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and only those who compete with
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ABVP Organising Secretary, Hilly Region, Surat Negi, gave an
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The programme started with the lighting of the butter lamp by the
chief guest followed by a song by ABVP members.

CM lays foundation stone for science college at Soreong
Science college proof of govt’s commitment to
quality education, says Chamling, calls for support from Sikimese society to bring about real change

a NOW REPORT
SOREONG, 09 July: The Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling, was in
Soreong today to attend the founda-
tion laying ceremony of the new
Science College at Singling,
Soreong. Mr. Chamling was the
chief guest at the occasion and
other distinguished guests present
included the Minister, Human
Resource Development, GM
Gurung, Minister, Sports & Youth
Affairs and Buildings, PS Tamang
and the area MLA RB Subba who
is also the Minister, Tourism.

The chief minister after laying
the foundation stone for the sci-
ence college addressed the 2000
local students, which had gath-
ered at Singling for the occasion.

In his short address Mr.
Chamling claimed that Sikkim
would attain 100 percent literacy
by the year 2015.

“The construction of a Science
College here is testimony to the
government’s emphasis on qual-
ity education. To bring about a
qualitative change in our society,
however, all sections of the soci-
ety have to be involved including
teachers, students, government
officials and the layman. The time
has come for an attitudinal shift in
society which should now develop
more progressive and competi-
tive outlook,” Mr. Chamling said
in his address.

The science college at Sing-
gling, Soreong is estimated to cost
a total of Rs. 107 crores but as the
chief minister revealed, the cost
could go up to Rs. 150 crores.

The construction of this first
full-fledged science college in
Sikkim is expected to be com-
pleted in 2 years time.

The project, Mr. Chamling
stressed, is aimed at alleviating the
problems faced by Sikimese stu-
dents in pursuing science studies. It
is also part of the HRD ministry’s
efforts at expanding the educational
infrastructure in the districts.

While Mr. Tamang delivered
the welcome address, since it is his
official visit to Soreong, Mr.
Gurung, and the area MLA
also addressed the gathering.

The Abhinnanand for national
awardee teachers RB Rai and Mrs.
PL Bhutia was also held on the day.

Dear readers, there will be no edition of the newspaper tomorrow. We
return to the stands on 12 July, Monday.

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MUMBAI BLASTS: 11 GET LIFE SENTENCE
MUMBAI, 09 July: In a land-
mark judgement, a sessions court
on Friday awarded life sentence to
11 convicts, including a Pakis-
tani national, for triggering a chain
of bomb blasts in local trains and rail-
way stations in 1998 in which four
persons were killed.

Besides life sentence, the ac-
cused were handed over various
other sentences by additional ses-
sions judge V.L. Acharya who said
all sentences should run consecu-
tively and not concurrently.

The judge directed the state
government not to exercise its
to power to condone or reduce the
punishment.

Arresting Pakistani national
Shamsheed Gulam Kadir Hyder, the
court said he should be deported
to Pakistan and Mumbai police had
been asked to make necessary pro-
vision for his safe custody.

On June 29, the court
acquitted the accused after finding
them guilty of offences to destabilise the coun-
try.

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We were appalled by the allegations levelled at us by Pemba Tshering and party in a report in your newspaper. A Khang means, “House of happiness and contentment.” It is a home away from home for the children who study here, and children are loved and cared for, picked up and comforted when they stumble and fall, consolled and advised when they fail to achieve something and looked after when they are ill. Depending on the seriousness of the illness, they are rushed to the hospital or school nurse if the situation is expected of the incurred expenses.

Just as a parent would chastise his children when they do something wrong, we reprimand them when necessary. Samdup Dorji of Std. 3, despite repeated reminders, failed to complete his work and he was suitably reprimanded. The mother of the child was upset about the reprimand. She should have approached the head of the institution instead of raising verbal violence and threats. In full view of the children, she raved and ranted and threatened to stab the teacher concerned with a stick she was carrying in her hand. It is no surprise that her blood pressure spiralled. In the event that she has given a thought to the effect her verbal violence had on the children who watched her in awe and fear. The members of the staff including the maintenance staff are consistently reminded to speak politely with the children. Foul and rude language is taboo in the school premises.

