

# Superior catch

Ore carrier drops anchor, pulls up car with two bodies

By The Associated Press

DULUTH, Minn. — A car that was dragged out of Lake Superior on a ship's anchor contained two bodies and was registered to a man whose wife had vanished five years ago along with a longshoreman, police said Tuesday.

The bodies appeared to be those of a man and a woman, police said, but their identities and cause of death had not been determined. "After we determine the answers to these questions, we may or may not have a crime," said Fred Sowl, a detective with the Duluth police department.

The crushed auto was discovered at about noon Monday when the crew of an ore ship hauled in an anchor that had been dropped to slow the vessel's approach to a berth at the Duluth Port Terminal. The car, which had been in about 30 feet of water, was impaled on the anchor.

James Thorell, a crewmember on the U.S. Steel ship Philip R. Clarke, said he was operating the anchor winch. "The fellow I was working with said to shut it down because there was a car on it. I thought he was lying," Thorell said.

"This was strictly an act of God," Thorell said. "The only reason that (anchor) went down was because the weather deteriorated for a very short time."

Police wouldn't speculate on how the car got to the bottom of the harbor. The vehicle, a 1978 Oldsmobile Toronado, was taken to the C. Reiss Coal Co. dock in West Duluth, where it was being examined. "The car was fairly badly crushed," Sowl said. "The boat anchor I'm sure did a lot of the damage."

The car was registered to Jerry Tharaldson of Duluth, who reported the vehicle missing five years ago — at the same time his 44-

year-old wife, Sally, and Duluth longshoreman Virgil La Panta disappeared. La Panta was 63 when he disappeared.

Mrs. Tharaldson and La Panta knew each other and were last seen on Aug. 30, 1978, in a car together. Police refused to say whether it was the car that Tharaldson reported missing.

Sowl said autopsies were being conducted and identification might take up to three days. Sowl said Tharaldson and other relatives and friends were questioned after the two people disappeared in 1978. But he declined to comment on whether anyone had been questioned since the car was recovered.

Tharaldson, reached by telephone, also declined to comment. When La Panta vanished, most of his co-workers suspected foul play, said Al Colalillo, a longshoreman and a Duluth Port commissioner.

According to the men who worked with the 18-year veteran longshoreman, La Panta wouldn't have left town without notifying relatives. La Panta's glasses were still in his hotel room after he disappeared, Colalillo said. The missing man couldn't see well without them, he added.

"It's really a shock," said Karen Flaherty, La Panta's niece, on hearing of the auto's recovery. "In our hearts we knew Virgil was the victim of foul play."

The 767-foot-long ore ship had arrived in Duluth Monday morning and was sailing through the harbor when winds gusting to 52 mph threatened to push the ship toward the terminal too quickly. The crew dropped the starboard anchor to help slow down the ship. When the wind abated 45 minutes later, crew members of the ship, which was still at the berth, raised the 6-ton anchor and found the car.



A car containing two bodies was found in Lake Superior after it caught on the anchor of Great Lakes ore carrier Philip R. Clarke.

## shuttle briefs

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### Air mail

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Packed in 10 containers in Challenger's cargo bay are 200,000 envelopes, each bearing a \$9.35 stamp. The U.S. Postal Service plans to sell the envelopes, known as postal covers, to collectors for \$15.50 each and split the proceeds with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

If all the covers are sold, they will bring in more than \$3.8 million. The stamp, intended primarily for Express Mail, shows the head of an American eagle illuminated by a full moon. Each is the size of a block of four regular-size stamps and measures 1.77 by 1.59 inches.

The cachet design on the front of each cover is a color replica of the eighth shuttle flight's crew patch. On the back is NASA's 25-year logo. The cancellation on the front bears the originally scheduled launch date for the flight, Aug. 14, which also is the stamp's issue date. After the flight, the actual launch and landing dates will be printed on the covers.

The covers, in souvenir folders, will be sold by mail order only with a limit of one per customer. Orders and checks should be sent to Shuttle Flight Folder, Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, D.C., 20265. The order date will be announced after the flight, with letters postmarked before that to be returned unopened.

### Waste in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Challenger has a new toilet for its third trip into space, replacing a unit that failed on its flight in June.

