

Hope fades for locating missing in barge sinking off China coast

By KHARK SINGH
Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Rescue workers battled high waves and low visibility for a second day today in a desperate search for 10 men still missing after an oil barge capsized in typhoon-whipped waters with nearly 200 aboard.

Trevor C. Berry, spokesman for the Hong Kong Maritime Rescue Center, said the chances of finding any of the missing alive were slim although rescuers were hoping for a miracle.

"I'm afraid we must be realistic," he said. "Our search today has been a negative one."

At least 174 people, including 11 Americans, were pulled from the South China Sea after the oil exploration barge sank just below the surface Thursday. The American skipper, identified only as Billy Young, and 12 others were confirmed dead.

Survivors said the air supply had apparently run out Friday for four men in a diving chamber being towed by the barge: They were undergoing decompression after working newly laid oil and gas pipes when Typhoon Fred began lashing the area Wednesday with 75-mph winds and 25-foot waves.

Attempts to locate the chamber with underwater cameras have met with no success, Berry said, and the situation deteriorated today when the barge turned over and sank to a depth of about 70 feet.

"We have the worst possible scenario," he said. "We had hoped the barge would not sink."

The four men in the decompression chamber were identified as three Britons and a New Zealander.

"It is very sad but I think we have got to accept that we have probably lost those missing men now," Berry said. "But we shall keep searching in the hope that a miracle might happen."

He said an earlier report of eight men missing given out by authorities was wrong and that it had since been revised to 10 missing.

Two specially trained divers from Singapore had been called in an attempt to free the men, said Berry.

The capsized vessel, Derrick Barge 29, was involved in an exploration project with China. It is owned by McDermott (South East Asia) Pte Ltd. of Singapore, whose parent company is in New Orleans.



(AP Laserphoto)

An oil worker, right, clings to a rescuer as they are winched aboard a Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary helicopter over the China Sea Thursday after an oil exploration barge carrying 195 people capsized.

George Stapleton, a representative for McDermott (South East Asia) Pte Ltd. of Singapore, confirmed that the American skipper, Billy Young, was among the dead but had no hometown.

Neither Stapleton nor the authorities provided further identification of the 12 other confirmed dead or of the survivors.

Willard R. Miller Jr., 31, of Houston, the barge's tower operator, was among the survivors.

"I put on my life jacket and 30 minutes later we were all in the water," he said. "It started getting real rough ... and there were 14-foot waves."

Miller said he spotted a shark while floating for 3 1/2 hours with other oil workers before being res-

cued. He said the shark did not attack the men.

People in the water helped each other survive, he said. "Communications is the main thing, continue talking."

"I got a momma and a couple of sisters in Texas, I got a fiancée in Singapore and I'm gonna make it one way or the other," said Miller.

Another survivor, Kevin Banks, 44, of Norfolk, England, described the experience as "the worst possible nightmare coming true."

The rescue effort included a small flotilla and British military and Chinese helicopters.

The government said most of those rescued were suffering from shock but were not seriously injured.

Big business hit hard in tax package

By EVAN RAMSTAD
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Of the 2 million businesses in Texas, about 150,000 to 200,000 will shoulder the lion's share of the tax hike imposed this week by state lawmakers.

The \$2.7 billion tax and fee hike package includes the state's first corporate income tax but lowers the franchise tax, the principal business levy.

The income tax could subject business to troublesome increases later, business lobbyists said.

"We have changed the entire approach to legislating taxes by introducing that income factor," said Dane Harris of the Texas Association of Business. "Regardless of whether that rate is fair now, all future legislators have to do is change that rate to get more income."

The corporate tax is "a foot in the door" for a personal income tax, said Robert Howden of the Texas chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business. "We honestly believe that around the corner will be a personal income tax," he said.

In restructuring the franchise tax, the state's main business levy, lawmakers set a 4 1/2 percent tax on

corporate income that is taxable under federal rules.

Businesses must pay the income tax or the franchise tax, whichever is greater. The franchise tax, which applies to a company's capital assets, was lowered by the Legislature from \$5.25 to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of capital value.

That move particularly helps energy companies that are rich in assets but have been losing money due to lower prices. Such companies will pay less in state tax.

At the same time, the move widens the base of businesses that will be taxed. But business leaders and state number crunchers said it's too early to precisely gauge how many businesses will be newly taxed and how many will save money by the change.

Comptroller John Sharp's office estimates the change in the franchise tax will bring in an additional \$791 million during the next two years.

"The franchise tax is a little smaller than we'd been led to believe it would be," said Bill Allaway of the business-supported Texas Association of Taxpayers. "Since the very early part of the special session, the number always associated with it was about \$1 billion."

Lawmakers did not extend the tax to partnerships, sole proprietor-

ships or agricultural operations.

The sales tax remains the chief source of revenue for the state and lawmakers broadened its reach during the session that ended Tuesday.

Now included are products and services, like packing materials, country club fees and concert tickets.

The extension of the tax to boxes, containers, packaging and wrapping will affect the most businesses. Previously, a company that bought a box for use to contain a product it manufactured did not pay a tax on the box. After Sept. 1, the 6 1/4 percent state levy plus local fees apply.

"That was one of those hasty eleventh-hour proposals nobody anticipated and nobody took time to sort out," Harris said. "We think that's going to be a very, very negative thing."

The Legislature also raised the state gas tax by 5 cents a gallon but continued an exemption typically used by farmers and ranchers for off-road consumption.

The sales tax on new cars and trucks was raised from 6 to 6 1/4 percent.

"It's the worst possible time for purchasers of cars and sellers of cars to take another hit like that," said Tom Blanton of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

Senator urges embargo lifting to aid MIA issue

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Sen. John Kerry today said lifting the U.S. economic embargo against Vietnam would help solve MIA cases.

With open trade, U.S. businessmen and other Americans in Vietnam could pick up information on missing servicemen by just being there, the Massachusetts Democrat told a news conference.

It would also give Vietnam access to international loans and aid, and act as an important incentive to obtaining Vietnamese cooperation in settling the cases of Americans missing in action in the Vietnam War.

Kerry was beginning a weeklong visit Saturday to Vietnam and Cambodia, launching a new congressional inquiry on the MIAs.

The senator said he opposed U.S.

normalization of ties with Vietnam before any significant movement on MIAs. But he said the issue "would be greatly furthered ... if the United States would lift the embargo, at least partially."

The Pentagon lists 2,273 Americans as missing in action from the Vietnam War, which ended in a Communist victory over the U.S.-backed South Vietnamese government in April 1975.

A highly decorated Vietnam War veteran, Kerry chairs a 12-member bipartisan committee the Senate established this month to investigate the MIA issue.

He said the main purpose of his trip was to try to determine how a Senate inquiry into the MIA issue should proceed in the coming months.

Kerry said he would ask the

Indochinese governments about MIA information he had received from several sources, but he declined to elaborate.

"There have been seven prior investigative efforts over the years," he said. "I am determined that this (Senate investigation) is simply not going to be one more, or that it is simply going to add to the mystery."

American concern about missing servicemen intensified recently with the release in the United States of a photograph by a private American lobbyist group that purportedly shows three downed U.S. fliers from the Southeast Asian war.

U.S. military experts are conducting an excavation in northern Vietnam in a bid to close the case on one missing American flier whose family claims he appears in the mysterious photograph.

69 killed in Indian Airlines crash

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — An Indian Airlines Boeing 737 crashed in hilly eastern India several miles short of its destination today, killing all 69 people on board, airline and government officials said.

The crash came one day after another plane flying in the region was the target of a hijack threat, an airline official said on condition of anonymity.

The threat was made in telephone calls to two airports, but no attempt was made to seize the plane, the official said. The caller claimed to be a member of a separatist organization operating in Assam state.

Airline officials and a government spokesman said there was no evidence that the crash today was due to sabotage or a hijack attempt.

News agencies said 63 passengers, including an infant who was not on the jetliner's manifest, and six crew members were aboard the Boeing 737 when it went down outside the city of Imphal.