This incident took place on 24 June. From then onwards the advocate was at the School Management, The Advocate of the parents of the child took the child to task for failing to complete his work. He apologized and asked if he needed psychiatry. The advocate said that he would not accept his apology until an affidavit was signed in the presence of an oath commissioner. We were advised by our family lawyer to refrain from signing it. We conveyed our decision to the advocate only to be told, “We will file FIR”. AGAIN. The father turned up at our family lawyer’s chamber and threatened to go public if we did not pay him compensation. We did not even consider it and he has kept his word.

Another local English daily printed a distorted version of the explanation given by the head of the institution. “Mirch masala” was added to make it more palatable to the public. No matter what the outcome of this whole fiasco will be, it is necessary to stick to the TRUTH. Exaggeration by the media does not help matters.

The School Management, Kyi-de-Khang

On Monsoons, Mosquitoes & Magic

I rained the entire night and even now in the morning a thick blanket of unlifting fog has enveloped the entire neighbourhood. I can hear the patter of rain on my concrete terrace and can only imagine the din it must be creating on my neighbour’s newly corrugated roof.

Summer holidays are here, though there isn’t much of the sun to duck away from. Kalimpong monsoons are a bit messy even for old timers. If you live as I do, away from town, in one of those many villages that comprise the suburban landscape of Kalimpong [my village is called ‘rock village’], a recent nomenclature that reflects the preponderance of big and small stones and also the proclivity of the boys here towards an eponymous wrestler, WWEI you will be hit by a small plague of earthworms.

These slithering creatures for some reason leave the safety of their underground burrows and get swept away on to the courtyards and even the bathroom. The ones that are not picked and returned back to the earth where their home and job is, can be discovered to have died many dehydrated deaths on the veranda, the courtyard and even the ground floor bathrooms.

In the beginning they are a bit creepy but perhaps not in the same league as the creepiness of the leeches up at Lava and beyond. A friend who once, as much out of foofarawness as out of a sense of adventure, made a trek up to Neora in July recalls that there was a rustling sound as he put his hands over the undergrowth. When the leaves were pulled aside there were countless leeches standing on themselves to get a taste of the warm blood that they sensed flowing in my friend’s veins. It is said that these creatures have two deadly weapons in their arsenal. The first shot that they give you is of an anaesthetic that makes you blissfully unaware of the invasion that is to follow. The next is the anti-coagulating agent that allows for a steady stream of blood for the creature toloat on.

Of course blood sucking is not the prerogative only of the leeches. Their equally sophisticated air-borne cousins equipped with thermal sensors home in on your skin with dead accuracy to launch an epidemic invasion that only the most aware of victims can detect. Of course counter measures such as the mat and the coil help, but these are nothing compared to the romance of sleeping under mosquito nets. In many homes, where personal rooms for teenagers and adolescents are not easy to come by, a mosquito net affords a wonderful sense of privacy. It not only keeps away the moths and the mosquitoes but also the world in general. When my brother and I were kids we used to catch some fire flies and put them into our nets to provide us with light. These bewjelled specks that flew inside the darkness of our nets filled us with a sense of wonder that is not so easy to come by in these TV afflicted times. The only flip side of that adventure was that we inevitably had to fall asleep and the bugs inevitably had to come down and when they did all that was left of them in the morning were their smelly, squashed up selves scattered all over the sheets [fire flies as glamorous as their fire makes them have a hideous smell].

