

Battalion Classifieds

Stomach troubles?

United Press International
The stomach's digestive juices are strong enough to dissolve zinc. So why doesn't the stomach digest itself?

To be sure, digestive fluids do inflict some damage on the stomach lining. Each time acid is produced, some cells are killed. But most of this damage is only temporary because of the stomach's regenerative ability: Each minute, the surface lining sheds 500,000 cells, renewing itself completely in just days.

What also helps minimize the damage is the structure of the stomach lining. This protective blanket, called the gastric mucosa, is covered by a dense layer of epithelial cells. It is these cells that come into direct contact with the caustic gastric fluids, creating a self-replenishing barrier that prevents most of the acid from penetrating and eating away at the stomach's inner wall.

But this barrier doesn't fully account for the stomach's durability. Some theorists say the epithelial cells are covered by a baffling layer of carbohydrates that provides protection. Others believe the answer is the stomach lining's cell membranes, made up of fatty lipids. Most molecules don't penetrate lipids, although vinegar, aspirin, orange juice and even the detergents in toothpaste can break through these fatty cell membranes.

"Whenever you drink a glass of orange juice or take a couple of aspirin on an empty stomach, you're probably causing damage," says gastroenterologist Jerry Spenny of the University of Alabama.



It wasn't that bad

A dazed First Sergeant of Squadron 14, Donna Heinz, a marketing major from Rantoul, Ill., starts to feel the effects of giving blood. RN Connie Donaldson, working for the Brazos

County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Heinz with the operation which was sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran Church and several merchants and organizations on Monday.

Mexican police investigated

Texas teens jailed, then freed

United Press International
BROWNSVILLE — Police officials said any of the officers accused of beating and robbing five teenagers outside a nightclub will be fired if an investigation proves there was misconduct.

Richard Laisure of Fort Worth, the father of one of the five boys, has filed complaints with consular officials in both Brownsville and Matamoros, Mexico, alleging the policemen battered the teenagers after responding to a disturbance in the city's rough Pink Zone.

When he tried to stop the incident, Laisure said police put a shotgun to his head. The boys were cut and bruised but not seriously injured.

Police claimed the boys began heckling and fighting with them.

Matamoros Mayor Jorge

Gonzales Cardenas said the matter would be investigated fully, and police officials said if any officer misconduct is discovered, the officers would be fired.

Laisure, who had taken the boys to South Padre Island for spring break, said he and the teenagers went across the border

to Matamoros to the Fiesta Palace, a small nightclub. About 11:30 p.m., Laisure said they were leaving and saw a group of about 35 Mexican police beating people in the street.

One of the youths in Laisure's group, Mark Mendoza, 16, started to take pictures of the incident but was ordered to stop

by the police. When the boy's flash unit accidentally went off, the police grabbed the camera and began hitting Mendoza with clubs and fists.

Police also beat Laisure's son, Chad, 16, and Mendoza's brother, Gilbert, 17. Chad Laisure and the two Mendozas were handcuffed and taken to jail

where Laisure said he was placed in a cell with other criminals. Darren Hicken and J.T. Thames, 18, were arrested.

The boys were released at 3:30 a.m. Friday, but taken from them — about 100 — was not returned, Laisure said.

Pupils paid for drug info

United Press International
LEWISVILLE — A new program that offers \$100 rewards to students who provide information about drug users and sellers in schools has apparently been successful, but the pupils have mixed reactions about the project.

Assistant Principal Malcolm Dennis said 20 names have been turned in since September, and 17 of those were found to possess drugs — usually marijuana. The students' names were given to police, and they were expelled.

"You'd be astonished at how well the students are cooperating," Dennis said. "Some have even turned in their best friends."

The Parent Teacher Student

Association in the Dallas suburb offers \$100 rewards to students "who provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of another student who is using or selling drugs."

A student receives \$50, even if the student named turns out not to possess any drugs.

Principal Douglas Killough, who brought the idea with him from Alabama where he worked until July, said the program is "a good way to get students in-

involved in helping each other."

A few pupils voiced concerns. "I see it (drug use) all over campus. Some students think it's temporary off," Lisa Wasser, 15, said. Eric Arts, 15, said he had heard drug use was wrong, but wouldn't turn in other students for money.

Amber Jordet, 16, said only students "need to learn that are wrong."

Car costs may decline: Hertz

United Press International
DETROIT — The sharp rise in the cost of owning and operating a car is tapering off and could even decline this year if interest rates and gasoline prices continue to fall, a survey by the Hertz Corp. shows.

The survey of 20 major cities was released Sunday and showed during 1982 the cost of driving a new compact car averaged 47.21 cents per mile, up

only 2.36 percent from 46.12 cents per mile.

The 20-city average of 47.21 cents per mile breaks down into depreciation costs of 13.8 cents, insurance and license of 11.47 cents, interest costs of 3.84 cents and gasoline of 18.0 cents.

Expenses in major cities are higher than in smaller towns because of higher auto, sales tax and labor costs, the company said.

Driving is most expensive in Los Angeles, the city with the nation in insurance interest costs. Driving is most expensive in Detroit where students spent the least on new cars.

Hertz said average costs of subcompact cars in cities were 36.11 cents per mile, intermediate cars and full-sized cars 47.21 cents.

Hertz, the nation's largest rental agency, said a search confirmed that sharp slowdown in new passenger car sales and operating costs.

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