

Good Morning top of the news

SUNNY BUT WINDY. Mostly sunny skies and windy warm days are forecast for the Tucson area through tomorrow. Nights should be clear, mild and occasionally windy. The high today should be in the mid-70s and the low about 45. Yesterday's high and low were 74 and 42.

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THE FLOWER LADY. Staff writer Edith Sayre Armstrong spent Valentine's Day on a local street corner selling flowers and discovered that the job would be a financial bonanza if every day were a holiday. She also discovered that although every customer must pass by at least one flower, most pass by at least two. Page 1A.

SCHOOL INSURANCE. A legal plan for school insurance will be presented tonight to the District One board, a district lawyer premises. The previous policy has been declared illegal by the state attorney general. Page 1B.

WATER PROBLEMS. The City Council is beginning a program to educate the public about water problems before two public hearings are held this month. Page 1B.

IN SICKNESS AND IN DEBT. For countless, health care was the charitable, and hospitals here their red-marked ledgers with profit. All that is changing, modern business management and rising costs have given health care a new complexion. Page 1B.

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PROPERTY TAXES. Legislation is introduced that would use tax cuts to offset progressively higher property valuations. House Majority Leader Burton Barr says the intent is to force officials "to stand up and be counted" on rising taxes. Page 1B.

CONSUMER FRAUD. The Senate Judiciary Committee votes down proposed legislation that would have prohibited the Attorney General's Office from impounding business records or obtaining other information about the sale or advertisement of merchandise without a court order or retained complaint. Page 1C.

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BUSING STUDY. The Chicago Board of Education has found in a six-year study that limited busing of black children to predominantly white schools has resulted in higher reading and mathematics scores for the black white doing no harm to the performance of the white children. Page 1A.

ROCKY ANGRYS BOXER. Light-heavyweight fighter Ray Elton has seen the movie "Rocky" and is angered by the film's portrayal of today's professional fighters as "poor ignorant slobs." Page 1C.

CAUTION WINS FOUR MORE. Systemic signing the Arizona record old apprentice jockey Steve Caution picks up his working papers at a New York State Labor Dept. office and cautions that he will be at Aqueduct Race Track in later his year's total to 106. Saturday, the state questioned the legality of his working without papers, and told horse owners and trainers they were violating the law by using him on their mounts. Page 1C.

SPECIAL INTERESTS. Common Cause reports that special-interest groups gave more than \$2 million to congressional candidates last year, almost doubling their 1974 donations. Rep. John Rhodes, R-Ariz., led all House candidates in receiving special-interest donations. Page 1A.

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ROMANIAN DISSENTERS. Nine Romanians have signed an open appeal to the nation signing the Helsinki accord of 1975 asking their help in winning more respect for human rights in Romania. Page 1B.

RHODESIA BLOODIED. The Rhodesian government concludes that its troops have committed more atrocities in the racial fighting. But officials say that government forces, unlike the black insurgents, kill noncombatants only by accident. Page 1A.

ISRAEL REBUKED. The State Dept. says it believes Israel does not have the right under international law to drill for oil off the shores of Sinai, which Israel seized from Egypt in 1967, and that the Israeli oil search there is detrimental to efforts to renew peace negotiations. Page 1A.

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EDITORIALS: "Social" promotion of failing students does them harm. Used car dealers should not be hindered by new legislation designed to keep them honest. Proposals by the Arizona Public Service Co. to conserve electric power appear sound. Page 1B.

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Bone dry — Receding water has left little room for fish to swim in Nicasio Reservoir in Marin County, north of San Francisco. The reservoir, which normally holds 11,000 acres-feet of water, is nearly dry and out of service as the main source for the Marin Municipal Water District. California's 17-month drought has prompted calls for statewide water rationing. Story on Page 1A. (AP)

Mexico promised strong U.S. ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter promised to strengthen U.S. relations with Mexico yesterday, as he welcomed Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, the first foreign head of state to visit the White House since Carter took office.

2 released in Manzo illegal-alien case

By ERNIE HELTSLEY  
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Federal felony charges against two fugitives in the Manzo Area Council case involving the entry of illegal aliens to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Roberts is charged in bombing attempt

PHOENIX (AP) — Neal Roberts, a Phoenix attorney mentioned during testimony about the murder of newspaper reporter Dan Butler, was arrested by federal agents yesterday on charges of attempting to bomb a federal building.

The federal complaint also accused Chamber member James Robinson of the attempted bombing of a U.S. Public Health Service building on northeast Phoenix on Jan. 27, 1976, the FBI said.

Roberts is in jail awaiting trial for murder in the Butler slaying.

Roberts and Robinson were charged with conspiracy to damage or destroy property leased to the U.S. government, with making and possessing a destructive device and with possession of stolen explosives, said Lewis Gaskill, special agent in charge of the Phoenix FBI office.

Roberts was later released from the Maricopa County Jail after he posted \$25,000 bond. He was ordered not to leave the county.

The 39-year-old attorney was arrested at his midtown law office, Gaskill said. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 10 a.m. today.

A maintenance man found 42 sticks of dynamite in the building, leased to the General Services Administration. They were exploded two hours before they were set to explode.

John Adamson, 31, who has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the Butler case, has testified that Roberts, just owner of the building, promised him \$50,000 of an expired \$90,000 insurance claim if the building was destroyed.

Adamson testified last month that the moving plane for the conspiracy to bomb the reporter's car was outside Roberts' office. That testimony came at a preliminary hearing for Roberts and contractor Max Dunlap, who has also been charged with murder in Butler's slaying.

Adamson and his wife also testified in that hearing that Roberts arranged a flight out of Phoenix for them the night of the car bombing.

Butler, an investigative reporter for the Arizona Republic, was killed by a dynamite bomb that was detonated underneath his car last June 2.

Hitler his idol Suspended worker slays 5

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN  
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NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — Frederick W. Cowan, a 33-year-old suspended worker who wounded five others in a shooting spree with a semi-automatic rifle yesterday at his employer's moving company here. After a day-long siege with policemen, he shot and killed himself.

Cowan, carrying bundles of ammunition, four pistols and hand grenades, invaded the office-warehouse complex of the Niagara Warehouse Moving Co. shortly before 8 a.m.

He killed four co-workers and wounded two others inside, then turned his fire on arriving policemen. He killed one officer and wounded three others.

He just started shooting and everybody started running all over the place," said one employee. "He walked in and everybody started screaming and running. It was just mayhem."

William Hagarty, the New Rochelle police commissioner, said Cowan had been suspended as a furniture mover two weeks ago for rudeness to customers and had been promised to "get even" with the supervisor who had disciplined him.

A twice-court married Army veteran who listed weights and appeared as a model in body-building magazines, Cowan was known as a gun collector with a fascination for the Nazi period. He made no secret of his admiration of Hitler or his hatred of blacks and Jews. His arms were tattooed with Iron Crosses, knives, skulls and swastikas, and in his room were Nazi flags, uniforms and other regalia, according to police sources.

Heavily armed police officers from New Rochelle, Yonkers, Larchmont and other communities north of New York City surrounded the complex, and Cowan took refuge on the second floor of the company's two-story office building.

Several employees, unable to get out of the building, hid in washrooms through the day. To authorities outside, however, it was not clear whether they were being held hostage. In the deadlocked situation, no assault was made.

An armed personnel carrier, sharpshooters and a hostage negotiating team were on the second floor of the company's two-story office building.

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