Now, of course, knowledge of what makes these creatures glow has taken away much of the sense of wonder. Chemicals such as hexefin and nitrous oxide that are primarily responsible for the glow [due to types of oxidation reactions] have taken the wind out of the fanciful flights of these creatures. However, the reason why they fly is still as deliciously perplexing as ever. It’s the same reasons why flowers bloom, bullfrogs croak, cows crow and the pea-cock to the rain dance. Fire flies as much as anyone [whether test-stosterone driven or otherwise] are sending out a message. Their flights have a pattern, a language of light, a love poetry so to speak. The next time that you marvel at the random incursions into the night that these lightning bugs make, it would perhaps seem eminently meaningful to realise that there is a purpose behind the fire and the flight.

The same purpose that you perhaps might want to fulfil under the quilt on a monsoons day with the unending patter of the rain and a grubby grey outside.

Kyi-de-Khang

MEDICAL SHOULDN’T STICK TO THE TRUTH, NOT EXAGGERATE

We shall also search out a response from the Action Mail. If not, then at least a complaint would have been filed in the public domain.

Worth writing

If you feel strongly about something that has been reported in NOW! or have an opinion about the recent developments, write to us. While the LETTERS section will carry responses to articles and news carried in NOW!, ACTION MAIL is about complaints and grievances. Whenever possible, NOW! shall also search out a response to the Action Mail. If not, then at least a complaint would have been filed in the public domain.

Write NOW! to:

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ANAND OBEROI
GANGTOK, 08 July: The resolution passed by Sikim Democratic Front legislature to institute a 5-day week for government employees is the topic of conversation in nearly every government office. The babudom was stirred enough all of this week to get really animated on the issue. The resolution mooted the idea of working 10 extra hours in a week and get a long weekend in return, which means office timings get changed to 9 am – 5 pm instead of 10 am to 4 pm as the norm now.

The resolution was passed on 06 July during the state legislature party meeting of the Sikkim Democratic Front held at Mintokgang. It was proposed to extend office timings by two hours everyday and reward the employees with an extra holiday, on Saturday, for putting in the two extra hours of work, five days a week. Currently, only second Saturdays are listed as holidays for state government employees.

The resolution was passed with a view to bringing improvements in the quality and style of working of government servants with the hope that this streamlining of time will yield better results. An official notification, however, is still awaited pending cabinet approval.

As expected, the reaction in government offices is mostly quite positive. And why not? One more day of not working is hardly something that will bother them.

"Now, we can plan our weekends really well. Earlier Saturdays used to be neither here nor there, but now we can work hard all week and enjoy the whole weekend," says Rupika Pradhan, an office employee.

Work all week? That is certainly good news for the rest of us. But whether the new decision, if it is actually implemented, will translate into more efficiency still needs to be seen.

Some ladies, however, were quite vocal about not wanting the change. "This new timing will create a lot of problems in winters when it gets dark early. Returning home after five will be difficult," they say. Maybe. But one thing we know not to expect is anyone to be available at government offices post lunch. So in effect it won't really be very different.

A fact echoed by all others not in government service, who feel that there are already too many holidays. "Government employees don't deserve more holidays, they are overpaid and under-worked as it is," they say. Now, could that be true?

The idea has not sold very well with the town's shopkeepers who feel that added to the one day that shops have to remain closed, there will be another slack day added to the week with offices closed.

Shaneed Sanjog Chettri awards for meritorious students, teachers

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National youth awardees Gokul Rai and Jaram Gautam were also presented with mementos. Mementos and certificates were also awarded to the Student of the Year, Suren Mohra of Namchi Government College; the state toppers of Class X and Class XII; and district and school toppers. All these educational awards bear the name of Shaneed Sanjog Chettri. The programme was also attended by the zilla adhyaksha, principals and head masters of different schools with the students of various schools in attendance.

Rakesh Somani “instituted” as new Rotary prez

a NOW REPORT
GANGTOK, 09 July: Rakesh Somani was formally inducted as the new President of Rotary Club of Gangtok for the year 2004-05. Outgoing President Anil Gupta handed over the Colour, Badge and a Certificate to Mr. Somani at a function held here at Hotel Norkhub, this evening.

