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Ford Sets Busy Schedule

BY FRANK CORMIER
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VAIL, Colo. AP—After a family Christmas here in the Rockies, President Ford has mapped out a busy work schedule for the rest of the week, including conferences with energy and economic advisers.

Due here late today from Washington via a military courier flight was what Ford termed a "rather voluminous" report on allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency engaged in widespread illegal domestic spying before he took office.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Ford would study the CIA report, prepared by agency director William E. Colby, before deciding "on any action to be taken."

The President will meet Friday at his snow-covered ski chalet with members of his Energy Resources Council. On Saturday he will confer with his economic policy board.

Nessen said neither meeting would produce final policy decisions. Instead, the sessions are part of Ford's preparation for January policy announcements in his State of the Union address, economic report and proposed federal budget.

The President will be making decisions this week on whether to sign or veto dozens of bills that Congress passed in the final days of its 1974 session.Since coming here Sunday, Ford has vetoed two bills and signed 15 others.

Ford's rented seven-bedroom home was filled for the holiday with family and friends. The President told reporters he received "a whole raft of very nice things"—plus some food which the dieting chief executive said he didn't need.

However, after several hours of skiing and a work session with staff coordinator Donald Rumsfeld, the President was ready for a family Christmas dinner of roast turkey with ham stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered fresh green peas, cranberry salad, hot dinner rolls and pecan pie with ice cream.

On Christmas Eve, the Fords went to the home of friends for a buffet dinner and then attended interdenominational services at Vail's interfaith chapel. The church was packed and Ford refused a front row seat. Although Mrs. Ford sat, the President and other members of the family stood in the rear during the 45-minute service.

Ford's Christmas gifts included brass bookends from wife Betty, a turtleneck sweater from daughter Susan, a wool shirt-jacket from son Jack and a basket of cheeses and sausages from son Michael and his wife, Gayle.

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 1974. There are five days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1776, George Washington's troops captured 1,000 Hessians in the Revolutionary War battle of Trenton, N.J.

On this date:

In 1806, the peace of Pressburg was signed by Napoleon Bonaparte and the emperor of Austria.

In 1825, an uprising in the Russian army was crushed.

In 1865, James Nason of Franklin, Mass., was granted a patent for the first coffee percolator in the U.S.

In 1917, during World War I, the federal government took over operation of the nation's railroads.

In 1941, early in the Pacific war, Gen. Douglas MacArthur declared the Philippine capital of Manila an open city.

In 1943, a British destroyer fired the final torpedo to sink the German battleship, "Scharnhorst," after a running gun battle with a Royal Navy task force off the coast of Norway.

Ten years ago: Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, denounced U.S. involvement in South Vietnam and called for neutrality of Southeast Asia.

Five years ago: Israeli war planes were carrying out attacks in Egypt and Jordan.

One year ago: President Nixon took a regular airliner from Washington to California, making the first commercial flight by a president in recent years.

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The Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Tuesday, 40 degrees; low, 27 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 28 degrees. High Wednesday, 34 degrees; low, 28 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 29 degrees; precipitation, .02.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Mostly cloudy and cold with freezing rain or snow tonight. Low tonight mid teens mountains and near 20 north to low 30s south. High Friday near 30 mountains and north to upper 40s south.

North Central and Northeast Texas: Light freezing rain extreme west changing to rain by early afternoon. Occasional rain elsewhere into tonight. Decreasing cloudiness and warmer west portion Friday with chance of rain, mainly east portion. Low tonight 33 to 40. High Friday 45 to 55.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Ice storm warning and travel advisory in effect for northwest portion. Occasional freezing rain northwest portion and mostly rain and drizzle over rest of area, decreasing late tonight and Friday. Low tonight 26 northwest to 46 south. High Friday 47 to 64 south.

Upper Texas Coast: Small craft advisory in effect. Northeast winds 20 to 30 knots, becoming gusty tonight through Friday. Scattered showers and a few thundershowers. Seas 6 to 8 feet, increasing tonight and Friday.

Diseases Threaten Survivors Of Cyclone In Darwin

By THOMAS KENT
Associated Press Writer

DARWIN, Australia (AP) — Diseases from polluted water today threatened the survivors of the Christmas Day cyclone that devastated Darwin, northern Australia's major city.

Doctors at Darwin Hospital said the number of children being admitted with illness caused by drinking polluted water now outnumbered those with injuries caused by the killer storm.

A campaign of cholera and tetanus immunizations was begun to fight the threat of disease after this city of 40,000 was left without adequate safe water, sewerage service and electric power.

A mass evacuation also got under way, beginning with an airlift of the critically injured. Officials said 10,000 people would have to be evacuated, and other estimates ranged higher.

Survivors told harrowing tales of escape from the cyclone that left at least 40 known dead, hundreds injured and most of the city's residents homeless. Cyclone warnings had been given, but one survivor said, "We were always getting cyclone warnings, and everybody was blase about it."

People dug in the wreckage of their homes for their belongings. One house bore a handwritten sign: "Looters Shot."

The Australian Air Force flew in more than 20 planeloads of medical supplies, drinking water, food, blankets, clothing and medical teams. The planes then ferried more than 200 personsto hospitals in east coast cities, more than five hours away.

Defense Minister Lance Barnard took charge of the relief operation and said 40 persons were known dead. Other reports from Darwin put the death toll as high as 80.

Hundreds were reported injured or missing.

Barnard said at least 10,000 of the city's 40,000 people would have to be evacuated until the town was rebuilt.

Survivors reported 90 per cent of the city's buildings were damaged or demolished.

Relief organizations in Australia's southern cities began preparations to house evacuees at race tracks, fair grounds and government hostels.

Appeals were made for blood, accommodations and money.

Offer of help came from New Zealand, the United States and Britain. The government accepted the offer of a huge U.S. Air Force Starlifter, a C130 transport plane from New Zealand and a British submarine whose generators can provide enough power for a city the size of Darwin.

Rescue operations were hampered by continued rain from the cyclone, Tracy, which roared out of the Timor Sea before dawn Wednesday and lashed Darwin for four hours with winds up to 120 miles an hour and heavy rains.

The storm today had advanced about 100 miles southeast of Darwin and was threatening to pick up force and momentum again over the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Police said there had been some looting in the city.

An inoculation program was begun to prevent the outbreak of disease caused by the breakdown of water and sewerage facilities.

Darwin is more than 2,000 miles from Sydney and 900 miles by road from the nearest large town, Alice Springs, in central Australia.

Icy Roads Reported Over Area

The Snyder area came close, but again missed a White Christmas.

Winter jabbed the entire region with a potent blow on Christmas Day, but it was ice rather than snow that coated rooftops and automobiles.

Precipitation was light, but it was freezing as it fell, causing hazardous conditions on streets and highways. The official gauge at the city water plant had measured .02 inch of moisture up to 7 a.m. today.

This came from sleet and freezing mist and drizzle that began falling Wednesday afternoon and continued this morning.

The official thermometer did not get any higher than 34 degrees on Christmas Day, and it had stalled in the high twenties this morning as a fine mist continued to fall.

Motor vehicle drivers were cautioned to watch for ice on the streets and highways. Bridges throughout the area were icy and Highway Department personnel had applied sand and small gravel to enhance traction.

The weather spell was due to continue today and tonight, according to forecasts, with a warming trend expected by the end of the week.

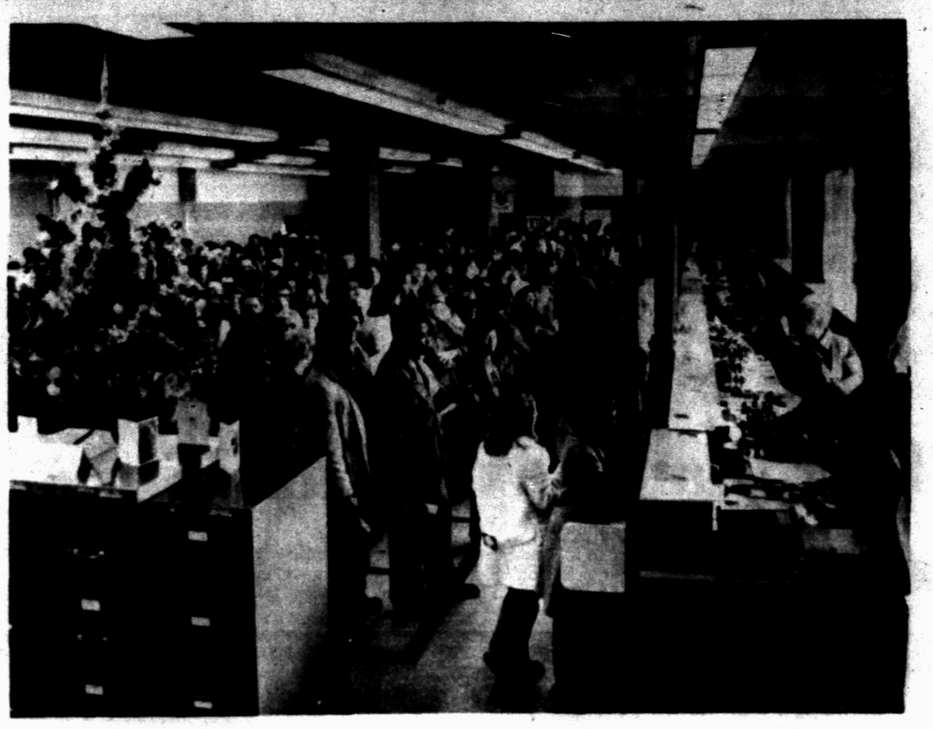
Sen. Fulbright Resigns Early

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. J.W. Fulbright, D-Ark., has resigned from the Senate effective Dec. 31, the Senate secretary's office said today.

The resignation of Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, opens the way for Arkansas Gov. Dale Bumpers to succeed him early if Bumpers resigns as governor.

Bumpers defeated Fulbright's bid for re-election in the Democratic primary earlier this year and then went on to score an overwhelming victory over a Republican opponent in the November election.

There was no indication whether Bumpers, whose term as governor runs until Jan. 14, would resign to take over Fulbright's seat.



LONGEST LINE—Several thousand unemployed Marylanders thronged the state Employment Security Administration building, forming a line that one official described as the longest he had ever seen. At one point, the line stretched from the claims windows shown here, through several corridors inside the building, out the door and around the block. (AP Wirephoto)

TRAVEL IS HAZARDOUS

Storm Tightens Grip On Texas

By The Associated Press

A major Rocky Mountain snow storm tightened its grip on much of Texas today, icing highways and utility lines, disrupting electric service to about 3,000 homes in the Hill Country.

Snow drifted into banks along Interstate 10 and other major West Texas highways, iced over cattle watering holes and blanketed airport runways.

Weathermen warned of peril on the state's highways generally west of a line from Wichita Falls to San Angelo, Ozona and Lampasas.

Power lines in Kerr County sagged under the onslaught of ice formation then snapped late Wednesday, leaving about 3,000 homes without electric service.

Snow on Mt. Franklin, overlooking El Paso, was 18 inches deep and the snow continued to fall.

A Continental Trailways bus skidded off ice-glazed Interstate 10 near Clint but there were no injuries.

Heavy snow began falling this morning at Amarillo, preceded by rapidly forming ice which helped congest Interstate 40 in that Upper Panhandle city. Police said roadways in the Amarillo area were treacherous.

