

PACKED BEACHES. Only part of the more than 300,000 people who flocked to Southern California beaches Sunday, seeking some relief from the record high temperatures that have hit the area for the past two days, are shown in this view of Newport Beach, about 60 miles south of Los Angeles. (AP Laserphoto)

Indicted firms get state contracts

DALLAS (AP) — Three highway construction companies indicted in a massive bid-rigging investigation will be allowed to bid on state projects until their cases are completed in court, Texas highway department officials say.

The three companies have been awarded more than \$4 million in state contracts since being indicted, a Dallas newspaper reported Sunday.

A federal investigation of highway bidding practices that spanned 11 states resulted in indictments of 13 Texas paving companies. The companies were accused of conspiring to raise the cost of road projects artificially by deciding which company would bid lowest on certain projects.

State records show one of the companies — High Plains Pavers Inc. of Plainview — since has been awarded \$3.6 million in road contracts, according to the Dallas Times Herald. The newspaper said two other indicted companies, Brannan Paving Co. Inc. of Victoria and Kerr Construction of Lubbock, have received contracts for \$606,262 and \$92,951 respectively.

Top executives of High Plains and Kerr Construction also were accused of violating federal law, the Times Herald reported. High Plains president Hulon A. Wall was charged with conspiracy to restrain trade and perjury, and Kerr president Kenneth M. Hancock was accused of conspiring to restrain trade.

Trials are pending for all the defendants, who have pleaded innocent. Highway department officials, under the guidance of the attorney general's office, say they will allow the companies to bid until the court cases are settled. A new department rule would allow the state to take action if they are convicted.

"I'm as mad as you are about anybody trying to defraud the state, and I have absolutely no sympathy for them," said Robert Dedman, chairman of the Texas Highway Commission.

"But I don't want the revision on my part to cause me to start assuming that somebody is guilty until proven innocent, because I think that would be a bigger mistake and a bigger miscarriage of justice."

"I think if they're proven guilty, we

should throw the book at them," he added.

In the meantime, he said, the state would be unfair to bar the companies from bidding on state contracts because some of them could go bankrupt without state business.

In several other states, however, highway contractors accused of rigging bids have been barred from further bidding on state projects, the Times Herald said.

In North Carolina, state officials disqualified indicted highway contractors by using a law that requires consideration of bids from all "reasonable" companies.

"This is not a criminal case," said North Carolina Deputy Attorney General Gene Smith. "The competitive-bidding law is not made for their benefit, and administrative agencies really have a duty to protect the system."

State legislatures in Florida, Georgia and Virginia are considering similar laws, the newspaper reported.

Prosecutors plan to call rebuttal witnesses

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors in the capital murder trial of Eroy Edward Brown were expected to call witnesses to the stand today who could rebut testimony that Warden Wallace Pack was a sadistic man who tortured state prison inmates.

Pack's reputation was at the heart of testimony last week, as inmates and former inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections told jurors that Pack frequently threatened them at gunpoint, ordered other inmates drugged and supervised the death of two TDC prisoners.

Brown, 31, of Waco is

accused of drowning Pack last April 4 near a prison farm. Prosecutors say he may be tried later in the shooting death of Ellis Unit farm manager Billy Max Moore.

Defense attorney Craig Washington, who said he planned to rest his case today, contends Brown acted in self-defense. He introduced testimony that Pack and Moore were cruel and abusive to prisoners and threatened to kill Brown the day of the slayings.

But prosecutors, maintaining that stories about Pack are largely unsubstantiated, brought to

the stand prison officials who testified the warden was a "go-by-the-book man" and never the subject of complaints from inmates.

Testimony about Pack's alleged violent acts "is a defense tactic to prolong the trial and confuse the minds of the jurors as to the reputation of Warden Pack," TDC spokesman Rick Hartley said during a three-day recess in the trial.

Hartley said Pack "was a man of high ethics, high morals and honest. I never heard a complaint aimed at Wallace Pack."

About 20 current and former inmates, however, said Pack regularly mistreated them and subjected them to physical abuse.

Former prisoner Tommy Carlisle told the court Friday Pack had him stripped, handcuffed his hands over his head and used pliers to pluck hairs from his armpits and pubic area and crush his nose and genitals.

Carlisle also said Pack ordered the beating death of inmate Melvin Austin in 1971. The inmate was beaten and placed in a cell where he died of a heart attack, Carlisle said.

Cable sentencing is today

TYLER, Texas (AP) — U.S. District Judge William Steger planned to pass sentencing today on millionaire rancher Rex Cauble, who was convicted Jan. 28 on federal charges of racketeering, conspiracy and embezzlement.

Cauble could receive up to 95 years in prison and fines up to \$125,000. His holdings, worth up to \$25 million, also are subject to federal seizure.

Cauble fired his lead defense team after his conviction and hired G. Brockett Irwin of Longview.

The rancher's lawyer filed a motion in federal court here Wednesday asking that Steger call a special hearing to interview jurors, who the attorney said might have been biased against Cauble.

Irwin contends in his motion that one juror's son and stepson had been convicted on drug charges and another juror's brother was convicted of racketeering charges. He said that would prejudice them against Cauble.



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Acquittal backlash is continuing

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Almost two weeks after three former McAllen policemen were acquitted of brutality charges, a continuing backlash to the verdict drew 350 persons to a protest rally.

