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VIEWPOINT

THE INAUGURATION

If you didn't get an invitation to the inauguration of Jimmy Carter as president of the United States, don't feel bad. You can go anyway.

A Carter aide said 300,000 to 400,000 party loyalists have been invited to the event and everyone in the country will be welcome.

That's a pretty big invitation, but no matter how many show up, it will be hard to match the madcap shenanigans surrounding Andrew Jackson's inaugural of 1829.

After applauding Jackson's address, some of the crowd surged into a reception at the White House to the sound of crashing china and glassware. Many stood on satin upholstered chairs to catch a glimpse of their hero, National Geographic said.

The throng backed Jackson against a wall in the East Room. Alarmed attendants finally lured well-wishers outside with tubs of punch placed on the lawn.

President James Madison's 1809 inaugural ball — the first held in the nation's capital — set a precedent in glitter and confusion. People jammed into a Capitol Hill hotel in such numbers that windows were knocked out for fresh air

The two dances that climaxed James K. Polk's rainly inaugural day in 1845 were designed to assure model decorum. One was priced at $10-a-ticket for high society, the other at $5 for the rank and file. Through an oversight, the diplomatic corps was not invited to the more expensive ball so it went en masse to the other.

Although the nation was troubled by the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural gala got out of hand. Hundreds stampeded the banquet hall, fighting for places at the refreshment table. Other unruly guests cut souvenirs from brocaded window draperies and delicate lace curtains.

In sharp contrast, Rutherford B Hayes had perhaps the quietest Washington inaugural of them all. He was sworn into office during a private dinner party given by outgoing President Ulysses S. Grant. Hayes had lost the popular vote but won the election by a single electoral vote. In view of the controversy that developed, and the fact that Inauguration Day in 1877 fell on a Sunday, it was arranged for the oath to be administered quickly and privately.

AS TIME GOES BY

Girl injured

FORTY YEARS AGO
-1936-

Madeline Adams, 5, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Adams, was fatally injured in an accident near Palmyra when the car she was riding in struck horses on Highway 2...Time Magazine selected Mrs Wallis Warfield Simpson, for whom King Edward VIII of England left his throne, as the most important historical figure of 1936...James Roosevelt, eldest son of President Roosevelt, said he was quitting the insurance business to become an aide to his father...Department of Commerce investigators probed into the wreckage of a United airliner to determine what caused it to crash near Los Angeles.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
-1951-

Winston Churchill was en route to the United States to confer with President Truman and speak to Congress...The Korrect Beauty Nook, owned by Mrs Mary Schwaderer, observed its 25th anniversary...The Nebraska City Federal Savings and Loan Association marked its 65th anniversary by mailing dividents totaling $27,445 to its members...The Steinhart Park pond was closed to skaters because of melting ice.

TEN YEARS AGO
-1966-

Airman Allen E. Phillips of Nebraska City was selected for training at Lackland AFB, Texas, as an Air Force communications - electronics specialist...U.S. and Japanese delegations began talks on the continuation of Japanese fishing operations in the extended U.S. fisheries zone...Kenneth Merlin Betts, son of Mr and Mrs Merlin Betts, Julian, was the last baby of 1966 to be born at St. Mary's Hospital...Teenagers from Nebraska City realized $150 profit from a March of Dimes dance at the armory.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 31, the 366th day of 1976. This is the last day of the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1879, Thomas Edison first demonstrated the electric incandescent light, at Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

In 1781, Henry Laurens of the American Continental Congress was released from the Tower of London in return for a British General who had surrendered, Charles Cornwallis.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

In 1946, the end of World War II was proclaimed officially by President Harry Truman.

In 1974, the Richard Nixon Foundation dropped plans to build a library in honor of the former president.

Today's birthdays: Violinist Nathan Milstein is 72. Singer Rex Allen is 52.

Thought for today: When driving, lose a minute and save a life. — Anonymous.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, General George Washington wrote financier Robert Morris and asked him to raise funds to pay American soldiers a bounty of $10 to remain in service one month after the expiration of their enlistments on January 1.

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

If you do these things, God will shed his own glorious light upon you. (Isaiah 58:8 TLB)

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for giving us in the scriptures not only Your admonitions but Your sanctions as well. Help us to be guided by them each day of our lives. In the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.



A Good Year for a Clean Sweep



Jerry Wilson

24 AND HOLDING

Can the Huskers win?

