

# Former shah of Iran has gallstone removed

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NEW YORK—The deposed shah of Iran has undergone a non-surgical procedure that "crushed and removed fragments" of a gallstone in his bile duct and was listed in guarded condition Tuesday, a spokesman for New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center said.

The spokesman said studies would be conducted "for the next few days" to determine if any of the fragments were left in the bile duct or if inflammation develops.

The procedure, which involved dropping a "basket-like device" through a tube inserted in the shah's body, occurred at 10:30 p.m. Monday.

Sources at the hospital said it was doubtful Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi would be able to leave the hospital Tuesday or Wednesday. They were unable to estimate when his medical condition would allow him to leave the United States.

One source said it was his "understanding that the physicians, if they follow the medical program previously outlined, would want to begin chemotherapy treatments" at the hospital.

That, he said, could prolong the shah's hospitalization indefinitely.

Ray Rebhann, the hospital spokesman, said the gallstone—detected after the shah's gallbladder was removed Oct. 24—"was located where expected and crushed, permitting the extraction of several fragments."

The non-surgical procedure was conducted by Dr. Joachim Burhenne, chief of the department of radiology at the University of British Columbia, assisted by staff members of New York Hospital.

Burhenne, who has successfully completed 800 such operations, refused to discuss the shah's case directly.

The shah has completed a series of 10 radiation treatments to diminish the size of several malignant tumors in his neck. Rebhann said "the expected side effects" from the radiation—inflammation of the esophagus and pharynx and a high fever—"have been brought under control."

The hospital source said the reason doctors listed the shah's condition as guarded "was to hedge their bets—to see if there are any side effects from the crushing of the stone."

The source said the shah's physicians said they would prefer to begin chemotherapy treatments at the hospital, although the procedure is available elsewhere, including Mexico.

## Chops 'in the name of art'

# Angry man hatchets fingers

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK—Acting "in the name of art," a man who could not get in immediately to see the art editor of a tabloid, the SoHo Weekly News, chopped off two of his fingers with a hatchet in the newspaper's reception room.

The man, identified as Henry Benvenuti, 27, of Manhattan, was rushed Monday to Bellevue Hospital where doctors tried but failed to reattach the severed fingers through microsurgery.

Doctors said extreme damage to

the circulatory system of the two fingers made it impossible to perform the surgery on the fourth and fifth fingers of Benvenuti's left hand.

Carol Ash, publisher of the Greenwich Village tabloid, said the severed fingers were picked up by police at the paper's office, packed in ice and rushed to the hospital.

Ash said, "This guy with dyed red hair and dark leather clothes came in about 11:45 this morning and asked to see Gerald Marzorati, the art editor. He wanted to rap about the art world and said he had an appointment with Gerry."

The publisher said the receptionist called Marzorati, who said "he was writing on deadline and if he left his name he'd get back to him in a few hours. This guy got on the phone to Gerry and said, 'You're just like all the other art editors in this city.'"

"Then, right in front of the receptionist," Ash said, "he opened his attache case, took out a small hatchet and chopped off his fingers, dropped everything and ran out the door."

Police said Benvenuti told his taxi driver to take him to the offices of the city's Department of Health, where he was picked up by an ambulance.

# Father denies asking for million

**United Press International**  
HASTINGS, Neb.—The father of leukemia victim Chad Green has denied a report he and his wife want \$1 million for a book about their flight to Mexico so their son could be treated with Laetrile.

Gerald Green of Hastings, Monday referred to a Boston Globe story quoting him as saying he and his wife, Diana, rejected \$100,000 from one of the publishers competing for

book rights because "it's worth a million."

Green said he and his wife were approached by a publishing agent about the book but said no monetary amount was discussed.

"We want Chad's story to be told because we think it is important to the public," Green said.

"So I said to the newspaper, as far as we're concerned, Chad's life was worth more than a million to us. So

money doesn't really matter."

The 3-year-old boy died after his parents decided to stop the chemotherapy treatments he was receiving at a Tijuana clinic, and treat their son with Laetrile and a special diet.

Green said funds gained from publishing a book will go to the Chad M. Green Foundation for cancer research.

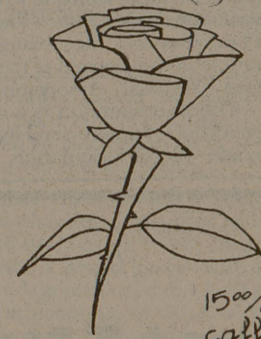
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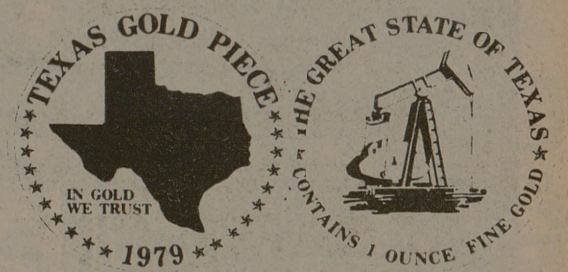
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