

# Polk budget \$640,245 too high: Selden

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State Comptroller Marvin Selden told Polk County officials Friday that the county's 1976-77 budget is \$640,245 too high and must be reduced.

Selden's notice has the effect of ordering the county to trim its budget by that amount in order to comply with legislation recently signed by Gov. Robert Ray.

James Scarcone, the county budget director, said he would appeal Selden's ruling to the State Appeal Board.

Under a property tax relief bill recently passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor, certain funds in local budgets are limited to 9 per cent growth over the previous year in the amount raised from property taxes.

That amount is \$7,884,646 in the Polk County budget, an increase of 18.63 per cent over the current fiscal year. Selden said a 9 per cent growth rate would place the total at \$7,244,401.

Scarcone said the county's over-all budget — including property tax and all other sources of revenue — for the fiscal year starting July 1 is 9.5 per cent higher than the current budget, and that the county should not be forced to make cutbacks.

He said uncompleted contract negotiations between the county and employe unions have clouded budgeting procedures, making it difficult to make any cuts in the budget before knowing what salaries will be paid county workers.

# Actor Matthau leaves hospital

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (AP) — Academy Award-winning actor Walter Matthau left the hospital Friday after heart bypass surgery and was met by his long-time friend and movie roommate in "The Odd Couple," Jack Lemmon.

Matthau, 54, who entered Daniel Freeman Hospital Apr. 24, returned to his home in Pacific Palisades.

Matthau won an Oscar in 1967 as best supporting actor for "The Fortune Cookie," in which he also starred with Lemmon. He was nominated for Academy Awards as best actor for his performances in "Kotch" and "The Sunshine Boys."

# The great baboon break is finally over in Ohio

KINGS MILLS, OHIO (AP) — The last two of 50 baboons who made monkeys out of their keepers three weeks ago by escaping from Kings Island Amusement Park have been recaptured. Park officials said the fugitives were recaptured Thursday night after they ate fruit laced with tranquilizers. They were immediately returned to their cages.

# INNOCENT PLEA IN SLAYING

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Jeffrey Robert Calvert, 22, of 3213 Forty-eighth Place, pleaded innocent to a charge of murder Friday after he was indicted by the Polk County Grand Jury earlier in the day.

Calvert was charged in connection with the Apr. 14 strangulation death of Mary Ann Scovel, 18.

District Judge James P. Denato refused a request by Asst. Polk County Atty. Donald F. Starr to revoke Calvert's pre-trial release bond that permits him to remain free without posting a cash bond.

Starr asked for a bond "in excess of \$100,000."

Keith Uhl, Calvert's attorney, argued that Calvert "has roots" in the community, has not violated the terms of his release, is employed at Meredith Publishing Corp., has a pregnant wife and is living at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Calvert.

Police said Scovel lived next door to Calvert and his wife, Patty, in an apartment house at 661 Seventeenth St. at the time of the slaying. Her body was found in her apartment on Apr. 15 by her roommate, Terry Lee (Butch) Lively, 26.

# Democrats set rules on armed guards

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — Governors may come to the Democratic National Convention with one gun-carrying guard each, the organizing committee ruled Friday, but no weapons may accompany lieutenant governors or senators.

Convention manager Andrew Shea said any governor who arrives with an armed guard must see to it that the weapon is registered with the New York City Police Department.

Another security measure announced by Shea is that new passes will be issued for each day of the convention, which opens in Madison Square Garden July 12.

# Films on China set for Wednesday

The Des Moines chapter of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association will sponsor the showing of films about China at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Main Library, and at 2 p.m. May 15 at the Des Moines Art Center. The films are "Flowers Greeting the Sun," which is about Chinese children; and "The Han Tomb Finds," which is about the archaeological excavation of the Han Tombs.

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# Mountain climbing crew falls; 1 dies

PARIS, FRANCE (AP) — One member of a French Himalaya expedition was killed and two — including a 23-year-old woman — were injured seriously in a fall after reaching the summit of the 22,400-foot Gaurishankar peak in Nepal, the French Foreign Ministry announced Friday.

The roped party of three fell May 5, while descending from the summit on the northwest ridge, along which the mountain was first conquered by a Japanese expedition in 1969. Francois Soubrane, 34, one of France's most experienced alpinists, was killed. Christine Ertlen, 23, sister of expedition chief Philippe Ertlen, and Maurice Schoenhaf were injured.

There was no immediate information on the conditions of the injured climbers.

**Monkey bone tonic**  
 TOKYO, JAPAN (AP) — North Vietnam is developing tonics from lizards, snakes, bones of monkeys, wild boars and antelopes in an effort to boost pharmaceutical production.

# Pipeline builder asked about weld rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Interior Department on Friday told the builder of the Alaska crude oil pipeline to explain exactly how it intends to comply with the department's directive for X-ray inspection of all the pipe welds.

Under Secretary Kent Frizzell said Alyeska Pipeline Service Company should also leave exposed all the welds on the pipe made after 10 a.m. Sunday,

until an X-ray record is made. Some 3,000 of approximately 30,000 circumferential welds made on the pipe during 1975 were not backed up by the required X-ray inspection, said Frizzell.

**Stability, not growth**  
 NAIROBI, KENYA (AP) — World economic recovery is gathering speed, but stability and not fast growth should be the aim of rich countries, representatives of industrial nations said Friday at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

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