"It really hurt me. I think there was something wrong at the trial. There was an awfully biased jury," said Sergio Orozco of Donna, who turned out Sunday at a city park for the peaceful demonstration and march.

After hearing speeches in English and Spanish, the mostly Hispanic demonstrators bore a black coffin labeled "Justice" along a short march to the nearby federal building.

A federal court jury in Brownsville acquitted former officers Tom Carter, Alfredo Saldana and Jaime Contreas Feb. 10 of violating the civil rights of Pedro Dennett.

Dennett had been arrested on public intoxication charges and was brought to the police station. A monitoring

camera above the booking desk taped the officers as they beat and kicked the unruly prisoner.

Jurors viewed the tape, and the jury foreman said after the verdict that the panel thought the officers used excessive force but did not intend to violate Dennett's civil rights.

"We're not asking for a reversal of acquittal," said Tony Bonilla of Corpus Christi, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"We live and die by the jury system," Bonilla added. "We're outraged by the decision. Usually the problem in these cases is evidence. But they had the videotape here and that still wasn't good enough."

Defense lawyers argued that the prisoner provoked the beating by trying to kick and swing at the officers.

Bonilla blamed President Reagan and local city officials for fostering a climate of insensitivity to minorities.

The three acquitted officers were indicted in November following a grand jury investigation into allegations of widespread brutality by both Hispanic and Anglo officers against mostly poor, Mexican-Americans.

Two other former officers were indicted in connection with separate incidents and have pleaded guilty to the charges filed against Carter, Saldana and Contreas. They will be sentenced later.

Demonstrators wore red and black armbands and carried banners and posters at the two-hour gathering.

"Queremos justicia (we want justice)," they chanted.

Marching three abreast, the protesters paraded past city hall before conducting a final prayer service.

There were no uniformed police within sight of the rally, and the protesters appeared to come mainly from McAllen.

Girl's body found floating in lake

LAKE DALLAS, Texas (AP) — Law enforcement officers made plans to meet early today to resume their search for three members of a missing family, after the body of a 5-year-old girl was discovered floating in a lake, sheriff's officials say.

The body, tentatively identified as Kendra Lee Merillat, was found about 5 p.m. Sunday by two people walking along the banks of Lake Lewisville, which is separated from Lake Dallas by a dam, police said.

Dallas County medical examiners were attempting to positively identify the body early today.

Ken Merillat, 32, his wife Alice, 27, and other daughters Kayleen, 6, still were missing. The four members of the

family were last seen Feb. 14 as they left their home to gather driftwood for their home fireplace.

Workers had dragged the lake unsuccessfully Sunday, but did not resume their efforts Sunday night after the body was discovered, said a Lake Dallas police dispatcher, who asked not to be identified.

"It's just too dark to go out there," she said.

Lawmen planned to scour the surrounding areas today, said Alan Williams, a dispatcher with the Denton County Sheriff's Department.

The Merillat's car was found near the western shore of the lake the night of Feb. 14. Authorities say they believe a smashed window was the result of

vandalism not connected with the family's disappearance.

Merillat was reported missing from his job at General Telephone Co. Monday. Co-workers went to the Merillat home and found a package of meat and can of frozen lemonade left out to thaw.

About 100 officers and volunteers, using helicopters and horses, had searched about 400 acres around the lake north of Dallas since Wednesday.

Police decided Friday to move the search to about 10 miles south of where the car was found, and Saturday's search centered on the Grapevine area of the Lewisville Lake, a favorite spot for the family.

Making Texas laws expensive operation

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Writing Texas' laws was once a part-time profession where the state's pioneers mostly donated their efforts.

Not any more.

Making Texas laws now is a widespread and costly operation.

Some will argue that Texas voters get a lot more from their legislators and allied legislative functions now, but all admit it costs much, much more than 10 or 20 years ago.

In 1961, when the 57th Legislature met in a regular session and two called sessions, the total spent from all sources, including legislators' pay, was \$1,489,285 — \$312,180 spent by the Senate and \$1,177,105 by the House.

In 1971, when the 62nd Legislature met in one regular and one called session, the total appropriation from general revenue was \$8.8 million — \$3.3 million for the Senate and \$5.5 million for the House.

In 1981, when the 67th Legislature met for a regular session and one called session, the estimated total expenditures were \$39.68 million, according to the auditor's report. The House has total expenditures of \$24.57 million and the Senate \$15.11 million.

The legislative budget for the next two years, including

the 68th Legislature starting Jan. 11, 1983, calls for spending \$68.7 million — which includes \$23.68 million to be spent by the House and \$45.02 million by the Senate.

The overall legislative budget also covers operations of the Legislative Council, the State Auditors department, the Legislative Reference Library and a legislative information computer system.

Back in 1961, as a result of a constitution change voted the year before, Texas senators and representatives started receiving a salary of \$4,800 a year plus \$12 a day for personal expenses during the first 120 days of a session. They got 10 cents a mile travel money for their personal cars and 16 cents a mile if they had a plane.

The big spenders 20 years ago included Sen. Andy Rogers of Childress, who spent \$3,219 during the regular session for supplies, telephone, telegraph and postage stamps. Rep. Myra Banfield of Rosenberg spent \$1,193, tops in the House.

The big spenders in 1971 included Sen. Mike McKool of

Dallas, who spent \$40,998 for staff salaries, supplies, telephone, postage and travel. Rep. Jack Ogg of Houston had a total of \$19,462 for the same items.

