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Barbara Mandrell Hurt in 2-Car Crash

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Details of the accident remained sketchy as police tried to reconstruct what happened, although officers at the scene said Mandrell was driving her two children out on Gallatin Road when White's car, driving west, apparently swerved in front of her. Jay Jackson, 48, of Hendersonville, a neighbor of Mandrell's who witnessed the accident, said:

"I was driving in the outside lane and she was in the center lane when she passed me. She was several car lengths ahead of me.

"I saw a puff of steam and realized there had been a collision.

"It was obvious that the driver of the other car was dead. There was no question in anybody's mind about that."

Ambulances arrived quickly, Jackson said, adding:

"When they took Barbara out of the car, she started moaning and that made me feel good because at least she was alive.

White was pinned in the car for several minutes and had to be freed by hydraulic "jaws of life," said Hendersonville Police Chief David Key, who noted that Mandrell and her two children were wearing their seat belts, while White was not.

In 1983, when she brought her Las Vegas revue, *The Lady in a Champ*, to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, the first show sold out in record time. A second show was added to accommodate the floods of disappointed fans who were unable to get seats at the first performance. It

later became her debut HBO television special.

Earlier this year she opened her own museum on Music Row, Barbara Mandrell Country, which has become a popular tourist stop.

She annually sponsors the star-studded Barbara Mandrell Celebrity Softball Classic to raise funds for various charities, only one of the many ways she donates both her time and talent to aid others.

Her success is the result of ceaseless work and devotion to her fans and the Music Row industry. Tennesseans and the oldest of three talented sisters, she could read music before she could read English. She gave her first public performance at age 8 in a Houston church, where she sang and played the accordion.

The family moved to Occidente, Calif., where father Irlby bought a music store. Mandrell became proficient in steel guitar, saxophone, guitar, mandolin, piano, drums, banjo and bass.

She made her network television debut on ABC's *Five Star Jubilee* which prompted Irlby to form a family band. Ken Dudgey, the drummer, later was to become Mandrell's husband, and the union is still considered one of the happiest among country entertainers.

She moved to Nashville in 1968 and her first CMA Female Vocalist was the following year. She made her debut on Columbia Records in 1969 with *I've Been Loving You Too Long*, an Old Redneck classic which became the first of her string of country hits.



Police survey the crumpled remains of Barbara Mandrell's silver Jaguar, left, after a two-car collision in Hendersonville that injured the singer and killed a Lebanon, Tenn., man. Her two children also were injured.

— Staff photo by Robert Johnson



Family Tells Press — Louise Mandrell and her father, Irlby, hold an informal press conference of Baptist Hospital, where her sister Barbara is confined after an automobile accident last night.

In 1978 she was asked to become a regular member of the Grand Ole Opry. The following year she scored with her first top 10 hit, *The Midnight Oil*. In 1979 she switched to A&J/Dot Records (which was later purchased by MCA) and her recording began to make the charts regularly.

In 1979 she enjoyed her first No. 1 chart-topper with *Sleeping Single in a Double Bed*, and the hits just kept coming: *If Loving You Is Wrong (I Don't Want to Be Right)*, *Years, Coaches*, *The Best of Strangers* and *Happy Birthday, Dear Heartache* are only several of her more than 25 top-10 hits.

She has recorded 14 albums for MCA, including her current *Clon Cui* and her *We Were Meant for Each Other* LP with CMA Male Vocalist of the Year Greenwood. Despite her international celebrity status, for Barbara Mandrell, her family has remained her top priority. A plaque in her tour has read: "The family that prays together stays together."

"Irene told me that Barbara had told them just a few seconds before

the accident to put on their seat belts and they did," Jackson said.

Key said there was no evidence that either Mandrell or White had been drinking.

Shortly after 10 last night, Louise Mandrell and her father, Irlby Mandrell, talked with reporters who had gathered outside the Baptist Hospital emergency room.

"Barbara is doing fine," Louise said. "She is awake and alert."

According to her sister, Barbara suffered a knee injury in addition to a broken leg and a number of cuts. According to her father, Barbara and her children were returning home from Rivergate Mall, where they had been shopping for school clothes, when the accident occurred. Ironically, Irlby Mandrell said, he was on his way home from Music Row and was routed around the accident by police, unaware that his daughter had been involved.

He predicted Barbara may be away from the stage for as long as three months. However, Ralph Emery, noted country music talk show host, who went to Baptist last night, said Mandrell's personal physician,

Dr. Newt Lovorn, predicted she would be away from the stage for a "minimum of six months."

