

NATION IN BRIEF

Alleged Georgia School Gunman, 15, Is Jailed on Six Counts of Assault

CONYERS, Ga.—A boy charged with shooting classmates at a Georgia high school was jailed on six counts of assault yesterday as classmates attended churches where pastors spoke of a recurring nightmare plaguing small towns around the nation.

Thomas J. Solomon, 15, was taken to a juvenile jail in Lawrenceville, about 20 miles from Heritage High School, where he allegedly shot six classmates Thursday, apparently distraught over the end of a high school romance. Solomon reportedly had been taking Ritalin, a drug usually prescribed for hyperactivity.

At Heritage Hills Baptist Church, the Rev. Joe Hughes said from the pulpit that an epidemic of school violence would end if society returned to old values and allowed Bible study in public schools.

"There is grief and anxiety and ill will and upset in our land," Hughes said. "Thousands of teachers are attacked by students every year. . . . I believe if God's people will pray, we can see the Ten Commandments nailed back on the walls of the schoolhouse and courthouse."

Sauder TV Carts Are Declared Unsafe

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling about 2 million oak-finish TV carts because they can tip over.

The manufacturer, Sauder Woodworking Co. of Archbold, Ohio, has received 13 reports of carts tipping and televisions falling. In one case, a 3-year-old girl fractured her skull.

The ready-to-assemble carts, which were sold from March 1989 through last September for about \$35 to \$49, can hold both a television and a VCR. They feature a swivel on which the television can rest atop the cart and a bottom shelf with hinged double doors.

The recall involves carts in brown oak finish (model 5155), black oak (model 5055) and white oak (model 5251). The model numbers are on the instruction booklet that accompanies the cart.

Owners should remove televisions and VCRs from the carts immediately, the commission said. Consumers can contact Sauder toll-free at 888-800-4590 or at its Web site at www.sauder.com.

Wrestler Dies in Fall During Stunt

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A World Wrestling Federation wrestler was fatally injured when he fell 50 feet into the ring as he was lowered from the ceiling of the arena—stunning the crowd and pay-per-view television audience that initially thought the accident was a stunt. Owen Hart, 33, who wrestled under the nickname "Blue Blazer," hit his head on a turnbuckle in front of the soldout event at Kemper Arena, authorities said.

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