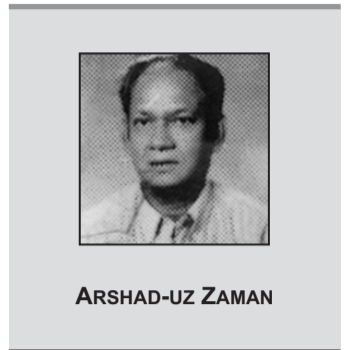


Palestine-Israel: Dangerous escalations



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There is dangerous escalation in the Palestine-Israel relations. The Peace Process appears to have gone with the wind in the latest phase...

Then something went horribly wrong and it ended up in massive car bomb blasts inside Israel by Hamas terrorists, which killed nearly 25 Israelis and nearly 200 were wounded...

Palestine-Israel dispute, namely Jerusalem. Now they appear to have travelled back millions of miles. The two sides have allowed a golden opportunity to slip away...

ever Israeli Embassy on Arab soil was greeted by the Egyptians with stony silence. They were merely acknowledging an unpalatable truth.

entirely even handed between the Arabs and Israel. What we observe regarding the Bush Presidency does not give any cause for optimism.

THE HORIZON THIS WEEK

Ariel Sharon, the long established hawk, appears to have temporarily pulled back from going all the way, that is reoccupying Palestinian territory.

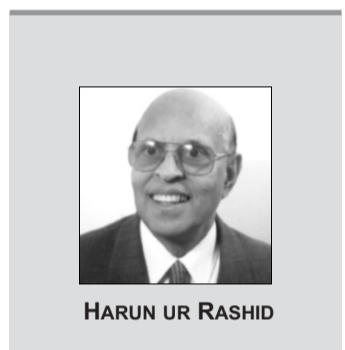
bettered on his past record of mass murder of Palestinians. We may recall that he is the author of massacre of Sabra and Shatila...

has gone into real deep freeze and there is no knowing if talks for a cease fire will resume. The two representatives of Secretary of State Colin Powell continue to stay in the region for a better turn of events.

superpower USA who alone is in a position to make the adversaries sit at the negotiating table and take hard decisions on peace.

happened and there was a virtual stand off. President Bill Clinton invested more time and energy on the Palestine-Israel dispute...

Why can the US claim victory in Afghanistan while other powers failed in the past?



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Soviet Union entered into Afghanistan in 1979 with some 80,000 troops and installed Babrak Karmal as the leader of Afghanistan...

The predications did not eventuate. The Taliban regime collapsed like a pack of cards within two months of the commencement of the war.

that war to eliminate terrorism was seen as justifiable. There was no ifs and buts. The other wars (Vietnam and Afghanistan) were politically motivated...

had devastating effects on the Taliban. Such weapons did not exist earlier. It is the technology that provided the US a complete superiority in warfare in Afghanistan.

simultaneously by air to the needy Afghans. For the first time there was a humanitarian dimension perceived in the war.

BOTTOM LINE

It appears that war is practically over in Afghanistan and the new Afghan interim administration will be in place from December 22. It is hoped that the Western nations will be directly involved in co-operation with the UN to get the nation on its feet.

WHEN President Bush launched armed attack on 7 October in Afghanistan to wipe out terrorism, most commentators said that the US would face an invincible enemy...

withdraw the troops from Afghanistan and they left in 1989. In the light of the above scenario, almost every one predicted that the US would be in a quagmire for a long time to come in Afghanistan...

The question is: Why did it happen? It is because there are differences between this war and the past wars in Vietnam and Afghanistan.

They helped the opposing local powers and as a result war bogged down. This time Russia and other powers supported the US stance. Russia was so keen to see the collapse of the Taliban regime...

war against terrorism would be a prolonged one and prepared the people in their respective countries that there were no quick-fix solution to eradicate terrorism.

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How responsible is our civil society?

SHAHABUDDIN MAHTAB FOR quite some time now, the whole nation is deeply concerned regarding the law and order situation in the country. The man in the street is worried, whether he can go to attend to his business with complete safety.

three decades have shown that parents gave very little thought and time to their children. The resultant outcome has been the non-communication between the two groups. Over the years there has been continuous erosion of human, social and moral values.

