



## Cause of plane crash may remain a mystery

The crash of Air France flight 447 on a transatlantic flight from Brazil carrying 228 people remains unknown, and in truth, may always be a mystery.

While airline crashes are rare, especially involving U.S. and European airlines, they do happen. And when they do, they almost always are spectacular.

That leads many people to fear flying, though modern airline travel is among the safest forms of transportation. Still, investigators, airline experts and manufacturers want to know what happened anytime something goes wrong. There's blame to assess, sure, but everyone wants to be sure that whatever happened does not happen again.

Finding out what happened to the Air France flight will be difficult, though, since the flight recorders are thought to lie 20,000 to 26,000 feet under the surface of the Atlantic, in an inhospitable region where big storms constantly sweep the sea.

French and Brazilian navy personnel are looking for wreckage and bodies, and finding enough of both to eventually offer some answers. While speculation has focused on bad weather and perhaps faulty instruments, which might have set the Airbus A330 on the wrong course or speed, no one has ruled out any cause, from human error to foul play.

The U.S. Navy is sending high-tech acoustic seekers designed to find the flight recorders,

known as "black boxes" though they usually are painted bright orange. With modern technology, who knows? They might just be able to bring them up.

Even the floating debris might offer some answers, especially if there had been an explosion or another catastrophic event in midair. Experts say the bodies may have a story to tell as well.

Everyone will want to know the answer. It may take months, even years to get one. We may never know the whole truth.

Weather, equipment failure, human error? It's something to think about next time you fly, but not for long.

After you clear security and stow your carry-on, the worst part of any airline trip likely is over. The truth is a lot less interesting than speculation on what happened out there over the ocean.

For by the time any of us starts out on a commercial airline trip, the most dangerous part of the journey is past.

It's the drive to the airport that is most likely to kill or injure us, not the flight. Yet, probably because most of us get behind the wheel each day and think little of it, few people fear driving.

Fly again? Sure. The airline industry and the airplane builders will do everything they can to make you safe.

Just be careful on the freeway. — Steve Haynes

## PICNIC SEASON OPEN!



## News From the Past

### 5 years ago - 2004

Darin Wiley of St. Francis earned the Championship Premier Exhibitor Award in the junior market beef competition at the National Western Stock Show.

Athletes headed for the 2A State Track Meet in Wichita include: Kyle Buffington, shot put and discus; Derek Ross, pole vault; Ally Reichert, shot put; Lauren Ross, pole vault and Talisa Voorhies, long jump. Also qualifying are two relay teams, the girls 4x800 and the girls 4x400. Members and alternates of these two teams who will travel to Wichita include Lori Faulkender, Amy Grace, Hannah Sowers, Lauren Ross, Megan Rice, Talisa Voorhies and McKenzie Grace.

### 25 years ago - 1984

Eighteen girls are participating in the Cheyenne County Junior Miss program this year. They include Gina Applegate, Debra Johnson, Roxanne Lebow, Sheri Confer, Deanna Penner, Sherrie Elijah, Tina Wright, Kristin Ross, Crystal Bracelin, Shawn Mc-

Crory, Jae-Dene Ewing, Vickie Peters, Amy Follett, Paula Kramer, Brenda Zwegardt, Dawn Ambrosier, Tammy Douthit and Karen Bowers.

New DeMolay officers will be installed on Sunday. They include Robert Scooby, Master Councilor; Dan McCurry, Senior Councilor and Chad Kincheloe, Junior Councilor.

Retiring principal, Velma Zimbelman, was honored on Friday by students, faculty, school board, administration and members of the community. She served the Cheyenne County School District for 37 years.

The St. Francis American Legion Auxiliary has announced that Amy Follett and Sheri Confer are Girls State delegates. Gina Applegate is an alternate.

Corrine Bontrager placed 12th in the state spelling bee. She competed against 105 county winners.

Thirty-seven seniors received their diplomas at graduation. Wesley Sherman delivered the

senior farewell speech. Dan Follett gave an inspiring talk about the pride the class had and many of their accomplishments.

### 50 years ago - 1959

A surprise trophy presentation was planned for Dr. J. H. A. Peck at the high school athletic banquet but Dr. Peck was called to take a patient to Denver. So the presentation ceremony was enacted at the banquet without the honored recipient. The purpose of the ceremony was to help span the number of years that Dr. Peck has given his devoted support to all school activities including athletics. It was planned to have a person who participated in athletics in the 20s and 30s, a graduating senior and an upcoming freshmen to show approximately when Dr. Peck came here and showing his support will continue for a long time. The trophy was to be presented by John Hancock, representing all the athletes at the high school, both past and present.

