

Some residents to get help with December bill

By KARL PALLMEYER
Reporter

Managers of several apartment complexes say they will help students who have received unusually high electric bills because of the record cold in December.

The heat in many complexes was turned on during the cold snap, even though most of the tenants were away on Christmas vacation, to protect pipes and indoor plants.

Assistant Student Legal Adviser Matthew T. Nancarrow said one group of students has told him they plan to file a suit against its complex. Nancarrow would not give the names of the students or the complex and, as of last week, no such suit had been filed in Brazos County. Nancarrow said the complexes have a responsibility to share the cost since turning up the heat protected the property of the apartment owners.

A Battalion reporter surveyed 44 apartment complexes in College Station. Of those surveyed, eight said they would be willing to help tenants on an individual basis if they would bring in their bills. They did not, however, specify how much help they would give their tenants. The others gave varied answers, such as:

- They turned up the heat only in vacant apartments.
- They only turned up the heat if the tenants called and asked them to.
- They asked the tenants to turn up the heat before they left.
- They pay all utilities, so it doesn't matter.
- They drained the pipes to prevent freezing.
- They left the water running in the pipes to prevent freezing.

Casa del Sol Manager Shirley Hernandez says most of her tenants were glad that their

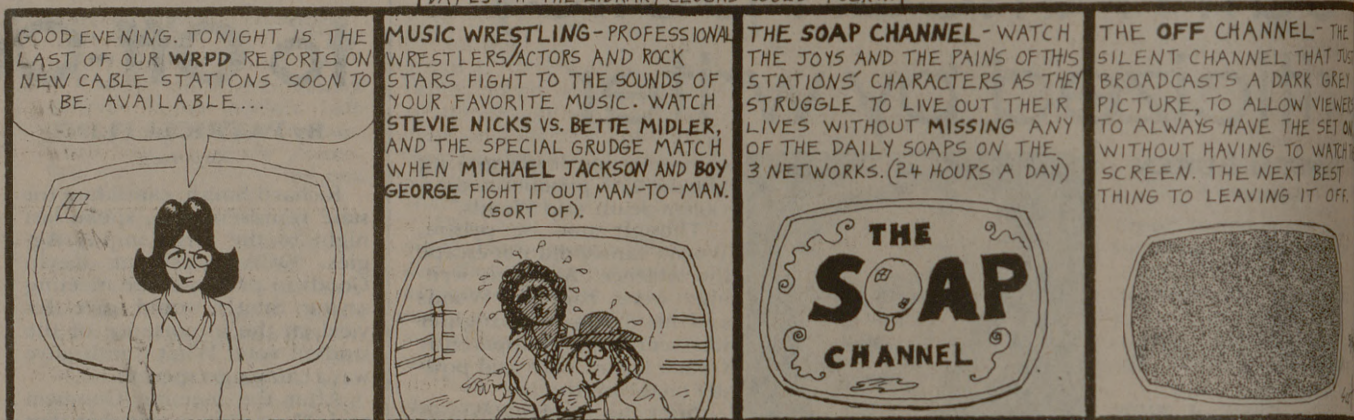
heat was turned up. The pipes above one apartment had burst and flooded the apartment below, so the tenants realized the danger, she says. She says the electric bills are higher, but the tenants were content to pay a little extra for electricity rather than trying to replace possessions that could have been damaged.

Pete Burkett, property manager for Metro Properties, says that by turning on the heat, his company has saved the property of both the tenants and the landlords. Metro, which controls Aurora Gardens, Scandia, Sevilla and Taos apartments, is willing to help its tenants if they bring the bills to their apartment manager's office and ask for an adjustment, he says.

The managers of Brookwood, Cripple Creek, Plantation Oaks and Tree House apartments also say they will help their tenants if they ask for an adjustment.

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by Scott McCuller



New England losses have Mondale fighting in South

United Press International
Walter Mondale, fighting to come back in the South from his New England reverses, won endorsement Wednesday from the first family of civil rights in Atlanta and attacked the rights record of surging Gary Hart.

Mondale, seeking to shake off Hart's third victory in seven days — a runaway in Vermont's non-binding "beauty contest" primary Tuesday — got the public support of Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King Sr., the wife and father of the late civil rights leader.

The former vice president took the occasion to charge that

Hart had a blemish on his civil rights record — a May 15, 1979, vote not to restore an embargo of Rhodesian chrome.

"I fought to reimpose that embargo, and my opponent voted to prevent the reimposition of that embargo," he declared. "There's a difference, a deep difference in our commitment to this most profound issue."

Mondale said later he was not charging that Hart has an anti-civil rights record, only that "it's a question of intensity and commitment."

He also defended meeting with Alabama Gov. George

Wallace, once the nemesis of civil rights. Mondale said Wallace has accepted the change in the South "in good grace" and "he's said himself he made a mistake" about his segregationist past.

Hart, who campaigned among union workers and students in Birmingham Wednesday, responded to Mondale's attack, saying, "I don't think that the negative Mondale campaign is going to work because Fritz Mondale doesn't believe it himself."

"Fritz Mondale ... knows that I am as committed to civil rights as he is; he knows that I have just as deep feelings for human needs and needs of this country as he does."

In Washington, a spokesman for Hart said his staff was not clear what vote Mondale was citing, but a review of Hart's record showed he "consistently" supported the embargo in a dozen votes on the issue.

Hart produced a landslide in Vermont Tuesday following earlier wins in New Hampshire in Maine. With all votes counted, he had 51,703, 71 percent. Mondale got 14,896, or 20 percent, and Jackson, now in peril of losing federal matching funds, 5,677 or 8 percent.

In campaigning Wednesday, John Glenn, all but the forgot-

ten man in the chase for a 1984 Democratic presidential nomination, picked up what may be the highest-ranked Democratic endorsement available in Florida. He snared endorsement of Lt. Gov. Wayne Mixson, who had backed Robin Askew until the former governor bowed out of the race last week.

Jesse Jackson, regarded as a factor in the South, went on pausing in Illinois but plans to return to Mississippi to start a six-day blitz.

In a speech at Champlain where Jackson attended the University of Illinois, he evoked the memory of John F. Kennedy in calling for courageous leadership. "When the Bay of Pigs invasion took place, I made a mistake and he said," Jackson said.

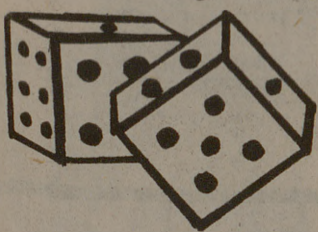
George McGovern was a sole New England campaigner trying to lift his fortunes in Massachusetts, and said he would reject any offers to take the vice presidential slot on another candidate's ticket.

Hart, still disclaiming runner status, also got an endorsement in Florida, where 123 delegates are the prize in the 11 states and other jurisdictions voting next Tuesday.

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Perot cancels speech

H. Ross Perot has canceled his speech that was scheduled for tonight in Rudder Auditorium. MSC Political Forum said no plans for rescheduling Perot

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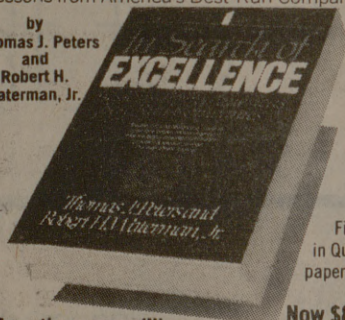
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