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Wednesday, January First, was a terrible day, to say the least! It was bad enough for me, but I can only imagine how bad it was for Deacon Frank, his family, and all the congregants of St. Bernard's when he went in and discovered Father Freed's body. I've known Frank and his family for many years, and they are good strong Catholics, this will be very hard on all Catholics in our area, as well as others who knew Father Freed.//This brings me to why did the police let the killer out so soon? He had been rowdy both times he was arrested and at the Hospital. Sounds to me that they let him go way too soon. He had been run off from St. Bernard's at least once and came back again. Then he kicked in (or)out the window and commenced to beat the good Father. I hope he gets the max!//The Middle east and mid-west the arbattling ice and snow and horrible weather! Everyone is hollering to get the power back-don't they realize how hard it is to get miles and miles of power lines and poles back into operating condition? I worked right across the street from PG&E's corporation yard, DURING and I know how hard the crews work. The'd come in for a little rest, and go right back out! It's hard, hard, work, and cold, too!//Then, you have the folks who waited 'till the last minute to order stuff! Now the're moaning and groaning because they didn't get it! Maybe next year they will!//The weather department is warning folks to watch out for sneaker waves. I've been there, done that! About twenty -five years ago, I helped pull a little guy out of the ocean at Trinidad. The water was at our ankles one second, then at our neck the next -it went out, then came back in and went out throats again.

We didn't fight it, and all turned out well. The sneaker came into a little cove, picked up the girl, which the mom caught, and sent the boy rolling in the surf about 40-50 feet out. His dad and I got him though. So, DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON THE WAVES! KEEP YOUR KIDS IN YOUR SIGHT!//Those of you who know me, know I sing with the Humboldt Harmonaires. Over the Christmas season, we sang for two rest homes, the Fortuna Christmas Festival, and our quartets are presenting "Singing Valentines" on Valentines Day. Call 445-350 for appointments.

Getting back to PG&E one year when we had a major ice storm and the work soes. The main line coming in from the valleygot frozen up with about 4 inches of ice. It broke in some places and they had a GC (General Construction) crew working on it. Our store had the contract for the food, I never had sold so many cubes steaks in my life. They were quick and easy to fix, especially when you had crews coming and going.

I heard guys complaining and hoping they never ate abother cube steak for their entire life!//The guys did a wonderful job, and there were, as always, guys who called in sick, or hurt their back or something, but all in all,

those PG&E guys are good hard workers and I have been good friends with .many of them.

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