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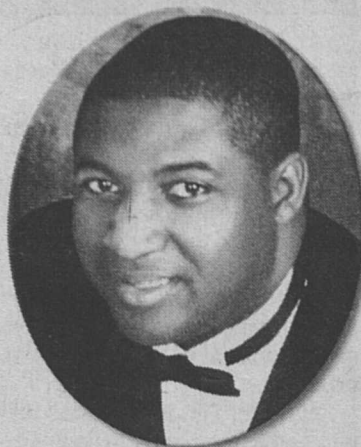
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Treatment for Rare Skin Condition

Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) is a serious but rare condition of the skin and body mucous membranes. SJS is characterized by an extensive painful rash following several days of flu-like symptoms. The rash will then blister and the affected skin will begin to shed. Typically, SJS occurs as an allergic reaction to a medication or is caused by an infection. Nonsteroidal inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), penicillins, sulfonamides, and anticonvulsants are some types of medications that may lead to SJS in susceptible persons. Influenza, herpes simplex, and herpes zoster cause viral infections that may trigger SJS. Complications may be life-threatening, including meningitis and serious infection. Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Infection from bacteria entering the blood can lead to shock and organ failure.

Hospitalization is required for treatment of this condition. Pain medications are typically given to alleviate associated discomfort. Antibiotics may be given to treat infections. Glucocorticoids, such as prednisone, methylprednisolone, and dexamethasone, may be used to reduce inflammation. Severe cases of SJS may require immunoglobulin intravenous (IGIV), which works to stop the progression of the condition.

Obituary



Mickey Scott
Mickey Scott passed away December 15, 2008.

On November 28, 1967, a baby boy was born to Doris Scott and Cleveland Clay.

He attended public schools in Eagle Lake. He was a 1987 graduate of Rice High School. He later joined the Navy serving 2-1/2 years with honorable discharge.

He later joined the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and was baptized in December 2000 where he met Ms. Peggy Galvan.

On January 20, 2001 they were joined together in matrimony. To this reunion a baby girl was born. They named her Monica Nicole Scott.

He leaves to mourn a loving wife, Mrs. Peggy Scott; one daughter, Monica Nicole Scott; mother and stepfather, Norman and Doris Foster; three brothers, Ricky (Vanessa), J.B. (Felicia), and Cleveland (Valerie); two sisters, SueAnn (Troy), and Regina (J.C.); mother-in-law, Dominga S. Galvan; seven brothers-in-laws, Basilio Sosa, Ruben Galvan, Lee Galvan (Heather), Ernesto Galvan, Jr., (Alma), Roy Galvan, Daniel Galvan (Yolanda), and Gilbert Galvan; two sisters-in-laws, Dena Alvarado (Ramon) and Ernestina Martinez; and many other relatives.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

How the cookies crumble, the old year ends and the new year fortunes predictably appear...

"Doors will be opening for you in many areas of your life." —Fortune Cookie message

It's just a silly little New Year tradition, but my daughters have come to expect it from their sometimes equally silly mother. I always buy them a box of fortune cookies.

They and their friends can taste the sweet little baked confections, have a laugh over the sometimes crazy or so, so generalized "fortunes," perhaps share stories about readings of past fortunes or hopes for future fortunes in the New Year, and then throw the little papers away.

Now I did not foster a superstitious brood. I'm sure the rectangular little papers are cynically dismissed and discarded within seconds of being opened and read.

They are just fun to read and sometimes ponder.

"Practice being excited." —Fortune Cookie message

In years past I have even gone to a good Chinese restaurant on New Year's Eve.

But my interest in sharing fortune cookies at the New Year does not validate any superstitious nature on my part either. I do not seek mass-manufactured messages of predicted fortune or doom to usher me into the new year. I do enjoy a good quote or a good passage, sometimes one that actually causes me to take reflection in seeing the old year out and the new year in.

"Paths cannot be taught, they can only be taken." —Fortune Cookie message

Amid seeking and accepting any fortunes, we are always reminded at this annual time to make those New Year resolutions or goals. If we achieve those goals, are we lucky or have we found our true fortune?

Even if those resolutions are not considered, changing calendars for the New Year is an obvious universal activity. I have a calendar at home, one in my car, one in my purse, two on my desk at work and one on the wall at work. All must, of course, be updated. There are already appointments and scheduled dates for '09 that must be transferred onto the new calendars.

