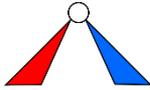


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<p><1878/e></p>  <p>Key: Footprint ConEn1 Footprint ConEn2 Footprint ConEn3</p>	<p>‘We received a string of death threats. The government and the church obviously thought we were a threat to society.’ STAN’S THE MAN CAUTIOUS Stanley Mitcham was stunned to find he was a Gold Game winner - because he had never won anything before. He sounded ‘a bit doubtful’ when he telephoned with his claim for the £10,000 jackpot in Saturday’s game with number 10-10-02-13. Former London Transport storeman Stanley, 68, of Bishop’s Stortford, Herts, now plans a holiday. He and his wife Shirley - who have a married daughter - will also buy a few things for the house with their summer windfall. WINNER: Stanley Quick off mark PENSIONER Pearl Reed, 63, got a letter at her home in Cambridge from a friend three miles away - 15 minutes after it was postmarked. LIVELY LETTERS writes: MY HOBBY is coarse fishing, where the art is in the catching of the fish, not eating them. Each fish is caught, the hook carefully removed and the weight noted before release. Recently, in an argument over whether this was cruel, I heard that the fish recover completely within two days of their return to the water. Could you please confirm this? Some fish seem to recover even faster. Fish are pretty tough and if anglers are careful they suffer very little damage. But some are gluttons for punishment. Most experienced anglers know of fish being caught at least twice on the same day but the tale of Dead Eye Dick, the pike from Sutton Coldfield, takes a lot of beating. Dick, weighing in at 16lb, is recorded as being caught 27 times in two years. The fish is distinctive, with a cast to one eye, so the records are precise. He/she is still in her pond, still being caught and seems to be none the worse for it all. FERRY, writes: A FRIEND maintains that about 10 years ago he boarded a train in London, played cards and had a few drinks and didn’t leave the train until he reached Paris. I have a £5 bet that he could not have done so. He could. Until 1979 the British Rail over-night sleepers docked at Dover, where the train was shunted on to the ferry, split in two, one part heading for Paris the other for Brussels. CHINESE, writes: IN THE Chinese game of mahjongg what is a pung and what is a kong? When you are collecting tiles to build your ‘wall,’ a pung is three of a kind, a kong is four of a kind, and a chow is a run. INVADE, writes: BETWEEN</p> <p><u>the outbreak of war</u></p> <p>and the Nazi invasion of the Low Countries, could ordinary people still go there for holidays if they liked? Yes, with a valid passport, because we had <u>declared war</u> only against Germany. Adverts continued for holiday trips to France, Holland and Belgium, but no one knows who or how many people took up the idea. DUCK, writes: LIKE the duck that warned of air raids in Germany, we had a Manchester terrier who gave us a similar warning. Ten minutes before each air raid, no matter where he was, he would make a bee-line for the Morrison shelter. He was never wrong and, sure enough, when the siren started to wail we learned to dive in with him. His favourite relaxation was to toddle down to the quay and join the Royal Navy patrol boat for a day out. Perhaps they used him as a mine-detector! TODAY’S THOUGHT Death and taxes and childbirth! There’s never any convenient time for any of them. - Margaret MITCHELL (1909-1949) YOUR MONEY TRUCKERS IN A JAM JOHN HUSBAND THE High-Street spending slump is bad news for Transport Development, our biggest haulage firm. TD lorries</p>
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	<p>shift everything from fish fingers to boxes of tissues and when goods don't move in the shops it's bad news for truckers. Profits in the first half of this year were as flat as a low-loader - rolling in little changed at £16.8 million. But the firm is still big business. Its fleet of 3,500 lorries could cause a 30-mile traffic jam. Also, the group's 100 storage depots have enough space to house 70 Royal Albert Halls. Mustery of Flight 149 Was SAS on board BA jet hit by Saddam ambush? 'Large men with short haircuts got on board' GORDON AIRS / TOM HAMILTON EVIDENCE was growing last night of a cover-up over a British Airways jumbo jet captured in Kuwait by Iraqi troops as the Gulf War erupted. Crew members and BA union representatives last night claimed Flight 149 carrying 367 passengers to Kuala Lumpur was a 'Trojan Horse' sent in to drop off an SAS squad behind enemy lines. And now more crucial facts may emerge as BA faces a string of damages actions from angry passengers. They are suing the firm for allegedly flying them into a war zone at a time when both British and American governments were aware an invasion was taking place. Iraqi forces were already massing on the Kuwait border when Flight 149 took off from Heathrow at 6.05pm on August 1, 1990 after a two-hour delay. Now one crew member, who fears dismissal if named, has revealed that about 30 passengers were admitted onto the flight at the last minute. `</p>
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