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MOVIE REVIEW

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FOOTBALL PHOTOS

VIEW photos from the recent Briar Cliff spring football game.



TOPIC HERE PLEASE

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DEAR ABBY

Starstruck father can’t play it cool around celebrities

DEAR ABBY: I am a 55-year-old father of a 7-year-old child. My social skills and experience are rusty due to graduate school and post-graduate training years (12 years, to be exact) without much social interaction. I believe I missed an opportunity to bond with our 7-year-old.



JEANNE PHILLIPS

Five years ago, my wife and I ran into a Hall of Fame ballplayer. I became so starstruck that I couldn’t stop blurting out how fantastic I thought he was. It did not go over well.

Fast-forward to today: My child’s classmate happens to be the child of yet another superstar. My wife told me, “Do not engage or talk to them.” She said she’d handle everything.

Well, I think I may have followed her instructions too literally and came across as rude or dismissive by not chatting with them. I’m afraid they may think I’m a snob or a jerk. How can I dig myself out of the hole I may have placed myself in? Because they are celebrities, I don’t want to invade their privacy.

I sent a holiday greeting to the email address shared in the school parent directory. No response. How should I interpret the non-response? Was my greeting delivered? Read? I also have their text number, but I don’t want to harass these people. — **LOVING DAD IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR LOVING DAD: Celebrities often receive greetings from fans they don’t know. Because you didn’t receive a response to yours, it is possible the celebrity didn’t see it, or was too inundated to answer. That your message went unanswered should not be regarded as a personal rejection. Do not text the person. Simply quit second-guessing yourself. You haven’t committed a social faux pas.

In the future, remember that celebrities are usually just like the rest of us, albeit better known. When you encounter one, remain calm. Smile and say hello just as you would the couple who live across the street. Doing that is not harassment, it’s being friendly.

DEAR ABBY: My father passed away five months ago. His wife has been unbearable to deal with and is controlling all aspects of any funeral arrangements. During the process of my father getting sick and then being placed in hospice, I have gone above and beyond to assist her with any of her needs.

My daughter is at college out of state, and in order to receive year-round tuition, she must stay on campus year-round. The schedule of my daughter’s temporary job position plus taking time off when my father was sick made it difficult for her to come home at any given time.

My father’s wife refused to compromise

with me on a day that would work better for my daughter to attend the funeral. As a result, my daughter missed her grandfather’s funeral. How can I get past my hurt and resentment? — **RESENTFUL IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR RESENTFUL: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. That your daughter had to miss her grandfather’s funeral is regrettable, but the reason is understandable. Please remind yourself that your father’s wife is also grieving and isn’t her best at this time. Do you know why she could not or would not change the date of your father’s funeral to accommodate your daughter? Before starting a rift, the two of you need to have a talk.

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FAQ

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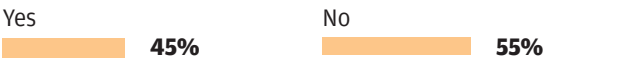
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ONLINE POLL

Today’s Question: Have you gone to the Friends of the Sioux City Public Library Book Sale?

Yesterday’s Poll

Question: Have you gone to a concert in the past year?



Total votes: 20

SPEAKOUT

Today’s Question: What are your opinions on the first 100 days of the second Trump term?

Sound off at www.facebook.com/SiouxCityJournal

QUOTE

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever.”

John Keats (1795–1821)
English poet

LOTTERIES

TUESDAY
Mega Millions
16-33-40-51-57 MB: 10
MONDAY

Powerball
26-43-51-56-60 PB: 24
Lotto America
18-19-32-44-50 SB: 10

BRIEFS

South Sioux City man pleads not guilty of sex abuse

DAKOTA CITY — A South Sioux City man has pleaded not guilty of sexually abusing two children.

