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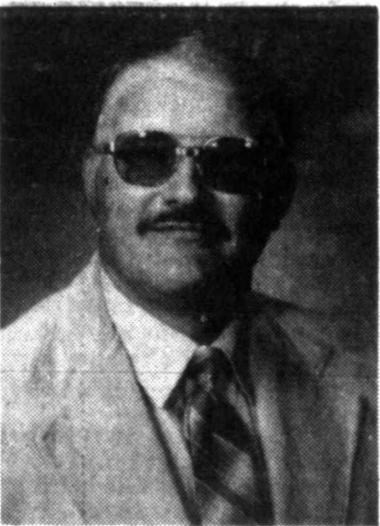
SHAMROCK — Begosh and Begorra! St. Pat's Day is a month and a half away, and residents here have already caught that Irish Spirit. Shamrock residents are gearing for the 41st Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration, March 13-15. Theme of the festival is "Irish Pride Forever," and the pride is already evident on Fridays when Shamrock townsfolk are supposed to wear green. "Friday is Wearing of the Green Day," declared celebration chairman Jim Davis. "Every Friday, if people don't wear green, the chief fuzzer will put them in the bare-face jail." Davis added that area mer-



South Pampan files for mayor

By LARRY HOLLIS News Editor

Pampa oil-field employee Gene Finney, 42, 1035 S. Hobart, has become the first candidate to file in the mayor's race for the April 4 city elections. Finney filed his candidacy for mayor Friday with City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers. Official filing for the city election opened Jan. 19. Deadline for filing is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, with Jeffers on the third floor of City Hall. In addition to the mayor's post, two commission seats are up for grabs. Mayor Sherman Cowan told The Pampa News on Jan. 22 that he was still deliberating whether to seek his second term. He said he would make his decision in a week or so. Attempts to contact him on his intentions for candidacy have been unsuccessful. Ward 3 Commissioner Joe Reed has stated he plans to run for re-election but he has not officially filed yet. Ward 1 Commissioner Bob Curry has announced he does not plan to seek a third term on the Pampa City Commission.



Finney attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1962. After high school, he attended Southwestern Assemblies of God College. He has worked in the oil fields around Pampa for the past 19 years with a major petroleum company. Finney served on the Lefors Independent School District board of trustees for more than three

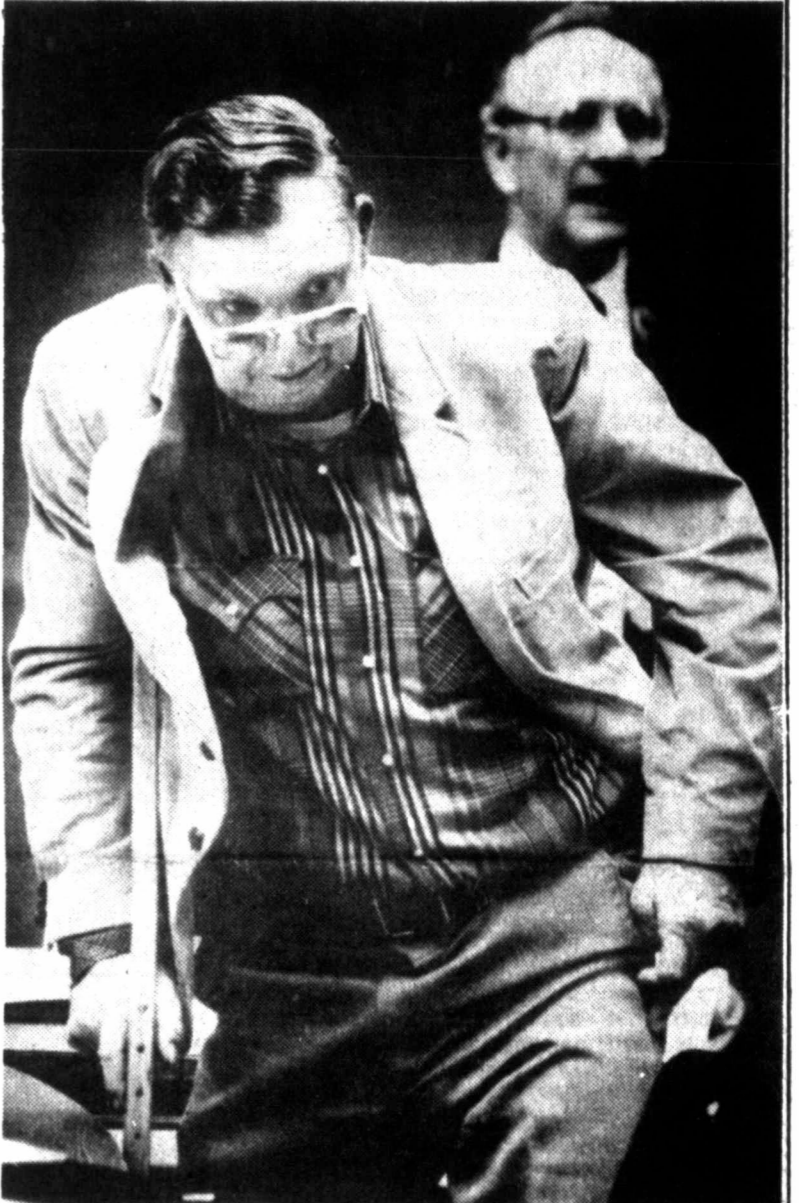
State can't explain lapse

By PAUL PINKHAM Senior Staff Writer

A 22-year-old murder case described by a defense attorney as involving "one little cripple man and the state of Texas" is set for trial next month following the denial Friday of two motions to dismiss the case. District Judge Don Cain denied motions by Albert Branscum, 56, to dismiss the case on speedy trial grounds. Both the U.S. and Texas constitutions guarantee criminal defendants the right to a speedy trial. Branscum is charged in the October 1964 shooting death of his wife, Glenna Branscum, at his former Farley Street home. He was indicted on the murder charge two months later but never prosecuted, apparently because authorities at the time, including Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan, believed two bullets he fired into his own head had left him a "mental vegetable." During the long lapse in prosecution, Sheriff Jordan put forth the information that Branscum's suicide attempt had left him unfit for trial, according to testimony Friday. Witnesses in 223rd District Court, however, testified that at no time did Branscum appear mentally incompetent because of his head injury. The old case was dismissed in June 1972 by 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany for lack of prosecution by the state. The judge dismissed the case on his own initiative; no motion was filed to drop the case. It was re-opened last year by the district attorney's office after Branscum, who showed up at Friday's hearing walking with a crutch, was found operating a salvage yard in Konawa, Okla. Peggie Gulley, the victim's sister, said she was not surprised



Jordan said she was not surprised See LAPSE, Page 2



Branscum leans on crutch in court Friday. (Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

BRANSCUM CHRONOLOGY

The following is a chronology of the case against Albert Branscum:

- Oct. 8, 1964 — Neighbors in the 1200 block of Farley see Branscum and his wife Glenna Fay walk inside Branscum's home at 1242 Farley. Minutes later they hear shots from inside the house and see Glenna Branscum stumble out the front door. Branscum is later found inside and taken an Amarillo hospital, severely injured by two self-inflicted bullet wounds to the head.
- Dec. 7, 1964 — Branscum is indicted on a charge that he murdered his wife. Later that month, his family posts bond with Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan, and Branscum goes to Wewoka, Okla., to live with his mother.
- June 9, 1972 — 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany brings the case to the attention of District Attorney Guy Hardin, elected in 1969, who said he was unaware of the pending murder case. McIlhany and Hardin consent to dismiss the case for lack of prosecution after Sheriff Jordan testifies that Branscum has remained mentally incompetent in an Oklahoma nursing home. No file of the case is ever found in the district attorney's office, according to Hardin.
- Jan. 31, 1986 — Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton and Investigator Michael Hartsock begin investigating the case with Hardin's OK after Mrs. Branscum's brother inquires.
- Sept. 18, 1986 — A 223rd District grand jury hands down an indictment again charging Branscum with his wife's 1964 slaying.
- Jan. 30, 1987 — Branscum's motions to dismiss the case on speedy trial grounds are denied by Judge Cain. Testimony during the hearing by Branscum's daughter and others indicates that Branscum was sane when he left Pampa for Oklahoma and began salvaging cars in 1970, two years before Sheriff Jordan declared him still a "mental vegetable." Another pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 9, and Branscum's trial is set to begin March 9.



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Did Pampa man freeze to death in stolen car?

By PAUL PINKHAM Senior Staff Writer

ARNETT, Okla. — Ellis County authorities are continuing to investigate the mysterious death of an 18-year-old Pampa man whose body was found near Shattuck inside the car he allegedly stole from his roommate Dec. 30. Ellis County Sheriff Charles James said the body of Casey Lee Brown, 18, was found last Sunday near his parents' house about seven miles southwest of Shattuck and about 10 miles across the state line from Higgins. The car in which he was found by his father had been reported stolen by Brown's roommate, Bobby Green of 420 N. Cuyler in Pampa. James said it appears Brown either froze to death or was asphyxiated inside the car. He said Brown could have been dead since Jan. 1. However, the sheriff was unwilling to entirely rule out foul play. He has not yet turned the car back to Green, saying he wants to keep it just to make sure. "It's just a matter of what the cause of death is," James said. "It would be part of our evidence if it was not natural causes or self-inflicted."