And because of our non-productivity, there is less purchasing power in the hands of the people in real terms, with the consequent wants that follow. The general deterioration of the country is a tale of more that three decades, and that of the last few years.

without any entrepreneurial quality. This image dealt a mortal blow to the future of the nation, from which we have to extricate ourselves the hard way, if we want to survive as a dignified nation.

cated work, and a life of simplicity and austerity. The political and social leaders can set a noble example to the nation by their simplicity of living, and a dedicated life in the service of the people.

What is back pain? Just about any of the connecting parts of your neck or back can be a source of pain.



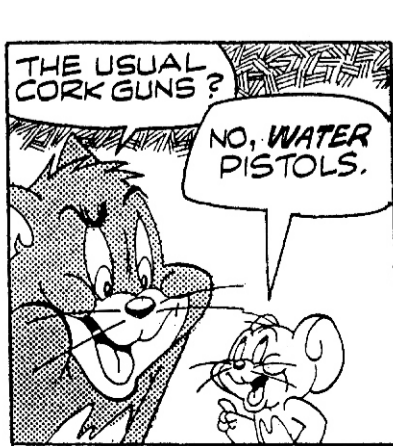
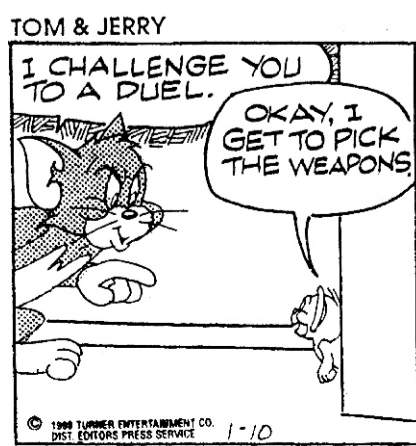
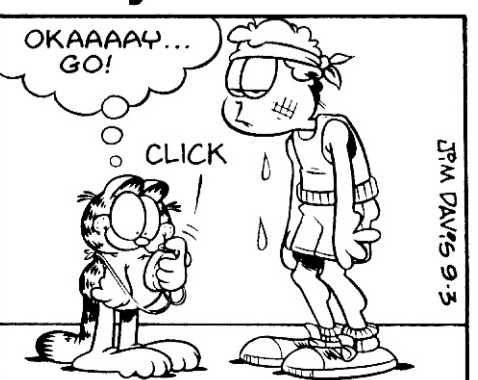
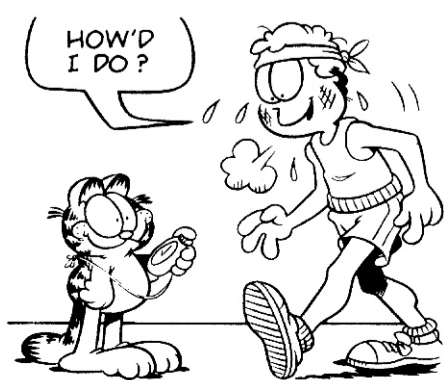
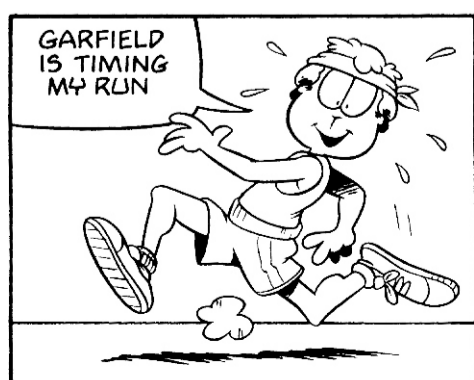
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Back pain: What it means?

- Tick the following boxes if you have these "risk" factors: Do you avoid certain activities because you know your neck or back will complain? Do you wake up in the morning feeling stiff in the back? Do you have trouble simply lifting your head off the pillow in the mornings because of pain or stiffness?

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