A microswitch failure disabled a so-called slinger motor that helps dispose of waste in the unit, and technicians decided to replace the entire contraption. Astronaut Richard Truly, commander of the mission, said his crew is ready to make repairs if there is another potty breakdown. "We have developed an inflight maintenance

procedure so that we could go in and rewire it and fix it ourselves if that particular failure happens again," he told a preflight news conference.

### Shuttle seniority

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Dr. William Thornton, Challenger's house doctor and at 54 the oldest man ever to fly in space, says he hopes to get sick while the ship is in orbit.

Thornton, a physician, was added to the flight — as was Dr. Norman Thagard on Challenger's June mission — to study space sickness, which has bothered nine of the 21 shuttle astronauts who have flown.

"I would consider it a boon if I became sick like the others," Thornton said recently. "I would consider that a plus because I will have more time to look at myself than anyone else."

Thornton said his research in orbit would concentrate on the adaptation of the human nervous system to weightlessness. He and Thagard will analyze their findings and advance their research another step in September 1984, when they are to fly as crewmates on shuttle Flight 18.

Thornton has waited a long time to fly in space, having been named a physician astronaut in 1967. "I'm tired of being a bridesmaid," he said recently.

### Perfect record

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Richard Truly is the first astronaut who has flown in all of the first three space shuttles. And he would like to pilot all of those yet to come.

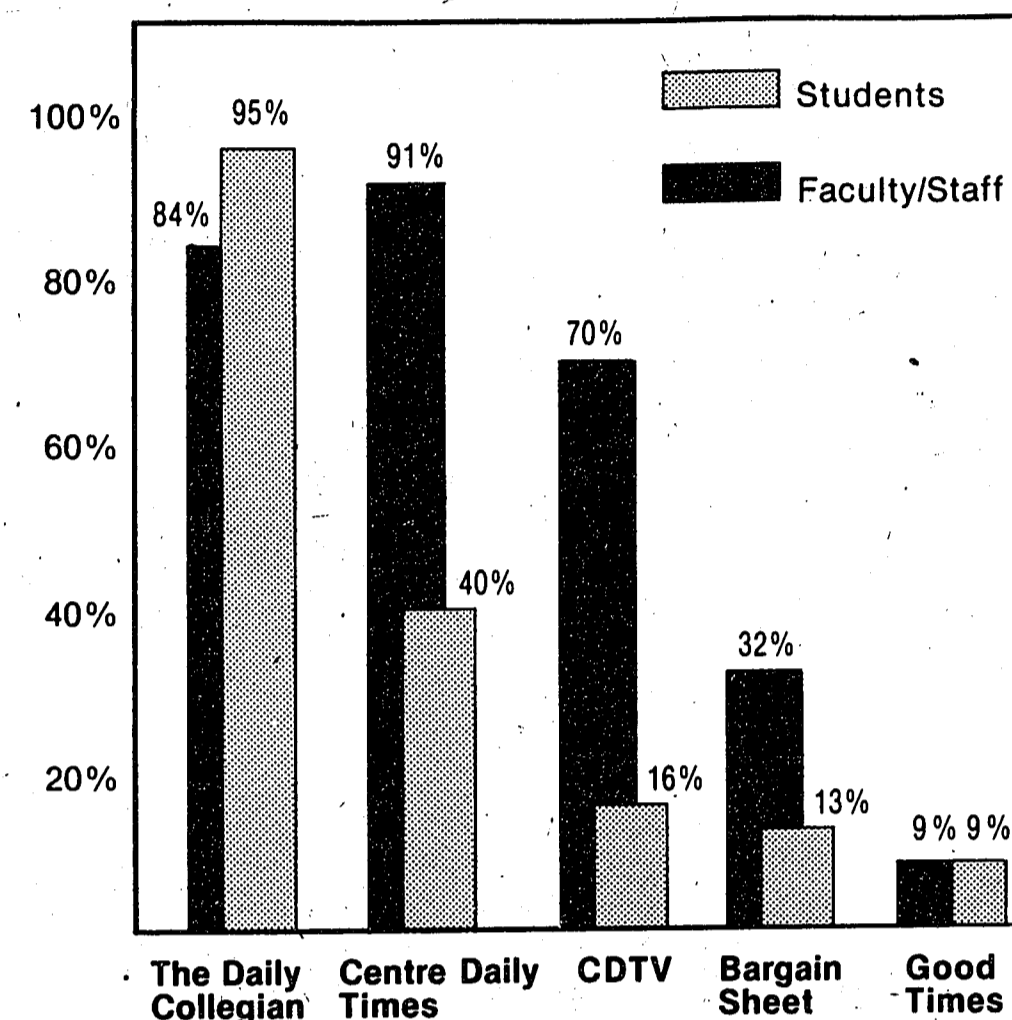
He participated in landing tests of the prototype, engineless shuttle Enterprise after it was released from the back of a Boeing 747 in the late 1970s. He served as pilot to Commander Joe Engle on Columbia's second flight in 1981, and he is commander of the current flight of Challenger.