Brown might be headed for Oklahoma City. But reports indicate that Brown went to Shattuck, where he visited a dispatcher at the Police Department. He also apparently tried to sell a gun and some stereo equipment while in Shattuck, before telling friends that he planned to drive to Perryton or Darrouzett for the night. Shattuck Police Chief Vernon Budig confirmed that Brown showed up in Shattuck but said he was not aware of any charges having been filed against the man at the time. Budig said he had no evidence of Brown trying to sell a gun or stereo equipment while in Shattuck. Lipscomb County authorities also joined the search for Brown after Pampa police alerted them to be on the lookout for Green's stolen car. Beth Miles, a secretary with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation office in Woodward, Okla., said her agency is aware of the situation involving Brown but has not been called in to investigate. Services for Brown were held

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Group peddles Pampa market idea

By CATHY SPAULDING Staff Writer

It's such an old fashioned idea: allowing area farmers and gardeners to peddle their fresh produce in an open market. Gregg Boggs, a bulk commodity specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture, believes Pampa is ripe for such a market. And Gray County commissioners Ted Simmons and Gerald Wright believe a farmers' market could bring economic growth to area growers. Boggs discussed the benefits of a farmers' market with Gray County commissioners, Gray County Extension Agent Joe VanZandt, Gray County 4-H Club Agent Jeff Goodwin and Pampa Main Street Project Manager Lyn Moulton Friday in an informal meeting at the Gray County Annex. The group hopes to open a market by Aug. 1 and is considering the "bull barn" at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion as the market's first home. A meeting will be held 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at the annex to gauge area support of a farmers' market in Gray County. A joint operation of the Texas Department of Agriculture and County Extension services, Texas Farmers' Markets are working in 34 communities, including Amarillo and Lubbock. Boggs reported Amarillo's Golden Spread Farmers Market, in the the old J.B. Coe Lum-



Judge Kennedy and VanZandt discuss market. (Staff Photo by Cathy Spaulding)

Nation

Iran scandal probe trips on obstacles

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — For all its disclosures of diplomatic intrigue and secret bank accounts, the Senate Intelligence Committee report on the Iran-Contra affair is a work-in-progress emphasizing obstacles to the truth behind the Reagan administration's most damaging episode.

The lengthy report ends with a compendium of 14 unresolved issues. They range from questions about the conduct of U.S. foreign policy to the possible violation of federal laws and the candid admission that investigators have been unable thus far to find the end of the complex money trail that stretches from Iranian ayatollahs to Nicaraguan rebels.

"For the first time, you've got a global investigation," says Sen. Howell Hef-

lin, D-Ala., a member of the Senate investigating committee that will spend most of this year trying to answer those questions.

With global investigations come global problems, both for the Senate committee and its companion panel in the House.

Heflin, a former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, ticked off a few:

How to secure testimony from foreign heads of government? How to conduct an investigation with subpoenas without running afoul of U.S. treaty agreements with foreign government? Under what circumstances to seek a meeting with the president to question him?

How to avoid conflict with independent counsel Lawrence Walsh, whose principal focus is on preparing possible criminal charges?

Among the 14 unresolved issues are

some that seem relatively accessible, such as the role played by the White House staff in the sale of arms to Iran and apparent diversion of funds to the Contras.

That presumably could be answered with limited grants of immunity compelling testimony from former National Security Council director John Poindexter and his former aide, Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Already the House committee has signaled it is willing to consider immunity at some unspecified time. But there are complications there, as well.

Republicans, concerned about the effect of a lingering investigation on the president, want to address the question of immunity faster than Democrats. Democrats, less concerned about the president's reputation, seem to want to

go faster than Walsh, who is worried about his criminal investigation.

However that issue is resolved, other barriers will be far more difficult to overcome.

Somehow, congressional investigators will want to elicit information about the role played by foreign arms merchants, financiers and middlemen who seem more at home in the pages of the latest spy novel than in the midst of what the president has described as a diplomatic initiative to establish links with Iran's future leaders.

Even if they sit down with Manucher Ghorbanifar, the Iranian intimately involved in the arms shipments, what are congressional investigators to believe from a man whom the CIA labeled a "talented fabricator" with ties to drug smugglers?

The Senate committee report says

that the results of a CIA-administered polygraph test "indicated deception by Ghorbanifar on, virtually all questions," — then notes that he complained loudly to American officials that he had been asked to undergo the examination.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House committee, has said he is seeking the assistance of the Israeli government. But it is possible, for example, that the Israelis may be willing to offer written testimony, but no witnesses.

The prospects for cooperation from other countries seems more remote.

As for the Iranians, the entire episode has become a propaganda windfall with which to embarrass the United States.

The opportunity comes complete with a Bible inscribed in Reagan's hand — suitable for holding up before television cameras.

Politicians talk about their bodies

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare outburst of candor, House members recently voted themselves permission to refer to "the Senate" instead of "the other body," the hallowed euphemism used in floor debate for the past two centuries.

Most considered the change in House rules a refreshing touch of reality in a chamber where debate slogs through a sea of molasses, sticky with exaggerated politeness, where even knaves are called "distinguished gentlemen."

"Some traditions die hard here on Capitol Hill, but this is one few of us will miss," said Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass.

Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, said the rules change he sponsored was intended to relieve House members of the burden of referring to the Senate in "an artful and circumlocutory manner," in an era that makes a virtue of straight talk.

Gas explosion



Firemen battle a natural gas fire in Colorado Springs, Colo., Friday night. The explosion and fire occurred while men were working underground. Four workmen were hospitalized with minor injuries.

Reagan vetoes water measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, stepping into a veto fight he is certain to lose, accused Congress of lacking political courage and putting itself on a collision course with the White House over federal spending.

To cheers from an audience of invited guests Friday, Reagan vetoed a \$20 billion water cleanup bill but said, "I know this veto is going to be overridden. I know I do not have the votes to sustain it."

"But it's time we did the right thing — all of us — regardless of the political fallout," he said.

The veto marks Reagan's first major battle with the new 100th Congress that took office early this month, with Democrats in charge of both the House and Senate for the first time in his presidency.

The House has scheduled an override vote for next Tuesday, and Senate action is expected later in the week. A two-thirds vote by both chambers is required to enact the bill over Reagan's objection.

The bill was passed 406-6 by the House and 93-6 by the Senate earlier this month. It provides \$18 billion for sewage treatment facilities and \$2 billion for waterway cleanup over an eight-year period.

Taking a combative stance, Reagan, in effect, accused Congress of being hypocritical about the nation's huge budget deficit.

He said that in his State of the Union address last Tuesday, Congress rose in unanimous applause when he denounced the deficit as unacceptable and outrageous.

Drowning victims



Mohammad Yacoub, 10, and his sister Viktoria, 5, drowned Friday in Chicago when they and their brother Jonathan fell through ice on the Chicago River. Viktoria pulled Jonathan from the icy water but drowned when she went to retrieve his gloves.

Shultz massages leftists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who once decried the "endless darkness of communist tyranny," has been reaching out lately to a diverse assortment of countries and groups known for their close ties to the Soviet Union.

Within the space of 24 hours last week, Shultz established U.S. diplomatic relations with Mongolia, dispatched a top aide to three Warsaw Pact countries and met with the leader of a South African anti-apartheid group backed by Moscow.

The most controversial of these activities was Shultz's meeting last Wednesday with Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress. The ANC, which has wide popular support among black South Africans, is a favorite target of many American conservatives because it advocates armed struggle and has links to Moscow.

Shultz has said he believes it is important for the United States to maintain contact with all parties

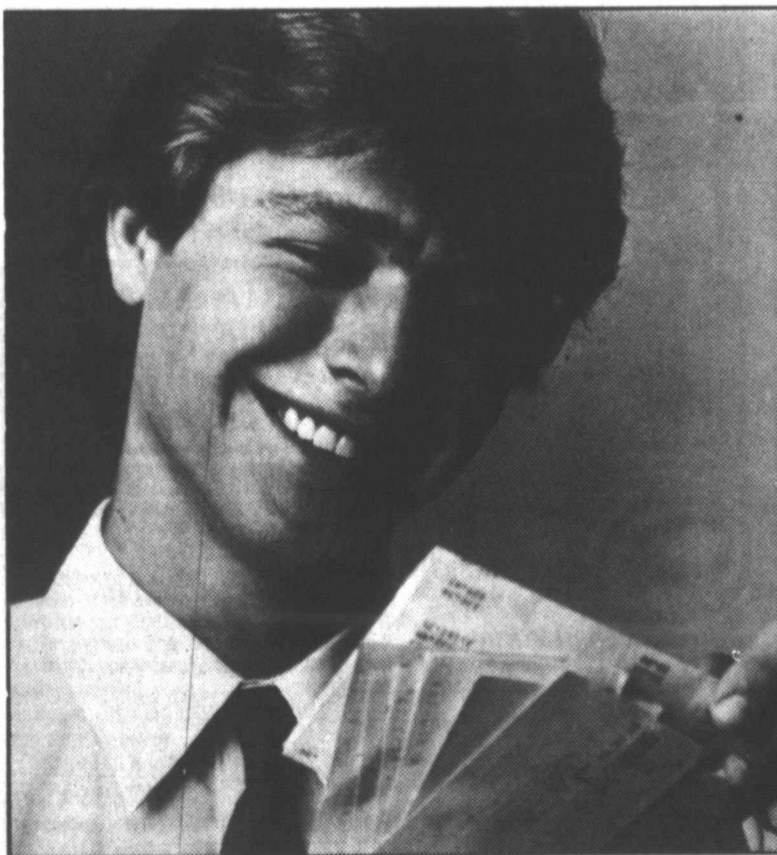
to the South African conflict, including those whose tactics he opposes.

