

Slot machine jackpots come just often enough to keep customers coming back

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — One day a frustrated citizen, temporarily in a state of involuntary bankruptcy, pasted this sign on a Las Vegas slot machine: "In case of air raid stand beside this machine. Nobody has hit it yet."

The man was over-stating the case, of course, because somebody hits slot machines just often enough to keep the customers coming back. Gambling is not only legal in Nevada, it is on the level. The odds against a roulette player are about five per cent, but he knows that when he goes into the game. When a gambling house covers all bets in a dice game, the odds against the players are at least 1.4 per cent. Just stay there long enough and you will lose your shirt.

The only thing a legal gambling house has to worry about is to keep enough cash on hand to tide itself over when a high-rolling player gets hot. Sooner or later the odds will begin to work and the man who hasn't sense enough to quit when he is well ahead goes broke. The legend about the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo is a pretty story, but it's fiction.

Bemoan Pari-Mutuel

Horse bettors are a melancholy breed of men, anyway, but they complain loudly about the injustice of pari-mutuel betting. What it means is that it is legal in many states to bet on a horse provided you are on the premises of the track. If you walk a block away from the track, betting is illegal.

Now the horse players have another complaint. Several years ago the Internal Revenue Service issued orders that any person winning more than \$500 on a \$2 bet would have to identify himself to collect his money. This happens mostly in the daily double. You pick horses in the first and second races for the price of a single ticket, and if

your selections win the odds usually are good.

On Oct. 3, 1960, the rule struck Belmont Park in New York with some strange results. The daily double paid \$693 for every \$2 ticket purchased and the winners were invited to collect their money by identifying themselves by Social Security cards or driver's license. The track announced that the identity of the winners would have to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

He'll continue his climbing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — James W. Whittaker, the first American to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, said today he would continue to climb mountains.

"I love the mountains and I will continue to climb them," the 34-year-old mountaineer from Redmond, Wash., said in a shortwave radio and telephone interview from Katmandu, Nepal.

Poor reception and electrical interference prevented the 6-foot 5-inch Washingtonian from completing an answer to the question of what other climbing feat could match the conquest of the world's highest mountain.

Oregon members of the expedition could not be reached, but it was learned they and other Pacific Northwest members of the group expected to return home in July.

CITATION ISSUED

City police Wednesday issued a basic rule violation citation to James Eldon White, Route 1, Box 202. Bail was fixed at \$25.

At twilight, when all the horse players had gone home, the track still had \$46,477 unclaimed by winners of the daily double. For reasons of their own, the persons holding the tickets preferred to pass up the money rather than identify themselves, and the state treasury profited accordingly.

Recalls Series Fix

Tremendous sums are bet on sports events in the United States and from time to time attempts are made to fix the games. The most notorious attempt was successful—gamblers got to enough members of the 1919 Chicago White Sox to allow the Cincinnati Reds to win the World Series. The White Sox may have been the greatest baseball team ever assembled and the public made them such heavy betting favorites that the gamblers got attractive odds.

College basketball scandals have been common in recent years, but a new element has entered the wagering. The gamblers don't ask an athlete to lose the game but merely to "shave the points". Team A is a six-point favorite over Team B. A gambler takes Team B plus six points and then bribes a couple of athletes on Team A to insure that they don't win by more than five.

The recent suspension of Paul Hornung of the Green Bay Packers and Alex Karras of the Detroit Lions of the National Football League has raised the problem on whether it is ethical for an athlete to bet on himself or on his own team. This issue is hotly debated on the first tee of many country clubs as soon as the members of the foursome get through putting up the bets on themselves for the day's play.

Another quake jolts region

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — A sharp earthquake, the second this week, jolted parts of Mexico, San Diego and Imperial counties Wednesday afternoon, seismologists reported.

Fred Robinson, a seismologist here, said he recorded "a series of quakes" starting 11 seconds before the disturbance was reported in Pasadena at the California Institute of Technology seismographic laboratory.

Dr. Charles Richter of Caltech said the tremor had a magnitude of 3 on the Richter scale and was recorded at 3:15 p.m. He said the tremor was nearly as strong as one registered Tuesday.

Both quakes were centered in the area of Baja California, Mexico.

U.S. questions commandos

MIAMI (UPI) — U. S. authorities today questioned a small band of Cuban commandos who claimed they badly damaged Cuba's biggest distillery, killed many soldiers and sank a patrol boat during a raid this week.

The 10 raiders were detained Wednesday when they pulled into the Florida Keys in a white-sailed fishing schooner with two prisoners and an anti-Communist seaman who sought asylum in the United States. They said they commandeered the boat after their own cannon-loaded converted PT boat sank during a sea battle after midnight Tuesday.

Joseph Fortier, director of the Miami customs office, said the two Cuban soldiers the raiders captured probably would be allowed to return to their homeland.

The raiders face possible charges of neutrality act violations, according to Fortier.

President Kennedy calls defeat of measure to aid unemployment areas as 'tragic'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy today described as "tragic" the House defeat of his bill to expand federal aid to communities suffering chronic unemployment.

He said he will resubmit the measure to Congress shortly in hope of reversing the outcome. The House turned down the proposal Wednesday in Kennedy's biggest legislative defeat of the year. Some viewed the outcome as part of the price he must pay for his tough new civil rights stand.

