

FIRST PLACE — First Baptist Church was the winner in the church category of the 1994 Celebrate Christmas Parade Saturday. All the float winners in the annual event received \$200. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gingrich to keep confrontational tone

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials don't like Rep. Newt Gingrich's remarks about drug use by aides to President Clinton. But the incoming House speaker and his Republican team have a message for them: Get used to it.

The Georgia Republican defended his earlier accusation that up to one-fourth of the White House staff had used drugs in the four or five years before joining

the staff, saying Monday that hardball politics is a solid American tradition.

"I'm a historian," he told reporters Monday. "Jefferson and Hamilton each subsidized papers to smear the other. Trying to lead America has always been a tough business and even Washington occasionally got hit."

A Gingrich ally, Rep. Bob Walker, R-Pa., also jumped in, saying, "This White House is going to have to learn that they no longer have lap dogs on Capitol Hill."

The verbal duel ensued as giddy House Republicans gathered Monday to crown their new leaders for the 104th Congress, which convenes Jan. 4 under GOP domination for the first time since 1954. They will be making decisions about House rules, committee structure and committee assignments through Wednesday.

Gingrich, unopposed, was chosen to be the next House speaker by acclamation, a selection the House will formally ratify on its first day. Rep. Richard Army, R-Texas, was named majority leader and Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, was elected majority whip, the No. 3 job.

Gingrich promised Republicans would dig right in on their "Contract With America," their campaign promises to cut taxes, pass a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, and pare the size of government.

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Do cigarette labels deceive smokers?

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Would smokers still light up a cigarette if the label said it contained high levels of hydrogen cyanide, formaldehyde and benzene?

A scientist is willing to bet that smokers would take a long look at their cigarettes if the packages warned of those contents — just as many Americans today stop to read the fat content of food they buy.

"Just as putting saturated fat (content) on cereals is an incentive to some manufacturers to try to lower it, ... this could be a basis for further competition for cigarettes," Dr. Jeffrey Harris of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said Monday.

Harris presented a mock cigarette label to a panel deliberating whether smokers are being deceived by the measurements of tar and nicotine printed on cigarette packages that imply some brands are healthier than others.

Those measurements are the only ingredients listed on cigarettes today. Yet they don't reflect the amounts smokers really inhale, and they ignore carcinogens that don't necessarily decline as tar and nicotine levels are reduced, Harris said.

"One wonders whether the lack of that information is deceiving some people," said Harris, who wants cigarette labels — which already carry health warnings — as extensive as the ingredient list on his box of Cheerios.

The panel, convened by the National Cancer Institute at the request of Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., was spending Monday and today debating whether cigarettes are properly tested for their tar and nicotine content.

Under Federal Trade Commission supervision, the Tobacco Institute does the testing by putting cigarettes on machines that take a two-second puff every minute and then measure the residue on special filters. The accuracy of the method is under attack because

machines smoke differently from people, and the panel was to decide late today whether to change the testing.

The FTC method offers an "objective ranking" of myriad cigarette brands that is easily understandable and should be reliable despite people's different smoking habits, said Dr. David Townsend of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

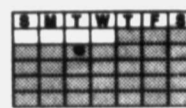
And labeling cigarettes as the government labels food — even if the list could fit on a cigarette package — would merely confuse consumers, he added. Other cigarette chemicals do consistently drop as tar levels fall, making tar a smoker's best measurement of a cigarette, Townsend argued.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-2 (five, eight, two)

DATE BOOK

Dec. 6, 1994



Today is the 340th day of 1994 and the 75th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1898 suffragette Frances Bird-Loughton, dressed in her brother's clothes, stuck a pipe in her mouth and false whiskers to her face and bluffed her way into London's all-male Sparrow Club. She then locked herself in the "loo" for 18 hours, dispensing flyers on women's rights under the door. Her protest resulted in the levying of a 25-pound fine — on her husband.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William S. Hart (1870-1946), actor; Joyce Kilmer (1886-1932), poet; Ira Gershwin (1896-1983), lyricist; Dave Brubeck (1920-), jazz musician, is 74; Wally Cox (1924-1973), actor; Richard Speck (1941-1991), murderer; Peter Buck (1956-), guitarist, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, San Francisco wide receiver Jerry Rice caught his 101st touchdown pass, eclipsing the record held by Steve Largent. Largent's 100 receptions took 14 years; Rice's 101 took only eight.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A song without music is like H2 without the O." — Ira Gershwin

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1968, an intense storm swept rocks and sea water into pavilions at Onakahaka Beach near Hilo, Hawaii. Water reached 150 feet above high tide at Napili Beach and swept into the swimming pool and ground floor of a hotel.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 2) and first quarter (Dec. 9)

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Weekend high speed chase may have involved 20 cars

HOUSTON (AP) — Witnesses say that as many as 20 Houston police vehicles were involved in a weekend chase from downtown Houston to Huntsville, not three as police reported, according to a published report.