R.K. Ranbir Singh, the chief minister of Manipur state, said all 69 people aboard were killed, according to Press Trust of India and United News of India.

Two air force helicopters located the wreckage of the plane near Loktak Lake outside Imphal, the agencies said. Imphal is the capital of Manipur, a state bordering Burma.

No cause for the crash was given, although initial reports said the plane went down in bad weather. It is monsoon season in the area, and heavy rains and high winds are common. An inquiry is mandatory after airline accidents.

A meteorologist at the national weather bureau said

he had no report of adverse weather. The wind speed was a normal 12-18 mph, he said.

"The clouds are not too dense, but as you know, this is a hilly area," and there could be mountain gusts, he said on condition of anonymity.

The plane, on a flight from Calcutta, crashed five miles from the Imphal airport, according to sources at the airline's headquarters.

The city of Imphal, with 150,000 residents, is in a valley ringed by lush green hills 1,050 miles southeast of New Delhi and 370 miles northeast of Calcutta.

Indian Airlines, one of the largest domestic airlines in the world, flies to 62 destinations, including eight in neighboring countries. It makes at least 240 flights a day.

But it has a poor safety record. At least seven of its planes have crashed since 1963 either due to pilot error or poor maintenance.

In February 1990, a new Indian Airlines Airbus A320 crashed before landing at Bangalore in southern India, killing 91 of the 146 people aboard. India grounded its new fleet for nearly a year, before an inquiry cleared the aircraft for flying and blamed the crash on pilot error.

Pilot error was also cited in the October 1988 crash of another Indian Airlines jetliner at Ahmedabad airport in western India.

All but two of the 135 passengers and crew members on board were killed. It was the worst crash in the history of the airlines.

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Religion

Former missionary to be guest speaker at Zion Lutheran's 50th anniversary

Fifty years of local ministry will be recognized this weekend by the current and former members of Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa.

The Rev. Art Hill, pastor, said the plans for the anniversary celebration — with the theme of "Celebrating 50 Years of Grace ... Preparing for 50 Years of Growth" — began a year and a half ago.

"That kind of advance planning was necessary for us to have our church body's former executive director of missions here as our keynote speaker," said Hill.

"Dr. Ed Westcott of Sun City, Arizona, is one of the top two most dynamic Christian speakers I've ever heard. Being a former missionary in Nigeria, West Africa, as well as having traveled the world over on behalf of the Lutheran



Dr. Ed Westcott
Church — Missouri Synod, Dr. Westcott's heart for and understanding of world missions comes

through loud and clear. To say he will inspire you is an understatement."

The members of Zion Lutheran Church have planned an informal gathering in Hobart Street Park for Saturday, beginning at 3 p.m. If weather is bad, the gathering will be moved to the church's Parish Hall.

"This was a little something extra we wanted to do so that our current and former members could 'catch up' with what's happening in each other's lives," Hill said.

"We're also delighted that three of our six former pastors will be in town for the event."

The Rev. Rufus Young, who served Zion from 1945 to 1949, the Rev. Melvin Herring, pastor from 1965 to 1973, and the Rev. Charles Paulson, pastor from 1982 to 1987, will each be present with

their wives. The Saturday evening meal in the park will begin at 6 p.m.

In addition to the regular Sunday morning schedule, a special mission festival will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday.

"I believe the Holy Spirit has uniquely enabled Dr. Westcott to lead a congregation to seriously accept the challenge of making disciples of all nations. That's what we're looking forward to by means of this 50th anniversary," Hill said.

"We really hope a large number of people in Pampa and throughout the Panhandle will be present at least for the Sunday afternoon service," the pastor said.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 1200 Duncan. Bible classes begin at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday, with worship at 10:30 a.m.

Christian magazine 'Seeds' transplanted to new home

By REBECCA DELONG
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO (AP) — "Seeds," an international, Christian hunger magazine rooted in Decatur, Ga., has become a Waco transplant.

L. Katherine Cook, formerly volunteer coordinator for Caritas of Waco, is the magazine's new editor. She's been writing for "Seeds" since 1981.

"I'm alternating between delight and terror," Cook said from her office at Seventh & James Baptist Church.

In late June, Seventh & James and eight Waco admirers "adopted" the publication. The magazine's name, library and files changed hands in a friendly, formal ceremony at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur.

Oakhurst housed "Seeds" for 14 years, but it no longer had the necessary resources. That's when the Waco group decided to make an offer.

"There were people who were ready for it to die," Cook said. "They were so excited when they found out there was someone at Seventh & James who was willing" to take it over, she said.

Over the years, "Seeds" has beat such giants as "Newsweek," "National Geographic" and "Scientific American" for national awards and recognition.

Cook knows she has her work cut out for her. Except for Lisa Freeman, part-time office manager, she's flying solo.

At one time, she said, there were 12 people on the staff.

"The more subscriptions we sell, the more people we can have

on staff," Cook said.

The magazine's current circulation reaches 5,000 subscribers, which Cook considers low given the number of practicing Southern Baptists in America.

Founded in 1977, "Seeds" was published by Southern Baptists for Southern Baptists. In time, it grew from a modest, one-page newsletter into the magazine that exists today.

Cook doesn't plan to change its format, but she does anticipate some changes in content. She wants to recapture the magazine's original optimism.

"We want to return it to the original vision of the founders," said Cook, who for years edited the Caritas seasonal newsletter. "They had a sense of humor and a sense of hope. I think over the years the magazine kind of became less spiritual in its focus" and more political, she said.

She also wants to broaden the magazine's audience, which after 14 years remains largely Southern Baptist.

She wants to dispel some common myths people have about hunger. For example, there's a myth that is not enough food to feed all the people of the world. The problem, Cook explained, is distribution, not supply.

Cook plans to publish her first "New Generation" issue in February 1992, and for the first few years, it should come out four times annually.

Cook also plans to publish eight mini-issues called "Sprouts" — a filler for those in-between months. This way, she said, subscribers "will get something every month."

Catholic theologian happy at Methodist university

By CONNIE PRYZANT
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. Charles Curran arrived at Southern Methodist University last month and turned his back on the past.

At SMU, the dissident theologian and ethicist hopes he has found a place, at last, to continue his work. But reminders of old struggles linger in his new office.

Behind his desk are files telling of his recent conflicts at Auburn University in Alabama. Within arm's reach are two thick volumes about his unsuccessful lawsuit against Catholic University of America.

This is Charlie Curran — Roman Catholic at a Methodist university, academic nomad and mild-mannered iconoclast.

"Even in my most self-critical moments, I think the danger is that I'm not radical enough," said the 57-year-old priest. "There's the danger of being too accepting at times."

Considered a liberal theologian, Curran has suggested in his writings that in some limited cases, abortion, premarital sex, birth control, divorce and homosexuality may be acceptable.

The Vatican, prompted by writings that depart from official church positions, in 1986 prohibited him from teaching theology at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He sued the school over his loss of tenure.

At Auburn, he was denied tenure without an explanation from the president, even though the spot he was hired for had been advertised as a tenured position.

His new boss said he fully expects Curran to continue to be controversial.

"That's what you want in a university — people who are thoughtful and able and speak on positions they think are right even though they are controversial," said SMU president A. Kenneth Pye.

Pye said he does not think Curran's problems at Catholic University

ty, where he taught for 22 years, necessarily involved an infringement of academic freedom. Rather, disapproval by officials reflected the realities of his environment.

"My point is that you shouldn't be teaching that which the church has said isn't the doctrine if you're teaching theology at a pontifical university," he said.

"In this university, we have a long history of free expression of ideas. We welcome him as a catalyst in raising lines of inquiry that some others aren't doing," Pye said.

Curran was recruited for his SMU position last fall while he was still at Auburn. He now holds the Elizabeth Scurlock University Professorship of Human Values. He is one of two university-wide chair holders in the field of ethics from a Christian perspective, and he will teach in all SMU schools.

He's scheduled to teach two classes in the fall, on Christian ethics and on Christianity in American public life.

