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The SDN Column

It would be difficult to write columns this week without mentioning the Dallas-Minnesota football game. It was one of those contests, of course, that occur once in a great while to remind us that ball games are not necessarily over until the last second ticks off the clock.

It also reminds that history can repeat itself, even though roles may be exchanged. In this case, the Dallas Cowboys were in the right role at the right time.

Last Aug. 24, in Texas Stadium in Irving, the Minnesota Vikings, already favored by many to reach the Super Bowl and by some to win it all, met the Cowboys in an exhibition game. With five minutes and 38 seconds left in the ball game, Roger Staubach and Golden Richards pulled off a 73-yard pass play to put Dallas ahead, 13-9. But, with 39 seconds left in the game, Minnesota's Fran Tarkenton hit Ed Marinaro with a 12-yard pass that gave the Vikings a last-minute victory, 16-13.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, on the Vikings' home field at Bloomington, Minn., Tarkenton directed his team on a drive that culminated in a touchdown with five minutes and 11 seconds left in the game to put Minnesota ahead, 14-10. Staubach followed up with a 50-yard pass to Drew Pearson with 24 seconds left in the game, to give the Cowboys an unbelievable touchdown and a 17-14 victory.

They say events on athletic fields have a habit of balancing off, and in this case, the Cowboys had their day on the better end of the season. It means they are now two notches farther along the road to the Super Bowl than anyone dared hope a couple of months ago.

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And while we are on the subject, the past week's college football bowl activity pointed up two things: The Big 8 Conference teams are having a miserable post-season experience, and the famous "Wishbone" offense is losing its magic. Texas A&M, whose head coach, Emory Bellard, is credited with inventing the Wishbone offense, couldn't make it work against Southern California in the Liberty Bowl. The University of Texas, where the Wishbone was first used and perfected, couldn't move the football against Colorado until the Longhorns began using the "I" formation. And Kansas University saw its version of the Wishbone shut down effectively by Pittsburgh in the Sun Bowl.

In addition to Kansas and Colorado, the other Big 8 team which took a licking was Nebraska, which fell to upstart Arizona State in the Fiesta Bowl.

Now, it will be up to Oklahoma to salvage some prestige for the Big 8 in the Orange Bowl on New Years night when they face Michigan U.—WACIL McNAIR.

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, December 30, the 364th day of 1975. There is one day left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1911, Sun Yatsen was elected the first provisional president of the Republic of China.

On this date:

In 1853, the United States made the Gadsen Purchase from Mexico, obtaining territory which now is the southern portion of Arizona and New Mexico.

In 1865, the English author Rudyard Kipling was born.

In 1903, more than 500 people perished in the Iroquois Theater fire in Chicago.

In 1944, King George of Greece proclaimed a regency to rule his country, virtually renouncing the throne.

In 1947, King Michael of Rumania agreed to abdicate but charged he was being forced off the throne by Communists.

In 1973, there was confusion in Britain as the government declared a three-day work week as a way to conserve fuel.

Ten Years ago: It was reported in Saigon that three U.S. Marines and eight South Vietnamese soldiers had been executed and mutilated while on a patrol.

Five years ago: Thirty-eight miners were killed in an underground mine explosion near Wooton, Ky.

One year ago: The Kremlin canceled without explanation a trip to the Middle East by Communist leader Leonid Brezhnev.

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The Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Monday, 43 degrees; low, 23 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. today, 25 degrees.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Fair through Wednesday and warmer in afternoon. Low tonight 25 to 30 except middle 30s Big Bend. High Wednesday upper 50s north to middle 60s southeast except near 50 mountains.

North Central and Northeast Texas: Mostly fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer west portion Wednesday. Low tonight 36 to 41. High Wednesday 55 to 62.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Partly cloudy and warmer through Wednesday. Low tonight 31 north to 43 south. High Wednesday 58 to 68.

Coast: Mostly northwest diminishing by tonight and becoming variable 5 to 10 knots Wednesday. Seas 2 to 4 feet, diminishing by tonight.



LIGHTWEIGHT LASER RANGEFINDER—An American infantryman tries out a 13-pound, portable laser rangefinder during field trials recently. The laser can be used to pinpoint targets for laser-guided missiles and projectiles or used to designate targets for airborne laser spotters. The unit is built by Hughes Aircraft Company. (AP Wirephoto)

Ranchers Seek To Block Quarantine

AUSTIN (AP) — Cattlemen asked a federal judge today to block a quarantine imposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on interstate shipment of breeder cattle from Texas as a brucellosis control measure.

Lawyers for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association argued before U.S. District Court Judge Jack Roberts that the quarantine was illegal because the USDA had not filed a statement of its possible environmental impact with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In Dimmitt, District Court Judge John C. Boyd issued a temporary restraining order against the Texas Animal Health Commission which legally forces the agency to comply with the USDA brucellosis program.

The injunction was requested by the Associated Milk Producers, Inc., and some of its members. The judge set Jan. 8 for a hearing on whether the order should be made permanent.

The quarantine, imposed because the state has failed to comply with brucellosis control regulations, goes into effect Jan. 5 unless halted by the court.

The quarantine applies to all Texas counties, and the USDA says Texas accounts for 35 per cent of all the brucellosis cases in the nation.

If implemented, the quarantine probably would halt virtually all shipments of breeder cattle from Texas for at least four months, the period believed necessary to check out all herds.

Besides the quarantine, the USDA said it would halt cash indemnifications of Texas owners of infected cattle and cut off federal funds for brucellosis control in Texas.

USDA said the quarantine was issued because Texas has failed to impose satisfactory uniform methods of eradicating brucellosis and, in fact, approved inadequate control methods. The Texas Animal Health Commission recently refused to adopt new restrictive measures prescribed by the federal agency.

Texas, with about 13 million head, is the nation's leading cattle producing state. Between five and six million cattle are shipped to other states every year.

The quarantine would apply to a herd until the USDA inspected it and found it free of brucellosis in two separate tests. Cattle from such herds also would have to be tested individually and found brucellosis-free within 30 days of interstate shipment.

Cattle with brucellosis would be slaughtered.

Brucellosis causes abortion of cattle fetuses, retained placentas, breeding problems, weak calves and reduced production of milk. It can be passed to humans in the form of undulant fever.

OVER DEPARTURE PARTY

Ford's Campaign Panel In Furor

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — President Ford, heading home after an eight-day skiing holiday, may find his campaign committee embroiled in controversy because of a departure-eve party in his honor.

The key question is whether the Monday night party was planned as a social gathering by Ford fund-raiser Sheika Gramshammer or to funnel money into Ford's presidential campaign. Ford, who planned to fly back to Washington today, said he didn't know if Mrs. Gramshammer was raising money for him.

Ford spokesman Ron Nessen said Ford's campaign committee and aides had tried to keep the dinner out of the fund-raising category.

Nessen told reporters the event originally was planned as a $1,000 a couple fund-raiser. But he said that would have meant the President Ford Committee would have had to reimburse the Air Force for a portion of Ford's flight to Colorado because part of the trip, paid for by the taxpayers, would then be classified as political.

A Ford aide who declined to be identified said Mrs. Gramshammer was cautioned by the Ford committee to mail cards seeking money from Vail residents only after the party. This source said she apparently misunderstood, sending the cards at the same time as the invitations.

Nessen acknowledged Mrs. Gramshammer had mailed about 100 pledge cards before the dinner. He said cards and invitations were not in the same envelopes but might might have been sent in the same mail.

He said Mrs. Gramshammer, a former Las Vegas showgirl, proposed a year ago that she plan a campaign fund-raiser for Ford's visit and that there was a series of communications between the White House, the campaign committee and Mrs. Gramshammer before the party was set. He said Ford agreed to attend if it were not labeled a fund-raiser.

Ford skied during the day with Mrs. Gramshammer. When he was asked by reporters if she was raising money for his campaign, Ford replied, "I don't know anything about it. I've got a lot of friends here."

Mrs. Gramshammer said mailing the pledge cards had nothing to do with the party. Asked about reports from residents that they were being asked to contribute to attend the party, she said, "People can give what they want. There is no force. They can give $10 or whatever. I don't know what they've given."

But some Vail winter residents reported they had been solicited to give $1,000 a couple for the dinner and said they felt pressured.

Paul Service Set Wednesday

John E. Paul, 69, a native and life-long resident of Hermleigh, died unexpectedly Monday afternoon at Lubbock. Mr. Paul, who had made a business trip to Lubbock, was pronounced dead on arrival at Methodist Hospital where he was taken after he was stricken with an apparent heart attack.

Funeral service has been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hermleigh United Methodist Church, where Mr. Paul was a member. The Rev. Carl Nunn, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Hermleigh Cemetery, under direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Paul was married on July 17, 1926, at Hermleigh to Miss Aileen Claxton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dorthy Tate of Hermleigh; two sons, Donald Paul of Fort Worth and Harvey Paul of Big Spring; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Adams of Hermleigh and Mrs. Bernice Cromer of Lubbock; a brother, R.A. Paul of Brownfield; and five grandchildren.

Lone Star Fuel Clause Blocked

DALLAS (AP)—The fuel adjustment clause used by Lone Star Gas Co. to pass higher fuel costs directly on to customers has been suspended in Dallas for the first week in January.

Council members agreed unanimously Monday to block the fuel adjustment charges on Lone Star bills while the city's staff considers permanent limits on the regulation.

Lone Star Gas Co. officials vigorously opposed the suspension.

Under the current agreement with the city, Lone Star Gas is permitted to pass [illegible] customers.

