







# Soaring gas profits predicted

By JOHN BRONSON Associated Press Writer  
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Natural gas distributors may reap up to 100 per cent increases in first-quarter profits because of this winter's bitter cold, say utility officials and investment analysts.

"Profits will be astronomical," said a spokesman for the Buffalo, N.Y.-based National Fuel Gas Co., which serves 665,000 customers in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. "But the main reason for that is because we're selling most of our gas in the first quarter."

Foster Corwith, a natural gas specialist for Standard and Poor's investment service, said he expects some companies to report first-quarter profit increases of 100 per cent over last year.

H.A. Offutt, treasurer for fourth-ranked Consolidated Natural Gas Co. of Pittsburgh, said his firm is now pulling gas out of storage that normally would not have been used until March.

"Sure, we're selling more gas now, and we're going to make profits on it, but unless we can find additional supplies for the last three quarters we're going to be losing them," he said.

But Corwith said utility stocks may have peaked because investors are already looking ahead to what will probably be a more normal winter next year. "This is a one-time spurt. It's not the type of growth that can be sustained," he said.

# Natural gas crunch eases in Northeast

By the Associated Press  
Hundreds of thousands of laid-off workers and "vacationing" students headed back to jobs and classes today as the natural gas crunch eased a bit in the Northeast.

Buffalo's ban on non-essential driving was still in effect, and the streets were still given over mostly to the 500 or so snowplows, snowblowers, bulldozers, dump trucks and front-end loaders that have been shoveling away at millions of tons of snow.

Maryland's largest utility, Baltimore Gas and Electric, plans to resume channeling natural gas to 3,200 commercial customers — but not until Wednesday.

# Japanese seaman solos across Pacific Ocean

BY ANGELA NOEL Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A plucky Japanese seaman, who risked death to make his sailing dream come true, guided his crippled 26-foot craft through the Golden Gate to end his solo voyage across the Pacific.

Tomio Ikegawa, 25, weary from his accident-plagued journey, stood barefoot Sunday night aboard the blue "Seagull's Friend," waving to about 60 reporters and well-wishers as a Coast Guard cutter escorted him to port.

He had stored provisions, mostly rice, for 72 days, but ran out of water the last week and sipped sea water to survive. Still, he said, he managed to gain weight.

# Locals show top barrows

A Pampa High School Future Farmer of America member and a Gray County 4-H'er each exhibited breed champion barrows during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth Friday.

Layton Barton, assistant Gray County Extension agent, said other local entries placed well.

Crystal Athley was ninth with her medium weight Duroc and Mike Graham took 14th in the heavyweight Duroc competition.

# City commissioners close doors for executive session

Action on matters concerning city personnel discussed at Friday afternoon's executive session of the Pampa City Commission will top the agenda at Tuesday's regular meeting of the council at 9:30 a.m. in City Hall.

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas jury has given the maximum 20 year prison term to a man found guilty of causing serious bodily injury to his 18-month-old son by biting the baby's lip, fingers and toes.

Water treatment plant as salvage material. Consider approval of routine salary changes for January and authorization for payment of current bills.

# Studies economic stimulus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee is holding a final three days of hearings this week on President Carter's \$31.2-billion plan to stimulate the economy.

The Senate Budget Committee starts work Tuesday on reshaping the year's fiscal plan to make room for the expected additions from the Carter White House.

The House Rules Committee scheduled hearings Tuesday on a resolution that would direct the House Ethics Committee to investigate alleged improper South Korean influence on congressmen through gifts and favors.

# Crash kills four in Lubbock

By The Associated Press  
Traffic accidents received the blame for most of the violent deaths in Texas during the weekend as the state recorded a lighter toll than during many similar periods.

both of Lubbock, and Ramiro Salinas, 18, and Fidel Juarez, 25, both of Plainview. Police said one car jumped a raised median and slammed into the other vehicle.

Police said they at first thought she was hit by a passing car. John Holland, 32, also of Fort Worth, was stabbed during what police said was a domestic argument and died early Saturday in a hospital. Police took a woman into custody.

# Sanford-Fritch school proposes bond

FRITCH — A proposed \$995,000 school bond will be discussed during a meeting of the Sanford-Fritch PTA at 7:30 p.m. today in the Fritch Elementary School library.

WASHINGTON (AP) — At President Carter's suggestion, defense officials are preparing possible proposals that could be made to the Russians in an effort to curb the race for naval power.

freeze the European force reduction issue were among the most significant on the list. Later, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance stressed the importance of the reduction of conventional forces, an issue often overshadowed by problems of curbing strategic nuclear weaponry.

At that meeting, a memorandum was circulated to key defense officials listing a range of subjects for preparation of special papers to be submitted to Carter.

At the current rate of improvement of their naval capability, the balance of maritime superiority will tip in favor of the Soviets within the next five to 10 years, unless the United States steps up modernization of its fleet.