"There were officers in all lanes, on the shoulder, driving very recklessly," Kit Perkins told the Houston Chronicle for its Tuesday editions.

Officers pursued a fleeing vehicle for 75 miles Saturday night before the chase ended near Huntsville.

Jose Angel Gabaldon was arrested near Huntsville and charged with driving while intoxicated and fleeing arrest. He was released from the Walker County Jail on Monday on \$5,000 bail.

Perkins says he and his wife counted 20 police cars in hot pursuit of a vehicle that police said ran red lights northbound on North Main Street, toward Interstate 45.

Perkins described the chase as "total chaos."


"People were trying to get out of the way, but there was no way to go because they (police) were in every lane," he said. "They almost hit me. It most definitely endangered the motoring public."

David Hoefelman said he was driving at about 75 mph when "15 to 20 Houston police cars and two Metro police cars with their lights on" passed him going "at least 85 mph."

Police officials declined comment on the complaints.

Happy 16th Birthday Kevin

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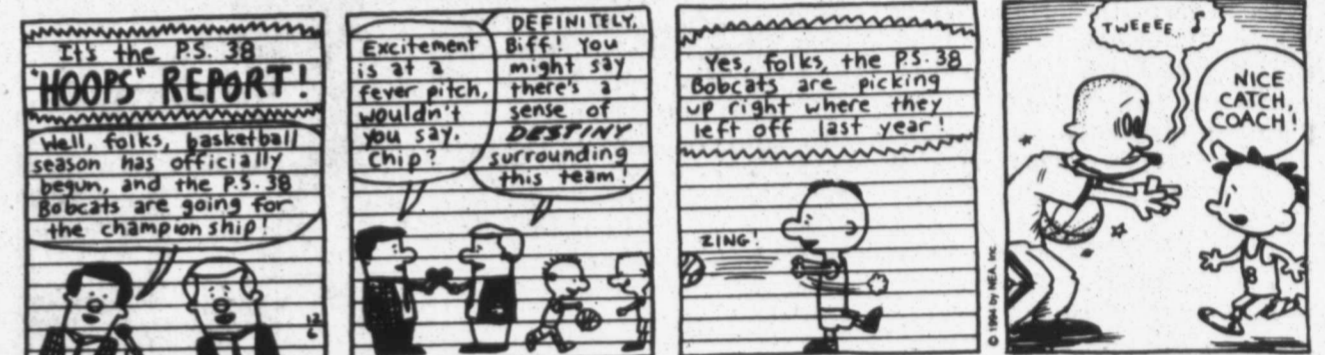
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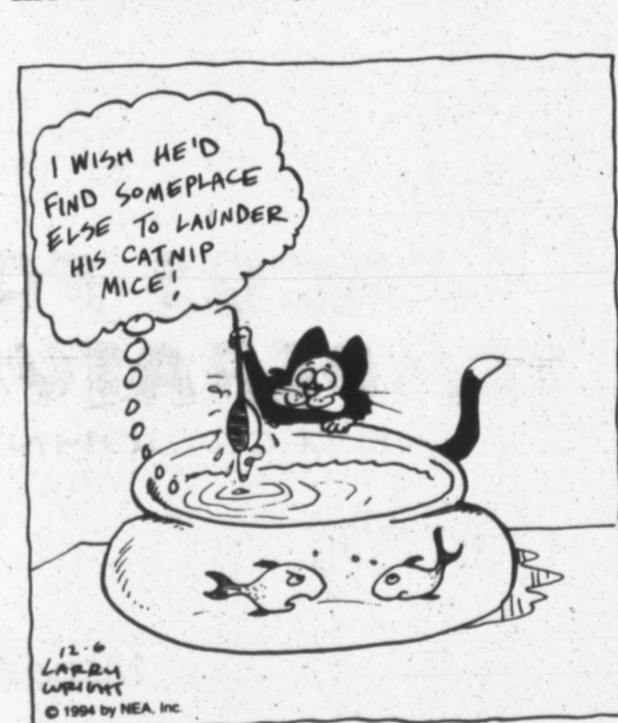
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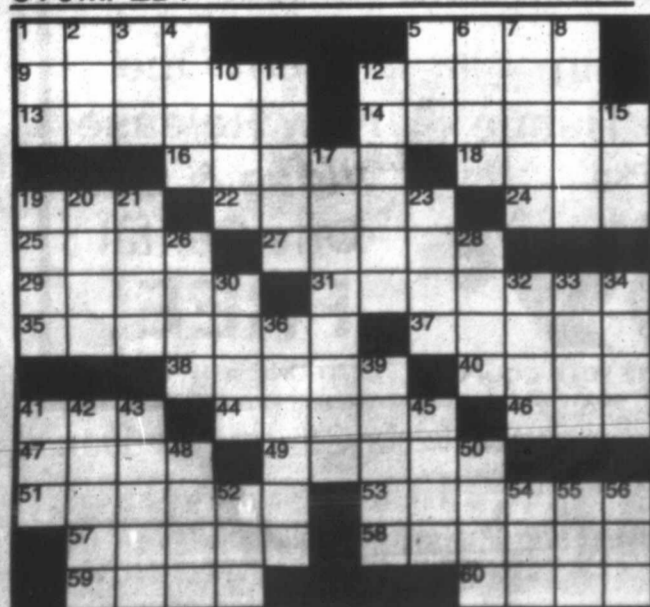
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A CHRISTMAS ON SANTA STREET by Delaney and Rasmussen



