the committee, said University of Chicago law school Professor Michael W. McConnell. "I think the inquisition is quite unfortunate for the independence of the judiciary."

Others argue that the intense questioning of a Supreme Court nominee reflects the unique role that the court plays in American society.

"The Supreme Court is not simply a tribunal of justice the way a magistrate's court is. It is an institution that makes decisions with respect to policy," said Professor William Leuchtenburg of the University of North Carolina, who teaches the history of law.

For Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and others there is no dispute.

"I don't know where Judge Thomas stands on a woman's right to choose" on abortion, he said.



**Looking great and mighty**  
TALLINN, Estonia — Three men in character as Soviet leaders, from left, Joseph Stalin, Leonid Brezhnev and Vladimir Lenin, perform a "freedom song" during a song festival in Tallinn, Estonia, Sunday. Estonians celebrated the official recognition by Moscow of the country's independence from the Soviet Union.

## Nuclear arms race not finished yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Cold War is over. The Warsaw Pact is dead. The old communist "threat" is gone. Can the end of the nuclear arms race be far behind?

Yes. But at least there's more reason to think it may not end in Armageddon.

Since the early 1950s, when the Soviet Union ended the American nuclear monopoly and the arms race began in earnest, the superpowers have bristled with ever more powerful nuclear weapons — enough to destroy the world as we know it.

The rapid transformation of the

former Soviet empire since last month's failed coup would seem to open new possibilities for reversing the arms race.

Yet it seems unlikely that this new era in global relations will be nuclear-free.

The Bush administration says it's not ready to stop testing new nuclear weapons, much less dismantle more than the most obsolete ones already in the U.S. arsenal. It's too early to make any change in nuclear policy, officials say. After all, thousands of Soviet missiles still are aimed at America.

## Majority of senators oppose new base lease

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A slight majority of Philippine senators today opposed a new lease for a U.S. naval base despite President Corazon Aquino's plan to lead a mass march to support allowing the Americans to stay.

Twelve of the Senate's 23 members signed a resolution today to reject an agreement under which Washington would return Clark Air Base next year but keep the Subic Bay naval base for 10 more years in return for \$203 million in annual aid.

Two-thirds of the Senate must approve the agreement by Sept. 16 when the current lease expires on Subic, located 50 miles northwest of Manila. Unless some senators change their minds, it appeared supporters are four votes short of ratification.

A vote on the agreement is expected Tuesday, the day Mrs. Aquino plans to hold a pro-bases rally. Government sources say the Aquino administration has pressured officials to spare no effort to muster a large crowd.

Most Filipinos are believed to

back a new lease, especially those in the city of Olongapo, whose 300,000 residents depend heavily on business from the nearby base.

But a strong minority in the media, academia and the government oppose the U.S. presence.

In today's resolution the 12 opponents said the agreement, announced in July after 14 months of talks, violates the Philippine Constitution, perpetuates "Philippine dependence on the United States" and does not provide ironclad guarantees of aid.

On Saturday, Jovito Salonga, the president of the Senate and an opponent of the lease, said the agreement was "dead." One pro-bases senator, Ernesto Herrera, said the pact had no chance of ratification unless President Bush offered debt relief before the vote.

Supporters of the agreement claim the country cannot afford to turn its back on the United States at a time when the Philippines faces grave economic problems, caused in part by the eruptions of Mount Pinatubo since June.

# World

## Canadian federal workers strike

OTTAWA (AP) — Bristling at the prospect of a wage freeze, federal employees today launched their first nationwide walkout that could grow into Canada's largest strike. The government threatened legal action.

More than 110,000 members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada were told by the union to walk out today. Picket lines went up at several cities — including St. John's, Newfoundland, and Vancouver — at midnight.

The strike covers employees such as maintenance workers, clerks, secretaries, custodians and parliamentary librarians at government offices around the country.

It was the first nationwide

strike called by federal workers, though employees in essential services remained on the job.

"There will be literally thousands of small operations affected that are very important," union president Daryl Bean said Sunday. It was unclear how many employees were on strike by early this morning.

Treasury Board President Gilles Loiselle, who negotiates on behalf of the government, has said the government will not return to the bargaining table until the union accepts the latest wage offer.

He said he may seek a law forcing the union back to work if the strike gets out of hand.

## Palestinian issue may delay talks

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The crown prince says if the issue of who speaks for the Palestinians is not resolved, next month's Middle East peace conference could be delayed.

"If there is no Palestinian participation, would it be plausible, would it be credible to hold a peace conference in October?" Prince Hassan asked in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday.

In Tunis, meanwhile, a top PLO official expressed disappointment at the responses of Egypt, Jordan and Syria to demands by

Palestinians for strong representation in the conference.

Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee, told today's edition of the newspaper *Al-Bayane* that the conference wouldn't take place unless Palestinians were permitted to freely choose a delegation.

President Bush said last week that turmoil in the Soviet Union could delay the convening of the Arab-Israeli peace conference, which is to be sponsored by Washington and Moscow.

## EC observers arrive amid fighting



**BOYS MAN ROADBLOCK**  
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Heavy fighting raged between Serbs and Croats across Croatia today as the first European Community observers arrived to monitor a tattered truce accord in the republic's eastern region.

In Macedonia, meanwhile, 100,000 people spent the night celebrating Sunday's vote on independence in Yugoslavia's southernmost republic. Although no official results were expected before Tuesday, pre-election opinion polls predicted the vote would be overwhelmingly in favor of independence.