Top Economic Indicators Up In November

By G. DAVID WALLACE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported today its index of leading economic indicators edged upward in November, offsetting a decline in October and providing evidence that the current leveling off in economic growth will continue for the next few months.

The Commerce Department said the November increase, the first rise in three months, amounted to four-tenths of a per cent, matching a four-tenths of one percent decline in October. The index had slipped one-tenth of a per cent in September.

James L. Pate, assistant secretary for economic affairs at the Commerce Department, said the performance of the index should be viewed over a three-month period to interpret its significance.

Over that period, the index dropped less than one-tenth of a per cent. "I think what it does suggest is it foreshadows a moderation in the rate of overall economic expansion, which most of us have been anticipating."

Pate said the indicator shows neither a fall off nor strong increase in economic activity should be expected in the months ahead and "this is not unusual following a period of strong rise in this series."

Taken together, the most recent signals from the index present the profile of an economy which is virtually flat now that an initial burst of growth following the recession has tapered off.

The index of future economic activity began climbing in March, two months before the apparent actual recovery in the economy, and recorded a 12.7 per cent advance through August. But over the last three months, the index has moved up only one-tenth of a per cent.

The index, which is composed of a dozen individual economic statistics selected for their ability to foreshadow economic activity, is now 5.6 per cent ahead of where it was a year ago.

Commerce said the primary factory pushing the over-all index up in November was a 1.9 per cent jump in its measure of new business formation.

But even that category has changed little over the last few months. The measure of new business formation has slipped in two of the last five months, and remains only two-tenths of a per cent ahead of where it was in July.

Other categories indicating improved economic activity were a slip in the layoff rate, an increase in cash and near-cash available to consumers and business, a heavier volume of orders for factories and equipment, higher stock prices, a larger money supply and an increased number of permits issued for new building.

Categories indicating a slower pace of economic activity were a falloff in the length of the average work week for factory workers, a quicker delivery of goods and services from suppliers, lower wholesale prices and a smaller volume of new orders for consumer products and the materials used in making them.

The 12th item in the composite—the monthly fluctuation in business stocks of raw materials and goods on hand—was not available in time for the November computations.

Body Of Welch Flown Home

WASHINGTON (AP) — The body of assassinated CIA station chief Richard S. Welch arrived from Greece today aboard an Air Force plane met by CIA Director William E. Colby, President Ford's chief counsel and the slain agent's weeping daughter.

A CIA spokesman said Welch, who will be buried later this week in Arlington National Cemetery, will be honored at a special memorial service Wednesday to be attended by secret agents the CIA does not want to appear in public.

"We have some folks who shouldn't be seen at the public services, so we're having an in-house service in the auditorium," said the spokesman, referring to what is called "the Bubble;" a domed meeting room at CIA headquarters in suburban Langley, Va.

No Clues In NY Airport Blast

NEW YORK (AP) — An explosion that ripped through a baggage area at LaGuardia Airport and killed at least 11 persons was the city's biggest bomb blast in recent memory, a police bomb expert said today. He said it had the force of about 75 sticks of dynamite.

The explosion Monday night sent a deadly shower of metal and glass shrapnel through the baggage area crowded with holiday travelers. More than 50 persons were injured, some critically.

There was no warning and no firm clue who might have planted the bomb in a metal baggage locker, police said. They added that the device was apparently a time bomb and was probably dynamite but that it may have been a plastic explosive.

Originally, police said the blast had the force of 20 to 25 sticks of dynamite. They said it was meant to "maim or kill."

Investigators said they were interviewing "a couple" of witnesses and any individuals such as taxi drivers who were in the area.

"As in all of these things, witnesses' accounts vary," a sergeant in the police bomb section said.

Police said they were discounting the significance of a report that two men in their late teens or early 20s were seen running from the scene minutes before the explosion.

The blast at 6:33 p.m. sent airline passengers and their friends and relatives fleeing the mayhem in panic. The airport was closed down, forcing the cancellation or diversion of at least 45 flights and disrupting the plans of about 5,000 travelers. The earliest it was to be opened was 10 p.m. tonight.

Investigators searched the debris for even the smallest clue and bent to the task of identifying the dead.

At midmorning, the known dead were: Bymun Patterson, 37, of Stamford, Conn.; Frank Musicaro, 48, of Bayshore, N.Y.; Edythe Bull, 72, Brevard, N.C.; Ronald Pressla..., 32, Long Beach, N.Y., and Donald Kochersperger, 57, Greenwich, Conn.

The disaster also triggered bogus bomb threats at airports in other major cities. Three, including Washington's National Airport, were evacuated.

"It was the most heart-sickening thing I ever saw in my life," said Richard Siemers, who was about to see his daughter's family off to Tulsa, Okla. "Bodies were all over ... puddles of blood on the island between the building and the parking lot ... it seemed like everyone was in shock."

The explosion set off a smoky fire in the baggage area shared by Trans World and Delta airlines, but officials said that flying glass and metal accounted for most of the deaths and injuries. Metal doors were ripped away and glass from 10-foot high windows was found the equivalent of several city blocks from the blast.

Eight of the injured were seriously hurt and rushed to operating rooms in local hospitals. In addition to the 52 persons reported hurt, another score of persons was treated at the scene or area hospitals but not reported in official figures.

The dead and injured were not immediately identified, except for Jeff McMurtney, 30, an FBI agent, who was reported in serious condition after emergency surgery.

ORDER IS STAYED

Postal Rates Go Up Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service is raising the cost of mailing a letter from 10 to 13 cents on Wednesday, three days after it originally planned to increase postal rates.

The service announced the higher rates on Monday after the U.S. Court of Appeals cleared a legal barrier to the rate increase.

The appeals court stayed an order by U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica prohibiting the Postal Service from raising rates. The higher court is expected to decide later on the merits of the case, but the stay allows postal rates to go up in the meantime.

Under the rates that take effect at 12:01 a.m. local time Wednesday, a first-class letter weighing one ounce or less will cost 13 cents for the first ounce and 11 cents for each additional ounce. A postcard will increase from 7 to 9 cents and parcel post rates will go up an average of 10.1 per cent.

Other increases are 22.1 per cent for second class mail and 23.9 per cent for third-class bulk rates.

The three-judge appeals court issued the stay after a government lawyer said the Postal Service would be unable to meet its Feb. 6 payroll if it were not allowed an immediate postal rate increase.

Under present rates, the Postal Service is losing $7 million per day. Even with the higher rates, the Postal Service expects to have its highest deficit in history during this fiscal year.

Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar has said that the Postal Service's chronic deficit may lead to reductions in service, including elimination of Saturday deliveries and special delivery.

Justice Department lawyer Neil Koslowe, representing the Postal Service, said Sirica's ruling would create a crisis for the service if allowed to stand.

Mini-Term Has Four Classes

Four classes have "made" in the Western Texas College Mini-Session and registration is open until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The classes, which met for the first time today, include two in English, one in accounting and one in history. Students may still register for English 123, Composition II; English 233, Masterpieces of Literature; Accounting 232, Principles of Accounting II; and History 132, U.S. History from 1865.

The mini-term courses will be completed on Jan. 10.

Arms Shipments Are Affecting US Readiness

By JIM ADAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The siphoning of weapons from U.S. military supplies for shipment to Israel and Vietnam has "adversely affected overall U.S. readiness," a secret government report says.

The report, on an audit by Congress' General Accounting Office, says hundreds of tanks, aircraft, missiles and other weapons were taken out of U.S. readiness stocks and turned over to Israel after the 1973 Mideast war or were channeled into Vietnam during the closing years of the Indochina war.

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., released an unclassified summary of the report on Monday and other sources filled in numbers and details.

The report says $8.5 billion worth of U.S. military hardware was programmed for Vietnam and Israel between July 1972 and July 1974, the period audited by the GAO.

It says U.S. arms poured into South Vietnam on an emergency basis in August 1971 and June 1972. More arms went to Vietnam, starting in October 1972 in a special project aimed at getting weapons into the country before an anticipated cease-fire could halt shipment.

It says U.S. units' stocks also were depleted to replenish Israeli arms after the October 1973 war, concluding that "the accelerated emergency support to South Vietnam and Israel over the past several years adversely affected overall U.S. readiness."

The report does not say how much of the $8.5 billion in arms came from U.S. units' supplies, but details depletion of several stocks:

—Some $314.9 million worth of tanks, helicopters, rifles, trucks, radar and other equipment was diverted from Army reserve unit stocks during the two years. Some $137.2 million worth was in tanks.

—As of June 30, 1974, the Army was short 4,943 tanks, 50 per cent below minimum requirements, largely because of the Israel and Vietnam depletion. The Army also was short 1,822 armored personnel carriers.

—The Army supplied 368 M60 tanks and 500 personnel carriers to Israel from stocks marked for airlift to Europe in an emergency.

—The Air Force sent Israel 400 Maverick air-to-ground missiles — "50 per cent of the missiles on hand." Another 300 Shrike missiles also were delivered to Israel, even though the Air Force only had 22 per cent of its own Shrike requirements on hand.

—The Air Force also was required to pull 34 F4E Phantom jets from active squadrons, increasing its worldwide Tactical Air Command shortage to 116 planes.

"... In some cases existing shortages of critical items were further increased. While actions to alleviate these situations are underway, it will be a long time before certain items can be replaced," the report said. It blames the depletion of stocks, particularly for replenishing Israeli war losses, on lack of Pentagon planning.

Garcia Granted A New Trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Inez Garcia, whose case became a national cause celebre for women's groups, has been granted a new trial by an appeals court which reversed her conviction of murdering a man she said held her down while another raped her.

Mrs. Garcia, 30, was convicted in October 1974 of second degree murder and was sentenced to five years to life in prison. The courtroom was jammed by supporters who burst into tears as Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stanley Lawson, now retired, read the verdict.