"What attracted me to SMU was the chance to work with colleagues in my areas of theology and ethics. The university takes those things very seriously," he said.

"It was an atmosphere which I find helpful and conducive and challenging."

And secure. Since being stripped of his tenure at Catholic University five years ago, Curran has held a string of visiting professorships. In Dallas, he hopes he's settling in for a while.

Already the nine bookshelves lining his walls are almost full. He's talking about meeting other faculty members for lunch "to see what's going on." Scholarly journals nudge each other on his desk.

But still, thoughts of the recent past aren't completely banished. Tucked in his piles of legal files is his Auburn faculty and student directory.

"I have mixed feelings," he said. "I came to have great respect for a good number of faculty there."

He said his presence became a "football being tossed back and

forth" in a contest between academic freedom and governance of the university.

In the months since Curran announced his plans last winter to come to SMU, the Auburn president has resigned effective next year. The academic vice president and dean of liberal arts have taken jobs at other universities. All denied that the Curran controversy affected their decisions.

"Unfortunately, I think, the problems are not going to be solved by the individuals' leaving," Curran

said. Some of the problems he speaks of, including a leadership structure that allows trustees to exert considerable influence over administrators, gripped SMU several years ago.

But Curran said he feels confident that those similarities between SMU and Auburn will remain in the past.

"At SMU," he said, "people realized there was a structural problem, and they pitched in to solve it."

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Pampa organization plans back-to-school fellowship

Youth Outreach United, a Pampa organization of 13 churches cooperating in evangelism and fellowship projects, announced this week a back-to-school fellowship beginning at 7 p.m. on Aug. 23.

Scheduled for the Family Life Center at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, the fellowship will include Southern Baptist, United Methodist, Independent Christian, Presbyterian and Pentecostal youth.

Steve Donnell, youth minister at First United Methodist Church in Pampa, said the featured speaker

will be Todd Sons of the Texas Tech Wesley Foundation.

"He has been to Haiti for several months and has spoken at Mission Awareness weekends," Donnell said. "He's also a youth camp speaker who travels to major cities like Dallas and Atlanta pretty regularly to speak."

In addition, Sons is scheduled to lead a variety of games and a singing time.

Donnell said the fellowship is open to all teens in the region.

Games, basketball, volleyball and snacks will also be provided.

Religion roundup

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The United Church of Christ has denounced the use of Indian mascots and symbols by amateur and professional sports teams as an affront to "basic human rights and dignity."

At its governing general synod, the church said: "The abuse of Native American symbols such as the headdress and the sacred pipe for entertaining and/or profit is insulting, insensitive and an affront to Native American spirituality."

NEW YORK (AP) — Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson of Great Neck, N.Y., has been elected national pres-

ident of the Synagogue Council of America, representing the three wings of Judaism — Reform, Conservative and Orthodox.

Rabbi Davidson, a native of Kansas City, Mo., and now leader of Great Neck's Temple Beth El, a Reform congregation, succeeds Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman of Baltimore.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has launched a Lutheran radio network offering programs via satellite to radio stations, schools, nursing homes and others able to receive satellite transmissions.

Gill, Jackson head list of CMA 1991 nominees

By JOE EDWARDS
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vince Gill and Alan Jackson, singing about gold and jukeboxes, are finalists for top Country Music Association awards.

"I had such a great year last year, it's hard to believe it could get any better," said Jackson, who won six nominations, mostly on the strength of his record "Don't Rock the Jukebox."

"The competition's tough, and I'm just mighty proud to have received so many nominations."

Gill was nominated Thursday for six of the 12 male-dominated 1991 awards, thanks largely to his song "Pocket Full of Gold." Garth Brooks, who has sold 6 million albums in just two years as a recording artist, garnered five nominations.

All three are finalists for male vocalist of the year, best single record and No. 1 album.

Joining Gill and Brooks as nominees for entertainer of the year, the top award, are Clint Black, George Strait and Reba McEntire.

Rounding out the finalists for No. 1 male singer are Black, who won the award last year, and the veteran Strait.

Nominated for top female vocalist are McEntire, Patty Loveless, two-time winner Kathy Mattea, Lorrie Morgan and Tanya Tucker.

Tucker, who has never won the award despite about eight years of trying, said she hoped it was an omen that she heard about her nomination while en route to an appearance in Hope, Ark.

"Maybe it's a good sign," she said.

The nominations for McEntire come just five months after seven of her band members and her tour manager were killed in a private plane crash near San Diego. She will be host of a CBS-TV show Oct. 2 when the winners are announced.

Finalists for single of the year are "Don't Rock the Jukebox" by Jackson, "Don't Tell Me What to Do" by Pam Tillis, "Friends in Low Places" by Brooks, the witty "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)" by million-selling newcomer Travis Tritt and "Pocket Full of Gold" by Gill.

For album of the year, finalists are *Don't Rock the Jukebox* by Jackson, *No Fences* by Brooks, *Pocket Full of Gold* by Gill, *Put Yourself in My Shoes* by Black and *Rumor Has It* by McEntire.

The Judds, a mother-daughter duo, are finalists for their fourth straight award as vocal duo of the year. Mother Naomi Judd is leaving

the concert circuit late this year because of hepatitis, and daughter Wynonna will become a solo performer.

But by failing to become a finalist for top entertainer, the Judds apparently will end their eight-year career without having won the CMA's most prestigious honor.

Other nominees for top duo are Baillie & the Boys, the Bellamy Brothers, Foster & Lloyd and Sweethearts of the Rodeo.

Finalists for vocal group of the year are the often-honored Alabama, Diamond Rio, the Kentucky Headhunters, Restless Heart and Shenandoah.

For No. 1 music video, finalists are "Come Next Monday" by K.T. Oslin, "Don't Rock the Jukebox" by Jackson, "Fancy" by McEntire, "Love Can Build a Bridge" by the Judds and "The Thunder Rolls" by Brooks.

"The Thunder Rolls" was banned by some TV outlets this spring because it shows domestic violence.

Finalists for the Horizon Award, given to promising newcomers, are Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Mark Chesnut, Doug Stone, Tritt and Tillis, daughter of country veteran Mel Tillis.

In the Song of the Year category, an award for songwriting, finalists are "Don't Rock the Jukebox" by Jackson, Roger Murrah and Keith Stegall, "Friends in Low Places" by Earl Bud Lee and Dewayne Blackwell, "Here in the Real World" by Jackson and Mark Irwin, "The Dance" by Tony Arata and "When I Call Your Name" by Tim DuBois and Gill.

Chet Atkins, Barry Beckett, Paul Franklin, Mark O'Connor and Matt Rollings are nominees for best musician.

Finalists for vocal event of the year are Atkins and Mark Knopfler, the Highwaymen (Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson), Mark O'Connor & the New Nashville Cats (featuring Steve Wariner, Ricky Skaggs and Gill), Dolly Parton with Ricky Van Shelton and Randy Travis with George Jones. The category is for performers who do not normally sing together.

Travis, who dominated country music awards in the late 1980s, has just one nomination this year. After four years as a finalist for entertainer of the year, which he never won, he failed to receive a nomination in that category this year.

Hank Williams Jr., entertainer of the year in 1987 and 1988, had no nominations this year.

Apart from the male and female vocalist categories, just 12 of the 50 finalists are women.

1991 CMA NOMINATIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Finalists for the 25th annual Country Music Association awards:

Entertainer of the Year: Clint Black; Garth Brooks; Vince Gill; Reba McEntire; George Strait.

Male Vocalist of the Year: Clint Black; Garth Brooks; Vince Gill; Alan Jackson; George Strait.

Female Vocalist of the Year: Patty Loveless; Kathy Mattea; Reba McEntire; Lorrie Morgan; Tanya Tucker.

Album of the Year: *Don't Rock the Jukebox*, Alan Jackson; *No Fences*, Garth Brooks; *Pocket Full of Gold*, Vince Gill; *Put Yourself in My Shoes*, Clint Black; *Rumor Has It*, Reba McEntire.

