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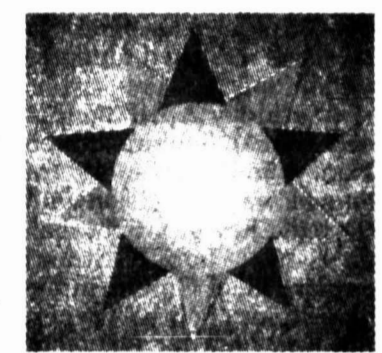
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Four tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game. The ticket was worth an estimated \$31 (M) million. The tickets were sold in: Dallas, Grand Prairie, North Richland Hills and Duncanville. The numbers were: 2-10-23-29-47-48.

- Charles Euel Anderson, 55, sales representative.
- Colleen Jewel Britten, 76, homemaker.
- George Francis Helm, 80, Memphis resident.
- Pauline Kerr, 89, homemaker.
- Sandra Judith Meek, 58, retired Dean of Student Affairs at WTA&M.
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Empty prairie dog town concerns park officials

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

LAKE MEREDITH - An abandoned prairie dog town near the Sanford Yake camping site here concerns park officials who wonder if bubonic plague decimated the furry rodent community. "If they'd only left a note," quipped Parks Superintendent John Benjamin. "We miss them. We hope they'll write." Joking aside, Benjamin said National Park Service officials became concerned when warmer spring temperatures alerted them that a small, but thriving, black-tailed prairie dog town near the entrance to the Sanford Yake camp site had been completely abandoned sometime during the winter. "We didn't think too much about it during the winter because they go deep in their burrows and you don't see them

"We don't want to panic people. We decided if we're going to err, it would be better to err on the side of caution."

— Parks Supt. John Benjamin

much," he explained. However, Spring arrived and no prairie dogs perched on the entrance to their holes to chatter at passersby.

Benjamin said investigation showed no sign of recent activity at the little village, except for some signs of badgers digging at the holes. Cobwebs covered most of the entrances, he said. No corpses or skeletal remains were found, the park superintendent said, indicating the prairie dogs population had died at least three months before and were scavenged by predators. "Even badgers could not have killed every one of the prairie

dogs. Some of them would have gotten away, deep in their holes," he said. "So we knew it was not predation that killed them. That brought thoughts of disease and, of course, (bubonic) plague."

Bubonic plague, a highly contagious disease that killed one-third of the population of Europe in the middle ages, is rarely seen in the world today. Occasional outbreaks have been reported in prairie dog towns, including one near Pampa several years ago.

"We dug through the burrows and found some fleas which we have sent off for testing,"

(See PRAIRIE, Page 8)

42-mile I-40 chase ends with one arrest

An Iowa man remained in Gray County Jail today following a pursuit along Interstate 40 late Sunday involving officers from several local law enforcement agencies and including one minor collision with an 18-wheel truck.

Travis Ryan Atkins, 25, of Davenport, Iowa, had not made bond by press time today on charges of evading arrest and driving with a suspended license, officials said. Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman said bond at \$1,000 for each of the two charges. Gray County Jail records show.

Panhandle Regional Task Force, Gray County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers took Atkins into custody shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday after a 42-mile chase across Interstate 40.

Officials said speeds did not exceed 90 miles per hour, but the pursuit spanned a 25-minute period as repeated attempts failed to stop the minivan driven by Atkins.

LL Mike Amos of the Panhandle Drug Task Force said the incident began when Officer Tommy Russell attempted to stop the Chevrolet Astro minivan for a traffic violation just inside the Carson County line on Interstate 40.

Traffic was fairly heavy at the time, he said, and the minivan (See CHASE, Page 2)



A worn-out mattress lies by the side of County Road E near Loop 171. East of the loop, lies discarded bits of carpet. Gray County deputies, earlier today, reported other trash including a television and an old refrigerator, along the roadway. County officials say dumping along County Road E between Pampa and the prison road east of town has been and continues to be a problem. The problem has been complicated by high winds that have scattered beer cartons and other paper products across the landscape.

DOT flagman hit, injured by car

The first day on a new job for Adam Villarreal of Pampa wasn't what the 20-year-old man expected. Villarreal was working Saturday morning near Dalhart as a flagman for the Texas Department of Transportation when he was struck by a car.

The accident report was not available today but Villarreal's father, Manuel Villarreal, said his son has a broken pelvis and knee injuries.

He said Adam was flagging an oncoming car

due to construction ahead when the car's driver did not respond by slowing down.

Villarreal's father said his son apparently ran to get out of the way at the same time the driver saw him and swerved also, hitting Adam.

