Ehmann's People

By James Ehmann of The Post-Standard

What a Wonderful World It Would Be

Although history offers little hope for such a turn of events, there may yet come a day when humans are more concerned with who they are than with how they look.

For now, though, here's how people who are more concerned with how they look can look if they spend their money at the spring/summer fashion exhibit at the Milan Fiera in Milan, Italy.

They Like It! Hey, Mikey!

The finicky 3-year-old in the Life cereal commercial recently turned 17.

Quaker Oats has been running the ad since 1971.

Actions Used to Speak Louder than Words or Ties

John Molloy, author of "Dress for Success," said recently that at least 90 percent of young people entering the world of business have the mistaken belief that ability, talent and hard work are more important than "image."

All that's really important, Molloy said, is to "look and sound like a winner." His unfortunate philosophy is detailed in his new book, "How to Work Your Competition into the Ground and Have Fun Doing It."

Bucking the Line

Chris Enss, a University of Arizona student and a part-time messenger for "Bananagrams Singing Telegrams," recently stood in line for 2½ hours on each of three days but failed to get in to see the school's financial aid officer.

So she went home, put on her work costume of top hat and tails, and returned to the office, where she handed out balloons, sang a song and got her loan application processed in five minutes.

Mythical Trivia

After we twice in recent months ran photos of **Jacques Cousteau's** new windship, the Alcyone, named after the second daughter of **Aeolus**, the Greek god of wind, several readers wrote to say they'd been unable to find references to **Alcyone** in their mythology texts, and they wondered about the tale.

According to the Cousteau Society, here it is:

Alcyone despaired when her husband was lost in a shipwreck, so she threw herself into the sea. The gods pitied the lovers, so they changed them into kingfishers. **Zeus** then forbade the winds to blow for seven days before and after the winter solstice, a period that happens to span the birds' annual breeding season.

In Greek, the feathered creatures are called "halcyons," and that word, coupled to the myth, led to the expression "halcyon days," which refers to times of calm seas.

Meanwhile, Alcyone also lends her name to one of the stars in the constellation Pleiades.

Rechristening Ceremony For 'HMS Sealitter'

Royal Air Force pilots flying Nimrod aircraft armed with Harpoon air-to-surface sea-skimming missiles, and Buccaneer attack aircraft armed with laser-guided bombs recently used the Royal Navy's 32-year-old, 2,400-ton frigate HMS Salisbury for target practice somewhere off the coast of Britain.

The pilots' aim was true.

R.I.P., Gladys

A Labrador retriever named **Gladys** recently perished in a Des Moines, Wash., house fire, but not before she alerted the family of six humans who were asleep when the blaze began. Several of the people suffered burns, but all escaped alive.

The Original Right Stuff

Test pilot **Chuck Yeager**, at the controls of Glamorous Glennie, a Bell X-1 rocket plane, broke the sound barrier on this date in 1947.

At sea level in a temperature of 32 degrees Fahrenheit, sound travels at about 740 miles per hour.

Wish We'd Said That

It is impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and certainly not desirable, as one's hat keeps blowing off.

— Woody Allen

Less Likely to Rust than the Cars

In Newark, N.J., **Jose Vargas** operates what may be the biggest used-hubcap business in the world. He claims an inventory of more than 5,000.

Blast Triggers Anger

Arab Americans Blame Government, Media in Committee Official's Death

The Washington Post

SANTA ANA, Calif. — He was the gentlest of men, his friends and relatives said, a poet who spent what free time he had with his wife and three small daughters, enjoying the parks near their Orange County condominium and snapping dozens of pictures of his girls.

He had received threats, to be sure, but he was an American now in a free and mostly peaceful country; and he only occasionally took precautions, such as carefully checking his mail.

What worried him were his trips back to his village on the Palestinian West Bank, where his 80-year-old father told of Israeli soldiers harassing the men in the cafes, making some of them stand on one leg for a long time.

So when Alex Odeh, West Coast regional director of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, approached the door of his second-floor office in Santa Ana Friday on a beautiful, smog-free morning, thoughts of violent death were probably far from his mind.

According to authorities and his relatives, a tripwire attached to the door apparently set off the bomb that killed the 41-year-old author and college instructor.

In the wake of his death has come a wave of indignation from Arab Americans across the country who are convinced that ignorance and insensitivity within the U.S. government and the American news media had helped inspire Odeh's killers, as yet unidentified.