Tambo himself is not a communist but has demonstrated friendship to the Soviet Union in a number of ways. He has visited Moscow, praised its military backing for the ANC and expressed support for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

He dismisses communist infiltration of the ANC as irrelevant, asserting that the group judges its members solely by their commitment to South Africa's "liberation" from apartheid. On the issue of ANC violence, he said the group has exercised restraint.

Another rarity was the trip to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria begun the night before by Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, the State Department's second-ranking official.

Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria have been virtually off-limits to senior American officials for years.



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Houston gymnast jumps for gold in next Olympics

Phillips enjoys tortuous routine

By RUTH RENDON
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — By day, Kristie Phillips is a freshman honor student. But at sunrise, sunset and on weekends, the 14-year-old is tumbling and training to be America's next Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics.

"I just enjoy it," Phillips says of her tortuous schedule of up to 40 hours a week at the gym.

Life is routine: At the gym by 7 a.m. for two hours of tumbling, dance and vaulting, then off to school. By 5 p.m., back at the gym for four more hours of the same.

"I want to be the best in the United States and if I want to be the best, I have to train under the best coach," she says.

That meant leaving Baton Rouge, La., and moving with her mother two years ago to Houston to train at the gym run by Bela Karolyi, the Romanian defector who introduced to the world Nadia Comaneci in 1980 and Mary Lou Retton four years later.

It was not the first move for Terri Phillips and her daughter, who made earlier training pilgrimages to Shreveport, La., and Atlanta, and paying for her daughter's gymnastic ventures is expensive, Mrs. Phillips says.



(AP Laserphoto)

Kristie Phillips trains for the gold.

"We just do without a lot of things," she says. "It's tough sometimes, but we just have to sacrifice."

Kristie's father, Jim Phillips, continues working for Exxon Co. in Baton Rouge, and two of her three older brothers also live there.

But her training with Karolyi already has paid off. She won a triple crown in 1986, capturing

the American Cup, the junior title at the Championships of the USA and, despite a broken wrist, four gold medals at the U.S. Olympic Festival in Houston.

The 4-foot-9, 78-pound gymnast's scores at the championship competition were enough to capture the senior title, but her age prevented it — the senior level starts at 15.

"We've been waiting 11 years for her to turn 15," Kristie's

mother says. In March, the gymnast not only hits 15, but also gets her mouthful of braces off.

It's Mrs. Phillips who is responsible for enrolling her daughter in gymnastics.

"At age 4, she had a lot of natural liking and natural ability for gymnastics," she says. "Now I feel she's committed. But I've told her she can quit any time she wants to."

Phillips' greatest gymnastic

strengths are the balance beam and floor exercises, Karolyi says.

"She's an excellent flexible kid. She can produce a lot of surprising-looking things," he says, referring to a balance beam maneuver that now carries her name, the Phillips.

She starts the gasp-eliciting contortion in a handstand, and then curls her back until her legs are parallel to the ground. At this point, her rear end is just above her head, with her eyes staring at her heels. After holding the position, she does the splits with her back still bent.

"With Mary Lou, she had natural strength, spirit, outgoing personality," he says. "Kristie is a different personality and different body type. Her strengths are coordination and flexibility."

"We're two different people," Phillips says, adding that the comparisons with Retton sometimes bother her. "Just two different types of people," she repeats.

At times, Phillips says she'd like to live a normal teen-age life, but she quickly points out, "In the end, I know it'll pay off."

She now is focusing her training for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

Her toughest competitors, next to her best friend, Phoebe Mills, are the Soviets, East Germans and Romanian gymnasts, she says, even though she defeated two Soviet competitors to win the American Cup.

Phillips' schedule alone indi-

icates training with Karolyi is anything but easy, and the demanding hours are enough to keep some hopefuls away. Interviews, for example, are allowed only for minutes one day and a few more minutes the next.

"I'm used to it," Phillips says simply.

Of the 900 gymnasts who train at Karolyi Gymnastics, Phillips may not be the best, Karolyi says.

"It's hard to say because they are so close," he said referring to classmates Phillips, Mills and Julissa Gomez. "You have to wait until the competition to see who finishes first."

Karolyi says he wouldn't be surprised if his students made up the U.S. Olympic gymnastics team, which is composed of the top five finishers at the U.S. Olympic trials, since his girls have captured most of the titles in U.S. and international gymnastic meets.

"We had a great showing in the American Cup and she won," the coach says of Phillips in his thick Romanian accent. "It was pretty conclusive we can compete, but we still have a year and a half and anything can happen both good and bad."

Just as Retton did after the 1984 games, Phillips says she will retire after the 1988 Olympics.

"After 1988, I don't want to train anymore," she says. "By that time, I will have already accomplished what I wanted, so I'll just let others accomplish what they want."

Have Mavericks reached elite status in NBA?

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The most burning issue in Dallas is not whether the Cowboys or the NFL will abandon their 'Flex' defense in 1987.

Most coffee shop theory questions whether the Mavericks have finally reached elite status in the NBA.

By "elite" we mean the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers and the Houston Rockets, clubs who have proven they belong in the June championship game.

This topic broke into a high fever after the Mavericks, who are off to their best start, flogged the

Lakers by 15 points in Reunion Arena.

Lakers Coach Pat Riley called the loss "embarrassing." Considering the public whipping occurred on national television, it may have been the most impressive regular season victory in the Mavericks' history.

The Mavericks were so dominating they didn't even need Mark Aguirre, who had 35 points, in the fourth period.

Never has a Dallas team so dominated the Lakers. The Mavs beat up on them once without Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson in the lineup, so that one doesn't count.

The query before the house is were the Lakers just a tired team

(it was their fifth road game in seven days) or could Dallas do the same thing to a rested Jabbar and Johnson?

The answer will come quickly on Monday when Dallas visits the

Freeman file

Forum where they should meet an inspired foe ("They just kicked our tails" — Riley) awaits.

As you recall, Dallas won two games before it lost a playoff series to the Lakers last season.

The talk is that Dallas is much improved, although witnesses to a recent five-point home loss to Washington might beg to differ. They may have celebrated their

Laker slaughter a bit too long.

The facts are that at the midway point of the season the Mavericks were leading the Midwest Division and were 11 games over .500.

Guard Derek Harper has been amazing. He's averaged 16 points per game, shoots 52 per cent from the field, ranks seventh in the NBA in assists and fourth in steals. He is just one of 10 players in the NBA with more steals than turnovers. It's no wonder he recently got a 10-year contract.

Seven-foot center James Donaldson has given the Midwest Division leaders respect in the lane. No longer do opponents drive down the middle for untested cripples.

If anything, you could get crippled trying to drive over Donaldson. "If you get close to him you get bruised up," said Rolando Blackman. "He'll hit anybody around him."

He's averaging a club record 11.7 rebounds per game.

Besides playing great defense, Donaldson is an adequate scorer and an excellent passer.

Blackman and Mark Aguirre made the NBA All-Star team as reserves.

Aguirre's attitude — which in the past has rivaled the stormy weather around the Horn of Africa — has been upbeat. His well-publicized "feud" with Coach Dick Motta has been on the back burner.



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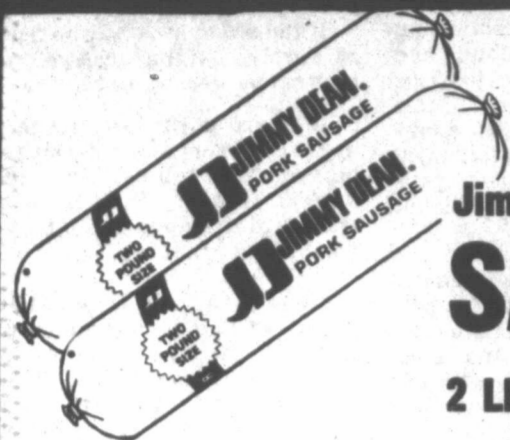


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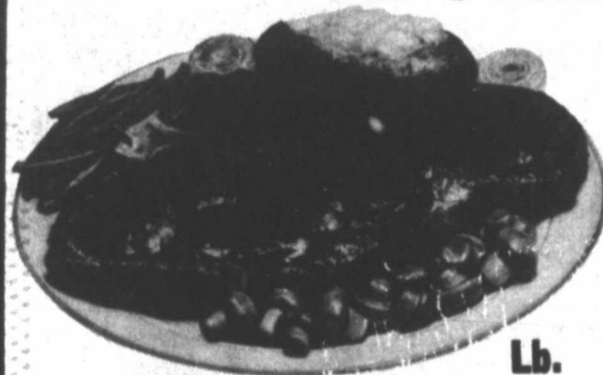


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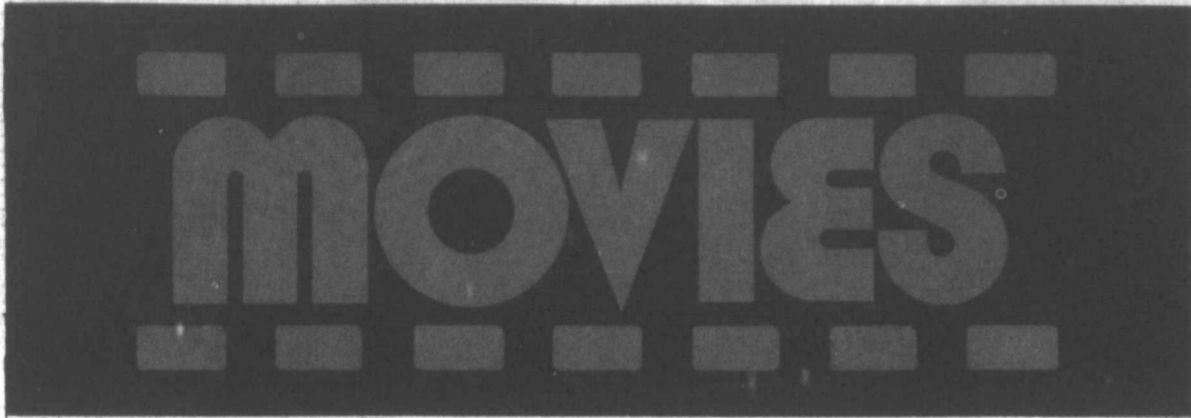
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Now you can create your own snack bar with these Menus for the Movies.

