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Wet Norther Due

By The Associated Press

Winter-weary Texans learned another wet norther was on the way today while traces of a weekend snow storm still lingered in the north part of the state.

Official forecasters looked for a new cold front from the Pacific to thrust into the Panhandle-Plains sector by early evening and snow to spread into that part of the state from New Mexico. A depth of 2 inches was expected.

Two Killed On I20

COLORADO CITY, Tex. (AP)—Two men burned to death Tuesday when their tractor-trailer ran off an Interstate 20 overpass, overturned and burst into flames, state police reported.

The victims, who were not idenfitied for several hours, were William T. Thompson, 52, of Fort Worth, and Loran C. Hancock, 35, of Dallas.

Fists Fly Over Bill

JENA, La. (AP) — Glenda Rose, 29, was furious over a $20 increase in her gas bill. So, police said, she stormed into town hall and hit the mayor over the head.

Mrs. Rose was booked on suspicion of aggravated battery and aggravated assault. She then swore out a warrant accusing Mayor Orland Sandifer with battery.

Both were released under bond.

Sandifer said he told Mrs. Rose that the increase in her gas bill was a result of increases in the wholesale price in gas, and that the entire town was affected.

But police said the explanation didn't satisfy Mrs. Rose.

'Roots' Sales Soar

NEW YORK (AP)—If you want to make money, you should be selling oil, coffee, or Alex Haley's book, "Roots."

Sales of the book have now hit 100,000 a week and at $12.50 the copy, that is a very cool $1.25 million.

The SDN Column

This piece came into the office by mail from Washington, D. C., and was attributed to the director of the office of consumer affairs. There was no name on it, which reminded us that the office of consumer affairs probably didn't know who its director was when the piece was mailed out. It takes time for a new administration to get all places filled, and we assume that the old director of consumer affairs went out the door with the Gerald Fords and that the Jimmy Carters haven't got one yet.

But, as is the way of bureauracies, they just keep rolling along and somebody employed in the director's office just kept following the old routine and got out this piece of consumer news.

It begins, "You the consumer have inalienable rights." We are happy to learn that we are considered a consumer.

But, what about these inalienable rights. Are they like our inalienable rights proclaimed by the Constitution? They sound about the same—the right to information, the right of choice, the right to safety, the right to have complaints satisfactorily resolved, and the right to consumer education. The purpose of this declaration, it seems, is to prepare us for the announcement that creation of a new foundation has been proposed. It would be called the foundation for consumer education. The ultimate goal of the foundation, it discloses, is improved consumer welfare.

That is encouraging news, because it includes all of us. If there is a human being in this country who is not a consumer, we would like to seek him (or her) and learn how "it" does it. But we get an uneasy feeling in this case that they are not talking about all of us.

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Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee has suggested that one way to reduce the cost of government would be to get Congress out of Washington some of the time. It was never intended that the lawmakers remain in continuous session, but they seldom leave the capitol now except to campaign and for holidays. The idea originally was for them to live among their constituents for several months each year, which would seem to be a good idea. They could find out a lot of things without conducting polls and surveys if they got back among the people. And we get the feeling that Washington would still be there if Congress should decide to leave it for a while.

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The cactus patch philosopher says beware of politicians who promise "pie in the sky." Remember whose dough they will be using.—WACIL McNAIR.

APPROVAL SEEN BEFORE CARTER'S CHAT TONIGHT

Gas Bill Is Moving Fast

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today approved President Carter's emergency natural gas bill and sent it to the House, where leaders hoped to gain final action before the President delivers his first "fireside chat" to the nation tonight.

Senate passage came on a voice vote.

The bill gives Carter the new powers he requested to deal with acute natural gas shortages precipitated by severe cold weather east of the Rocky Mountains.

Carter was expected to talk about the nation's energy crisis in his nationally televised address tonight, and congressional leaders were determined to get the bill to him before air time. The President submitted the emergency legislation to Congress last Wednesday.

The bill gives Carter the authority to order gas moved from state to state, across the interstate gas pipeline system, to ease shortages in the hardest-hit areas. Congressional sponsors of the legislation claimed the emergency gas can begin to flow within several days after enactment of the bill.

The measure is a compromise produced Tuesday night by a House-Senate conference committee which ironed out differences between earlier versions passed in each chamber.

The House passed its version of the bill 367 to52 on Tuesday, a day after the Senate approved its own measure.

In its place, an amendment was included to guarantee against skyrocketing gas prices.

Under the compromise, the House will abandon its effort to put a price ceiling into the bill during the emergency period, when some gas would be freed from federal price regulation.

PREPARING FOR HIS NEXT DIVE—Lee Burke, assistant professor of physical education and assistant scuba diving instructor, is displaying the equipment he will use on his next underwater dive. The accredited scuba diving classes are offered by WTC. (SDN STAFF PHOTO)

Texas Senate 'Bingoes' Today

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—The Senate approved and sent to the House today a constitutional amendment that would legalize bingo and raffles by non-profit, charitable organizations.

The 21-7 vote achieved the two-thirds majority required for final passage on proposed constitutional amendments.

A two-thirds vote by the House on the proposal, sponsored by Sen. Frank Lombardino, D-San Antonio, will put it on the November 1978 ballot along with the governor's race and other voter-attractive contests.

Tuesday, Lombardino won a 22-9 tentative approval of the amendment.

"This is just a bill to let the people of Texas decide whether they want bingo games," Lombardino argued. "It will let them decide whether these games can be used to raise money for religious organizations, for the VFW and the American Legion, for the Little League, and for cerebral palsy."

"This measure would let the Mafia come down here from Chicago or New York and organize a non-profit organization to gather in millions of dollars and only pay out a few dollars to charities," said Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper, who led the protesters.

"In South Texas we have had bingo for generations and generations," said Sen. Raul Longoria, D-Edinburg. "All churches have schools and bingo helps support these schools."

Sen. Kent Hance, D-Lubbock, successfully added amendments that would require bingo games to be conducted only by persons in the organization to benefit from the proceeds and to be held only in buildings owned or leased by the organizations. Lombardino agreed to the changes.

An effort to add another amendment that would have legalized bingo but prohibited pari-mutuel betting on horse racing brought loud protests and was tabled 17-14.

WTC OFFERS COURSE

Snyder Becoming Oasis For Scuba Enthusiasts

By JOHN LONG

Amid the burning sands and blowing tumble weeds of West Texas, Snyder is becoming an oasis for a sport new to this region of the country.

The unlikely new sport is scuba diving.

Scuba diving has been offered at Western Texas College since 1973 and is expected to be offered again this semester. The teacher of the course is Jerry Bell, a diving enthusiast who makes the weekly trip here from his home in Arlington.

Lee Burke of Snyder is the assistant instructor of the scuba diving course and is also an assistant professor of physical education at WTC.

The course was initially offered without college credit through the community services division of WTC. Since the fall semester of 1976, however, the scuba diving class has been accredited and WTC students who complete the course receive one hour of college credit. All graduates of the class automatically become members of the Texas Divers Association.

"Most of the people who come in to take the class were like me. They think that scuba diving is only for the people who live on the Riveria. But it's not. Scuba diving is for everybody," Burke said.

The class meets one night a week for seven weeks. Class sessions last four to five hours and involve both classroom work and lab work in the WTC swimming pool.

Most of the graduates of the course are WTC students. However, many local people who have not been WTC students have also taken the class through the community services department. So many of the class graduates are still in Snyder that Burke said he has considered organizing a

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Jasso Rites Here Today

Camillo Jasso, 56, was found dead Tuesday at his home in Borden County near Fluvanna. Justice of the Peace M.M. Monk of Gail ruled that death was due to natural causes. He had been employed as a farm laborer. It was estimated that he had been dead about three days when the body was found.

The Rev. John Guzman was to officiate at graveside rites at 4 p.m. today at Snyder Cemetery, with Bell-Seale Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Jasso is survived by his wife; three daughters, Patricia, Antonia and Gloria Jasso, all of Snyder; five sons, Pete, Camillo Jr., John and Roy Jasso, all of Snyder, and Alex Jasso of Boulder, Colo.; five brothers, Sammy Jasso of Tahoka, Paul Jasso of Corpus Christi, Savina and Tony Jasso, both of Boulder, Colo., and Jesse Jasso of Abernathy.

Building Pace Ahead Of 1976

Although contracts so far have been limited mostly to residential projects, Snyder building figures for January were slightly ahead of the same month in 1976, the year the city set a new building record.

The city issued permits for construction costing $359,940 the past month. This was a gain of nearly $9,000 over the $351,000 issued in January of 1976.

The permits issued in January this year included six new one-family residences and three mobil homes, or a total of nine living units.

Seven other permits were issued for additions and accessory buildings to account for a total of 16 permits for the month.

Last year, after reaching $351,000 in January, Snyder went on to set an all time record for a single year of over $5.3 million.

The January figures this year were especially encouraging, since they do not include any of several substantial commercial projects that already have been announced. These are expected to push the total along at a rapid pace later in the season.

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High reading Monday, 57 degrees; low reading, 41 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 43 degrees; Precipitation for 1977 to date, .58.

West Texas: Considerable cloudiness through Thursday. Turning cooler north portion tonight and most sections Thursday. Light rain spreading over most sections, changing to snow Panhandle and South Plains tonight and ending around noon Thursday. Travel advisories may be required for Panhandle and South Plains tonight. Low tonight upper teens north to mid 30s south. High Thursday 30s and 40s, except 50s Big Bend.

P&Z Panel Has A Busy Session

The City Planning and Zoning Commission approved several applications involved in prospective development last night in one of its busiest sessions ever.

Included on the agenda was a change in zoning of 5.587 acres on 37th Street east of Faith Baptist Church, which will be the site of the Snyder Oaks Nursing Home. A nursing home requires multi-family residence zoning, and the commission approved the change from single family residence (R-1) zone. The request now will go to the city council with the planning and zoning commission's approval and recommendation for final passage.

Also approved was a plat of the Snyder Oaks Addition. It provides for dedication of a 60-foot street to surround the nursing home site.

Also approved by the commission and recommended for favorable action by the council were a preliminary plat of Parkview No. 4 Addition, final plat of West Side Heights Addition, a change from R-1 zoning to R-2 (two-family) zoning for a tract in the east 100 block of 35th Street as requested by Dewey Lester, change from R-1 to R-2 for Block 11, Curtis Addition, as requested by John D. Curtis, and change from R-1 to R-2 zoning for Blocks 8, 9 and 10, Curtis Addition as requested by I.O. Collings.

The Parkview No. 4 Addition will be developed by Rodney Smith who already has a development underway between 45th and 48th Streets along the east side of Houston Ave. Parkview No. 4 is south of Bassridge and would extend a street from the present south terminus of El Paso.

West Side Heights Addition is at 30th and Avenue Z.

Phil Sees Shadow, More

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP)—Punxsutawney Phil, the weather-forecasting groundhog, was lifted from his burrow at sunrise today and his interpreters said he forecast six more weeks of winter.

Phil was taken from his comfortable museum cage to windswept Gobbler's Knob an hour before the annual ceremony and tucked into his lighted and heated burrow.

Charles M. Erhard, president of the Groundhog Club, has a prepared forecast after talking to Phil in "groundhogese." Other members of the club had prepared signs ready for television and newspaper cameras, which said "Blizzard," and "Six More Weeks of Winter."

According to legend, if Phil had not seen his shadow, spring would have been just around the corner.

It was seven degrees with a wind chill factor of 25 degrees below zero on the knob when Phil made his prediction.

Another well-known prognosticator had predicted that Phil would forecast more winter weather.

"I'm going to lay 2-1 odds that he'll see his shadow," said odds-maker Jimmy the Greek in a telephone interview Tuesday from Las Vegas, where the temperature was 55 degrees.

"I know how bad the weather has been back East. It's almost certain that the weather will stay cold in the same regions where it's been cold," said Jimmy.

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the agony of reform

Jimmy Carter made a pledge if elected President he would streamline the Federal Government, improve its service and reduce the cost to the average taxpayer. He made other promises, but getting the monstrous Federal bureaucracy under control was major.

He has been in office two weeks. This is a small fraction of his four-year term. But it is a safe guess that he is beginning to realize that fulfilling promises to the voters will not be easy. And if he is realistic in his thinking he must now question whether he will ever be able to achieve his objectives.

It isn't a question of good faith. It is agreed he was sincere. But bringing order to a three-million-member work force that costs taxpayers annually in excess of $500 billion, counting incidental costs that don't show in the budget.

The real gimmick, however, is the fact that the lonely man in the Oval Office at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C., will get precious little help.

The average citizen would given an affirmative response if asked if he wants the size of government reduced, not only in Washington but at all levels. But this same average citizen has one or more sacred cows he wants exempted from efforts to shrink the size and cost of government. For every lobbyist representing clients dedicated to economy in public affairs there are at least a dozen working in the opposite direction.

That is one source of opposition President Carter will face when he undertakes the job of cutting costs, without disturbing any essential service, and achieving a balanced Federal budget by the end of his first four years in office. But all who voted for these changes really don't want them if they involve giving up favorite handouts.

The second source of opposition is even more formidable. Legislative bureaucracy has increased in size and cost more rapidly in recent years than executive bureaucracy. Each of our 535 legislators has a little bureau all his own.