In the view of Odeh's closest friends and harshest critics, a key trigger to the attack was an interview he gave a local television station the day before the blast and the way the station edited the interview to match heightened public interest in the Palestinian terrorist hijacking of an Italian ocean liner and the murder of an elderly American on board.

In the few seconds of an interview broadcast Thursday night on KABC-TV, Odeh suggested that the Palestine Liberation Organization and its chairman, Yasser Arafat, had no role in the hijacking.

"The media ought to give the PLO and Arafat recognition, inform the public about the PLO as a political organization and Arafat in particular as the chairman of the PLO, who is a man of peace," he said.

David Habib, president of the committee's Los Angeles chapter, said that in segments of the interview that were not broadcast, Odeh "condemned the hijacking of the ship, condemned terrorism around the world...yet they decided to broadcast a little part that seemed to show Alex Odeh and the ADC are a pro-Arafat organization." A KABC spokeswoman declined to comment.

Barbara Shahin, the committee's deputy executive director in Washington, chastised American newspapers for running short wire-service accounts of Odeh's death while devoting pages to stories on the shipboard hijacking and murder. "This was an American killed on American soil by American terrorists," she said.

Leaders of the Jewish Defense League, asked for comment after the bombing, denied any involvement but lambasted Odeh for speaking well of the PLO, which they blame for the shipboard hijacking and murder.

"I have no tears for Mr. Odeh," said JDL leader Irv Rubin. "He got exactly what he deserves."

Odeh was born in the West Bank village of Jifna to a Roman Catholic family. His father, a retired grocer, still lives there. His mother died of cancer three years ago.

He attended Bir Zeit University and Al-Najah University on the West Bank, then studied economics at the University of Cairo. He moved to the United States in 1972 and attended California State University at Fullerton, where he received a master's degree in political science in 1978.

He worked for the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission in Los Angeles for several years and became a U.S. citizen in 1977. He taught Arabic at Cal State Fullerton and at Coastline Community College, where he also taught Mideast history and politics.

Habib said Odeh had devoted his life to trying to remove ignorance of the Middle East and bias against Arabs from American life. His reaction to some insensitive comment or act was, "Well, we've got a lot of work to do," Habib recalled. "He was so used to it...he just understood."

Much of this attitude is reflected in a book of his poetry, "Whispers in Exile," published in an Arabic-language paperback edition by The New Circle magazine two years ago.

Wafa Nasr, an ADC staff member, translated a portion of an Odeh poem:

Lies are like still ashes.
When the wind of truth blows,
The lies are dispersed like dust and disappear.
At least we all owe thanks
To the one who tries to speak, write or paint
An honest thought to the world.

International Briefs

Tahiti Bars Greenpeace Ship from Harbor

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — The Greenpeace, flagship of the Greenpeace environmental organization, was reported heading Sunday to Papeete for repairs despite an order banning it from port.

Gaston Flosse, president of the territorial government of French Polynesia, which includes Tahiti, issued a decree Saturday banning the vessel. The Greenpeace was told of the decree by radio.

The former oceangoing tug replaced the Rainbow Warrior as head of a flotilla protesting French nuclear testing at Mururoa atoll in the South Pacific after the Rainbow Warrior was sunk July 10 by French agents in New Zealand.

It was expected off Tahiti Tuesday, but its British captain, Jonathan Castle, could change course and head for the Cook Islands, the nearest non-French landfall. Castle is banned from French territory under a 1983 expulsion order.

Bush Labels China an Economic Partner

Los Angeles Times

PEKING — Vice President George Bush began a six-day visit to China Sunday by saying the United States now considers this country primarily as an economic partner rather than as a partner in strategic efforts against the Soviet Union.

In a banquet toast at the Great Hall of the People soon after his arrival in Peking, Bush dwelt almost exclusively on the subject of U.S. trade and investment in China and omitted any reference to the Soviet Union or to Asian security issues.

It was apparently the first time in the series of visits dating to 1972 that a visiting U.S. president or vice president has not publicly tried to enlist China's support against the Soviet Union.

The indicated change in the U.S. approach amounts to an implicit recognition of China's recent efforts to characterize itself as a developing country, with a foreign policy independent of the two superpowers.

Mystery Noise Sparks Emergency Landing

NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — An apparent in-flight explosion forced a Kuwait Airways jetliner to land Sunday in Bombay, where terrified passengers leaped from the plane, the Press Trust of India said. Twenty people were reported injured, five of them seriously.