Some of the top video rental movies of 1986 have been chosen as the backdrop for a variety of dishes made with watching movies in mind.

If the following line-up is on your viewing roster, why not surprise everyone with some movie-matching recipes like these?

■ **Back To The Future** - Back to The Basics Grilled Cheese Sandwich

■ **Cocoon** - Out of This World Stuffed Mushrooms

■ **Witness** - Pennsylvania Dutch Apple Pancake

■ **Goonies** - Peanutty Treasures

■ **National Lampoon's European Vacation** - Vegetable Gondolas

■ **Fletch** - Under Cover Wrap Ups

■ **Pee Wee's Big Adventure** - Confetti Popcorn Bullies

■ **Beverly Hills Cop** - Beverly Hills Munch Mix

■ **Jewel of the Nile** - Oasis Flat Bread

■ **Spies Like Us** - Top Secret Poppy Seed Cake

Keep these ideas as close as your remote control device for future video movie get-togethers. Or, have fun creating new recipes for your all-time favorite flicks.

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- 1½ cups finely chopped apple
- 1-3rd cup raisins
- ¼ cup salad dressing
- 8 whole wheat bread slices
- 4 cheese slices

Margarine
Combine apples, raisins and salad dressing; mix lightly. For each sandwich, cover one bread slice with process cheese food and apple mixture; top with second bread slice. Spread sandwich with margarine. Grill until lightly browned on both sides. Makes four sandwiches.

OUT OF THIS WORLD STUFFED MUSHROOMS

- 1 pound medium mushrooms
 - ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
 - ¼ cup margarine
 - 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
- Remove mushroom stems; chop. Combine stems, cheese, margarine and onions; mix well. Fill mushroom caps with cheese mixture. Place on rack of broiler pan. Broil 2 to 3 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve hot. Makes six servings.

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH APPLE PANCAKE

- 2 eggs
- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- ¼ cup margarine
- 4 cups apple slices
- 1-3rd cup brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- Sour cream

Combine eggs, flour, milk and salt; beat until smooth. Heat 10-inch ovenproof skillet at 450 degrees for five minutes or until hot. Add margarine to coat skillet; pour in batter immediately. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees; continue baking 10 minutes or until golden brown. Sauté apples in margarine. Add sugar and cinnamon. Cook until apples are glazed, stirring occasionally. Spoon into pancake. Top with sour cream. Makes six servings.

PEANUTTY TREASURES

- 2 cups sugar
- 2-3rd cup evaporated milk
- ¼ cup margarine
- ½ cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup old fashioned or quick oats, uncooked
- 2 cups peanuts
- 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted

Combine sugar, milk and margarine in heavy two-quart saucepan; bring to full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling three minutes over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in peanut butter and vanilla until blended. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls of mixture onto wax paper. Cool at room temperature. Makes approximately 4½ dozen.

VEGETABLE GONDOLAS

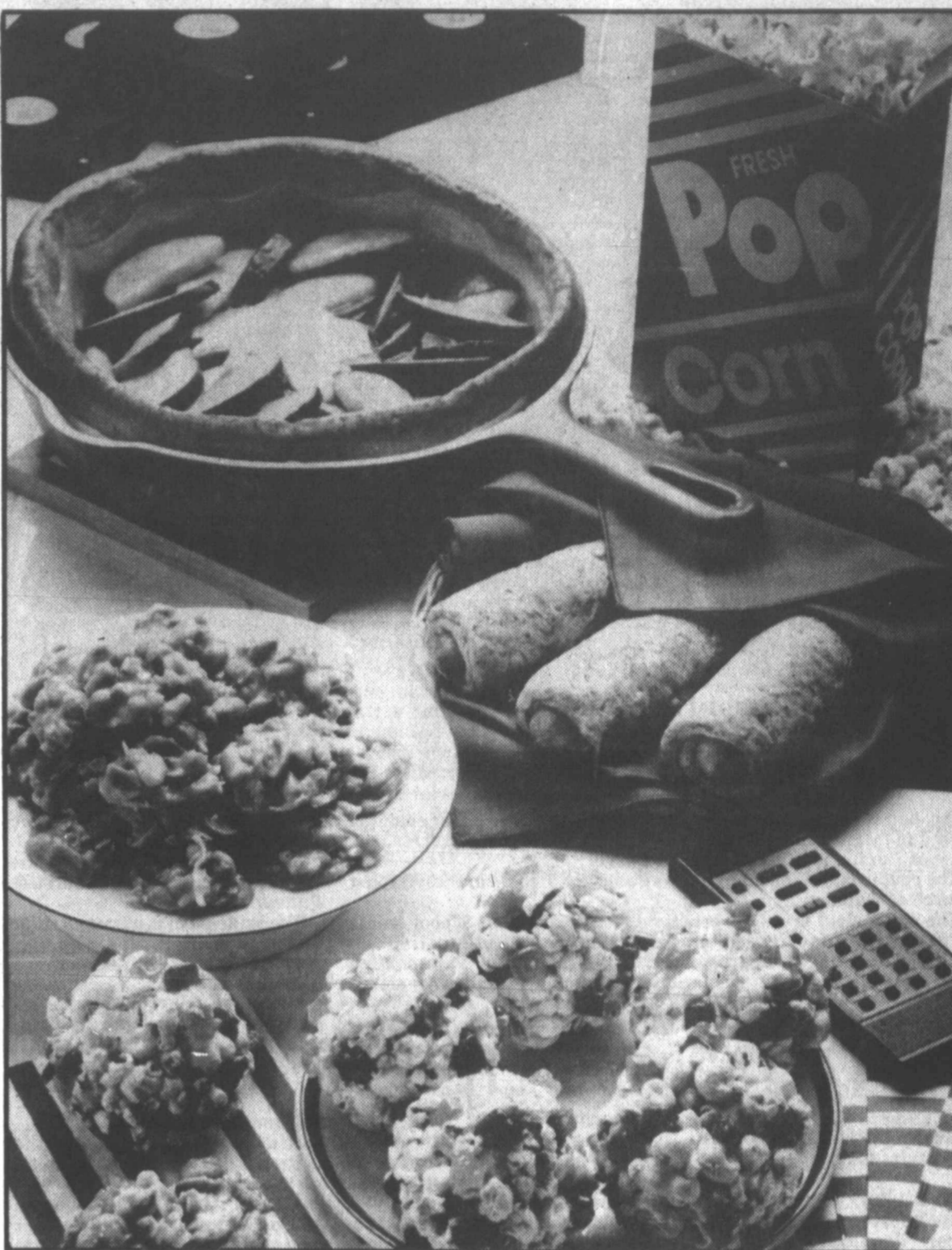
- 3 (8-inch) zucchini
- ¼ cup margarine
- 1 cup broccoli flowerets
- ½ cup red pepper strips, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 cup cooked carrot slices
- ¼ teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed

Trim ends of zucchini. Parboil 8 to 10 minutes or until partially cooked; drain. Cut in half lengthwise; scoop out centers, leaving ¼-inch shell. Sauté broccoli, peppers and onions in margarine. Stir in carrots and basil; cook one minute. Spoon into shells. Bake at 350 degrees, 10 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Makes six servings.

UNDERCOVER WRAP-UPS

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper
- ¾ cup milk
- 1-3rd cup margarine
- 10 frankfurters

Combine dry ingredients; stir in cheese and peppers. Add combined milk and margarine, mixing just until moistened. On light-



For fun video fare, try these, pictured clockwise from top: Pennsylvania Dutch Apple Pancake, Undercover Wrap-Ups, Confetti Popcorn Bullies and Peanutty Treasures.

ly floured surface, knead dough about 10 times. Roll dough to 20x10-inch rectangle; cut into ten 5x4-inch rectangles. Place frankfurters on short end of each rectangle; roll up. Seal ends; place on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 450 degree, 15 minutes. Makes 10 servings.

CONFETTI POPCORN BULLIES

- 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- ½ cup squeeze margarine
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt

3 quarts popped corn, unsalted
1½ cups chopped gumdrops

Melt marshmallows with margarine over low heat, stirring until smooth. Stir in vanilla and salt. Pour mixture over combined popped corn and gumdrops; toss until well coated. With hands slightly moistened with cold water, form mixture into 3-inch balls. Makes eight servings.

Variations: Substitute one cup chopped peanuts or pecans for gumdrops. Or substitute one cup raisins for gumdrops.