Carter will have a problem of dealing with Congress as a branch of government and as a competitive executive agency. Howard Baker, minority leader in the Senate, says the heart of the problem is continuous legislative sessions. Return to the original concept of Representatives and Senators as citizen-lawmakers is the real need.

open meetings best

Although most of the attention has been directed toward such mammoth issues as public school and highway financing, the 65th Texas Legislature is destined to encounter hundreds of other bills, some of them perhaps as important as the so-called big ones. Some of these will seek to "water down" the Texas open meetings law, legislation that prevents public bodies from meeting behind closed doors, except for specific, limited purposes.

This law, although not perfect by any means, has served the public well, in our opinion, and efforts to yank some of its teeth should be rejected. Perhaps some minor refinements are desireable, but the avowed intention of some groups to seek elimination of some of the penalties provided for violators are ill-conceived, to say the least.

It has been apparent for some time now that Americans have become more suspicious of their public servants than they were a few years ago. Some astute observers say this is not bad. They remind that the public usually gets its best government when the people are looking over the shoulders of officeholders. It is during periods of apathy that misdeeds and hanky panky in government emerge. The open meetings law discourages apathy.

lyndell williams

state capital sidelights

AUSTIN—Atty. Gen. John Hill is setting up a new unit to investigate white-collar crime which costs Texans an estimated $840 million a year.

Hill will rely on the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the State Securities Act and other laws to crack down on so-called "Corporate crime committed with a fountain pen."

Since Hill has only civil powers, he must cooperate with district attorneys and federal officials where criminal violations are suspected.

A unit director, three investigators and two attorneys will be financed by a $235,000 federal grant extending over an 18-month period.

Investigations already under way include South Texas banking irregularities spotlighted by collapse of banks at Carrizo Springs and Rio Grande City, disappearance of a Wichita Falls grain dealer and possible misapplication of state funds by a state highway employee.

A three year old Chamber of Commerce study classifies as white collar crimes deceptive trade practice, embezzlement and pilferage, securities theft and fraud, receiving stolen property, bribery, payoffs, kickbacks and various other forms of fraud.

Attorneys Dominate

As in most other states and Congress, lawyers dominate other professional groups in the Texas legislature.

Of the 150 House members, 38 per cent are attorneys.

And 21 of 31 Senate places are now held by lawyers.

The House includes 30 businessmen, 11 ranchers and farmers, 15 insurance or real estate men, six school teachers, three homemakers and six who classify themselves as full-time, professional legislators.

The Senate includes three insurance men, a housewife and five in business fields.

Speaker Bill Clayton is a farmer and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby is a newspaper and television executive.

Appointments

Gov. Dolph Briscoe named Sam E. Carter of Temple to the State Banking Board replacing James L. Lindsey of College Station whose term actually expired in 1973.

Briscoe reappointed Raul Jimenez of San Antonio to the State Board of Public Welfare and Jackie St. Clair of Austin as Commissioner of the Texas Department of Labor and Standards.

Other reappointments included Gen. Thomas S. Bishop as Texas adjutant general; Gen. Willie Scott as assistant adjutant general for Army and Gen. Belisario D.J. Flores as assistant adjutant general for Air.

Tax Booming

Comptroller Bob Bullock reported major state taxes brought in more than $4 billion last year, a 16.8 per cent increase over calendar 1975.

Natural gas tax revenue went up 48.1 per cent and sales tax collection 18.2 per cent, nearly double the national average.

Car sales taxes rose 31.6 per cent and franchise taxes 35.5 per cent.

Bullock noted his earlier projection of $2.9 billion in additional revenue for appropriation by the legislature represents a 34 per cent increase over money available in 1975.

Courts Speak

Finance charges of more than 10 per cent a year cannot be added to customers' open accounts by retail dealers, the State Supreme Court held.

In other actions, the high court:

-Refused to order dismissal of defeated Republican former Congressman Dr. Ron Paul's election contest against Congressman Bob Gammage who defeated him last year by a narrow vote.

-Held a state university cannot legally close a city street without legislative authority.

-Took under study the question whether juries must find "beyond reasonable doubt" that a person should be committed to a mental hospital against his or her will.

-Agreed arson investigation records cannot be kept out of the hands of the property owner.

The Court of Ciminal Appeals reversed a five-year sentence for aggravated assault given a Killeen woman on grounds evidence didn't show a knife used was a deadly weapon.

AG Opinions

Rules for conduct of hearings issued by Texas Education Agency are inapplicable to hearings before junior college boards except those on vocational and technical programs.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

-A list of former university students credited with funds remaining in their general property deposit is public information.

-Judges of special juvenile and domestic relations courts retire under terms of the county and district retirement act.

-An agriculture commodity board is not authorized to reduce the number of positions on its board of directors by resolution.

Short Snorts

The State Senate urged television broadcasters not to use their court-won right to televise executions.

Atty. Gen. Hill said portions of a proposed settlement of city suits against Lo Vaca Gathering Company dealing with gas search programs is of questionable legality.

The Senate Jurisprudence Committee approved legislation to provide penalties for sale of babies.

A House committee passed a bill that would take away the state attorney General's power to bring federal and antitrust suits for damages to Texas consumers.

The large number of cattle deaths can be blamed in major part on the weather, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

Gov. Briscoe submitted as emergency legislation creation of 23 district courts and reorganiztion of three existing districts.

The United States recorded its first artificial snowstorm in 1946 when three scientists dropped dry ice into clouds over Mt. Greylock, Mass., reports National Geographic.

my turn...

by jo ann nunley

Some say that West Texas has its own special beauty, which I believe is true. However, I will never forget my first introduction to Snyder which certainly gave me doubts.

I remember a windy evening some eighteen years ago when my husband and I pulled into Snyder, knowing this was to be "home" for an uncertain number of years. My first view of this "West Texas beauty" was a tumbleweed almost as large as an automobile, rolling down East 25th Street at a high rate of speed followed by many more, and we got acquainted with the dust storms I had heard about. Riding along to the motel where we were to stay that night, I wondered "What am I doing here?"

As time progressed--so did Snyder. Many clean-up projects and new building programs began developing, which after hard work by professionals and volunteers soon gave Snyder a new appearance.

Being involved in organizations aiding these projects couldn't help but give an individual a personal feeling for the town and people who live in it.

This West Texas town today in no way resembles the Snyder as I saw it the first time--thank goodness!

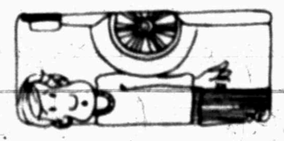
I've heard it said "If you live in West Texas two years you'll never leave." It may take a little longer for some but I know of no other place I had rather live, because it has so much to offer family living.

Barbs

By PHIL PASTORET

You don't have to be a contortionist to be able to put your foot in your mouth.

An old-timer is one who can recall when a $1.95 paperback cost 25 cents.



Put your shoulder to the wheel and the driver will back over you.

Never thought we'd see the day when all of Washington would be working for peanuts.

NY NEIGHBORHOOD STUNNED

Prinze Had Lot Of Love, Hated Violence

EDITOR'S NOTE: Shouting out 'Lookin' G-o-o-o-d' was one of Freddie Prinze's favorite ways of getting laughs. It always worked. But apparently it didn't work for him personally. The 22-year-old star of TV's "Chico and the Man" - a man for whom everything seemed to be "Lookin' G-o-o-o-d" - shot himself to death last week. The following is the first of two articles on Freddie Prinze's life and focuses on his youth in a poor New York neighborhood.

By DOLORES BARCLAY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As a little boy he liked to scare people by pretending he was Frankenstein's monster. As a little boy he threw wet tissues from the roof of his apartment build roof of his apartment building.

He was quite a cutup, that Freddie Prinze, that kid who came from nowhere to become the hip, wisecracking Chicano on television's "Chico and the Man."

But as a youngster, the late television star and humorist could also be gentle and quietly reflective, his childhood friends say. He had highs and lows and liked to be the center of attention. But most of all, he wanted to make people laugh.

The suicide of the 22-year-old comic last week stunned those who knew him in the Washington Heights neighborhood where he grew up. He hated violence, they say. He had a lot of love, they say. How could he shoot himself?

"The only time I've ever seen him depressed was when his uncle died," said Luis Calderon, a 22-year-old store clerk who was Prinze's best friend for over 10 years. "His uncle used to take us to play basketball.

"Freddie was a pretty quiet guy. The only time he spoke was to make someone laugh."

Prinze lived with his mother and father, a tool and dyemaker and auto mechanic, in an eight-room apartment on West 157th Street. Although a predominantly Latin area, this lower-middle-class neighborhood is still multi-ethnic. It's a poor neighborhood, but fairly stable and not an outright ghetto.

Prinze, an only child, came from a mixed background. Karl Prinze, his father, is party gypsy and part Hungarian Jew. His last name was originally "Prutzel" but he changed it. Maria, Freddie's mother, is Puerto Rican. Freddie would jokingly call himself a Hungarican.

"His parents gave him everything he ever wanted," Calderon said. "They gave him a lot of love, especially his mother. She really loved him a lot."

Maria Prinze loved her son so much, adds Warren Lee, a close family friend, that she didn't want to work. She wanted to stay home to take care of Freddie.

Freddie went to neighborhood public grade schools and later entered a Catholic school nearby.

Like many old New York neighborhoods, the part of Washington Heights where the Prinzes lived has seen better days. Trash, scattered by the wind and by people, litters the streets. A now treeless island with splintering benches in the middle of Broadway is all that's left of the pretty little park where Freddie sat with his mother as a child.

"That's where we first met," recalled Calderon. "I was sitting with my grandmother and cousin. Freddie was there with his mother. He was making believe he was Frankenstein and started scaring my cousin.

"Even at seven," Calderon said, "Freddie was funny."

Freddie's building, where his parents lived until two years ago, is across the street from the Happy Hills Casino, Juana's beauty salon and La Amistad, a Latin social club.

The Prinzes lived on the sixth floor. Freddie kept a drum set in his room and a model of deejay's console, which he constructed himself. A large German shepherd named King also occupied a place in the Prinze household.

But Freddie seldom walked the dog. He was too busy with his friends and his drumming. Freddie formed a rock band when he was a teen-ager.

"We used to play a 'Man From Uncle' game over on the hill," said Calderon, pointing to the steep, icy incline on West 157th Street. "We pretended we were in a war. One day, one of the guys picked up a rock to throw as a grenade.

"Well, the rock hit a car and broke the windshield. He was scared and took off in a flash. He wouldn't come out again for a week."

No one knew this better than Herb Rubin, owner of Hornstein's Stationery, the neighborhood variety store on Broadway. When Freddie was about 13, Rubin had to constantly chase the youngster from the store because all he wanted to do was read Playboy magazine.

Prinze's high school drama teacher, Jerome Eskow, chairman of the drama department at Performing Arts, also spoke of the comic's moodiness.

"Freddie would have lows. Freddie would have highs," Eskow said. "He was basically a high kid. He liked to be on. He liked to be the center of attraction. Anyone who sells hard, comes down hard all the time.

"He was a very outgoing kid. Kind of a collector of girls. But in class he was deadly serious. Freddie always fascinated me because he had the reputation of a cutup."

While in high school, Prinze developed his comedy routines at Manhattan bistros such as the Improvisation and Catch a Rising Star. He never graduated from high school because of incomplete academic credits. After leaving school Prinze continued to be a frequent attraction - without pay - at the two clubs.

In his junior acting class, Prinze did a scene from Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park." He played a telephone repairman.

"He ... hit upon the idea of making it a Puerto Rican repairman," Eskow said. "It made the character hysterical. It was so funny and went so well that when he shifted into his nightclub act, he started developing the character."

Prinze didn't have to wait long to be discovered.

Jack Paar caught Prinze's act at the Improvisation and put him on his show. Later, a tape of the guest shot was sent to the talent coordinator of the "Tonight" show. In a matter of months, that exposure led to "Chico and the Man."

Success came very quickly to the Washington Heights cutup.

Too fast, maybe.

Next: The Hollywood Years

john cunniff

impact hard to measure

NEW YORK (AP)—The White House has settled on a figure of $2 billion to $5 billion as the added cost ot heating bills in the icy winter of 1976-1977.

The huge spread in the estimate, described as preliminary by a source close to the Council of economic Advisers, dramatizes the difficulties economists are having in measuring the impact of the cold weather.

At this point even the best informed economists are unable to say with any degree of certainty if the economic loss will be quickly made up in succeeding months or, instead, lead to more lasting consequences.

"Nobody nows," confessed the source. Even with the heating bill, "we don't have any true estimate," he said, primarily because nobody is able to say how long the frigid air will remain.

But the heating bill is only a percentage of the entire cost. "Obviously the impact on production is harder to tell," he said. "We don't have any numbers. No one knows how to predict the cost."

It remains entirely possible that the impact of layoffs, unofficially estimated to have affected as many as 1.5 million workers, could be compensated for by increased production and consumption over a period of two quarters.

While that might not fairly reimburse the individual workers whose jobs were interrupted, it would leave the annual Gross National Product, unimpaired.

