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MOMENTS IN TIME

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• On **Nov. 30, 1876**, Yale defeated Princeton with a score of 2-0, in Hoboken, New Jersey, in the first collegiate football game played on Thanksgiving. Nearly 1,000 fans watched as the teams played in cold and rainy weather, using a leather ball described by The New York Times as "similar to those used in Rugby Union rules." The Times also noted that "the friends of both colleges mustered in good force."

• On **Dec. 1, 1945**, Bette Midler, who later would also be known as "The Divine Miss M," was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. A multiple-award-winning actress, singer and comedian, one of her most memorable roles was that of the final guest on "The Tonight Show" with outgoing host Johnny Carson, where she brought tears to his eyes with an emotional rendition of "One for My Baby (And One More for the Road)."

• On **Dec. 2, 1804**, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Napoleon I, the first Frenchman to hold the title of emperor in a thousand years, in Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral. Pope Pius VII handed him the crown, which the 35-year-old conqueror placed upon his own head.

• On **Dec. 3, 1989**, 5-year-old Melissa Brannen vanished without a trace from a Christmas party in Fairfax, Virginia. The intensive investigation that followed eventually led to the arrest and conviction of party guest Caleb Hughes, using clothing fibers that matched those found in his car, but Melissa remains missing.

• On **Dec. 4, 1997**, the NBA suspended Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors for one year after he attacked their coach, P.J. Carlesimo, during a practice. Offended when Carlesimo told him to "put a little mustard" on a pass, Sprewell began choking him until several players and team officials pulled him away. Sprewell was instructed to leave but returned within 20 minutes and threw a punch at Carlesimo before again being pulled away.

• On **Dec. 5, 2002**, legendary television producer and executive Roone Arledge died in New York City at the age of 71.

• On **Dec. 6, 1957**, two months after Sputnik reached orbit, the first American attempt to launch a satellite came to a stunning halt when the rocket rose a mere 4 feet before crashing into the launch pad then exploding.

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