BEVERLY HILLS MUNCH MIX

- ½ cup squeeze margarine
- ½ cup honey
- 1½ teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 cups old fashioned or quick oats, uncooked
- 1 cup peanuts

- 1 (4 oz.) pkg. shelled sunflower seeds
- ½ cup unsweetened wheat germ
- 1 cup raisins

Combine margarine, honey and cinnamon. Pour over combined oats, peanuts, sunflower seeds and wheat germ; mix well. Spread mixture evenly onto greased 15x10x1-inch jelly roll pan. Bake at 275 degrees, one hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Stir in raisins. Cool; break into pieces. Store in airtight container or plastic bag. Makes approximately two quarts.

OASIS FLAT BREAD

- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup squeeze margarine
- 1-3rd cup milk
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 2 eggs, beaten

Sauté onions in margarine. Combine dry ingredients. Add combined onions, egg and milk, mixing just until moistened. Spread mixture into ungreased 12-inch pie plate. Bake at 425 degrees, 15 minutes. Cool slightly; cut into wedges. Serve warm with cheese and fruit. Makes eight servings.

TOP SECRET POPPY SEED CAKE

- 1-3rd cup poppy seed
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 eggs, separated
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Lightly Lemon Icing

Soak poppy seed in milk 15 minutes. Combine margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in vanilla. Add yolks, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add combined dry ingredients alternately with milk mixture, mixing well after each addition. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into well-greased 10-inch fluted tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees, 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool 30 minutes; remove from pan. Drizzle with:

- Lightly Lemon Icing
 - 2 cups sifted powdered sugar
 - 1 teaspoon margarine
 - ¾ teaspoon grated lemon peel
 - 2 to 3 tablespoons milk
- Combine sugar, margarine and peel with enough milk to desired consistency. Makes 12 servings.



Movie watchers will ask for replays of these dishes, clockwise from top: Top Secret Poppy Seed Cake, Oasis Flat Bread and Vegetable Gondolas.

Movie Madness Trivia

WITNESS

- A. What was Harrison Ford's name and occupation in the movie?
B. What was the actresses' name who played the widow Ford fell in love with?
C. Who played McGillis' suitor, and what is his occupation.

Answers: A. John Book, Detective. B. Kelly McGillis. C. Alexander Godunov; ballet star.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

- A. What type of car did the scientist turn into a time machine?
B. What type of fuel made the car run and where did the fuel come from?
C. What famous rock star played a teacher auditioning bands?

Answers: A. A De Lorean. B. Plutonium, it was stolen from Libyan terrorists. C. Huey Lewis..

GOONIES

- A. Where did the Goonies live?
B. What former pro-football player was in the movie?
C. What is the name of Cyndi Lauper's song for Goonies?

Answers: A. Oregon. B. John Matusziak. C. "Goonies 'R' Good Enough."

BEVERLY HILLS COP

A. Eddie Murphy portrays a detective from what city?

- B. What was Murphy's character's name?
C. Eddie Murphy stuck what fruit in the exhaust pipe of a police car stationed outside his hotel?

Answers: A. Detroit. B. Axel Foley. C. bananas.

JEWEL OF THE NILE

- A. This was a sequel to what movie?
B. What was the musical hit from the movie?
C. What was Danny Divito's character's name in the movie?

Answers: A. Romancing the Stone. B. "When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Going." by Billy Ocean. C. Ralph.

PEE WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE

- A. Herman wore a ---- suit, ---- bow tie, and ---- shoes.
B. What was the name of the wild motorcycle gang and their hangout?
C. Herman gets on the table at this bar and he dances to what song?

Answers: A. Grey, red, and white. B. Satan's Helpers, Apache Bar. C. "Tequila."

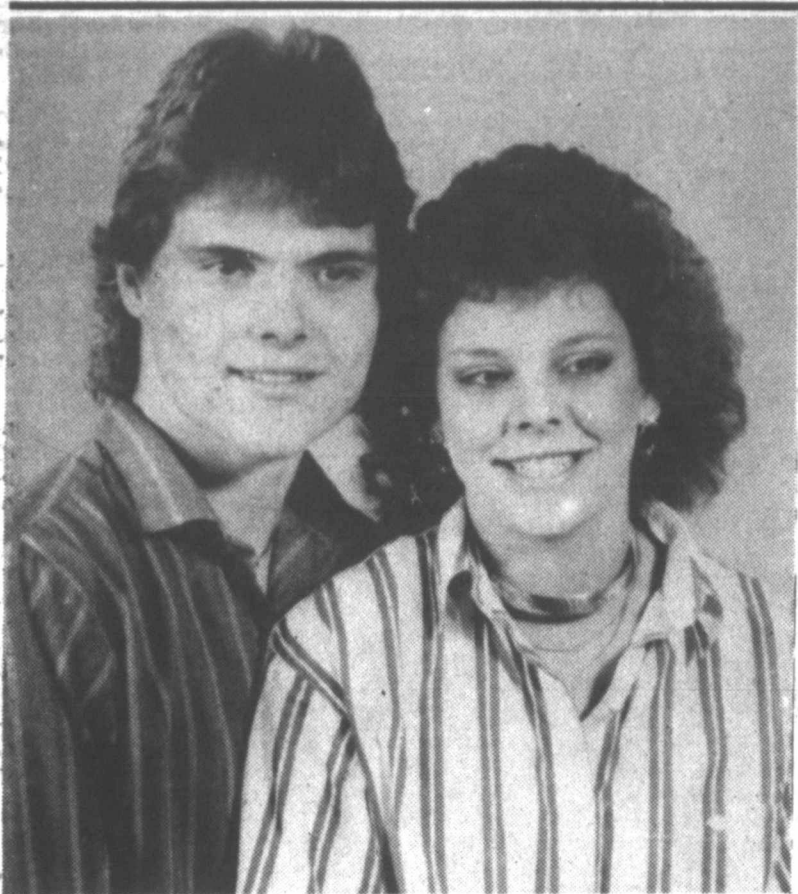
NATIONAL LAMPOON'S EUROPEAN VACATION

- A. What was the last name of the family?
B. What was the name of the show they won their European trip on?
C. What was their first stop in Europe?

Answers: A. Griswaid. B. "Pig in a Poke." C. London.

Engagements

...and anniversaries



JANIE MCCRITE & BOBBY LEE PARKER

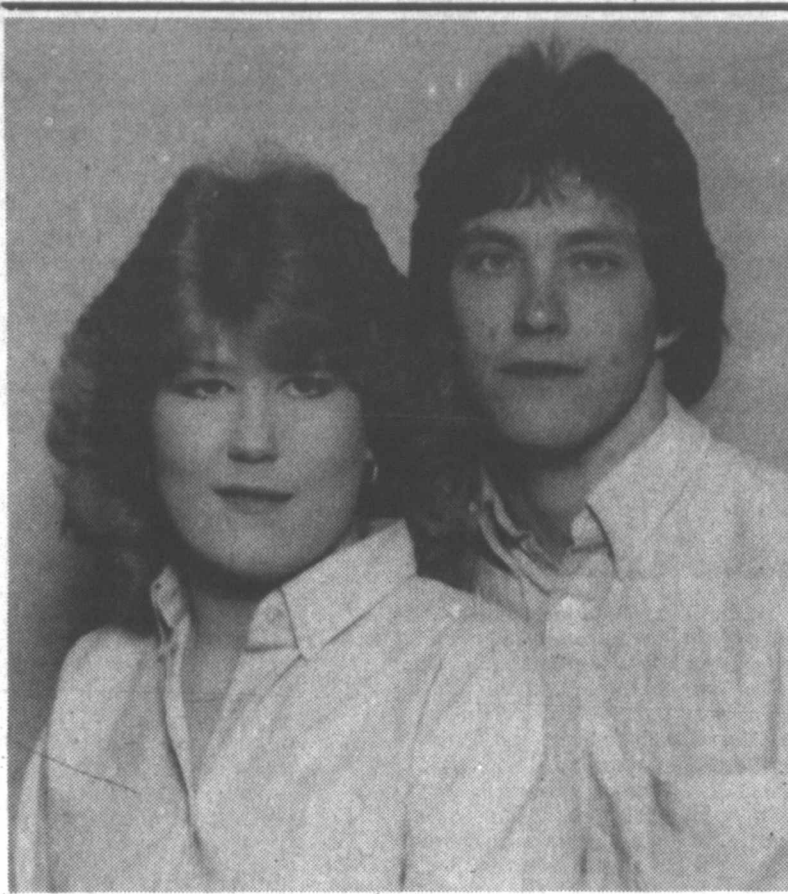
McCrite-Parker

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCrite of Dalhart announce the engagement of their daughter, Janie, to Bobby Lee Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rose of Pampa and Bob Parker of Borger.

The couple plan to exchange vows Saturday, Feb. 14 in First Baptist Church of Dalhart.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Dalhart High School and is currently attending Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1985 graduate of Pampa High School and is a student at Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo.



JUDY SCOTT & MARTY SMITH

Scott-Smith

Hazel Scott of Pampa announces the engagement of her daughter, Judy, to Marty Smith of Pampa.

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smiley of Pampa. The couple plan to be married March 16 in the Church of God in Pampa.

The bride-elect is a Pampa High School graduate and is employed at T-shirts Plus in Pampa Mall.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Alpine High School and is employed by Circle L Services of White Deer.



MR. & MRS. ROY JORDAN

Jordans celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jordan of Lefors will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 8 in Lefors.

The couple's children, Jerry Jordan, Sammy Jordan and Madonna Bridwell, will host a reception from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Lefors Civic Center.

Family and friends are invited to attend.

