

**Warped**

by Scott McCullar



**Law enforcers' turkey shoot to use targets, not live birds**

By CRAIG RENFRO  
Staff Writer

The Brazos County Peace Officers Association is holding a turkey shoot Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4692.

Post Commander John Velasquez said the public is welcome to attend. Snacks, refreshments and beer will be available.

The VFW post, located one mile north of the Texas Hall of Fame on FM 2818, will provide 15 target-firing lanes for contestants, Velasquez said.

"A lot of people have the wrong idea what a turkey shoot is," Velasquez said. "We aren't going to shoot turkeys. Instead, each person will shoot once at a target and the shot closest to the center wins."

The contestant with the best shot will have a choice of receiving either a turkey, brisket or ham, Velasquez said.

The entry fee is \$1.75 per round and contestants can enter as many



rounds of competition as they desire, Velasquez said.

Contestants can bring their own guns, but the VFW post will provide some guns for public use, he said. Only .410 to 12-gauge shotguns will be allowed in the competition, Velasquez said.

"This is an annual event that has been going on for several years," Velasquez said. "This is a community service we do for them (BCPOA)."

"We loan them our facilities, microphones and equipment, and all of the proceeds go to the BCPOA."

BCPOA President Robert Donahoo said the proceeds will be used to pay for educational law enforcement programs and speakers.

"The BCPOA has no other type of fund-raising activities besides this turkey shoot," Donahoo said. "Last year we tried a circus, but that didn't work because we spent too much money advertising."

The BCPOA has open membership to every law enforcement organization in the county, Donahoo said.

The organization draws its 150 members from the Bryan and College Station police departments, the county sheriff's office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas A&M University Police.

**Waldo**

by Kevin Thomas



**Hoie**

by Jeff MacNelly



**Three injuries cause girl's death**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — An 11-year-old Baytown girl whose body was found nine days after she disappeared while trick-or-treating was stabbed, strangled and asphyxiated by an object forced down her throat, the Harris County medical examiner says.

Mary Stiles' death was caused by a combination of those three types of injuries, Medical Examiner Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk said Wednesday. The child disappeared Oct. 31

from the Baytown apartment complex where her family lived. Her body was found in a shallow grave behind the complex on Nov. 9.

No arrests have been made and Baytown police have said little about their investigation.

An autopsy showed she had been stabbed four times in the neck and also had stab wounds in her right hand and forearm, Jachimczyk said. The arm wounds probably resulted when the girl tried to ward off her assailant, he said.

Jachimczyk also said the girl had been strangled and was asphyxiated by an object stuffed down her throat.

The girl's mother, Vicki Fellers, said Wednesday that officials told her some of the details of her daughter's death several days before the official autopsy report was released.

"I knew she had been strangled and stabbed, but I didn't ask any details," Fellers said. "I didn't want to know."

**Lawyers seeking to get Delta crash lawsuits combined**

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Lawsuits stemming from the crash of a Delta Lines flight in Dallas should be isolated for pretrial action in a federal judicial district, lawyers told a panel of judges Thursday.

A Delta lawyer and lawyers for victims and survivors of the Aug. 2 crash at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport argued for consolidation of the cases before the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. The seven-judge panel

considers motions involving cases in more than one district.

The crash in a severe storm left 137 people dead. At least 35 lawsuits have been filed in Texas, Florida, California, Utah and New York by survivors and families of victims, attorneys said. Most have been filed in Florida.

Wind shear has been cited as a possible cause of the crash, but the board is not expected to make a ruling before next year.

Most of the lawyers, including Delta attorney John Martin, favored consolidation in the Northern District of Texas, in which the crash occurred. Several others, representing victims and survivors from southern Florida, asked to have the cases consolidated there.

It would be most efficient and economical to hear pretrial matters in Dallas, where most witnesses to the crash and the storm are living, Martin said.

"The bulk of the documentary evidence, the eyewitness evidence... is in the Northern District of Texas," said Wendell Turley of Dallas, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys.

However, Chicago attorney Stephen Walker, who represents several victims' families, said the airline easily can afford to send its witnesses to Florida for depositions, but many of the survivors and relatives of victims cannot afford to go to Dallas.

Lee Kreindler, a New York attorney

representing the estates of several victims, said most of the cases will focus on problems on the ground, such as the availability of weather information at the airport, rather than defects in the aircraft. As a result, pretrial action should be in Dallas, Kreindler said.

The Texas district also has a shorter backlog of cases than the Florida district, Turley said.

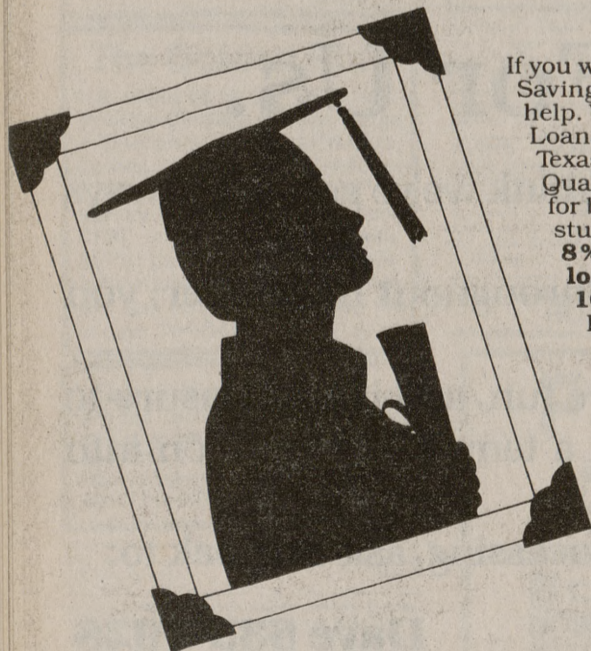
Florida attorney John Krupnick said a large number of the plane's

153 passengers were from southern Florida, and noted that three judges recently added to the Florida district are expected to lighten the backlog of cases there.

Kreindler said he expected to panel to issue its decision within about two weeks. The Washington-based panel meets monthly. Every other month it meets in Washington and in between it rotates its meetings among different federal judicial districts.

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