Addressing the gathering, the outgoing President expressed his thanks and gratitude to all Rotarians for their “sincere” support which helped him complete his year-long term successfully.

The new President in his address urged all the members to cooperate with him in continuing with the tasks taken up by his predecessors.

At the function, Sova Sarda was inducted as the new President of Inner Wing Club [Rotary’s women wing]. The outgoing President, Saroj Dabriwal presented her the colours and the certificate.

Mrs. Sarda assured the members that the projects in hand with the club like welfare of the children of Paediatric Ward of STNM Hospital; welfare activities of the children of Balika Niketan, etc. would be properly taken care of.

Amit Mundra was also nominated as the new President of the Rotaract Club [youth wing]. In his address, Mr. Mundra expressed his happiness and thanked the senior members for awarding him the post on the crossroads of entering the Centenary Year of Rotary Club. He also detailed a 14-point plan for the young Rotaractors to be achieved in his upcoming year-long term.

Various senior members like Rotary’s District Assistant Governor, Yogesh Verma, PK Dong, Ashwin Obeni, Purnam Agarwal and others also attended the function.
Driven to starvation, Cinchona Plantation workers plan hunger strikes

KARAN SHAH

KALIMPONG, 09 July: Facing acute poverty, many youth have quit form their respective schools and colleges, as the subsidiary workers scheme continues to fail in the Cinchona Plantations, the biggest industry in North Bengal.

In the wake of such heightened tribulations, the Himalayan Planters Workers Union, a trade wing of the ruling GNLF, is preparing for a 72-hour hunger strike. These strikes scheduled for the 13th of this month will take place in all the four plantation sites of Mungpoo, Munsong, Laptanchur and Rongo. The protest will start at 9 am with a rally to the main offices followed by a hunger strike.

The relay strike, which will cover three days, will have massive participation from all of the plantations.

“The strike will have approximately one hundred and fifty participants in all the plantations sites, including the office bearers of the HUPW,” revealed NB Chetri, the HUPW president.

Highlighted in the relay hunger strikes will be the plight of the five hundred families awaiting the subsidiary workers scheme and thousand of families standing on the verge of starvation. A total of 5,350 were employed in the plantations, of which 500 retired last year and now claims that none of their family members have been called up for the subsidiary workers scheme, under the Social Justice Scheme of the West Bengal.

“We have placed requests with the concerned authorities several times, even the present DM has been approached a couple of times but to no avail,” said Mr. Chetri. The next wave of protests will be taken by United Forum, a union comprising of coalition of various parties. The Forum will be holding a mass address at the Chowk Bazar in Darjeeling on the 30th of this month.

Gorkha League: Council elections only after revision of electoral rolls

BIJENDRA SHANDILYA

DARJEELING, 07 July: The All India Gorkha League (AILG) has decided to write to the State Election Commission that the DGHC elections be held only after a revision of the electoral rolls.

“Many names are missing from the rolls hence many people could not vote in the MP and Municipal elections,” said Madan Tamang, President AGL.

Incidentally, there has been a directive from the Election Commission for the revision of rolls to be completed between 15 September to 15 October.

In a politburo meeting AILG has decided to write to the Election Commission not to allow registration cards as an identification document for the DGHC elections as it does not have a photograph.

“This will allow large scale false voting if allowed,” complained Tamang. Along with this, they will also write to the State Government for immediately dissolving the DGHC.

“The tenure of the DGHC expired on 26 March. Though the State Government allowed an extension till 30 November the DGHC no longer has the people’s mandate and hence should be dissolved. If not dissolved, they [AILG] will divert all the development funds for election campaigns, handing out contracts to people,” alleged Tamang.

AILG also demanded that the Panchayat Samiti elections be so held that the two tier Panchayat system can be immediately implemented in the DGHC area.