Pampa couple marks 70th anniversary today

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

Feb. 1, 1917. "It was the coldest day I'd ever seen in my life," Pearl Nice says. She remembers the day as though it was yesterday, no matter that 70 years have passed since then.

She was Pearl Kreis then. On that day, she and Raymond Nice braved the frigid weather in a horse and buggy traveling 50 miles from Willow, Okla., to Hobart, Okla., to get married.

"There was snow and ice all on the ground," she recalls. "We had to ford a river and the horse's hooves kept breaking through the ice."

Her father-in-law-to-be met the couple in Hobart and they went on to the courthouse where they were married by E.O. Hamilton, a Methodist minister, at 5 p.m. that afternoon.

"He had come from New York and he asked if he could marry us because he hadn't married anyone in Oklahoma, yet," Mrs. Nice recalls.

Not yet 17 years old, Mrs. Nice had made her wedding dress. "It was three tiers, light blue with lace over it," she says. "I didn't wear a hat. I hated hats! I told them (hats) were like a bird nest."

Their romance had begun several months earlier at a Fourth of July picnic in Granite, Okla. "When I saw him I knew he was the one," Mrs. Nice explains. Her first memory is of seeing him put a ribbon around himself that said, "Kiss me, my wife's in Europe."

"In a little while, he came up

beside me and asked if he could carry my umbrella." It was the start of a love that would last more than seven decades.

After their wedding, the young couple went home to Mr. Nice's farm where he had lived since 1902. This continued to be their home for the next eight years until they moved to Okmulgee, Okla., taking along their first child, Raymond Jr. As the years passed, they became the parents of two more children, daughters Juanita and Hazel.

More than a half century has passed since the Nices moved to Pampa. Mr. Nice was employed here many years as a pumper for Stanman Oil which later became Pan American. They still live in the company house they bought 33 years ago and moved to 1129 S. Christy when that part of Pampa was still the farthest outskirts of town.

"When we moved our house here, I said we lived on the last house on 'Donkey Street,'" she says, laughing.

At 90 and the victim of several strokes and blindness, Mr. Nice has slowed down. "I have to be his eyes for him, too," Mrs. Nice explains.

Mrs. Nice, at a sprightly 87, continues to go with the same energy she has had all her life. "I was a dressmaker and I still am!" she says emphatically. She continues to make dresses for clients in town and sews dresses for weddings. "I just made a wedding for a girl in Wheeler and it had 14 dresses in it!" she adds, her blue eyes dancing with enthusiasm.

"That's what keeps me perco-

lating; that's what keeps me young. I'd say work with a capital W!" she says.

"I still drive. I got my license the other day. It said it's good for the year 1990. Maybe I won't need it by then," she adds.

Mrs. Nice says she doesn't ponder on the many years that have passed since her marriage. "I don't think about it until a great big 63-year-old man comes in, hugs me, and says, 'Hi, Mamma,'" she says.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Nice have seen the Roaring '20, and sweated through the Great Depression. Together they stood and watched their son go off to World War II. They became grandparents to eight grandchildren, retired, and watched their grandchildren become parents to 16 great-grandchildren.

"It used to be when people where 60 years old, they were old," Mrs. Nice comments. "Raymond's mother lived with us 23 years. She was only 49 when we got married. She wore a shawl wrapped around her shoulders and she'd rock and rock, all day long."

Highlights of her marriage are "the births of my children and raising them," Mrs. Nice says. "I was proud of all my children, but my boy was special. I never saw him smoke, curse, tell a dirty joke or take a drink of whiskey. And I haven't yet," she says.

It was hard for her to watch him leave with the first bunch of soldiers from Pampa who went to World War II, she remembers. "He'd never stayed away overnight, and then he was gone for three years and never came

home. He'd write and say, 'Mom, pray a little harder. I'm coming home soon as I can,'" she says.

While he was gone, the Nices opened their homes to 52 young men from the Pampa Army Air Base. "They called our house their home," she remembers with fondness. "One came by this summer. We hadn't seen him in 45 years."

Religion has played an important role in the Nices' 70-year marriage. They have been members of Central Baptist Church where they both taught Sunday School classes for many years. They are now members of Hobart Baptist Church. "All my family was baptized at the same time," Mrs. Nice adds.

Today the couple plan to celebrate their anniversary quietly. Mrs. Nice confides they had big parties for both their 50th and 60th anniversaries. Their children, Raymond Jr. of Huntsville, Ark.; Juanita Butler of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Hazel Butler of Lincoln, Neb.; won't be able to come home for the day, although Hazel plans to visit in March.

But Mrs. Nice says she's just happy to be together with her husband after such a long time. "I thank God every day that we can take care of each other and don't have to ask the children for anything," she says.

"I saw a saying somewhere that just says what I believe, it's something like, 'Don't think about yesterday, because it's gone. Don't think about tomorrow because it never comes. Just live for today, because you can only live one day at a time.' And that's what I'm doing."



MR. & MRS. GEORGE M. FORD

Fords celebrate 25th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ford of Pampa are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a reception at WindTree II Clubhouse in Amarillo on Feb. 1.

Hosting the event are the couple's children, Robyn Ford of Amarillo; Tina and Kay Ford of Lubbock; and Shawna and Shannon Ford of Pampa.

Mr. Ford married the former Janice L. Skinner on Feb. 2, 1962 in Amarillo. They have lived in Pampa for 23 years.

He is self-employed with Ford's Electric and Refrigeration. She is an operating room nurse at Coronado Community Hospital.

The couple are members of Mary Ellen at Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

Association against assault plans statewide conference

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) will have their annual statewide conference March 25-28 at the Holiday Inn in Waco.

Anyone working in the field of sexual assault, including counselors, social workers, law enforcement officers and court workers, is invited to attend. Continuing Education Units will be offered, and 21 workshops are planned.

Del Martin, nationally recognized for her work in the field of marital rape, will give the keynote address. Detection, intervention and treatment of child

sexual abuse will be presented by Linn Monkerud of Abilene Rape Crisis Center.

Fundraising and proposal writing will be discussed by Sherry Abbott, president of TAASA, and Rebecca Jasso, vice-president of TAASA. Lacey Sloan of Hays County Women's Center will speak on creative healing for adults molested as children.

For a complete listing of topics and presenters and a registration package, write to TAASA, P.O. Box 1693, Big Spring, 79721-1693, or call (915) 263-3312.



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St. Vincent's to celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Talitha Pope, 4th grader, and Brooke Parks, 5th grader, join in a combined effort by the 4th and 5th grade class at St. Vincent's School to paint a banner for Catholic Schools Week's theme, "Touch the Future."

Students, faculty and staff of St. Vincent's School will join Catholic schools across the diocese and nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week Feb. 2 to 6. Theme for the week is "Touch The Future."

Several special events are planned, according to Principal Jon Wolcott, with many planned to include alumni, parishioners and student's families.

Highlights include Parents and Grandparents Day, Alumni Day, Baby and Adult Day, Balloon Day, a trip to Amarillo, hobby displays, a time capsule and plans to plant a tree.

Monday, Feb 2, is Parents and Grandparents Day at the school. They and anyone else interested are encouraged to visit classrooms and stay for lunch. Visitors may "brown bag" it or order pizza. Pizza orders should be sent in Monday morning with students. Drinks will be provided.

Tuesday will be Alumni Day. The many graduates of St. Vincent's School and Holy Souls School will be the honored guests with some being asked to talk to students about the influence of Catholic education in their lives.

Also Tuesday, students will be dressing up to represent occupations they're interested in. This will be their opportunity to "Touch The Future."

While students are looking ahead for themselves, they will participate in a guessing contest trying to match teacher and staff

names to baby pictures. A prize will be awarded to the student submitting the most correct answers first.

Students will release helium balloons Wednesday morning. Tags attached to the balloons will carry the student's names and the school address with an appeal to send the tags back to the school so the route of the balloons can be tracked.

Wednesday afternoon the fourth and fifth grade classes, teacher Kaye Presley, Principal Jon Wolcott, Sister Ellen Corcoran and Father Gary Sides will travel to Amarillo to participate in a diocesan-wide mass for the school children.

The Rev. Leroy Matthiesen, bishop of the Amarillo Diocese, will concelebrate the special Mass with other priests of the diocese. More than 1,000 children, faculty, staff and parents are expected to attend the service at the Polk Street United Methodist Church.

A highlight of the Mass will be a slide presentation featuring all the schools of the diocese to show the various facets of Catholic education.

On Thursday all the local teachers will move down a grade for a half hour to get better acquainted with next year's students. Plans are being made to have fourth and fifth grade students take a brief tour of Pampa Middle School at this time. Kindergarten teacher Amy Avendano will visit with pre-kindergarten students on

Wednesday. Also Thursday, students will be asked to share examples of their hobbies or collections through displays throughout the school.

Students will plan all week to select items to be included in a time capsule on Friday that will be representative of this school year.

Students have already begun to bring donations for the "penny jar" in the school office. Money collected will be used to purchase and plant a tree at the school later in the spring.

Wolcott stressed that St. Vincent's would have open house all week and encourages anyone interested to visit and view Catholic education first hand.

Faculty members include Mrs. Amy Avendano, kindergarten; Mrs. Julie Henkhaus and Mrs. Teresa Cirone, pre-kindergarten; Mrs. Cheryl Walters, first; Mrs. Bobbi Capwell, second and third; Mrs. Kaye Presley, fourth and fifth; Sister Ellen Corcoran, religion; and Miss Roxanna Willis, music.