Villarreal, who has a twin brother, Amador, is a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Manuel Villarreal and his wife, Inez, live on Malone Street in Pampa.

Push on to get final public radio contributions

By LORALEE COOLEY
High Plains Public Radio

The efforts of many people, businesses and foundations in the Texas Panhandle to bring public radio to this area are almost successful.

To date, about 87 percent of the funding needed to build the 800-foot transmission tower has been raised. That leaves 13 percent, which is approximately \$90,000. (Our area needs to come up with approximately \$40,000.)

While there is not a "deadline" that has to be met to come up with this additional funding, there is a practical need to get that much contributed or pledged by the end of this month in order to meet the

targeted date of January 2002 to begin broadcasting.

Why is that? To build the 800-foot tower takes about three to six months. Before the tower can be constructed, the contract to build must be signed. Once the contract is signed, it takes between three- to six-months for the construction to begin. This is because of the backlog in scheduling that construction companies who build this kind of tower are working with.

So here is the time line. If all the funds were available today and the construction company signed the contract tomorrow, construction most likely would not begin until mid-July — or maybe as late as October (three- to six-months). If con-

struction starts in July, then the tower could be finished as early as October (three months) or as late as January (six months). If construction doesn't start until October, then the tower probably wouldn't be completed until a year from now, delaying the promise of listener-supported public radio far longer than necessary.

If individuals, families, businesses or foundations are considering making a contribution or assisting in underwriting this project, now is the time to do so. Pledges are accepted for any amount, with the minimum encouraged of \$100. Several pledges for \$500 to \$1,000 have already been made from our area. Payment does not have to be made

immediately. A pledge can be made today with payment not required in full until December 2001. And it is tax-deductible.

Businesses and corporations might be interested in long-term underwriting, which could be over a several-year term.

For additional information, pick up a gold flyer at the library, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and many businesses, or contact High Plains Public Radio in Garden City, Kan., at 1-800-678-7444. Skip Mancini is the project director for the "Top O'Texas Public Radio Project." Local contacts include myself, Lorelee Cooley, at 665-7321, Dawson Orr at 669-4700 (Pampa ISD) and Doug Rapstine at 669-4950 (Travis Elementary).

Golden Nail Award goes to Celanese

Celanese Chemicals of Pampa received the Golden Nail Award at the 19th annual Golden Nail Awards ceremony held Saturday night (April 21) at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The award, given for contributions in support of the arts organizations and events, was accepted by Joe Mullenax, Human Resources Mgr., on behalf of Celanese.

Celanese makes contributions to many groups and events, and the contributions related to the arts for 2000 included the Pampa Community Concert Assoc., Pampa Fine Arts, Pampa Civic Ballet, Don Harrington Discovery Center, Mobeetie Museum, Pampa Elementary Chorus, Celebration of Lights, Pampa Parks and Recreation, Pampa Piece Quilt Guild, Country Music Concert, and the Pampa High School Choir.

Other nominees for the Golden Nail awards from Pampa included the M.K. Brown Foundation, and for an individual award, Curt Beck. Beck was nominated for his financial and in-kind contributions to Pampa Community Concert Assoc. as board member since 1950, fundraising as treasurer of the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art since 1985, and assistance in fund raising for Pampa's Super Playground and the M.K. Brown Academic Center's bronze sculpture.

The Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual event to recognize financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the surrounding area. Following the dinner and awards ceremony, guests attended the Amarillo Symphony Concert. A Cheers Party to honor the winners was held following the concert.

City may issue debt for repairs to streets

Issuing additional debt in order to make street repairs this year will be one of the topics discussed when the Pampa City Commission meets Tuesday at City Hall for its 5 p.m. work session followed by the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

"This winter has been really hard on our streets," City Manager Bob Eskridge said this morning. "We going to lose some streets if we don't do something."

Last year there was no money for a seal coat project and like other needed capital projects, Eskridge said, "It's an ongoing problem to get enough money."

Eskridge will recommend commissioners add additional money to fund street work to a bond issue that will be sold to raise money for state-mandated water plant improvements.

The city is awaiting an answer from the TNRCC on a method the water department tested earlier this year that gives chemicals more detention time with water as well as more time for settling.

Also on the Commission agenda are the following:

- Adopt a resolution authorizing submission of a School Resource Officer grant application
- Consider a resolution appointing a reserve police officer
- Consider the appointment of one person to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.