Single of the Year: "Don't Rock the Jukebox," Alan Jackson; "Don't Tell Me What to Do," Pam Tillis; "Friends in Low Places," Garth Brooks; "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)," Travis Tritt; "Pocket Full of Gold," Vince Gill.

Vocal Duo of the Year: Baillie & the Boys; the Bellamy Brothers; Foster & Lloyd; the Judds; Sweethearts of the Rodeo.

Vocal Group of the Year: Alabama; Diamond Rio; the Kentucky Headhunters; Restless Heart; Shenandoah.

Music Video of the Year: "Come Next Monday," K.T. Oslin; "Don't Rock the Jukebox," Alan Jackson; "Fancy," Reba McEntire; "Love Can Build a Bridge," the Judds; "The Thunder Rolls," Garth Brooks.

Horizon Award: Mary-Chapin Carpenter; Mark Chesnut; Doug Stone; Pam Tillis; Travis Tritt.

Song of the Year (award to songwriter): "Don't Rock the Jukebox," Alan Jackson, Roger Murrah and Keith Stegall; "Friends in Low Places," Earl Bud Lee and Dewayne Blackwell; "Here in the Real World," Alan Jackson and Mark Irwin; "The Dance," Tony Arata; "When I Call Your Name," Tim DuBois and Vince Gill.

Vocal Event of the Year: Chet Atkins & Mark Knopfler; the Highwaymen (Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson); Mark O'Connor & the New Nashville Cats (featuring Steve Wariner, Ricky Skaggs and Vince Gill); Dolly Parton with Ricky Van Shelton; Randy Travis with George Jones.

Musician of the Year: Chet Atkins; Barry Beckett; Paul Franklin; Mark O'Connor; Matt Rollings.

Insurance group suggests mobile car phones can help in fight against drunk driving cases

AUSTIN — The more than five million car telephones in use around the country can be a novel weapon in the fight against drunk driving.

"By dialing 1-800-525-5555, the Texas highway emergency hotline, motorists can report suspected drunk drivers to the police," said Charles Wirth, chairman of the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office.

"Last year 1,402 persons were killed and 35,516 were injured in DWI-related motor vehicle traffic accidents statewide," Wirth said, "a 7.4 percent increase in fatalities and 11.3 percent increase in injuries over 1989."

"Because the police cannot be all places at all times," he stressed, "it is imperative that private citizens contribute in efforts to stop the senseless carnage caused by

impaired drivers on our roadways." Motorists without car phones can alert the police by stopping at a pay phone, business or toll booth, Wirth said.

"But if you are using a car phone, don't jeopardize your own safety by dialing while driving," he said. "Ask a passenger to make the call, or carefully pull off the road to place the call yourself."

"Be prepared to provide a license plate number, description of the vehicle, highway or roadway, and direction of the suspected drunk driver if possible," said Wirth. "Mile markers on interstate highways can help pinpoint the vehicle's location."

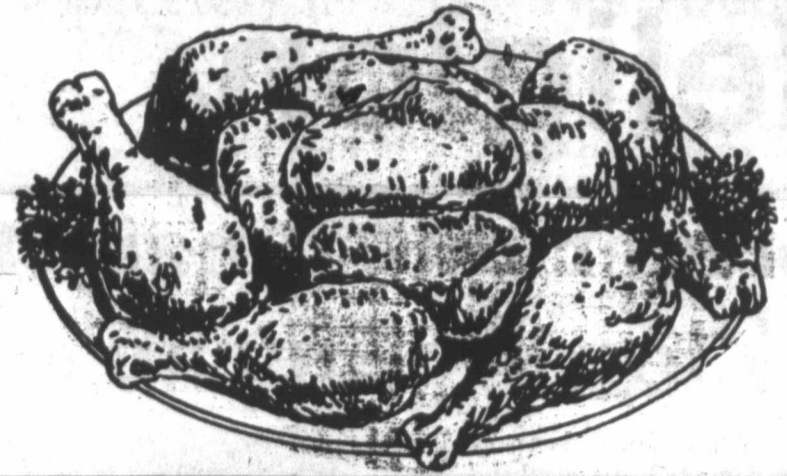
Wirth said that police officers will conduct their own surveillance to establish probable cause to pull the driver over.

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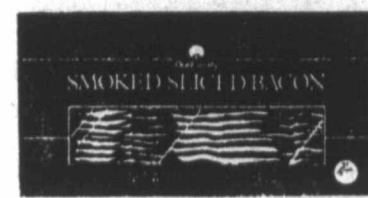
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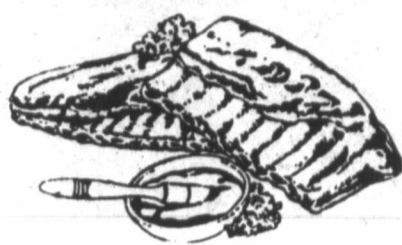


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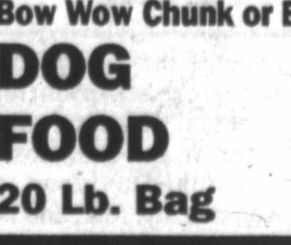
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(AP Laserphoto)
Paul Simon, center, does a finale with lead guitarist Ray Phiri, left, and actor-comedian Chevy Chase on the saxophone Thursday night in New York's Central Park. An estimated 750,000 people attended the free concert which was shown live on cable television.

Paul Simon's fans still crazy about him after all these years

By CHRISTOPHER SHERIDAN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—A crowd bigger than the population of San Francisco gathered on a warm summer night to show Paul Simon they're still crazy about him after all these years.

With a nationwide cable television broadcast and a radio simulcast on 200 stations, Simon's free concert Thursday night on the Great Lawn of Central Park reached a far larger audience than the estimated 750,000 that filled the grassy center of Manhattan. San Francisco has 724,000 people.

"It was absolutely wonderful. What he's done for New York is absolutely incredible. The whole atmosphere was great — everyone was there to have fun and Paul Simon provided the fun," Gabi Porter, 17, of Bernardville, N.J., said after the show.

Playing on a 158-foot-wide, 56-foot-deep, 10-foot-high stage with a 17-member band — many of the musicians from Africa and South America — Simon sang both old favorites and newer songs.

"It's a perfect night in New York City," Simon told the crowd.

Noticeably absent was Art Garfunkel, Simon's partner from their school days in Queens through their work on such hits as "Sounds of Silence," "Mrs. Robinson" and "America." But actor Chevy Chase made a cameo appearance on stage when Simon sang "You Can Call Me Al" midway through his 24-song set.

Simon's band included four percussionists, three horn players and three backup singers. Their instruments included a whistle, clay pots, glass bottles and the jawbone of a mule.

Thousands of fans took their seats on the lawn hours before the show.

"I've been a Paul Simon fan since I was five," said Joshua Collavo, 36, of South Lancaster, Mass.

He arrived at the park 3 1/2 hours before the 7 p.m. concert and worked his way to the front of the throng. "I took off my sneakers and walked barefoot over all the blankets, that's the trick," Collavo said.

Those who arrived later joined a teeming mass of humanity. Most were unable to see the stage, but they could follow the performance on a giant television screen, with the Manhattan skyline as a backdrop.

The crowd was a mix of young and old, mostly the former. And most of them probably never experienced a free Central Park pop concert, a summertime staple of the 1970s and early '80s.

A 1981 Simon and Garfunkel reunion concert in the park — their first show together in eight years — drew 500,000 people.

But until now such entertainment was ended after a 1983 Diana Ross concert, when rampaging youths went on a mugging and chain-snatching spree in streets surrounding the park. Policemen commandeered city buses to catch them.

Free concerts continued to be offered, however, by the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera.