As much as eight inches of snow blanketed Guadalupe Pass, in the mountains about 80 miles east of El Paso, and measurements of four inches or more were common from the Pecos River Westward in that part of the state. Official warnings promised more heavy snow.

El Paso itself was all but paralyzed by a 5½-inch cover, the heaviest for that section in 20 years. Police barricaded some major streets because of the hazard. The Army's Ft. Bliss in El Paso and neighboring White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico were closed.

On an icy stretch of Interstate 10 about 20 miles east of El Paso a truck carrying seven persons skidded and overturned about 5 a.m. today.

204 Killed On Nation's Highways

By The Associated Press

The nation's traffic fatality toll for the one-day Christmas holiday was 204.

The National Safety Council had estimated that 200 to 260 persons would die this Christmas on the nation's highways.

The tabulating period began at 6 p.m. EST Tuesday and ended at midnight local time Wednesday.

There were 231 persons killed on the last one-day observance of Christmas in 1968.

Inmates Free Two More Hostages

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press Writer

LORTON, Va. (AP) — Armed inmates at Lorton Reformatory released two more hostages today "to show the good side of us again."

Release of the two hostages, who had complained of being ill, brought to seven the number of hostages still being held.

"This indicates things are pretty close to a solution," said Dozier Haziel, chairman of the inmates grievance committee but not a participant in uprising. He has participated in negotiations between prison officials and inmates.

Meanwhile, the prisoners continued to talk with lawyers about what their next course of action should be.

Four prisoners succeeded in carrying out a complicated escape plan. State police later found one dead of a gunshot wound in the auto the four used to flee this District of Columbia prison located in suburban Washington.

Inmate negotiators representing all or some of approximately 100 prisoners involved in the disturbance obtained the signatures of District of Columbia penal officials to improve specified prison conditions.

Another agreement, reportedly being prepared for the signature of federal prison director Norman Carlson or one of his subordinates, would guarantee that the inmates will not be transferred from Lorton for punitive purposes.

The disturbance broke out Christmas night following the collapse of a large-scale escape attempt.

As inmate negotiators and prison officials hammered out an agreement to end the stalemate and free the hostages, Thomas Reed, an inmate leader, told a reporter inside the prison that the guards were seized by prisoners after the escape plan failed.

Ten guards were seized originally but one subsequently was released.

John Stonehouse, Wife Reunited

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — John Stonehouse, the runaway member of the British Parliament, was reunited with his wife Barbara today while the Australian government pondered whether to deport him for entering the country on a false passport.

She flew in from England and the couple met for two hours at the Commonwealth Detention Center where he is being held.

Stonehouse failed to produce the full explanation of his flight which his lawyer had said he would make today. But Stonehouse told the magistrate who ordered him held that he was fleeing from "the incredible tensions and pressures I have suffered in the last two years in the United Kingdom.

"I am not a criminal in the strict sense of the word. I may have only committed a technical offense in Britain."

Stonehouse, a Labor party member of the British House of Commons since 1957 and a member of Prime Minister Harold Wilson's cabinet in the 1960s, said he hoped to remain in Australia as an immigrant.

The 49-year-old M.P.-businessman disappeared in Miami Beach, Fla., on Nov. 20 while on a business trip. He arrived in Australia a week later under the assumed name of Joseph Arthur Markham. He was arrested Tuesday in a Melbourne apartment where he was living under the name of Donald Clive Mildoon.

He has been reported involved in a number of complex international business deals, including a $15 million Romanian-Nigerian cement deal that friends said fell through while he was in Florida. After his arrest, he cabled Wilson that he was trying to get away from "incredible" business pressures and blackmail attempts.

Two British papers reported after the disappearance that Stonehouse had also been accused of spying for the Communists and for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, but Wilson told the House of Commons that these allegations had been disproved.

Acting Insp. John Mitchell Sullivan told the magistrate that Stonehouse admitted entering Australia with the false Markham passport on Nov. 27. He left the next day and returned on Dec. 10, Sullivan said.

Stonehouse claimed he got that name by checking hospitals "for people who were dead and in my age group," Sullivan said.

White House Intruder Prompts Secutity Review

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials say they expect to review and improve White House security measures following a Christmas morning gate-crashing by a self-proclaimed "messiah" who kept guards at bay for hours with bogus explosives.

Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said the incident, which came 10 months after a young GI crashed a stolen Army helicopter on the White House lawn, demonstrates the need "to see how similar things could be prevented from happening again."

Simon also commended the Secret Service, a Treasury Department agency, for its "professional" handling of Wednesday's intruder, who rammed his automobile through a closed White House gate.

President Ford and his family were away on a skiing vacation in Colorado. A Secret Service spokesman said that for that reason, White House guards had reacted in a more "compassionate" way.

No shots were fired during the tense four-hour siege. The man, in Arab garb and wired to what guards feared were explosives, stood near the north portico where presidents frequently greet visiting foreign dignitaries.

After he surrendered, the Secret Service said agents found that the intruder, identified as Marshall H. Fields, 25, of suburban Silver Spring, Md., had no explosives.

Fields, the son of a deceased State Department official who had served in Arab countries, was then taken to a mental hospital for observation.

In a rambling statement mailed recently to several Washington area news organizations, a man identifying himself as Fields had indicated he would take some sort of action against the government on Christmas Day, declaring, "I am the Messiah to those who wish to believe."

Chief Earl Drescher of the Executive Protective Service, said, "I'm sure there will be studies and evaluation of this incident."

Drescher said security absolute enough to rule out the possibility of a similar intrusion probably would be unattainable without turning the White House into "an armed camp."

A Secret Service spokesman said the response of agents on Wednesday would have been different if Ford or members of his family had been at the White House. He didn't say what agents would have done but did say Fields could have been stopped before he reached the building.

The intruder surrendered after hearing on his car radio a broadcast by the Howard University radio station of his demand to talk with Sahabzada Yaqub Kahn, Pakistan's ambassador to the United States.

Greenfield Rites Friday

Mrs. Mary Ann Greenfield, 69, who lived at 2405 Thirtieth Street, died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service has been set for 2 p.m. Friday at the Bell-Seale Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Wayland Dowden, pastor of Union United Methodist Church, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Miller F. Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Dermott Cemetery, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

A native of Stigler, Okla., Mrs. Greenfield had been a resident of Scurry County since 1913. She was married on July 7, 1923, in Snyder to H.O. Greenfield, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Verna Love of Arlington; two sons, Johney (Sonny) Greenfield of Snyder and Barnie Greenfield of Lubbock; a sister, Mrs. A.N. Edmondson of Dermott; four step-sisters, Mrs. Pete Hart of Snyder, Mrs. Eula Spencer of Wendell, Idaho, Mrs. Floy Merrical and Mrs. Willie Joseph, both of California; a step-brother, Jim Sullenger of Snyder; and five grandchildren.

Wright Service Set Here Today

Graveside rites were set for 2 p.m. today at Hillside Memorial Gardens for Bill Wright, who died early Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The Rev. R. Virgil Mott, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, was to officiate, and Bell-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



New expansion needs no explanation

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 26, happily married and flat as a board. My husband knows that I've always wanted a big bosom, so he agreed for me to see a plastic surgeon about silicone implants. The date for my surgury has been set, but my problem is, what do I tell people?

I know it's none of their business, but this is a rather small town and gossip is what the people around here live on.

My husband and I run a small cafe. He cooks and I serve, and all our customers know I've got no bust, and if I suddenly go into the hospital for two days, am off work for two weeks, and then I show up at the cafe with a pair of 38s, won't they figure it out?

I'm a lousy liar, and if the truth gets out, I'm afraid people will be coming to the cafe to get a look at me.

NERVOUS IN NEVADA

DEAR NERVOUS: You don't owe anyone any explanations. It's not unusual for a woman to go into a hospital for "a little surgery." And a two-weeks recuperating period isn't unusual either. As for the improved figure—enjoy it, and don't feel compelled to explain it.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is my guilt. I had a very unhappy childhood because of my father. He used to beat my mother (and still does) and he'd beat us kids until we were a mass of welts. I hate him, and can't tell you the number of times I wished him dead. He doesn't drink, and he goes to church, but you'd never know it. He only hits people who can't fight back. It's always someone weaker than he is. He's the cruelest man I know. He went into a rage once after he beat Mom up and broke all the windows in our house.

We are all married now and can't understand why Mom still stays with him. We've all told her she can come and live with any of us.

My husband welcomes my mother in our home, but not my father because my father once started slapping Mom around in our house and my husband has barred him from our property every ever since.

I feel so guilty having a wonderful husband and family and knowing what Mom is putting up with. Thanks for listening.

GUILTY DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: If your mother knows that she is welcome to live with any of her children, but continues to stay with your father and takes the abuse you describe, she is as sick as he is. And he is sick, sick, sick. No need for you to feel guilty. Your parents need a psychiatrist with two couches.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please clear up something for me? My husband has two children by a former marriage. They live with their mother.

What am I to them? Am I their stepmother? I told my husband that I was NOT their stepmother because their mother is still living. He became angry and asked me what I thought I was—if not their stepmother.

I told him I was just their father's wife.

Am I wrong or right?

WHO AM I

DEAR WHO: Your husband is right. Stepmother is the wife of one's father by a subsequent marriage.

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 69700, L.A., Calif. 90069. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

For Abby's new booklet, "What Teen-agers Want to Know," send $1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

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Store License Is Going Out

No state store licenses are required in Texas after Dec. 31, Carlton R. Bell, District Supervisor of the Abilene District Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, has reminded.

The law requiring the store license was repealed by the 62nd legislature and becomes effective on Jan. 1.


Typewriter and Adding Machine Repair
BUD'S OFFICE SUPPLY



B1 AIRBORNE—The controversial B1 bomber, designed to replace the aging B52, sweeps aloft on its first test flight at Edwards Air Force Base on the California desert. It flew at low speeds for about 90 minutes. The country may spend $18.6 billion to make 247 of the planes. (AP Wirephoto)

Violence Mars Holiday For Many Texas Families

By The Associated Press

Volent deaths marred the Christmas holiday for many Texas families.

Including five persons killed in a single car-train crash, south of Houston, traffic accidents claimed 19 lives. Six fatal shootings and a fire death raised the tragic toll to 29.

The fatalities occurred between 6 p.m. Tuesday and midnight Wednesday.

In advance the Texas Highway Patrol had estimated 14 persons would die in the streets and highways during that period.

The Christmas Eve accident near Houston, involving a pickup truck and a train, killed Patsy Ross, 33, and her children—Wesley, 14; Kevin, 12; Ronnie, 11, and Michael, 9. Their husband and father, Olen Ray, was taken to an Alvin hospital with injuries.

This is how some of the others died:

Evelyn Stockton, 48, and William H. Cudd, 14, both of Houston, were killed there Wednesday in a two-car collision.

Samuel P. Williams, 71, of Huntsville, was killed Wednesday in a broadside crash on U.S. 190 one mile east of Huntsville.

A one-car rollover Wednesday morning resulted in the death of Samuel L. Hall Jr., 17, of Marshall. It occurred three miles north of Marshall on Texas 154.

Samuel Taplin, 42, was shot to death Wednesday in Houston during an argument with a taxi driver.