Texas executes serial rapist for murdering man in 1981

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A rapist who claimed responsibility for more than 100 attacks prayed and sang a hymn as he was executed today for murder.

Herman Clark, 48, insisted in a final statement that he no longer was the "perverted, corrupt and evil human being I was when I first came to death row 13 years ago."

He was singing "Jesus, I love you" when he gasped and fell silent eight minutes after he was injected with lethal drugs.

Clark was never charged with any rapes, but authorities linked him to 33 sexual assaults after he was arrested for the April 4, 1981 murder of Joseph McClain. He told police the total topped 100.

"It was strictly my way of seeking love — perverted as it sounds," Clark said in a recent interview. "I wanted to experience female companionship."

Clark had a long history of burglaries and robberies and was on parole when McClain was shot in the chest during a 3 a.m. struggle at his apartment.

Clark had locked McClain and a 10-year-old boy in a bathroom and was attempting to rape McClain's girlfriend when she got hold of his gun and screamed for help. McClain broke out of the bathroom, wrestled with Clark and was killed by a shot to the chest.

The girlfriend helped identify Clark — but only after authorities said he had raped at least two more women and forced them to watch as he raped and sodomized their

pre-teen daughters. State attorneys expect to put two more killers to death this week in Texas' busiest week of executions in eight years. Eighty-four

people have been executed in Texas and 255 in the United States since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed states to resume using the death penalty.

Gore makes pig honorary dog to get around red tape

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore took his efforts to "reinvent government" to new lengths when he made a pig an honorary dog.

Gore issued a special certificate via satellite Monday to Harley, a Vietnamese potbellied pig that the Portland, Ore., Police Department uses to sniff out drugs.

Police use the pig during visits to schools but had been unable to secure federal funding to promote him because drug-sniffing money is reserved for police dogs.

Gore said the special certificate featuring the official vice pres-

idential seal would make Harley an "honorary dog."

The privilege also will apply to any future members of the Portland Pot-Belly Patrol, an aide to Gore said.

Harley was in Portland during the ceremony in Washington along with Portland Mayor Vera Katz. His picture was beamed to reporters in Washington as Gore issued the proclamation.

Officials said it was another symbol of state and federal governments working to make the best of dwindling resources.



LIGHTED PARADE WINNER — YZ Industries won first place in the business category of the 1994 Celebrate Christmas Parade held Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Honest, it's true: Oil has been found under Windsor Castle

LONDON (AP) — It only happens to the rich.

Pressured to reduce their public role and cut costs, Britain's royals have been under a dark cloud lately. But now there's a silver lining: oil has been discovered under Windsor Castle, the queen's weekend place.

Seismic studies indicate a small oil field 1,000 feet beneath the 900-year-old castle 20 miles west of the capital. The queen has given Canuk Exploration Ltd. permission to sink a well in her garden to test reserves.

If they're commercially viable, the government will have first dibs on royalties, because the castle is

maintained at public expense. But Buckingham Palace said the castle could benefit, with Treasury permission.

The Guardian newspaper, which broke the story today, said the Berkshire County Council is expected to give formal zoning permission for the test well Jan. 4.