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OPERATE SNACK BAR—These employes of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary operate the snack bar at the hospital. The Auxiliary's motto for the snack bar is "Service First." From left are Mae Brush, Rosa Kennedy, Becky Wadleigh and Ruby Hart.

TO RELINQUISH CROWN—Barbara Bills, reigning Valentine Queen, looks over her crown as she prepares to give it up to the new Valentine Queen during Friday nights Sweetheart Dance.

WIN AT BRIDGE

Forcing bid bombs at five

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WEST ♠ 10 8 5 3 ♥ 6 ♦ J 9 6 3 ♣ A 6 4 2		EAST ♠ 9 4 2 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A Q 10 5 ♣ J 9 7 3
	SOUTH (D) ♠ A ♥ A K Q 10 8 7 3 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 8 5	

East-West vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			2 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 N T	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead — A ♣

By Oswald & James Jacoby

How many high-card points do you need for your hand to qualify as a forcing two bid?

The general answer is 18, although you may shade it to 17 or 16. With less, just bid one. The bid won't be passed out.

Today's hand represents real tough luck for North and South, but the fault lies entirely with the South player. He did hold two aces and he did have nine playing tricks in his hand. At least he had nine playing tricks, unless an opponent showed up with four hearts to the jack. Anyway, he opened two hearts.

North almost fell off his chair. Here he was with a sound opening bid of his own and a partner who had opened with a two bid. He just bid two spades to start with, but when South's next call was a jump to four hearts North just had to bid Blackwood. South responded with five hearts to show just two aces. All North could do was to gulp out a pass.

It was bad luck that South went down at five. West opened the ace of clubs and shifted to a diamond, but those things happen to players who get into that never-never land between game and slam.

Ask the Jacobys

A Tennessee reader wants to know why the forcing two bid is called the Culbertson two bid if he didn't invent it.

The answer is that his first blue book included the forcing two bid at a time when other writers were using different forcing bids. Incidentally, his original two-bid rules are just about what should be followed today.

(Do you have a question for the experts? Write "Ask the Jacobys" care of this newspaper. The Jacobys will answer individual questions if stamped, self-addressed envelopes are enclosed. The most interesting questions will be used in this column and will receive copies of JACOBY MODERN.)

ADD FINISHING TOUCH—Members of Zeta Lambda Chapter of the Kappa Gamma Society International are shown above as they finish the lap robes to be used by patients in the local hospital and Leisure Lodge. Pictured from left are Monette O'Day, El Wanda Nall and Evelyn Boone.

Doughnut Recipe From Most Creative Cook

The most imaginative, creative cook in the state has been awarded a prize of $200 for the recipe "3-Minute Doughnuts." The ability of Mrs. Joe Pfeiler of Orange City was discovered by National Oats Company, Inc., during its 3rd Annual "Big-Little" recipe contest.

Recipes in categories of Main Dishes, Breads, Cookies and Desserts were judged and winners announced in each state in which the company's products are sold. Good cooks everywhere will be interested in trying a recipe which won a grand prize for its creator.

3 MINUTE DOUGHNUTS

2 packages active dry yeast
1½ c. warm milk (110 degrees F)
¼ c. sugar
¼ c. vegetable oil
½ c. 3-MINUTE BRAND QUICK OATS
1½ Tbsp. salt
2½ c. flour

FILLING

25 pitted prunes
1½ c. water
3 Tbsp. sugar

GLAZE

1½ c. powdered sugar
2½ Tbsp. cream
½ tsp. vanilla
Finely chopped pecans

Combine yeast, warm milk and sugar and let stand until yeast is dissolved. Add oil, oats, salt and flour, and stir to mix well. Cover with damp cloth and let rise until double (about 1½ hours). Meanwhile, prepare filling by cooking prunes with water until tender (about 25 to 30 minutes). Drain liquid, retaining 1 tablespoon. Mash prunes with retained liquid and sugar. Spoon about a tablespoon of dough at a time onto floured board. Flatten with fingers. Put about 1 teaspoon filling in center. Close dough around filling. Cover and let rise 40 minutes.

Drop into 375 degrees F. oil for deep fat frying. Fry about 1½ to 2 minutes on each side or until golden brown.

Combine ingredients for glaze. Drizzle over top of each doughnut and sprinkle pecans on top.

Society Plans Luncheon

Zeta Lambda Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held their January meeting in the home of Carol Miller, with ElWanda Nall, Monette O'Day and Helen Mock serving as hostesses.

Helen Mock, president, presided over a short business meeting.

To continue the yearly theme focus "Committment," the members committed themselves to the community by making approximately twenty lap robes or afghans for patients in the hospital or Leisure Lodge.

Announcements were made of the February luncheon meeting at which Alpha state president, Mrs. Lunelle Anderson, of San Marcos, will be the honored guest and speaker.

Thinly sliced cucumber is a fine addition to a bacon and tomato sandwich; it can replace the usual lettuce.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

Sparkle City Squares will meet for lesson at 8:30 p.m. National Guard Armory.

THURSDAY

The monthly salad luncheon for Snyder newcomers Club will be in the home of Mildred Reinertsen, 3602 Kerrville, 11 a.m. Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend and are not contacted by phone ahead of time.

Snyder Writers' Guild will meet at West Texas State Bank Community Room 7:30 p.m.

The Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. with Mrs. Charles Jones hostess. Mrs. Joe League will have the program "What's New In Gardening." Members bring seed catalog.

FRIDAY

Altrurian Club will meet 3 p.m. Martha Ann Woman's Club. Program: Mrs. John W. Leftwich and Mrs. Nelli Smith present Robyn Trail. Hostess: Mrs. Leftwich and Mrs. Smith.

Open duplicate bridge at Snyder Country Club at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Open duplicate bridge Snyder Country Club 1:30 p.m.

"Make Up With Your Best Friend" at MERLE NORMAN COSMETIC STUDIO 2513 College Ave.

LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD.
ARV

Sorority Has Program On Beauty

The annual Valentine Dance was the main topic of discussion at Tuesday's meeting of Lamda Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Carolyn Fortune called the meeting to order with the opening ritual. After roll call, with twenty members present, the minutes and communications were read. Dena Ellis reported on the final pledge meeting and announced the pledge test would be Feb. 15. Laura Green reported on the Woman Of The Year nomination and election. Nominations are to be in by March 1.

Mona Bryan then gave a report on how the Valentine Dance was progressing. Final plans were set in motion for decorating the Armory on Thursday night. There are still tickets available. Tickets which are $10 a couple and can be bought from a sorority member or by calling 573-5970 or 573-2902. The dance will be Friday night at The National Guard Armory from 9 to 1:00 with the Frank Triveno Band playing.

Diana Williamson gave a program on beauty. Her references were "Professional Beauty Secrets for Every Woman" by Lida Morrow, and "The Leslie Uggams Beauty Book" by Leslie Uggams. Mrs. Williamson pointed out that to be more beautiful one should accent ones good points and play down the bad. Also to find what type of hair-do, make up and clothes suit you, and to be natural and self-assured in your appearance.

After refreshments served by Wanda Early and Dena Ellis the meeting was adjourend with the closing ritual and Mizpah.

Fanne Filming Movie

NEW YORK (AP) — Fanne Foxe, who once kept company with one of Washington's most powerful men, is filming a low-budget movie in a dingy downtown loft often used to produce gay plays.

Miss Foxe held a news conference Tuesday - attended by one reporter - to announce what was billed as her American movie debut in a film called "Round the Naked Round." She said it would be R-rated and promised, "I won't take my clothes off."

But the Argentine Firecracker surprised even her press agent by revealing that she had already made an American film, "Posse From Heaven," in 1975. And the history of her current "studio" cast doubt on what she said were plans to "distribute the film worldwide to general audiences."

Director Steven Baker, who said the movie's budget was "over six figures," spends much of his time at the West 14th Street perch producing all-male revues, according to pamphlets in the lobby of the dramatis Personae Theatre, which is adjacent to a shoe store.

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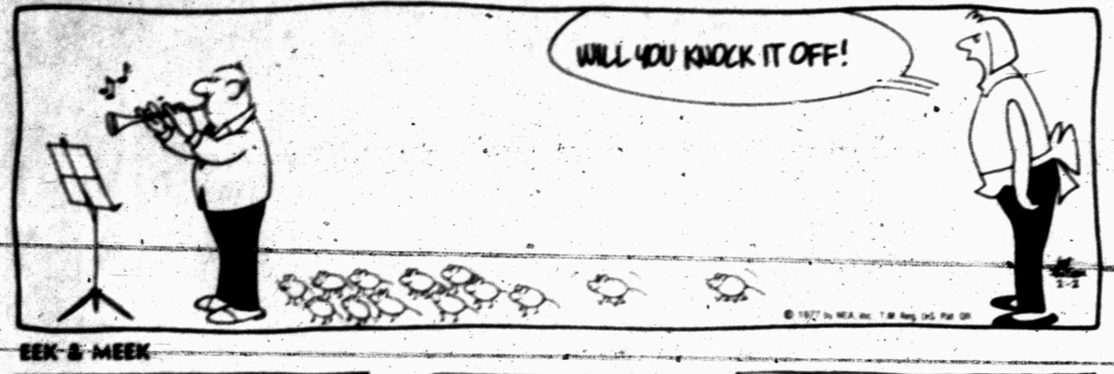

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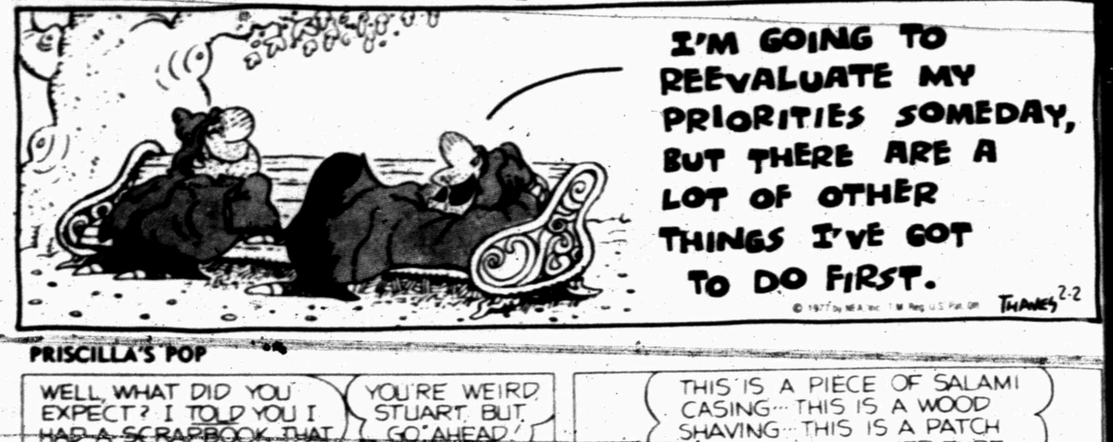

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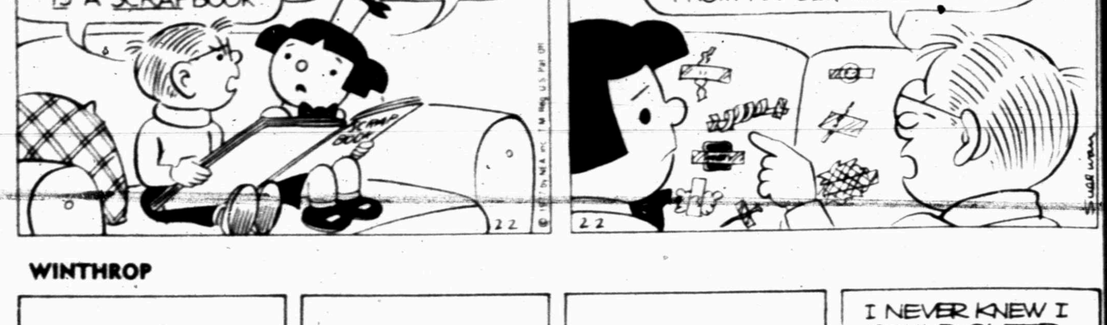

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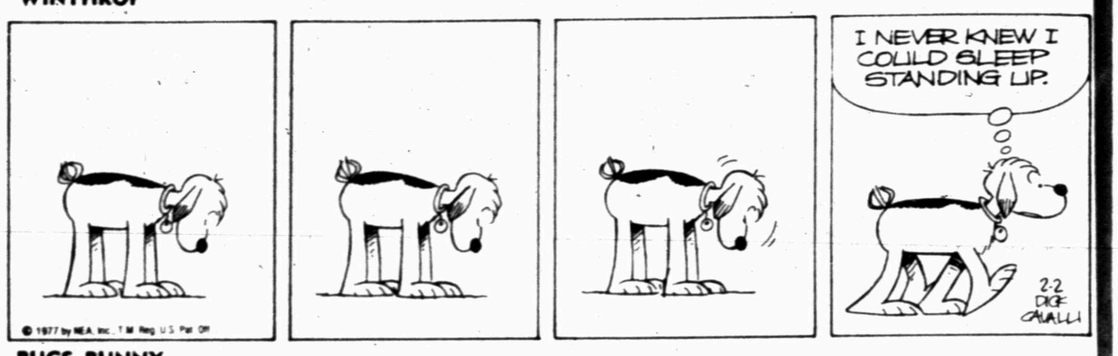