# Fire reported at Crall Inc.

Pampa firefighters extinguished one blaze this morning following a quiet weekend, according to a fire department spokesman.

# In Minneapolis, they think snow

EDITOR'S NOTE: AP Special Correspondent Peter Arnett, who visited the blizzard-paralyzed city of Buffalo, now writes about a region in the United States that has grown used to living with drastic winters.

"We learned our lesson the hard way, just like Buffalo is doing now," said Melvin Enquist, director of the city's street maintenance department. "The Armistice Day blizzard of 1940 sneaked in unexpected during a weekend because in those days we had weather reports on only five days a week."

By next day, Monday morning, the city was functioning despite the huge snowdrifts, the continuing heavy snowfalls, and the high winds. "That's how far we had come since 1940," Enquist said.

Other cities that ask how to prepare for snow, get sheaves of position papers, statistics and reports from Minneapolis. They boil down to a one-two-three punch for neutralizing blizzards.

spreaders, plus over 100 dump trucks to move snow, push the Minneapolis vehicle complement to 250. In addition, officials may close down all city construction in a snow emergency and use the equipment for the storm.

# Stock market

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price/Change. Includes items like Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, etc.

# Texas weather

At that hour the new frontal system had thrust as far south as a line across West Texas...



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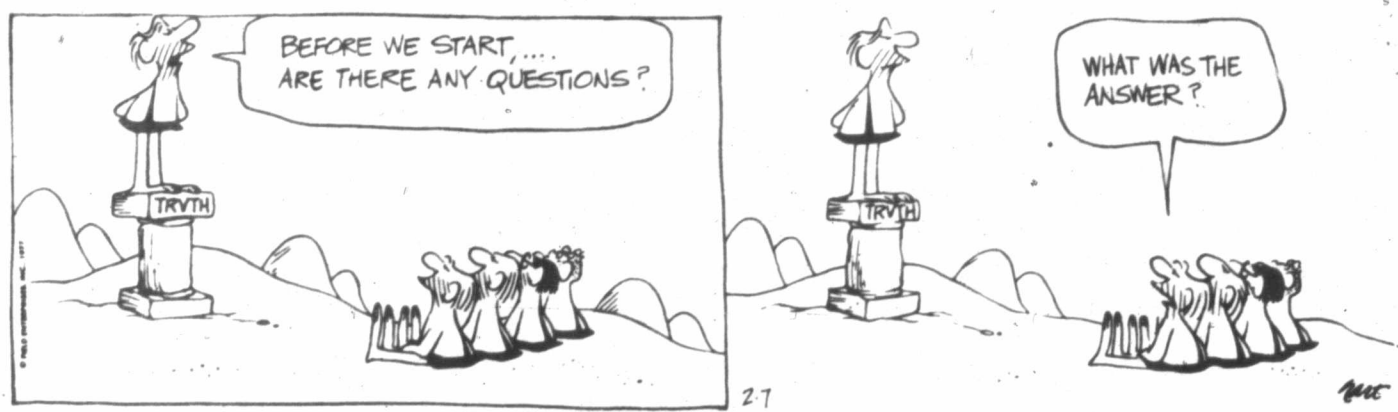
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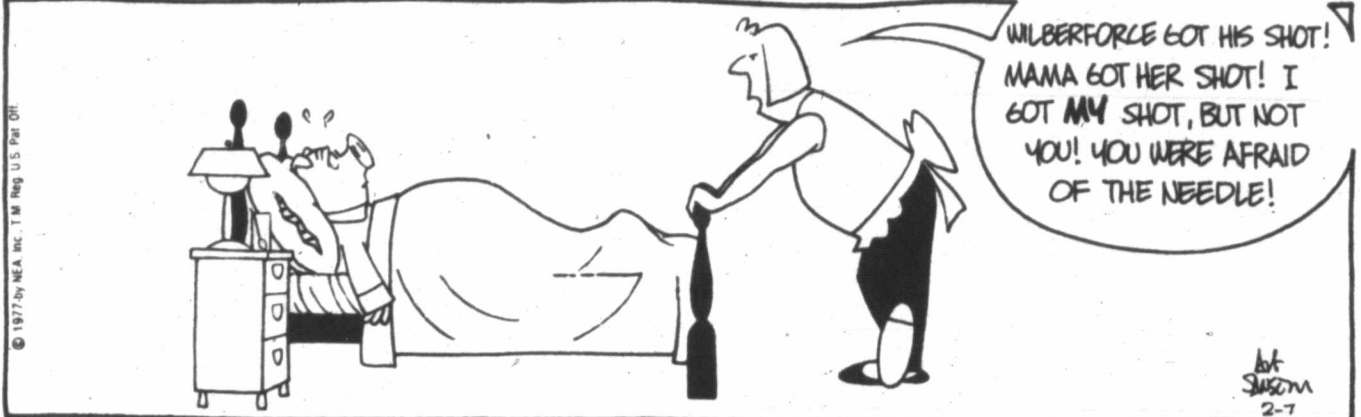
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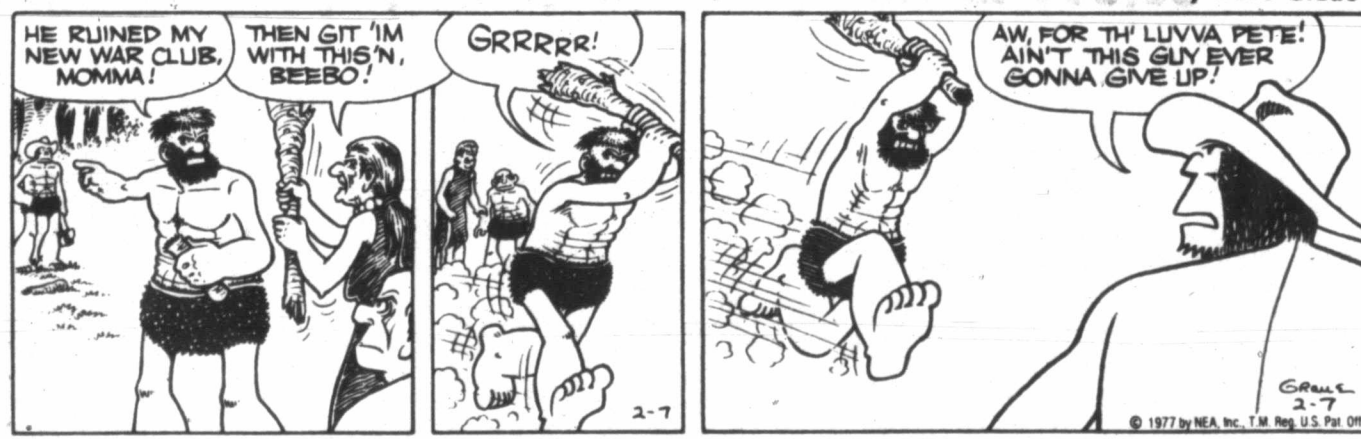
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# Missing grainman found alive in Mexico