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 - 5 Computer term
 - 9 — loss
 - 12 Machinery oil, for short
 - 13 Apprehension
 - 14 — Beta
 - 15 Lopsidedness
 - 17 Dog, for short
 - 18 Glue
 - 19 Harmful
 - 21 Return envelope (abbr.)
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 - 27 Plants grass on
 - 29 Bite
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 - 36 Nearly
 - 37 Horse shows

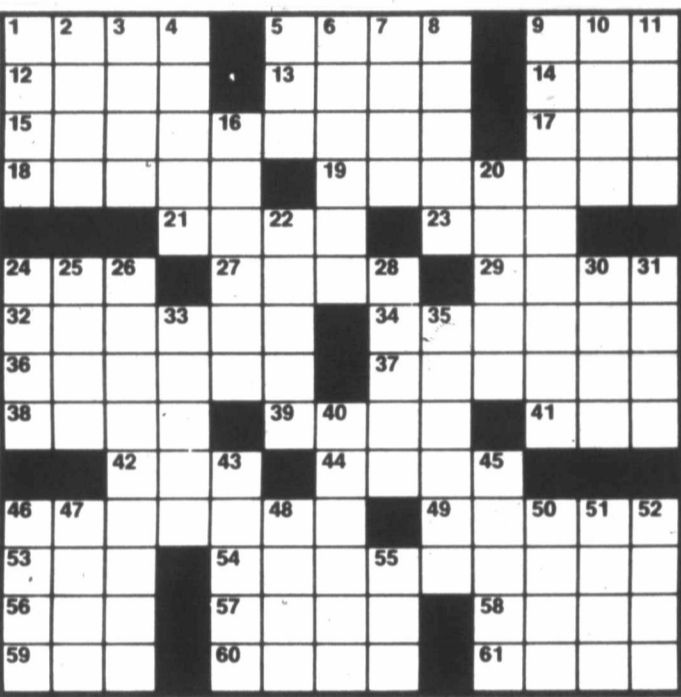
- 38 Drum roll
- 39 Woman's garment
- 41 Small lizard
- 42 Wire measure
- 44 Hawaiian island
- 46 — paper
- 49 Illustration placed within another
- 53 Spoil
- 54 Autograph
- 56 Unclose (poet.)
- 57 Request
- 58 Some bones
- 59 German article
- 60 Eastern Yugoslavian
- 61 Fortune

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- 1 Radar screen image
 - 2 Arizona city
 - 3 Rolls back

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- 4 Chairs
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- 7 Mexican sandwich
- 8 Vertical
- 9 One who is assigned
- 10 Biblical pronoun
- 11 Goals
- 16 Charters
- 20 Egged on
- 22 Kinds
- 24 Campus area
- 25 Citrus fruit
- 26 One's old school (2 wds.)
- 28 Minute groove
- 30 Starting from (2 wds.)
- 31 Compass point
- 33 Poetry foot
- 35 Actress — Loren
- 40 Wood-chopper
- 43 Mispronounces "S"
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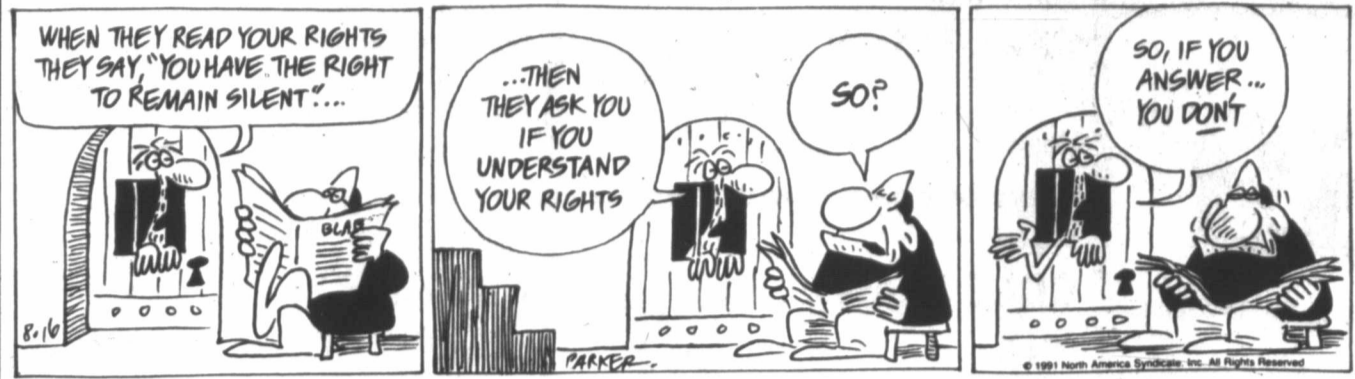