"It's beautiful," said Mrs. Garcia when she was told of the decision at the California Institution for Women at Frontera. "I'm very happy about it."

The California Court of Appeals held Monday that Lawson erred in issuing a supplemental instruction to the jury on the definition of reasonable doubt and cited a U.S. Supreme Court decision which held:

"It is critical that the moral force of the criminal law not be diluted by a standard of proof that leaves people in doubt whether innocent men are being condemned."

The appeal court noted that Mrs. Garcia admitted killing Miguel Jiminez and as a result Lawson refused to permit the facts of the case to be raised as an issue, an action hotly protested by demonstrators.

Mrs. Garcia testified that Louis Castillo and the 300-pound Jiminez came looking for a man with whom she was sharing an apartment. She said Castillo raped her while Jiminez held her down.

A few minutes later, she said, she loaded her son's .22 caliber rifle, hunted down her alleged assailants and shot Jiminez dead.

The appeals court said the jury at first was properly instructed on the principle of "reasonable doubt" but that the court then amplified that instruction by adding the following:

"In other words, reasonable doubt means just what the term implies, doubt based upon reason, doubt that presents itself in the minds of reasonable people who are weighing the evidence in the scales, one side against the other, in a logical manner in an effort to determine wherein lies the truth."

The appellate court said the supplemental instruction was a mistake.

"It called upon the jury to weigh 'the evidence in the scales ... in an effort to determine wherein lies the truth,' and thus the guilt or innocence of the accused. This weighing process, where a tipping of the scales determines the 'truth,' is wholly foreign to the concept of proof beyond a reasonable doubt," the justices said.

MIDDAY STOCKS

By The Associated Press

Alcoa	40⅝	off	⅛
AT&T	50⅞	up	⅛
Atl Rich	90		
Beth Stl	33⅛	off	¼
Borden	26¾		
Brit. Pet.	11⅝	up	⅛
Cat Trac	69¾	up	¼
Celanese	44½		
Chrysler	9¾	off	⅛
Cities Svc	38⅞	off	⅛
Coca Cola	82⅛	off	⅝
Cont Oil	61¼	up	⅜
Dow Chem	92	up	⅜
duPont	127¾	off	¼
Eastman	107⅝	up	⅛
El Paso NG	11⅛		
Exxon	89½	up	¼
Fairchild Cam	37½	off	⅛
Ford	44¼		
Gen Elec	45⅞	up	⅛
Gen Foods	28⅛	off	⅜
Gen Mtrs	58⅛		
Gen Tel	25¼	off	⅛
Gen Tire	17⅞	off	⅛
Goodrich	17⅞		
Great A&P	10½	off	⅛
Gulf Oil	20½	up	⅛
Glf St Ut	13⅜	off	⅛
Hart-Hk	71		
Hous LP	22⅞	off	⅝
IBM	223	up	½
Int Paper	57½	up	⅜
Jhn-Man	23⅛	off	⅛
John Joh	89⅞	off	¼
Litton	6⅝	off	⅛
Marathon	41⅞	up	¼
Mobil Oil	46⅞		
Monsanto	75⅜	up	⅛
Penn Cent	1⅛		
Penney	50⅝		
Phill Pet	53¼	off	¼
RCA	19		
Safeway	44¾	off	½
Sears	65½	off	¾
Sony	9		
Stand Ind	42½	off	¼
Sun Oil	27⅛	off	⅛
Texaco	23½	off	⅛
Texas Inst	94¼	off	¼
Un Carbide	60⅞		
Uniroyal	7¾	off	⅛
US Steel	66⅜	up	⅛
Woolworth	22⅛	off	⅛
Xerox	50½	up	¼

Theft Cases Are Reported

The Snyder Police Department is investigating three separate thefts and a case of vandalism.

Jim Hollingsworth reported to police that 45 letters were taken from the marquee at the Tiger Drive-In Theater sometime Sunday night.

Roland Stevenson notified police that a CB radio had been taken from his car sometime Sunday night. The radio was valued at $279.

Mrs. Pete Rodriguez reported that a motocross type bicycle had been taken from 3705 Noble sometime within the past three days.

Larry Pruitt reported that someone had thrown a rock threw a storm window in the back of his house between Dec. 24 and Sunday.

Plea Heard In County Court

Jerry B. Johnson pleaded guilty yesterday in county court to driving while intoxicated, and received a $100 fine plus court costs and three days in jail. He was arrested Dec. 29 by City Police.

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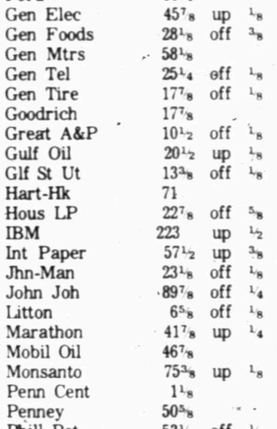

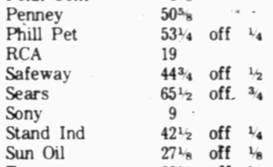

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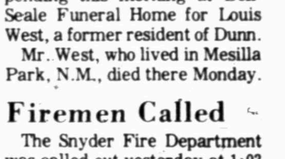

Nightly - 7:15 & 8:30

Berry's World



"Before you leave, c'mere and look at this on instant replay! Talk about bad judgment calls by the officials . . ."

Maids Seeking Title For Various Reasons

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Each of the 18 finalists has a variety of reasons she wants to be named the 1976 Maid of Cotton in tonight's contest.

Jane Fortenberry, 20, of Columbia, Miss., a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, is competing for a second time. Last year she was among the top five finalists.

"It was just a big party," she said when asked why she came back. "I'm in marketing and that's something else." She said she wants to specialize in international marketing and could make some useful connections as Maid of Cotton.

"It would really be a boost to my career," she said.

Sue Groefsema, 21, of Piru, Calif., is fulfilling her father's dream.

"Daddy kind of dreamed one of his daughters would do it," she said, referring to her father, a cotton farmer who has been asking her to enter the contest for three years.

Kathryn Tenkhoff of Sikeston, Mo., the 1975 Maid of Cotton, will crown her successor, who will travel the world for the next year as the cotton industry's ambassadress.

The new Maid's first assignment will be to reign over the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas between the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Georgia Bulldogs on New Year's Day.

Judging is based on background, training, personality and beauty.

Two University of Texas coeds are among the entrants, but they didn't meet until they got off the same airliner in Memphis and tried to find a limousine to their hotel.

They are Sheila Lynn Jones, 20, of Dallas and Elise Shelton, 20, of Amarillo.

Texas also has two more entrants — Debbie Davidson, 19, of Arlington and Anne Platt, 22, of El Paso.

Tennessee, California and Mississippi are each represented by two candidates.

The Tennessee contestants are Ann Hughes, 21, of Memphis and Laura Conley, 21, of Lookout Mountain.

Sylvia Foster, 20, and Vikki Hughes, 21, both of Jackson, are representing Mississippi.

California entrants are Miss Groefsema and Victoria Laughlin, 21, of Newport Beach.

Other candidates are Marci McSherry, 21 of Deming, N.M.; Sally Cash, 20, of Huntsville, Ala.; Sarah Cox, 21, of Latta, S.C.; Dorothy Dane, 21, of New Orleans, La.; Sue Savage, 21, of Eloy, Ariz.; Susan Sylvester, 21, of Dayton, Ohio, and the University of Florida, and Lynne Yow, 19, of Seagrove, N.C.

FBR Could Not Prevent Pause

DALLAS (AP) — There has been a definite pause in the nation's economic recovery but it is doubtful that the Federal Reserve Board could have done anything to prevent the lag, three FRB officials say.

The FRB, which controls the nation's supply of money, has been criticized recently by some economists who believe the agency is restraining the economy.

But FRB Governors Phillip E. Coldwell, George W. Mitchell and Henry C. Wallich said such pauses are not unusual in periods of recovery, and they do not believe a greater supply of money would have prevented it.

"The economy moved at its own rhythm in 1975," Wallich said at a news conference Monday at the national Allied Social Sciences Associations convention in Dallas.

The three governors were joined by Andrew F. Brimmer, a former governor, and Ernest T. Baughman, president of the FRB of Dallas.

Wallich said he has seen a number of economic models where a faster rate of monetary growth was allowed and the faster rate "had surprisingly little" effect on the model economy.

Vice Chairman Miller said his expectations for 1976 have not been changed much by the slowdown in economic recovery. He suggested a real growth rate of 5 per cent next year. Wallich predicted the nation's economy would grow at a 6 per cent rate.

Rites Pending For Louis West

Funeral arrangements were pending this morning at Bell-Seale Funeral Home for Louis West, a former resident of Dunn.

Mr. West, who lived in Mesilla Park, N.M., died there Monday.

Firemen Called

The Snyder Fire Department was called out yesterday at 1:03 p.m. to a grass fire near the intersection of U.S. 84 and the Ennis Creek Road. Only minor damage resulted.

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Hit-Run Mishaps Are Reported

City Police investigated two hit-and-run mishaps here yesterday.

Williard Gladson notified police that someone had struck his 1975 Datson while parked at 2700 Thirty-fifth Street either Sunday night or early Monday morning, then left the scene.

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US Air Force Operates Most Exclusive Airline

By JOHN CHADWICK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's most exclusive airline is operated by the U.S. Air Force and the American taxpayers keep it running to the tune of $6 million a year, says Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis.

