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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, if plans don't work out the way you expected this week don't get discouraged. Bounce back and set a new agenda for the days and weeks to come.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, do not be controlling of the finances when it's a joint venture between you and a spouse or a housemate. Don't place blame on spending.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Slow down at work and leave more time for fun, Gemini. Recharging your battery for a few days will allow you to be more productive when you return.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

A friend has you running, Cancer. Don't be so quick to jump every time this person calls. Saturday is a complete surprise to you as many interesting events unfold.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, others are anxious to let you run the show this week and you're certain to oblige them. Just don't let the power go to your head, or think that this will be a repeat occurrence.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, there is so much going on that you don't know where to begin. The stars indicate that the best place to start is with some quiet time for you so that you can mentally prepare.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A move that you made a few weeks back is turning out to be all that you expected. Enjoy your freedom, new place and all of the enjoyment that is the result of your choice, Libra.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, despite wielding a poisonous stinger, no one seems to take you seriously this week. It could

be that you've been crying wolf and others are calling your bluff.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Rest is the key this week because you haven't been feeling so well. Save your energy now because there's some action on the horizon for which you'll need to be in top form.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, now is the time to plan that fantasy vacation that you've been brooding over for a while. Go solo or go with a group. Either way, be sure to have fun.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Febr 18

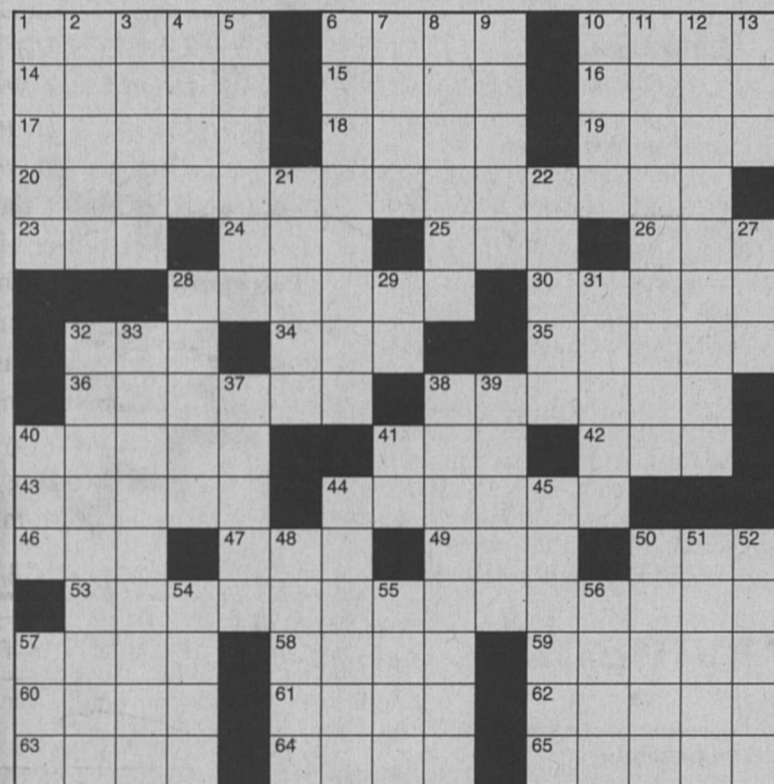
Home improvement projects will dominate all of your time this week, Aquarius. You're Mr. or Ms. Fix-it. Financial problems may put a hiatus on big projects.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, things will simmer down quickly at work after a battle of words takes place on Monday. There's more bark than bite to the situation.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- MARCH 16
Flavor Flav, Rapper (49)
- MARCH 17
Gary Sinise, Actor (53)
- MARCH 18
Adam Levine, Singer (29)
- MARCH 19
Bruce Willis, Actor (53)
- MARCH 20
Holly Hunter, Actress (50)
- MARCH 21
Gary Oldman, Actor (50)
- MARCH 22
Bob Costas, Sports Reporter (56)



- 49. People related by blood or marriage
- 50. Helps little firms
- 53. "The View" creator & star
- 57. Sunrise (Spanish)
- 58. Festive occasion
- 59. Yellow-fever mosquitoes
- 60. Live Aid rocker Bob _____ of _____
- 61. Essential oil obtained from flowers
- 62. Showing lack of skill
- 63. Lyric poems
- 64. Dried up (esp. of vegetation)
- 65. Designers Charles & Ray