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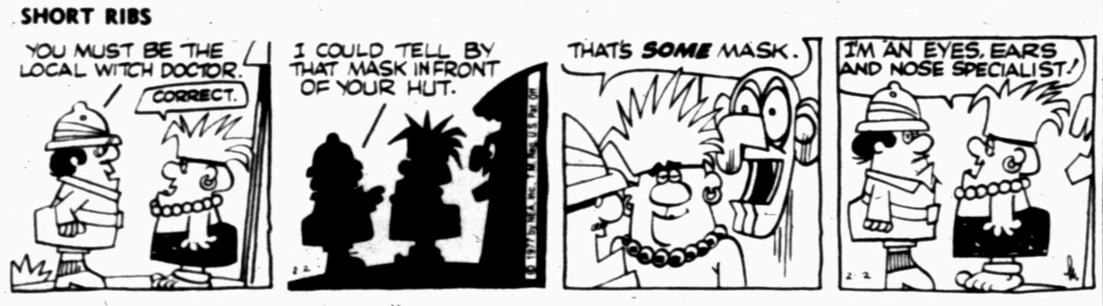

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15 Terminate
16 Beginning
17 Arrival-time guess (abbr.)
18 Sport of shooting clay pigeons
20 Embarrass
22 Mountains (abbr.)
24 Shrewd
25 Paper of indebtedness
28 Erin
30 One (Ger.)
34 Summer time (abbr.)
35 College head
36 Detergent
37 Mideast seaport
39 Medicine bottle
41 Four-in-hand
42 Geological layer (abbr.)
43 Inside (pref.)
44 Bar item
45 Identifications (sl.)
47 Watch closely
49 Caesar's enemy
52 Broker
56 Pique
57 Asian country
61 Time division
62 Lair
63 Creep
64 Little devil
65 Dine
66 In ancient times
67 Golf gadget

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1 Roman date
2 Pigpen sound
3 Relinquish
4 Like a leopard
5 Footed vase
6 Genus of rodents
7 French article
8 Flower part
9 Notion
10 Baseball events
11 Biblical hero
19 Type measure
21 Parting salutation (pl.)
23 Strainers
24 Legislative body
25 The same (Lat.)
26 Capital of Norway
27 Beehive State
29 Drizzle
31 The smallest bit
32 Spike
33 Fencing sword
38 Hard work
40 Devotedly
46 Beguine
48 For example (abbr.)
49 Right or left part of the body
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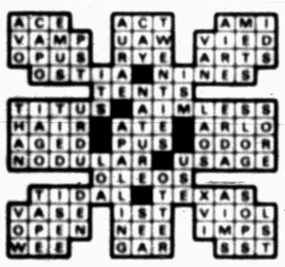

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Conservation Measures Ease Drain On Gas

By MARC CHARNEY
Associated Press Writer

Conservation measures appear to be easing the drain on natural gas supplies, but the long-run costs will be high. A federal energy official said today that factory closings and layoffs that are saving gas this frigid winter could last until April.

In Washington, meanwhile, the House and Senate were expected to approve a compromise version of the emergency natural gas bill today and send it to President Carter.

The emergency bill is not designed to increase natural gas supplies, but to give the president the power to shift some gas from low-priority users to high-priority users through April 30. High-priority users include homes, hospitals, schools and small businesses. Low-priority users include industries.

Over thousands of miles of American countryside today, the misery of the harsh winter was evident.

In paralyzed Buffalo, N. Y., which has had 160 inches of snow since the beginning of the year, 200 Army engineers were being flown from North Carolina to help 500 National Guardsmen clear the latest, and worst, storm's snow from the streets.

Otherwise the streets were deserted. An occasional rescue vehicle passed, or a military helicopter droned overhead. Great chunks of ice choked Niagara Falls.

The National Weather Service predicted temperatures up to 30 degrees today in Buffalo, no significant snow and winds easing to 12-to 25-miles per hour. The sun had broken through the clouds there on Tuesday for the first time since high winds, snow and cold struck last Friday.

Also for the first time since Friday, the entire length of the New York State Thruway was open to traffic. At one time, all but 45 miles of the highway was closed due to the storm.

On the Chesapeake Bay and the Ohio River, fuel barges which were idled for up to two weeks were moving again, but progress was slow due to ice.

The Army Corps of Engineers said more than 100 barges carrying fuel oil, coal or salt were moving upstream on the Ohio today, but added that hydraulic troubles at a lock near Galconda, Ill., had halted additional traffic.

In West Virginia and Kentucky, more than 30,000 coal miners were off the job, their mines shut down because of the cold.

Thousands of schools and factories also were shut and about a dozen states had declared energy emergencies, and the auto industry alone announced that 80,000 workers in the United States and Canada would join some 1.5 million persons estimated to be laid off around the nation. In the auto industry, parts shortages were a factor as well as gas shortages.

The harsh weather has centered in the East, Midwest and South, but the problem was national in effect and both the federal government and some distant areas were acting to help.

SCUBA

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local scuba divers club.

In some cases, scuba diving has become a family sport, Burke said. He once had a man, his wife and their two daughters to take the course. Once, a couple in their mid-forties took it. On one occasion, a former navy diver took the class to renew his diver's certification.

At least 10 persons must be enrolled in the class before the course is offered. Usually, Burke said, about 12 persons take the course. Just about the only requirement for the course, Burke mentioned, is that the student be able to swim.

Approximately one to one-and-a-half hours of each class period is spent in lecture. Students study the classroom aspects of scuba diving and learn how to handle situations they may encounter. The remainder of the class period is spent in the college's swimming pool.

To become a certified member of the Texas Diver's Association, the student must pass a written exam and take an actual open water dive under the tutelage of the instructor.

Because West Texas is not particularly conducive to scuba diving, the students make a trek to Possum Kingdom Lake near Mineral Wells to take their final underwater test.

Burke, a relative newcomer to scuba diving, remembers what his first dive at Possum Kingdom was like. "I was scared to death at first," he said.

"I was diving at 60 feet and the water was murky. I couldn't see six inches in front of my face. Then, a piece of weed or a piece of an old tree limb would come floating by me and I didn't know what it was at first," Burke said.

Burke, however, successfully weathered his first dive and has come to enjoy the sport. He has been diving twice, both times in the fresh water of the Possum Kingdom lake. He hopes, however, to make his first salt water dive this summer in the Gulf of Mexico.

If diving is done by someone who knows what he is doing, it is a safe and enjoyable sport, Burke said. "It really can be a lot of fun," he concluded.

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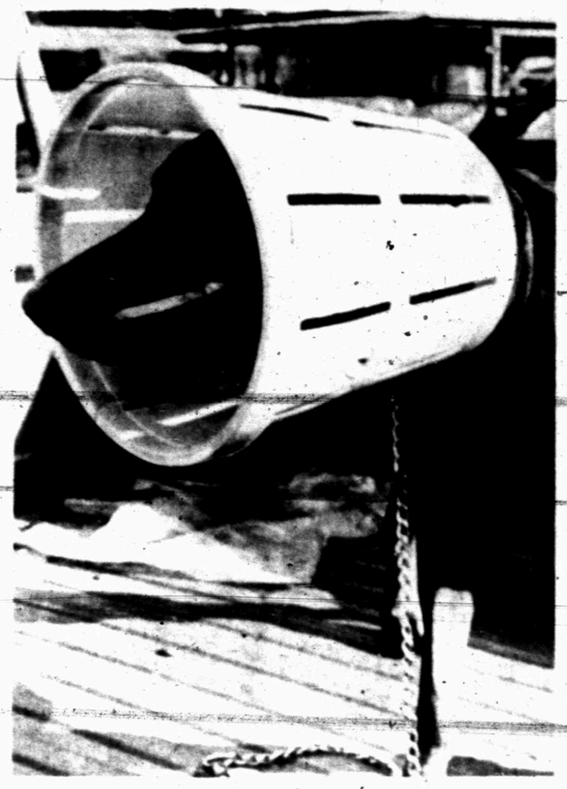

BASKET CASE—"Shaft", a doberman pinscher pup, peers from a bonnet made of a plastic pail he wears to protect himself after a recent operation. His owner, Bill Gregory of Waldosta, Ga., devised the protective device and "Shaft" is progressing nicely. (AP Wirephoto)

Fireside Chat On TV Tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — After 33 years another President who doesn't like the name "Fireside Chat" is going to make one.

When President Carter goes on television tonight at 10 p.m. EST a lot of people who used to gather around their Atwater-Kents to listen to Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be trying to explain to the TV generation what a fireside chat is. Or was.

Consider this a primer.

Other presidents have gone on the air to address the American people directly. But the fireside chat belonged to Roosevelt.

He didn't like the name, which was foisted on his "radio reports to the nation" by newspapers of the time. Biographer Robert Sherwood says Roosevelt thought it was corny.

And FDR himself once declared that the press would call his talk a fireside chat, even if it was delivered on the hottest day of July.

During the 1976 campaign, Carter often said he planned to resurrect the fireside chat. But once in office, press secretary Jody Powell said a search was on for another phrase.

Roosevelt delivered 26 fireside chats in 12 years. Each time, the talk dealt with a single subject, an issue of the moment he felt needed explanation. And it was a way to get people behind him when he wanted to pressure Congress.

Eight days after he was inaugurated President, on March 12, 1933, Roosevelt went on the two national radio networks and told the American people he was closing the banks in order to save them.

He didn't say "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." That was in his inaugural speech.

Carter waited 12 days before his first chat, but he too has a matter that demands immediate action and some sacrifice - the energy crisis. He will be speaking from a White House library chilled by his decree to lower thermostats to 65 degrees

MARKETS

Midday Stocks

By The Associated Press

Alcoa	52⅜ up ⅛
AT&T	63½ up ¼
Atl Rich	55½
Beth Stl	37⅞ up ⅛
Borden	33⅛ up ¼
Cat Trac	52⅜ up ⅛
Celanese	49½ off ¼
Chrysler	21 up ⅛
Cities Svc	58⅞ up ½
Coca Cola	74¾ up ⅜
Cont Oil	37⅛ up ¼
Dow Chem	38⅞
duPont	131⅛ off ⅜
DXL	11¼ up ⅛
Eastman	75⅛ off ¼
El Paso NG	16⅜ up ⅛
Exxon	54¾ up ½
Fairchild Cam	36¼ off ⅛
Ford	60 up ⅛
Gen Elec	53⅜ up ⅜
Gen Foods	31⅞ up ⅜
Gen Mtrs	74⅜
Gen Tel	29⅞ off ⅛
Gen Tire	27⅛ up ⅛
Goodrich	27¾ up ⅛
Great A&P	12⅛
Gulf Oil	30⅛ up ⅛
Glf St Ut	14½ off ⅛
IBM	276 off ½
Int Paper	58⅞ up ¼
Jhn-Man	29¼ up ⅛
Johns Jhn	71¼ up 1¼
Litton	13½ off ⅛
Marat Oil	57½
Mobil Oil	67 off ⅛
Monsan	77
Penney	44⅛ off ¼
Phill Pet	61½ up ¼
RCA	28⅛ off ⅛
Safeway	49
Sears	61⅞ off ⅛
Sou Pac	35⅞ up ⅛
Sony Cp	9⅛ up ¾
Stand Oil Cl	72⅞ up ⅛
Stand Oil Ind	55⅞
Sun Co	47⅝ up ⅜
Texaco	29⅜ off ⅛
Texas Inst	84⅞ off 1⅜
Time Inc	36 up ⅜
Un Carbide	57⅜ off ⅛
Uniroyal	10⅛ off ⅛
US Steel	44⅜ off ¼
Woolworth	25⅝ up ⅛
Xerox	53⅜ up ¼

Grain

CHICAGO (AP) — Wheat No 2 soft red winter 2.67¾n Wednesday. No 2 hard red winter 2.67¾n. Corn No 2 yellow 2.57n hopper 2.47n box. Oats No 2 heavy 1.89¼n. Soybeans No 1 yellow 6.99¾n No 2 yellow corn Tuesday was quoted at 2.57¾n hopper 2.47¾n box

'Mate' Law Goes To Dogs

STANFIELD, Ore. (AP) —An ordinance making it illegal for pets to mate in public has gone to the dogs, city officials say.

Authorities haven't enforced the celebrated May 1975 law which could land the owner of an amorous animal in jail for as long as 25 days, said Jim Dickason, recorder in this northeast Oregon community.

"We kind of let it bury itself back in the annals of history," Dickason said. "Some people made a lot of money on it. They were selling T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts."

When the law was adopted, Mayor Charles Huxoll commented, "There's a lots of that (pets mating) in public going around and besides, almost everybody here has a picture window in his house."

Among the first watches made were those produced by Peter Henlein, a locksmith in Nuremberg, Germany, around 1500. They were popularly known as "Nuremberg eggs."

Two Mishaps Are Reported

Two minor traffic mishaps were investigated Tuesday by the city police.

The first mishap, a hit-and-run, occurred in the Spanish Inn parking lot and was reported to officers at 9:30 a.m. A parked 1977 Ford owned by Axelson Inc. had been struck by another vehicle which left the scene of the collision.