During the past two years, Texas legislators got an annual salary of \$7,200 plus \$30 a day for personal expenses during the full 140 days of a regular session and for each day of a special session. They had travel expenses of 20 cents a mile for personal cars and 25 cents a mile for personal airplanes.

During the 1981 session, senators limited their office expenses to \$10,000 a month including employees' salaries, supplies, travel, postage, and communications expenses. House members, with fewer employees, had an operating budget of \$5,500.

High man in the Senate for the past two years was Sen. Walter Mengden, Houston, with a total of \$162,275 for office expenses, including \$41,660 for postage.

In the House, Rep. Albert Price, Beaumont, had a total of \$70,779.

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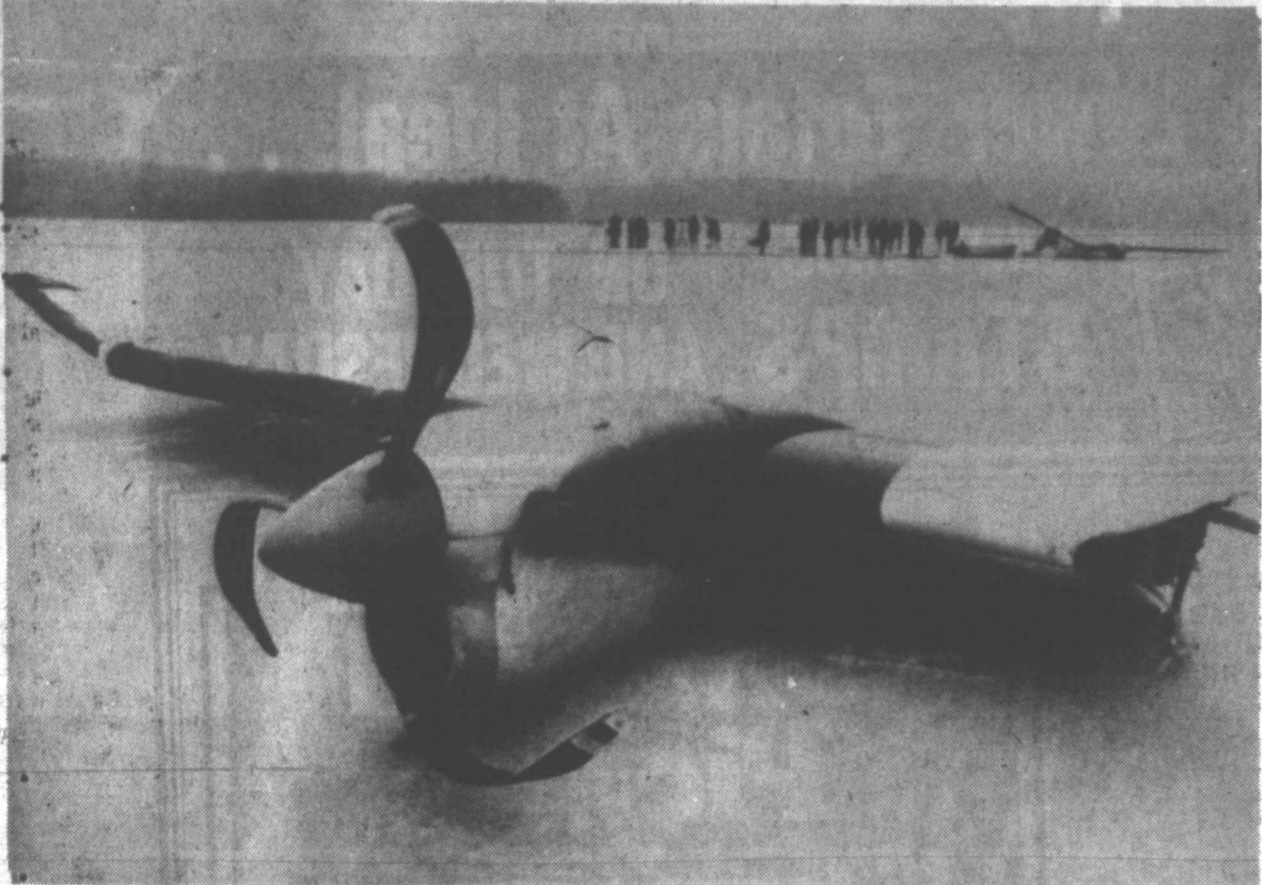
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Eleven killed in Tehran blast

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A powerful bomb, hidden in a garbage truck, exploded today outside a Revolutionary Guards barracks in east Tehran, killing 11 people, including a number of school children, the official Iranian news agency reported.

shattered windows in a 50-yard radius, and damaged more than 20 cars, the agency said.

bombings and assassinations aimed at toppling Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Islamic fundamentalist regime.



COMMUTER PLANE CRASH. The wing of a Pilgrim Airlines commuter plane rests on the frozen surface of the Scituate Reservoir at Scituate, R.I., approximately 200 feet from remainder of the wreckage, after the blaring plane crash landed on the lake Sunday. One passenger was killed.

Blazing plane lands on frozen lake

SCITUATE, R.I. (AP) — Two pilots were critically burned when they braved a cockpit fire to crash-land a twin-engine commuter plane onto a frozen reservoir, while horrified passengers smashed windows as thick smoke filled the cabin.

Manchester, N.H., was killed, said Barry Wilson, spokesman for the Groton-based carrier.

plane, but did not affect the windshield, said Kra, who was sitting about 5 feet behind the pilots.