A domestic quarrel over which Christmas Eve party a couple would attend ended in the fatal shooting of David Coon, 24, of Humble.

James O. Everett, 25, of the El Paso suburb of Canutillo was killed Christmas Day in a one-car accident at El Paso.

Michael E. Wilson, 21, of Plano was killed near that Collin County town Wednesday when his car overturned.

John Meltey, 21, was killed near Edinburg Christmas Eve when the Austin man's car ran off Texas 104 and hit a tree.

William McCarthy, 27, of Maud, Tex., died at Redwater when his car was wrecked on a farm road.

A Dallas sailor, Thomas A. Brevig, 19, was killed at Irving when the stalled car he was pushing was struck by another auto.

Mrs. Virgil Hudson, 53, died in a Christmas Day fire which caused about $37,000 damage at her Dallas home.

James Pearce was shot to death at a Moody, Tex., cafe in the early hours of Christmas morning.

Robert C. Campbell, 67, died near Lytle in South Texas as his pickup truck collided with a tractor Tuesday night.

Seek Bids On New Loraine Post Office

SAN ANTONIO—The U.S. Postal Service is seeking construction bids for new post offices at Loraine and Sandia, Tex., Robert L. McCoy, manager, San Antonio Postal District, announced here today.

The post office in Loraine will contain 1,400 sq. ft. of interior floor space and will be located on site at the northwest corner of Main and Colorado Streets containing 39,900 sq. ft. of land area.

The Sandia post office will contain 1,400 sq. ft. of interior floor space and will be located on a site containing 14,000 sq. ft. on Pecan St.

Construction bids are to be made to William H. Brady, real estate officer, P.O. Box 830, San Antonio, Tex. 78293.

Bid opening date for Sandia is 1 p.m., Jan. 3, 1975, and for Loraine, Jan. 17, 1975 at 1 p.m.

When completed, both post offices will be leased by the Postal Service for basic periods of 10 years with options on 20 additional years.

Stiles Rites Here Today

Funeral rites were held at 11 a.m. today at Bell-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Mrs. Donnie Ida Stiles, 91, of Lomita, Calif.

Mrs. Stiles, a former Snyder resident, died Sunday in California.

The Rev. Cone Merritt officiated at the funeral service and burial was in the Snyder Cemetery, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

She was a native of Leon County and was married to William Bennett Stiles who preceded her in death in 1949.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Almena Talmedge of Long Beach, Calif., and two granddaughters, Greta Lewis of Snyder and June Dillard of Houston.

Army Accused On Nerve Gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — A member of the House Armed Services Committee has charged that the Army is lining up manufacturers for nerve gas.

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., said Wednesday the Army either is ignoring a congressional directive that nerve gas activities be limited to research or it plans to convince Congress to change the law.

Aspin said he would seek emergency hearings on the matter when the new Congress convenes next month.

An Army spokesman said Christmas night that he could not respond to questions about the Aspin allegation until he gets in touch with officials involved in chemical warfare programs.

Aspin, in a written statement, said he was basing his assertions on a Dec. 11 entry in the Commerce Department's "Business Daily," a listing of government contract notices. The entry was a query to chemical companies about their willingness to convert their facilities to produce "ton quantities" of two chemicals, dimethyl polysulfide and ethyl 2-Diisopropylaminoethyl.

An Aspin aide said these chemicals are the components of a nerve gas called VX, an odorless, colorless compound that attacks the nervous system when inhaled or absorbed through the skin. A quart jar of VX allegedly contains "several million lethal doses," the aide said.

About the same time the notice to chemical companies appeared, the Army announced a search for a company to produce artillery projectiles that would be filled with "nontoxic chemical solutions," the Aspin aide said.

The projectiles will be used to carry the VX components, the aide said. He conceded that he had not discussed his interpretation of the two notices with Army officials.

The House by a 214-186 vote last Aug. 6 deleted funds to make new artillery ammunition and a new nerve gas. The gas program then was to be limited to research, Aspin said.

VX is a binary gas, meaning the two chemical components are kept separate in an artillery shell for safety purposes. But when the shell impacts, the two components mix, creating the gas.

Firms Ordered To Inspect Oil Tanks

TOKYO (AP) — The government has ordered oil companies to inspect all their tanks following a crack in a refinery tank that spilled 18,000 barrels of crude oil into the scenic Inland Sea.

The leak from Mitsubishi Oil's Mizushima refinery in southwest Japan a week ago is estimated to have done more than $20 million damage to fisheries and beaches so far. It is still spreading despite a fight by 21 patrol boats and more than 30 fishing boats trying to check it.

Five Charged In Burglary At Hermleigh

Highway Patrolemen arrested five persons in connection with a burglary that occurred at Boyce Jones' Grocery Store in Hermleigh Christmas night.

Sheriff's Authorities, who are investigating the case, said the five were apprehended at Avenue E and U.S. 84 at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday after area officers were alerted to be on the lookout for a vehicle that was seen leaving the store after the burglary.

Charged in Justice of the Peace Court were Andy Russell Burditt, 17; Linda Sue Cabaniss, 17; Jacob Denny Foster, 17; Vernon Lee Wallace, 24; and, Donald Jerold Fox, 19.

Sheriff's Authorities said there was a forced entry at the grocery store. A door had been kicked in. Taken in the burglary were two sticks of salami, eight cartons of cigarettes and an undetermined amount of candy. Some of the items have been recovered, officers said.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Robert Jones, Rt. 3, Box 20; Laura Rollins, 2400 Forty-second; Valda Moore, Rt. 2, Box 123; Amanda Rodriguez, 1209 Twenty-ninth; Jan McPherson, 3505 Jacksboro; Christine Fink, 4503 Jacksboro; Katy Head, Rt. 2, Box 166; Barton Nolan, 2700 Ave. J; Ouzzie McClain, 906 Thirtieth.

DISMISSALS: Christine Fink, Jan McPherson, Darlene Lambert, Mrs. Pat Sadler and baby boy, Jan McCathern, C.L. Jones, Nancy Henry, Dub Cantrell, Roxie Shephard.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rodriguez, 1209 Twenty-ninth, are the parents of an 8 lb. 2 oz. baby girl, born at 8:49 p.m. Dec. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Gamasy Eyed To Succeed Ismail

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Anwar Sadat is expected to name Lt. Gen. Abdel Ghany Gamasy to succeed Field Marshal Ahmed Ismail as war minister and commander-in-chief of the Egyptian army, informed sources said today.

Ismail, 57, died of cancer Wednesday in London. Gamasy, 53, was named chief of staff after the October 1973 war and was Egypt's representative at the postwar military negotiations with Israel.

Gamasy has been directing Egypt's military establishment for months because of Ismail's illness and is expected to make no major changes.

A 1939 graduate of the Egyptian military academy, Gamasy took staff college courses and went on training missions to the United States and Soviet Union. In 1959 he was named commander of a tank battalion and later chief instructor at the armored academy. He became chief of infantry operations in the Sinai Desert in 1968 and was commander of the 2nd Army in the 1967 war.

A year later he became deputy director of military intelligence and in 1971 became director of training. It was in that post that he planned the assault across the Suez Canal which at the start of the 1973 war gave Egypt its first military triumph against Israel.

"Gamasy came to me with a small notebook that included the full plan of the operation," Sadat later recalled. "It was amazing in its meticulousness. He covered everything from measurements of Suez Canal water currents at the time of the attack to troop movements."

MIDDAY STOCKS

By The Associated Press

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Accused Hijacker Arrested

ROME (AP) — A Czech-Canadian is in prison here charged with hijacking an Air India jumbo jet that he threatened to crash into Rome on Christmas Day.

Josef Homolov, 31, was overpowered in the cockpit and arrested at Fiumicino airport after the plane landed safely. The pilot circled the city for two hours, but the other 154 passengers in the cabins behind were not told what was happening.

The pilot said Homolov threatened him with a two-inch pocketknife and a heavy flashlight and told him he wanted to make the plane crash.

The co-pilot and the flight engineer finally jumped him and disarmed him after a brief scuffle.

Rockefellers To Puerto Rico

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller and members of his family fly to Puerto Rico today for a week's vacation.

Press secretary Hugh Morrow said Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and his wife will join the Rockefellers during their stay.

Rockefeller plans to return Jan. 2.

Two Mishaps Are Reported

Minor damage resulted in two motor vehicle mishaps here Tuesday.

The first one occurred on the parking lot at the Safeway store. Involved were the parked 1970 Model Chevrolet of Jose Castillo, 3007 Avenue M, and a 1967 Model Ford driven by Rita Slaton, Clairemont Route. The mishap occurred at 2:08 p.

The other one occurred in the 2000 block of Avenue M at 6:17 p.m. Involved were the 1962 Model Chevrolet pickup of Antonio Aguilar Jr., 706 Twenty-sixth Street; the parked 1971 Model Ford of Robert Davidson, 2000 Avenue M; and, the parked 1970 Model Ford of Joyce Kowan, 310 Twentieth Street.

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From left to right, Mrs. Wilma Himes is a former high school dropout turned college freshman who entered Purdue's SPAN Plan Program for returning students at the age of 37. Married in her late teens, Mrs. Himes has six children and is a grandmother. Madie Horne is 46, the mother of three and a freshman majoring in Metropolitan and Community Studies through Ramapo's (N.J.) Continuing Education Division. She goes to school part-time while holding down a full-time job. She hopes to pursue a career as an administrator in service agencies. Eileen Barnes is back in college again after a 21-year lapse. She dropped out to marry and raise four children. When her husband died four years ago she decided to resume her education and hopes for a career as a theatrical designer. She is now a junior majoring in theater arts in a regular undergraduate degree program and also works part-time as a costume designer for the San Jose (Calif.) Music Theater. Marion Graham is 40 and a senior majoring in nursing. She is the mother of five ranging from 8 to 17 and has been on the Dean's List every semester.

NEW GIRLS ON CAMPUS

Over-35 Co-Eds Special Class

BY HELEN HENNESSY
NEA WOMEN'S EDITOR

NEW YORK (NEA)—If you have visited a college recently you may have noticed a new kind of co-ed on campus—the woman over 35. There are currently almost 500,000 women over 35 enrolled full or part-time in college-degree programs around the country. These women are seriously pursuing educations and degrees that were in many cases interrupted or never begun because of marriage, child-raising and jobs.

Although women over 35 are going back to school in trend-setting numbers it isn't easy because they do face special problems. First they must overcome psychological fears about whether they'll succeed in the classroom competing against younger students.

Another concern is scheduling. Most women have family or job responsibilities so they have to juggle classes with careers and home obligations.

A third and often most serious difficulty is financial aid—the economic squeeze which hits middle-income families the hardest because they are often "too rich" to qualify for aid based on stringent assessment of need yet "too poor" to stretch the family budget far enough to pay for education. In the majority of cases any extra money is put aside for the children who are in or fast approaching college themselves.

Most older women students attend part-time and this factor often makes them ineligible for scholarships awarded to full-time students. And there's also the "judgmental factor" in which schools often regard younger, traditional students as a better risk. To help meet the overlooked financial needs of older women, Clairol has established the "Loving Care Scholarship Program," the first nationwide undergraduate fund targeted to women over 35. Colleges over 50 years in existence were selected to participate in the program for the current school year. Each received a $1,000 scholarship which they awarded to one or more women qualifying on the basis of merit and need. Approximately 100 women are now receiving some financial assistance from the program.