The second traffic accident occurred in a parking lot at Snyder High School. Involved in the mishap were a 1970 Oldsmobile driven by Samuel Kitching and a 1974 Mercury driven by Linda Gutierrez. The mishap was reported to policemen shortly after 3 p.m. yesterday.

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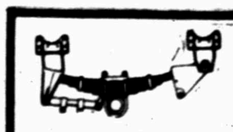

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Dallas Slayings Probed

DALLAS (AP) — Police looked today for clues to the slaying of a young couple found shot to death in a rented home Tuesday afternoon.

The victims were identified as Tom Pounds, 24, a carpenter, and Sandra Dooley, 23.

Police said both were shot in the head apparently between Friday night and Sunday morning.

Their bodies were found on the floor behind the front entrance to the home. Pounds had a single gunshot wound to the back of the head and Miss Dooley had a bullet wound to the side of the head. The victims were dressed in winter clothing and there was no evidence of a struggle.

The bodies were found in the house at the rear of the grounds of Bateson Construction Co. by the firm's owner, T. C. Bateson, from which Miss Dooley had been renting the house for the last year.

Bateson told police he believed the couple had gone to Austin and he went to the house to see whether the heater had been set at a high enough temperatures to prevent water pipes from freezing and bursting.

Officers said the house appeared to be in order and had not been ransacked.

Officer J.W. McWilliams said Miss Dooley's body was found lying across the upper portion of Pounds' body indicating Pounds was shot first.

Nixon Long Gone But 1972 Fund Lingers On

By MIKE SHANAHAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard M. Nixon is long gone from the White House, but his 1972 campaign fund lingers on. All $1.2 million of it.

More than four years after Nixon's re-election and 2½ years after his resignation, the successor organization to the Committee to Re-Elect the President still is in business.

Reports required by the Federal Election Commission show the 1972 Campaign Liquidation Trust, the successor to the campaign committee, still is taking in money and paying debts slowly.

Three Washington banks paid the fund $83,000 last year in interest. Other income of $77,310 also was listed in the report to the FEC.

Some persons who contributed to the 1972 Nixon campaign have tried to get their money back, but without success. "During this reporting period the trust has not honored any such request," the report said, "and it probably will not do so at anytime in the future."

Much of the money paid out by the fund went for legal fees.

For example, former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans and former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell were acquitted in April 1974 of charges that they intervened in a Securities and Exchange Commission probe of Robert Vesco in exchange for the promise of a campaign contribution.

After acquittal, they were entitled as former campaign officials to have the fund pay their legal expenses. The report said $220,000 of a legal debt of $471,390 has been paid.

But Watergate cover-up trial defendant Kenneth Parkinson is having trouble getting his legal debts paid. Parkinson also was acquitted, but the fund said it is not sure if Parkinson, a committee lawyer but not an employe, is entitled to have his $73,393 legal debt paid.

Stans also is seeking $18,600 for time spent while he was being interviewed by the special Watergate prosecutor and for testimony before Watergate grand juries. Stans is asking $30 an hour for 620 hours of preparation, the same pay rate he earned as the Nixon committee's finance chairman. He also wants $7,500 for "expenses in connection with investigative services of Intertel Inc., prior to March 11, 1975." There was no explanation of that entry.

The report also showed former Nixon counsel John Dean has repaid $15,200 he took from a White House safe to finance his honeymoon.

The money came from Nixon campaign funds, and Dean later called it a loan he meant to pay back. The Watergate scandal intervened, Dean quit his White House job and the money became a factor in Watergate trials in which lawyers questioned Dean's motivations.

Dean's lawyers had held the money in an escrow account, but on Oct. 14, 1976, repaid the trust fund.

None of the fund's three trustees, Paul F. Barrick, Guilford Dudley Jr. or Charles E. Potter, could be reached for comment on their administration of the trust, or why it remains so prosperous.

They reported starting last year with $1.6 million, and spending nearly $397,000. They ended the year with a balance of $1,239,760.

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MYSTERY MONEY—Waco policemen Joe Lopez (left) and Edwin Byford display one of the two suit cases filled with money totaling $456,672 which were found in the trunk of a 77 Thunderbird by police Monday night. The car, driven by two boys ages 15 and 16, was stopped by Byford for running a red light, and the money was later discovered in the trunk. The boys are being held for questioning by local and federal officials to try to find out how the boys got the money. (AP Wirephoto)

Rich Kids Are Held As Police Ponder Case

WACO, Tex. (AP) — Two South Texas teenagers have been ordered held for 10 days or until police and federal agents can figure out where the youths got $486,000 in cash found in the trunk of their brand new car.

Authorities say they don't know where the money came from but the fact that the youths had it apparently came as no surprise to several of their schoolmates in the South Texas town of Alice.

Alice Police Lt. Gabriel Chapa said he spoke with several students who claimed they knew the youths would be carrying large sums of money.

"Everyone here seemed to know they would be transporting it, the money," said Chapa. "I don't know how they knew but they did."

Waco officers arrested the pair, ages 15 and 16, Monday for running a red light in their brand new Ford Thunderbird. But that was just the start of what is rounding into a kingsize headache for law enforcement officials.

A search of the vehicle turned up a small amount of marijuana, a pistol in the glove compartment, and most of the money in two suitcases in the trunk. Later, police said they found $7,000 in bills in one of the youth's pockets.

A police spokesman said one of the boys told them they paid a man $2,000 in Dallas to buy the Thunderbird for them. The car cost an additional $8,354. Police said a check with the dealership revealed the man gave a phony Dallas address.

By late Tuesday, officers had been able to establish that the money is real. But its origin is something else again.

Waco Police Chief Al Roznovsky said Tuesday, "We have got a lot of leads but I am reluctant to say any more since so much money is involved...Thev (the youths) appear to be cooperative-at least we think they are-but they're scared."

Roznovsky said one of the leads suggests the money stems from the drug traffic in South Texas. It was learned that some Waco narcotics officers have been assigned to the case.

Juvenile Judge Bill Logue said he conducted a hearing at the Waco juvenile detention center Tuesday and, at the request of the state, ordered the two youths held for 10 days. He said the state can get another 10 days after that, if necessary. Logue also appointed Waco attorney Tony Duty as the youth's guardian until their parents can be located.

CB Convac

Strange CB saga of love and death

By Ink Dipper

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ink Dipper (KYZ-3916) is the handle of the editor of The CB Times-Journal.)

Plenty of romance and intrigue has taken place over the CB radio, but there's never been a story quite like the saga of Top Cat and Slick Chick.

Thomas "Top Cat" Fuller and Victoria "Slick Chick" Seaton of Hollywood, Florida, were married in a July wedding conducted entirely over citizen's band. The ceremony caught public attention. Newspapers, national television and the wire services carried the story.

For most people who do something off-beat like that, the story ends and you never hear about them again. But Top Cat and Slick Chick seemed destined to come back time and again to the pages of papers coast-to-coast.

Not long after the CBers' wedding, Slick Chick told Top Cat that she had to fly west to visit her sick father on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Shortly after arriving out West, Slick Chick called her husband and asked for $2,000 to buy a car. He wired her the money. Then nothing. She never called him back, and he couldn't reach her.

Fuller, a paint contractor, said he spent more than $1,000 on long distance telephone calls trying to locate Slick Chick. Police in several states were unable to locate her or anyone who could be her father — dying or otherwise.

He finally returned to the newspapers and pleaded for her to return, or for someone to tell him what had happened.

His plea worked. She called him 24 hours later to say she was ill and in a Philadelphia, Mississippi, hospital. They talked on the phone each day. Fuller explained later that they hadn't really gotten to know each other during their brief courtship.

The last time he talked to her was during the pre-dawn hours on a September morning. She promised him that she was on her way home.

An hour later, she was dead, the victim of a head-on collision near Philadelphia that also claimed the life of the young man driving the other car.

It was a story full of irony, but it still wasn't over.

In November, law enforcement officers in Hollywood, Florida, announced that Top Cat had been busted for delivering 500 amphetamines to an agent posing as a CBer.

Narcotics agents said that Fuller, 45, had been suspected of being a major pill supplier, and he was apparently using his CB to set up alleged drug sales. An informer had tipped the agents off three weeks before that Top Cat was pushing large amounts of drugs.

An agent used a CB to contact Fuller and set up a sale just off Interestate 95.

In arresting Fuller, agents also confiscated his car, which was equipped with his CB and a scanner that monitored police radio calls.

"If he was listening, he might have heard himself being arrested," one agent quipped. For Top Cat, that probably wouldn't have been too strange.

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Texans Vote On Gas Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is the roll call of the Texas delegation when the House passed 367 to 52 a bill providing for emergency purchase and allocation of natural gas.

xxx-Denotes not voting.

Democrats - Brooks yes; Burleson no; de la Garza yes; Eckhardt yes; Gammage yes; Gonzalez yes; Hall yes; Hightower yes; Jordan yes; Kazen yes; Krueger yes; Mahon yes; Mattox yes; Milford yes; Pickle yes; Poage yes; Roberts yes; Teague xxx; White yes; Wilson yes; Wright yes; Young yes.

Republicans - Archer no; Collins no.

Dollars Galore, But Not For Keeps

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Two women were recently up to their elbows in dollars when they were assigned to count $1 million in one dollar bills at Security Bank here.

After counting the bills, the women then weighed and bundled them. The assignment took nine days, reports a representative of Western Temporary Services Inc.

Astro-Graph

by Bernice Bede Osol

For Thursday, Feb. 3, 1977

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't demand unswerving loyalty from friends today because you won't get it. What you will get are severe disappointments if you try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A serious domestic crisis can arise today if the powers that must be reckoned with adopt diametrically opposed views. Don't take any hard stands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be pressured into signing or agreeing to anything against your better judgment. Tell the other party you'd like to sleep on it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An old obligation may demand attention today. Take care of it now. It won't go away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is one of those days when your mate is going to be zigging when you're zagging. Someone's going to have to compromise. Let it be you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The biggest source of frustration will lie within you yourself today. At least you'll know who to blame.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Trying to impose your will upon your peer group today can have disastrous repercussions. Let others manage their own affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The path to your goals today is rocky. Don't make matters worse by jousting with windmills along the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't permit yourself to be drawn into a political or philosophical debate. The discussion could become very heated. Hurt feelings would result.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Commercial situations could have some hidden pitfalls today. Tread very carefully so you won't be snared with a deficit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Know how to differentiate between persistency and obstinacy today. If you butt your noggin against a wall you can only come up with a headache.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pace yourself wisely today and use common sense regarding health matters. Don't overdo unless you want to overpay the piper.

Your Birthday

Feb. 3, 1977

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(Are you an Aquarius? Bernice Osol has written a special Astro-Graph Letter for you. For your copy send 50 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to ask for Aquarius Volume 4.)

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Grocery Prices Rise: Further Hikes Expected

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

The first month of the new year brought higher grocery prices and consumers were warned to expect more of the same in the future due to the cold wave.

An Associated Press market-basket survey showed prices increased during January or a wide variety of items, including pork chops, orange juice, coffee and eggs.

The AP drew up a random list of 15 commonly purchased food and non-food items, checked the price at one supermarket in each of 13 cities on March 1, 1973, and has re-checked them on or about the start of each succeeding month.

The latest survey came in the face of several discouraging reports. The U. S. Department of Agriculture said Monday that prices paid to farmers for their products went up 1.5 per cent between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15. It was the second monthly increase in a row.

The USDA report did not reflect recent damage to crops, particularly in Florida, because of the below-freezing temperatures east of the Great Plains. The government said generally abundant livestock supplies should hold down meat prices and help offset higher fruit and vegetable costs. But a private economist warned that if the cold continues through March, the nation's food bill could be boosted by $7 billion.

The Conference Board, a business research organization, says that Commerce Department statistics showed Americans spent $166.4 billion on food in 1974.

Consumers shopping at the start of February found orange juice prices already were up in some cities, according to the AP survey, although it could not be determined whether the increases were directly linked to the cold. The price of a six-ounce can of frozen orange juice concentrate increased at the checklist store in six of the cities surveyed, although most of the increases were only a penny or two.

The AP Survey showed that the marketbasket bill increased at the checklist store in 10 cities during January, up an average of 4 per cent. The bill decreased at the checklist store in two cities, down an average of seven-tenths of a per cent, and was unchanged in the 13th city. On an overall basis, the marketbasket bill at the checklist stores was up an average of 3 per cent last month.

The situation represented a slight improvement over December when the marketbasket bill was up at the checklist store in 12 cities, rising an average of 5.1 per cent.

The items on the AP checklist were: Chopped chuck, center cut pork chops, frozen orange juice concentrate, coffee, paper towels, butter, Grade-A medium white eggs, creamy peanut butter, laundry detergent, fabric softener, tomato sauce, chocolate chip cookies, milk, frankfurters and granulated sugar.

The cities checked were: Albuquerque, N.M.; Atlanta, Ga.; Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, Salt Lake City and Seattle.

Surface Mining Permit Issued

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The railroad commission has issued a permit to ICI United States Inc. to continue its surface mining of lignite 12 miles southwest of Marshall.