"She appreciates everyone's prayers," Louise said, "and she hopes that everyone will also pray for Mr. White."

The tiny multi-talented entertainer, propelled by a seemingly inexhaustible energy, is one of the most beloved country performers of modern times. With more than 50 major awards to her credit, she had to design an entire room in her Hendersonville home to hold her numerous honors.

In 1980 and 1981, she was named the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year, the highest accolade bestowed by the industry. In 1978, she was the first of many fan-voted honors as "Most Promising Female Vocalist" in the Music City News Country Awards. She has been lauded by the Academy of Country Music, the Dove Awards and last February received her first Grammy for a gospel duet with Bobby Jones and New Life, *I'm So Glad I'm Standing Here Today*.

She is nominated for Entertainer of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year and, with Lee Greenwood, Vocal Duo of the Year in the upcoming CMA Awards to be held Oct. 8.

She ventured into acting this year, and her debut performance opposite Duke of Hazzard star Tom Wopat in the CBS made-for-television movie *Burning Rage* is scheduled to air Sept. 21.

She also has just finished taping her first network TV special.

The MCA recording artist is hot on industry trade charts with her latest release, *Only a Lonely Heart Knows*, and a duet with label mate Greenwood, *To Me*. The duet will be featured in the TV movie.

Her television variety show, *Barbara Mandrell and the Mandrell Sisters*, which costarred Mandrell and siblings Louise and Irene, was a popular addition to the NBC lineup from 1980 through the 1982 season. The strain of hosting a weekly program began to tax her health to the point that she opted not to renew for the 1982-1983 season, although she had a five-year contract with the network.

Bragg Tells Panel Studying State Tax Reform To Get On With It

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McWherter, who is seeking the 1988 Democratic nomination for governor, defended his public statements. He told Bragg they had been made in the context of how difficult it was last year to pass the one-percent hike in the state's sales tax to pay for education reform.

"I agreed how hard they had to fight and claw for \$333 million in new taxes," Bragg said. "But I told him, 'You were raising Tennessee's taxes. With tax reform you can make taxes fairer and broader.'

The tax committee was formed in 1983 with McWherter's backing. And in the Democrats' political maneuvering last year with Republican Gov. Lamar Alexander, who proposed the Master Teacher plan,

McWherter often repeated the theme that 1984 was dedicated to "excellence in education" but 1985 would be the year of tax equity.

Privately, Democrats on the committee are bewailing the political implications of McWherter's statements as well as their legislative impact.

"He's let Lamar off the hook," said one Democrat, explaining that now it will be more difficult to get Alexander out of office on any sweeping tax reform proposal.

McWherter was quoted in newspaper accounts as telling the Chattanooga Thinkers Club:

"I think the committee going around the state is very productive about getting the questions out about

tax reform, but I'm not convinced we need it.

"I supported a tax increase last year to fund the better education program. That program's in place today.

"I'm just not very anxious about considering any additional tax reform for the next few years."

One member of the committee — Nashville Rep. Steve Cobb, a Democrat — decided not to attend yesterday's hearing because, he said, McWherter's stand appears to make the panel's work "an exercise in futility."

McWherter's support is considered crucial on any controversial piece of legislation, although some members of the committee yesterday tried to downplay the significance of the

speaker's statements.

"It depends on exactly what he is opposed to," said Sen. Riley Darnell, D-Clarksville. "We've got some problems we have to deal with, whether we like them or not."

Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien, D-Crossville, said McWherter is "entitled to his opinion."

"I'm going to listen to the people in the 12th Senatorial District," she said, referring to her Upper Cumberland constituency.

Most of the people who testified yesterday were from the Upper Cumberland counties. A state income tax received limited backing from county officials, who said it would have to replace existing taxes to be accepted.

"I'll go everywhere I can and talk

against an income tax if it's going to be added" to existing state taxes, said Overton County Executive John Houser.

He said he is not opposed to an income tax if it replaces other taxes and can benefit rural counties such as his, which, he said, are already strapped financially.

Palmont County Executive John Getry said it was a matter of educating the public, which, he said, will have to be convinced that "it's truly an adjustment."

As at the other public hearings, there were few private citizens present, but there is no governmental need of a state income tax of some form if other taxes were reduced or services increased. This position is fair

ly typical of what other individual citizens testified to during hearings two weeks ago in East Tennessee.

"I don't mind paying more taxes, but I do want more services," said Brian Paddock, a Cookeville lawyer who works for Legal Services.

One businessman lamented the number of business taxes he had to pay and the time spent keeping track of all of them. Those taxes and the costs they add to business are all passed on to consumers, J. David Rivers said.