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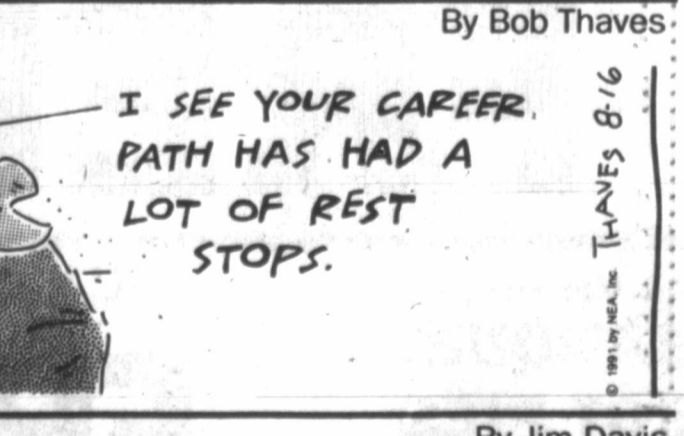
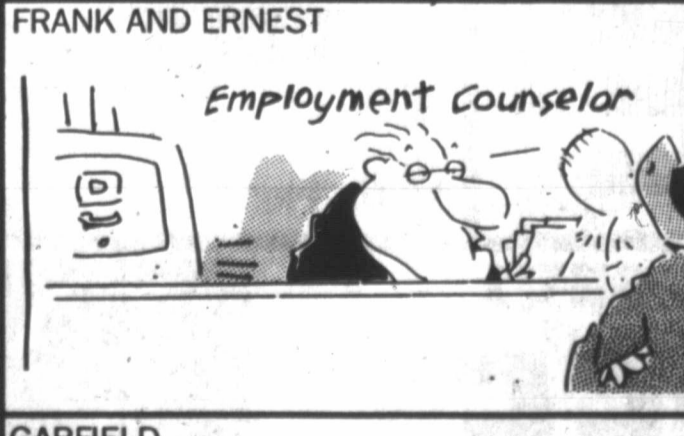
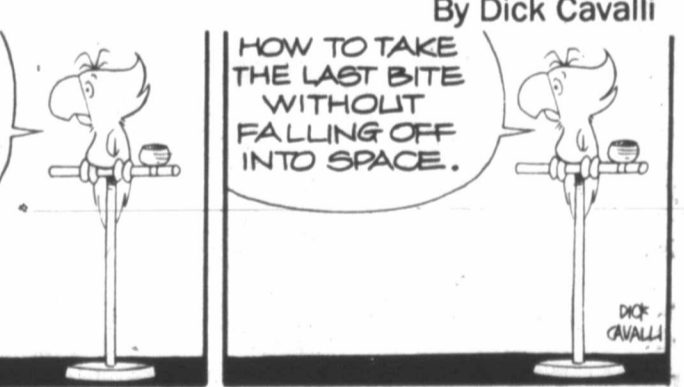
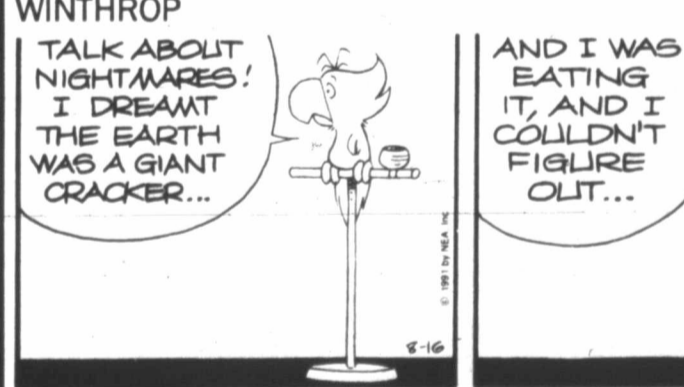
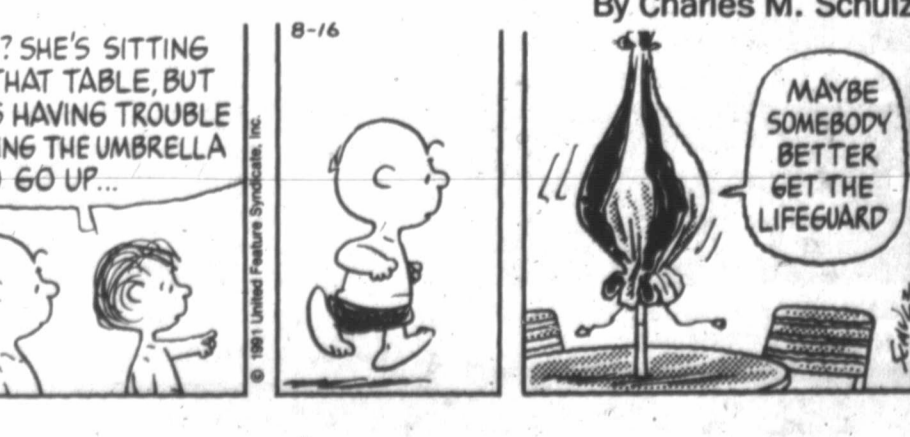
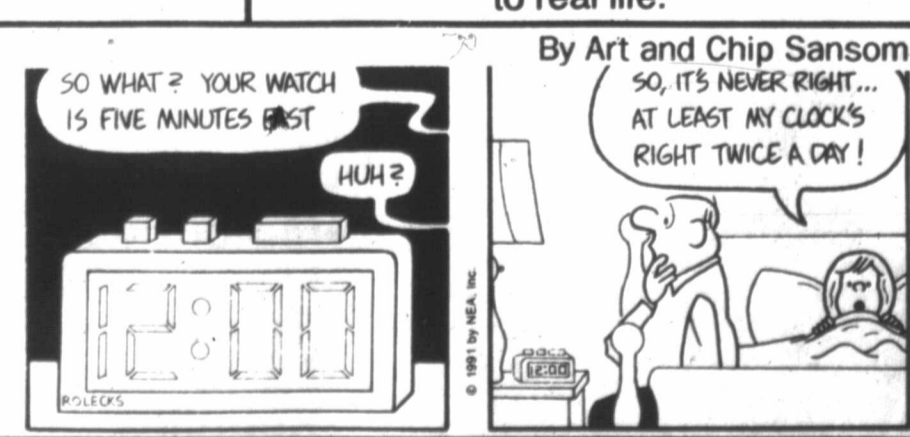
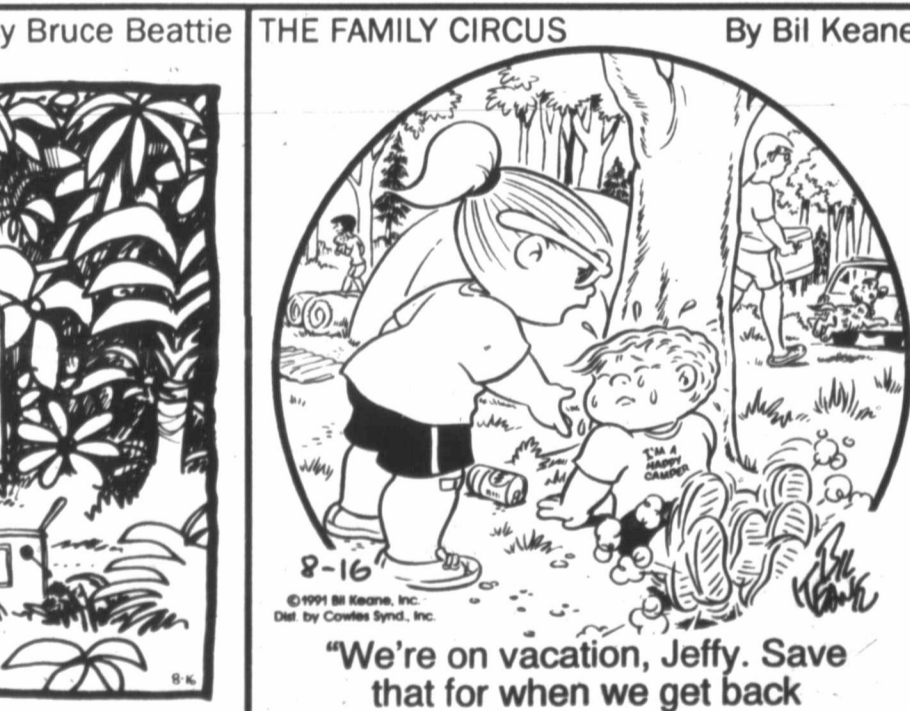
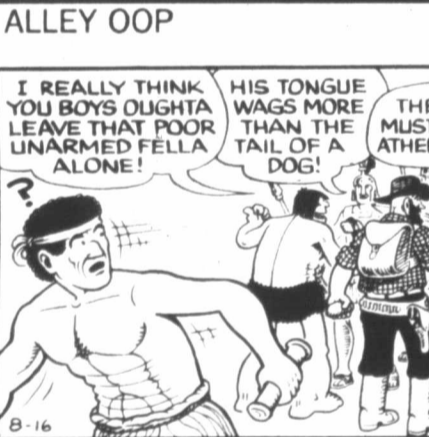
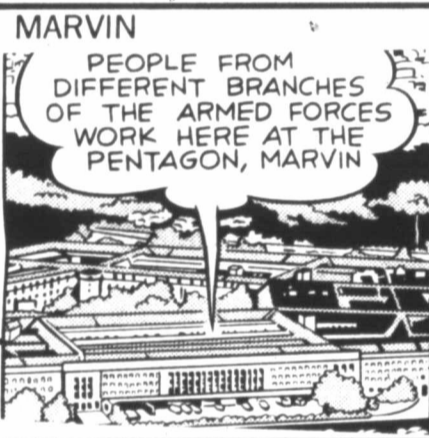
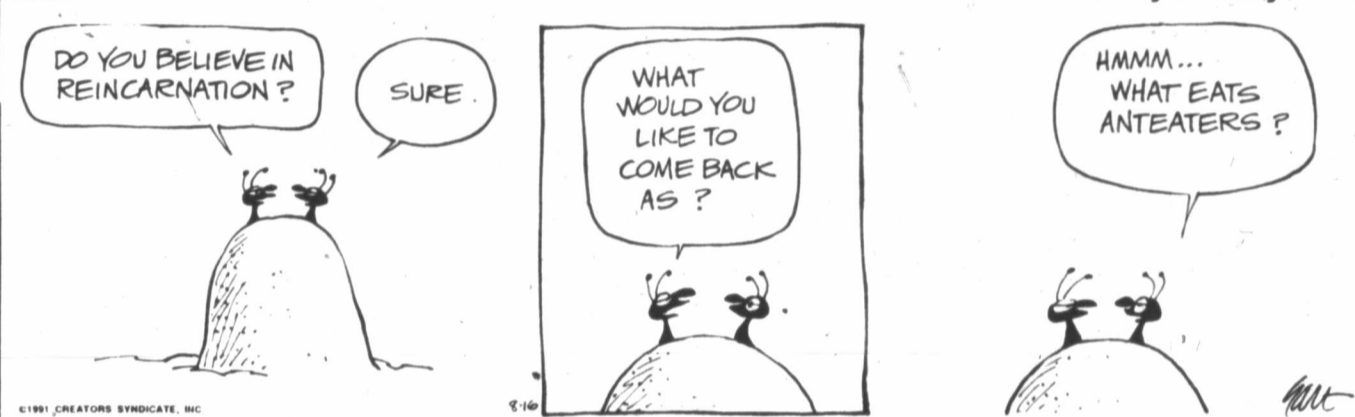
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Astro-Graph