The commission issued the permit Tuesday and praised the Delaware firm for its work in restoring the land even before the legislature required it.

The area has been mined since 1959 by ICI and its predecessors. Production of 300,000 to 400,000 tons a year is forecast.

The lignite is found in a vein averaging nine feet in thickness, at a depth of 35 to 40 feet. The company employe 450 to 500 people on an annual payroll of $3.5 million.

Reclamation runs $600 to $800 an acre.

Peter the Great, founder of the Russian Empire, worked in English and French shipyards disguised as a ship's carpenter in order to learn about shipbuilding and make his nation a sea power.

Dear Abby

Won't Perform Wedding No. 4

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is 29 and was looking forward so happily to her fourth marriage. But she's terribly upset because our rabbi has suggested that she go to another rabbi for this ceremony.

Actually, this rabbi (who confirmed her) performed only two of her marriages. She married a Catholic last time for whom she turned Catholic, but in less than a year their marriage was annulled, and she returned to the Jewish faith. So now she is as Jewish as she was before she became a Catholic.

Now, our rabbi doesn't want to marry her. Does he have the right to turn her away?

What would you do in our place? There are other rabbis handy, but our daughter felt so close to this one. (He is not an orthodox rabbi, he's reformed.)

ANONYMOUS, PLEASE

DEAR ANONYMOUS: A clergyman has the right to refuse to perform a marriage ceremony for reasons of his own. Inasmuch as there are other rabbis handy, ask one.

DEAR ABBY: Joel and I had gone steady for two years and things were going great until six months ago. Then he suggested that we both start dating others.

I really didn't want to date anyone else, so I asked Joel what went wrong in our relationship, and he told me:

I had cut my hair above my ears without asking him first, and it seems that short hair on girls turns him off.

Then because Joel complained about my cigarette breath, I quit smoking and gained 20 pounds in five months. Well, it seems fat girls turn him off.

He told me that after I had my hair grown out and lost the weight I gained, I should give him a call.

My question: Do you think I should let my hair grow and try to lose weight just to please Joel? Or should I tell him that I am not going to make myself over for him?

I WANT TO BE ME

DEAR WANT: Only you can make that decision. Now that you know what it will take to get Joel back, it's up to you to decide whether he's worth the effort. Is he?

DEAR ABBY: My mother (a widow) is coming to town for a family wedding. She lives a great distance from here. Mom has always stayed with me, and she wants to this time, but there are complications.

She has a live-in boyfriend, and she won't come without him. Furthermore, she wants me to put them up together in my home.

Abby, I have children at home, and I don't want them to say, "If Nana can do it, why can't we?"

I explained this to my mother and she said, "Well, tell the kids we're married!"

Abby, I don't want to lie to my children, and although I don't approve of my mother's lifestyle, I still love her. My husband disapproves, too. What should I do?

STUMPED OUT WEST

DEAR STUMPED: Tell your Mom you refuse to lie, but you'll be glad to make hotel or motel reservations for her and her friend. And don't apologize for your decision. Houseguests should expect to conform to the house rules.

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 69700, L.A., Calif. 90069. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

Crack Down Set On CBers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission says it plans to crack down on citizens band radio operators who transmit on single sidebands on frequencies not assigned to CBs.

Sideband, which requires a specially equipped radio, uses only one side of a channel, which is legal when CB channels are used.

But some CBers, the FCC said Tuesday, are using equipment intended for amateur radio and using false call signs.

Some signals by single sideband CBers are in the 27.40 to 28.00 megahertz range and above, which the FCC and international treaty allocate to the public safety and industrial services, the federal government and the amateur radio service, the commission notice said.

In addition, the FCC said, many of these operators cause interference to television and other home entertainment equipment.

The commission said it gives major enforcement priority to out-of-band operations. Violations are punishable to a fine up to $10,000, up to one year of imprisonment or both.

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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation recently received a collection of late 17th and 18th-century furniture and a supporting grant from Col. and Mrs. Miodrag Blagojevich of Drayden, Md.

The Blagojevich Collection, the subject of a lecture during the 1973 Williamsburg Antiques Forum, consists primarily of late 17th-century and William and Mary style furniture, much of it of American origin and extremely rare. The total gift is valued at more than $1.5 million dollars.

Columbia University in New York City was originally founded in 1754 under a charter from King George II as King's College. It closed during the American Revolution, but reopened as Columbia College in 1784.

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SHS Girls Victorious

SEMINOLE—The Snyder High School Girls Basketball teams swept to victories in two games here Tuesday night, with the varsity winning a 39-33 decision and the junior varsity walloping the Seminole JV by 62-39.

The Snyder varsity team took a 7-4 lead in the first period, but Seminole rallied to edge ahead by 14-13 at the half. Snyder took command in the third, out-scoring the hosts by 16-7 and never was seriously challenged after that.

Carrie Taylor scored 17 points to pace the Snyder varsity girls, while Jamie Hataway also scored in double figures with 12 points.

In the JV game, Suzanne Fisher and Tanya Boydstun waged a torrid scoring contest and each finished with 26 points as Snyder JV took control in the second period and won going away. The crusher, however, was in the third quarter when Snyder outscored Seminole JV by 19-4. Suzanne Fisher got 15 of her points in the third.

The Snyder teams till host Lake View in a conference game Friday night.

Snyder JV--Sterling 3-2-8; Morgan 1-0-2; Fisher 12-2-26; Boydstun 12-2-26; totals 28-6-62.

Seminole JV--Arrezola 12-1-25; Johnson 1-0-2; Buentello 6-0-12; totals, 19-1-39.

Snyder Varsity--Newman 2-0-4; Taylor 8-1-17; Hataway 4-4-12; Bilano 1-4-6; Totals 15-9-39.

Seminole Varsity--Winsor 5-0-10; Posey 2-0-4; Morris 1-4-6; Royales 4-5-13; totals 12-9-33.

Ira, Westbrook Share Victories

IRA—Westbrook and Ira divided a doubleheader here Tuesday night in high school basketball, with the Ira girls taking a 75-53 decision and the Westbrook boys retaliating with a 61-50 victory.

For the second game in a row, Ronda Corbell scored 48 points for the Ira girls. Donna Layne had 18.

Bobby Matlock of Westbrook was top scorer in the boys game with 25 points. However, Ira boys had three players in double figures, with Joe Hall netting 17, Keith Bryant 13 and Royce Corbell 12.

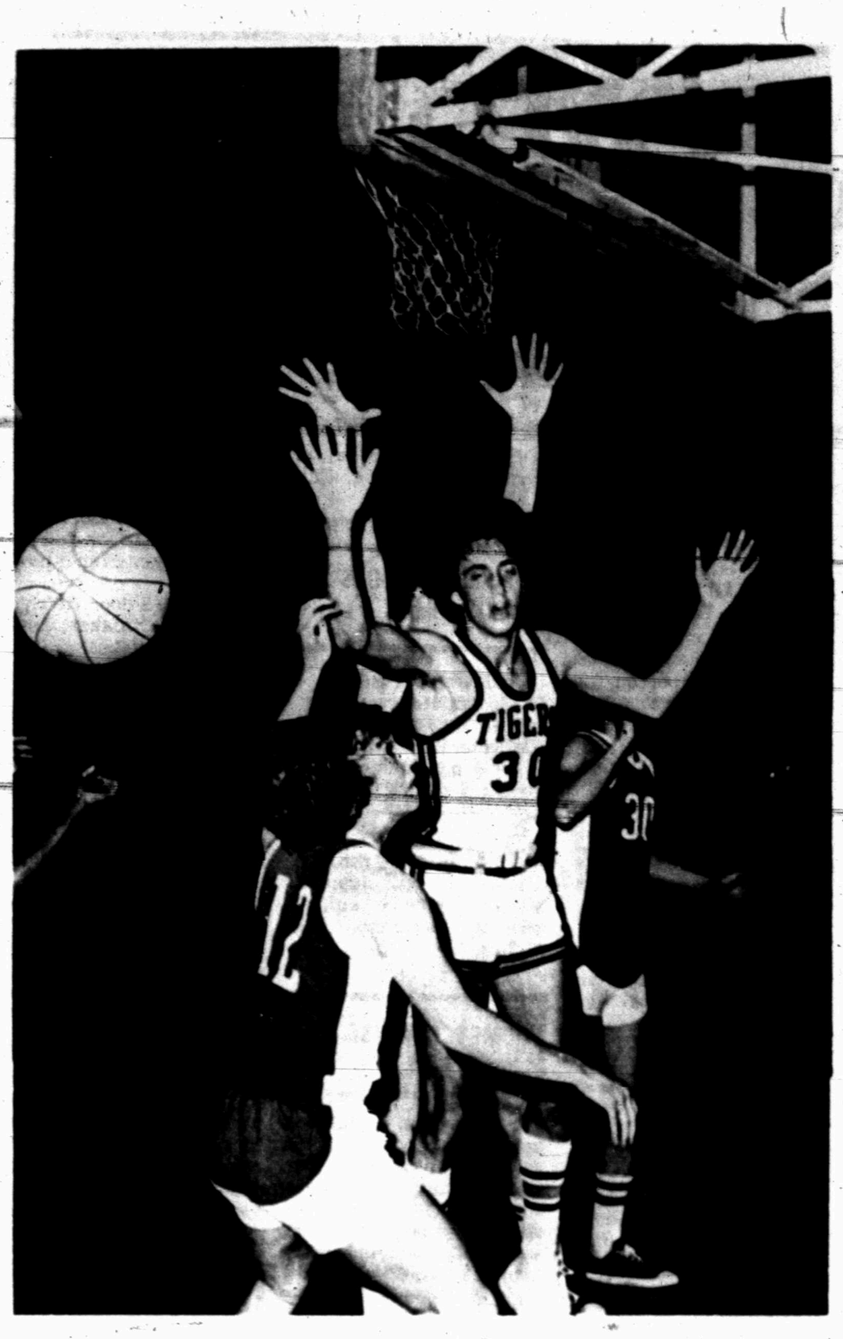
Ira girls are now 4-6 in district play, while Ira boys are 1-9.

Westbrook Girls--King 1-0 2; Dorn 5-0-10; Lopez 7-7-21; Brookover 3-14-20; totals, 16-21-53.

Ira Girls--Autry 2-0-4; Corbell 20-8-48; D. Layne 9-0-18; Kay Layne 0-0-0; Maupin 2-1-5; Huddleston 0-0-0; totals, 33-9-75.

Westbrook Boys--Matlock 10-5-25; Rich 5-2-12; Moody 6-2-14; Reyes 0-0-0; Sweatt 4-2-10; totals 25-11-61.

Ira Boys--Corbell 4-4-12; Hall 8-1-17; Bryant 3-0-6; Phillips 0-2-2; Calley 0-0-0; totals 21-8-50.



THERE IT GOES—Randy Courtney (30) of Snyder and Jerry Joplin (12) of Brownfield get their hands up as an errant pass heads their way during the Snyder-Brownfield basketball game last night in the Scurry County Coliseum. Snyder won the game, 69-63, and Courtney led the scorers with 27 points. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers Surge By Brownfield Cubs

The Snyder Tigers ran their second half district record to 2-0 Tuesday night by taking a hotly contested 69-63 decision from the Brownfield Cubs.

The Snyder JV trounced the Cub JV, 86-59.

The Cubs made a game of it from the opening whistle, and actually outscored the Tigers by a point in the third period, but the locals were able to not only hold on to their lead, but added to it in the fourth.

Danny Hamilton, Brownfield's scoring star, accounted for 23 points, and Kerry Canfield roped 22, but it wasn't enough.

Randy Courtney popped the nets for 27 points, eight of them in the crucial fourth period, to pace the Bengals of Coach Jack Stephenson to victory. Kirk Johnson had 16 points, Tony Cobb 12 and Lucious Jeffrey 10, as Snyder had four men scoring in double figures.

Snyder took a 24-23 lead in the first quarter as both teams hit the floor in a scoring mood. The Tigers increased their margin to 39-36 at the half, and it was narrowed to 55-53 in the third period. But Courtney warmed up again to drop in eight four-quarter points as the Bengals held a 14-10 edge in the final chapter.

Greg Hinton roped 18 points to pace the Snyder JV team. But he was only one of five on the Snyder JV hitting in double figures. Brent Taylor had 16 points, Kyle Short 12, and Sid Everton and Clay Peterson had 10 each.

Snyder JV took a 24-12 lead in the first period and was never challenged.

Snyder Varsity--Jeffery 5-0-10; Courtney 13-1-27; Lewis 2-0-4; Cobb 6-0-12; Johnson 6-4-16; totals 32-5-69.

Brownfield Varsity--Hamilton 10-3-23; Stockton 1-0-2; Ross 4-1-9; Cranfield 10-2-22; Leech 1-1-3; Harrell 2-0-4; totals 28-7-63.

Snyder JV--Peterson 2-6-10; Hinton 8-2-18; Sullenger 3-0-6; Everton 4-2-10; Huddleston 1-1-3; Short 5-2-12; Taylor 8-0-16; Forbes 1-2-4; Farmer 3-1-7; totals 25-16-86.