New Veterans Administration chief may scuttle hundreds of projects

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Veterans Administration, says he expects a roar of protest over his decision to reconsider plans to build hundreds of new VA medical facilities in communities across the country.

\$2.7 billion at 1981 prices. But Nimmo says, he found no rational basis for the work.

So far, spending on veterans has been barely nicked by the Reagan administration's budget cuts.

Hard rocker Ozzy Osbourne won't play in Baton Rouge: DA

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Pay attention, Ozzy Osbourne. District Attorney Jesse Brown says you'd stier keep your hard rock and your nasty habits out of East Baton Rouge parish.

that Ozzy Osbourne will not use the Centroplex facility, period," Brown said Saturday.

Centroplex, ever since the newspaper reported flagrant drug abuse, crowding, and lax security at an AC-DC concert last month.

Elderly man says Jesse James lived near Denton until 1951

CARRIZO SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — George Farris has dealt with a lot of lawbreakers from traffic violators to killers, in his 30 years as a justice of the peace here.

the entire group was about to enter an exhibit featuring boxer John L. Sullivan when Farris noticed his uncle was missing.

asked if they had seen Jesse as well. "My dad said no, he didn't seem him and he (Dr. James) said, 'I bet he was there. He lives south of Denton.'"

Ships reportedly failed to establish contact

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A crippled ship has spewed "sporadic blobs" of diesel fuel into Galveston Bay after being docked at a pier here because of a collision with another vessel, Coast Guard officials say.

"They didn't do it," Geiger said this weekend. "They put themselves in that position. They should have been on the radio with each other as the range decreased."

hand and a broken shoulder. The Delta Norte, which has a hole above the waterline, was brought into port about 6 a.m. Saturday after Coast Guard inspectors declared the vessel safe.

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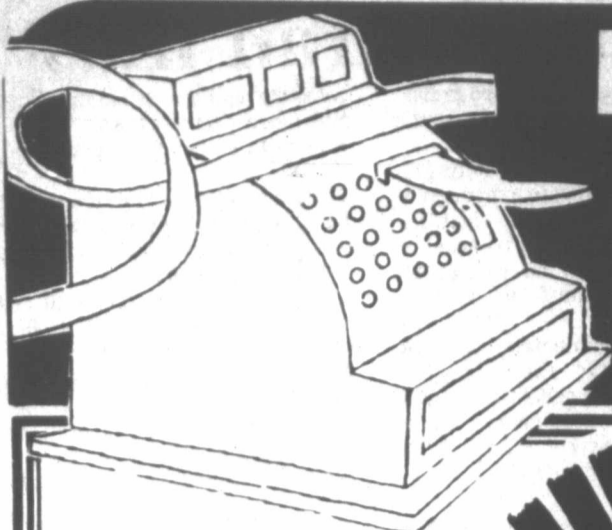
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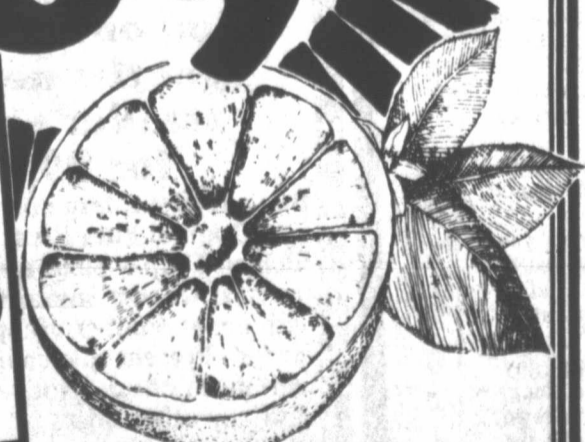
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50 Time zone
51 Group of Western allies
52 Shakespeare's river
53 Noun suffix
54 Author unknown (abbr.)
55 Maintained

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6 Sunflower state (abbr.)
7 Spanish painter (2 wds.)
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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23 Hoosier state (abbr.)
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25 Short jacket
26 Relative of bingo
27 Driver's compartment (pl.)
28 Image
29 Substantive state (abbr.)
30 Goddess of fate
32 Three-spot card
35 Flute
36 Over there (pl.)
38 Congeal
39 Women's patriotic society (abbr.)
41 Accepted rule (abbr.)
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

History has a way of repeating itself, and this coming year you are likely to once again be fortunate with persons who were helpful to you in the past. Keep in touch with those pals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You tend to be lucky in areas today where the major portion of the spawework has already been done by others. You won't be looking for a free ride, but you may get one. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in each of the seasons following your birthday by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph. Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things should work out rather well regarding any agreements or contracts which you enter into today. All parties concerned will strive to be fair.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Much can be accomplished today. You'll know how to win the support of persons who can help you achieve your aims. Togetherness spells "success."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your greatest enjoyment will come today from activities requiring team effort. However, you must be sure to select companions as energetic as yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Devote your energies and efforts today to enterprises which could produce a second source of income. Several opportunities are within reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Normally you don't feel too comfortable when you have to be dependent on others, but today those you lean on can do more for you than you can do alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Top your list of priorities with any situations affecting your earnings or security. Tackle these first while you're lucky and fresh.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You can be very skillful today at managing difficult situations involving temperamental individuals. There's a chance your talents will be needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make it a point today to try to finalize matters important to you financially. You know which ones they are, and what needs to be done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sometimes it's unwise to attempt to juggle two ventures simultaneously, but today the more active you are the better you're likely to perform.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to try to rectify accounts if something owed you is now overdue. By using your charm and tact you can extract water from a stone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Neither treat lightly nor discount any bright ideas you get today which come to you in a flash of inspiration. Try them on for size. They'll work.