After the financial situation is eased and mom is enrolled, she faces another major hurdle—getting her husband, children and friends to adjust to her new role.

"At first my husband was delighted and encouraged me," said Mrs. Diana Dubinsky mother of four and a junior at Queens College in New York. "Then after a while he began to feel ambivalent about it. I guess he felt that I was growing and he wasn't. He felt threatened but he's over that now."

In Chicago Mrs. Genevieve Rafferty, a senior at Mundelein College and mother of seven, experienced the opposite reaction from her husband. "At first he saw no value to it," she admitted. "But after he had his last coronary he felt my education might become necessary in case things became bad enough that I had to work."

Mrs. Lillie Alston, mother of three and a freshman at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.T., has a husband who she said "was instrumental in encouraging me to go back to school.

"I kept wondering if I could do it and so he even took me to register personally."

Mrs. Wilma Himes, at 37 a grandmother as well as a mother of six, had a tougher time of it. "I can't say he was exactly pleased at first," she told me.

Wilma, a former high school dropout who passed the admission test for Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., admitted that the longer she went the more enthused her husband became. "After I won the Loving Care Scholarship," she said "there was no keeping him down. Now he's with me all the way."

It seems that the husbands eventually can handle their wives' interests outside the home, but how do the children react?

Carla Graham, 17, whose mother Miarian is a senior at the College of Mt. St. Joseph in suburban Cincinnati, Ohio, said, "When Mom began to think of going back to college to become a nurse, my parents sat down and presented the idea to us kids (there are five) and we all agreed. We made it a family effort and everyone pitches in with the chores during the week."

A different set of circumstances motivated Mrs. Eileen Barnes to continue her education.

"When Dad died of leukemia four years ago, Mom decided to pick up her education at the University of Santa Clara. We thought it was a pretty good idea although it was hard getting used to Mom not being around as much." And what about the household chores? "Mom and I do most of the chores," Moira said. "My brother, Matt, is a male chauvinist."

Mrs. Raferty, mother of seven learned to become more self-reliant. "I wanted to demonstrate that our lives extend to other people, too, that it's not just in the home and they understand this now."

And the older generation—the mothers and the mothers-in-law—how do they feel? Mrs. Dubinsky said, "My mother always told me 'When you educate a woman, you educate a whole family.' Do you know that I call her long distance when I get good grades? Funny, but I still feel the need, at my age, to report home and have Mommy be proud of me."

Luggage Should Suit Your Trip

NEW YORK (AP) — Paris or the Poconos? Budapest or the beach?

According to the travel industry, more and more Americans are opting for cruises and shorter trips within the United States and to neighboring areas.

Despite these new travel patterns, one fact remains: the choice of luggage to take should always be based on the demands of the trip to be taken, says the Luggage and Leather Goods Manufacturers of America. Its experts point out that garment carriers are ideal for trips by car, since the carriers that fold over can be left open and hung up or placed flat on the rear seat or in the trunk. Or, if the trip is to be taken by train, a lightweight, easy-to-handle suitcase or one on wheels that doesn't require the help of all-too-scarce porters is generally the most convenient choice.

The manufacturers' group suggests these guidelines to follow in choosing luggage for today's travel needs:

Cruises require a wardrobe that ranges from evening wear to bathing suits and tennis outfits. A cruise vacation calls for a 26-or 29-inch suitcase or a jumbo multipurpose garment carrier. It's also wise to take along both a 24-inch suitcase and a shoulder bag or tote for overnights spent ashore, day sightseeing trips and for carrying purchases.

Long trips by air, lasting a week or two, require a 26-or 29-inch bag. A shoulder bag or tote also is necessary for personal articles and reading materials you might want to have during the flight and for items such as lightweight sweater and camera equipment.

Long trips by train and bus require the same size luggage as for long plane trips, but it is especially important that the suitcase be lightweight and have a comfortable, easy-to-grip handle so you can carry it yourself. Remember, too, train and bus limits on baggage size and weight: trains require that any luggage that doesn't fit in the overhead rack or passenger car must go in the baggage car — or wait for a train with a baggage car. Buses limit each traveler to 150 pounds of luggage.

Short trips, such as a three-or four-day jaunt, call for a 24-inch bag and a tote — no matter what the mode of transportation may be. Men usually find that a men's suiter accommodating two or three suits is a good choice.

Weekend or overnight trips require only a 24-inch bag, a fold-over garment carrier or even a generously-sized carry-on or tote bag.

Those traveling by auto can use these same guidelines as a general reference. Car travel, of course, offers the most flexibility since there are no restrictions as to weight and no worries about carrying luggage through train or bus terminals.

Today's luggage — whether soft-sided or hard — is constructed in a wide variety of styles, sizes, shapes and durable fabrics. The wide assortment of coverings ranges from denim and fiberglass to natural leather and aluminum.



IT'S SWEATER SEASON—This year coordinating sweater sets will head the fashion parade. Stella Sloat has designed a classic pleated flannel skirt with yoke detail to complete the pretty picture.

Now There's A Book On Do-It-Yourself Cabins

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Now that getting back to the soil is a popular idea, Early Log Cabin may be in for an architectural revival. And instead of searching bucolic byways for that dreamed-of rustic dwelling by a stream you could build your own at a favorite woodsy hideaway. If you choose the land with that idea, you may build your house out of your very own trees. Or some of them.

It may be a do-it-yourself reality (with the aid of a few friends) using the book, "How To Build and Furnish a Log Cabin" by W. Ben Hunt. The new book comprises two books by the late Wisconsin-born author, "Building Log Cabins" published in 1888 and "Rustic Construction" issued in 1939. The book was based on his own experiences, and although the tools prescribed include the cross-cut saw and other prepower tools, the modern chain saw should make the task easier.

A one-room cabin, 20 by 16, is described but there are plans, too, for adding an 8 by 10 lean-to kitchen to a 20 by 12 foot cabin, and for building a three-room cabin which includes a bedroom and dining-living room as well as a kitchen. A porch can be added to the cabins (useful for wood storage).

The site is the most important consideration as one must have good drainage, water supply, orientation, accessibility and safety. You may like one view better than another, but your main consideration must be prevailing winds and sunlight. Excessive shade will keep your cabin from drying out after it rains.

Good, clean, pure water should be available. A springhouse can be erected over a spring, the water piped or pumped into the house depending on the lie of the land. Or you may prefer a dug well which can be lined with stone that permits the water to seep in when the well is dug to water level. Drilled wells are best, suggests the author, even though more expensive to construct, and these are used with a pumping system.

Although there should be good access to a highway if the house is to be used in winter, you will not want to be on top of a well-trafficked road, so the spot must be chosen wisely. And you should make sure you can hook up to utilities that you will want.

As for the logs, with luck they can be obtained on or near the site you choose, but they will need seasoning — at least six months, but better for one year. Hunt's book advises that you may need to order them from saw mills or lumber companies and that telephone or light companies might supply your needs.

After that you will need sand, gravel, stone, cement and firebrick for your fireplace. Windows, doors, roofing and flooring boards, shingles and planking and material for chinking are also needed.

A mixture of stone and concrete is used whether the foundation is to be concrete pier that will go to the frost ground, foundation walls which will require screened vents to keep out small animals or a basement which may be required for storage.

The author suggests the simplest method may be to build the entire fireplace and chimney before walls or any logs are laid. A recess is left in the fireplace so that logs can be fitted right into it.

After that you choose your logs, beginning with the two largest and straightest which become the sill logs to which end logs will be notched. The floor isn't laid until the walls are built so this provides an opportunity to take your time building the cabin — the elements should not be a problem.

The book provides good illustrations of how logs are aligned, dovetailed, laid, joined and chinked. Notching is in detail. Less artistic is the butt joint, but it is useful where the supply of logs is limited. Window and door openings are sawed out after the walls are put together. A second floor can be added.

One of the most romantic aspects of the back-to-nature dwelling that could be considered at a later date might be a little bridge built over a stream that runs near the cabin. It is illustrated in the book.

A knowledge of masonry, electricity, plumbing and carpentry will make building the cabin less costly but if you can't do it yourself, enlist friends who qualify or you will need to hire help.

There are do-it-yourself directions for building stoves — one can be built from a 50-gallon oil drum and the book includes directions for making outdoor fireplaces, rustic fences — wattles (of saplings) post, pole — and gates.

One might go on to making ceiling and standing lighting fixtures, slab chairs, sapling rope beds and cots, rustic tables and chairs, all of which may be made for your little new log cabin in the woods, following the simple directions.

Chimps Too Successful

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Those four artistic chimpanzees at the Portland Zoo may have become too successful with their paint brushes.

"This thing has gotten totally out of hand," Dr. Philip Ogilvie, zoo director, said Monday.

Ogilvie told the Portland Zoological Society that at last count the zoo's gift shop has sold 416 paintings by the chimps, with a profit of more than $2,000.

Nevertheless, Bathsheba, Delilah, Jezebel and Charlie soon may be working on clay sculpturing.

Ogilvie said nationwide publicity has resulted in a flood of requests for the chimp paintings. Demand has outstripped supply.

"But, I think we should put an end to this whole business," he said.

Dr. Hal Markowitz, zoo veterinarian, agreed. "After all," he said, "this has been just a stage in the chimps' training program."

"We want to see what the chimps will do with clay," Ogilvie said.

Drinks Instant Mix

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Nancy Rogers, whose discriminating taste buds made her the nation's top collegiate judge of milk, drinks the instant-mix variety on campus.

"I'm a student, so I try to get by as cheaply as possible," said the 20-year-old junior from Elmhurst.

She and three other members of the University of Illinois taste-testing team competed with 26 schools in October in the National Collegiate Dairy Products contest in Dallas, Tex.

Miss Rogers placed first among the milk testers. The Illinois team finished third overall.

The hunter who does not want to be mistaken for an animal by a fellow hunter should wear brightly colored clothing.

The Recollections Of A Centenarian

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Eloise Wilkins celebrated her 100th birthday Christmas Day with recollections of life on the sugar plantations in the years Louisiana was struggling to recover from the Civil War.

Cane chopping was sporadic, and the elegant riverside mansions were sliding into a century of crumbling neglect.

She was born just outside Patterson, the daughter of a barrelmaker and his French bride. She married at 18 and went to live on a plantation where her husband was overseer.

The only way to get there was by horse and ferry, and Mrs. Wilkins remembered how she had to help midwife six of her children. And when the seventh came, she did most of the work herself.

"I took a medical book out, read the directions to my husband and we delivered the baby," she said. "After Bessie was born I said, 'Cut the cord,' but he was getting faint and couldn't help me. So I did it myself."

In the hard years before the turn of the century, Mrs. Wilkins was cooking for 15, sewing, cleaning and helping to weigh cane from midnight to daybreak.

Floodwaters washed over the plantation in 1913, and the family opened a boarding house in Patterson to try to meet expenses. In 1920 they left the plantation for good and went to New Orleans, where Mrs. Wilkins opened another boarding house.

"The hardest part was keeping the bad elements out," she recalled. "You know, the type that would want to rent a room by the hour or overnight."

Her husband of 44 years died in 1936, and she moved in with one of her daughters. Now she has three grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Walkins says she has no secrets for a long life. She remembers meeting a woman on a bus 17 years ago who attributed her 83 years to "good thoughts."