Brownfield JV--Dunn 4-3-11; Burse 1-2-4; Bell 2-2-6; Tealer 0-2-2; Bryant 5-3-13; Taylor 3-0-6; Cummins 5-1-11; Romero 1-1-3; Goldsten 2-0-4; totals 23-13-59.

Snyder Sophs Win By 61-49

The Snyder High Sophomore boys led all the way to decision the Brownfield Sophomores, 61-49, in a basketball game here Tuesday. Eight Snyder players contributed to the scoring, with four of them hitting in double figures. Mike Limbaugh, Raymond Medrano, Robert Dupuy and Perry Robertson each scored 10 points. Vincent Sims scored 20 in Brownfield's losing cause.

The Snyder sophs took a 17-10 lead in the first period, and outscored the visitors in every period except the third, when Brownfield had a 12-8 edge. Snyder will host the Lubbock sophs in a game at 5 p.m. next Monday.

Snyder Sophs--Limbaugh 4-2-10; Medrano 4-2-10; Wooldridge 3-0-6; Dupuy 4-2-10; Wilson 2-2-6; Robertson 5-0-10; Gafford 1-0-2; Edmondson 3-1-7; totals 25-9-61.

Brownfield Sophs--Jones 1-1-3; Keeler 1-0-2; Sims 8-4-20; Holmesley 3-0-6; Ramirez 0-2-2; Gonzales 2-0-4; totals 21-7-49.

Snyder 17 16 8 20--61
Brownfield 10 13 12 14--49

Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Babson 77, Coast Guard 72

Canisius at U of Buffalo, ppd., snow

Drew 68, Rutgers-Newark 55

Holy Cross 89, New Hampshire 78

Providence 82, St. Bonaventure 75

W Virginia 86, Virginia Tech 78

SOUTH

Clemson 60, N Caro St 59

Howard 98, Md Eastern Shore 88

Jackson St 104, Southern 83

Jacksonville 78, Mississippi Col 72

Morlan St 87, Delaware St 57

Tennessee 106, Georgia 82

MIDWEST

Nevada-Las Vegas 107, Bradley 106

Notre Dame 97, Dayton 64

SOUTHWEST

Houston 94, Texas Tech 87

New Mexico St 99, Hardin-Simmons 98

Rice 73, Baylor 60

Texas 105, Centenary 81

Texas A&M 76, TCU 69

FAR WEST

Air Force 83, Cincinnati, Xavier 76, 2 OTs

Oral Roberts 90, St. Francis N.Y. 67

San Jose St 74, Hawaii 62

Golden Gloves Season Opens

FORT WORTH (AP) — A regional tournament at Houston will open the 41st Texas Golden Gloves season today. The winners of the 16 tournaments, with a champion in each of eight weight classes, qualify to represent their region in the Texas state championships here March 9-11.

Cougars Get Sweet Retribution

By DENNE FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

Houston inflicted its revenge on Texas Tech Tuesday night in a Southwest Conference basketball game that resembled a cross between the Golden Gloves and a rugby scrum.

The victory kept Houston hot on the trail of league-leading Arkansas which must travel to The Summit Saturday night. Texas Tech will testify there are calmer places to spend an evening.

Arkansas hosts Southern Methodist tonight and a victory would make the 14th ranked Razorbacks 10-0 with a two game lead over the Cougars.

But back to the Bayou City where mysterious things were happening Tuesday night, including Rice's shocking 73-60 upset of the suddenly demoralized Baylor Bears.

Houston followed Otis Birdsong's 31 points to a 94-87 victory and sweet retribution for an overtime lose in Lubbock to Tech last week. However, the game was marred by a fist fight between Tech's Mike Edwards and Houston's Kenneth Williams that got ugly with both benches charging each other like the Light Brigade.

Edwards claimed Williams "came up behind me when I was about to shoot a free throw and flicked my ear with his finger...so I said something to him. And he said something to me.

"I hit him a couple of times and then he tackled me and that's when Mike Schultz came in."

Houston's Schultz joined the punch out which emptied both benches into a giant pile at midcourt. Referees Paul Galvan and Dan Watson quickly went to work eventually evicting Edwards and Williams.

"Everybody is always yelling at the officials but give them credit for tonight...they did a good job of getting everybody under control," praised Tech Coach Gerald Myers.

Williams claimed the fight started because of a wild Edwards elbow.

Frank Thomas and Elbert Darden scored 22 and 20 points respectively as Rice won its second SWC game of the year.

In other action, the Texas Aggies extended their league record to 6-4 with a 76-69 victory over winless Texas Christian and Texas bounced Centenary 105-81 in a bizarre non-conference game.

Texas made a seven-point play in the second half as Centenary Coach Riley Wallace was ejected after receiving three technical fouls. Texas made seven of eight free throws resulting from the technicals and a personal foul for a 61-34 lead.

A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said the SMU-Arkansas game tonight was critical because "If Arkansas beats SMU it gives us a chance to pass them." In fact, the Aggies jumped into a tie for third place when Tech lost.

And down in Austin, Texas Coach Abe Lemons was proud of Hank Bauerschlag's 15 point performance.

"He just kinda of rose up from the dead," said Lemons of the Texas reserve.

LE BARON OFF TO A FAST START

New Atlanta GM Interviewing Coaches

ATLANTA (AP) — Eddie LeBaron wasted no time.

The former Washington Redskins and Dallas Cowboys quarterback interviewed a prospective coach Tuesday several hours before he officially was hired as general manager of the Atlanta Falcons-a struggling National Football League organization that has produced only 50 victories in 11 years.

LeBaron, 47, left a Las Vegas law partnership to return to pro football after a 13-year absence. He said his primary aim was to bring Atlanta "an exciting and winning football team."

He acknowledged that his immediate goal was to find a new coach as soon as possible so that he could begin hiring a staff and prepare for the NFL collegiate draft, assuming one is held even though a federal court has declared the draft illegal.

The two leading candidates for the job, LeBaron said, were assistant coaches Dan Reeves of Dallas and Leeman Bennett of the Los Angeles Rams.

"Both are from highly successful organizations," LeBaron said, adding that he had interviewed Reeves earlier in the day and would meet with Bennett at a later date.

"I think he can run the show," said club owner Rankin Smith, who announced the hiring of LeBaron at a news conference.

"LeBaron is in charge of hiring and firing," said Smith. "I don't know any football, but I think I know a man who does, and he does."

LeBaron, who was a 5-foot-7, 175-pound quarterback for the Redskins and Cowboys, has not been directly involved in pro football since ending his career 13 years ago-two years before the Falcons came into existence.

But, he has been used by Smith in the past-as a "babysitter" to linebacker Tommy Nobis when the Falcons signed him away from the old American Football League during the team's first year and later as an aide during preseason camp.

LeBaron also has worked in Cowboys' training camps and spent some time as a television broadcaster of NFL games. He said his association with the Cowboys would have no influence on whether he chooses Reeves or Bennett as the sixth coach in Falcons history.

LeBaron actually replaces the last Falcons coach as general manager-Pat Peppler, who handled the team on an interim basis last season after Marion Campbell was fired. When the season ended, Smith told Peppler he was free to seek other employment.

"It was a most difficult decision to leave my law practice because I had been involved in that profession and out of football," LeBaron said. "But I came back because this is my first love."

Borg Won't Defend Title

DALLAS (AP) — Bjorn Borg of Sweden has decided not to defend his title of the World Championship Tennis circuit. A WCT spokesman said Borg will be playing instead on the Grand Prix tour. WCT spokesman George Pharr said Borg's WCT "commitment was more than verbal." If Borg indeed does not play WCT, it would be only the second time its champion has not returned. The 1974 winner, John Newcombe, chose not to compete the next season.

Roby Takes Title

ROBY—The Roby boys basketball team clinched the District 11-B title here last night by taking a 52-43 decision over Hermleigh. Roby now has a three-game lead with only two games left to play.

In the girls game, Roby captured an 89-23 victory.

The Roby Boys held a 24-12 lead at the half of their game, and then played Hermleigh boys on even terms in the fourth period after Hermleigh had managed a 15-12 advantage in the third.

Joe Don Williamson scored 19 points for Hermleigh boys. Stewart led Roby with 13. In the girls game, Laurie Peterson had 18 for Hermleigh and C. Terry led Roby with 25.

Hermleigh Boys-Peterson 2-2-6; Dacus 3-2-8; Joe Don Williamson 9-1-19; James Williamson 2-0-4; Kruger 2-0-4; Roemisch 1-0-2; totals 19-5-43.

Roby Boys--Evers 3-2-8; Morton 5-2-12; Pope 4-0-8; King 3-5-11; Stewart 6-1-13; totals 21-10-52.

Hermleigh Girls--Hess 2-1-5; Peterson 7-4-18; totals 9-5-18.

Roby Girls--C. King 7-0-14; Terry 11-3-25; Matthies 4-1-9; Coker 8-5-21; K. King 4-0-8; S. Boyd 5-2-12; totals 38-11-89.

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Massey Bill Proposes Driver Education Fee

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — If Rep. Tom Massey, D-San Angelo, has his way, it'll soon cost each driver education student in Texas schools an average of $45 for the course.

Massey's bill, which would allow local school districts to collect fees for certain elective programs such as the rental of band umforms and driver education, was referred to subcommittee Tuesday after hearings before the House Public Education Committee.

The proposal was promted by a 1975 attorney general's ruling that barred schools from charging fees for such programs.

"I think it's reasonable to allow schools to collect fees for the educational costs they have to bear," said Massey, who offered the driver education clause as an amendment to his measure. "I don't think driver education is basic to a child's education."

Massey said if the bill, with the accompanying amendment, is passed, each Texas driver education student would have to pay an average of $45 to take the course.

The figure, he said, is the difference between the $25 per student state funding and the statewide $70 per student average cost of the program.

The State Board of Education estimated last summer that Texas' school districts lost about $22 million income from non-collection of the fees after Atty. Gen. John Hill's ruling.

Robert Wood, director of secondary education for San Antonio's Northeast Independent School District, said his district lost $197,489 last year because of Hill's decision.

Stating that the district will have to drop driver education if the bill isn't passed, Wood told the committee, "We had a first class program. We're not now giving them a first class program."

No witnesses testified against the measure.

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Medders In Jail Hospital Ward

DALLAS (AP) — Margaret Medders, who once parlayed rumors she was a millionaire oil heiress into a lavish social life, was in the Dallas County jail's hospital ward today after being arraigned on theft charges.

The charges stemmed from an unpaid $14,485 bill at a Dallas hotel last May and June.

Mrs. Medders was arrested in Los Angeles six days ago and she waived extradition from California Monday. Three Dallas County sheriff's deputies brought her back here Tuesday although it was initially reported that it would be a week before she returned to Texas.

Justice of the Peace Tom Naylor arraigned Mrs. Medders, 58, on charges of theft of services over $200 and theft over $10,000 and set bond of $20,000.

She was taken Tuesday night to the hospital ward of the county jail and she was to be examined to determine whether she should remain there or be transferred to a regular section of the jail.

She was believed to be taking medication for a heart ailment.

Mrs. Medders and her late husband, Ernest Medders, bought their way into Texas society in the 1960s on a fortune in credit not backed by cash.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The 1976 Emmy for the outstanding children's television entertainment series tops a list of 13 awards that the show "Big Blue Marble" has won.

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Pilots Waste Much Gas

NEW YORK (AP) — Pilot lights in furnaces, stoves, clothes dryers, ovens and other household appliances account for 3 per cent of the nation's total natural gas consumption, much of it wasted, a new study says.

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The electric devices add about $12 to the price of a clothes dryer, $30 to $36 to oven prices and $20 to $25 to the price of furnace. According to American Gas Association spokesman Carl Ericson, most of the igniters operate off household current.

Balancing the extra cost, however, is an estimated $600 million reduction in residential gas bills if pilot lights were banned nationwide on all appliances but water heaters, the Conference Board says. California already has such a prohibition.

According to the board, Federal Energy Administration figures show that replacing pilot lights could save some of the 648 billion cubic feet of gas they burn every year - 13 per cent of the total amount used in homes.

A national ban on sales of appliances with pilot lights eventually could save 222 billion cubic feet of gas a year - enough to heat a million homes for a year, the board says.

Not all of the gas burned by pilot lights is wasted, however, since they provide some of the heat required by ovens, dryers or furnaces when they are being used.

And the small amount of heat pilot lights produce is that much less warmth a home's heating system must produce.

Still, allowing for these circumstances, the Conference Board estimated that about one-third of the gas burned by pilots is wasted.

At Consolidated Edison Co., which serves the New York City area and is one the nation's largest gas and electric companies, spokesman Dan Walden said, "We support their use, for energy-saving reasons, naturally."

The gas association's Ericson added "we've been pushing very hard for 1½ or two years to get these going."

But Walden warned that simply shutting off a pilot light in hopes of saving gas could lead to an explosion.

"Someone could turn off the pilot in the oven and then turn the oven on later and forget there's no flame," he said. "A half-hour later, he'd walk in the kitchen with a lighted cigar ... and off you go."