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Rural Croatian singing
 - 2. Egyptian dry measure
 - 3. Shoe (pl., archaic)
 - 4. Precision approach and landing radar (abbr.)
 - 5. "Life in Biblical Israel" author Lawrence
 - 6. Large heavy knives
 - 7. Federal job safety law
 - 8. Unifying ideas in literary work
 - 9. Narrow headband
 - 10. Petty quarrel
 - 11. Cooking thickener
 - 12. Annabaptist
 - 13. Corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
 - 21. Rub out
 - 22. Pharsalia poet
 - 27. Barbie's boyfriend
 - 28. Small earthenware jar
 - 29. 14th letter
 - 31. Alder genus
 - 32. Covered with sparse vegetation
 - 33. OK to portion out
 - 37. Pulsate
 - 38. Pots & pans
 - 39. Of agriculture
 - 40. Hz
 - 41. End zone score
 - 44. Expose to fresh air
 - 45. Entwine
 - 48. Hindu melodies
 - 50. Fleshy leaved perennial
 - 51. Norwegian footballer Hangeland
 - 52. Donkeys
 - 54. Radioactivity units
 - 55. Axillary
 - 56. Biu-Mandara
 - 57. In the past

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Pants
- 6. Lucretia C. _____, Am. advocate
- 10. Seuss character _____ Am
- 14. One who has attained enlightenment
- 15. Flushing Meadows stadium
- 16. Pre-collegiate school
- 17. City in N. Zambia
- 18. Chinese dynasty from 557-589
- 19. River in Florence
- 20. Dracula in "Love At First Bite"
- 23. Airborne (abbr.)
- 24. Before
- 25. Cologne
- 26. Chinese cooking pan
- 28. Shipping boxes
- 30. Chili con _____, Mexican dish
- 32. Used to be U _____
- 34. 1/100 yen
- 35. Bitter compound from aloes
- 36. _____ and Ladders: game
- 38. Negative of can
- 40. Come down violently
- 41. Provide with clothes
- 42. Shoshonean people
- 43. Knife used with fruits or vegetables
- 44. Loves intensely
- 46. One point east of due south
- 47. Mined metal-bearing mineral

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Colorado County Sheriff's Report

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sponded to CR 230 near Weimar in reference to fence damage. A description of the suspect vehicles was obtained. Case is pending further information.

At 11:17 am, Deputy Slubar responded to a residence near Altair in reference to trespassing. A report was filed and the case is closed.

Sunday, February 24

At 3:32 pm, Deputy Mieth conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near Richter Road west of Columbus. After further investigation, Michael Wayne Cavanaugh Jr., 25 of Austin, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

At 6:30 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to Criminal Mischief. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

Monday, February 25

At 12:15 pm, Deputy Slubar was contacted by a complainant from Oakland in reference to Harassment. A report was filed and the case is closed due to lack of evidence.

At 9:11 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to Hwy 90 in reference to a 911 call of a reckless driver on IH-10. The suspect vehicle was located on Walnut and Live Oak Street in Columbus. After further investigation, Clayton Ray Bubak, 17 of Columbus, was arrested for Reckless Driving. Case closed.

Tuesday, February 26

At 1:44 pm, Deputy Savino responded to a residence in Alleyton in reference to a dead bat. The bat was transported to the Weimar Veterinary Clinic and later tested negative for rabies. The complainant was notified of the results. Case closed.

At 1:45 pm, Sgt. Edman received information about a sex offender who had failed to provide his address. After further investigation, Michael Edwin Paden Jr., 19 of Weimar, was arrested for Failure to Comply with Registration Requirements. Case closed.

Wednesday, February 27

At 11:59 am, Deputy Savino responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a Theft. After further investigation, no charges were filed and the complainant was informed to contact an attorney. Case closed.

At 5:15 pm, Sgt. Girndt responded to FM 2144 near Weimar in reference to a grass fire. During the fire, two trailers and a round bale hauler were damaged. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 5:55 pm, Deputy Gonzalez responded to a residence in Alleyton in reference to tax fraud. An investigation was initiated and the case was turned over to the IRS Criminal Investigations for further action. Case closed.

At 5:55 pm, Deputy Gonzalez made contact with a complainant from Cat Spring in reference to Theft of a 4-wheeler. The missing 4-wheeler was entered into the state and national database as stolen. Case is pending recovery and development of suspect(s).

At 6:41 pm, Sgt. Girndt responded to a residence in Garwood in reference to a house fire and a death investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct 1, Billy Hefner arrived on scene to conduct an Inquest. The cause of death will be determined after an autopsy. Case is pending further investigation.

SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2008

Jail Population as of February 29, 2008 - 70 Inmates
\$ 14,772.00 Billed to Austin County for Housing Inmates during the month of February 2008
\$ 4,440.00 Billed to Lavaca County for Housing Inmates during the month of February 2008

ing the month of February 2008
51 Civil Papers Processed
70 Civil Papers Served
97 Traffic Citations Issued
206 Traffic Warning Citations Issued

9 Inmates Transported to TDC
5 Inmates Picked up on Bench Warrants
1 Inmate Transported to Austin State Hospital
1 Inmate Transported to Vernon State Hospital
3 Inmates Transported to Rehabilitation Centers
7 Prisoners Picked up from other counties on Outstanding Colorado County Warrants
70 Arrests made by Colorado County Sheriff Deputies
62 Criminal and Civil Complaints answered by Sheriff Deputies
41,228 - Miles Driven by Colorado County Sheriff's Deputies while Transporting, Patrolling, and Civil Process.

Parkinson's Treatment Options Discussed

Parkinson's disease affects nerve cells in the part of the brain controlling muscle movement, says Sally Garrett, Colorado County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences.

Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist-Gerontology Health, states that Parkinson's disease is progressive, meaning the signs and symptoms become worse over time.

However, the disease often progresses gradually, and most people have many years of productive living after a diagnosis.

Parkinson's disease occurs when certain nerve cells in a particular area of the brain are damaged or destroyed.

Normally, these nerve cells release dopamine, which causes muscles to make smooth, controlled movements.

Everyone loses some dopamine-producing nerve cells as they grow older, but people with Parkinson's disease lose half or more.

Age is one of the main risk factors for Parkinson's disease, and risk continues to increase with age, says Crocker.

In fact, signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease may be dismissed as the effects of aging, particularly in older adults with the disease.

Other risk factors may include heredity, gender, exposure to pesticides and herbicides and/or reduced estrogen levels, among others.

See your health provider if you have any of the symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease, not only to diagnose the illness but

also to rule out other causes for the problem.

The earliest symptom of Parkinson's disease may be an arm that does not swing when you walk, a mild tremor in the fingers of one hand; soft, mumbling speech and/or difficulty swallowing.

You may lack energy, feel depressed, have trouble sleeping, experience slowed motion, rigid muscles, loss of automatic movements and/or dementia, states Crocker.

As many as half the people with Parkinson's disease develop depression, sometimes occurring months or even years before Parkinson's disease is diagnosed.

Although physical limitations resulting from Parkinson's disease can be frustrating and stressful, depression is not usually a reaction to physical disability.

It more likely arises from underlying brain changes associated with the disease itself.

A diagnosis of Parkinson's disease is based on your medical history, observations of your symptoms and a neurological examination.

As part of your medical history, your health provider will want to know about any medications you take and whether you have a family history of Parkinson's.

For many people with Parkinson's, the initial response to treatment can be dramatic. Over time, however, the benefits of drugs frequently diminish or become less consistent, although symptoms can usually still be fairly well-controlled.

Physical therapy may be help-

ful for people with Parkinson's disease.

It may help improve mobility, range of motion and muscle tone.

Although specific exercises cannot stop the progression of the disease, improving muscle strength may help you feel more confident and capable.

When lifestyle changes are no longer enough, your health provider may recommend certain medications.

Medications can help manage problems with walking, movement and tremors by increasing the brain's supply of dopamine. Levodopa is a natural substance found in plants and animals and is converted into dopamine by nerve cells in the brain.

Treatment with dopamine itself is not possible because dopamine does not cross the body's blood-brain barrier.

Today, levodopa is combined with another drug, carbidopa, that helps more levodopa to get to the brain and reduces some of the side effects of this therapy.

During early treatment, side effects from carbidopa-levodopa therapy are usually not a major problem.

However, the drug works less evenly and predictably as the disease progresses.

Side effects may include hallucinations, a drop in blood pressure when standing and nausea.

Unlike levodopa, dopamine agonists are not changed into dopamine.

Instead, they mimic the effects of dopamine in the brain

and cause neurons to react accordingly.

The side effects of dopamine agonists are similar to those of carbidopa-levodopa, although they are less likely to cause involuntary movements and more likely to cause hallucinations or sleepiness.

If you are taking any of these medications and start behaving in a way that is not normal for you, talk to your health provider.

With the advent of levodopa and other drug therapies, surgical approaches have been re-evaluated.

A brain implant device is now widely used to help control many of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

The deep brain stimulator consists of a pacemaker-like unit implanted in the chest wall that transmits electric impulses through a wire to tiny electrodes inserted deep within the brain.

If you have received a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, you will need to work closely with your health provider to find a treatment plan right for you, says Crocker.

Certain lifestyle changes also may help make living with Parkinson's disease easier, such as eating a healthy diet and getting exercise.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent.

You may also find more information through the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at www.ninds.nih.gov.

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