

Rock star Tom Petty 'got unlucky'

From Wire Service Reports

Tom Petty's two sold-out Los Angeles performances were postponed — including tonight's show — because the rock singer's voice has given out.

Petty developed laryngitis during a show in Fresno, Calif., last Friday and he was ordered by a doctor not to perform until Tuesday night, forcing postponement of shows Sunday night and tonight at the Universal Amphitheater.

Sunday ticketholders will be able to see Petty and his band, The Heartbreakers, Wednesday night at the Amphitheater, and tickets for tonight's performance will be honored April 25.

The band, whose best known hits include "Breakdown," "Refugee" and the current "You Got Lucky," will perform concerts at the Amphitheater Tuesday and Thursday as scheduled, a spokesman said.

Merete Van Kamp, a Danish actress and countess, has been selected to star in the title role of the NBC miniseries "Princess Daisy," based on Judith Krantz's best-selling novel, a network official says. Miss Van Kamp, 21, was selected after a two-year worldwide talent search in which more than 700 actresses were interviewed. Brandon Tartikoff, president of NBC Entertainment, said Sunday.

Kathryn Falk, author of "How to Write a Romance and Get It Published," is heading east on the Love Train, her compartment decorated with pink satin sheets, ruffled pillows and flowers. The specially designated Amtrak train is making a five-day trip from Los Angeles to New York City for a Romantic Book Lovers' Conference. The Love Train, which pulled out of Union Station Saturday night, was the idea of Chelley Kitzmiller, an aspiring romance writer from Piacentia, Calif. On board, along with about 250 other passengers, were 40 to 50 romance agents, editors and writers.



Tom Petty

Recovering from laryngitis

Andre Watts, pianist, and soprano Wilhelmina Fernandez joined 87 members of the Philadelphia Orchestra in a "Concert for Humanity." Sponsors of Sunday's event said nearly 3,000 tickets were sold, ranging in price from \$5 dollars to \$500. Proceeds from the concert were to go to the Pennsylvania Campaign for a nuclear weapons freeze and the Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Ethel Merman was in stable but satisfactory condition today in a New York City hospital where the 76-year-old singer was recuperating from surgery to remove a brain tumor, hospital officials said. Doctors at St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center refused to disclose the details of the surgery, said Bernie Wisnewski, a hospital spokeswoman.

Bill Keane, creator of the "Family Circus" cartoon, won the Reuben Award, the top honor at the National Cartoonists Society 37th Annual Awards dinner. That award plus others were handed out Sunday night at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Tom Patton, mayor of Belfast, Northern Ireland, along with Dublin Mayor Dan Browne plan to meet business and government leaders in four U.S. cities to promote the two Irelands as good bases for industry. "There are troubles everywhere in the world. I'm not going to talk about those problems but rather about the good things in Ireland," Patton said during a weekend stopover in New York.

Hu Na, the tennis player whose grant of political asylum by the United States triggered a collapse in cultural relations with China, celebrated her 20th birthday quietly over the weekend. "She had a small, private party, nothing elaborate," said her lawyer, C.Y. Lau. The party was Saturday. Hu has refused to meet reporters since

April 4 when the United States announced it had granted her sanctuary and "she still doesn't want to talk to the press," Lau said. Hu defected at the Federation Cup tennis tournament in Santa Clara, Calif., on July 20.

Harold Washington, mayor-elect of Chicago says he expects to support Cook County State's Attorney Richard Daley, a foe in the Feb. 22 Democratic mayoral primary, for reelection in 1984 because "he's done a good job." Washington said, "I don't see any reason why I wouldn't support him," in an interview published Sunday in the Chicago Sun-Times. Daley has not disclosed whether he will run again.

Paul Newman and Walter Matthau are among leading Connecticut residents who have agreed to donate their time for TV commercials boosting the state's tourist industry. The commercials, following the lead of the "I Love New York" series, will be titled, "Better Yet Connecticut."



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