My trusty two desk calendars at work are my favorites. One is a daily calendar of Zen quotes that sits perched right next to my daily calendar of Christian quotes. In this ever-changing, challenging world, it all makes perfect sense to me to have them travel into the New Year side-by-side.

"Still round the corner there may wait, a new road, or a secret gate." —J.R.R. Tolkien

(from the Christian calendar)

"What does it matter, the new

year, the old year...all alone have a quiet sleep." —Bankei (from the Zen calendar)

A lovely new butterfly calendar (from a dear friend who knows my love for the delicate species) will adorn my kitchen wall. That is the one that now lies before me as I pencil in a theatre event, two granddaughters' birthdays, a friend's birthday, a wedding - all for the busy approaching month of January, 2009.

Perhaps that symbolizes a person's true fortune: having family and friends to share important moments in life.

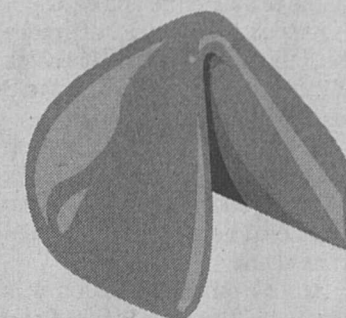
Simultaneously, I'm also nibbling on one of the fortune cookies that I decide to sample in advance of distributing the others to family and friends.

Printed perhaps months ago and left to be opened (by luck) by anyone who would chance upon

this particular curved cookie, I wipe the crumbs that now sprinkle across the pictured January butterfly, as I seek the message of fortune and fate.

The long white rectangular paper I unwrap tells me nothing new in the grand scheme of things, but encourages optimism for the new year of 2009:

"...fortune depends on luck..." —Chinese proverb (alas, from a fortune cookie)



New Arrivals

Caleb Matthew Avilez

Misty Avilez and Emanuel Avilez of Sealy are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, born on December 26 at 8:03 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Caleb Matthew weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and measured 19 inches long.

He was welcomed home by siblings Emanuel Avilez, Jr., six and Marcus Anthony Avilez two.

Maternal grandparents are Rusty and Mary Walker of Wallis.

Paternal grandparents are Roberto and Angie Avilez of Sealy.

Gabriel Martin Barboza

Diego Barboza, Jr. and Laura Garcia of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, born on December 22, at 3:12 p.m.

Gabriel Martin weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by siblings Julian Barboza, nine; Erick Barboza, six; and Diego Barboza, III, who's 10.

Maternal grandparent is Maria Garcia of Houston.

Paternal grandparents are Diego and Martina Barboza of Eagle Lake.

Ridge Coleman Schneider

Brent and Charlotte Schneider of El Campo are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, named Ridge Coleman Schneider.

The baby was born at 5:59 a.m. October 27, 2008 at Methodist Hospital in Sugar Land weighed seven pounds, three ounces and measuring 19-1/2 inches long.

He is welcomed home by his big sister, Hope Ryann, age two.

Maternal grandparents are John Lee and Virginia Korenek of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Leon and Sandy Schneider also of Garwood.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Schneider of Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tate of Eagle Lake, and Alice Bludau of Hallettsville.

The mother is the former Charlotte Korenek.

Nada KJTs Report On Recent Meeting

Nada KJT Society #34 met on December 14, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada. President Clem Korenek opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge to the flag. Secretary/treasurer Kelly Korenek gave her reports.

Michael Korenek served as Chairman of the nominating committee and presented the slate of officers.

Officers elected to serve for the 2009-2010 year were President Clem Korenek, vice president Mark Eggemeyer, treasurer Kelly Korenek and secretary Anita Meisner.

President Korenek reminded members of the KJT Youth Camp to be held at Camp Stoney Creek in New Ulm, June 28-July 3, 2009.

Thierry Hoffman and Andrew

Kuba received fifty year membership pins.

President Korenek reminded members to call him at 758-3642 with names of prospective members and urged members to get in touch with him with their insurance needs.

He stated that the KJT home office could be contacted for information on Home owners and Auto insurance.

The next meeting will be an informational meeting on April 5, 2009 in Nada, at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Following the meeting a fried chicken meal prepared by Grace Korenek, Ed Lee Schneider, Jimmy Schoellmann Gus Popp and youth member Austin Dota, was served to approximately 80 members and their guests.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

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