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MEDICAL

Banned drugs more harmful to women

WASHINGTON (AP) — More women than men were hurt by dangerous medications pulled off the market since 1997, congressional investigators say. The results aren't a surprise to drug experts: Many of the medicines were prescribed more to women than to men, including two once widely popular weight-loss medicines, Redux and Pondimin. And while others were used by both sexes, they were banned for causing an irregular heartbeat that scientists recently discovered is more likely in women than men. But a senator who requested the report by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, said it suggests the Food and Drug Administration must do a better job determining how medicines affect women and men differently. "This finding shows serious and unacceptable cracks in the FDA approval process," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. A spate of recent drug bans has drawn criticism that FDA, under congressional pressure, is approving new medicines too quickly. Yet few of the recently banned products actually sped through the agency. In some cases, including the weight-loss drugs, rare side effects never seen in pre-sale testing unexpectedly killed only after the drugs were used by millions. But increasingly frustrated FDA scientists say the main problem is that doctors ignored or never read warning labels that could have prevented deaths. The painkiller Duract, for instance, was supposed to be taken for no more than 10 days, but many doctors prescribed longer use that ended in liver failure. However, the report is the first to suggest that whatever the cause, more women were harmed by eight of the 10 drugs GAO investigated that were yanked off the market since 1997. The preliminary findings are part of a broader GAO investigation on women in drug testing, due out this spring. The report didn't calculate how many women were actually hurt. The FDA requires that all new medicines be examined for risks to women, said FDA drug chief Dr. Robert Temple. But many of the drugs GAO cited were sold before the FDA enacted that requirement — and others harmed women merely because they swallowed more of them than men did. More important is the recent discovery that women seem more vulnerable to a type of irregular heartbeat called "torsades de pointes," a risk from numerous drugs including four of those GAO cited. "But you find plenty of torsades in men and women," stressed Temple, saying the FDA is investigating whether drugs with that side effect have enough benefit to warrant the risk. "Drugs that do that really need a special reason for existing."

Among GAO's findings: —The four drugs riskier because more women used them: Redux and Pondimin, banned for causing heart valve damage; the diabetes drug Rezulin, banned for causing fatal liver damage; and Lotronex, a drug for female irritable bowel syndrome sufferers banned for deadly intestinal side effects. —Four others were more risky for women because of the heartbeat problem, sometimes caused by the drug alone and sometimes when it interacted with the patient's other medications. Those include the blood pressure drug Posicor; the allergy drugs Seldane and Hismanal; and the heartburn drug Propulsid. The GAO found no gender difference in two other banned drugs, Duract and the torsades-causing Raxar. It didn't examine two other products pulled from pharmacies, the Rotashield diarrhea vaccine or liver-harmful antibiotic Trovan.

Asthmatics may face greater risk of heart disease

By DANIEL Q. HANEY AP Medical Editor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Asthma sufferers appear to be unusually prone to heart disease, a study found, offering new clues about the hazards of lingering inflammation.

Other research has linked asthma with heart trouble, but those studies did not clearly distinguish the effect of smoking, which contributes to both asthma and cardiovascular disease.

In the new study, doctors from the Kaiser Permanente health plan found that even nonsmokers have a clearly elevated risk of heart disease. It appears to be at least one-third higher than the risk in people without asthma.

The reason for this is unclear. The researchers speculate that asthmatics' chronic lung inflammation might damage their arteries over time. However, they said it is also possible that medicines used to treat asthma have ill effects on the heart.

"This is a beginning," said Dr. Carlos Iribarren, the lead author. "It's a provocative finding that we need to understand." Iribarren presented the findings at a

meeting in San Antonio of the American Heart Association. The researchers reviewed questionnaires filled out by 22,036 nonsmoking Kaiser patients between 1979 and 1985 and followed their health through 1998. Among them were 1,062 men and women who said they had been diagnosed with asthma at some time in their lives. Those who ever had asthma were 32 percent more likely than those without to be hospitalized with heart disease or die from it during the follow-up. People actually being treated for asthma at the study's start had an even higher risk.

Twelve percent of them developed heart disease by the end of the study, compared with 7 percent of those without asthma — an increased risk of more than 70 percent.

