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"90 Percent Accurate"
 Weathermen may be immune to such skeptical sayings as "Anybody fool enough to think he knows what the weather is going to do deserves what he gets." But the Gilman says even seasonal outlooks — the very distant horizon of forecasting — are likely to be right 60 percent of the time, thanks to weighing clues from the past two years. According to the summer seasonal outlook:

- The East Coast from South Carolina and Western states to about

Salt Lake City to the Pacific will be the coldest of the season — not even close.

— However, the southern half of the country will be warmer than normal. The Mexican border and from Alabama and Tennessee through Texas and Oklahoma — are in for good news. "Cooler than normal" is in the outlook through September.

The 1980 heat wave already has burned its way into the record books. The Southwestern's worst furnace-like blast in 25 years, well over 200 deaths claimed on high temperatures through the first part of July, thermometer across Texas frequently reading higher than anybody's ever seen them.

Forty thousand farmers were dazed out between the Mexican border and North Dakota during the years of the drought. And in 1934, in August alone, 1,500 people died from the heat.

On Broadway, Irving Berlin immortalized the obvious with Ethel Waters belting out, "We're havin' a heat wave, a tropical heat wave. The temperature's risin', it's not so surprising that anybody was surprised after such high temperatures."

In July 1936 two weeks of torrid temperatures, some as high as 128 degrees, smothered the Great Plains from the Rockies to the Appalachians. In Michigan 600 people died, nearly 300 in Detroit alone. Total deaths from heat that year, according to one estimate, were 5,000.

But some say the worst heat wave of all time was in the summer of 1948, when "Dust Bowl" was a new headline indicator of disaster for farmers, and 100-degree temperatures parched the maize powder-dry from mid-June to mid-August.

"THE GREATEST COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE HALF-CENTURY" wrote the Associated Press of the 1921 classic Centre College vs. Harvard gridiron match. Highlights from the program are featured on KET's, "Run That By Me Again," a 21-part series recounting 50 years of Kentucky sports history. The series continues Saturday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. (ET), 6:30 p.m. (CT), on KET with the 1976 Peach Bowl game between the University of Kentucky and the University of North Carolina.

Babe Ruth picnic set

The Babe Ruth League will have its annual pot-luck picnic Sunday, August 17 at 3 p.m. at the recreation park. League president Clifton W. augh asked that parents bring players to the picnic please bring a dish. "We've had some in the past who just drop the trophies will be awarded after the boys and not bring a dish," Waugh said. "This creates a problem for the rest of us who do bring something."

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Benefits restored

The Department for Human Resources has resumed benefits payments to unemployed workers covered by free unemployment insurance programs that ran out of money for a month.

The workers are getting checks again and have been paid retroactive benefits. Affected workers covered by the Trade Headquarter Act, federal civilian employees and veterans. The reinstatement act applies to employees in industries hurt by import competition.

The benefit freeze began June 12 when the federal government ran out of money for the three programs and asked Congress to allocate more funds for the rest of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. Congress appropriated the additional funds in mid-July, and the Human Resources Department issued benefit checks again on July 15.

Bell must pay
 The state Utility Regulatory Commission has determined that South Central Bell shall bear the \$71,422 cost of refunding overcharges to its customers.

On June 30 the telephone company submitted a plan to the commission outlining how it will refund approximately \$14 million to its customers. Within 60 days after completion of the refund, South Central Bell must submit a final accounting of all amounts refunded under the commission order.

Which prompted the Greek poet Herod to provide advice followed today by many a heat wave victim: "When Sirius parches head and knees, and the body is dried by reason of the heat, then sit in the shade and drink."

Hospital Report
ADMISSIONS: Frank Buckler, Lena Haman, Harlan Steen, Nannie Lincoln, William Hunt, Cecil Marshall, Ronald Rorer, Geneva Fuller, Meredith Jack, Virginia Ashby, Robert Anderson, John Workman, Linda Livingston, Bita Meyer and baby boy, Julia Craycraft, Carl Lehman, Linda Livingston, Jessie Tucker, John Workman, Barbara Alexander, Raymond Ritchie, Celestine Jones, Alfred Lewis, Mable Morris, Edgar Buckler, Dudley Holland, Joe Delaney, Carolyn Glance, Gerald Hubble, Miltberger, Gordon Wells, Joe Cole, Ada Hughes, Julian Martin, Melaine Clifford and baby girl, Jessie Bailey, Mt. Olivet, Letton Curtis, Maybick, Roberta Abner, Elaine Ritchie, Edwin, Mattie Herwick, Hennesstia Thomas, Sharpsharg.