Other than this the politburo discussed in detail the future of AILG in line with the present political situation in the area. The PDF has soured in the recent past, with the other parties trying to isolate AILG crying about the “big brother attitude” of the AGL.

“In order to test the PDF without the AGL we maintained a low profile during the Municipal elections,” explains Tamang. He stated that the AGL had no plans to impose upon other parties and wanted to keep the opposition united.

However, in the next PDF meeting we will discuss our confusions threadbare and will then discuss the outcome at the next AILG meeting slated for 25 July. Then we will get a clearer picture of our future stand,” added Tamang.

India won’t send troops to Nepal to fight Maoists

KATHMANDU, 07 July: Noting that the shared interests of both countries were interlinked, India on Friday offered full support to Nepal’s anti-terror campaign, but said New Delhi would not send its troops to fight Maoist rebels.

“There is no question of sending Indian troops to fight the Maoists,” Foreign secretary designate and outgoing ambassador to Nepal Shyam Saran said here.

“The problem Nepal is facing is also a threat to India’s security,” he said in an interaction with journalists, adding, “Our security interests are unprecedentedly interlinked.”

“India has provided training, military hardware and offered intelligence exchange to Nepal to deal with the nine-year old insurgency and we are prepared to provide more support if need be.” he said.

He said that there were some reports that arms were being smuggled into North-East through Nepal. To stop such movement of arms, better cooperation and exchange of intelligence information were required, he said.

More vigil in border area was required and a constant monitoring system should be developed to check terrorist activities along the border, he said. The Rupandehi and Nepalgunj check points in western Nepal will start recording details of people crossing the border to check illegal movement, he said.
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by creating a series of explosions.

According to prosecution, the accused had allegedly hatched a conspiracy in 1997 at the behest of ISI to create a chain of explo-

sions at railway stations, platforms and railway tracks in and around Mumbai. In furtherance of the

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Notices

This is to inform that on 9th July 2004, Rejnyong Mutanchi Rong Tarjum (RMRT) is organizing meeting at Community Hall, Mangan by 10 AM onwards. So people are cordially invited to at-

tend the meeting.

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NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

N.I.T. No: 01/Head Office/R&B/2004-2005

Sealed percentage rate tenders are invited on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim from the eligible Contractors of APPROPRIATE CLASS enlisted in SPWD (Road & Bridges) for the works listed here under.

The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for tender documents, which should reach the Office of the Divisional Engineer (Planning) of the Roads & Bridges Department, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok within office hours w.e.f. 20/07/04 to 24/07/04 and the last date for issue of Bank Challan is 24/07/04.

The application for the issue of the Tender form should invariably be signed by the contractor himself. The tender forms will be issued to the intending tenderer/contractor from 28/07/04 to 29/07/04, during office hours. The tender forms will not be issued to person other than the INTENDING TENDERERS.

The sealed tenders should reach the office of the Chief Engineer, Roads & Bridges, Gangtok on or before 12.00 noon on 31/07/04. The tenders will be opened on same day at 1.00 pm.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:
The application shall be submitted individually for each work with all required documents. Single application for more than one work will not be entertained.

The applicants should enclose the copies of the latest Sales Tax and Income Tax Clearance Certificate, attested copy of the validated/updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate (It is mandatory to produce the Original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale of the tender document). Tender Documents will not be sold to contractors who do not produce the Original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate and the Bank Challan towards the cost (non refundable) of the tender documents deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim under the receipt Head "0059-80-800-cost of Tender Forms (Roads)".

The Tender documents should be placed in sealed cover with the name of tenderer and the name of the work superscribed on it. The tender documents should be accompanied by the following documents/certificates.