Staff members include Mrs. Marsha Barrett and Mrs. Teresa Campos, day care; Mrs. Donna Dominguez, aide; and Mrs. Jeanne Mitchell, secretary.

St. Vincent's offers classes from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade and operates a full-time day care center for children three and older. Children of any denomination are welcome.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Feb. 2-6

- MONDAY**
- Parents and Grandparents Day - relatives are encouraged to visit school and eat lunch with children. ("Brown bag" it or order pizza by 9:30 a.m.)
- TUESDAY**
- Alumni Day - graduates of St. Vincent's and Holy Souls schools will be honored. Some will speak to students about Catholic education.
 - Student Dress Up Day - students are encouraged to "Touch the Future" by dressing up in the garb of an occupation that interests them.
 - Faculty-Staff Baby Picture Contest - students will try to identify baby pictures with a prize to be awarded for the most correct answers.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Balloon Day - Students will release helium balloons with tags identifying the students and the school.
 - Pre-kindergarten will visit with the kindergarten teacher
- THURSDAY**
- Teacher Swap Day - teachers will visit with "upcoming" class to get acquainted.
 - Fourth and fifth grades will visit Pampa Middle School.
 - Hobby Day - students will share hobbies and collections with displays throughout the school.
- FRIDAY**
- Time Capsule Day - students will prepare a time capsule with items representative of the 1986-87 school year.

Pampa native named 1986 Big Sister

Nancy Wooldrige, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wooldrige of Pampa, has been named Big Sister of the Year by Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Amarillo.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters, a United Way agency, matches adult volunteers age 21 or over with children age 6 to 16 who need one-on-one contact with a grown-up. Volunteers must spend at least two to four hours per week with the children, and must be willing to stay in the program at least

two years. Miss Wooldrige was honored in December at the Big Brothers-Big Sisters' annual banquet. She has been a volunteer for the program for the past four years.

Ruth Magill, 9, of Amarillo is Miss Wooldrige's second "little sister" in the program. Her first little sister was 11 when they met and the relationship was ended when the child was 13.

Ruth and her Big Sister enjoy

movies, eating out and outdoor events in the summer. Activities are also provided by the Big Brothers-Big Sisters office, including slumber parties and holiday parties.

"Nancy is a very concerned volunteer. She is a very stabilizing factor for Ruth. They do things the little girl wouldn't be able to," said Stephany Loveday, executive director of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Amarillo.

Miss Wooldrige is a land assistant for Donald C. Slawson Oil Production. She is a former first grade teacher, with a degree in education from Texas A & M University. The Pampa High School graduate taught two years in the United States and then three years in Tripoli, Libya, and returned to the U.S. about six years ago to settle in Amarillo and work on her master's degree at West Texas State University.

BRIDE OF THE WEEK

Selections are now on display for:

Tina Rogers Ferguson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Doug Rogers, and the bride of Steve Ferguson

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The Point Is Pets

by Ron Hendrick, D.V.M.

Q: I have a 1 year old stud Cocker which has bred 3 females and none got pregnant. What's wrong with him?

A: There could be several reasons. The most common reason is psychological. While most males are physically able to breed at this age, some of them need more time to develop the mating instinct. He may know what he is supposed to do but is unsure as to how to do it. By next heat season, he'll probably do fine. Testicular tumors, heartworms, bacterial and viral infections, retained (undescended) testicles and improper nutrition all affect breeding ability. Breeding dogs and cats should always be kept in prime condition. I strongly recommend Science Diet here. You could have your veterinarian do a sperm count to see if the stud is producing enough, good quality sperm to ensure a good breeding (You'll need a female in heat for that one.) Atrophy (smaller size) is common with dogs receiving prolonged doses of hormones or steroids. Last on the list is sexual over-

use, i.e. more frequently than every 2 days may result in sterility. Luckily, recovery is usually complete with sexual rest for 30 to 90 days. While this list is far from complete, it should help you decide if the problem is the male or female. Next week, I'll discuss breeding problems in the female.

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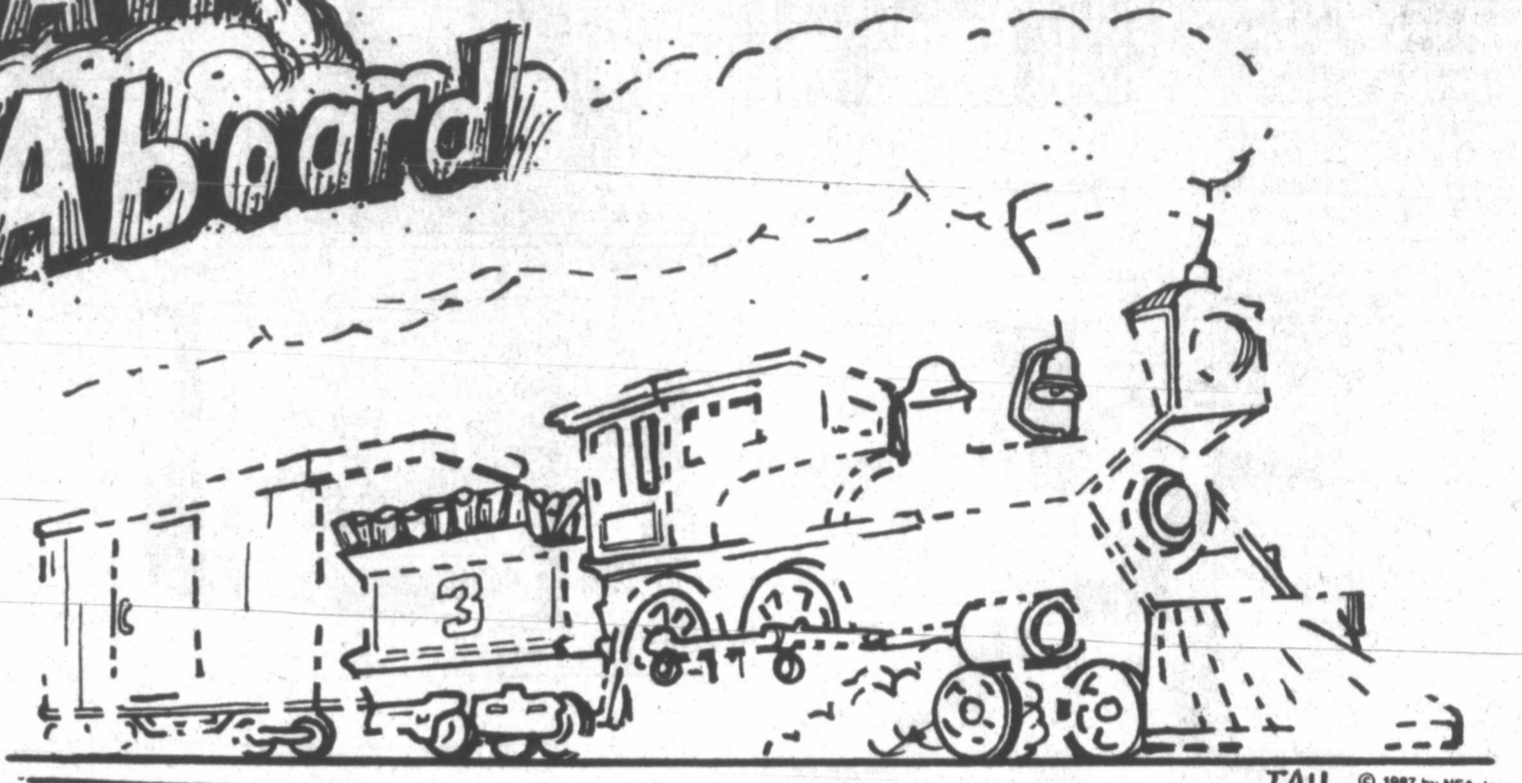
3. A O B 4. I T H
S E O C W E L S

5. E A G N S 6. C N T C U
S P E R O D C O R

ANSWERS: 1. tracks, 2. crossing, 3. caboose, 4. whistle, 5. passenger, 6. conductor.

All Aboard!

Here's a steam locomotive to color. But first, you'll have to complete the picture by drawing in the missing lines. This type locomotive was used many years ago. Its basic source of power was steam generated by the burning of either wood or coal.



These early coal-burning locomotives were very dirty. Passengers were often covered with black soot even after short trips.

Find the letter which appears in the word in column A but not in the word in column B. Write the letter in the blank at the right. Next, unscramble the letters in the blanks to discover the mystery railroad word. We've given you a head start to help you along.

A	B	
sore	rest	O
oats	stay	
store	rose	
fire	free	
stove	store	
more	tore	
pear	pair	
leaf	fear	
back	bake	
stone	tents	

MYSTERY WORD

ANSWER: Locomotive

Connect the dots and you'll discover the name of the country that leads the world in passenger train service.



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Books

The Big Book of Real Trains by Elizabeth Cameron. Grs. 2-4. Large clear drawings and labels show train cars, parts of a locomotive, train signals and train workers.

The Branch Line by Dorothy Clewes. Grs. 3-5. Three children manage to involve the leading citizens of the town in their plan to save the local branch line of the railroad.



The nicest thing you can do for yourself is to read every chance you get. Reading is the foundation of our society.

Fun Facts

1. The world's longest train consisted of 500 cars and six engines. The train traveled more than 150 miles through West Virginia in 1967.

2. The world's longest railroad line is the Trans-Siberian Railroad in Russia. It is 5,864 miles long and takes more than eight days to travel.