The Press Association national news agency said experts believe up to \$1.5 billion worth of oil lies under the palace — but chances of raising commercially viable amounts may be only one in eight.

The news agency said if enough oil was found, an extraction well will be sunk not on the castle grounds but several miles away,

using lateral drilling techniques.

Still, even the discovery of oil may be small comfort for the palace after opposition-claims that Britain has entirely too much royalty.

Jack Straw, a senior Labor Party official, said the queen should remain head of state but titled membership of the royal family should be cut from about 40 to 20.

In September, a parliamentary committee called for closer scrutiny of the \$31 million it costs taxpayers each year to keep Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and three other royal homes going. One committee member grumbled about the queen's "pampered court."

The governing Conservative Party, hungry for an issue to turn its sinking fortunes, gallantly jumped to the royals' defense on Monday.

"What most astounds me is that the Labor Party throws around constitutional change without any thought," said Employment Secretary Michael Portillo. "They seem to be devising a new policy for the monarchy, reducing the monarchy to some sort of queen on a bicycle."

Alaskan town to try out data dumping trash

PETERSBURG, Alaska (AP) — Talk about data dumping.

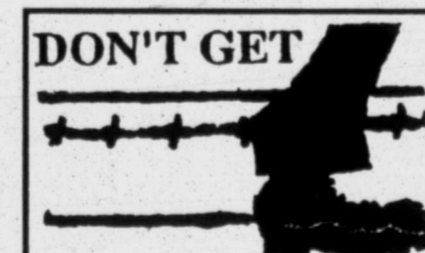
The town plans to buy 750 garbage cans equipped with computer chips so residents are charged for pickup based on the weight of their trash.

A computerized system hooked to Petersburg's two garbage trucks will scan the chip and read the weight when the trash is dumped from the cans.

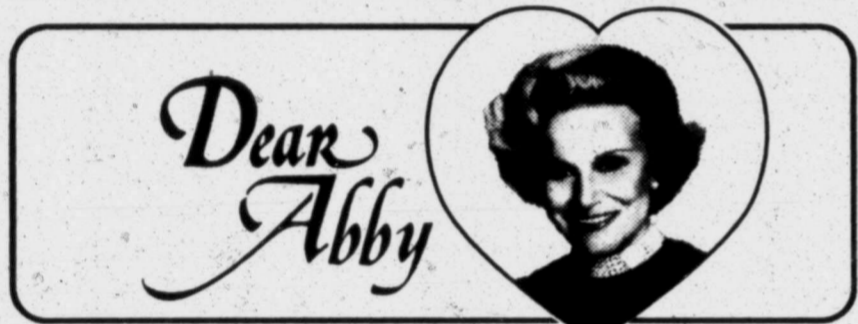
Eli Lucas, superintendent of the Public Works Department, said he got the idea from industry magazines. It will cost about \$55 a can and \$20,000 to upgrade the two trucks in the town of about 3,000 people south of Juneau.

The system should be in place by July.

The town's 750 residential customers are now charged by estimated garbage volume. Lucas said the computerized system will make trash collection more efficient.



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Grandparents Can Give Time To Kids Eager for Presence

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two small boys, and with the holidays rapidly approaching, I'd like to address an open letter to my parents and my husband's parents. I doubt that I'm the only mom who feels this way.

Christmas will be here before you know it, and if I may, I'd like to make a suggestion. Before you go out shopping for your grandchildren, I know of one gift you could give the entire family — including yourselves: time!

Our children are lucky to have four grandparents nearby, and I can't think of anything you could give them that would be more important.

To my mom: I know you really can't afford to buy the boys anything, and that's OK. But you could at least make an effort to drive over once in a while, or even call them just to say hello.

To my dad: I know you're busy, but won't you please try to remember their birthdays with a card, a phone call or visit?

To my in-laws: I know you've raised your children, but please don't think of time spent with your grandchildren as a chore.

All four of you live within a few minutes' drive, yet we seldom see you. You don't need an invitation to come to our place. Stop over and play a game, read a story to your grandsons, or ask them how their day went. Forge a relationship with them now, and they'll remember you when they grow up. Please don't wait until they're teen-agers, and then wonder why they hardly know you.

This year, give your grandsons the gift of yourselves. It's all they really need.

Thanks, Abby. I'm not bitter, just...
DISAPPOINTED IN CINCINNATI

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Now, it's my turn to thank you. I'm sure many people will relate to the message in your letter.