— by bernice bede osol

You could be extremely fortunate in the year ahead in endeavors or operations that you personally manage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A buzz of exciting news may make its rounds among your friends today. It's possible that the bulletin is all about you and some significant developments. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Confidential information from a least-expected source could prove beneficial to you today — if you choose to act on it. There's a chance you might not give it the importance it deserves, though.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll make such a good impression on friends today that everyone will want to do something special for you and, perhaps, one or more might.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Focus on your most important objective today, and don't let anything dissuade you from striving to achieve it. You could be exceptionally lucky where goal fulfillment is concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is one of those unusual days when you could learn something of real significance trying to teach another. Be generous toward those who ask your advice or counsel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Greater returns are more possible today from something you consider a second source of income than from your usual channel of earnings. Review your circumstances to see what opportunities exist.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You tend to pick up the vibes of those with whom you associate today. Hanging around with someone you feel is lucky will leave you with a certain charisma that works as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It looks like you're going to get all the help you need regarding a critical situation that you felt you couldn't handle on your own. Things are changing for the better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) That little tingle you may feel in your chest today could be a hit from one of Cupid's arrows. Things might get rather interesting for you at this time in the romance department.

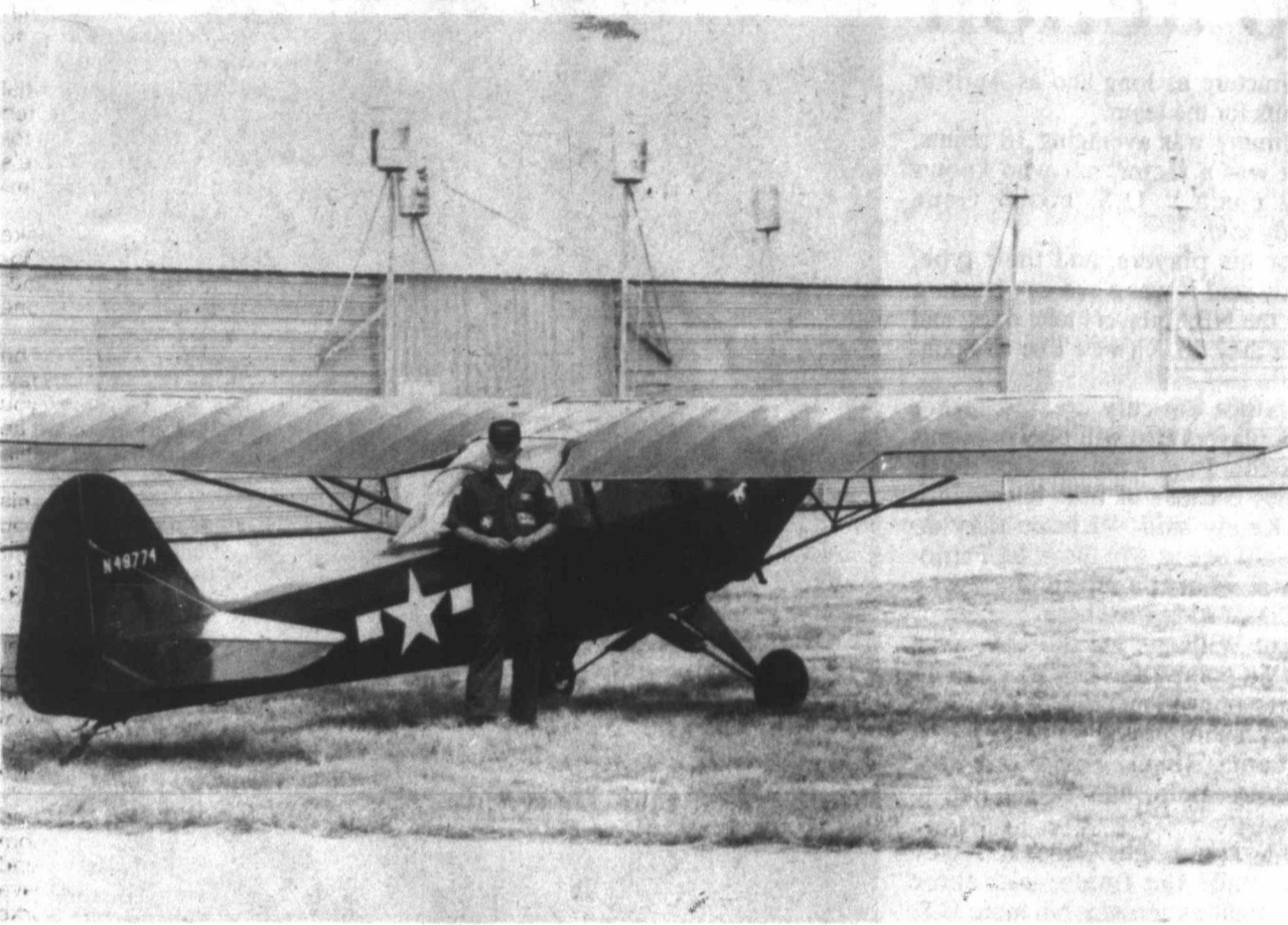
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Continue to be hopeful today regarding the outcome of events. Things are back on course now, and you should get the type of end results you've been anticipating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're an exceptionally good salesman and promoter today, so don't waste your time on trivial projects. If you're going to sell something, shoot for something big.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You were better yesterday at handling little transactions than you were at handling big ones. Today, however, conditions are reversed, and you could be luckier in large matters.

Lifestyles

The Wal-Mart Mustang flies again



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)
This L-2M Taylorcraft is owned by Melton Hill of Perryton. Hill, a member of the Confederate Air Force, bought the plane known as "The Wal-Mart Mustang", in 1988 because he said he always wanted a military aircraft of some sort. Melton restored the plane from civilian-type to military-type, in the last three years. Melton said the plane received its name because he wanted to own a P-51 fighter plane, referred to as a "Mustang", but could only afford the smaller L-2M Taylorcraft, hence, the "Wal-Mart" part of the name.



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)
Left is Terra Hembree, age 10, of Pampa, with Chico; Daniel Pesch, age 10, of Canadian with Porky; and Kendra Rozier, age 11, of Pampa, with Simmie. These 4-H members showed their canines in the annual state 4-H dog show in Wichita Falls.

Area 4-H'ers take honors in state dog show

Three local children attended the 21st annual state 4-H dog show in Wichita Falls, Aug. 9-10. The show was hosted by Wichita County Puppy People Dog Club. The show had 113 contestants from 23 counties, and 170 dogs.

From the local area were Terra Hembree, a first year 4-H member from Pampa; Kendra Rozier, also a first year 4-H member from Pampa; and Daniel Pesch, of Canadian.

The show was open to 4-H members, ages 9-19, showing animals of different breeds.

Hembree placed fourth and Rozier placed seventh in the trick class. In the costume class, Hembree placed fourth.

In conformation class, the animals were judged by American Kennel Club standards. Pesch took 8th in the toy group, showing his Pomeranian Golden Wheat's Porcupine.

In the non-purebred class, 25 lbs. and under, Rozier won 5th with Simmie, a Pekingese-Dachshund cross. Hembree won 9th with Chico, a Collie cross.

In junior showmanship class, where the 4-Her is judged on his or her ability to show the dog. In the sub novice class, Hembree placed 2nd with Pesch placing 9th in the competition.

In novice junior showmanship, Rozier placed 10th of 32 entries.

In sub novice obedience, Pesch placed 5th with a qualifying score of 154, the perfect score being 160. Rozier placed 10th with a qualifying score of 152.

For any child interested in the dog project, contact the Gray County extension office, or leader Lynn Ledford, 665-5622.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Pets locked in cars rely on kindness of strangers

DEARABBY: I just returned from my vacation and had to write this letter first thing. While vacationing in a national park, I saw several dogs locked in closed (or almost closed) cars while their owners toured museums, rode the tram, ate lunch, etc.

