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night, across the long highway: "How about that Sugar Britches? You got the Georgia Nightcrawler looking for that sweet thing. A fetching, gum-chewing voice answers back over the citizens' band radio: "You got the Sugar Britches here. Come on, good buddy."

> Typical opening of a CB confab with the Sugar Britches, the name — or "handle" — of Lanie Dills, 34, a Nashville, Tenn., business-woman who wrote the first CB dictionary. Her "CB Slanguage Language Dictionary" is com-ing out in revision this week with more than 1,000 terms.

NEW YORK — A road-weary trucker's

drawl comes crackling through the lonely

She bought a CB radio last June to help her avoid getting speeding tickets. "I had a bad case of mike fright at first," Lanie says. "I wanted to be able to talk with truckers, know the lingo and not get laughed off the airwaves, she said in an interview here.

She searched without success for a dictionary of colorful CB terms, then decided to

Lanie bought CB radios for her friends and asked them to report on terms used around Helena, Mont., Boston, Santa Ana, Calif., Roswell, N.M., Dallas and St. Louis. She covered the Southeast in her travels

A few of her findings: There are at least 84 references to police and police stations, in-cluding Kojak, Pink Panther, Sneaky Snake and the universal Smokey. There are at least nine words for speeding ticket, including feed-ing the bears and spreading the greens.

She also found six words for prostitute, in-cluding free ride, dress for sale and pavement princess; 21 words for woman or wife, including warden, super skirt and sweet thing; four words for coffee, including cup of mud, black

water and 30-weight. Beer might be barley pop in the Northwest, Colorado Kool-aid in the West, honey in the Southeast and 40-weight in the Southwest. Compiling the dictionary has made the

Sugar Britches something of a CB celebrity. She is sought out on the airwaves and welcomed in truck stops, pizza parlors and other haunts of CB denizens like "Hot Lips" and the

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How bout it Sugar Britches?

How 'bout peeling off at this exit for some mud?

"Tennessee Ridge Runner." A good handle, like "Sugar Britches," is hard to come by and jealously guarded, says Lanie, who used to be called Cherokee, Miss Canonball and the Nashville Wild Child. She was dubbed "Sugar Britches" by a trucker who chatted with her one night and

concluded by saying: "Okay, Sugar Britches. Catch you on the flip-flop return trip." "When I heard it, I knew that was my handle," says Lanie.

She is one of the estimated 11 million CB operators. The Federal Communications Commission received about 415,000 CB applications last December.

"CB provides a personal communications link that people didn't have before," Lanie says. "It helps people to help each other with-out a total body commitment of actually wrenching a knife from somebody's hand.

"It's a club anybody can join. All you have to do is learn the language. There's a lot of

camaraderie." CB also enables operators to assume a diffe-rent personality. "It's like being on stage," she

says. "You can name yourself and create your own image. You don't need to brush your teeth or comb your hair or put on a new suit." Sometimes being the Sugar Britches means

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getting asked for dates, like: "How 'bout it, Sugar Britches? How 'bout peeling off at this exit 202 for some mud?"

Most understand a "no thanks.

CB wives tell Lanie that their professional husbands — doctors, lawyers, businessmen — try to assume truckers' jargon and a twang or a drawl. They choose handles like the Irish Bootlegger, Ohio Knucklehead and Country Bumpkin.

But her greatest surprise was the Under-cover Lover, a trucker from Atlanta. "He had the smoothest, deepest, sexiest voice and the sweetest ways on the radio. I really wanted to meet him," said Lanie, who is divorced. "So we got together one day at a pizza parlor in Adverter Witch

in Atlanta. What a shock. He was a beer-drinking slouch, ugly, fat, sweating, panting, balding and missing two front teeth. "It was a real disappointment, but, you

know, he was real sweet.

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Stevens taking route of independent

Associated Press WASHINGTON — If his first dissenting votes are any indication, Jus-tice John Paul Stevens may turn out to be one of the Supreme Court's more independent members.

When he was first named to the court last year by President Ford, Stevens was regarded by many lawyers as likely to become part of the court's conservative core made up of the four appointees of former President Richard M. Nixon.

But in two of his three dissents Monday, Stevens sided with the court's two liberals, Justice William Brennan in one case and Justice Thurgood Marshall and Brennan in the other case. In the third case, he joined Justice William Rehnquist, a conservative, in dissent.

Stevens succeeded retired Justice William O. Douglas, who with Brennan and Marshall had formed the court's liberal wing. With Jus-tices Potter Steward and Byron White regarded as independent votes, Stevens' position could be the key in determining 5-4 majorities, with the losing four being either the liberals-independents or the conservatives consisting of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justices Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Harry Blackmun and Rehnquist.

Stevens and Brennan dissented from the court's decision upholding a law under which migrant farm worker communities in Texas' Rio Grande Valley have been excluded

from water improvement districts. Stevens, Brennan and Marshall also dissented from a decision that five accused murderers in California's San Quentin prison need not be given full-scale hearings in order to be held in segregation.

When he joined with Rehnquist, Stevens dissented from the majority's decision in a Florida obscenity case. The case involved an obscenity conviction previously reversed by the high court which the state then attempted to reprosecute. The majority decision allows the defendant to file a petition to block further prosecution, and Stevens' dissent apparently was based on his previ-ously stated belief in "judicial restraint." During his Senate confirmation hearings last year, Stevens declined to label himself as either "an activist" or a "strict constructionist" and said any label he pinned on himself "might turn out not to fit.