Grandparents, building a close relationship with your grandchildren can be very rewarding. Trust me!

DEAR ABBY: Approximately 20 years ago, my wife had an affair, which devastated me. However, we stayed together, even though I periodically raised questions about the activities between her and her lover.

Recently I started pressing for more intimate details. When she refused to satisfy my curiosity, in order to get even, I told our children about their mother's affair. What a mistake! Now they tend to take their mother's side more than mine.

How can I redeem myself with my children and improve my relationship with my wife?

REPENTING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR REPENTING: It was a dreadful mistake to try to punish your wife by dragging the skeleton out of her closet in full view of your children.

First, to redeem yourself, apologize to your wife in the presence of the children for trying to turn them against her. Next, apologize to your children for trying to poison their minds against their mother.

Then quit beating yourself up. And if you aren't able to shake the guilt that continues to torment you, please consider professional counseling.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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WEST CITIZENSHIP — Sixth grade citizenship award winners at West include top row, from left, Juan Aguilar, Olivia Aparicia, Cary Brown, Shannah Carr, Jenny Chandler, Lacey Crawford, Robert Duhaime and Eric DeLeon; middle row, T'Leah Eicke, Stephanie Ervin, Angelica Gonzales, Jordan Hardin, Daniel Highfield, Kevin Marshall and Jessica Olibas; bottom row, Kayla Phillips, Jessica Ramos, Robert Stanley, Tiffany Sutter, Jonathan Barrow, Kim Vath, Alicia Wittie, Jennifer Bell and Alma Estrada. Not pictured are A.J. Garza, Sandra Guzman and Eric Kelley. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man reweds plastic surgeon in an effort to get out of jail

CHICAGO (AP) — In an effort to be released from jail, a man accused of arranging the murder of one wealthy heiress and swindling others has remarried the woman who left him when she learned of his past.

Richard Bailey, 65, married plastic surgeon Annette Hoffman on April 9 after a whirlwind romance. But Hoffman, who is in her 50s, had it annulled two weeks later after learning from a private investigator that Bailey had lied about his age and cheated several women out of money.

On July 27, Bailey was arrested and accused of having candy heiress Helen Vorhees Brach killed in 1977 because she had learned he was fleeing her.

Bailey was ordered held without bond pending his May 9 trial on charges including racketeering, mail and wire fraud, money laun-

dering and solicitation of murder. Hoffman then agreed to put up her \$500,000 home as collateral for Bailey's bond. But U.S. District Judge Milton I. Shadur made marriage an additional condition of the bond arrangement, saying it would make Bailey less likely to flee.

The couple was remarried Saturday at the Metropolitan Correctional Facility, said Bailey's lawyer, Patrick A. Tuite. Shadur was to decide this afternoon whether Bailey should be released into electronic home confinement pending his trial.

Bailey also is charged with mail and wire fraud in a scheme to defraud women in the sale of show horses. The charges stem from an investigation of show horse killings.

CBS revamps prime time schedule for midseason

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS is undergoing a midseason overhaul, with three new comedies joining a reshuffled prime time in January.

The new series are "Cybill," starring Cybill Shepherd, on Monday; "Women of the House" with Delta Burke and Teri Garr, on

Wednesday; and "Double Rush," starring Robert Pastorelli, also on Wednesday.

Among existing shows, "Chicago Hope" replaces "Northern Exposure" on Monday; "Northern Exposure," "Hearts Afire" and "Love & War" move to Wednesday; and "The Boys are Back" and "The Five Mrs. Buchanans" move to Saturday.

Wednesday's schedule is totally revamped, with "Love & War" and "Double Rush" against ABC's "Roseanne" and "Ellen." CBS' one-hour drama "Touched by an Angel," takes an indefinite hiatus after its Dec. 14 broadcast.

CBS also is creating a two-hour Thursday night news magazine segment with "Eye to Eye with Connie Chung" moving up an hour, to 9 p.m. Thursday, followed by "48 Hours," anchored by Dan Rather.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1994

In the year ahead you might establish a relationship with an imaginative individual whose life views are unique. He/she will broaden your outlook.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Under your deft management today, situations that could cause problems will be handled effectively. You will know exactly how to apply your skills.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will perform most efficiently today if you work at an even tempo. Take time to study your moves instead of acting impulsively.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There will be an opportunity to become better acquainted with someone today. You will discover that this person has much in common with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you truly dedicate yourself to your objectives today, something of real significance can be accomplished.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your imagination and experience are more valuable today than the ideas of others. Focus on your vision instead of theirs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Give your time and talents unselfishly today if someone needs assistance rectifying a matter beyond his/her control.


LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Generating cooperation in your associates today will not be difficult if you convince them that what you intend to do is as good for them as it is for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This can be a productive day for you if you establish a good pace. Do not let anyone set up your schedule for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pleasant social experiences are likely today. A generous companion might even pick up the tab at lunch or dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Having a few friends over at your place is likely to make you happier than going out and spending money.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is inhaled helium a laughing matter?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there harm for the jokers who inhale helium to change their voices just for a laugh?

DEAR READER: Helium is plentiful in our environmental air. When breathed in high concentrations, it alters the timbre and raises the pitch of the voice, causing speech that sounds like that of cartoon characters. The practice of occasionally inhaling helium is not considered, by most authorities, to be a health hazard.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 36-year-old husband has rheumatoid arthritis. He has taken lots of over-the-counter remedies for pain, but refuses to see a specialist, convinced that there is nothing that can be done. He's getting very difficult to live with and I think something will help. Your opinion?

DEAR READER: Your husband can be helped. In fact, some of the modern treatments for rheumatoid arthritis are very effective. These include anti-inflammatory medicines, gold shots, a drug called Plaquenil, and cortisone steroids — all available by prescription.

I think it's a shame that a man as young as your husband is so willing to surrender to a treatable disease.

Rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disorder, can be relentlessly progressive and, in many patients, causes severe disability, if left untreated.

The longer your husband delays receiving appropriate medical assistance, the worse his arthritis may become until he reaches the point where the disease is too advanced for therapy to be effective.

Show your husband my response to your concerns. He definitely needs to see a doctor, preferably a rheumatologist. With proper therapy, his pain should subside and he won't be such a bear to live with.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following my last mammogram, I was told to undergo an ultrasound for further clarification of two cysts. My doctor decided it wasn't necessary to aspirate, to simply leave them alone. I'm very concerned about his decision since I've had other cysts that have always required drainage. Could this cause cancer and do I have cause for concern?

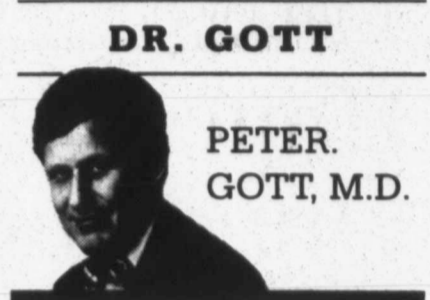
DEAR READER: The fact that you have had fluid removed from previous breast cysts probably means that your two new cysts reflect fibrocystic disease, a common benign condition. In

addition, the mammogram and ultrasound exams appear to have shown that your breast lumps are filled with fluid that does not need to be biopsied or drained.

Nonetheless, if you're very concerned about simply monitoring the situation (with repeated examinations, mammograms and ultrasound tests), I recommend that you seek a second opinion from another surgeon. Ask your present doctor for a referral.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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New House Majority Leader likes to say what he thinks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Arney is known for saying what he thinks.

The 54-year-old former economics professor was elected to Congress in 1984, and from his earliest days in the Capitol has made it clear he believes in what he calls "the politics of confrontation."

Last year, for example, the Texas Republican called the Clinton administration's health plan "the Dr. Kevorkian prescription for the jobs of American working men and women."

When Hillary Rodham Clinton came to testify before a House panel on health reform, Arney promised to make the event exciting. "I'm sure you'll do that, Mr. Arney, you and Dr. Kevorkian," quipped Mrs. Clinton.

Arney, not to be outdone, responded, "I have been told about your charm and wit. Reports on your charm are overstated. Reports on your wit are understated."

Later, in the health subcommittee he serves on, he argued against including abortion as a guaranteed health benefit, saying, "Are we going to be so fem-centric that we're going to condone the self-indulgent conduct of the body of a woman who has already demonstrated in most cases (she was) damned careless with it in the first

place?"

And last summer he outraged many Democrats when he told them, "Your president is just not that important to us."

Arney is a key architect of the GOP Contract With America and has promised to push it through in the first 100 days of the new Congress, working "seven days a week, 20 hours a day" if necessary.

A believer in the free market, Arney also is pushing his own tax proposal: a 17 percent flat tax under which everyone would pay the same percentage of income tax and many loopholes would be eliminated. He has also spoken out strongly in the past in favor of eliminating all farm subsidies and of

government vouchers to allow for school choice.

He represents a suburban district in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

He is married to Susan Byrd and has five children.

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