PORT ARANSAS, Tex. (AP) — Constable Ben Cash says he thought something was wrong last month when he first read about the reported drowning of Robert Johnson.

And the officer backed up his suspicions Sunday by asserting the North Texas grain dealer was alive and living in northern Mexico.

Cash's account coincided with a copyrighted story in Sunday's Dallas Morning News and a report by the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that Johnson was alive based statements of a

person who claimed to have knowledge of Johnson's plans. Johnson's disappearance Jan. 3 from a pleasure boat off Port Aransas set off an investigation of grain elevators operated by Johnson in Wichita Falls and Iowa Park.

State officials said their probe shows several hundred thousand bushels of grain were missing from the facilities.

Cash, who said his investigation was now closed, said he had verified that Johnson was seen in Belize in Central America the three days after his disappearance.

The Dallas News quoted an unidentified man, who claimed to be a friend of Johnson, as saying the grain dealer faked the drowning and changed his appearance through plastic surgery.

The News quoted the friend as saying Johnson has been living on a Mexican ranch about 75 miles from Eagle Pass in Southwest Texas.

Cash, 50, said Johnson made a trip from Belize to Mexico City where plastic surgery was performed. Cash said the operation cost \$2,500.

The constable said a witness, whom Cash declined to identify, had seen Johnson in an area south of Eagle Pass.

The witness underwent a polygraph test that indicated he was telling the truth, Cash said.

Cash said he has not determined that Johnson has committed any crime.

The constable said all he was concerned with "was whether or not there was foul play involved, whether or not he was missing or whether he probably died of natural causes or whether it was a planned disappearance."

Cash said he had been subpoenaed to appear Feb. 14 in Wichita Falls before a federal grand jury set to investigate the Johnson case.

According to the Dallas News, Johnson's friend gave the following account of the grain dealer's disappearance:

Two Corpus Christi women and three of Johnson's employees were aboard the boat with Johnson in the early hours of Jan. 3 "more or less as witnesses."

Johnson, clad in a diver's suit, waited until the boat was beached on a sandbar in the channel where "Bobby had his feet on the bank itself."

He waded ashore and climbed into the trunk on a car that took him to the Corpus Christi airport where a private plane waited to take him to Belize, just south of Mexico.

Johnson and some friends stayed in Belize about three days before returning to the ranch by way of Mexico City.

## Crime drops in Pampa

Pampa has experienced a drop in class one and class two offenses since January 1976, according to figures released Saturday by Pampa Police Chief Richard Mills.

There were 52 class one crimes reported during

January, Mills said, compared to 106 crimes in the same month one year ago.

Police investigated 115 class two crimes this January compared to 153 reported during January 1976.

Mills said the class one crimes

reported during January included one assault, nine burglaries (forced entry), one unlawful entry (no force), one attempted forcible entry, 32 larceny thefts, four auto thefts, two thefts of buses or trucks and two thefts of other vehicles.



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