Whether Nebraskans will celebrate a happy new year tomorrow depends upon what the Big Red does against Texas Tech tonight in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston

The Cornhuskers, 8-3-1 on the 1976 season, are playing in their eighth straight bowl game and in their 13th bowl in the past 15 years Their bowl record is 8-6-0 with six straight wins between 1969 and 1974 The Cornhuskers lost 17-14 to Arizona State in the 1975 Fiesta Bowl

This would make a good trivia question Do you know what year the Huskers played in two bowl games? If you answered 1974, you're right. The Huskers beat Texas 19-3 in the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1974 and defeated Florida in the Sugar Bowl on December 31 of that year by the score of 13-10

Nebraska is also playing to keep the Big Eight's bowl winning intact for the 1976 season Oklahoma State defeated Brigham Young 49-21 in the December 18 Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Florida, while Oklahoma walloped Wyoming 41-7 in the December 25 Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona A note for Western Athletic Conference fans in the area should note that BYU and Wyoming were the WAC co-champions this season.

This season has not been as successful as Nebraska fans may have wanted but an 8-3-1 record is nothing to be ashamed of I'd like to predict that Nebraska would defeat Texas Tech by as big a margin as the Cowboys and Sooners but the Red Raiders (10-1) share the SWC title with Houston. Houston will meet undefeated Maryland in the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1977

The Raiders are coached by Steve Sloan and have all-SWC players Rodney Allison and Thomas Howard on the squad. This compares with Nebraska with six players named to the all-Big 8 team by both wire services and the World-Herald and one player by the AP and World-Herald. Three players — Vince Ferragamo (Football News), Mike Fultz (FN, UPI, Sporting News and Walter Camp) and Dave Butterfield (UPI, FN, WC and AFC-Kodak) — were named to All-American squads listed by the names listed behind their names in their parentheses.

Ferragamo was a National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholarship Award winner. Clete Pillen was named the UPI Big 8 defensive player of the year.

I may be putting myself out on a limb by making this type of prediction but Nebraska will win by only one touchdown over the Texas Tech Red Raiders, 14-7, in a tough defensive battle. That will set the stage for the Colorado-Ohio State matchup and as much as I'd like to predict a Buffalo win, the Buckeyes will be ready and waiting to get the Orange Bowl victory in Miami on New Year's Day. I pick Ohio State to defeat Colorado 28-13.

For those already preparing for the 1977 season, Nebraska will play all four of its non-conference opponents at home this season, beginning September 10 against Washington State (coached by former Husker assistant Warren Powers) and following with Alabama, Baylor and Indiana On the Big 8 schedule, the Huskers face Iowa State, Colorado and Kansas at home and will be on the road against Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Oklahoma

The information above was compiled from the Huskers Bluebonnet media guide, prepared under the direction of NU sports information director Don Bryant. And quoting Lyle Bremser now — "Man, woman and child — you did a good job!" Let's hope the Huskers do the same in the game tonight.

"If New Year's Day in the morning open with dusky red clouds, it denotes strife and debates among great ones, and many robberies to happen that year" This was stated in the Old Shepherds' Calendar for the year 1709.

New Year's Day is the only general holiday celebrated around the globe and it is a legal holiday in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands A fact for you to file away — there are no "national holidays" in the United States since each individual state has jurisdiction over the dates it observes, which is why some holidays such as Arbor Day are celebrated in April here but in later or earlier months in other sections of the country

Here in America, we may celebrate the New Year by throwing away our old calendars but in other countries, effigies representing the old year are either burned or drowned Other ideas such as wearing your best clothes and doing some work to bring good fortune are also superstitions pertaining to this holiday

There are too many customs to run down here so I'd refer anybody curious about New Year's Day or other holidays to a volume entitled "All About American Holidays" by Maymie R Krythe You'll find it at the Morton-James Public Library

The tradition of having open house at the White House on New Year's Day was begun by George Washington, who with his wife, Martha, had open house for the general public when the national capital was in Philadelphia Callers were also received at the homes of the upper class at the time on that day, a custom that has since died out in favor of family gatherings and dinners on that day.

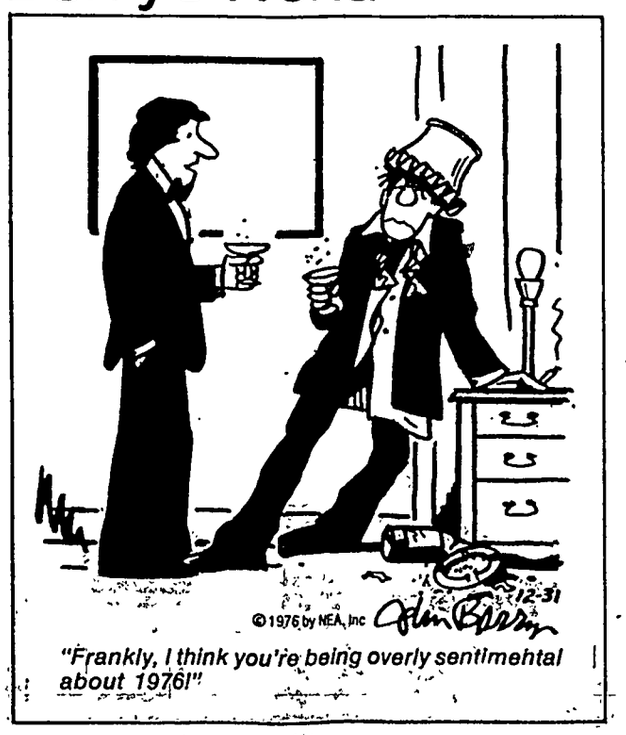
Parades, particularly the Mummers in Philadelphia and the Rose Tournament in Pasadena, and football games — the Rose, Cotton, Sugar and Orange — rule the day now with all of the games and the Rose parade being broadcast to a television audience of millions each year