Proxmire said the Air Force keeps a fleet of 23 plush jets, which cost $66.7 million, on 24-hour call to transport government officials wherever they want to go. He said the fleet of planes is known as the 89th Military Airlift Wing and is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

It will fly top government officials any place in the world, said Proxmire in a statement today.

"All they need do is call up and request a flight," he said.

Proxmire, who has been making monthly "golden fleece" awards for government waste, cited the Air Force's executive airline for "the fleece of the year."

But he added that "in fairness to the Air Force, this fleece of the year should also be shared by all the government bigshots who insist on such special treatment at the expense of the taxpayers."

Proxmire said that "in the first 10 months of 1975, the 89th made 275 flights carrying government officials as passengers at a cost of over $6 million.

"Not surprisingly, 849 or 87 per cent of these flights were undertaken for high ranking defense officials or those requesting Defense Department flights."

A table he gave breaking down the flights by departments and agencies listed about 100 of these 849 flights as congressional trips requested by Senate and House members.

The next largest users shown on the table were the Treasury Department with 67 flights and the State Department with 26.

"The most frequent single user of this most exclusive airline in the world was William Simon, Secretary of the Department of the Treasury," Proxmire said.

"According to Air Force records, Mr. Simon took 58 flights the first 10 months of 1975 at a government cost of $328,794.10. This averages out to $5,669 a flight.

"Other frequent users have been Deputy Secretary of Defense William Clements, then-Secretary of the Army Howard Callaway, Federal Energy Administrator Frank G. Zarb, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Navy Secretary William Middendorf.

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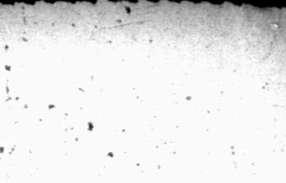

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Caviar Sales Are On Increase

DALLAS (AP) — At the Epicure Shop of Neiman-Marcus, seven ounces of Beluga caviar goes for $70. And saleswoman Wanda Fincher said all kinds of "fine looking, wealthy people" are coming in to buy it.

"It's usually business people," Miss Fincher said. "We had a woman call from somewhere in Texas. Said she wanted nine of them (jars of caviar). And honey, they don't bat an eye about the price. We just put the order on a bus for her."

Inquiries at stores here and in Houston indicate the taste for caviar and champagne—once considered the exclusive snack and drink of the wealthy—is growing to include the not-so-wealthy.

At Centennial Liquors in NorthPark shopping center, in upper middle class North Dallas, Phillip Walker said he's sold more champagne this Christmas season than he has in the last two years.

"A lot of professional and blue collar people are buying champagne this year," Walker said. "Instead of setting up a bar with a lot of different kinds of liquor, they've found it's more reasonable and they can please everybody by serving champagne."

In Houston, Carlos Fraifeld of Alfred's Restaurant and Delicatessen said he is selling more brands of cheaper caviar and champagne.

"We have four ounces of Romanoff caviar at $22.50 but unless you know caviar you can't tell the difference between the expensive and cheap stuff," he said.

"Human nature will cause people to move up to the more expensive caviar and champagne once they try the less expensive brands," Fraifield said.

At Simon David Grocery in North Dallas, Beluga caviar goes for $49.50 for seven ounces.

Specialty buyer Charles Stewart said champagne sales this year have been "tremendous."

He said sales of caviar have been to "upper class people who normally buy it anyway."

"People who know about caviar, well, let me put it this way, they don't get their feelings hurt about the price," he said.

Stewart said in the last three months, he has sold one man $3,000 worth of Dom Perignon champagne 1966.



By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

NEW YEAR LUNCH

Turkey Soup — Rolls
Fruit — NutTrifles

NUT TRIFLES

Walnuts
1-3rd cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 large egg white, unbeaten
¼ teaspoon vanilla
Confectioners' sugar

In the electric blender grate enough nuts to make 1 cup not packed down; turn into a small mixing bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and stir well to combine. Using ½ tablespoon for each, roll into small balls. Place a few inches apart on a well-buttered cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 275-degree oven until set and lightly browned — 20 minutes. With a spatula remove at once and roll in confectioners' sugar. Makes 2 dozen chewy cookies.

Turkey Storage Tips

Store fresh turkey in the refrigerator in the plastic wrapper from self-serve counter until ready to cook. This eliminates the opportunity for bacterial contamination. Store fresh turkey in the refrigerator no longer than two days before cooking, Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.



EMPLOYEE HONORED—Frances Brown was honored with a reception yesterday at Lone Star Gas Co. She has been an employe of the company for the past 23 years and is retiring. Pictured are left to right her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Brown, the honoree, and Darwin Melton, local manager.



FIVE GENERATIONS—A Christmas reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rabb Dec. 21. Attending the reunion were five generations (pictured from left) Mrs. Viola Williams, 94, of Leisure Lodge; Mrs. Walter Rabb, 61, of Snyder; Frank Bostic, 47, David Bostic and his son David, Jr., 3, all of Midland.

Mini-Muffin Tin Used For Party Hors D'Oeuvre

Preparing party food in a miniature muffin tin is hardly the idea one thinks of first when planning hors d'oeuvre for a crowd. With a little imagination though, this simple tin becomes the source of an endless variety of hors d'oeuvre, many of which can be prepared and frozen long before the appointed day.

Bases for hors d'oeuvre as easy as bread slices and refrigerated biscuits may be shaped in the muffin tins baked until the "cups" are firm enough to fill. Then plan on fillings which are convenient to have on hand any time—canned meat spreads.

Chicken and Almond Canapes combine canned chicken spread with crunchy almonds and Swiss cheese in mini toast cups. The cups and filling can easily be made ahead and assembled just before the guests arrive. Roast Beef Taco Snacks are another imaginative party food with a refrigerated biscuit crust and South-of-the-Border flavor. One hors d'oeuvre that holds more true to the purpose of a muffin tin are Deviled Ham and Cheese Snacks. These savories are stirring up in a bowl and spooned into the muffin tin. Stuffed olive halves are pressed into the centers of each snack and Cheddar cheese is sprinkled atop—just the right touch for both taste and appearance.

These hors d'oeuvre may be mini in size, but the concept is big enough to make party planning a cinch.



EASY ENTERTAINING—Mini-muffin tin and canned meat spreads make a variety of hors d'oeuvre for easy entertaining.

CHICKEN AND ALMOND IN TOAST CUPS

18 slices white bread
1 4¾-oz. can chicken spread
6 tablespoons chopped almonds
1-3 cup grated Swiss cheese
2 teaspoons chopped gherkin
1-½ tablespoons mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll slices of bread with a rolling pin and cut out 3-inch circles. Fit into miniature muffin cups. Bake in oven 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in a bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Spoon mixture into prepared bread cups. Return to oven and bake 5 minutes longer. Serve hot.

Makes: 18 hors d'oeuvre.

ROAST BEEF TACO SNACKS

1 10-oz. pkg. refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
1 4¾-oz. can roast beef spread
2 tablespoon chopped green chilis
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1 tablespoon tomato paste
⅛ teaspoon chili powder
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Separate each biscuit into 3 pieces. Press each piece into a miniature muffin cup to form a shell. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until light brown. Meanwhile, in a bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Spoon into prepared biscuit cups. Bake 5 minutes longer and serve hot.

Makes: 30 hors d'oeuvre

DEVILED HAM AND CHEESE SNACKS

¾ cup unsifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 4½-oz can deviled ham
1-3 cup milk
1-½ tablespoons butter or margarine
12 stuffed olives, cut in half
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder, deviled ham, milk and butter. Mix thoroughly and set aside. Lightly grease miniature muffin cups. Fill muffin cups half full with dough. Press olive halves into center of each and sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve hot.

Makes: 24 hors d'oeuvre.

Two US Founders Also Inventors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two inventors whose births are honored in January are much better remembered for their roles on the stage of American history.

Thomas Paine, the fiery Revolutionary pamphleteer who was born on Jan. 29, 1737, also had an excellent mechanical mind which produced numerous patents, according to Intellectual Property Owners Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening our patent system. Among his inventions was the first iron bridge, successfully built in England, a machine for planing boards, a crane and an improved carriage wheel.

Benjamin Franklin was a great statesman and more of a scientist than an inventor, but our first "Universal Man" did invent bifocal eyeglasses, the lightning rod and what came to be known as the "Franklin stove." Born Jan. 17, 1706, Franklin won international attention with his experiments with electricity and the lightning rod was a more by-product.

British Queen Coming To US

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II will begin a one-week Bicentennial visit of the United States in Philadelphia on July 6.

Dennis Richard, the British consul here, said on Monday that the Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, will spend two days here aboard the Royal Yacht Brittania before sailing to New York, Washington, Boston and finally Montreal, where she will open the Olympic Games on July 15.

Transform leftovers into gourmet tidbits! Make croquettes by forming leftover mashed potatoes around a small piece of cheese. Brush with melted butter. Roll in crushed cornflakes and bake in a 350 degree oven until browned.

Cele Briscoe Represents US In International Ball

By MARY CAMPBELL
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Cele Briscoe, 5-foot-2, brunette daughter of Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe, will be the lead debutante, representing the United States, tonight at the 21st annual International Debutante Ball at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The International Debutante Ball, one of a number of deb balls in New York and Long Island, receives the most attention from the press. It's also the one the girls like most, the one they regard as the "fun ball."

Maybe that's because each of the young women attending it has two male escorts, a civilian in white tie and tails and an honorary military escort from either the Army, Navy or Air Force academy, in dress uniform. Also, there are two orchestras, Lester Lanin playing for families and guests in the grand ballroom where the debs take their bows, and Gene Roland and the Journeymen Nine playing something less sedate in the "Debutante Room" where the debs and their escorts eat dinner and where the elderly folk are not invited.