Darwin Diaz-Flores, 32, entered his written plea



Diaz-Flores

Wednesday in Dakota County District Court to two counts of child abuse and single counts of sexual assault, incest, third-degree sexual assault of a child and third-degree sexual assault.

Diaz-Flores was arrested in February after South Sioux City police received a report that he had admitted to having sexual contact with the two children, both of whom are juveniles, between Aug. 1 and Feb. 7.

According to court documents, police interviewed one of the children, who confirmed the allegations.

SCPD collects over 140 pounds of medications

SIUX CITY — DEA National Drug Take Back Day netted more than 140 pounds of unused prescription medication in Sioux City.

On April 26, the Sioux City Police Department collected prescription medication at Drilling Pharmacy, as well as Hy-Vee stores on Gordon Drive and Hamilton Boulevard. A total of 141.7 pounds of unused prescription medication was collected for disposal.

The bi-annual event allows people to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. The collection process is anonymous and no records are kept of who drops off medication.

Sutherland man charged with giving pot to teen daughter

PETERSON, Iowa — A Sutherland, Iowa, man has been arrested and charged with supplying his teenage

daughter with marijuana.

The man’s son also faces drug charges.

The Clay County Sheriff’s Office executed a search warrant Sunday at a home in the 600 block of East Second Street in Peterson after receiving a tip about drug use in the house with a minor being present.

During their search, deputies found Ryan Warden in possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, baggies, scales, receipts, a ledger and other items related to the controlled substances, which included methamphetamine.

According to court documents, Warden’s 15-year-old daughter admitted Warden had provided her and her 19-year-old brother, Dyce Warden, with marijuana, and deputies found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in her room.

Deputies also found a set of emergency spike strips belonging to the Clay County Sheriff’s Office that were taken after a vehicle pursuit in 2020. Ryan Warden admitted to

stealing the spike strips, court documents said.

Ryan Warden, 46, was booked into the Clay County Jail on charges of distributing a controlled substance to a person under age 18, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, third-degree theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of possession of a controlled substance. He remains in custody on a \$25,000 bond.

Dyce Warden, 19, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He posted a \$1,000 bond and has been released from custody.

The 15-year-old was turned over to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services for placement, the sheriff’s office said in a news release.

Cherokee man charged with vehicular homicide

STORM LAKE, Iowa — A Cherokee, Iowa, man has been charged with vehicu-

lar homicide in connection with a fatal crash in March in Buena Vista County.

Jorge Ortega-Ortega, 28, was arrested April 23 and booked into the Buena Vista County Jail on one count of vehicular homicide — reckless driving, a Class C felony. He remains in custody and is being held on a \$20,000 bond.

He is accused of causing a head-on collision that resulted in the death of Rose Bumsted, 65, of Nemaha, Iowa, during a two-vehicle crash on a Iowa Highway 3 near Aurelia.

According to a complaint filed in Buena Vista County District Court, Ortega-Ortega was westbound on Iowa 3 at 6:25 a.m. in a Honda Civic. An in-car camera in his car showed him put on his left turn signal about half a mile east of the Iowa 3/Buena Vista County Road M-27 intersection and move into the eastbound lane. Ortega-Ortega passed a no passing sign while continuing to drive in the eastbound lane for about a mile before colliding with

Bumsted’s vehicle, the complaint said.

Cat dies in Riverside house fire

SIUX CITY — One cat died and another was missing Tuesday evening after a fire severely damaged a Riverside neighborhood home.

Sioux City firefighters were called to the home in the 900 block of Pacquette Avenue at 6:57 p.m. and observed smoke and flames coming from the front window of the single-story, single-family home upon arrival, Sioux City Fire Rescue Lt. John Nelsen said.

Nelsen said the four-member family was not home at the time, and a neighbor called 911 to report the fire. The family’s two cats were the only pets at the home.

The fire started in the home’s front bedroom, Nelsen said, but the cause remains under investigation. The house had significant damage and was red-tagged as unfit for human occupation.



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