About 6 percent of Americans are thought to have asthma. Iribarren said these people should be especially careful to eat a healthy diet, keep their weight under control and watch their blood pressure and cholesterol levels. "The universal recommendations for heart disease prevention apply to these people, because they may be at increased risk," he said. Some experts believe that chronic inflammation may increase the risk of heart disease. Much of the attention in this research has focused on bacterial causes, such as lingering gum disease or sinus infections. Earlier in the journal *Circulation*, European doctors reported that people with a variety of chronic bacterial infections have triple the usual risk of developing hardening of the arteries. Asthma's inflammation results from an allergic reaction. Iribarren said his works raises the possibility that it, too, might be bad for the heart, possibly by subjecting the arteries to inflammation-related

chemicals and white cells that circulate throughout the body. The latest study is "another piece of the puzzle of how inflammation influences the development of heart disease," said Dr. Sidney C. Smith Jr., research director of the heart association. "It seems to be playing an important role." Among other reports at the conference: —Researchers from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston found that smoking may trigger heart attacks by making the blood stickier. Heart attacks occur when clots block heart arteries. The researchers found that victims who had just smoked had bigger clots than did smokers who had not a cigarette within six hours. —Researchers from Harvard Medical School found that eating plenty of milk, cheese and other dairy products may actually help prevent obesity. They studied 2,929 adults ages 18 to 35 for 10 years and found that those who ate four or more servings a day were about 40 percent less likely to become obese.

On the Net: American Heart Association: http://www.americanheart.org

AIDS vaccine shows promise in monkey experiments

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study showing that inoculated monkeys stayed healthy despite exposure to a high dose of an AIDS virus gives new evidence that AIDS can be controlled by a vaccine, researchers say.

Researchers writing in the journal *Science* said the new vaccine uses a one-two-three punch to develop an immune system protection against the AIDS virus.

Harriet L. Robinson, senior author of the study, said two shots of a DNA vaccine are used to prime the immune system to resist the virus, and a final shot with a modified pox virus boosts the protection.

The first two shots use a vaccine containing the DNA for three proteins like those found in the AIDS virus. These proteins help the immune system remember the proteins and to attack them if they are detected later, said Robinson, a researcher at the Emory University Vaccine Center and the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center in Atlanta. She said the booster shot uses a

modified smallpox vaccine with the three HIV proteins added. This intensifies the immune system's response against the AIDS virus proteins. "Our results show that we can protect monkeys against an HIV-like virus using an immunization scheme that is practical for use in people," said Robinson. She added, however, that the vaccine has not been tested for use in people already infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the study "provides some of the best evidence to date that a preventive HIV vaccine may protect against AIDS." "Although the vaccine did not prevent infection, it continues to keep the virus at nearly undetectable levels for at least several months," he said. "We do not know yet if this vaccine will work in humans, but plans for the necessary clinical studies are under way." Robinson said the first human

trials are expected in less than a year. The new vaccine is different from traditional vaccines used in the past. Those vaccines failed to work, principally, because the AIDS virus was able to change and nullify the body's immune response. The procedure being used gives "a much more effective immunization than with the pox virus alone or by the DNA alone," Robinson said. "The DNA vaccine has the ability to prompt a very focused response." In the study, 24 monkeys were inoculated with varying doses of the new vaccine. Four other monkeys received only placebo. Seven months later, all the mon-

keys were exposed to lethal doses of a virus that mimics HIV.

The HIV-mimic virus is used because monkeys cannot be lethally infected by HIV itself. The mimic is constructed from both HIV and SIV, a virus that causes AIDS in monkeys, and is widely accepted as a simian model for HIV.

All four of the control monkeys developed AIDS and were dead within 28 weeks. All the vaccinated monkeys became infected with the virus, but their immune systems, prompted by the vaccine, were able to control the virus and the animals did not become sick.

Robinson said one vaccinated monkey, which received a low

dose of the vaccine, has an elevated level of virus and could become sicker. But all the rest "are very, very well," she said.

Dr. Bernard Moss of the NIAID, a co-author and developer the pox virus part of the vaccine system, said the seven months between vaccination and infection was significant.

"A real vaccine has to provide long-term protection," he said. In earlier vaccine studies, the animals often were exposed to virus within weeks of their shots.

Also, said Moss, the monkeys were exposed to virus loads hundreds of times higher than the typical human exposure to HIV. This proves that the vaccine has a very powerful effect.

Researchers: Autumn babies live longer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Being born in the fall may extend a person's lifespan by a few months.

A study appearing Tuesday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* linked the birth months of more than a million people who died in Denmark and Austria after the age of 50. It then looked for a similar pattern in Australia.

The study found that adults who were born in Austria between October and December lived about .6 years longer than those born in the spring, April to June.

In Denmark, those born in the fall lived about 3 years longer than did people born in the spring, the study found.

The authors, Gabriele Doblhammer and James W. Vaupel of Max Planck Institute in Rostock, Germany, also checked the pattern of birth month and lifespan in Australia and found "a mirror image reversal of that in the Northern Hemisphere."