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THIS SHOULD EVEN UP THE ODDS.

HEY, DOC, I LIKE YOUR SHOES.

KIT N' CARLYLE By Larry Wright

OUR BOARDING HOUSE by Frank Hill

I SUPPOSE IT'S SOME WONDERFUL INVENTION, MAJOR, BUT IT REMINDS ME OF THE STOCKS THE PILGRIMS USED!

MY WORD, NOT MANY OF OUR LEADERS HAVE YOUR KEEN PERCEPTION, MAYOR!

BUT YOU HAVEN'T GRASPED ITS FULL POTENTIAL - MY PLAN WILL MAKE YOU A HOUSEHOLD NAME!

NOW GET IT OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE REPORTERS SEE IT!

BUT WHAT NAME?

EEK & MEEK By Howie Schneider

STILL NOT WORKING, ARE YOU, EEK?

CORRECTION... I'M UNEMPLOYED...

IT'S THE ECONOMY THAT'S NOT WORKING

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

"I can't explain it... whenever he barks, the automatic garage door opens!"

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HEY, ROCKY! ...YOU'RE BACK! WHERE YOU BEEN?

AROUND THE WORLD

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE

PRISCILLA'S POP By Al Vermorel

MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T GO DOWN THIS HILL... IT'S PRETTY STEEP!

THEN AGAIN, IT MIGHT NOT BE TOO BAD!

STUART, WILL YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND? IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!

I DON'T KNOW, THOUGH... WE MIGHT GET HURT!

I'M LEAVING!

WHY DON'T I WAIT TILL THE NEXT SNOWFALL?

WINTHROP By Dick Cavalli

DO YOU KNOW WHO SAID "I DISAPPROVE OF WHAT YOU SAY..."

"...AND I'LL SPANK YOU IF YOU SAY IT AGAIN!"

MY MOTHER SAID IT.

I DIDN'T THINK IT SOUNDED LIKE VOLTAIRE.

TUMBLEWEEDS By T.K. Ryan

WE SIGHTED A PONY EXPRESS RIDER, HE MUST NOT GET THROUGH! HE'S HEADED FOR THE FORT...

AMBUSH HIM!

GOT A NEW STAMP ALBUM.

ALLEY OOP By Dave Graue

I THINK IT'D BE LOTS EASIER IF WE JUST LOOP A VINE OVER THEIR HEADS!

YEAH! THEN ALL WE'D HAFTA DO IS LEAD 'EM BACK TO MOO!

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Gretzky ties hockey goal scoring record

DETROIT (AP) — Edmonton center Wayne Gretzky is such an unselfish hockey player that even his opponents wish him well in his record quest.

Gretzky tied Phil Esposito's National Hockey League goal-scoring record Sunday night when he scored his 76th goal of the season at 16:34 of the third period in the Oilers' 7-3 triumph over the Detroit Red Wings.

The 21-year-old Gretzky gets a chance to break the record Wednesday night in Buffalo, the second stop on an eight-game road trip.

"The thing I like about him is he's unselfish," said Detroit defenseman Paul Woods who shadowed Gretzky through the first two periods, holding him to three shots on goal. "In the third period there, he didn't force it. He had chances to pass off and that's what he did."

As a result of his deft passing, Gretzky finished with four assists, giving him 171 points for the

season, seven more than the mark he set last year.

Detroit, trailing 4-2 and needing more offense after two periods, took Woods off Gretzky in the third period, enabling him to get off three more shots on goal, including the one that beat netminder Bob Sauve from 15 feet to climax the game's scoring.

"The two defenders chased Glenn Anderson and everybody kind of left it to me," Gretzky explained. "So, then, I just put it in."

Earlier this season, Gretzky eclipsed one of hockey's most coveted feats — 50 goals in 50 games — by scoring 50 goals in 39 games.

The Oilers have 17 games remaining, giving Gretzky a chance to crack two previously unthinkable NHL marks — 200 points and 100 goals in a single season.

Esposito, who set the 76-goal record in the 1970-71 season while playing for Boston, called Gretzky the greatest pure talent he has seen since his playing

days with Bobby Orr. Both were members of the Bruins.

"No one is going to tell me there's been a more talented player since Orr," Esposito said. "He totally concentrates in the game. Anyone able to do that — that's the mark of a super star."

Edmonton's Jari Kurri scored his 25th and 26th goals of the season, with Gretzky assisting on the latter at 8:16 of the final period. It gave the Oilers a 6-3 lead.

In the first period, Gretzky assisted on Anderson's 31st goal, a power-play shot at 4:02. At 8:21 of the second period, Gretzky slipped a pass that Kevin Lowe blazed home from 35 feet out. And he fed Mark Messier, who scored on a power play for his 41st goal of the season, at 12:18 of the period.

Pat Hughes got the other Edmonton goal at 2:28 of the third period.



TIES GOAL SCORING RECORD. Edmonton Oilers' Lee Fageline (2) congratulates teammate Wayne Gretzky in the third period of Sunday's Red Wings game at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. Gretzky had just scored his 76th goal of the season to tie Phil Esposito's NHL record set in the 1970-71 season. (AP Laserphoto)

Razorbacks win second straight track title

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Arkansas Razorbacks believe the shortest distance to the Southwest Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships is long distance.

