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# Odd-even fever sweeping nation; ationing in East—Texas to follow

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8 or 0, you got a spot in the s Wednesday in parts of New , the New York City area and

our license plate ends in 1, 3, 9, you will have to wait until when you will be joined by st of the drivers in New Jersey notorists in the Washington, area who go on the odd-even of rationing then.

ing Monday, Texas drivers will line up by the numbers and

their tanks. Energy Office Director Joseph S. Fitzpatrick said Tuesday the plan probably will be implemented before the weekend.

The odd-even system, which showed some success in California where the gas shortage first appeared, is gaining converts around

find themselves under the same system. Massachusetts was considering the motorist and the dealer — with

to keep drivers from topping off pump lines and spreading dwindling cheaters in Connecticut could get

New York Gov. Hugh Carey, Gov. Ella Grasso of Connecticut and Texas Gov. Bill Clements an-nounced their odd-even systems day on the Garden State Parkway and officials found the initial results

And in both Connecticut and New York, the rationing plan is de-Rhode Island motorists may soon signed to discourage cheating: the find themselves under the same sys-

dent drivers are striking and pro-

testing the high cost of diesel fuel

and the 55 mph speed limit.

Hill said of the planned shut-

anybody. But we're being hurt by

the oil industry (which) is holding

back supply in order to raise

"We're not trying to hurt

up to a year in jail.

Although most of New Jersey won't come under the plan until today, the system was in effect Tuesday on the Garden State Parkway encouraging.

We are very pleased," Parkway operations manager John Simons. "The lines were substan-tially reduced, and I think the public understands, although it is some-

times hard to convince them."

The odd-even plans were coupled with some sort of antitank-topping measure - either a minimum purchase limt or a requirement the tank be at least half empty to purchase

That was encouraging for gas dealers like Don Turner at the Mustang Service Center in Dallas, who said Clement's decision to order an odd-even system for Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston wouldn't solve

They'll just buy every other day whether they need it or not," said Turner, who added, about half his customers have been buying only a few gallons of gasoline to top off their tanks.

There was one encouraging note Tuesday for desperate drivers. In London, Saudi Arabian Oil

Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani said Tuesday Saudi Arabia is considering a million barrel a day increase in oil production to stop world panic, but only if indussumption. The current world shortbarrels a day.

And there was a discouraging note, too. Connecticut state Rep. John Groppo had planned to be on hand when Grasso declared the mandatory gas rationing. But he couldn't make it. He couldn't find



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strikers threatened a nade shutdown at midnight, a ers' spokesman said.

liam Hill, chairman of the Inndent Truckers Group, said on NBC "Today" television show in

opulous Europe and Asia next month.

rom tumbling out of control.

Skylab balancing

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WASHINGTON — The Skylab space station turned around in

orbit Wednesday in a key maneuver aimed at opening the way for an

imprecedented attempt if necessary to keep it from falling over

Acting on instructions radioed up from Earth during the night, the 78.5-ton orbiting laboratory changed into a position intended to bal-

ance the increasing forces of gravity and atmospheric drag and keep it

The maneuver started at 8:50 a.m. EDT while the abandoned pacecraft was about 165 miles over the South Pacific Ocean. Thirty

minutes later, as Skylab passed over the Ascension Island tracking

station in the South Atlantic, engineers confirmed that Skylab ma-

The station ended up in a sideways position as it circled the globe.

"Everything looks pretty good," reported control center spokes-man Robert Gordon in Houston. "All systems aboard Skylab look

the shutdown set for 11:59 p.m., truck was parked. His name was not local time Wednesday because immediately released nor were dethere were too many truckers tails on the shooting. The indepen-The walkout was expected to halt

produce where the harvest is in full swing and of gasoline supplies. Forty-three persons were ar-rested in Alabama at a trucker pro-

the movement of large quantities of

test in Winston County

State troopers said the dead man was found shortly after 4 a.m. near the intersection of U.S. 72 and U.S. 43 in Colbert County where the

The shutdown, Hill said, is a protest against the oil industry. And it's high time the government do something about the oil industry that is really causing a tremendous amount of inflation in this nation.

He predicted an overwhelming majority of independent truckers would join the shutdown by the end

Hill said the top priorities of truckers include:

-One hundred percent allocations of diesel fuel. -A reasonable surcharge to

cover the increased cost of fuel. —A uniform weight system.

-Opposition to the administration's call for deregulation of the trucking industry. "I was involved in 1973-74 when

they said they had a shortage of fuel," Hill said. "After we went on a shutdown, all of a sudden we got all the fuel we wanted — and the prices stopped rising.

Truckers, meanwhile, escalated their two-week protest by blockading gasoline distribution centers in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michi-

Hill, however, disapproved of the 6.0......

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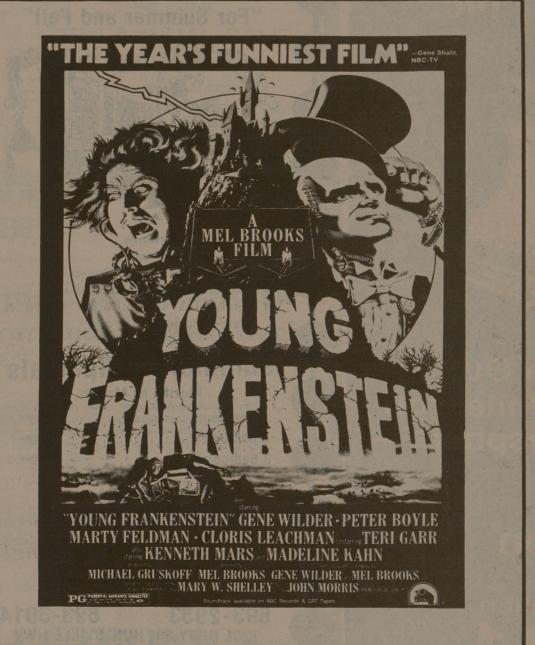
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