Kennedy issued a special statement in which he said defeat of the proposal "could not have come at a worse time."

"This program must not be allowed to die and it is my intention to give the Congress another opportunity to support it," Kennedy said.

By Five Votes

The unexpected upset of the depressed areas bill came on a five-vote margin. Some southern Democrats who had been counted on to swing the issue in favor of the administration voted instead with the measure's Republican

foes. But a tight party-line stand by the Republicans against the bill also contributed to its defeat.

In his statement, Kennedy said: "The tragic defeat... could not have come at a worse time. Unemployment persists, our distressed areas need help and scores of hard-hit communities in Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia, eastern Kentucky, upstate New York, upstate Minne-

sota and southern Illinois were counting on an expansion of this program.

"The people of these and other affected states need more than speeches to help their depressed communities and jobless workers. This program must not be allowed to die and it is my intention to give the Congress another opportunity to support it."

Result Of Vote

Voting for the bill were 189 Democrats and 15 Republicans. Voting against it were 57 Democrats and 152 Republicans. Democratic leaders had counted on about 20 Republican votes.

The administration expected that its tough civil rights stand would cost some vital southern votes, and possibly result in the loss of some of the President's other high priority legislation.

But they had not expected to lose the expansion of the depressed areas program which would have raised to \$35 million the ceiling on the aid program.

The surprise blow came after administration forces had easily turned aside on non-record votes GOP attempts to curtail the scope of the existing program and to slash the extra funds the bill would authorize.

TO FILE CLAIM

ASTORIA (UPI)—The owner of the 71-foot schooner Nordlys said Wednesday he planned to file a claim against the Oregon Highway Department after he lost the top 20 feet of his mast and some rigging in a collision with the Interstate Bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

Col. H. F. Palmer of Honolulu said the span was not raised high enough to let his boat pass through.

The boat continued to Astoria for repairs and planned to depart for Honolulu Friday, about a week behind schedule. Col. Palmer said he would file a claim for the cost of repairs and overtime for his crew members.

Temperatures

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.

	High	Low
Bend	83	44
Astoria	63	45
Baker	63	55
Brookings	73	48
K. Falls	82	62
Medford	89	57
N. Bend	66	52
Pendleton	86	59
Portland	72	52
Redmond	87	48
Salem	77	48
The Dalles	83	60
Chicago	63	53
New York	66	55
San Fran.	65	55
Washington	70	62

'Kiss' picture taken at party, diplomat says

LONDON (UPI) — An American diplomat said today a picture of his wife kissing Russian playboy-diplomat Capt. Eugene Ivanov, a key figure in the Profumo scandal, was taken in fun at a Christmas party.

The Daily Sketch published the photograph in this morning's edition.

The man was identified as Ivanov, former assistant naval attaché at the Soviet Embassy here, and the woman as the wife of Capt. Thomas Watson Murphy, assistant naval attaché at the U. S. Embassy.

Murphy said a picture like the one printed by the Sketch was taken of his wife and Ivanov during a dinner party in December, 1961, at the Elizabethan Room of London's Gore Hotel.

The dinners in the room are eaten according to the style of Shakespeare's day. Utensils include a two-handled cup.

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To please Pop give him some item of clothing

By Gay Pauley
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NEW YORK (UPI) — To please Pop on Father's Day, give him some item of clothing—preferably shirts, socks, ties, pajamas or handkerchiefs—in that order.

A survey of what the man who runs the power mower wants on his day June 16 found the preference for clothing running three to one over any other wishes. That is, clothing, unless money spent was no object.

Then, father would like say a new car, new house, or a boat. Pipes and cigarettes, often pictured as synonymous with Father's Day presents, were way down in popularity. Only one per cent of the men surveyed put them on the most wanted list.

The Father's Day study is part of a continuing look at the national gift market, done by Tie-Tie, Chicago, which calls itself the country's largest maker of gift wrappings.

The company reached its conclusions from "several hundred" interviews in Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Dallas and Atlanta.

It estimated that close to \$1 billion would be spent on gifts for Dad. It did not estimate how much of the bill fathers eventually would foot themselves for the gifts.

And, it found that 16 per cent of the husbands interviewed did not receive Dad's Day gifts last year.

The researchers concluded that the "average" father will receive two presents worth a total of \$19 come Sunday. They also decided fathers are pleased easily—97 per cent said they were completely satisfied with what they received last year.

In clothing items, here was how the preferences were listed: —Shirts, 42 per cent wanted; socks, 25 per cent; ties, 21; pajamas, 21; handkerchiefs, 21; underwear, 18; shoes, 6; hat, 5.

In accessory items: —Leather goods, such as belts and wallets, 24 per cent; cuff links, 18; sport coat, 14; lounging robe, 9; tie clasp, 6; special accessories such as a fancy shoe horn, 5; and key chain, 3.

In the non-clothing category, the fathers listed sports equipment including golf clubs, gun, fishing tackle, bowling ball, ping pong table, 15 per cent; camera and camera equipment, 10; tools, 7; television, radio or phonograph 6; car, 5; jewelry including watches, 4; money or bonds, 2; pipes and cigars, 1; and books, 1.

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WORKER KILLED

ESTACADA (UPI)—A mechanic was killed Wednesday at a logging site 13 miles east of here when a bulldozer slipped off a log and struck his head.

The victim was Maynard C. Bevers, 44, of Gladstone.