They earned their second consecutive title and third in five years Saturday night by dominating the distance events, piling up a record 128 points to 87 for second-place Texas.

Randy Stephens, Dave Taylor, Stanley Redwine and Pat Vaughn, all distance runners supreme, were the keys for the defending champions.

Only 5,000 fans showed up for the meet which was switched from Friday to Saturday for the first time.

There were no world record threatening performances. Houston's Carl Lewis, the Sullivan Award winner, could't run and jump because he is scholastically ineligible.

Teammate Stanley Floyd, the world record holder in the 60-yard dash, withdrew after the qualifying heat complaining of illness. Baylor's talented Bruce Davis also withdrew because of a hamstring injury.

The Razorbacks took first places in the distance medley relay, the 1,000-yard run, the long jump, the mile and the three mile.

Stephens anchored the distance medley victory, won the 1,000-yard run and ran a leg on the second-place finishing two-mile relay team.

Taylor captured the mile and ran an anchor on the two-mile silver medal team that finished second to Rice's meet record time of 7:35.11.

Arkansas scored 20 points in the mile behind Taylor, Tom Maloney's third-place finish and Paul Donovan's fourth place.

Pat Vaughn won the three-mile for the

Razorbacks in 13:33.40 and Mike Conley earned the gold medal in the long jump with a leap of 25-feet 1 1/2 inches.

Meet records included Keith Connor of Southern Methodist with an effort of 54-8 1/4 in the triple jump; Baylor's Zeke Jefferson with an effort of 47.58 in the 440, and Rice's Paul Brattlof with a 16-8 3/4 pole vault.

Floyd ran a 6.17 in the qualifying heat and Davis had a 6.13.

Texas A&M's Rod Richardson won the event in 6.12.

"I had a virus since Sunday," said Floyd. "I've been fooling myself lately, saying that I could train and run this meet."

"I just need some rest. There's no next week at a conference meet, but I can't just gear up to run a conference meet ... the conference meet isn't everything."

Watson wins LA Open in sudden death playoff

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Watson was tired of being asked if he was tired, why his putts didn't go in the hole, and why he didn't make approaches to the green that were close to the pin.

After eight months of not winning a tournament, Watson silenced his critics Sunday. He finally won a Tournament Players Association event, and he had an explanation.

"I got lucky," said Watson after sinking a 30-foot birdie putt that gave him a sudden-death playoff victory over Johnny Miller in the \$300,000 Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open golf tournament. "I actually got lucky on three holes."

So, for a while, Watson

won't have to answer questions about his problems. The leading money-winner on the men's tour for five straight years starting in 1976, Watson beat Miller on the third extra hole. His long putt gave him a birdie and ended the first Los Angeles Open playoff in 32 years.

It provided Watson with the \$54,000 first prize while Miller took home \$32,400 for finishing second.

Watson and Miller deadlocked at 271 for the regulation 72 holes at the par 35-36-71, 7,029-yard Riviera Country Club course. Watson had a 67 in the final round to Miller's 69.

The total score was one shot off the tournament record of 270 established by Miller last

year. Miller could have wrapped up his second straight title had he not bogeyed the 17th and 18th holes.

The pros have now finished up their Western tour with no double winner — Miller missed his chance to become

the only one. Now they move to Miami, Fla., and start up the East Coast with the Doral-Eastern Open this week.

Had Miller not bogeyed his final two holes, he would have become the first since Ben Hogan to win the tournament

twice in a row at Riviera. Now, he'll have to wait.

Because the PGA Tournament is at Riviera next year, the Los Angeles Open will be switched to Rancho Park, a Los Angeles city course. It comes back to the rugged Riviera course for 1984 and 1985.

Putting saves Beth Daniel

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Insisting that "my putting saved me," Beth Daniel sailed to a 4-stroke victory over defending champion Amy Alcott in the \$150,000 LPGA Bent Tree Ladies Classic.

"This is one tournament I've always wanted to win," Daniel said Sunday after she fired a 4-under-par 68 to win for the eighth time in four

years on the LPGA tour. "I feel at home here and that helps a lot. When you like your surroundings, you play better."

But the 1980 Player of the Year said the triumph was not as easy as it appeared.

"It sounds like an easy day, but it wasn't. Especially on the front nine," said the 25-year-old from Charleston, S.C. "I didn't hit it well at all."

She finished the front nine in 1-under-par 35, but came back with a 33 on the back nine as she moved away. Alcott carded a 70 in the final round.

Daniel's 72-hole total of 12-under-par 276 over the par 72, 6,128-yard Bent Tree Golf

and Racquet Club course tied a tournament record set by Alcott a year ago. She earned \$22,500 to boost her career winnings to \$561,066.

Ironically, Daniel almost decided not to play here. She finished in a tie for sixth in the season-opening Whirlpool Championship of Deer Creek, but said she struggled throughout the tournament.

She withdrew from the Elizabeth Arden Classic after two rounds the next week because of a death in the family and skipped last week's tour stop in St. Petersburg to practice on her swing.



'The Squire' at 80, still going strong, ranks golf's top ten

By WILL GRIMSLEY
AP Special Correspondent
The "Squire" is back, knickers and all, and that steel trap mind that age can never dull.