Miss Briscoe's escort at the ball will be a New Yorker, W. Robert Turecamo, a Princeton undergraduate.

Honorary chairmen for this year's ball are Mrs. Dolph Briscoe, wife of Gov. Briscoe, and Mrs. Howard Ellis Cox, a perennial cochairman, whose daughter Maizie came out at this ball, as did her daughter-in-law, then Tricia Nixon, in 1964.

On Monday evening, Miss Briscoe, a journalism major at Southern Methodist University, attended two pre-ball parties. Pakistani Consul General and Mrs. Taria Fatmi gave a reception for Miss Mansoora Hasan, a deb from Lahore, Pakistan.

She went on from there to Cecil's Club and a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Winship in honor of Mlle. Lise de La Rochefoucaud, daughter of Vicomte de La Rochefoucauld, VII Duc de Doudeauville.

It isn't uncommon for daughters of prominent holders of public office to bow at the International Debutante Ball. In the past, these girls have included both daughters of former President Richard Nixon, three granddaughters of the late President Dwight Eisenhower and Sen. Hubert Humphrey's niece. From abroad, girls with titles are often found among the ball's traditional decor of "pink for feminity and silver for elegance."

Alexandra, Archduchess of Hapsburg, Austria, made her bow in a past year. This year, there is the Hon. Camilla Sinclair of Ulbster, daughter of the Rt. Hon. the Viscount and Viscountess Thurso of Olbster, Thurso, Caithness, Scotland, and Signorina Donata Grimani, daughter of Conte and Contessa Pier Filippo e Lodovica Grimani of Venice, Italy. Mlle. de La Rochefoucauld is a descendant of King James VI of Scotland and James I of England.

The International Debutante Ball was started in 1954, and is still directed by Beatrice Joyce.

The ball is run for a charity, beneficiary being the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Club here. Its president, Col. Serge Obolensky, will join Miss Joyce and the ball committee chairmen in the receiving line which will be headed by Mrs. Briscoe and Mrs. Cox and Gov. Briscoe.

Iturbi Promises Anote Another 80

NEW YORK (AP) — At a concert here by pianist Jose Iturbi in the week of his 80th birthday, Iturbi was given both the Lincoln Center Medallion and a certificate of appreciation from the city.

Iturbi responded by saying, "Your greetings are very encouraging. I promise you that the next 80 years I'm going to practice my piano."

The concert began with Iturbi conducting the Rochester Philharmonic in the "Overture to 'The Marriage of Figaro.'" Then he played, with them, concertos by Haydn, Mozart and Mendelssohn and Franck's "Symphonic Variations," following that with three solo piano encores.

The oldest national anthem is the "Kimigayo" of Japan.

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Opening lead — K ♥

By Oswald & James Jacoby

In the ordinary good bridge game South would have no trouble making his diamond slam. West would start for the defense by leading two high hearts. South would run off a few trumps, enter dummy with the ace of clubs, lead and ruff a third heart and play out the rest of the clubs and trumps. On the last lead West would be squeezed and forced to unguard his king of spades to protect against dummy's eight of hearts. South would chuck that eight of hearts and make the last two tricks with dummy's ace and his queen of spades.

Now let's see what happens in the extraordinary very good bridge game.

West cashes one heart and stops to think. It is obvious that South started with just one heart. It is also obvious that his trumps will be solid so West shifts to a trump. South still uses that ace of clubs to get to dummy to lead a second heart and runs off all his club and diamond winners but the squeeze fails to operate. East hangs on to his jack of hearts and West to his king-jack of spades.

Ask the Jacobys

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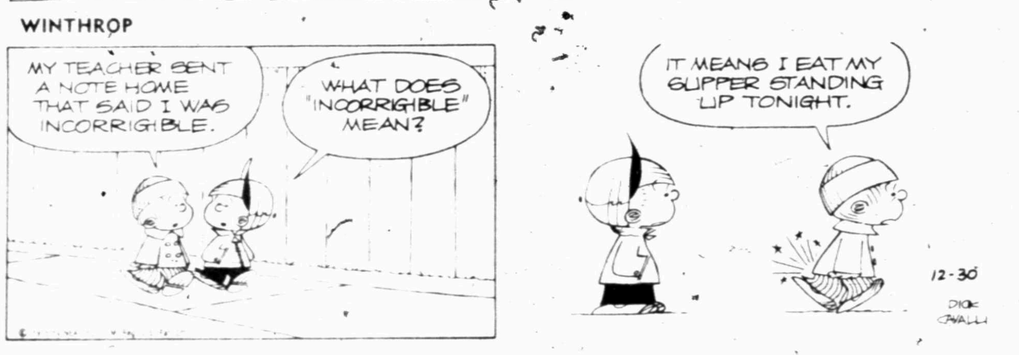

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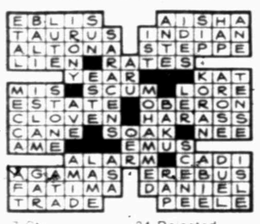

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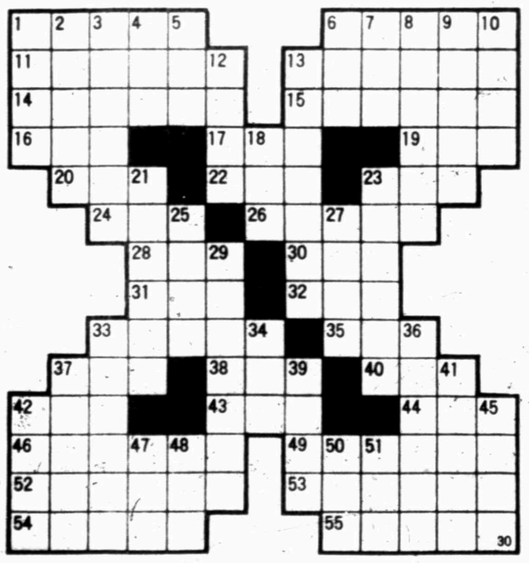

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No-Name Terps Are Back Among Football Royalty

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A no-name team has put the old familiar name of Maryland back among the royalty of college football.

From the time Jim Tatum collected his ninth consecutive winning season in 1955 with a 73-15-4 log and one national championship, until Coach Jerry Claiborne arrived on the scene four years ago, Maryland managed only three winning campaigns, the last in 1962.

The 17th-ranked Terrapins completed their resurgence Monday night with an impressive, near-perfect 13-0 whipping of favored Florida in the rainy Gator Bowl.

They had just enough offense, but essentially they did it with a swarming, relentless defense which apparently took personally some hints in the local media that they weren't a fitting opponent for No. 13 Florida ... and rammed the insults down the Gators' throats.

"They said we couldn't win the big game. They said we couldn't beat a Southeastern team. Well, that fired us up and we did it," crowed linebacker Kevin Benson, whose first-period interception at the Florida 44-yard line set up Larry Dick's 19-yard touchdown pass to Kim Hoover.

Mike Sochko accounted for the other points with a conversion and field goals of 20 yards in the second period and 27 yards in the fourth quarter.

"I don't know how much the pre-game publicity inspired our players, but they wanted to convince people they belonged here — and I think they did it," said Claiborne, who notched his first bowl triumph in five tries as a head coach. "We have a good solid program and we convinced people we can win the big one."

Their first victory over an SEC team in 11 tries since 1955 enabled the Terrapins to conclude their best season in two decades with a 9-2-1 mark.

In practice sessions during Maryland's week in Florida, Claiborne had labeled his club a bunch of no-names.

"Steve Atkins kind of stood out tonight, but we still have no big star," Claiborne said. "But there's a lot of heart on this team. We knew we could play good defense and we had time to prepare for Florida's Wishbone. Our scheme was good against it and our players were super."

Atkins, a bruising 225-pound freshman tailback, barreled for 127 yards on 20 carries, all but nine yards coming in the second half.

While Maryland's aggressive defense — Claiborne is among the last remaining proponents of the old wide-tackle-six with its six-man line — was keeping Florida pinned down in its own half of the field until the third period, the Gators turned the ball over via three interceptions and a fumble, and also committed several costly penalties.

"Mistakes of execution and concentration will almost always get you beat against a good opponent," said Gator Coach Doug Dickey, who suffered his sixth straight bowl setback. "Maryland has a fine team, very sound and well-balanced."

The Gators, the nation's 12th-best running team, was outrushed by Maryland 209-182 and outpassed 82-28. And the Gators threw three interceptions — by Benson, Mike Cielensky and Jim Brechbiel — after suffering only five all season.

After a lull in bowl play today, action picks up Wednesday with the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, pitting North Carolina State against West Virginia. That's the first of five games to be played within a span of 34 hours. Wednesday night, the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans pairs fourth-ranked Alabama against eighth-ranked Penn State.

On New Year's Day, No. 12 Georgia goes up against No. 18 Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, then top-ranked Ohio State seeks to lock up the national championship in its rematch against 11th-ranked UCLA in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. Wrapping up the bowl boom Thursday night is the Orange Bowl in Miami with third-ranked Oklahoma facing fifth-ranked Michigan.

The big one, as far as the national title goes, is the Rose Bowl, where Ohio State will seek to duplicate its 41-20 regular-season triumph over UCLA. That would give the Buckeyes a lock on the national crown since second-ranked Texas A&M was beaten by Southern Cal in the Liberty Bowl.

Despite the big win in the regular season, Ohio State Coach Woody Hayes expects the Bruins to be rough. "They finished the season on the upswing," said Hayes, noting that UCLA won six of its last seven games. "We know they have an explosive offense and an improved defense."