1. T.D.R. in favour of the Senior Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Gangtok deposited in State Bank of Sikkim towards the Earnest Money of the works as under:
   i. @ 2.50% for those not having the prescribed fixed deposit with the Roads & Bridges Department.
   ii. 1.00% for those having the prescribed fixed deposit with the Roads & Bridges Department.
   iii. Copy of the prescribed Fixed Deposit Certificate (Rs. 1,00,000.00) be enclosed with the tender. Further, one F.D.R. will be applicable to only one tender. If any tenderer desires to bid for more works in addition to one work for which the tenderer’s sole F.D.R. is already assigned, then 2.5% E.M. has to be deposited for each additional bid. This is also applicable for such F.D.R. which has already been assigned to work already under execution by the intending bidder.

2. Attested copy of the validated/updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. The tenderer should sign on every page of the tender document. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of Sales Tax and all other Taxes. Over writing and corrections should be avoided and if it occurs then it should be signed. Incomplete tender shall be summarily rejected.

In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of rates & quantities issued with the tender form, then rates as per approved standard Schedule of Rates/Estimate will be taken as correct. The work is a time bound scheme and hence must be completed within the stipulated time period as above. Penalty will be levied if the work is not completed within the stipulated time and without valid reasons.

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The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

1. Quality will not be compromised and if works are not up to the specifications, penal action as per agreement will be taken.
2. Earnest Money will be released only after one year from the date of completion of work as per agreement.
3. The department reserves the right to alter the estimated cost without assigning any reason whatsoever and it also reserves the right to include further conditions during the course of execution of the works, which would be equally binding on the contractor as above.
4. Strict adherence to standard specification, IRC technical parameters and good engineering practice shall be insisted upon during each stage of execution of the work.

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GANGTOK, 08 July: Two years back they gave Gangtok the first pub with an in-house DJ. Aiming to keep the party animals of Gangtok updated with all the latest happenings in party houses around the world, TimeOut, a few days back, installed a state-of-the-art turntable.

“We feel the people deserve best value for their money. I mean how far could we go with just plain mixing of CDs and still call ourselves DJs when the whole world of DJing revolves around vinyl LPs?” comments Vikash, one of the DJs and the proprietor. The advantages and thrill of vinyls are many but the most important one would be quality of music, the sound quality played from CDs are no where near the vinyls, informed DJ Prashant, the mix master of TimeOut.

“And everybody who’s into music would probably know how good it feels when the DJ interacts with the crowd with his music, in the form of scratches only possible on vinyl,” he adds.

Besides the installation of the turntable, TimeOut has made significant changes otherwise too. With big plans for those who like to shimmy, the one immediately in significant changes otherwise too.

“We have other plans which would start about a month later, just that this turntable thing was very essential right now. From today Gangtok will really dance to a DJ, we have other plans which would start about a month later, just that this turntable thing was very essential right now. From today Gangtok will really dance to a DJ, capital D and capital J,” ends Vikash.

Sundays, an afternoon jam session every Sunday from one to five in the evening with a nominal cover charge of Rs. 100 for a couple.

“We have other plans which would start about a month later, just that this turntable thing was very essential right now. From today Gangtok will really dance to a DJ, capital D and capital J,” ends Vikash.

IAF choppers rescue 400 children

Indian Air Force helicopters have rescued 400 children who were stranded on the rooftop of a school in flood-hit Assam.

The Mi-17 helicopters from Mohanbari- and Guwahati-based squadrons rescued the children from the Navodaya Vidyalaya at Rangiya in Kamrup district, near Assam’s principal city of Guwahati, IAF spokesman Squadron Leader Mahesh Upasani said on Friday.

The children had to take shelter on the roof of the school due to floods in the Brahmaputra river.

The helicopters were pressed into rescue operations following a request from the district authorities in Kamrup. “However, inclement weather is hampering the operations,” Upasani said.

The children were flown from the school to the nearby Rangiya college.
Details of users and outlets and wear whatever makes you feel too soon. Get together with friends, turn to shine – and not a moment.

Taurus: A certainty is exciting. Being judgmental clouds the experience. Keep receiving the data. A chatty, fun-loving friend, possibly from out of town, will make their way into your world, bringing along a dose of just what the doctor ordered – fun, fun and fun.