The captain decided to return to Bombay after hearing "a loud noise" from the cargo hold of his Airbus jet less than 20 minutes after takeoff from Bombay's Sahar International Airport, the domestic news agency said.

Police said they do not believe a bomb blast was involved, and explosives experts, firefighters and dogs trained to sniff out explosives failed to establish what caused the noise, the news agency said.

National Briefs

Survey: Gun Laws Don't Disarm Criminals

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A survey of long-term prisoners indicates restrictive laws do not discourage handgun ownership by career criminals, who get their weapons more often by theft or under-the-counter deals than by legal purchases in legitimate stores, the Department of Justice reported Sunday.

The report said a sampling of 1,874 men serving time for felonies in 11 state prisons around the country found that 75 percent said they expect little or no trouble if they try to obtain a handgun following their release from prison. The men overwhelmingly preferred high-quality, large-caliber weapons to small-bore, cheap "Saturday night specials," the report said.

The study also found 57 percent of the men had owned a handgun at the time of the arrest that put them behind bars; 32 percent of these guns had been stolen, and only 21 percent had been bought through legitimate retail outlets. Another 26 percent were acquired in black market deals, and the remainder were described as gifts from family or friends.

Four Die after Bus Strikes Freight Train

BRAMWELL, W.Va. (AP) — A chartered bus carrying a church choir ran down a steep hill and rammed a slow-moving freight train at a railroad crossing Sunday, killing at least four people and injuring 26, at least three seriously, authorities said.

The brakes on the 18-year-old bus probably failed before it slammed into the Norfolk & Southern train at the bottom of a 1½-mile grade, said state police Trooper L.J. McCarty.

The train was traveling 11 mph at the crossing, which had signal lights but no barricades, said state Trooper L.J. McCarty. The bus was carrying 32 people from Bibleway Pentecostal Church of Roanoke, Va., he said.

Workers Plug Tank Car Leaking Toxic Gas

LAKE CITY, Fla. (AP) — Workers Sunday plugged a leak in a derailed railroad car from which a potentially lethal gas had seeped since the day before, and authorities ended an evacuation that had forced some 350 people from their homes.

Specialists pumped the anhydrous ammonia from the tanker, which derailed Saturday evening along with 37 other cars of a 144-car Seaboard System Railroad train. The accident probably was due to equipment failure, said railroad spokesman Mark Sullivan. No injuries were reported.

Weather

Forecasts

☐ **SYRACUSE AREA FORECAST:** Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers this afternoon; high in the low 60s with westerly winds of 5 to 15 mph. Cloudy with periods of rain likely tonight; low in the low 40s. Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain Tuesday; high in the upper 50s.

☐ **SYRACUSE EXTENDED FORECAST:** Showers ending Wednesday. Sunny Thursday. Partly sunny Friday. Highs in the 50s Wednesday, about 55 Thursday and near 60 Friday; lows near 45 Wednesday, near 35 Thursday and in the low 40s Friday.

☐ **NEW YORK STATE:** The sun may break through a little this morning, but clouds and showers are expected to return to most of the state later today and remain through Tuesday, the National Weather Service says.

☐ **ADIRONDACKS:** Partly sunny today; high in the 50s with light, southerly winds. A 40 percent chance of rain tonight; low 35 to 45. Rain likely Tuesday; high in the 50s.

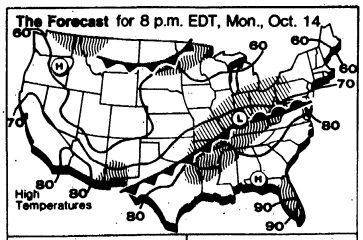
☐ **ALBANY AREA:** Partly sunny today; high 55 to 65 with light, southerly winds. A 40 percent chance of rain tonight; low near 50. Rain likely Tuesday; high near 60.

☐ **BINGHAMTON AREA:** Partly sunny today; high 55 to 65 with light, southwest winds. Rain likely tonight and Tuesday; low tonight in the 40s, and highs Tuesday in the 50s.

☐ **ROCHESTER AREA:** Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers this afternoon; high 60 to 65 with westerly winds of 5 to 15 mph. Periods of rain likely tonight; low 45 to 50. A 40 percent chance of rain Tuesday; high 55 to 60.

☐ **WATERTOWN AREA:** Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers this afternoon; high 60 to 65 with westerly winds of 5 to 15 mph. Periods of rain likely tonight; low 40 to 45. A 40 percent chance of rain Tuesday; high 55 to 60.