"I hope I get a crack at flying all the shuttles," he said recently. Discovery is to start flights next year, Atlantis in 1985, and other shuttles may still be built.

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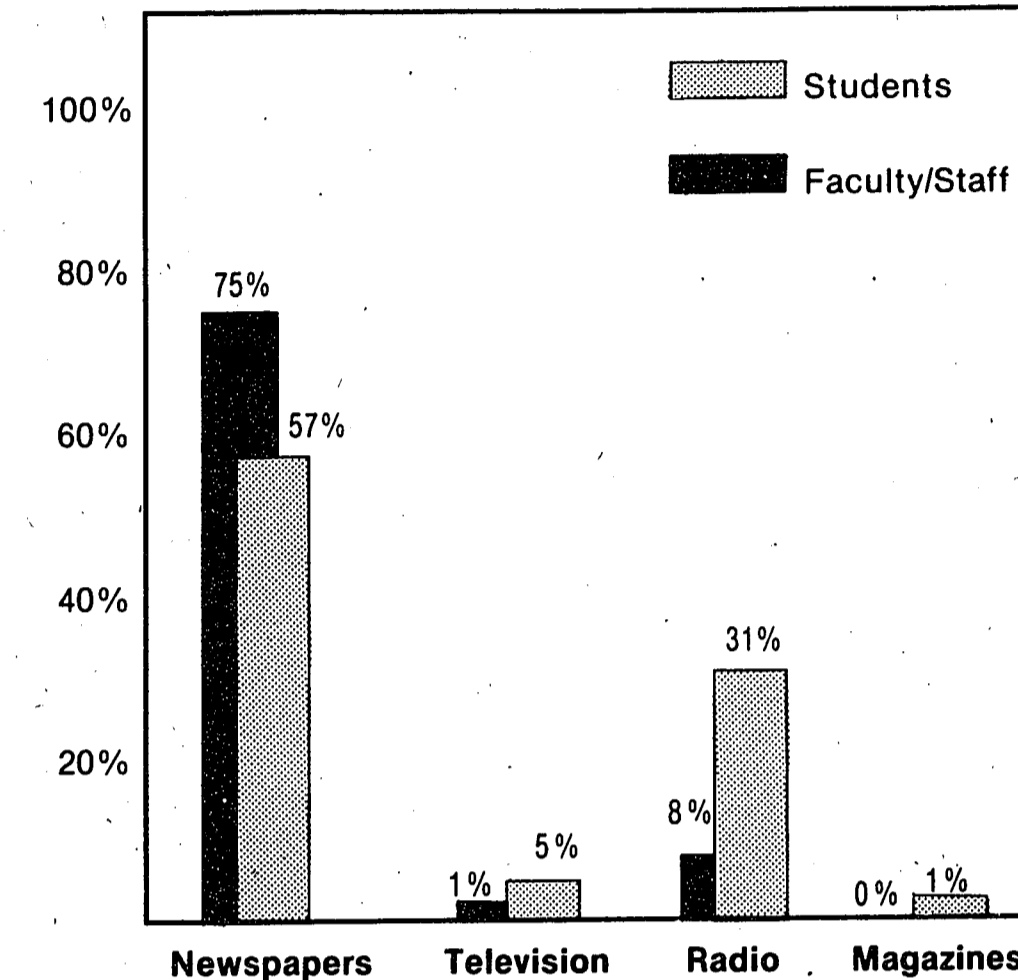
## Newspapers read in past 7 days:

Respondents were read several names of daily and weekly publications. They were asked whether they have read or looked into an issue of that paper during the past seven days.