"I didn't tell her then, but I thought it was the most ridiculous thing I had ever heard," she said.

Gliding Addict Lands Safely

LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — Hang gliding addict Dennis Kulberg sailed safely to earth Christmas Day from an altitude of 17,100 feet.

Equipped with oxygen and bundled in warm clothing against a temperature aloft of 11 degrees below zero, Kulberg was carried to his starting point by a balloon piloted by Brent Stockwell.

Thirty-five minutes after the 22-year-old Pacheco, Calif., man and his rig were released above Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton, the kite-like craft glided south 13½ miles to Morgan Hill, 70 miles south of San Francisco.





By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

LIGHT SUPPER

Vegetable Soup Toast
Cherry Cobbler Beverage

CHERRY COBBLER

It has an easy-to-make crumble topping.

Two 1-pound cans tart red pitted cherries
1-3rd cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
¾ cup flour, stir to aerate before measuring
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
½ cup quick-cooking oats
1 egg, slightly beaten
1-3rd cup butter or margarine, melted

Drain cherries, reserving 1 cup liquid. Stir together granulated sugar and cornstarch; gradually stir in reserved cherry liquid, keeping smooth. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until thickened, clear and boiling. Stir in cherries. Pour into a 9-inch square cake pan. Stir together the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon; stir in brown sugar and oats. Add egg and with a fork stir until crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over cherry mixture; drizzle with butter. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures

Shellac and honey have one thing in common. Each is the product of an insect.

The lac bug of India converts the sap of trees into a gum-like material that becomes liquid shellac when diluted with alcohol. Unbleached, it is orange in color; bleached, it becomes what is called white shellac but actually is clear.

Shellac has retained its popularity over the years partly because it can be used as a sealer, an undercoat or a final finish, but mainly because it is easy to use and dries rapidly.

Everybody has his pet way of mixing and using shellac. You will develop your own method after you have used it a few times. In the meantime, a widely recommended mixture of equal parts of shellac and denatured alcohol will handle most jobs and is the least likely to cause any problems. You will find, after a time, that when the shellac is being used as a sealer or undercoat, more alcohol and less shellac is preferable. When used for finishing furniture, the 50-50 mixture is good. When finishing a floor, you'll want more shellac and less alcohol. But there are some wood finishers who get excellent results with combinations other than those, so don't hesitate to experiment to arrive at a blend that suits you best.

Since I recently used shellac on an unfinished cabinet — and since the results were satisfactory — let me detail the steps that were taken. Although the wood in the cabinet appeared to have been well sanded, it was gone over again with a hand sander, using a fine grade of paper. The surfaces were then wiped with a cloth saturated in denatured alcohol to remove any traces of grit from the sanding.

One part of shellac was mixed with three parts of alcohol and applied with a brush in the direction of the grain. The cabinet was not touched for about three hours, then sanded very lightly, again with the grain. This time, a clean brush was used to remove any grit particles, since the use of alcohol might have softened the first coat.

A mixture of one part of shellac to one part of denatured alcohol was then made. This was applied as before and, also as before, was allowed to dry for three hours, after which it was sanded and dusted with a dry brush. The final coat again was a 50-50 mixture of shellac and alcohol. This time I didn't go near the cabinet until the next day, when a little paste wax was rubbed in. If desired, you can substitute one of the newer liquid polishers which contain some of the ingredients in paste wax. It does away with the buffing.

One word of caution. Shellac should not be applied during a period of high humidity. It could cause the surface to take on a cloudy appearance.

(The techniques of shellacking, varnishing, lacquering, staining, bleaching and getting a satin finish are detailed in Andy Lang's booklet, "Wood Finishing in the Home," which can be obtained by sending 30 cents and a long, STAMPED, self-addressed envelope to Know How, P.O. Box 477, Huntington, N.Y. 11743.)

8 Million Attend Opera

NEW YORK (AP) — More than eight million Americans attended live opera performances between September 1973 and September 1974, according to a survey sponsored by the Metropolitan Opera National Council.

Five years ago, the attendance figure was approximately half that.

There were 6,676 performances of opera in the U.S. during the 1973-74 season. This is a 12 per cent increase over the previous year and a 60 per cent rise compared with 10 years ago.

Performances were offered by 902 opera companies and workshops, as against 817 active in 1972-73.

Proxmire Helps Prepare Dinner

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Sen. William Proxmire, a Santa Claus hat on his head, spent part of Christmas helping prepare and serve dinner for about 80 persons at a Salvation Army's men's social services center.

"It is one of the most pleasant Christmases I've spent in a long time," the Wisconsin Democrat said.

Proxmire sliced pineapples for the dinner, helped serve, ate, then helped clean a large potato pot.

As Proxmire moved in to tackle the dirty dishes, Curtis McCurdy, 36, a resident at the center, moved out of his way.

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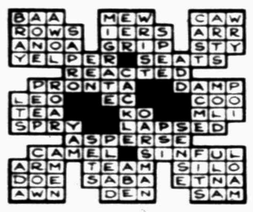
SIDE GLANCES



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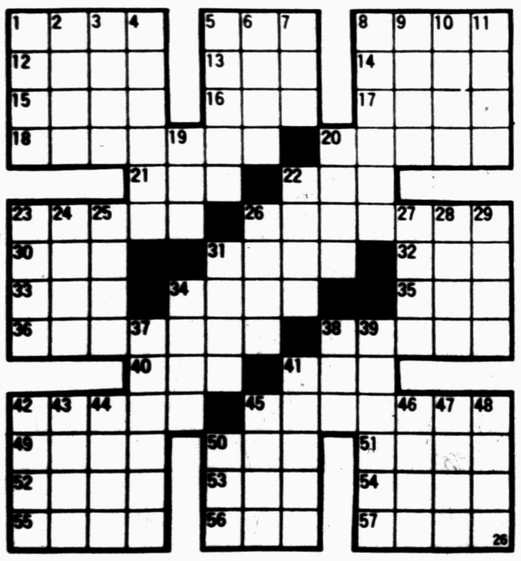


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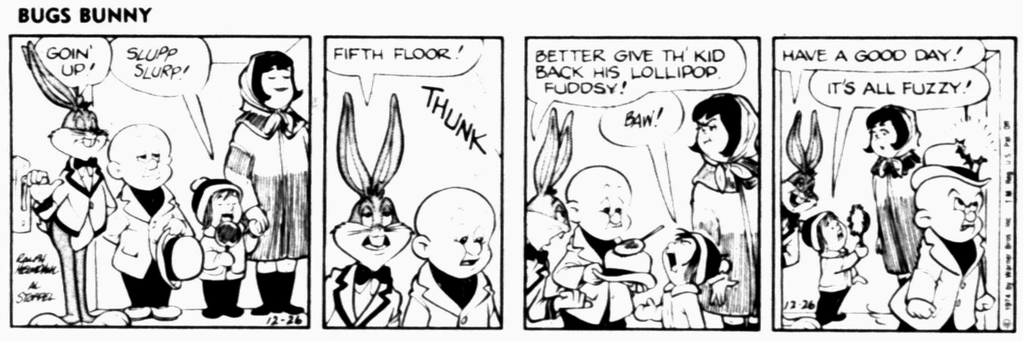
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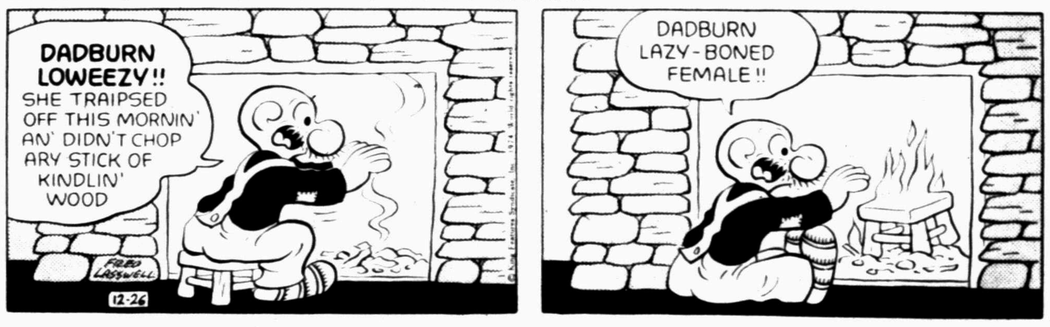
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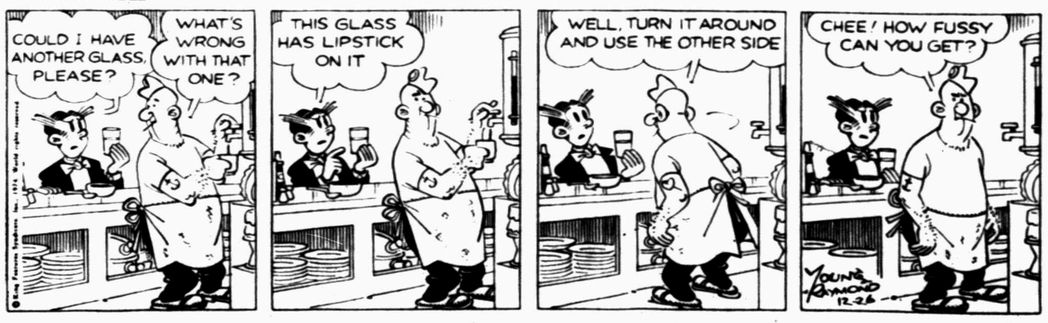
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Dr. Lamb

Effect of altitude on heart trouble

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Is there any evidence that altitude has any effect on heart trouble? I lived in the Midwest at altitudes below 1,000 feet and a few years ago retired to New Mexico. Now I'm living at approximately 6,000 feet. I recently had a mild heart attack, and it must have been a circulation problem that brought it on. I wondered if moving to a lower altitude might help.

DEAR READER—That is an interesting question. You may recall that President Eisenhower was in the Denver area when he had his first heart attack. If you live at sea level and go to altitude, the first few days are the most difficult. Then your body starts undergoing changes to adapt to the new altitude. In some natives living over 10,000 feet altitude, heart disease is almost unknown. However, they also are lean people, eating far differently than we do and are usually physically active.

If you are a sea-level inhabitant and go to altitude, you must be careful not to overdo the physical activity for several days and preferably for two weeks. Many men do not pay attention to this and will go out golfing or hunting and climbing immediately. They will be far more active than they are used to being at home, as well as being exposed to altitude. The combination can be a threat. Anyone planning a trip to altitude with any form of activity should try to improve physical fitness before making atmosphere is really very gradual. We usually do not think anything very important happens to the body until after 5,000 feet. You are just at the margin at 6,000 feet and it is unlikely that it will have any significant effect on your medical status or your health.

The 5,000 foot level is called the "physiological threshold," meaning that is the point where you can first notice any changes in body responses. Of course, if you were going to run a mile race at 5,000 feet and were a sea-dweller, you would not likely do as well. From 5,000 feet on, things begin to change. Still, at 7,000 feet, that will give you an idea that this level is pretty safe for most people. For those accustomed to living at 7,000 feet, or who are acclimatized, 7,000 feet is of no importance and poses no limitation, in itself, on activity.