In closing, I'd like to print a menu for a New Year's Eve ball such as those held in the 1870's and 1880's Items served to those in attendance would include meats such as roast chicken, veal and ham pie, boiled ham and tongue, delicacies such as lemon drops, lady fingers, ice cream, apples and pears, mixed candies, fruit cake and compotes, tea and coffee plus an assortment of wines including Claret, Eldorado, White Wine, Angelica and Madeira

New Year's is also a time for making resolutions and I'll put myself on the spot publicly by declaring mine here I resolve to lose 10 pounds, preferably before spring rolls around, and I resolve to say nothing nasty about Needlenose and McTurkey, I mean, Messing and McCurdy

I hope that I have better luck with the first than I do with the second. Until next Friday, this is Jerry Wilson, 24 and holding and hoping that you all have the best of health and happiness in the coming year

Berry's World



"Frankly, I think you're being overly sentimental about 1976!"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Congratulations, Mrs Van Horn

Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Congratulations. . . .

. . . .to Mrs Gertrude Van Horn on winning the $1,000 in scrip in the grand prize Christmas drawing. Everyone should get a Christmas present like that!

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It's dry —

The lack of moisture during the past two months has been of great concern to farmers and their town friends. That was pointed out during a visit the day before Christmas to the Syracuse post office.

After the customary "Merry Christmas" greeting, Mrs Joyce Janssen replied:

"It may not be a very Merry Christmas for farmers unless we get some moisture."

The sudden dryness during the winter months has caused many to take a second look at the underground water tables There has been a marked upsurge in irrigation in the area and those tables are being watched closely by conservationists.

Meanwhile, a good wet snow sure could cool things down a bit.

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A Christmas gift —

We've just completed a survey and we've found that if we wanted to get in the biggest money-making business at the holiday shopping time then it would have to be something like Fruit Of The Loom . that might even beat tie sales . how about that, Harvey Martin?

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Rod Smith, an airman stationed at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, stopped in at the News-Press to say hello during the holiday Rod worked at the paper while he was attending Senior High

He didn't have the "skinhead" haircut we remembered from the G I. days, but Rod assured us that it was short enough

He is the son of Mr and Mrs Duane Smith Duane is also an ex-Air Force man He served several years in the AF and decided he preferred civilian life and got out after his enlistment expired

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Congratulations. . . .

to David Ailes, son of Mr and Mrs Garry Ailes, on his alternate appointment to the Air Force Academy. Dave is a senior at Nebraska City Senior High where he is a good student and top athlete

We wish him much success and with the hope that the "alternate" will become a "principal" appointment

The appointments to military academies are valued quite highly Rep. Charles Thone said during a recent visit to Nebraska City that each appointment is worth about $25,000 in educational benefits

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Didya hear the one..

about the farmer who was paid $25 by the city slicker one day for pulling his car out of a mudhole on a county road?

"Judging by the price you charge, you'd make a lot of money doing that day and night," the slicker mused

"Can't," said the farmer, "gotta haul water for the hole at night"

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The Bowl games—

If ever a wife has reason to claim her sports "nut" husband has abandoned her, then it's during the "Bowl Season"

By the time you will have read this item, at least four of the dozen or so holiday games will have been played. The one with the big interest to most of us will be Nebraska vs Texas Tech on New Year's Eve in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston.

Then they take off with the Cotton, Sugar, Rose, Orange, Sun, Shrine, Senior and Hula Bowl...and that doesn't even take into consideration the SUPER Bowl.

Well, we are among those who will spend the holiday weekend in front of the boob tube...enjoying every minute of it.

A number of years ago when the Youth Center got its first color TV, open house was held at the center on New Year's during the mornings for the Rose parade. We attended those sessions several times with children.

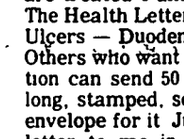
Then, we returned home to a fried chicken dinner and the rest of the afternoon with double header football bowl games. I don't know if those were the "good old days" or not...but we sure enjoyed them.