## Hangin' With Marge

911

I had the privilege to have my daughter-in-law and three grandchildren spend a week with me.

One morning while his mommy was in the shower my 4-year-old grandson, Tucker, said, "Grandma, I know the emergency number."

I asked him what it was and he said, "911."

I replied, "That is great! Do you know your address?"

He thought a minute then shook his head no.

Thinking I would help him out I told him that we would surprise his mother and learn the address. Then when she got out of the shower he could tell her.

Eager to learn he agreed. I said it is 602 South Bryant St. He worked on it all the time and I felt so good that I had taught him that.

By Margaret Bucholtz



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Last Saturday, June 6, marked the 65th anniversary of the Allied forces landing on the French coast of Normandy. D-Day is an important occasion to remember since it marks the beginning of the end of World War II.

Never in the history of mankind has such an operation been equalled. The 150,000 soldiers from the United States, Great Britain and their allies crossed the English Channel to face the fortified Nazi defenses.

It was not a given that the outcome would be in our favor. In fact, Operation Overlord was a massive gamble.

One group of men who never seemed to get the credit they deserved was the Army Rangers who stormed the sheer face of Pointe du Hoc. Perhaps this is because the guns that so many of the group were sacrificed for were not in place at the time of the attack. The Rangers found them hidden, not far inland, and they were destroyed then.

But President Ronald Reagan had an idea of the magnitude of these men's act. In his speech that marked the 40th Anniversary, in 1984, he spoke from on top the cliffs.

"At dawn, on the morning of the sixth of June, 1944, 225 Rangers jumped off the British landing crafts and ran to the bottom of these cliffs. . . one by one, the Rangers pulled themselves over the top, and in seizing the firm land at the top of these cliffs, they began to seize back the continent of Europe."

Although time may soften the memories of that time and place, it is important to remember the actions of those who came before us. For the time being, our freedoms have been secured by them.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: K.J. Quigley, St. Francis; Aletha Murphy, St. Francis; Betty Smith, Burlington, Colo.; Verlin Schauer, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Dan Jones, St. Francis; Althea LeBow, St. Francis; Wray Community Hospital, Wray, Colo.; Leonard Vyzourek, McDonald; Edie Howard, Mission; Ned Felzien, Wichita;

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**GOD SAYS**

**These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**

**Proverbs 6:16-19**

## Lines from the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

The following books have arrived at the library: *Always Dakota* by Debbie Macomber; *The Scarecrow* by Michael Connelly; *Razor Sharp* by Fern Michaels; *Heaven, Texas* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips; *Wicked Prey* by John Sandford; *First Family* by David

Baldacci; *Deadlock* by Iris Johansen; *The 8th Confession* by James Patterson; *Mr. and Miss Anonymous* by Fern Michaels; *Visions In White* by Nora Roberts; *Loitering With Intent* by Stuart Woods; *The Perfect Poison* by Amanda Quick; *Summer On Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber.

The library has the following new books in the children's department: *For The Record* by Helen Perelman; *Going Platinum* by Helen Perelman; *Play It Again* by Phoebe Appleton; *Junie B. Dumb Bunny* by Barb Parker; *Crazy Horse* by Jenny Oldfield; *Wild Horses* by Jenny Oldfield; *Buried Biscuits* by Darrel Odgers; *Kidnapped Creature* by Darrel Odgers; *Camping Catastrophe* by Abby Klein; *One Hundredth School* by Abby Klein; *Biscuit Visits The Doctor* by Alyssa Capucilli; *The Lost Dinosaur Bone* by Mercer Mayer; *Donald's Special Delivery* by Susan Ring; *Biscuit's First Sleepover* by Alyssa Capucilli; *Just A Day At The Pond* by Mercer Mayer; *Mickey's Roundup* by Susan Ring; *Mickey's Campout* by Susan Ring.

## Visitor enjoys shopping at one of the local stores

Letter to the Editor:

When I come to St. Francis to visit my sister, Colleen Shannon, the first place I want to go to is Donna's Gift Palace. I love that store! She has so much to choose from every time I come here —

—Letter to the Editor —

even in the future, I want to go there first!

Michele Shannon  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
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Pastor Chris Farmer  
No Sunday School  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Solid Rock Baptist Church**  
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Welcomes You!  
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Worship 10:30  
Prayer Meeting, Wed 7:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
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Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.  
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,  
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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332-3150  
204 N. Quincy Street  
www.sfccfamily.com  
Pastor: David Butler  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Potluck & Communion -  
Every 2nd Sunday  
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