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GOUT IN YOUTH

You are generally correct to consider gout as a condition of aging. Most attacks begin after age 50 and older.

The vast majority of people with gouty arthritis have difficulty eliminating the chemical uric acid from the blood. We excrete uric acid through the kidneys. As we age the kidney's ability to do this work fades. As a result, most gout comes on in later years. People with this inability to readily rid the body of uric acid are called under excretors.

In some individuals another pathway takes over. Normally we have enzymes that recycle nucleic acids that form uric acid into other chemical channels. Individuals, otherwise healthy, may lack these enzymes. What then occurs is that the nucleic acids are degraded quickly into uric acid. Such individuals are labeled over-producers. As the loss of this enzyme is linked to male sex, such over-producers are always men, and this defect can appear when the individual is in his twenties to thirties.

If you have gout, your doctor categorizes you as an under excretor or over-producer. Medications such as colchicine and benemid help the kidney work more efficiently for under excretors. The drug allopurinol (Zyloprim) takes the place of missing enzymes in men who are over-producers.



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Spanish channels added at odd hours

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The Farmington area will soon receive two Spanish-language cable channels — sort of.

Time Warner announced its new channel lineup at a special meeting of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) Tuesday. The new lineup will be available Dec. 1.

The two channels which feature Spanish programming are The International Channel, which picks up feeds from other countries in 24 languages, and GEMS, which is comparable to Univision, the Spanish channel that did not make the lineup.

But there are catches with both channels.

GEMS will only be broadcast from 3 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the same channel as the Nashville Network.

"What Nashville has on then is infomercials, so we'll be inserting GEMS," said Tom Bjorklund, regional vice-president of Time Warner.

And the International Channel? "One language it doesn't do a particularly good job at is Spanish," admitted Bjorklund, who said that one hour of the Spanish news channel Canale Noticias will be inserted weeknights and during early-morning hours.

Spanish channels became an issue when Spanish-speaking residents and foreign-language schoolteachers brought up the issue at a SWOCC meeting in August.

"I'm disappointed," said Charmaine Ragusa, a Spanish teacher at Harrison High School, of the new lineup. "I'm not really familiar with the other channels, I just know Univision is terrific."

"But at least if there is some new programs."

According to the survey, the only foreign-language channels receiving a substantial number of requests were The International Channel, Univision and TV Japan.

Bjorklund pointed out that nine out of the top 10 channels customers requested are being added.

"The survey and customer requests play a very important part (in what is added)...But there are some other factors that go into it. Cost is one of them. It costs a lot of money for us to get the rights to pick up services and we need to balance the customer interest with what the costs are. There are other things involved, like legalities."

"It is a complicated process, not arbitrary by any stretch of the imagination," added Bob McCann, general manager of Time Warner in Farmington Hills.

Despite the announcement of the new lineup, Aldo Vagnozzi, SWOCC member and mayor of Farmington Hills, said that Farmington Hills will go ahead with its own survey of local cable customers.

Vagnozzi has expressed dis-

may over Time Warner's channel choices and called into question whether there was even a survey at all.

"They claim they took a survey. I never got one in my bill," he said. "We can't demand that (Time Warner) put on any other channels, but we'll give our survey results to them."

Vagnozzi is more concerned with the company's all-around service than the channels it offers.

"We still can't seem to get the information we're supposed to get (from Time Warner)," he said. "I've asked for a list of the complaints that come to them. We've never gotten that."

He cited a figure given at the meeting which said that Time Warner has received 900,000 complaints from its 7 million subscribers. "That's almost one complaint out of seven customers."

Also announced at the meeting was the completion of a \$9.1 million fiberoptic upgrade, which allows a greater channel capacity.

Top 10 requested channels

These are the top-10 channels requested by local customers, according to a recent Time Warner survey.

Channel requested: Number of responses

- The History Channel: 1,230
- ESPN 2: 941
- Bravo: 676
- The Learning Channel: 451
- HGTV: 269
- The Golf Channel: 206
- Turner Classic Movies: 146
- TV Food Network: 133
- Country Music TV: 119
- Black Entertainment Television: 117

These are the new channels offered by Time Warner beginning Dec. 1.

Channel number: Program service

- 15: City of Farmington
- 18: WBSX-Indiana
- 23: The Golf Channel
- 24: Sneak Preview
- 25: MS/NBC
- 32: ESPN 2
- 37: Turner Classic Movies
- 38: The Learning Channel
- 39: The History Channel
- 40: Bravo
- 41: HGTV
- 42: Court TV
- 43: Black Entertainment Television
- 45: Country Music TV
- 47: Comedy Central
- 54: Nashville/GEMS
- 65: Travel Channel
- 61: International Channel
- 68: HBO 2
- 70: Showtime 2
- 72: Cinemax 2
- 76-78: Pay-Per-View

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