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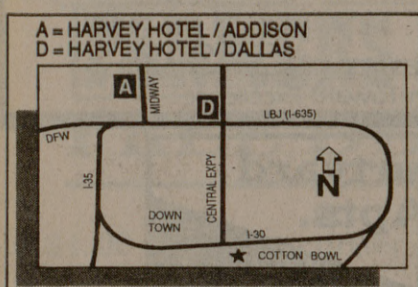
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Voyager begins non-stop flight around globe

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — The spindly airplane Voyager got a boost Monday from a tailwind off a storm near Guam, and a chase plane found the craft sound despite losing its wingtips, as it began its attempt to circle the globe non-stop without refueling.

Spokesman Peter Riva at Mojave Airport's mission control center said the chase plane from Hawaii inspected Voyager early Monday.

Voyager, heavily laden with fuel, maintained an average speed of 123 mph on its first day "and higher speeds are now being realized with a more favorable wind," mission operations director Larry Caskey said.

By afternoon, Voyager was more than 600 miles past Hawaii — 3,400 miles into its 27,000-mile, 10-day journey — and heading for the Philippines.

The crew of Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager planned to switch off Voyager's front engine and fly most of the record-attempting flight on its rear engine to conserve fuel, although it will lose speed in doing so.

"You do better by going a little slower," Jack Norris, flight technical director, said. "It's more efficient." Norris said the loss of the streamlined wingtips probably would diminish performance by only a couple of percentage points.

In contrast, Voyager had more help from the wind than expected, picking up a strong tailwind from a Pacific storm 180 miles southeast of Guam.

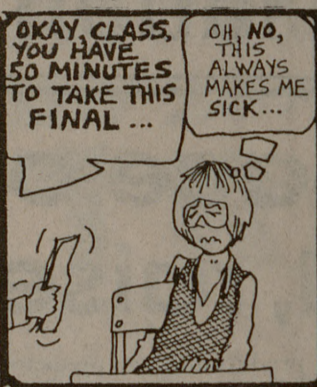
Chief meteorologist Len Snellman said Monday, "We have a typhoon developing which could be devastating if it was in the wrong place. We're going to vector him just as close to the typhoon as we can get. We should get really good tailwinds."

Voyager, which took off Sunday from nearby Edwards Air Force Base, where it must land to claim the title for first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the globe, was placed on a course to skirt the northern edge of the storm, he said.

Rutan, 48, stayed at the controls in the 5½-by-2-foot cockpit from 8 a.m. Sunday to 5:45 a.m. Monday, then slept for three hours with the autopilot on while Yeager, 34, watched the systems from the adjacent 7½-by-1.8-foot cabin.

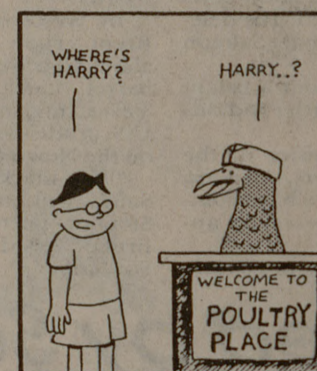
After passing the Philippines, Voyager will cross the Thai peninsula and the northern Indian Ocean. From there it may cross central or southern Africa, Riva said.

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by Scott McCull

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by Kevin Thom

Sandinistas say American carried maps of prison area

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Officials said Monday a man they identified as an American caught near an air base carried maps of areas around the prison where Eugene Hasenfus is serving 30 years for flying arms to Nicaraguan rebels.

They said the man they named as Sam Nesley Hall, 49, also carried maps of the Pacific port of Corinto, where ships from the Soviet bloc unload cargo. Hasenfus, of Marinette, Wis., is in the Tipitapa prison 12 miles east of Managua.

U.S. news reports said the man captured Friday is the brother of U.S. Rep. Tony P. Hall, D-Ohio.

Tony Hall said Monday in Washington that he and his brother do not agree on the rebel question. "I didn't know what he was doing in Nicaragua," he said. "I wasn't aware of the type of activities he's allegedly been participating in."

Sandinista officials said Monday the man had not been charged. He was captured in a restricted military zone near the Punta Huete air base

13 miles northeast of Managua, they said.

In Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "We cannot confirm that the prisoner is Sam Hall. We will not even be able to confirm that he is an American until we have a chance to speak to him and see who he is, what he is and why he is there."

The official Sandinista newspaper *Barricada* quoted Interior Minister Tomas Borge on Monday as saying the captured man carried maps in one of his socks, including one of the area around the prison.

In addition to Hasenfus, 45, an estimated 1,500 members of the late President Anastasio Somoza's military are held at Tipitapa. The leftist Sandinistas overthrew Somoza's U.S.-backed government in July 1979.

Hasenfus was captured Oct. 6, the day after Nicaraguan troops shot down a cargo plane in the jungles of southern Nicaragua and he bailed out. It had been carrying arms and

supplies for the U.S.-supported

bels known as Contras.

Barricada quoted Borge as the man caught on Friday also

map of Corinto, 80 miles north of Managua. The Corinto harbor mined in 1983 in a campaign sored by the CIA.

Sandinista officials said he would be treated like that of fus, who was tried by a People's

Foreign Minister Miguel said his presence confirmed

information that we have gathered many sources about a plan, a States plan, to attack Nicaragua. Nicaraguan officials said the oner first said he was a writer, an adviser to the Miskito

fighting the Sandinistas in eastern Nicaragua. The Ministry said he eventually worked for a group called the nix Battalion.

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