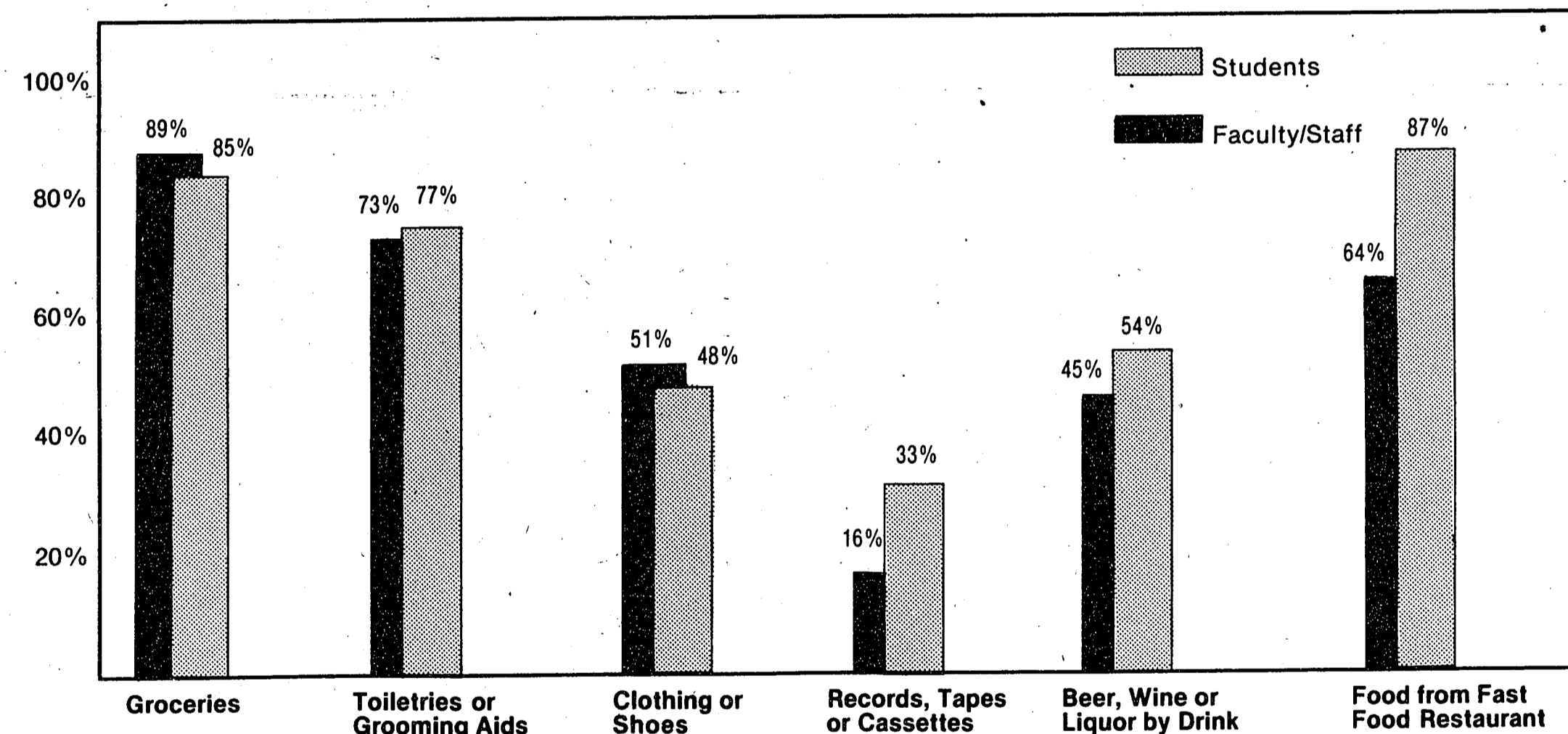
## Source of advertising relied on most:

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