

Trapped in a Car

A newspaper story told about a September day in San Antonio that reached a temperature of 99 degrees. A 10-month-old baby girl was accidentally locked inside a parked car by her aunt.

Frantically, the mother and aunt ran around the automobile in near hysteria, while a neighbor attempted to unlock the car with a clothes hanger. Soon, the infant was turning purple and had foam on her mouth.

It had become a life-or-death situation when Fred Arriola, a wrecker driver, arrived on the scene. Wasting no time, he grabbed a hammer and smashed the back window of the car to set the baby girl free.

Was he applauded as a hero? "The lady was mad at me because I broke the window," Arriola reported. "I just thought: What's more important -- the baby or the window?"

Most questions of priority are not between something important and something trivial; rather, between the important and the most important.

--Beecher Hunter