Abby, I recall reading in your column the facts about how fast a car heats up when left locked up on a hot summer day. Please publish these facts again soon. Maybe it will cause some thoughtless vacationers to reconsider before taking their pets on vacation with them.

While they may think it's the kind or convenient thing to do, they should decide while planning their vacation whether they are willing to leave at least two car windows partially open when they stop for even a few minutes. If not, they should leave their pet with a relative or friend, have a neighbor care for it at home, or board it in a kennel. These are by far the kindest options for people who really love their pets.

And if other tourists, sight-seeing in a national park, should observe a pet locked in a car with less-than-adequate ventilation, they should report it to the park ranger.

CONCERNED TOURIST FROM STILWELL, KAN.

DEAR CONCERNED: Thank you for a timely reminder to well-meaning, but thoughtless pet owners.

The Animal Protection Institute, P.O. Box 22505, Sacramento, Calif. 95822, sells cards that may be placed under the windshield

wiper. They sell for only \$3 per 100 cards.

The message on the card reads: "YOUR DOG MAY BE DYING! We understand you meant to be kind by taking your dog with you today, but you could be risking your pet's life."

"On a hot summer day, the inside of a car heats very quickly. On an average 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside your car — with the windows slightly opened — will reach 102 degrees in 10 minutes. In 30 minutes it will go up to 120 degrees. On warmer days, it will go even higher.

"A dog's normal body temperature is 101.5 to 102.2 degrees Fahrenheit. A dog can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees Fahrenheit for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage — or even death. The closed car interferes with the dog's normal cooling process, that is, evaporation through panting.

"If your dog is overcome by heat exhaustion, you can give immediate first aid by immersing him or her in cold water until body temperature is lowered."

To get Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Repairing porous mortar

By POPULAR MECHANICS For AP Special Features

The mortar joints between bricks and stones can become porous with age, allowing rainwater to penetrate to the inside. This can cause damp patches to appear on interior walls and ruin decorations. The cure is repointing, or replacing the mortar to deflect the water.

The process is straightforward but time-consuming. When repointing, tackle only a small, manageable area at a time, using a ready-mixed mortar or your own mix.

Mortar dyes are available in liquid or powder form for changing the color of mortar to match existing pointing. Care is needed here as color matching is difficult and smears can stain the bricks permanently.

Before you apply the pointing mortar, rake out the old mortar pointing with a thin wooden stick to a depth of about 1/2-inch. Use a cold chisel or a special plugging chisel and sledgehammer to dislodge firmly embedded sections, then brush out the joints with a stiff-bristled brush.

Apply water to the joints using an old paintbrush, making sure the bricks or stones are soaked so they will not absorb too much water from the fresh mortar. Mix up some mortar in a bucket and transfer it to a hawk. If you're mixing your own mortar, use the proportions 1 part cement, 1 part lime and 6 parts builder's sand.

Pick up a little sausage of mortar on the back of a small pointing trowel and push it firmly into the vertical joints. This can be difficult

to do without the mortar dropping off, so hold the hawk under each joint to catch it.

Try not to smear the face of the bricks with mortar as it will stain. Repeat the process for the horizontal joints. The actual shape of the pointing is not vital at this stage.

Once the mortar is firm enough to retain a thumb print, it is ready for shaping. Match the style of pointing used on the rest of the house. When the pointing has almost hardened, brush the wall to remove traces of surplus mortar.

Flush joints are the easiest to produce, and are used where the wall is sheltered or painted. Rub each joint with burlap and start with the verticals.

Bricklayers make a rubbed or rounded joint with a tool shaped like a sled runner with a handle. The semicircular blade is run along the joints. Improve by bending a short length of metal tube or rod. Use the curved section only, or you'll gouge the mortar. Alternatively, use a length of 3/8-inch diameter plastic tube.

A raked joint is used to emphasize the type of bonding pattern of a brick wall. Here the mortar is recessed in from the brickface surface. This type of joint is not suitable for soft bricks or for a wall that takes a lot of weathering. Scrape out a little of the mortar, then tidy up the joints by running a 3/8-inch stick along them.

Weatherstruck joints use a sloping profile to help shed weather from the wall. Shape the mortar with the edge of a pointing trowel. Start with the vertical joints and slope them in either direction but be consistent.

Clean furnace with vacuum cleaner and simple tools

By POPULAR MECHANICS For AP Special Features

Tuning up your gas furnace is something you can do yourself in less than an hour with a few simple hand tools and a vacuum cleaner.

In most cases, the entire job consists of cleaning and lubricating the blower unit, and cleaning and adjusting the burner assembly.

This simple maintenance is your best front-line defense in the battle against the twin threats to furnace life and efficiency — dust and rust. As long as you stay clear of the control valve and limit switches and put back everything as you found it, there's little chance of error.

You can see if your burner is improperly adjusted by watching the burners in operation.

A standard gas furnace will have two, three or four burners, each with some sort of ignition crossover device. When the furnace starts, ignition should progress evenly from one burner to the next and without hesitation or a late flash. Once lit, the burners should operate with a steady blue flame.

If you see a burner-to-burner startup ignition that displays a noticeable puff and small flash, then gas is not moving through the crossover pieces that ignite each burner in sequence. In all likelihood, one of these crossover members is clogged with dirt or rust.

If you see a burner that doesn't ignite at all, or only puffs on and off sporadically, it's a good bet that the gas jet that feeds the burner is partially clogged with dirt or rust.

On the other hand, a burner that shows flame gaps along its length during normal operation suggests that some gas ports are clogged.

If you see a burner whose flame lifts off its ports, you can bet that the air mixture on that burner is too rich. Conversely, a flame that burns orange and lazy (waving from side to side) means there's too little air in the mix. Before attempting to regulate the air intake the burner assembly should be cleaned.

Before working on the furnace shut off the electrical disconnect switch so the furnace can't come on. If there's no switch, turn the gas control from ON to PILOT. Then vacuum the inside of the cabinet.

To remove a burner for cleaning, remove the securing clip that holds the burner to the feed pipe. Then carefully lift the burner up and slide it out of its seat below the heat exchanger cell.

Once it's removed, turn it so the open end faces down, and tap the burner repeatedly on the floor or some other hard surface to dislodge rust particles inside.

If you've noticed gaps in the flames on that burner, poke a thin wire or small Allen wrench into each of the burner openings. Then tap the burner on the floor again. Finally, clean the openings in the crossover member with a thin-bladed knife and vacuum the entire chamber thoroughly.

To service the gas jet, back the entire jet from its threads in the feed pipe and then clean it with a thin wire or small Allen wrench. When the jet is cleared, thread it back into its opening until snug. No joint compound is needed.

Burners are adjusted usually by either sliding sleeves or rotating end caps to align their openings to a greater or lesser degree with openings on the burner.

Registration for Latchkey on elementary campuses

According to Latchkey director, Londa Snider, enrollment for the after school care program will be open Aug. 20, 1-3 p.m., on each Pampa elementary school campus.

The enrollment table will be in the hall or cafeteria area. Each child wishing to be a part of the program, which is open to grades kindergarten through fifth grade, must fill out an enrollment form.

Snider said that after school care is open each school day, 2:40-5:30 p.m. She said "No child is ever turned away at Latchkey. There is a place for each child with school with good after care."

Registro para cuidado de niños despues de escuela

La directora de Latchkey, (Programa de cuidado para niños despues de escuela) Londa Snider, dice que se tendrá matricula el día 20 de Agosto, de la 1:00-3:00 p.m. en cada una de las escuelas elementales.

La mesa para registrar se tendrá en el pasillo o en el área de la cafetería Snider dijo que se tendrá este programa cada día de las 2:40-5:30 p.m. Ningun niño o niña será rechazado o rechazada. Habrá un lugar para cada niño o niña y serán bien cuidados.

Short bits

Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded in 1972 by an assailant who was then shot dead by her bodyguards.

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