"Now that I don't have to compete against all those golfers any more, I can speak my mind," Gene Sarazen told Golf Digest before sitting down to rank the greatest golfers of the century.

It was Gene's birthday present to himself and the golfing world. He will be 80 next Saturday, going on 35.

Sarazen continues to be one of the most amazing personalities in sports.

He just refuses to grow old. The Masters will be coming up in a couple of months or so, and there will be Gentleman Gene, sitting on the backporch of the Augusta clubhouse, wearing those familiar knickers and a hat sitting jauntily on his coal-black hair.

Gene Sarazen is a golfing anachronism — a link to the past whose career spanned four eras of the game from Vardon to Nicklaus. He played them all, including Vardon, father of the most

accepted grip. He is both an anachronism and a contradiction. His attire is attuned to the 1920s, his incisive mind to the Space Age.

No other man is more qualified to assess the golfers of the 20th century. So when he says Nicklaus is the all-time No. 1, you better believe it.

When he says Joyce Wethered, the English star of the 1920s and 1930s, was the best of the women, you are permitted a dissent.

The Squire, who can shoot his age, has been shaking up the establishment almost ever since he came out of Harrison, N.Y., son of a poor carpenter, to get his formal

education on the golf links of the world.

He insists putting plays too important a part in the game — half of it. He once suggested the cups be enlarged to 4 1/4 inches.

Ben Hogan might come back if that happened.

For years Sarazen has argued that golf courses were too big, that they should be half their size to enable businessmen to get a full 18-hole round in during the

lunch break or after hours. There's too much emphasis on power at the expense of finesse, anyhow, he says.

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Amid budget cuts, Congress costs the same

By JAY PERKINS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers are spending a little more on Congress this year — a total average cost of \$2.4 million per legislator — to go about the business of deciding where to cut the budget of nearly everyone else in the government.

The cost of Congress keeps creeping higher each year. The 100 senators and 435 congressmen will spend \$1.3 billion on their work this year, a small boost over the fiscal year that ended last Sept. 30. Next year, the congressional budget request is expected to inch upward again.

The spending figures for Congress are somewhat deceptive. They include the cost not only of operating the House and Senate but of running several agencies under congressional control. Among them are the General Accounting Office, the investigative

arm of Congress; the Government Printing Office and the Library of Congress.

Also, part of the budget increase in recent years stems from cost-of-living raises that Congress has given its employees and federal workers, as well as some pay increases for its own members.

When inflation is taken into account, the legislators' spending on their operations has increased little — if any — in real terms since 1977, when the total topped \$1 billion for the first time.

"You would have to say it has unquestionably declined in real dollar terms since fiscal 1979," said one House Appropriations Committee staff member, who declined to be quoted by name. "There has been stability or reduction in employment and other kinds of expenditures."

Since 1979, appropriations for the legislative branch have risen at an

average rate of 5.5 percent while overall government spending rose 12.9 percent — about the same as the national inflation rate.

The current budget for congressional operations is about 5.8 percent higher than the 1981 budget. Budget requests for fiscal 1983, starting Oct. 1, are expected to jump about one-half of 1 percent to just under \$1.4 billion, House and Senate staffers said.

Funds actually appropriated for Congress for next year could be less than that. Last year, the House pruned \$81 million from congressional budget requests for fiscal 1982.

The situation in recent years seems stable when compared with the 1960s and 1970s, when spending by Congress on itself and its staff grew rapidly.

Last year, the Senate ordered a staff freeze that kept at 8,037 the number of full-time employees in the Senate and in agencies under Senate housekeeping

authority. That freeze, however, was only for one year, and must be renewed annually.

Actual operations of the House and Senate account for about half of all funds spent by the legislative branch. The Senate's operating budget this year is \$216 million, up from \$206 million last year.

The House, with its much larger membership, is operating on a budget of \$364 million — up \$2.8 million from last year's levels. Items under the control of both branches add about \$84 million to the total.

The congressional fiefdom extends far beyond the halls of the Capitol and involves more than what most people regard as typical legislative activities.

Congress will send \$244,000 this year to the District of Columbia to educate the young pages that work on Capitol Hill. Another \$734,000 will go to guides that escort visitors on tours of the Capitol. The Botanic Garden, which supplies plants for congressional offices and receptions, will receive \$2.3 million.

Retirement benefits for former legislators and staff members, coupled with generous cost-of-living adjustments, cost \$93.2 million last year, even though the number of people

enrolled has been dropping. That's more than double the \$40.5 million paid in 1976. The program in 1977 cost only \$2.1 million.

Congress also will spend money for a doctor's office in the Capitol, barbers and beauticians, and chaplains that offer daily prayers on the House and Senate floors.

Some unusual expenses also come out of the budget. Congress spent \$2,000 last April on a memorial service for the late Rep. Tennyson Guyer, R-Ohio, and it spent another \$2,467 to send several members to the funeral of the late Rep. William Cotter, D-Conn.

It also spent \$142 last July, one of several such expenditures during the year, for supplies for the Capitol Police K-9 corps, and another \$95 for boarding the dogs. Another \$1,608 went for ammunition for the Capitol Police practice range in the House Rayburn Building.

Another \$595 was spent on tea for a meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

The cost of transcribing the millions of words uttered at committee hearings all over Capitol Hill is substantial. The House alone spent \$168,000 in one three-month period for that service, as well as for furniture and supplies.