If UCLA is explosive enough and improved enough to pull off the upset, then Oklahoma could move into the No. 1 ranking by beating Big Ten runnerup Michigan in the Orange Bowl.

If that's not enough incentive for the Sooners, consider that this will be their first appearance on national television after an enforced two-year absence because of NCAA probation.

What's more, consider that three Big Eight teams have already lost bowl games. "We don't want people saying all Big Eight teams in bowls got beat," says Oklahoma's defensive stalwart, Dewey Selmon. "It makes us want to win this game that much more."

Alabama, meanwhile, is also still nursing national championship dreams. But the Tide will have to snap its eight-year bowl losing string against Penn State to stay alive.

The Cotton and Peach Bowls could both be high-scoring affairs. "Looking at it realistically," said Georgia Coach Vince Dooley of the Cotton Bowl matchup with Arkansas, "I think both teams will put a lot of points on the board."

The Peach Bowl reunites the clubs which met in the 1972 game, when N.C. State overpowered West Virginia 49-13. The Mountaineers will be out to reverse that result, with a strong ground game and an improved defense.

Aussies Search For Yacht

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Australian and New Zealand Air Force planes will search 5,000 square miles of the Tasman Sea for a French yacht which started the Sydney-to-London race Dec. 21 and lost its rudder afterwards, the Australian Marine Operations Center reported Tuesday.

The Center said the 84-foot ketch Kriter II with a crew of 12 has not been heard from in three days.

Rozelle Rule Is Declared Illegal

By TOM BRETTINGEN
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The National Football League's Rozelle Rule—the device by which the league binds a player to one team—was declared today by a federal judge to be in violation of federal antitrust laws in a decision that could severly affect the sport.

U.S. District Judge Earl R. Larson permanently restrained the NFL and its 26 teams from enforcing the Rozelle Rule. But Lawson stayed the ruling pending an appeal from the NFL, an action which is certain to come.

The ruling, coming nearly six months after completion of a trial in a suit brought by former Baltimore tight end John Mackey and 14 other former and present players, strikes a severe blow to the NFL. In effect, the ruling says the league cannot restrict its players from selling their services to the highest bidder.

The Rozelle Rule says that a player may become a free agent by playing one year beyond his contract. However, if that player signs with another team, his old club must be compensated by the new team with players or draft choices, or both.

It was this device which the NFL used to prohibit a free market system for players, and thus stop any team from buying up quality players in an attempt to win a championship. The league argued the Rozelle Rule was needed to maintain competitive balance, and said elimination of the rule could destroy professional football.

However, Larson ruled, "Elimination of the Rozelle Rule will not spell the end of the National Football League, or even cause a decrease in the number of franchises in the National Football League...

"If the effects of this decision prove to be too damaging to professonal football ... Congress could possibly grant special treatment to the National Football League based on its claimed unique status."

The suit by Mackey, which was tried by the NFL players' union, was viewed as the primary test case to determine if the Rozelle Rule and other restrictions on player movement were legal.

This case only sought to determine the validity of the Rozelle Rule. Other NFL policies, such as the collegiate draft and standard player contract, are being contested in a federal suit in California brought by Joe Kapp. It is expected to go to trial early next year.

Ultimately, the issues are expected to reach the Supreme Court.

Snyder, Odessa Ector Vie Tonight

Although they had easy sailing (with a bye) in the first round of the Borger Holiday Tournament, the Snyder Tigers have a tough chore tonight. They take on the Odessa Ector Eagles at 7 p.m. in the second round.

Ector defeated the Tigers, 68-59, earlier this season. The winner of tonight's game will meet the winner of the Wichita Falls Rider-Borger game (they play at 8:30 tonight) for the championship at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Ector defeated Hereford in the first round, 76-59, while Borger was beating Perryton, 64-58. Rider, like Snyder, drew a first round bye.

Losers' bracket games are on tap for 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, with the consolation tilt set for 5:30 p.m., the battle for third place on tap for 7 p.m. and the finals set for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Tigers have improved considerably since the early loss to Ector, but then so have the Eagles. Snyder is 9-4 for the season.

Coach Bob Moore of the Tigers said probable starters for tonight's tussle include Chester Cobb and Randy Gressett at wing, Dane Witherspoon at post, and Ernest Brandon and Kelly Ragland at guard. Joey Arnold and Kenny Thomspon are slated for a lot of reserve action.

The Tigers have a tough defense and seem to have an improved offense. They won the Canyon Reef Tournament here a couple of weeks ago. Ector has had strong basketball teams for the past several years, once beating the Tigers for regional honors and then going on to win state about four years ago.

Ector has beaten Lamesa, defending state champion, this season.

Hoosiers Still Reign

By The Associated Press

Indiana kept on doin' what comes naturally ... and, naturally, the Hoosiers are still No. 1 in The Associated Press major college basketball poll today.

Indiana owned first place — barely — in the preseason poll, then grabbed it by the throat with its runaway victory over defending national champion UCLA.

The unbeaten Hoosiers, who rolled up their ninth victory of the year Monday night by beating 15th-ranked St. John's University 76-69 in the championship game at Madison Square Garden's Holiday Festival, garnered 60 of the 62 first-place votes cast by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters before that game.

That gave them 1,236 of a possible 1,240 points.

The AP Top Twenty
By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, season records through Sunday and total points. Points based on 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 :

1.Indiana(60)	8-0	1,236
2.Maryland(1)	7-0	1,053
3.N.Carolina(1)	6-0	951
4.UCLA	6-1	718
5.NotreDame	5-1	621
6.Marquette	5-1	509
7.Cincinnati	8-1	441
8.Alabama	6-0	438
9.N.C.St.	7-0	431
10.Nev-LasVegas	6-1	299
11.Louisville	7-1	261
12.Tennessee	7-1	260
13.Washington	8-0	256
14.Rutgers	7-0	180
15.St.John's	9-0	175
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18.Centenary	8-1	35
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Delta 88	N.Y. Brougham (72, 73, 74, 75)
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Pokes Savor "Minnesota Miracle"

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys savored their "Miracle in Minnesota" today and had little sympathy for Viking "We Wuz Robbed" complaints in Sunday's National Football League playoff thriller.

"Tell them (the Vikings) to study the films all week and give me a call to tell me what they show," said Cowboy owner Clint Murchison. "I'll be at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Los Angeles."

Dallas meets Los Angeles today in the National Conference title game.

Dallas Coach Tom Landry said films show Drew Pearson's 50-yard touchdown reception with 24 seconds left to give the Cowboys a 17-14 victory was a legal one.

"It looked like to me that the ball was a little underthrown and that both (Viking defensive back) Nate Wright and Drew were coming back for it," said Landry. "It looked like Wright stumbled and came into Drew while he was falling down. Drew went for the ball, caught it and that was that. You had two officials within 10 yards from different angles."

Pearson wasn't all that sure himself.

"I thought the referee could have called interference their way," said Pearson. "It was definitely a lucky catch and I thought the referee had thrown a flag on the play. The flag turned out to be an orange (thrown from the stands) but it took time for that to dawn on me."

Pearson said he was scared to death after whiskey bottles started raining down. One beaned an official.

"I got scared and some of the players on the team, Jethro Pugh, Ralph Neely, and John Fitzgerald, gave me my own personal escort to the dressing room," said Pearson.

Landry said he didn't fear any crowd violence toward his club at the end of the game because of the incident involving the official.

"I think we'd have had more action if the official hadn't been hurt," said Landry. "I think that sobered up everybody, seeing the official down and then going off the field."

Staubach, a Catholic, called the bomb to Pearson a "Hail Mary" pass and disclosed that Pearson was mad because the Cowboys had used him as a decoy most of the day.

"Drew said he had been open a couple other times during the day," said Staubach. "He was mad at me for not throwing to him."

Pearson said he just hoped Dallas could somehow get its cleats back on the ground after the incredible victory over the Vikings.

"I just hope we aren't flat when we play Los Angeles," said Pearson. "I know the fans will be talking about this for some time. My telephone keeps ringing and I can't sleep. I keep seeing that ball coming to me in the air. For us to win, we're going to have to put it behind us."

Georgia Defense Tough As A "Junkyard Dog"

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — There's just nothing more onery than a junkyard dog, says safety Bill Krug, and it's no accident that the Georgia defense is so nicknamed.

Krug predicted Georgia's Junyard Dogs will prove that New Year's Day in their Cotton Bowl duel with the swift, explosive Arkansas Razorbacks.

"It so happens that junkyard dogs are outcasts...constantly getting into fights with other dogs," grinned Krug. "The only people that really accept them are junkyards."

Preseason critics, Krug said, viewed the Georgia defense as suspect, an assemblage of outcasts, so when an alumnus suggested the nickname to Defensive Coordinator Erk Russell, he seized on it.

"We're not physically as big as everybody else even though we got a lot of talent," Krug said. "We just have to be mean and get after people.

"...Since that's the meanest dog there is, we decided to call ourselves that. It's something to rally around. And we do consider ourselves the meanest bunch of Bulldogs to come around in the last few years."

The 12th ranked Bulldogs, who posted a 9-2 record, surrendered an average of 15.1 points per game as they finished in a tie for second in the tough Southeastern Conference.

Told that the Razorbacks were supremely confident, that they felt no one could contain their running game, Krug, an All-SEC second team selection, declared:

"I don't care if they move the ball...because they can move it up and down the field but not score. We always seem to come up with the big play. When we need it we get it. We cause fumbles and we intercept a lot of passes."

Moving the ball is one thing, the red haired, 200-pound sophomore pointed out, but scoring is another.

"So if they think they can move it on us, that's fine," he said. "I don't care. As long as they don't score."