If government officials think a new program is needed, they should show clearly how they propose to pay for it and that the voters decide if the lawmakers have made the best use of the money, he said.

Bush's Abortion View in Conflict Differs From Reagan's Position

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The vice president's press secretary, Peter Teeley, said that as a candidate in 1980, Bush supported a constitutional amendment that would leave it up to individual states to ban abortions, with exceptions for cases of rape, incest or where the mother's life is endangered.

The position espoused by Reagan would not give the state any leeway in the matter.

At a news conference later yesterday in Columbia, S.C., Bush said, "I support the President's position. Anybody knows there are accommodations that are made, and I feel comfortable with it. It favors sanctity of life and all of that."

C. Anson Franklin, a White House spokesman, said in Washington that Reagan has supported several constitutional amendments against abortion, including some that contain an exception to the ban in cases where the life of the mother is endangered. Generally, Reagan has said he supports an abortion ban and has called on abortion opponents to get together behind one proposal, saying he would back it.

Before spelling out any exceptions at his news conference, Bush said, "Our position on abortion is well known and that is we favor right

life, and all the way, and we don't favor federal funding."

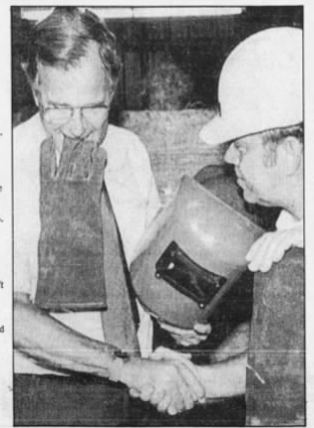
Bush said the exception for when a mother's life is endangered has been "used sometimes where there hasn't been really a threat to the life of the mother."

Bush was clearly reluctant to discuss the abortion controversy involving Ferraro and the archbishop. At one point he said, "I'm exercising my rights as an American... to remain silent."

Finally he said, "I don't like it, I don't feel comfortable with it. I don't like it being raised. I'm not particularly happy about it for her or anybody else."

Asked if he felt churchmen should speak out on issues such as this, the vice president replied, "I'm not about to criticize the archbishop of New York for doing in conscience what he feels he should do nor my opponent for doing what she feels she should do."

Ferraro, a Roman Catholic, said that while she personally opposes abortion, she does not feel she has the right to impose her views on others — thus supporting the right of women to make their own judgment about the matter.



Vice President George Bush holds a workman's glove in his teeth as he shakes hands with an unidentified worker while campaigning at the Detyens shipyard near Charleston, S.C.

Ashe Given Improper Aid, Democratic Foes Alleging

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Ashe was not available for comment. George Korcia, his press secretary, said the poll was not done "for our campaign. It was a senatorial committee poll."

Because Rep. Albert Gore Jr., who was unopposed in the August Democratic primary, was threatening to make a runaway of the Senate race, the Republican senatorial committee took the unprecedented step last May of endorsing Ashe prior to the GOP primary and giving him \$15,000.

However, it shared its polling information with the other GOP candidates, some of whose campaign disclosures appear to refer to this in listing \$500 in-kind contributions.

Daniels said that, under Federal Election Commission guidelines, the value of a poll — which may cost many thousands of dollars — is judged to drop by 50% after 15 days, simply because it is out of date. After 60 days, a poll is considered to have lost 90% of its value, he said.

Recently, the committee assigns half of the value of a shared poll to itself and half to "the recipient campaign," he said. Thus, in a case where several candidates were dividing the assignment of half the value, he added, "you would be talking about a very small amount."

Earlier yesterday, Ashe was in Nashville visiting factories. He held a press conference outside the Avco plant, contractor for the wings of the B-1 bomber, and charged that Gore's "longstanding opposition" to the B-1 endangered national security and could have cost Avco, Nashville and Middle Tennessee more than 1,200 jobs and \$1 billion.

Ashe provided a list of 11 votes cast by Gore from 1977 through 1983 against funding production of the bomber. He said the Democrat did vote three times out to delete funding for the B-1 — once in 1982 when a measure by California Rep. Ronald Dellums would have slashed nearly \$51 million from weapons appropriations, and once each last year and this year as election time drew near.

"You don't change your spots so quickly," said Ashe.

Mark McNeely, media coordinator for the Gore campaign, said Gore supported B-1 funding in 1983 and 1984 as part of a complex compromise he and a few other congressmen negotiated with the Reagan administration.

"The bottom line is that Al's support of the B-1 was part and parcel of negotiations he conducted with the Reagan administration on a comprehensive new arms control package," McNeely said.