You will have completed all of the more important acclimatizing adaptations within a few months at altitude. All things being equal, I would think other considerations are more important in your case - availability of medical support, family support, and what you are doing about smoking, diet, exercise and correction of any medical problems that you might have.

Send your questions to Dr. Lamb, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. For a copy of Dr. Lamb's booklet on cholesterol, send 50 cents to the same address and ask for the "Cholesterol" booklet.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

Order Halts Diversion Practices

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — A company which offers land-sea service to shippers of cargo to Europe and the United Kingdom will be enjoined from diverting such cargo away from Gulf Coast ports, an official of the port of Beaumont says.

Doyle Owens, traffic director for the port, said he received a copy of a letter from U.S. District Court Judge Joe Fisher saying he will issue a temporary restraining order to keep Seatrain International from engaging in the diversion practices.

Owens said he received a copy of a letter from Fisher to David Hughes, assistant Texas attorney general, informing Hughes of the judge's decision.

However, Fisher said Wednesday he does not expect to issue the restraining order before Jan. 6 although he has already written an opinion in the case.

An injunction suit against Seatrain was filed by the State of Texas, Lykes Brothers Steamship Lines and the Gulf Coast district of the International Association of Longshoremen.

Seatrain was accused in the suit of unfairly diverting cargo from ports of Houston, Beaumont and others for shipment from other ports.

According to Owens, the letter said Fisher's order will instruct Seatrain to put a temporary halt to the practices which led to the suit, and gives the company until Jan. 6 to enter a recommended order in the case.

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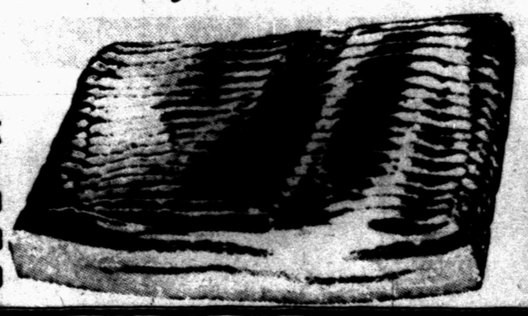
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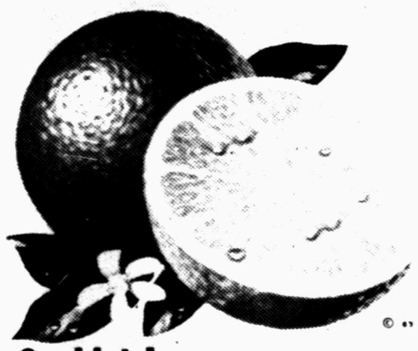
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Bulldogs Leave For El Paso

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP)—The Mississippi State Bulldogs planned to leave today for El Paso, Tex., and the Sun Bowl, the team's first post-season game in 11 years.

State, whose explosive veer offense helped carry it to an 8-3 regular season record, will compete Saturday against North Carolina, a high-scoring team with a 7-4 record.

"A lot of people have suggested the possibility of a high-scoring game, and I think one or two say it might be low-scoring," said Bulldogs Coach Bob Tyler.

"No matter which, I think it'll be a good ball game to see."

The Bulldogs' last bowl game was in 1963, when Mississippi State finished a 7-2-2 season by beating North Carolina State in the Liberty Bowl at Philadelphia.

Tyler, whose team lost to Alabama, Auburn and Florida this year, said North Carolina is "definitely the best offensive team we've played."

In 11 games, North Carolina scored 340 points and piled up 4,691 yards in total offense. Tailbacks James Betterson and Mike Voight each gained more than 1,000 yards.

Other top Tar Heels are 254-pound offensive guard Ken Huff, who made All America, and quarterback Chris Kupec, who set an NCAA record by completing 69.3 per cent of his passes.

Tyler said he respects the North Carolina defense too. "They had two fine linebackers who were injured before the start of the season...(but) who will be ready for us," he said.

Mississippi State's team, led by quarterback Rockey Felker, tailback Walter Packer, linebacker Jimmy Webb and others, is reported in good physical condition for the game.

Tyler said the Bulldogs would work out in El Paso for about 20 minutes today and about 10 minutes Friday. "They'll be just quick drills for us to be together and polish just a little bit."

Tyler said his team will have a few new plays and alignments but that State will stick with the basic formations it has relied upon all year.

Furman Is Favorite

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP)—Host Furman is favored to take the title in the 16th Poin-settia Classic basketball tourna-ment opening tonight at Greenville Memorial Audito-rium.

The 7 p.m. game matches Lafayette vs. Baylor, followed at 9 p.m. by Furman vs. George Washington.

The Paladins took their lumps early in the season, but apparently have settled down and are looking like the team that went to the NCAA Eastern Regionals last year.

George Washington has five returning veterans, including Clyde Burnwell at 6 feet-11 and Kevin Hall at 7 feet-1.

It will be facing Furman's Clyde Mayes at 6-9 and Fessor Leonard at 7-1.

Lafayette has a 4-1 season record and depends on guard Todd Tripucka, who is averaging 20 points a game.

Baylor, under second- year Coach Carroll Dawson, is off to a slow start, losing four of its first five games. The spark of the Baylor attack is 6-8 Tom Hutchinson with a 15.5 points per game average.

The losers will meet in a consolation game Friday night with the winners going after the title two hours later.

Starr To Use Loose Reins

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Bart Starr, the new coach and general manager of the Green Bay Packers, foresees a relaxed hand on the reins of authority over the staff he inherited from Dan Devine.

"I believe in delegating authority," he said. "People will have much more responsibility than they have ever had before. And I mean all of our people: the captains, the assistant coaches and the people in the office."

The idea of dispersing authority contrasts with the image of rigid administration under the late coach Vince Lombardi in the 1960s, when Starr, a record-setting quarterback, led the Packers to five National Football League titles.

Devine quit the two jobs Dec. 16 after four years. Only one of the four seasons was a winner; that was 1972 when Starr served as a quarterback coach before retiring to his business ventures.

"I have always prided myself on having good staff members," Devine said when asked for an opinion on Starr's coaching potential. "I feel loyalty is the most important thing a coach can have."

Except for the season in advisory capacity, Starr had no appreciable coaching credentials when he and the club announced Tuesday having signed a three-year contract as coach and general manager.

Club president Dominic Olejniczak said Starr will be "in complete charge of football operations."

Starr, 40, has declined to discuss his plans for the team roster, saying he needs time to become familiar with the players' talents. The first big task for his staff is preparing for the Jan. 28-29 college draft, he said.

Baylor Defender Has To Use Head

WACO—Baylor's Dennis DeLoach is a living example that size, speed, and overall athletic ability aren't absolute "musts" for playing college football.

The fifth-year senior from Houston is 6 feet tall and weighs only 205 pounds, small by most standards for college linemen. But he still manages to get the job done.

DeLoach is one of those players who doesn't go by the book, which is to say he isn't 6-5, 240 and 4.5 in the forty. He says he makes up for the deficit with enthusiasm and by "using my head".

Before this season, there hadn't been much to shout about for Dennis. He was recruited during Bill Beall's second year (1970) and was red-shirted the next season. And so by the time Grant Teaff arrived on the scene, DeLoach was ready to play and ready to win (after surviving 2-9 and 1-9 seasons the previous two years).

DeLoach, who weighed but 180 pounds when he was recruited, started gaining weight and even started the last two games of the '72 season as a linebacker. And more than anything, he was part of a team that won more games (five) than any Baylor team had since 1966.

Last year as a junior, DeLoach was moved to defensive end and had apparently found a home when his dreams were shattered by a knee injury on the first play of the Pittsburgh game.

Although he missed the remainder of the season, which was disappointing in itself since Baylor went 2-9, DeLoach claims he was lucky because his injury wasn't as serious as it could have been.

The injury, of course, prohibited DeLoach from playing once again, so all he could do was set his sights on this year.

"I worked real hard this past summer", DeLoach said. "I don't have that much ability, and I'm not that big or fast. I lifted a lot of weights, and that helped me a lot."

Perhaps that is why DeLoach, who always lines up opposite the tight end, is able to handle himself against players that are always three to four inches taller and 30 to 40 pounds heavier. DeLoach, however, insists there is more to it.

"I really got fired up for the game. Psyched out, I guess," DeLoach explained. "That's the way I am. By the time the game gets here, I'm out of control, I guess."

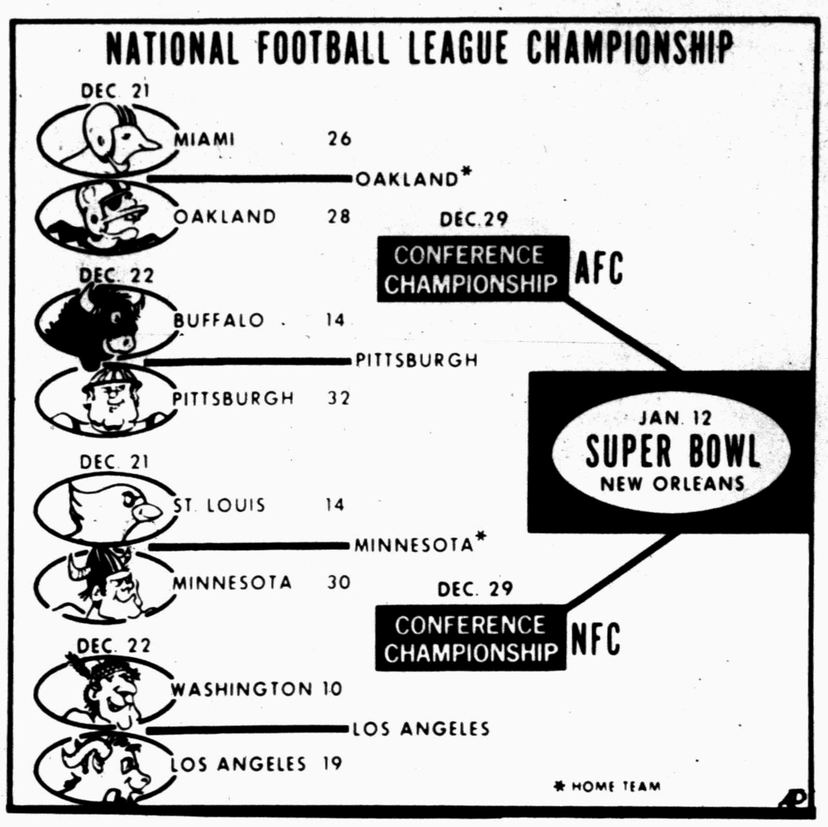
DeLoach said he spends a lot of time in the film room, studying opposing offenses and players. "I try to use my head," he said. "I watch for a whole lot of things and try to find a player's tendencies."

DeLoach has been compared to former Baylor All-America Roger Goree by his coaches because of the fiery enthusiasm and spirit that both players exhibit.

"Roger and I were good friends", he said. "He helped me a lot in many ways. Roger was a great athlete, and he had a lot more ability than I. But, I tried to copy him on som e of the things.

"He helped me especially when I wasn't playing. You know how you get down sometimes when things aren't going just right. He would tell me that my time would come."

Goree was right, but it sure took a long time.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE WINDUP—This chart shows the pairings of teams meeting Dec. 29 to decide the American Football Conference and National Football Conference championships. The winners of the two divisions will meet in the Super Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 12. (AP Wirephoto Chart)

Raiders Favored By 6; Vikes By 3

By ALEX SACHARE
AP Sports Writer

Three quarterbacks who have been under the gun before, plus one newcomer to National Football League playoff pressure, will be aiming Sunday for berths in pro football's biggest shootout, the Super Bowl.