Arkansas quarterback Scott Bull expressed little awe over the Georgia defense, observing that the team which establishes its running game is going to win.

"We're going to come out running," he said. "Georgia knows it. Everybody we've played knows it. We're going to establish our running game and if they think they can stop it, well, tell them to come on."

And if anybody wonders about the Razorback defense, nose guard Mike Campbell says you can just call 'em the Red Ants: "We like to think of ourselves as swarming on people and stinging them to death."

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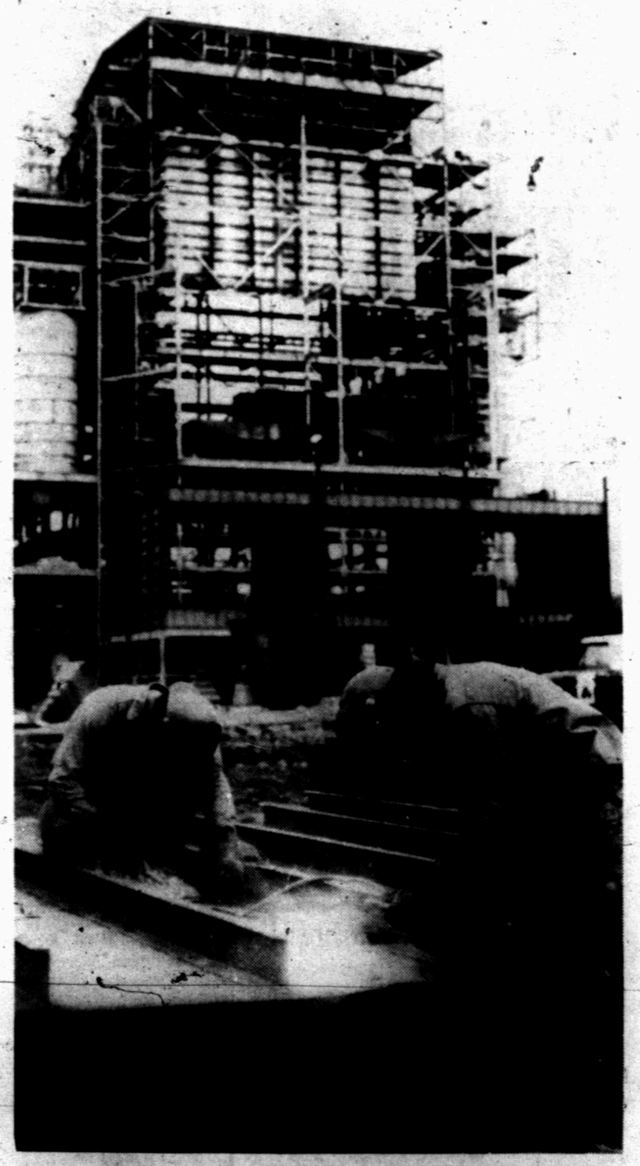
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Ex-Con Will Fight To Obtain Custody Of Girl

MIAMI (AP) — An ex-convict who befriended a deformed 6-year-old and then persuaded a team of doctors to restructure the girl's face says she'll fight to obtain custody of the child.

"I know that it's going to be hard for a single woman who's also an ex-convict to get custody of anybody, but I talked to my parole officer and he said he would support me in any way that he can," Willie Mae Brown said Monday.

Miss Brown said she met young Natasha Conley last October when the child was visiting her mother, jailed on drug charges. Miss Brown, released from prison last June after serving three and a half years for manslaughter, was working as a counselor at the jail.

"Her mother introduced me to her three other children, but not to Natasha," Miss Brown said.

Natasha was born with hypertelorism, a facial deformity that spaced her eyes about twice the normal distance apart. Doctors said the condition might have developed during the first three months of pregnancy when the mother was taking drugs.

"I've been going to school as a psychology major and I realize that to a child, this sort of thing causes mental damage," said Miss Brown. "If something can be done, it should be done. It's kind of hard to be so young and so rejected," she said.

She received the mother's permission to try to help the girl, whose father also was in jail and who was staying with an aunt.

Miss Brown, who underwent plastic surgery while in prison to correct facial damage sustained in a beating by the man she killed, was rebuffed by social agencies when she sought help for the girl. Finally, a team of doctors at the University of Miami's Mailman Center for Child Development agreed to operate free of charge.

Last month, the doctors removed two of Natasha's ribs and used them to rebuild her nose and hold other bones in place. Her brain had to be exposed during the operation, but by the end of the procedure, her face was re-formed.

She returned to Miss Brown's home where she began to seek friends. But, after news accounts of the case, Natasha's aunt demanded that the child be returned to her custody.

"Natasha had a psychiatric evaluation from my friend and it was obvious that she needs special help academically," said Miss Brown.

She said she contacted state welfare officials and they agreed to investigate the case. Neither the officials nor the aunt, who reportedly cares for 11 other children, could be reached for comment.



Dr. Lamb
How to avoid high blood pressure

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Is eliminating salt from one's diet the only way to keep from having high blood pressure?

Also, could you tell me why my body shoots off little red spots? I got two today. One day I had about 10 here and there over my body and also on my head. Are these caused from the veins or high blood pressure? I asked my doctor and he said that it was nothing. If they are nothing, why do I get them?

DEAR READER—There is some evidence that high salt intake will increase the chances of having high blood pressure. High blood pressure is caused by many other things, including kidney disease and various hormone abnormalities.

Simple obestiy appears to be a factor in many cases. Yoy would be surprised how many people with elevated blood pressure have lower readings if they get rid of any fat, even a small amount, that they have on their body.

If you want more information on the factors that affect blood pressure you can send in 50 cents for The Health Letter, number 1-8, Blood Pressure, with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing. Just send your request to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

Those little red spots could be any number of things, and your doctor is probably right that they are not anything for you to be unduly worried about. They are not caused by high blood pressure. They may be dilated capillaries, the smallest blood vessels in your skin, or they can be related to "hives," an allergic reaction.

Your blood pressure goes up in many cases because of constriction of small arteries prior to the small capillaries that connect the arteries to the veins. If anything the constricted arteries should diminish the chances of red spots.

There are some people who have a special type of elevated pressure with flushing of the face, but the elevation is usually temporary.

Those little red spots could also be related to fragile, small blood vessels. Special tests would be needed to see if that is so. One of the many causes for increased fragility of blood vessels is vitamin deficiency. You might increase your intake of vitamin C by eating more fresh fruit and see if that helps.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Please advise me what is actinic keratosis on the forehead and scalp? What causes it, and is it serious? What can be done to eliminate this condition?

DEAR READER— Actinic refers to rays of sunlight, and keratosis refers to those brown or grayish spots on your skin. In short the term means grey or brownish spots on the skin caused to exposure to sunlight. They are quite common.

Depending a lot more on how many you have and what they look like on examination, they can be ignored or removed. The doctor can use chemicals to remove them from the surface of the skin, if he thinks they need to be removed. In some instances he may want to remove them surgically.

The best thing for you to do is limit your exposure to the sun. I note that you are in Florida, so I'm sure you get plenty of sun. Try to use a hat and cover yourself enough to avoid sun exposure and you will have fewer of these.

Don't be frightened of them, but do let your doctor see you from time to time to examine them. If neglected some of these are believed to progress to skin cancer.

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Hoyt's Has Biggest Selection Of Quality Furniture In Region

Hoyt Furniture Carpet & Appliances, located at 2112 Twenty-fifth Street, has the largest selection of furniture between Fort Worth and El Paso.

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Hoyt's has over 3,000 square feet of home furnishings to choose from, with nationally known brands such as Basset, Thomasville, Kroehler, Morning Glory, Mason Tyler, A. Brandt, Lazy Boy, and Stewart Temple.

They have Hot Point and Whirlpool appliances consisting of stoves, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, dryers, washers, trash compactors, and microwave ovens.

Hoyt's is owned and operated by Hoyt Dillard. He has been serving Snyder for over 11 years. Dillard's policy is to give the best value for the purchasing dollar.

They also have over 120 rolls of carpet in stock, from kitchen imprints to shag plushes. Professional installation crews install all of their carpet. Hoyt's also offers carpet cleaning.

In the bedding department, they have Simmons Beauty Rest Bedding.

Hoyt's is a total decorating store, starting at the floor with all types of furniture and working up with pictures and other accessories for the walls.

The owner or any of his friendly sales personnel are always glad to help you find anything in their store.

The true value tags show the customers' savings.

If it was money you received for Christmas, come by today and pick out that lovely item you have always been wanting for your home.

Hoyt's is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For any information on their stock call 573-2143.

They are members of the Furniture Retailers Association.

Hoyt invites everyone to come by and browse through their store.



PLAN EXPANSION PROGRAM—I&R Meter Service, 2507 Twenty-fifth Street, has been serving the oil industry and farming community in this area since 1968. I&R is the only ASME code shop in this area. The company is planning an extensive expansion program in its fabrication shop, machine shop and parts dpeartment after the first of the year.

I&R Meter Service Is Planning Extensive Expansion Program

I&R Meter Service was established in Snyder in 1968 for the repair and sale of oilfield type metering devices.

Since that time the company had grown and expanded into a company which serves the farming community as well as many other phases of the oil industry such as sales of Orbit grease guns, a 12-volt pickup mounted pressurized grease gun.

I&R also handles Allis Chalmers electric motors from ¼ horsepower up to 250 horsepower. I&R recently acquired the distributorship for Allis Chalmers' new line of control panels.

The I&R machine shop is small, but it has two fine machinists who can make or repair almost anything. They make many repair parts of all types including shafts for almost any type of pump.