Gemini: You're a bit irrationally - or absolutely rehashing that same old argument? Maybe it's because you're running out of new ideas to work with. It could be that you're generally objective mind. And don't forget that if anyone notices this, it's already too late. Over the past few days, you probably have enjoyed much time alone. The good news is that if you're seeing someone, that won't change yet. If you single, take a time-out and rest up for the weekend.

Virgo: Smokescreens blind everyone. Practice openness instead. There's merit in your work. Even before you have lunch, you'll have lots of interesting conversations, and by dinnertime, at least one charming encounter. Of course, what you do after dinner is your own business - but you probably won't be doing it alone.

Libra: You've come far. New things are happening. You deserve a stellar role in these. Someone near and dear to you may be acting a bit irrationally - or absolutely crazy, truth be told. If you don't know where you've been, ask a mutual friend who you know would be equally concerned for you both.

Scorpio: Everyone gets a gift. If they don't want it, you do. Be part of this great exchange. You should expect to be feeling a bit nostalgic. That way, when those tears start shining the back of your eyes, you won't be surprised. Before you get depressed, consider someone's offer to introduce you around. What a great distraction.

Sagittarius: Emotions flow in and out. This is how you get rich. You have to feel better first. You may be considering a move, most likely because you're ready to start on a whole new career path. Before you cut your current ties, take a while to think about it and don't act until it feels right.

Capricorn: Put it out there. See what comes back. Let give-and-take define what you need. Prepare for a few sniftles, sighs and fond memories to infiltrate your ordinarily objective mind. And don't fight it. It's time to forgive, forget and make up with anyone you've recently been at odds with. Let bygones be bygones.

Aquarius: You thought it was a good idea. Take suggestions. Let it become a collaborative effort. Had all the fun you can stand for one day? Especially when it comes to this passionate buffet of energy? Pine? Sudden change could come your way. The change will be either personal or professional. Perhaps you will be given a new job opportunity. Perhaps you will meet someone who will change your life.

Bald People Eat Free at Calif. Eatery

Lodi, Calif.: Bald is beautiful in Lodi - at least to Gary Arnold, a restaurant owner who charges customers according the amount of hair on their head.

A full head of hair will get you nowhere with Arnold, who sports a naked noggin himself.

But customers who come to Gary’s Uptown Restaurant and Bar on Wednesdays with less than 50 percent of their hair get up to 50 percent off their food.

The real thing - a totally hairless - head will fetch a clean 100 percent off.

Amold doesn’t care if the customer shaves, or is naturally endowed with a lack of hair. The bald eat free - even the repeat customers, he said.

Not only that, but they get to choose from a special menu, which includes filet of snapper, flat iron steak and chicken fetuccini.

Bowie Has Heart Surgery, Back Home Recovering

LOS ANGELES: British rock legend David Bowie underwent emergency heart surgery for a blocked artery last month but is now recovering and hopes to return to work in August.

Bowie, 57, sought treatment in a German hospital on June 25 after complaining of a pinched nerve during a European concert tour, publicist Mitch Schneider said in a statement. He underwent an angioplasty operation for an 80 percent blocked artery and was able to leave the clinic earlier this week. He is now convalescing at home with his family and hopes to start work next month.

“I’m so pissed off because the last 10 months of this tour have been so ... fantastic. Can’t wait to be fully recovered and get back to work again. I tell you what, though, I won’t be writing a song about this one,” Bowie said in the statement.

Only two days before the surgery, Bowie had been forced to cut short a concert in Prague after playing for an hour and telling fans he had nerve problems in his shoulder.

Bowie was honored with the lifetime achievement award at the Brit Awards in 2004 in the Laptop Category, ahead of HP, Dell and IBM.

Toshiba was honored with the lifetime achievement award at the ITU-T Award in 2004 in the Laptop Category.