Congress also spends millions to tell the nation what it is doing. In fiscal 1981, it mailed 400,647,000 pieces of franked mail and paid the Postal Service \$53,967,000. In fiscal 1980, which covered most of the election year, the cost of mail service was \$62,603,000 for \$11,869,000 pieces of mail.

The 1983 fiscal year budget contains a request for \$55 million for mail franking privileges.

The House also spends \$40,000 a year to maintain its \$1.5 million television system, which provides gavel-to-gavel coverage of floor sessions. The Senate does not allow TV coverage of its sessions.

The House spends about \$740,000 a year on salaries for the 37 people who operate the television system and the television studio used by members to make programs for broadcast back home. The Senate has a similar studio employing 15 people.

Some costs are difficult to estimate accurately. For example, the House and Senate will pay \$864,000 this year in salaries for the 26 employees who work in the galleries reserved for the working press. But no estimate is available on the cost of light, heat or telephone service for the 3,900 members of the press accredited to use the galleries.

Small business looks up

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Wrung out by falling demand and high interest rates, small business last fall dropped workers at a rate unmatched in at least eight years. It was a last resort in order to remain alive.

What that meant was the breakup of home construction crews, the pink slip to long-time employees who had become part of the family, the sad news to the apprentice who had been taken on in hopes of better times.

Small business had hit bottom. For seven of the past eight quarters the employment picture had deteriorated, and some improvement finally was foreseen, because fourth quarters often are times of job increases.

In the fourth quarter of 1981, however, employment plunged. A survey by the Federation of Independent Business shows 22 percent of firms with an average of five employees had employment declines.

Now, says the federation in its latest report, there may be some good news not just for those seeking jobs in small businesses but for the entire economy. The number of small firms planning to raise employment in the current quarter is on the rise, says Professor William Dunkelberg.

Dunkelberg, Purdue University economist, and Jonathan Scott of Southern Methodist University, have completed an analysis of the latest reports from 2,322 of the federation's half-million members. They found:

— "The proportion of firms planning further employment reductions in the first quarter dropped dramatically from a record high 15 percent in October to 10 percent in January."

— "In the same period, the percentage of firms planning increased employment rose from 10 percent to 14 percent of the firms."

This, they point out, has more significance than you might think, because "historically, these figures have accurately predicted actual changes in employment for the economy as a whole."

There is an explanation for this. Small business, they

maintain, is the source of most long-term employment growth. No, not big concerns. Small ones, mainly those with far less than \$25 million in sales.

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Grain sales to Russia are a stumbling block

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration's insistence on maintaining U.S. grain sales to the Soviets in the face of the crackdown in Poland is a major stumbling block in U.S. efforts to convince European nations to impose economic sanctions.

Administration officials won't talk about it openly, but privately they admit the difficulty.

One of the governments that raises the issue most often when the subject of sanctions comes up is West Germany.

The argument, simply put, is this: Why should the Europeans take action that will harm their own economies, such as cancelling the natural gas pipeline deal with the Soviets, when the United States won't give up its lucrative grain trade?

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said last week he was "appalled" by a French decision to go ahead with a plan to provide major financing for the \$26 billion Soviet pipeline to transport natural gas from Siberia to Europe. The West Germans also are providing a major share of the financing, and France, Germany and Italy all will buy Soviet gas when the pipeline is finished.

Although Haig has declared repeatedly that it will not be business-as-usual with the Soviets as long as they back the martial law crackdown in Poland, U.S. farmers are on their way to selling record amounts of grain to Moscow this year.

For grain exporters, then, it's not only business-as-usual, but better business-than-usual.

The Soviets have bought about 11.4 million metric tons of wheat since Oct. 1 — nearly half the 23 million tons they are eligible to buy in fiscal 1982 under an existing agreement.

If the entire 23 million tons are sold, that would be a record, surpassing the old mark of 15.7 million tons of U.S. grain shipped to the Soviet Union in 1978-79.

President Reagan explained again at his news conference Thursday why the United States won't impose another embargo on grain sales, similar to the embargo imposed by former President Carter at the time of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in 1979.

"I have repeatedly said the only way I would consider a grain embargo would be as part of an across-the-board embargo," Reagan said. "We would not again make what I thought was a mistake earlier and penalize one section of industry, the farmers, by just using that as an embargo item, so we will not do that."

The weakness of Reagan's argument to critics of his position, however, is that the U.S. grain trade with the Soviets counts for 80 percent of the total U.S. sales. State department officials have said privately that, for all practical purposes, the grain trade is the only trade.

Official urges taxpayers

to learn new property laws

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state official says Texas property owners should familiarize themselves with their rights under the new property tax laws that become effective in most counties this year.

Owners also should learn about the remedies possible under the new laws, says Kenneth Graeber, executive director of the state Property Tax Board.

"The property tax is the primary source of local government revenue in Texas, and will generate approximately \$6 billion a year to help fund the operations of public schools, cities, counties and special districts," Graeber said.

"We urge all property owners to become familiar with the process and to file renditions and apply for all exemptions other tax relief measures to which they are entitled."

Graeber said that in all but 17 counties, the new central appraisal district required by state law became effective on Jan. 1.

Local officials delayed appraisal district operations until Jan. 1 in Bexar, Glasscock, Gray, Hartley, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Leon, McMullen, Moore, Oldham, Rockwall, Stonewall and Zapata counties.

Implementation of full appraisal district operations was delayed until 1984 in Harris, Bowie and Crockett counties.



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