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ROCK TRACKS
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City audit doesn't detail disbursements

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 as it's broken down.

Revenue Sharing Fund
 The revenue sharing fund is the only city fund that for the past three years has been conducted on a budget basis as far as the audit goes. And there's a good reason for that.

Revenue sharing comes directly from the federal government and there are strict guidelines as to how it can be used. Still, the revenue sharing fund spent \$14.63 million more than it took in and only a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$19,827 kept it from going in the hole.

Water, Sewer and Gas Fund
 This fund, commonly called the utility fund, is the sugar daddy of all the utility funds that have occurred in the past three years.

It can be transferred at times because the bond ordinances which were passed to raise revenue for construction of the utility system mandated that a certain balance be maintained in the bond reserves.

This meant that the city could have extra money on hand in one fund and be running in the hole in others. Like the man who stood with one foot in a bucket of ice water and the other in a bucket of hot coils, it could be said that on the average the city was breaking even even had some extra money.

But theoretically that "extra" money could not be used to cover deficits in the other funds since the city pledged, when it sold the utility bonds, that a certain amount could be kept on reserve.

That theory didn't work out for the years 1976-78 from the date the bonds were depleted to cover losses in other funds, losses incurred because (a) the collection of property taxes was delayed and (b) city services were costing more money to run than they received in revenues.

On the whole the utility fund made more money than it spent but \$3,366 was transferred to the general fund, a

transfer that prompted this remark from the auditors:
 "The city's system of accounting and internal control is inadequate and the principles of Fund Accounting have not been adhered to in the collection and proper recording of revenues and disbursements by Fund or purpose."

Utility Reserve Fund
 The Utility Reserve Fund, as noted by the auditors, was deficient by \$77,996 and the Depreciation Reserve was deficient by \$7,700. These two funds are explained in a notes to the auditor. Briefly, they say:

- The Utility Reserve Fund must accumulate within five years from the date the bonds were issued a sum equal to the bond and interest requirements for one year.
- The Depreciation Fund must have \$400 per month deposited into it for renewals, reserves and contingencies until a maximum of \$38,000 is accumulated.

Neither of these two funds met requirements by Dec. 31, 1979. And when the money is not deposited into them, it can be used for other purposes, which makes the general fund better — at the expense of the bond reserve fund.

Other Aspects
 The rest of the audit dealt with the

amount of insurance coverage the city carries and the bond redemption schedule. According to the bond schedule the city is indebted until the year 2004 to the tune of almost \$3 million in utility bond interest and principal payments. This is money that has already been spent and must be paid back.

And to the city's credit, since January of 1979 there has been a concentrated effort to put the city's accounting and disbursement procedures on a more professional basis. But that doesn't mean the quality of audits that have happened in the first place. And the citizens of Carlisle these days and the capacity of the tax mill of 1977 have tax

payments it is strange that no one questioned the fact that the Nicholas Family Court had to borrow money to keep its operations going but the city didn't.

If there had been a question, the answer might have been, in terms that should be familiar to all, that Peter was being robbed to pay Paul. A day of disbursement procedures and it came with a vengeance to January of 1979 when the city of Carlisle had to borrow \$100,000 (practically overnight) as well as discovering that some city bills, including a debt to the city's gas supplier, had not been paid since September of 1978.

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Dodgers presented trophies
 The Minor League Dodgers received trophies Thursday night at the Little House restaurant. The trophies were awarded to each player and their coaches for being season champs and for winning first place in the league tournament.

The Dodgers' season record was nine wins and one loss. They were sponsored this year by the Little House restaurant.

Members of the team are Brad Allison, Chris Jolly, Thaddeus Jolly, Shane Hughes, Jarrod Wells, Joe Hatton, Jeff Glass, Kevin Campbell, Shaunna Hughes, Johnny Wagner, Jim Glenn Stone and Bobby Hatton, manager.



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