

The World

Springsteen's ticket sales tie up lines

The rumor was that tickets to Bruce Springsteen's Chicago concert might go on sale soon. That was enough for the fans. By July 24 about 25 people were camping outside the ticket office.

Illinois Bell Telephone is prepared for millions of calls. A computer normally reserved for Mother's Day or during natural disasters such as tornadoes will handle the calls by fans in search of tickets. Washington, D.C. fans jammed the toll-free number there with two million calls, more than double the

normal load. Only 3,000 telephone-sales tickets were available for the Aug. 5 show that opens the last leg of Springsteen's tour which began 13 months ago.

Bruce Springsteen, 35, has become an international hero during this last year and is returning to the States bigger than life. His fans range from teeny boppers to jet setters. Ticket sales for his concerts are breaking records. In D.C. 52,306 tickets sold out in an hour and a half, faster than tickets for either Prince or the Jacksons had sold. In New York,

236,000 Springsteen tickets sold in one day, beating the King Tut exhibit's record.

The rock star bought his first guitar 22 years ago. Since then he has sung the song of the working class on albums and in concerts that often last as long as four hours.

Though his music often points out the difference between the American dream and reality, his message of hope for a better future has caught the attention of the president and common man alike.

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Using metal detectors and sonar devices, the crew of the Dauntless salvage ship followed an underwater trail of cannons, doubloons and debris to the sunken Atocha. The ship was on its way from Cuba to the Spanish port of Cadiz when it sank. It was carrying treasure to King Philip IV. The log lists 1,028 silver bars, more than 600 pounds of gold, 230,000 silver doubloons, as well as jewels and other artifacts. The records also lists 43 wealthy Spaniards who were sailing on the Atocha. They undoubtedly were carrying personal

treasures.

Already the 35 divers have found eight well-preserved mahogany chests. Seven of them were full of pieces of eight. Each of these coins is valued at nearly \$1,200. The eighth chest was full of gold bars. They also discovered a stack of silver bars as tall as an average 12-year-old.

Five hundred small investors bought shares in Fisher's company, Treasure Salvors, Inc., and a chance to share any treasure found in 1985. Each one of those shares may now be worth up to \$100,000. The value of the Atocha's treasure may reach \$400 million.



Diver Bill Barron lifts a 90 pound silver ingot from the wreck of the Atocha. Dell Scruggs, another member of the crew, stacks the 70-100 pound silver bars on the deck of the Dauntless salvage ship.

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