"The mean age of death of people born in Australia in the second quarter of the year is 78," the authors said. "Those born in the fourth quarter die at

a mean age of 77.65."

The authors said the difference may be related to nutrition during pregnancy. More fruits and vegetables are available during the summer and fall months than during the winter and spring months, the authors said.

This means that a woman pregnant during the summer and fall could have a better food selection and their babies would be larger and healthier.

Since the seasons in Australia, in the southern hemisphere, are the opposite of the seasons in Europe, this would explain why the Australian pattern is a mirror image of the Austrian and Danish patterns, the researchers said. Fresh fruits and vegetables are more readily available in Australia during the first half of the year, which are the summer and fall months south of the equator.

Doblhammer and Vaupel noted that there are many studies showing that nutrition of a woman during pregnancy can affect the health of her baby for its lifetime.

Study suggests moderate exercise better than hard-core workouts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Couch potatoes rejoice: a new study suggests moderately paced, sustained activities promote weight loss more effectively than brief, high-intensity health club workouts based on the "no pain, no gain" mantra.

Walking, bicycling, even climbing stairs during TV commercials can contribute to weight loss if performed consistently, the researchers said. The activities can be as simple as parking at the far end of the mall and walking the long route to the store.

"Other scientists said the finding is encouraging news for people who want to lose weight, but are intimidated by the effort, commitment and expense often required at gyms and workouts conducted by personal trainers."

"It's taking the couch potato and getting them to do something," said Ross Andersen, associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, who has conducted similar research but did not participate in this study. "This is a way for people to accumulate activity for all days of the week."

The study published in a recent issue of the journal *Nature* shows the best way to boost metabolic rates is through moderate exercise

coupled with shorter stints of inactivity throughout the day.

Klaas Westerterp of Maastricht University, The Netherlands, measured the activity levels of 14 women and 16 men during the two-week study. All were healthy, non-obese participants ages 22-32.

In the study, Westerterp measured the amount of energy expended by using a device that records movement, reviewing activities recorded in participants' diaries and analyzing urine samples collected from ingested energy-measuring isotopes.

He found the time distributed between low and moderate intensity activities is ultimately what determined how many calories were burned. The metabolic responses to moderate exercise suggest it's physiologically beneficial, researchers said.

"All these little movements, they add up," Westerterp said.

The research is similar to findings reported by Andrea Dunn, an exercise psychologist from the Cooper Institute in Dallas.

"We keep trying in our studies to have people think of things they really enjoy doing. It doesn't have to be a chore," Dunn said.

For obese people, it's often easier to maintain daily routines such as taking the stairs or short walks than sweating during high-intensity workouts at the gym. Those moderate-intensity routines result in keeping pounds off because they're easier to maintain.

Though experts caution there's no replacement for watching food intake and engaging in vigorous activity, most agree any exercise is better than none for helping reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes.

"Anything you do is fine. If it's low intensity, do it more frequently, but move around," said Dr. Gerald Fletcher, physical cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., and a spokesman for the American Heart Association. "Don't drive your car around the block — get out and do something. It's less expensive than having to take pills after you have a heart attack."

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Husband's Interrogations Reveal His Lack of Trust

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 14 years. We have two wonderful boys. Last weekend, my husband questioned me about a missing condom. He asked if I knew where it was. At first, I laughed it off, because I had no idea where it might be. He questioned me about it for three days.

Yesterday, I discovered the missing condom. It had been thrown into another drawer. When I told my husband, he actually checked the lot number to see if it matched the others in the package. He said it was "very suspicious," and did not apologize for accusing me of taking it.

Abby, our married life has not been the happiest. He has falsely accused me of things in the past. I've mentioned marriage counseling many times, but he refuses to go. How should I handle this?

TIED OF THE THIRD DEGREE

DEAR TIRED: The lack of trust in your marriage needs to be addressed. Since your husband refuses to go to counseling, go by yourself. You need a safe, supportive place to vent your understandable frustration and anger.

P.S. You didn't mention how old your sons are, but I suspect one or both of them became curious and went into your drawers. In their haste to return the condom, it was put into the wrong drawer. If you haven't done so already, your sons are old enough to hear some straight talk about human sexuality, the reproductive system and their parents' right to privacy.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you've printed several letters from readers complaining about their neighborhood "pests." I live in an idyllic home at the end of a private road. Vegetation obscures my immediate neighbors.

My neighborhood "pest" is my next-door neighbor. For years she complained that I was cutting weeds and vines from the ditch that separates our properties. (I cut the weeds because I want the hedge I planted to grow.)

