

National

Students' career plans change

No decline in SAT scores

NEW YORK — A study indicates the national average of college-bound high school students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test this year did not decline for the first time since 1968 and that students' career interests have changed.

The College Board said Monday the average score on the SAT, taken by 1.5 million students in 1981, remained at the 1980 level: 424 on the verbal part of the test and 466 on the math. The top score on each test is 800.

For the past 18 years, the scores have declined — with the exception of 1968 and 1981 when they stayed at the same level.

A second part of the report, a profile on college-bound seniors from the class of 1981, showed student plans over the last several years shifting from the liberal arts and service professions to fields such as business and commerce, engineering and computer science.

Plant delayed by snag in design, not protest

AVILA BEACH, Calif. — A design discrepancy did what the nation's largest anti-nuclear protest was unable to do for the past two weeks — indefinitely delay preparations to activate the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

Pacific Gas & Electric, owners of the \$2.3 billion plant on the California coast, disclosed late Monday that engineers had "discovered a discrepancy" in a diagram used to analyze stress on pipe supports in the reactor's domes.

quacy of the piping systems in the area," the spokesman said. There was no indication how long the delay might last.

U.S. cash flow endangered

WASHINGTON — Unless the Senate approves an increase in the government's borrowing authority by midnight tonight, the Treasury will run out of cash and be unable to pay next week's bills.

Not wanting the momentous occasion to pass unnoticed, Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., stayed up all night speaking "in painstaking detail" on the direct

consequences of a \$1 trillion debt ceiling. But Proxmire, who began talking at 6:15 p.m. EDT Monday and was still at it when the sun came up Tuesday morning, was the only senator in the chamber most of the time.

line of Oct. 1 — the start of the 1982 fiscal year — the debt ceiling will slip back to its permanent level of \$400 billion, leaving the Treasury with insufficient funds for government payrolls, Social Security checks and other obligations.

Flip Wilson misses court hearing, warrant delayed

TORRANCE, Calif. — Comedian Flip Wilson failed to appear in court on drug charges and a warrant was issued for his arrest, but a judge agreed to delay the warrant until today.

Wilson, 47, was freed on \$2,500 bail following his arrest last March 10 on charges of possessing cocaine and hashish oil. He was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport after a flight from Florida when police reportedly found 2.5 grams of cocaine, several grams of hashish oil and a small quantity of marijuana in his possession.

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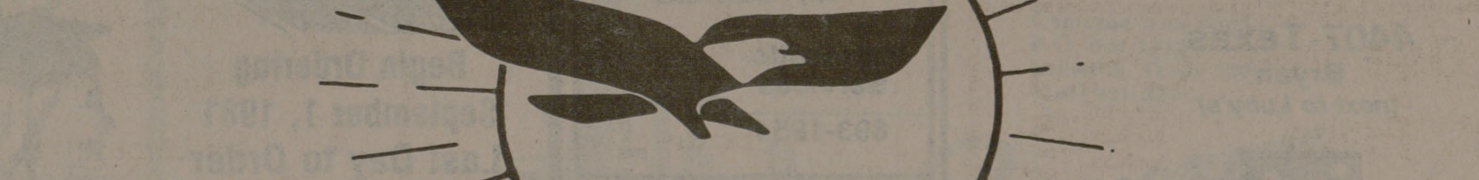
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