In I&R's fabrication shop, they can fabricate any type of vessel from small tanks up to 10 feet x 25 feet heater treaters. I&R is the only ASME code shop in this area. I&R is presently constructing vertical and horizontal heater treaters for an oil company in Colorado.

Present plans for I&R call for an extensive expansion program to begin after the first of the year. I&R has a new set of plate rolls scheduled for delivery in March and needs to expand its fabrication shop to accommodate them. Other plans call for expansion of the machine shop and parts department.

Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, but I&R employes are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spokesmen for the company said, "If we can be of service, please stop by our offices at 2507 Twenty-fifth Street or call Don Wolf or Don Osborn at any time."

Donor Heart Is Linked To Patient

CAPETOWN, South Africa, (AP) — A donor heart has been linked to the heart of a male patient by transplant surgeon Christiaan Barnard and his medical team at Groote Schuur Hospital.

A hospital spokesman said the patient, who was not identified, is "as well as can be expected under the circumstances."

The operation on Monday was the third by Barnard linking a donor heart to a patient's own.

Leonard Gross, 47, underwent the operation last Dec. 31 and is still alive. The other patient died after living five months with the two hearts.

Frances Perkins, appointed by Franklin D. Roosevelt as secretary of labor in 1933, was the first woman cabinet officer. She held the post until 1945. According to Sid Frank, in his book, published by Hammond, "Presidents: Tidbits and Trivia," when asked if being a woman was a handicap, she replied, "Only in climbing trees."

Bucks Of America Recreating Banner

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bicentennial project of the Bucks of America, a division of Parallelodrome Ltd., will be to put together a marching and concert orchestra of 58 talented black musicians, ages 18 to 20. The musicians are being selected from the states which were the original 13 co onies.

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JOB CORPS TRAINEES HOME—Two Job Corps trainees visit with Cindy Fraley, interviewer for the Texas Employment Commission office in Sweetwater. At left is Johnny McCoy of Sweetwater, who is stationed at Treasure Lake Job Corps Camp in Lawton, Okla.; and at right is Arthur Ollison of Snyder, who is stationed at Gary Job Corps Camp at San Marcos where he is studying culinary arts. Ollison, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCowan of Snyder.

Author And Naturalist, Gibbons Is Dead At 64

SUNBURY, Pa. (AP) — Euell Gibbons, an author and naturalist who praised the virtues of eating wild nuts and berries and became a national folk hero among natural food lovers, is dead at 64.

Freda Gibbons, his widow, said Gibbons died Monday night of an apparent heart attack.

Gibbons first became widely known through books which included "Stalking The Wild Asparagus," "Stalking the Blue Eyed Scallop," and "Stalking the Healthful Herbs."

His easy wit and rustic appearance gained him a wide following as he began making appearances on television talk shows. He later received a contract from General Foods to advertise its breakfast cereals and was often seen holding stalks of wild grains.

However, the Federal Trade Commission ruled last July that the commercials should be taken off the air because they tended "to undercut a commonly recognized safety principle, namely that children shouldn't eat any plants found growing or in natural surroundings, except under adult supervision."

Gibbons developed an ulcer in 1974. However, he said at the time it wasn't from anything he ate but from aspirins he took for arthritis.

Throughout his life, Gibbons was a nature lover. He taught survival courses, lectured throughout the country on nature and lived for a time as a beachcomber in Hawaii.

"Everybody, when they're young, is interested in the outdoors and nature, but society has trained them to grow out of that," he said in a 1974 interview. "I stayed with it."

Born in Texas, Gibbons completed only five years of formal education. He later attended the University of Hawaii and in 1948, at the age of 36, won a literary prize as the best creative writer in the Hawaiian Islands.

It was in Hawaii that he met his second wife, the former Freda Fryer of Philadelphia. They had two children.

In 1964, Gibbons moved to Beavertown, Pa. where he lived on an 11-acre farm. During the summers, he taught a survival course at Outward Bound, an outdoor living school for teenagers.

Gibbons liked to think of himself as a conservationist as much as a natural food lover.

He is survived by his widow, two sons and five grandchildren.

His widow said the body would be cremated and that there would be a private memorial service. No date was set.



Hubby Holds Car Keys Till Wife Votes Wallace

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is mean. He bought me a new Chevrolet, then wouldn't give me the keys until I signed a pledge to support George Wallace in '76. He and I never agree on anything, including politics.

Abby, I don't think this pledge should be binding since he forced me to sign it. My preacher says it is not binding as it was signed under duress.

I'm afraid to tell my husband what the preacher said since he doesn't think too much of the preacher and might make me sign another pledge to quit attending "that damn fool Baptist Church."

I value your opinion. Should I support Mr. Wallace? I don't like him, but then I don't like anyone else either, including my husband.

C.M. IN TUSTIN, CALIF.

DEAR C.M.: The secret ballot is an inalienable right in the U.S.A. You can't sign it away, and your husband can't force you to.

The "pledge" he demands is both absurd and unenforceable. Vote for the candidate of your choice.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter about Pisher the Poodle: Of course, I believe dogs understand what is being said to them.

Even though we provided a sitter for Ferdinand, our English bulldog, during our absence, he was very much annoyed with us upon our return.

He ignored our warm and friendly greetings, and wouldn't even come near us for days.

Then, my husband finally cornered him and explained in detail that we had to leave him and go to England because we weren't able to find a collar large enough for him here.

It took Ferdinand a long time to buy that story, but eventually he was wagging his tail and happily rejoined the family.

VERA IN NEWPORT

DEAR VERA: Next time, explain to your English bulldog where you are going and why, and you won't get the cold shoulder on your return.

DEAR ABBY: I am a healthy, active 76-year-old woman, and nobody takes me for a day older than 60. I lost my husband four years ago and have dated many interesting, eligible men since, but I never considered remarrying—until I met Julius.

He is a handsome, 69-year-old southern gentleman-type who was much too proper to go beyond a kiss before marriage.

To cut a long story short, Julius and I were married two months ago, and much to my surprise, I discovered that he didn't know the first thing about satisfying a woman. He had been married twice, so I couldn't understand it.

It doesn't seem possible for a man whose kisses promised so much to be so totally inept when it comes to lovemaking. (He's unbelievably selfish.)

Perhaps the bedroom performance shouldn't be so important to a woman my age, but it is.

I pretend that he is a good lover, but he's miserable. How can I let Julius know that he's not satisfying me without hurting his ego?

FRUSTRATED

DEAR FRUSTRATED: An improved marital relationship is more important than Julius' ego. You do him no favor by pretending satisfaction. If he's able to satisfy himself, he's able to satisfy you. Some honest dialogue can make him more sensitive to your needs. You can be effective without being cruel. Start talking.

For Abby's new booklet, "What Teen-agers Want to Know," send $1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212. Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (20¢) envelope.

Merger Of Two Firms Proposed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Liberty National Life Insurance Co. and Southwestern Life Corp. would become the main subsidiaries of a holding company under a proposed merger and stock exchange.

Liberty National is headquartered in Birmingham, Southwestern is located in Dallas, Tex.

Consolidated assets of the new corporation would be more than $2.7 billion, and total insurance in force would be more than $15 billion, according to an announcement from Liberty National Chairman Frank Samford Jr. and Southwestern Chairman and President William Seay.

Southwestern Life Corp. owns Southwestern Life Insurance Co. and Southwestern General Life Insurance Co. Liberty National owns Rockford Life Insurance Co. of Rockford, Ill.

Under terms of the merger proposal, Southwestern stockholders would receive 1.05 shares of the holding company for each share owned. Liberty National stockholders would exchange on a share-for-share basis.

The merger is subject to approval of directors, stockholders and regulatory agencies. If approved by directors, it will be presented to stockholders in annual meetings next spring.



Astro-Graph

by Bernice Bede Osol

For Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1975

ARIES (March 21-April 19) As the day wears on, you tend to become a bit more serious. Let yourself go if you can, or you could spoil the good times of those around you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conclude your business before early afternoon. By then you'll be in a more festive mood and won't be worried about tying up loose ends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're going out this evening and plan to share expenses, have a clear advance understanding as to who pays for what.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be too opinionated this evening. Be prepared to make concessions, especially to your mate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The way a situation works out today may stick you with some last-minute chores. Plan ahead. You can handle things and still have fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Go where the bright lights are tonight, but avoid crowds. You'll be better off with a small group of friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll have a better time with pals at home tonight. If you must go out, make it an early night and then bring the gang home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If there's someone older you'd like to visit to wish "Happy New Year," make sure you do it before you get caught up in the swirl of activities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't feel that a high price tag guarantees you'll excel in the pursuit of pleasure tonight. You'll just flatten the wallet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You tend to get peppier as the day wears on. Don't alter or cancel tonight's plans just because the early part of the day has a few lumps in it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The novelty of the funny hats, the confetti and the noisemakers will soon wear off tonight. Celebrate quietly with the one you love.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) By late afternoon you'll want to take a brief respite and let your hair down. No reason why you shouldn't.

your birthday

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Jackie Is In Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has arrived in Salt Lake City with her children and several members of the Kennedy family for a skiing vacation at Snowbird resort.

Mrs. Onassis, widow of the late President John F. Kennedy and Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, did not speak with reporters but posed briefly for photographs after she and her party landed at Salt Lake International Airport aboard a commercial flight.

Mrs. Onassis was accompanied by her children, Caroline Kennedy and John Kennedy Jr.; sisters-in-law Pat Lawford and Jean Smith; Mrs. Lawford's three children; Mrs. Smith's husband, Steven, and their four children.

They had been vacationing at central Idaho's Sun Valley ski resort since Christmas and came here to join Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., his wife and three children, who have been in Utah skiing since Saturday.



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