One day while she was complaining, I said, "You know, it makes me very uncomfortable knowing that you watch me when I'm all sweaty and working with my shirt off." Then I winked at her. It was the last complaint I've had from her in five years.

GARDENER IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

DEAR GARDENER: You probably scared the "pest" with your flirtatious accusation. I hope your hedge has finally grown tall enough that she no longer gets an "eyeful," if she's so inclined.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé and I are planning a simple, intimate wedding, and because I am Jewish and he is not, we're having a non-denominational ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, I would like to have the traditional "stomping of the glass." However, my mother says that we cannot do it because we're not having the traditional Jewish ceremony.

What is the proper etiquette? STACY IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR STACY: There is no rule that says you cannot include the breaking of the wine glass in your wedding ceremony if you wish. Civil ceremonies can (and do) vary greatly, and some customs can be modified according to your own preference.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Have A Story Idea...

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Choose from the menu
- Actor Guinness
- Picnic container
- Lake, in Italy
- Calgary's country
- Not professional
- Baby boxer
- Green-backs
- Sch. subj.
- Beast of burden
- Pay attention to
- Like porcupines and cacti
- Pirate William and others
- Informed
- Wager
- The works
- Reception aids
- Collar
- Family outing
- Snow formations
- Actress Anderson
- Refrain from playing

DOWN

- Light lunch
- San Antonio landmark
- George of "Just Shoot Me"
- Edinburgh's place
- Happens
- Lion sounds
- Put on
- Went by
- Lost weight
- Rafting worry
- Simple place
- Be successful
- Kiosks
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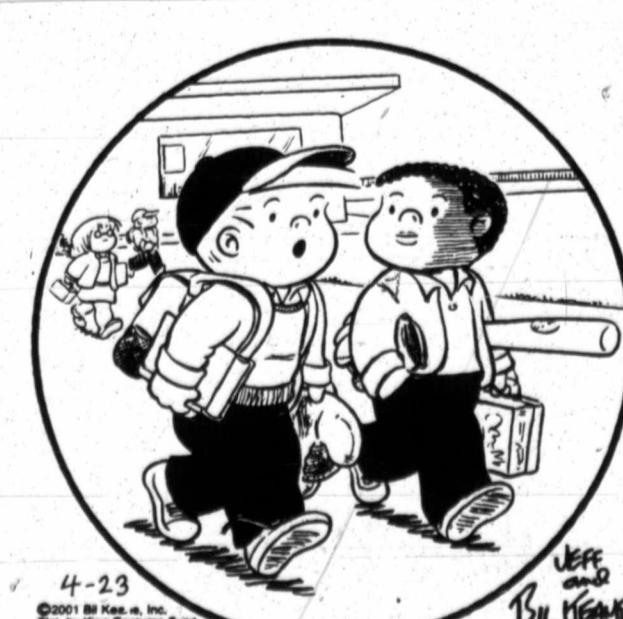
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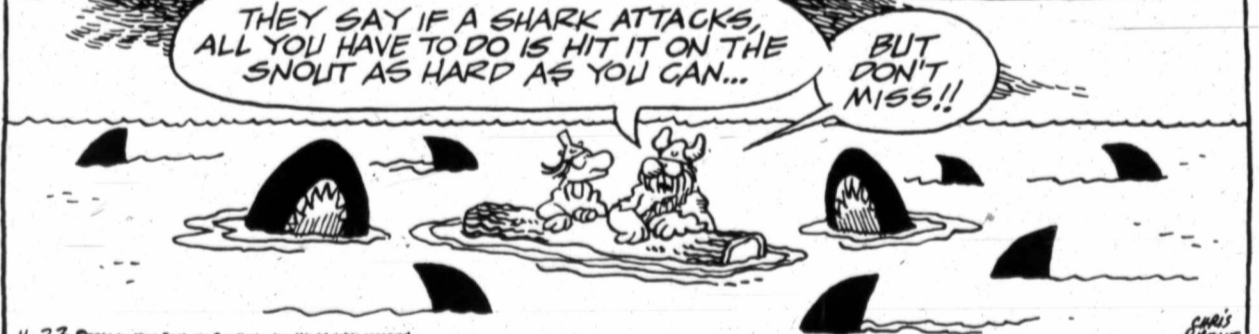
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Benjamin said. "The Texas Department of Health is helping us so that we will have results of the tests as soon as possible. "Just as a precaution we have closed the camp ground and it will remain closed until we get a report back on the fleas," he said. "We don't want to panic people. We decided if we're going to