The Forecast for 8 p.m. EDT, Mon., Oct. 14



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Climatic Almanac

☐ **TEMPERATURES:** Sunday's high 66, low 47. Mean temperature Sunday 57. Mean last year 59. Average for date 52. High for date 81 in 1961. Low for date 29 in 1956.
☐ **PRECIPITATION:** .28" Sunday, 1.33" this month, 23.46" this year. Least for month .21" in 1963. Most for month 8.29" in 1955. Average for month 3.14".
☐ **SUNRISE-SUNSET:** Sunset today, 6:24 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:18 a.m. Car lights on tonight at 6:54 p.m.
☐ **THE AIR:** Pollution index unavailable Sunday.
☐ **HEATING DEGREE DAYS:** 8 Sunday. (Degree days equal difference between mean temperature and 65 degrees.)

12 a.m.	48°	89%	30.09"	noon	61°	87%	29.92"
2 a.m.	47°	100%	30.04"	2 p.m.	66°	76%	29.91"
4 a.m.	51°	86%	29.97"	4 p.m.	64°	78%	29.91"
6 a.m.	52°	89%	29.93"	6 p.m.	62°	74%	29.95"
8 a.m.	56°	83%	29.93"	8 p.m.	60°	80%	29.98"
10 a.m.	56°	96%	29.93"	10 p.m.	59°	80%	30.00"

☐ **Cities Elsewhere:** High and low temperatures and today's forecast

Albany	56	48	rain	Cleveland	70	62	rain	KansasCity	71	48	cloudy
Amarillo	78	50	cloudy	ColumbusOH	64	56	cloudy	LasVegas	72	55	clear
Anchorage	46	30	cloudy	Columbia	81	66	rain	LittleRock	84	59	rain
Asheville	76	38	cloudy	DallasFtWth	88	71	cloudy	LosAngeles	78	57	clear
Atlanta	76	57	cloudy	Dayton	63	55	rain	Louisville	83	58	rain
AtlanticCity	73	57	cloudy	Denver	41	33	clear	Lubbock	81	57	cloudy
Austin	92	74	cloudy	DesMoines	65	39	clear	Memphis	85	68	rain
Baltimore	73	53	cloudy	Detroit	66	57	cloudy	Miami	86	80	clear
Billings	65	36	cloudy	Duluth	54	39	cloudy	Milwaukee	61	51	cloudy
Birmingham	82	63	cloudy	ElPaso	76	49	clear	Mpls-St.P	52	46	cloudy
Bismarck	57	33	cloudy	Fairbanks	30	24	cloudy	Nashville	85	66	rain
Boise	55	39	clear	Fargo	56	40	cloudy	NewOrleans			
Boston	62	47	rain	Flagstaff	59	30	cloudy	N.Y.	66	49	cloudy
Brownsville	85	76	cloudy	GrandRpds	58	50	cloudy	Norfolk	68	51	rain
Buffalo	65	51	cloudy	Hartford	63	45	rain	OklaCity	78	46	cloudy
Burlington	54	44	rain	Helena	52	30	cloudy	Omaha	65	40	clear
Casper	50	28	clear	Honolulu	86	69	clear	Orlando	82	72	clear
CharlotteNC	69	45	cloudy	Houston	87	73	cloudy	Peoria	61	42	rain
CharlestonWV	66	51	cloudy	Indianapls	61	53	cloudy	Phila.	73	53	rain
Cheyenne	55	30	clear	Jacksonvlle	88	66	cloudy	Phoenix	82	61	clear
Chicago	67	47	cloudy	Jacksonvlle	63	73	clear	Pittsburgh	76	46	rain
Cincinnati	81	66	rain	Juneau	48	46	cloudy	Ptland,Me.	53	42	rain
Ptland,Ore	60	41	clear								
Providence	60	46	rain								
Raleigh	80	59	cloudy								
RapidCity	59	34	cloudy								
Reno	55	28	clear								
Richmond	76	58	cloudy								
SaltLake	56	36	clear								
SanAntonio	87	74	cloudy								
SanDiego	70	59	clear								
SanFran	77	53	clear								
Seattle	56	43	cloudy								
Shreveport	84	66	rain								
SiouxFalls	60	37	clear								
St.Louis	73	51	clear								
Tampa	91	69	clear								
Tucson	79	53	clear								
Tulsa	72	47	clear								
Washington	75	57	cloudy								
Wichita	76	46	cloudy								

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