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Best wishes and much success to the Dave Di Giovanni family on their move from Nebraska City to Marysville, Kansas. Dave has been with Otoe County National bank for three and a half years. He leaves a vice president's job to take over a liquor store operated by his late father

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And a Happy New Year to you all.



Dr. Lamb

16-year-old has ulcers

By Lawrence E Lamb, M D.

DEAR DR LAMB — I have a 16-year-old son who has peptic ulcers He takes Maalox and that's all the doctor has prescribed for him Will you please tell me some of the foods that he can safely eat? Is milk all right? Someone told me to let him drink goat's milk He just suffered a bad attack, is there something else to take to ease the severe pain?

DEAR READER — What one can and can't eat if he has an ulcer is still a subject of controversy Some doctors don't think there is any reason why a person with an ulcer can't eat almost anything Others recommend a bland diet of soft foods

In severe cases a constant drip of milk and cream with other medicines to neutralize the acid digestive juice is used The treatment depends a lot on how severe the symptoms are and if the ulcers are healing

To give you, more information about ulcers and how they are treated I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-5, Ulcers — Duodenal, Stomach, Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it Just send your letter to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

There is no advantage in using goat's milk as opposed to cow's milk in the presence of an ulcer I think it is a good plan to eliminate any foods that seem to increase the pain, avoid the spices and the acid foods such as fruit juice Otherwise most ulcer patients can eat fairly normally

On the list of important don'ts are coffee drinking or use of any of the caffeine-containing beverages, smoking and alcohol

DEAR DR LAMB — Several years ago a mole on the corner of my mouth got sore and swollen I could move the hairs around that grew in the mole I cut them level with the mole It stayed sore so I pulled them out The swelling went down and it quit being sore So as they grew from then on I cut them level with the mole and I never had any more trouble until now It has gotten sore again Each time the hair was festered Could you advise me as to what causes this and the best thing to do? Is it wrong to pull them out?

DEAR READER — Get to a doctor as quickly as you can have him look at that mole If your description is correct I think you should have it removed surgically

Anyone who has a mole anywhere that changes in any form whatsoever should run, not walk, to the doctor The danger is malignant melanoma — a particularly nasty type of cancer that is not easily cured If you wait too long it can't be cured at all

While you may have had just an infected hair follicle, there is no way you can be sure The constant irritation you have from the mole is dangerous Any mole that is irritated by shaving, a belt strap, a bra strap or in any way should be removed

There has been more than one person who went to see the doctor when a change in a mole was noted because of my earlier columns on this problem And the prompt action of these readers has saved lives I can t emphasize too strongly to all that any change in size, shape, color or whatever of a mole may be your only warning and you should not ignore it for a day, a week or a month if you want the best chance of survival

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN

Options on gains from sale of home

By Ray De Crane

(Sixth of a Series)

The gain on the sale of a home by someone under 65 may or may not be immediately taxable It depends on what you do with the proceeds

But the loss on a home sale is never deductible on your federal income tax return

If you purchase a replacement home whose cost is equal to or greater than the adjusted selling price of the home sold, the tax on the gain is deferred It is not forgiven, it is delayed to a later day

This, then, calls for a second step The deferred gain is subtracted from the cost price of the replacement home, producing what is called an adjusted basis.

When that second home is sold for more than the adjusted basis there is a gain. Of course, you can continue stepping up to more expensive housing, pushing ahead further the eventual day of reckoning.

If you sell at a gain and do not buy another home, but, instead, move into rented quarters, the agony is over Whatever your gain, over your total investment in the property, it is immediately taxable If you owned the property for longer than six months, it is treated as a long-term capital gain and only half of it is taxable

There is also the possibility you sold at a profit and then bought a replacement home whose cost was less than the adjusted selling price of home No. 1

In this case you could have both an immediate gain and a deferred gain

The immediate taxable gain is either the actual gain on the sale or, if it produces a smaller amount, the difference between the adjusted selling price of home No. 1 and the cost price of home No. 2.

If there is still gain remaining after subtracting that difference from the gain realized on the sale, it is treated as a deferred gain Subtract that amount from the cost basis of home No 2, giving you a different starting point on that home in the event of a future sale

(NEXT New rules on child care expenses.)

News in Brief

UNITED NATIONS, N Y (AP) — Acting "more in sorrow than in anger," a group of prominent antiwar activists, including folksinger Joan Baez, has appealed to the Communist government of Vietnam to halt its "grievous and systematic violations of human rights." The group of more than 90 persons who were active in the antiwar movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s submitted a petition to Vietnam's permanent observer at the United Nations.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Russians have staged their fourth test of a satellite interceptor this year, but it tentatively is being classified as a failure by U.S. intelligence sources. The Russians resumed flight testing of antisatellite devices early this year after a lapse of about five years, and the U.S. sources said the latest test was conducted Monday.

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