The American Conference battle in Oakland pits the Raiders' outstanding passer, Ken Stabler, against the Pittsburgh Steelers' young Terry Bradshaw, a rugged signal-caller coming off what his coach, Chuck Knox, called the best game of his pro career last week.

Meanwhile, in Bloomington, Minn., the National Conference title game pairs the Los Angeles Rams, guided by playoff newcomer James Harris, against the rugged Minnesota Vikings, with 14-year veteran Fran Tarkenton at the helm.

Oakland is rated a six-point favorite over Pittsburgh, and one of the big reasons is its passing attack, triggered by the left-handed Stabler. The wily veteran, who celebrated his 29th birthday Christmas Day, was among the top passers in the league during the regular season and was most impressive in driving his team to a 28-26 victory over the Miami Dolphins in the playoff opener last week.

Stabler's wide receivers complement each other perfectly: Cliff Branch, the deep threat with the game-breaking speed, and Fred Biletnikoff, with the superb hands, the precise moves and the experience to findthe seams in any zone defense.

But Bradshaw was just as impressive in Pittsburgh's playoff opener, when he destroyed the Buffalo defense with precise passing and timely runs.

"Baby, they've arrived," Mean Joe Greene, the leader of the Steeler defensive unit, said of his team's offense. "It was the day Terry Bradshaw proved to everybody that he had finally become our offensive leader."

Los Angeles, a three-point underdog to Minnesota in the NFC clash, is counting on big James Harris to rise to the occasion. A strong runner who has passed well when he has had to, Harris was handed the starting job in midseason when the Rams dealt John Hadl to Green Bay.

But he is still relatively untested by playoff pressure; although he led the Rams' past Washington 19-10 last week, his task was considerably eased by six Redskin turnovers.

The Vikings' Tarkenton is the most experienced of the remaining quarterbacks, a 14-year veteran who can break a game open with his passing or his running. And he'll be going against a secondary which some observers have called the Rams' weakness.

East-West Classic Is Shaping Up

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Quarterbacks Dennis Franklin and Steve Bartkowski have drawn the starting assignments for Saturday's East-West Shrine football classic.

Named Wednesday in the East's offensive line-up behind Franklin are Larry Burton and Pat McInally, wide receivers; Jack Novak, tight end; Al Krevis, right tackle; Darryl Carlton, left tackle; Ralph Perretta, right guard; Rick Nuzum, center; Joe Hatfield, left guard, and Walter Payton and Brad Davis, running backs.

The East's defensive starters are Gary Burley, right tackle; Mark Peterson, right end; Charles Hall, left tackle; Randy White, left end; Terry McClowry and Robert Brazile, outside linebackers; Seve Strinko, middle linebacker; David Brown, free safety; John Washington, strong safety, and Mike Williams and John Provost, cornerbacks.

The West's offense: Bob Farr and Morris Owens, wide receivers; Oscar Roan, tight end; Al Simpson, left tackle; Jeff Hart, right tackle; Harvey Goodman, left guard; Chris Mackie, right guard; Geoff Reece, center, and Mike Thomas and Andrew Jones, running backs.

The West's defensive starters: Pat Donovan, left end; Dave Wasick, right end; Gary Johnson, right tackle; Dave Pear, left tackle; Bob Bruenig, middle linebacker; Gordon Riegel, right linebacker; Fred Dean, left linebacker; Tony Peters, strong safety; Louie Wright and Monte Jackson, cornerbacks, and Barry Hill, free safety.

Returns To Bay Area

OAKLAND (AP) — Lynn Swann, a native of the San Francisco Bay area, returns home this weekend — but he can expect few cheers.

Swann, who grew up in nearby Foster City and later became a Southern California football great, has blossomed as a wide receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the past five games.

He likely will start for the Steelers when they clash with the Oakland Raiders here Sunday in the National Football League's playoff game for a spot in the Super Bowl.

Swann is particularly pleased with his performance last Sunday in the Steelers' victory over the Buffalo Bills, in which he caught three passes for a 60-yard total.

"It had to be my best performance in my short pro career," said the rookie. "Even though I didn't score, it was great to realize I had contributed important plays in one of the most important games."

Recalling the Raiders' regular season 17-0 victory over the Steelers, Swann said he hoped his folks "won't be disappointed this time. I played most of the game but we never did get going. Now I'm sure it will be different."

Swann has 11 receptions to his credit this season for 208 yards, his longest a 41-yarder for a touchdown. He also has returned 41 punts for 577 yards and a 14.1 yard average, the longest return being a 69-yard scoring spree.

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Tigers Entered In Borger Event

The Borger Holiday Tournament was due to get underway tonight with Hereford meeting Odessa Ector at 7 p.m. and Perryton tangling with Borger at 8:30 p.m.

Snyder's Tigers and Lubbock's Westerners also are entered in the tourney, but they drew first round byes in the six-team event. Snyder will meet the winner of the Hereford-Ector game at 7 p.m. Friday while Lubbock tests the winner of the Perryton-Borger affray at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

The championship game is on tap for 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Consolation games are slated for 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning with the consolation finals on tap for 5:30 p.m. the same day and the battle for third place at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Snyder and Borger are favored to meet in the finals. Borger has the best record of all the teams in the tournament at 12-1. Their only loss was to Lubbock Monterey in the Canyon Reef Tournament. In that game, they put in more field goals than the Plainsmen, but lost at the line.

Snyder has the next best record at 12-2. Ector is 7-4, Hereford and Lubbock are each 4-8, and Perryton is 2-10.

"We'll probably start the same boys that started our last game," said Tiger Coach Bob Moore. That means Welton Cobb and Larry Johns will be at post with Chester Cobb and Roy Lee Carter at wing and Robert Alderete at point.

Sid Perry, Randy Gressett and Kelly Ragland are the first substitutes at wing, post and guard, respectively.

Trojans' Wood Looks Forward To Rose Bowl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Richard Wood feels he has personal scores to settle against the Ohio State Buckeyes in the 61st Rose Bowl football game New Year's Day.

To be specific, he has carried 42 grudges for a year.

"Oh, yeah, they got 42 points, and I didn't expect that," Southern California's three-time All-American linebacker said of the revenge he seeks. "I'd never had 42 points scored on me in all my days of football.

"I took that personally," Wood said of the 42-21 loss to Ohio State last Jan. 1. "I'm thinking to myself that it has to be the other way around this time."

Wood and other Trojan seniors conclude college football career that for most of them started with the perfect 12-0 national championship season of 1972, capped by the 42-17 thrashing of Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

"This is the rubber match, and I'll tell you I can't describe how good it feels to make All-American three straight years. But if we lose the Rose Bowl in my two last years, it would ruin it. I have to thank my coaches and teammates, because winning was the main reason I made All-American."

After a sensational sophomore season, the 6-foot-2, 215-pounder from Elizabeth, N.J., says he made All-American as a junior because of his reputation. He played most of the 1973 season on a sore ankle, and a pinched shoulder nerve made it painful to meet ball carriers and blockers head-on.

"I lifted a lot of weight to build up muscle tissue around the nerve," Wood said of the training period preceding the last Rose Bowl. "It didn't help. Something happened to it in the second half and I hurt it again. I couldn't hit anybody as hard as I wanted.

"This year I'm in perfect health. I know how good Ohio State is — a well-oiled football machine. I know how good their offensive line is. I know I'm going to be ready. This is my last game at USC, and I'm going to win my last game."

Allen Now Trains Nags

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dick Allen, who made his fame as a baseball slugger, has branched into a new field and become a licensed trainer of thoroughbred horses.

The American League home run champion, recently traded by the Chicago White Sox to the National League's Atlanta Braves, passed his trainer's examination Tuesday at Keystone Race Track.

A friend said Allen has seven race horses on his farm.

"He's doing all the work, cleaning out stalls and everything," the friend said.

Donald H. Shanklin, steward at Keystone, reported that Allen passed the standard written test for trainers.

"He was very adequately prepared," Shanklin said. "He really seems dedicated and has put quite a bit of money into racing. I think he'll be a fine addition to the sport."

Allen owns all the horses he'll be training. In addition to the seven on the farm, he has four quartered at Keystone.

The 32-year-old Allen, who reportedly said he was retiring from baseball when he left the White Sox in mid-September, has declined to sign with the Braves. He never, however, officially submitted his written retirement from the game.

"Everybody said I'm retired except me," Allen proclaimed last month. "I'm only retired if they don't want me back. I'm going to play somewhere next year, even if it's Jenkintown (a Philadelphia suburb)."

He has even hinted at playing in Japan.

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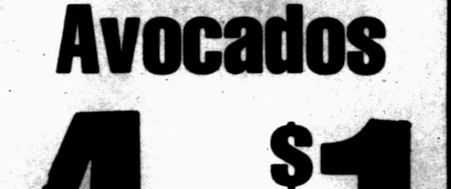
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PARIS (AP) — Getting a divorce in France can be an elaborately orchestrated farce in which petitioner, lawyers and even the judge collaborate to circumvent a civil code instituted by Napoleon 171 years ago.

Under the code, the judge is required to formally pronounce one of the parties guilty before granting a divorce. The concept of guilty and innocent in the breakup of a marriage was a concession to the Roman Catholic Church and was meant to discourage divorce.

But nowadays it often leads only to sordid play-acting by all concerned in a divorce case. The law is widely felt to have become outmoded, just like the legislation on abortion which is now being modernized.

The government is drafting more liberal legislation permitting divorce by mutual consent and for other reasons long accepted in the United States and other Western countries. There has been no outcry from conservative forces yet, but the project may run into heavy flak when it reaches the National Assembly in the spring.

Meanwhile, if Mr. and Mrs. DuPont have lost the old spark and fully agree they want to break up, they have to go through something like this to get a divorce:

—One party must send insulting letters, even if he or she has no pronounced ill-feeling. "This often arouses bitter hostility where there was none at the start," says a prominent Paris lawyer who handles divorce suits.

—When enough letters pile up in the file, the "aggrieved" party asks for a divorce. The two appear before a judge, who under the law must make an effort to conciliate them. Instead, the "guilty" party exhibits more fake signs of abuse.

—The perfunctory attempt at conciliation over with, the judge conducts a formal hearing and grants the divorce. His decision on property disposal is often illegally arranged by the couple in advance of the court action.

The law stipulates that the judge must automatically pronounce one party guilty and grant the divorce if there is evidence of adultery or a criminal conviction. In what the law books call "cases of excesses, cruelty and insults," the outcome is at the discretion of the judge, but if a divorce is decreed one partner must still be found guilty.

The latest available Justice Ministry statistics show there were 41,860 divorces in 1970. In 47.5 per cent the husband was found guilty, in 26.7 per cent the wife and in the remaining cases both spouses were at fault. Officials said the figures have been about the same since then.

Mao Dominant Figure Despite Advanced Age

TOKYO (AP) — Chairman Mao Tse-tung is 81 today and still the dominant figure in Communist China despite his advanced age.

As usual, neither Peking Radio nor the controlled press made any mention of the anniversary. Since the Chinese Communists regard birthdays as private affairs, there were no official celebrations.