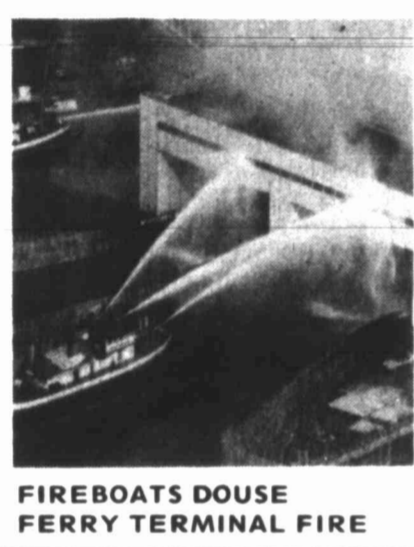
In another development, a leader of Serb rebels in western Croatia was reported arrested in neighboring Bosnia-Herzegovina overnight.

## Suspicious fire damages terminal

NEW YORK (AP) — A suspicious fire gutted the Manhattan terminal of the famed Staten Island Ferry, disrupting service today on New York's biggest travel bargain for commuters and tourists alike.

Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari predicted "chaotic" auto traffic because of the blaze Sunday morning. About 70,000 commuters use the ferry on weekdays.

Limited ferry service between Manhattan and Staten Island across New York Harbor — a 20-minute trip — resumed Sunday afternoon from an adjacent Coast Guard terminal.



**FIREBOATS DOUSE FERRY TERMINAL FIRE**

## Bermuda is off the hook

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane Claudette turned away from the United States and ventured farther out into the Atlantic today after skirting Bermuda.

Meanwhile, the Atlantic season's fourth tropical storm, Danny, formed near Africa.

"Bermuda is off the hook," said Miles Lawrence, a meteorologist with the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables. "The hurricane has already had its point of closest approach to Bermuda and is moving away now."

At 6 a.m. EDT, the hurricane was about 230 miles northeast of Bermuda, moving northeast at about 13 mph near 33.5 north latitude, 61.0 west longitude.

A hurricane warning in Bermuda was called off Sunday evening.

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**NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE**

The Martin County Hospital conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 33 percent on September 6, 1991.

The Martin County Hospital is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 12, 1991 at 7:30, Martin County Hospital Board Room.

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# Names in the news

### Rose building a home

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Pete Rose is building a luxury home in Florida.

The house will be on three acres overlooking a lake in the Sherbrooke Golf and Country Estates in Lake Worth, said development owner Eugene Schear.

"He'll be putting in tennis courts and of course a swimming pool, and needs space for his two horses," the Dayton Daily News quoted Schear as saying Sunday.

The former Cincinnati Reds star, baseball's all-time hits leader, was banished from the game for gambling. He pleaded guilty a year ago to cheating on his taxes and received a five-month prison sentence.



PETE ROSE ELTON JOHN

### John joins AIDS benefit

ATLANTA (AP) — Elton John joined an 11-year-old AIDS patient and thousands of volunteers in the city's first walk to raise money for people with the disease.

A crowd estimated at 18,000 gathered in the city's main park Sunday for the 3.2-mile From All Walks of Life benefit. Spokesman Bob Maxwell said the event raised \$542,643.

"Sometimes I get a little angry about this disease. I wish sometimes that the governments of some countries... would show a little more compassion," said John, who owns a home in Atlanta.

The pop singer kicked off the march with Brett Lykins, a fourth-grader who last year announced at his school that he had contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion.

## Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1991

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** Look forward to sweeping changes at your place of employment. A financial arrangement can be worked out by late fall that will relieve some of your worries. Romance looks especially happy in December. Keep your eye on the future. Independence is near for those who have worked for it. By spring of 1992, you should be feeling on top of the world!

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** golfer Arnold Palmer, actress Fay Wray, singer Jose Feliciano, newscaster Charles Kuralt.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Traffic conditions may not be what you expected. Have an alternative route in mind. Avoid needless quarrels tonight. Strive to balance self-expression with relationship needs.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): It may be wiser to accept a concrete offer than to rely on an uncertainty. Missing out on a golden opportunity could send you back to the drawing board. Redouble your efforts.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Be specific when making an agreement. A close friend may be too negative for your own good. Walk alone for a while. Overseas studies will help you attain a career goal.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Bright ideas can be converted into cash now. Travel speeds up a career move. A new romance gives you greater self-confidence. You could find yourself in the spotlight this evening. Live it up!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Too much of a good thing can cause problems. Back away from a confrontation until you have all the facts. A romantic interlude could set the stage for a marriage proposal. Think things through.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make arrangements to pay outstanding bills and start a realistic savings program. An employment matter can be resolved satisfactorily. Share your good fortune with loved ones. Romance intensifies.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect some delay in finalizing a business deal or personal loan. It could work to your favor. Answer mail promptly. Travel brings you good luck and opens the door to happy romance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make a realistic plan and then see that everyone follows it. Something that was lost can be found. Your concern over a personal relationship is unfounded. Exercise will help relieve tension.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Better nutrition may be the answer to a health problem. You feel more confident and energetic. Your mate or partner wants to open up emotionally but is still holding back. Offer reassurance.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your temper in check and you will win big today. Avoid advancing funds to someone you do not know. Let other people carry the ball for a while. Candid conversations are favored.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Find out exactly what your partner wants. Forgive someone who has caused trouble in the past. Re-evaluating your budget will lead to an overdue revision. A young person feels less tense.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Do not overload yourself today. You will be asked to take on a project you did not anticipate. Your take-home pay increases. Someone feels you have paid your dues. Romance promises new delights.

### DENNIS THE MENACE



### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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