err, it would be better to err on the side of caution," he added. Two or three campers in mobile homes had camped at Sanford Yake, one of two well-developed camp grounds at Lake Meredith, he said. The campers were moved to the other site at Fritch Fortress. "It hasn't had a tremendous affect on the public. We hope to get it resolved before the camp-

ing season gets going." Benjamin said that if the results come back positive for bubonic plague, officials will dust the burrows and then test the fleas, and regardless of the results, the burrows will be dusted a second time. "Hopefully by then we'll have wiped out that generation of fleas," he said. Park officials plan to continue

their investigation of the mysterious disappearance by digging deeper into the burrows, "just to satisfy our curiosity about what the heck happened." Benjamin also wants to know the results of the flea tests by Saturday when Lake Meredith's annual lake shore clean-up involving 1,500 volunteers is planned. "It won't affect the clean-up," he said. "We just won't clean-up the Sanford Yake area, even if the results don't come back positive."

Missionary's plane shot down in Peru

CIA surveillance reported aircraft possible drug plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Peruvian jet shot down a plane carrying American missionaries just one hour after being notified by a CIA-operated surveillance plane that it might be a flight ferrying illegal drugs, a U.S. intelligence official said Sunday.

The American members of the crew of the U.S. surveillance plane, which included a military officer from Peru, sought to slow down the process that led to the deaths of two Americans on Friday, said this official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

After almost two days of conflicting information, the United States sought Sunday to portray its drug surveillance role as advisory in nature.

The U.S. aircraft is owned by the Defense Department but was operated by the Central Intelligence Agency, a second U.S. official said. This official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said it appeared that the Peruvian authorities moved too quickly to attack the plane carrying the American missionaries. As a result, all such surveillance flights have been suspended, he said.

In Quebec for a hemispheric summit that included Peru, President Bush pledged to find out what went wrong, but said the role of the U.S. surveillance plane was "simply to pass on information" about aircraft suspected of carrying drugs.

"Our government is involved with helping, and a variety of agencies are involved with helping, our friends in South America identify airplanes that might be carrying illegal drugs," Bush said at a news conference closing out the Summit of the Americas. "These operations have been going on for quite a while."

Specifically, the American role is to spot planes' tail numbers and identify aircraft that fail to file flight plans, Bush said.

The surveillance flights, he said, have been suspended "until we get to the bottom of the situation, to fully understand all the facts, to understand what went wrong in this terrible tragedy."

The U.S. official said the crew of the plane included a civilian pilot, co-pilot and systems operator who work under contract for the CIA. Also on board was a Peruvian air force officer who was responsible for coordinating with Peruvian authorities on the ground.

The U.S. intelligence official said the three CIA employees aboard the Cessna Citation jet were not involved in the decision to shoot down the plane carrying American missionaries. This official said the CIA employees believed the Peruvian air force officer, once he was unable to contact the other plane's pilot on three different radio frequencies, moved too quickly through the established procedures for determining what action to take against the suspect plane.

The official offered the following description of the incident: The CIA plane notified its base at 9:43 a.m. local time Friday of the radar sighting of an aircraft that crossed three to four miles into Brazil. A second sighting was called in 12 minutes later as the unidentified plane crossed back into Peruvian air space.

The CIA crew asked the Peruvian officer to determine whether the aircraft was on an approved flight plan. The Peruvian officer could not locate a flight plan for a plane in that area.

The Peruvian government said the plane entered Peruvian air space from Brazil without filing a flight plan and that it was fired on after the pilot failed to respond to "international procedures of identification and interception."

Mario Justo, chief of the airport in Iquitos, the destination, said the plane did not have a flight plan when it set out from Iquitos, next to Brazil's border, Friday morning. But one was established when the pilot made radio contact with the airport control tower in Iquitos, he said.

The Peruvian air force officer then decided to launch an interceptor aircraft to determine the airplane's identity and intentions. The U.S. official said it was unclear whether warning shots were fired by the interceptor aircraft — a Peruvian A-37 — or whether the missionary aircraft saw them.

At approximately 10:43 a.m., "despite serious concerns raised by the U.S. crew," a shutdown was authorized by Peruvian air force authorities, the official said. The U.S. crew was concerned the nature of the suspect plane hadn't been determined, the official said.

The Peruvian officer aboard the CIA plane requested permission from his superiors on the ground to authorize the Peruvian interceptor jet to fire upon the suspect aircraft in order to disable it, the U.S. official said.

