

Entertainment Outlook

Wheel of Fortune auditions slated for Toronto

Want to spin The Wheel?
A screening committee from Wheel of Fortune, the most popular TV game show (Jeopardy is No. 2), will be in Toronto Aug. 2 and 3 to select 10 contestants from among 300 candidates.

The names of those 300 candidates will be drawn at random by Global TV, which is conducting the contestant search.

If you want a chance at becoming a candidate, send a short letter to Global. List your name, address and phone number and, in one sentence, describe the show's concept. Letters should be addressed to: Wheel of Fortune Contest, c/o Global Television, Box 6666, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 2T9.

The 10 contestants picked by the



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screening committee will be flown to Los Angeles, where the syndicated game show is taped. They will also be given free hotel accommodation and \$500 in spending money. The contestants will ap-

pear on the game show sometime during the 1990-91 TV season.

The deadline for entries is July 23 (they must be in Global's possession by 5 p.m. that day).

An offbeat documentary about ugly toads makes its Canadian network debut July 23 on Adrienne Clarkson Presents on CBC-TV.

Cane Toads: An Unnatural Connection explores the varied reaction in Australia to the toad.

"This film has already become a cult classic in Australia, much like The Rocky Horror Picture Show has here in North America," said Clarkson. "It shows at art movie houses all the time and people love it, even though it is about these ugly little animals."

Cane toads were brought to Australia from Hawaii in 1935 to combat the grey-back beetle, a pest destroying sugar cane. Since the beetle could fly and the toad couldn't, the mission was a failure.

The toads spread quickly. Some Australians love them, keeping them as pets, with children dressing the toads in doll clothes.

Ian Tyson, who was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Honor last fall, and American country star Crystal Gayle will be the co-hosts for the 1990 Canadian Country Music Awards.

The award show - in Edmonton, Sept. 8 - will be televised live by CTV.

Production has started in Gib-

sons, B.C., for the 19th and final season of Beachcombers. The last episode of this Canadian drama will be an hour-long CBC-TV special, airing next spring.

The Step By Step video by New Kids On The Block is sending the pop music group by quick step to the bank. Released in early June, it has already passed the 600,000-sales level in Canada, reports the Canadian Recording Industry Association.



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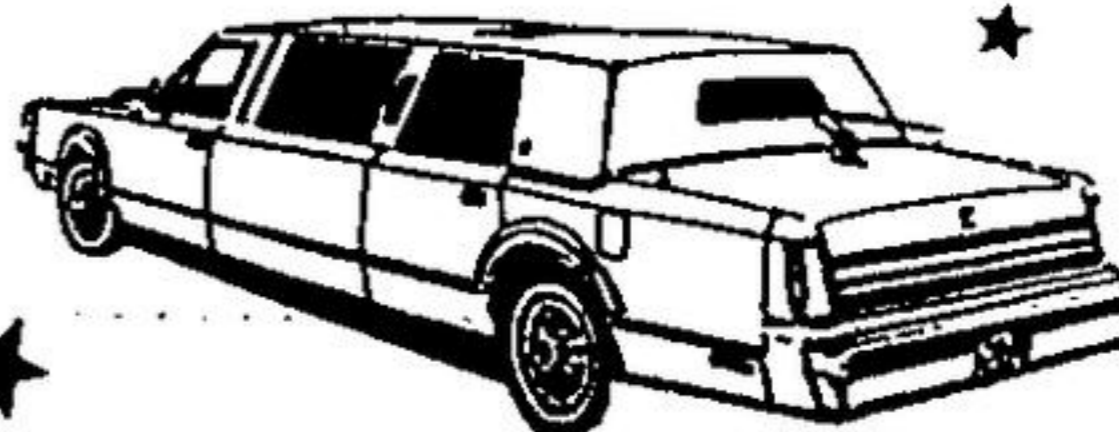
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