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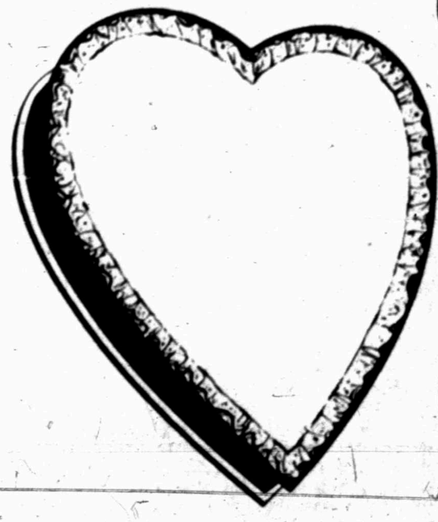

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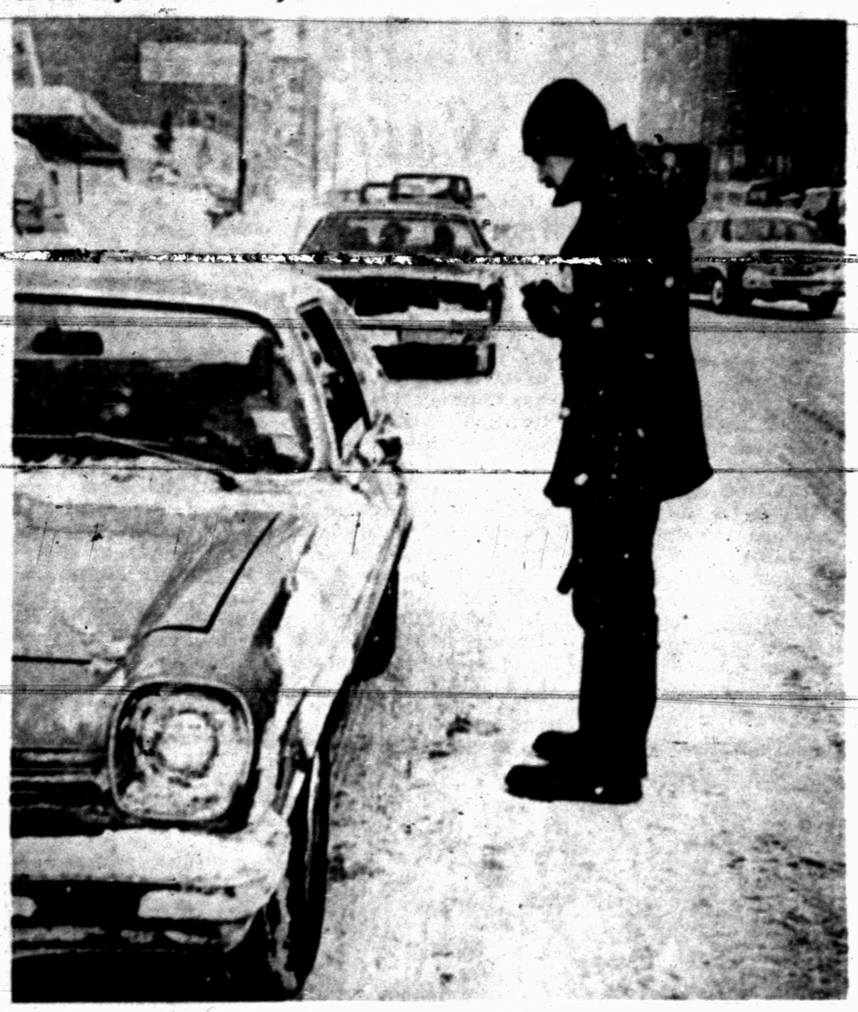

STAY OFF THE ROADS—Buffalo Police officers Patrick McDonald, tries to convince a motorist to go home and stay off the roads. Buffalo mayor Stanley Mackowski declared a state of emergency Tuesday morning so crews could better tackle the massive snow removal job. (AP Wirephoto)

Buffalo Taking Second Look At Ice Age Woes

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)— Mother Nature must bear the brunt of the blame for encasing Buffalo in a new Ice Age, but human frailties haven't helped much, either, in easing the passage of the worst storm to hit western New York state in recorded history.

As the sun peaked through on a scene of snowy chaos late Tuesday, officials and others were wondering aloud if Buffalo could have been spared some of its acute misery had there been more foresight and common sense.

"I suppose we could do it differently if we had to do it again," said Edward Regan, Erie County executive, reflecting on the panic that enveloped the city and surrounding county when the blizzard crashed in last Friday.

There are many tales of human kindess during the five days of sometimes zero-visibility weather that followed, but there are also matching ones of irresponsible behavior amongst the more than one million population.

The rash of looting in the East Side that spread down town stirred up the already short-tempered, house-confined Buffalo citizenry.

Arthur's Arsenal, a gun shop on Main street, capitalized on the anger by handing out house signs reading "Trespassers will be shot, survivors will be prosecuted."

Looking back on the agonizing experience, observers noted obvious indications of serious danger ahead. "Before this one hit we already knew the previous accumulation of snow was pretty much beyond our control, that our equipment was down and workers exhausted," said Regan.

Even before the latest storm hit, well over 100 inches of snow had fallen, reducing many streets blocked off and sidewalks covered.

Then Friday morning the National Weather Service predicted a blizzard in mid-afternoon. "That's when the mayor should have called an emergency, that's when schools and shops and government offices should have closed," commented a newspaper editor.

Instead, the population was busily going about its business when the blizzard struck, a few hours early. "We were in a white-out. People wre terrified. It was the second coming of the Ice Age," remembered Regan.

Cars rushing to reach the suburbs were enveloped. Motorists panicked and ran from their vehicles, choking up the highways. By Saturday morning the stunned city was isolated from the rest of the state, shops were closed, and the bodies of several motorists were dragged from their vehicles. Mayor Stanley M. Makowski still delayed declaring a state of emergency, hoping the storm would lift.

A local newspaper editor commented, "He was probably nervous because we had critized a previous - and what we thought premature - declaration of emergency. That's a pity because we needed it this time."

Critics were also unhappy about the slowness of federal aid. "One problem was that the U.S. had never had an urban snow emergency before," said county executive Regan.

It was not until Tuesday, the fifth day of the crisis, that federal money and extra equipment began coming in.

Within a few hours after getting up in the morning, America's 300,000 dairy farmers have delivered 3½ million gallons of milk and milk products to the nation's consumers.

Dr. Lamb

Ulcers really are seasonal

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I have always heard ulcers come in the spring and fall but believe this to be an "old wives' tale" as they say. My husband, who has retired, has had one several times a year for the past few years. He had one last March and is now again suffering with one. I have him on milk and cream which is what his doctor suggests. He has gout and is taking one Benemid daily. I'm wondering whether there could be anything in that medication to affect the stomach and perhaps cause an ulcer to return so soon after being cured. He was X-rayed last April and was completely cured. Would you advise a diet at all times after one is cured to prevent future attacks?

DEAR READER — Some "old wives' tales" turn out to be true and this is one of them. Peptic ulcers of the duodenum — the common type — are more likely to occur in the spring and late fall. No one knows why but it is true of the North American population.

Peptic ulcers were relatively uncommon before 1900. What few ulcers did occur were usually of the stomach and not the duodenum. All of this suggests that our current lifestyle has a lot to do with the incidence of ulcers. To give you more information on this and what your husband can do about it I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-5, Ulcers — Duodenal, Stomach. Others who want this information can send 50 cents for it with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing. Write to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

The most important thing your husband can do is to quit smoking if he smokes, avoid all forms of alcohol and not use any drinks that contain any caffeine. This includes coffee, tea, colas and chocolate drinks. I think with the severity of his problem he should also avoid the decaffeinated brands of coffee, since the flavor oils and other ingredients are irritating to some people.

The Benemid may irritate the stomach. It does so even in people without ulcers if the dosage is on the high side. You might talk with your doctor about putting him on Zyloprim (allopurinol). The difference is that Benemid helps the kidneys wash out excess uric acid from the body and allopurinol prevents it from being formed by the body cells — the main source of the uric acid. Zyloprim is not known to irritate the digestive system.

The milk and cream diet has been used for years but many doctors now question its value. I am concerned about the cream because your husband has gout. One of the major complications of gout is coronary artery disease.

I usually recommend that patients with gout stay on a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet to help prevent artery disease. Of course, a doctor is often faced with the lesser of evils in deciding what to do to help a patient. If your husband permits I would prefer to see him on a high protein diet, using fortified skim milk and antacids. Medicines to block the vagus nerve stimulation of acid digestive juice might also be used.

Avoiding excess stress, which sometimes means changing jobs or correcting home situations, entirely eliminating cigarettes, coffee, tea, colas and alcohol permanently and eating a sensible diet is a way of life for anyone who has or has had an ulcer or acid indigestion if they wish to avoid symptoms.

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Hughes Documents Are Seized From Mexicans

TORONTO (AP) — A Conservative member of the House of Commons, John Reynolds, used his position as a member of a parliamentary committee to get thousands of copies of documents Mexican authorities seized from the files of Howard Hughes after the billionaire recluse died, the Toronto Globe and Mail reports.

The newspaper, in a dispatch from Salt Lake City, Utah, said Reynolds got the documents by telling the Mexicans he needed them for a Canadian investigation of activities of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency activities.

The paper said Anne Clemens-Trevillion, a Vancouver accountant, photocopied the documents in Mexican government offices for Reynolds. She told the paper she is sorry she "ever got involved in this mess," the Globe and Mail reported.

Reynolds turned the copies over to John Meier, a constituent and contributor to his political campaign, who is using them to fight U.S. charges of conspiracy and tax evasion involving the sale of $8 million in mining claims to the Hughes Tool Co., the report said.

Reynolds announced this week he plans to resign his seat from the Burnaby-Richmond Delta districts of British Columbia to go to work for a California company and its Richmond subsidiary.

The Globe and Mail said the material Reynolds collected was not passed on to the justice and legal affairs committee he said he represented or to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any government department.

The newspaper reported that Reynolds in an interview said Meier first told him about the documents.

"I said, 'Good, let's see if we can get them. Maybe they'll be of use to both of us,'" Reynolds said he replied.

The Globe and Mail's report continued:

In a letter Nov. 4, Reynolds told Meier the documents were not relevant to his investigation but they might be useful in Meier's court case in the United States.

Meier's lawyer has filed some of the documents in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City in a civil case between Meier, two other men and Hughes, Summa Corp.

Meier, who lives in Delta, B.C., said Tuesday he also turned over some of the documents to Texas authorities who are trying to establish whether Texas was Hughes' legal domicile and his estate subject to Texas taxes.

Meier said other documents were turned over to publisher Hank Greenspan of the Las Vegas Sun, who is involved in a lawsuit with the Hughes organization.

Reynolds said if the Hughes documents help prove that the charges against Meier "are politically motivated, then I have done nothing wrong."

Berry's World

"When did the Disneyland poster get replaced by the Farrah Fawcett-Majors one?"

Bell Defends Assistance Fee

DALLAS (AP) — Charges for directory assistance keep the average telephone customer from paying for abuses of a small percentage who make as many as 10,000 calls per month, a Southwestern Bell executive says.

Doyle Rogers, Bell vice president in Texas, said Tuesday that passage of a state Senate bill to outlaw directory assistance charges could force Bell to increase rates paid by all customers to offset what he called abuse of service by a few.

He said going back to the nocharge plan for directory assistance would "allow hundreds of customers to make as many as 500 calls a month - and some to make as many as 10,000 calls a month. Those calls are for such things as credit information."

Rogers also said in a statement that forcing Bell to drop directory assistance charges would be a sellout to labor unions in Texas.

"I can't see passage of a bill in Texas that would so nakedly please labor by forcing the telephone companies of Texas to hire people they don't need to fill expensive and unproductive jobs," he said.

Rogers acknowledged the directory assistance plan would require fewer operators.

"I would understand the concern of unions for jobs," he said. "I can't understand a philosophy akin to feather-bedding and can only conclude that unions are more interested in their own memberships and dues than in consumer protection."

Rogers said current plans that allow 10 calls to directory assistance without charge would provide more free service than a great majority of customers would ever use.

Nuclear Tankers To Be Built

HOUSTON (AP) — Tenneco Inc. has announced that one of its subsidiaries, Newport News Shipbuilding Co., has tentatively agreed to build up to three nuclear-powered oil tankers at a currently estimated price of $325 million per vessel.

Tenneco said Tuesday the shipbuilding subsidiary signed a letter of intent with Globtik Tankers U.S.A. that anticipates that the parties will negotiate to enter into a definitive construction agreement sometime this year.

Under the proposed contract, Newport News Shipbuilding would deliver the first 1,303-foot nuclear tanker by the end of 1985, with the others to follow in 1986 and 1987, Tenneco said.

Each vessel would be 600,000 dead weight tonnage and would be designed to carry approximately four million barrels of crude oil - about one-fourth of the crude oil the United States uses in a day and enough to run the city of Baltimore for a month.

No other nuclear-powered commercial vessels of this size are currently in operation, Tenneco said.

Fire Chief Dismissed

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — The city Civil Service Commission has voted to dismiss Fire Chief LeRoy Ridling, saying he is unable to perform his duties and responsibilities.

The commission asked for Ridling's resignation last week, but he refused. Ridling, 48, has been with the department 25 years, and was promoted to chief in May 1975.

The commission named Police Chief John Butler interim fire chief.

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