The secrecy surrounding the operation of the governing apparatus in China makes it impossible to evaluate accurately Mao's role in the Chinese political arena.

But his name and his writings continue to be invoked at every level of life. The philosophies or policies of other Chinese leaders are virtually ignored, and their speeches generally reflect Maoist positions, attitudes and phraseology.

Mao's impact on the 28-million-member party and on the state is communicated through his immense prestige. He is believed to lay down the broad outlines of policy which subordinates carry out.

Though he has met a succession of foreign visitors in 1974, his exact whereabouts have been kept a mystery. Recent visitors have been flown to a spot outside Peking and asked not to disclose its location. It is not known whether he has quit the capital for a warmer climate or is planning some new political move.

Few men in public life today have maintained a grip on party and state power for so long a period. Since 1935 he has in effect headed the Chinese Communist party. And he has been the No. One man in China since he proclaimed the Communist republic in 1949, though his influence waned for a time in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Despite his pre-eminence, his position is not as secure as he would wish it. He has been involved in a struggle for control of the 2½-million-man People's Liberation Army since the end of the 1966-69 Great Cultural Revolution.

As a consequence of that massive purge, Defense Minister Lin Piao emerged five years ago as his chief challenger, vying with him for command of the army as well as direction of the state.

Taxpayers Ask IRS

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Q. I work as an auto mechanic but I plan to start a part-time business building hot rods from Model A's. Although I expect to make a profit from this business eventually, there will be losses in the beginning due to the large investments I'll make in equipment and advertising. Can I deduct these losses even though my business won't show much income?

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IRS Eyes Quiz Show Winners

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Among viewers of television quiz shows these days may be an Internal Revenue Service agent.

The IRS agents' interest is not in entertainment, but to make sure the government gets its tax share of the prizes.

When it comes time for the quiz show winner to pay taxes, the IRS may check to make sure that the winnings were declared. If not, the taxpayer may be invited in to talk about it.

The IRS isn't interested in just money prizes. It expects taxpayers to declare as income the value of any merchandise prizes, such as an automobile or refrigerator.

The growing number of official state lotteries and the new popularity of television quiz shows has prompted queries to the IRS about how prize winnings should be handled.

Money won as a prize is treated the same as any other income for tax purposes.

For example, a person with $15,000 gross income and three dependents and who claims the standard deduction on a joint tax return would end up paying a tax of $220 on a $1,000 prize.

The tax on the first $15,000 on income would amount to $1,820. The $1,000 prize would be treated as additional income, increasing the tax due to $2,040.

IRS spokesmen say a person winning a big one-time prize might get some tax break by averaging out the winnings over a period of several years, a procedure called tax-averaging.

The IRS doesn't usually check up on small amounts, but it has ways of being informed about the larger prizes, especially those of $600 or over.

For one thing, lotteries, race tracks and quiz show sponsors are required to report to the IRS prizes of $600 or more. These reports then can be checked against the winner's tax return.

In addition, it is not uncommon for IRS agents to monitor quiz shows and clip newspaper accounts of lottery and other prize winners, although agents are not regularly assigned to such monitoring activities.

Tax returns of professional gamblers also may be subjected to special scrutiny, an IRS spokesman said.

Tax returns for 1974 went in the mail immediately after Christmas. The IRS estimates about 83 million returns will be filed for 1974, compared with 81 million last year.

Technically, taxpayers should declare as income all prize or gambling income, even a $10 otfice football pool or money won in a weekend poker game, regardless of whether it was legally obtained.

Soviets Launch Space Lab

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union launched another space laboratory, Salyut 4, into orbit today, Tass announced.

The announcement by the Soviet news agency gave no indication of any plans to send up a crew to board the space station.

"The purpose of the launch is to further test the design, the onboard systems and equipment of orbital stations and to conduct scientific-technical studies and experiments in conditions of space flight," Tass said.

Tass said scientists at stations in the Soviet Union and aboard the ship Academician Sergei Korolev in the Atlantic were tracking the flight, controlling the space station and receiving information from it.

Salyut 3, the Soviet Union's third space lab, was launched last June 25. Tass reported on Sept. 26 that it had completed the research work program planned for it and a recoverable part of the module had been brought back to the Soviet Union. A later announcement said after a number of "closing operations are conducted on commands from the ground, the station's flight will be ended."

Salyut 3 was occupied in July for two weeks by a two-man crew. Another crew was sent up in August to board it, but the docking system failed and the cosmonauts returned to earth.

The Salyut spaceships have four rooms and look like a huge telescope with wings. They are the forerunner of the permanent manned space stations which are the goal of the Soviet space program.

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Popularity Of Ford Declining

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — The number of American adults who approve of President Ford's performance in office has slipped to 42 per cent as his popularity continues to decline, according to the latest Gallup Poll.

The polling organization said Wednesday that 41 per cent of the respondents in a survey taken between Dec. 6 and Dec. 9 said they disapproved of Ford's perforance and 17 per cent gave no opinion.

In a similar survey of some 1,500 adults conducted just after the November congressional elections, 48 per cent of the respondents expressed approval, 32 per cent said they disapproved and 20 per cent offered no opinion.

George Gallup, president of the polling organization, noted that former President Richard M. Nixon was in office more than four years before his popularity had declined to the point where as many disapproved of him as approved.

Widespread concern over the national economy is a key reason for Ford's 29-point decline in popularity since he took office in August, Gallup said.

Goodwill trips abroad have traditionally generated public support for a president, but the latest survey — taken after Ford's meeting with Soviet Communist party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev in Vladivostok and his trips to Korea and Japan — shows no such trend, Gallup said.

"In fact, Ford's efforts abroad are generating some criticism among a public whose focus of concern is currently inward on economic and other domestic problems," the pollster said.

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New California Gold Rush Set

By JACK LEFLER
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Another California gold rush is about to stampede.

Back in the 1840s when California was mainly a wilderness, the discovery of gold drew thousands of adventurers from across the country hoping to strike it rich. Some did; some went broke.

Today, with California the most populous and perhaps the richest state, gold again is a magnet.

On Dec. 31, for the first time in 40 years, Americans will be able to own and trade gold.

California's history of gold and the new attraction to this long-banned metal are expected to generate a big interest in the glittering mineral.

Gold bullion in small bars will be sold by some banks, stock brokerage firms, savings and loan associations, coin and currency dealers and perhaps a few department stores.

California gold buyers will have more protection than those in other states as a result of a commodity law enacted by the state legislature more than a year ago. The state Department of Corporations requires dealers in all commodities which, like gold, are not regulated by the federal government, to qualify for licensing with minimum financial requirements and to report all transactions to the state. Firms that deliver gold to cash customers within seven days are exempt from licensing.

The standard size for bullion bars used in world trade is 400 troy ounces, worth $72,000 at the current price of around $180 an ounce. Smaller bars—down to one-half ounce—will be available for small investors.

The approach to selling gold will be varied among the institutions eligible to do so.

"We will not be selling gold to anybody," said a Bank of America spokesman. "If a customer wants to buy gold, we will place the order with a broker and take the customer's money. The broker will send the gold to the customer and we will then forward payment to the broker. We will not buy the gold back. The customer must go back to the broker to resell it."

Escapee Caught

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (AP) — A man in his 20s who has escaped from the Comanche County Jail twice in the last two months is in custody in maximum security at Brown County Jail here today.

Brown County officers acting on an anonymous tip Wednesday arrested Paul Lammons at a Brownwood motel.

Lammons escaped from jail in Comanche Dec. 18 by apparently forcing a piece of pipe through the bars and sliding through the pipe.

The breakout was made about an hour before he was to have been transfered to the Huntsville state prison in connection with a group of charges that included his first jail escape in November.

Jupiter is the largest of the planets. Its equatorial diameter is 88,000 miles, 11 times the diameter of the earth.

Wheat Prices Stop Subsidies

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average farm price of wheat in the first five months of the 1974 crop marketing year was $4.31 per bushel, meaning that producers will get no federal wheat subsidies.

Congress devised a target price formula last year to determine when subsidies would be paid, beginning with 1974 production of wheat, feed grains and cotton.

As the formula applies to wheat this year, if the market price average during the first five months of the season was higher than the target of $2.05 per bushel, no payments would be made.

If the market price average had been lower than the target, payments would be made to farmers to make up the difference.

The 1974 crop marketing year began July 1. The Agriculture Department says the national average price farmers received for wheat during the five-month period were July $4.04 per bushel, August $4.24, September $4.32, October $4.85 and November $4.87.

A simple average of those prices is slightly more than $4.46 per bushel, not the $4.31 the department uses. The reason is that department experts weigh the monthly prices according to volumes of wheat actually sold during a base period, 1971-1973.

In July, for example, the Agriculture Department said farmers during those three years sold 18.2 per cent of their wheat, compared with lesser amounts in each of the remaining four months.

Thus, wheat which brought farmers $4.04 per bushel last July was given more weight in arriving at the five-month average.

The target forumlas for corn and cotton, also specified in varying forms by 1973 farm law, have not been worked out yet.

Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol

Friday—Dec. 27, 1974

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have no patience with people who don't grasp your ideas fast. Part of the reason is that you're not explaining clearly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're not apt to handle your resources as wise as you should today. An impulsive move now will prove very costly later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're relying to heavily on the wrong people to do things for you. Little will be accomplished with your present cohorts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something that you promised another you would take care of can no longer be avoided. Glib excuses won't get you by.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You could easily be pressured into something speculative by a friend. Your better judgment should warn you not to gamble with it now.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) You're a bit too anxious to impress those you have dealings with. This will lead you to exaggerate in order to hide your shortcomings.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23) Don't offer advice unless it is explicitly requested. If asked, be sure you know what you're talking about or you'll lead the inquirer astray.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) Continue to move cautiously in business and financial matters. A conservative and prudent outlook is a must for you at present.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) Your attitude is a bit too independent and impulsive to fit comfortably into partnerships or teamwork situations today.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) Your powers of concentration where your work is concerned aren't all they should be. Think only of the task at hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19) You're too apt to take chances that you shouldn't. The returns you're looking for won't be found in high-risk areas.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) Don't make excuses for the bad behavior of those in your charge. If your discipline is too lax, the same offense will be repeated again.

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Hartley Studying Crabs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Asian Red crabs might be the answer to the world's food problems if it weren't for a problem of cannibalism, actor Ted Hartley believes.

Mother crab has about 1.5 million babies, but she eats all but three or four. Shortly thereafter, the father crab eats the mother.

Hartley, star of last season's "Chopper One" television series, says he hopes he can change all that and put two crabs in every pot.

Hartley has imported meaty Asian Reds from Indonesia and is studying them in a 10-by-40-foot saltwater pond at his Burbank mansion.

He is seeking ways to help more baby crabs live longer. Within a couple of years, Hartley thinks he can come up with a crab-growing system that will cut supermarket prices to 50 cents a pound.

Hartley says he has invested $50,000 in the project and has brought crab experts from Indonesia and Ceylon in to help him.

Jacksons Bring Christmas To Dad

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Sen. Henry M. Jackson couldn't go home for Christmas so his family brought Christmas to him as he convalesced from surgery at Madigan Army Medical Center.

The Washington Democrat's wife, Helen, brought their two children and a load of presents to the hospital room where Jackson has been recovering from surgery.

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