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FEB 4 1977

*Hens & Kelly  
Como Mall, Cheektowaga*

FEB 14 1977

Workers try to clear snow from Hens & Kelly store in the Como Mall

**STORMS: BUFFALO AND WESTERN NEW YORK:**

*Cheektowaga store's roof collapsed under tons of snow*

**THE GREAT BLIZZARD OF '77** — It all started on Jan. 28. Fast and furious, the storm unfolded its 50 m.p.h winds and snow and crippled the Cheektowaga area, as well as the rest of Western New York. Motorists abandoned their autos and struggled to shelter. Volunteer firemen and policemen from the Cheektowaga-area communities were heroic in their efforts to help others as snow fighting crews moved as fast as they could.

President Carter's son, James, called "Chip" by his friends and family, visited Pheasant Lane in Cheektowaga with area officials and congressional representatives on Feb. 4 in the aftermath of the storm. He described what he saw as "just beyond conception" and one day later President Carter declared nine counties, including seven in Western New York, a major national disaster. On the day of "Chip" Carter's visit, a

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