At this point "the U.S. crew voiced objections" and asked that the interceptor jet's pilot fly alongside the suspect aircraft and get its tail number. The number was obtained but apparently was not called back to the Peruvian air force operations center on the ground before the shutdown was authorized at 10:43 a.m., the official said.

Justo, the chief of the airport in Iquitos, said that during radio contact with the missionary plane at 10:48 a.m. — just five minutes after the shutdown was authorized — the pilot of the missionary plane reported the presence of a military plane.

"He added in his report that there had been a military plane, but that he did not know what it wanted," Justo said.

Missionary Veronica "Roni" Bowers, 35, and her 7-month-old adopted daughter, Charity, were both killed and pilot Kevin Donaldson was wounded in the downing.

Also on board and unhurt were Bowers' husband, Jim Bowers, 37, and their 6-year-old son Cory.

"Our hearts go out to the families who have been affected," Bush said. "I want everybody in my country to understand that we weep for the families whose lives have been affected."

The CIA has been involved in such surveillance flights over Peru since 1995 under authority provided in a law passed in 1994. The law permits U.S. government employees to assist foreign nations in interdicting aircraft when there is reasonable suspicion of illicit drug trade.

R.E.M. guitarist bailed in alleged 'air rage' assault

LONDON (AP) — R.E.M. guitarist Peter Buck was cleared to tour after appearing in court Monday to answer charges of allegedly assaulting two crew members on an overnight flight from Seattle to London.

Buck, 44, who was arrested Saturday after arriving on a British Airways flight, was released on \$44,000 bond pending a further court appearance on June 18.

"I am grateful for the court allowing me to undertake our promotional tour," Buck said in a statement which was read to reporters by attorney Bertis Downs.

"The matter will now be delayed until mid-June and of course I will be here. I am sorry for the incident and of course I am embarrassed about the whole thing."

R.E.M. is scheduled to play in the South Africa Freedom Day concert in London's Trafalgar Square on April 29, and then tour to promote a new album.

Buck, who lives in Seattle, was charged with assaulting two crew members, disobeying a lawful command of the commander of an aircraft, being drunk on an aircraft, damaging a quantity of airline crockery and of threatening behavior.

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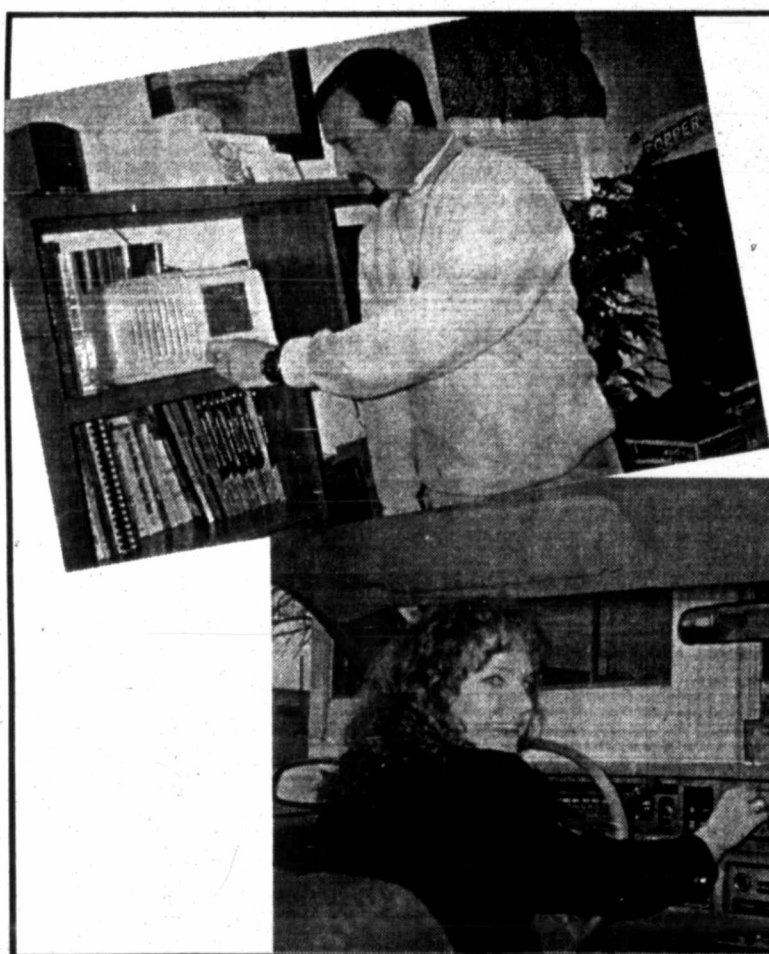
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