3. In 1903, in an English railroad yard, a giant crevice 200 feet deep suddenly opened up, swallowed a locomotive, and then closed over with tons of dirt and debris. The locomotive is still there.

4. In railroad jargon a "beanery" is an eating place, a "bindle stiff" is a hobo, a "cinder snapper" is someone who loves railroads, and a "lizard scorch" is a cook.

A Little Bit Of Humor

Jerry: What do you get when a circus car full of elephants collides with a freight train packed with peanut butter sandwiches?
Larry: Elephants that stick to the roof of your mouth and sandwiches that never forget.

Jimmy: Why is an old steam locomotive like a baby?
Timmy: It doesn't go anywhere without a rattle.

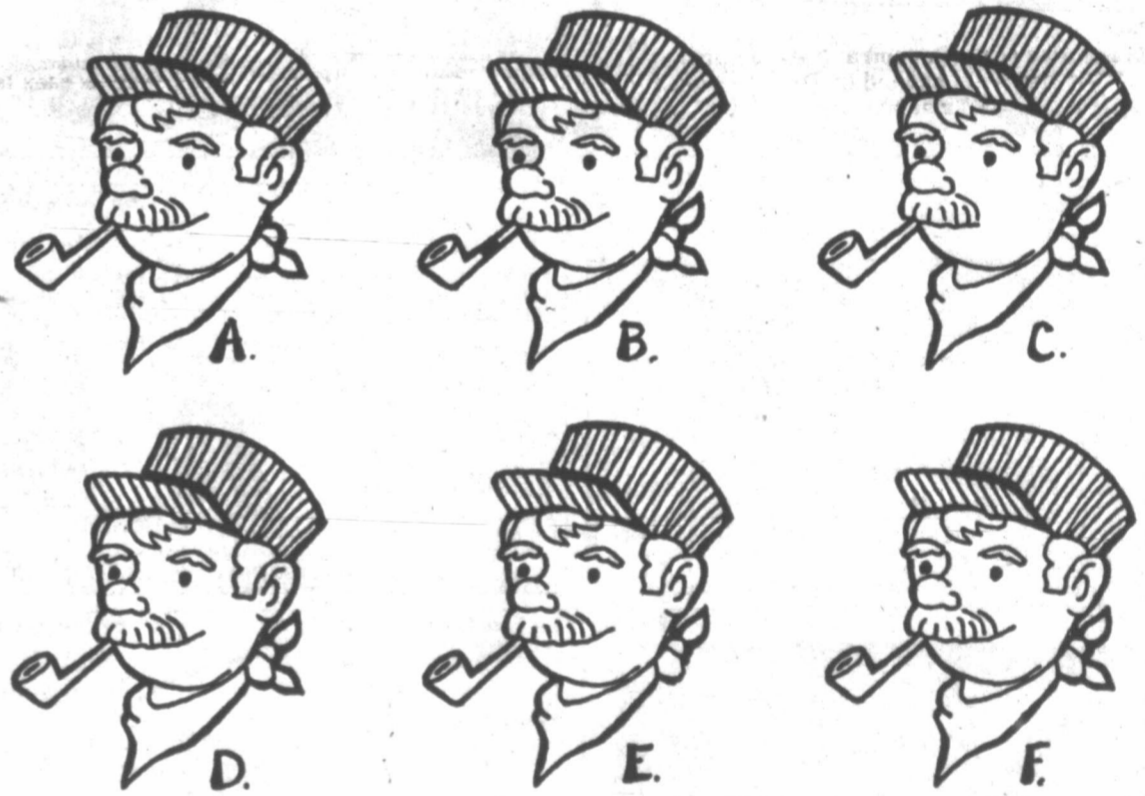
Little old lady: Conductor, at which end of the train car do I get off?
Conductor: Either one, madam. Both ends stop at the same time.

Larry: Pardon me, does this train stop in Baton Rouge?
Harry: Yes, just watch me and get off one station before I do.

Father: Are there special rates for children?
Conductor: Yes, under twelve.
Father: That's great, I only have four.

Identical Twins

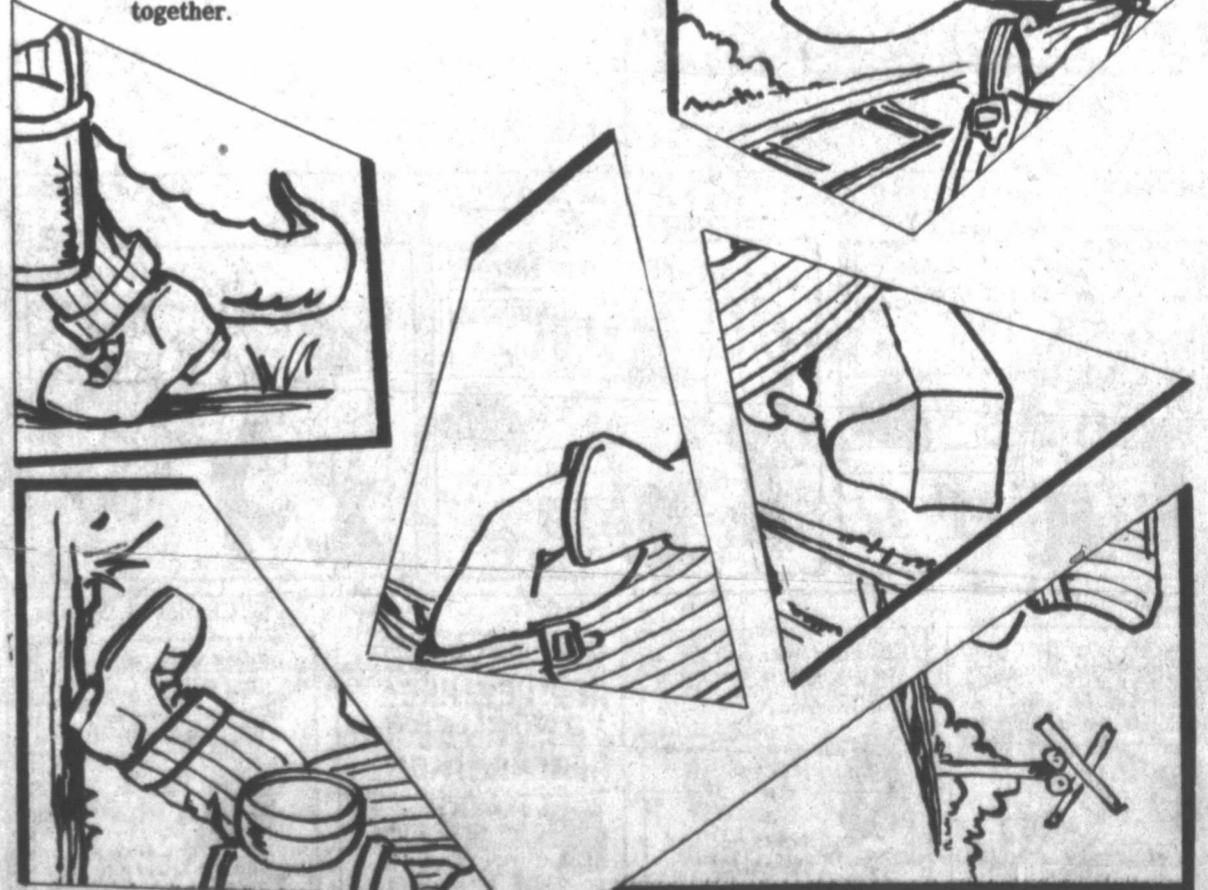
An engineer is someone who operates a locomotive. Of the six engineers pictured, only two are exactly alike. Can you spot them?



ANSWER: "D" and "F" are identical.

PUZZLED

Alfie Alligator, the Bubble Gum Rapper reporter, is dressed up like a railroad engineer, complete with lantern and lunch box. But to really see Alfie, you'll need to cut out the puzzle pieces and fit them together.



Newborn giraffe



Susie, left, snuggles up against her baby giraffe at the San Antonio Zoo recently.

Texas flu epidemic less severe this year

DALLAS (AP) — Texas is one of seven states reporting widespread influenza outbreaks, but health officials say they expect fewer cases at the end of this flu season than last year.

The state Department of Health reported 4,982 cases of influenza in December and 7,912 cases so far in January. But staff epidemiologist Jeff Taylor says those numbers "come nowhere near the total number of cases."

"I would guess if you multiply by 10 or 15 you would get a better idea of the number of cases," he said.

A full appraisal of this year's flu epidemic can't be obtained until it has subsided, but epidemiologists are predicting fewer Texans will have suffered from the disease this year than last.

Typically, about 15 to 20 percent of the population will show evidence of the infection, said Taylor.

Across the state, employers and health officials are reporting an average number of flu cases, but say the outbreak might get worse.

"We're in the midst of a major outbreak here in Austin," said Dr. Greg Maksymowicz, the director of communicable diseases

at Austin's health department.

At IBM in Austin, where 7,000 people are employed, company officials "have noticed an upturn in flu-related activity," said IBM spokesman John Pope. He noted, however, that absenteeism is not much above normal.

In Dallas, enough workers are out of the office and in bed to prompt a rise in demand for temporary workers. Kelly Services, a temporary service in Dallas, said business is brisk due to illness in local companies.

School districts across the state report that student absenteeism isn't unusually high, but credit the Christmas holidays and recent exam breaks for giving students recovery time. The Houston Independent School District reported lower absenteeism than in last year's flu season.

But at Texas A&M University, where students returned from semester break Jan. 19, the flu epidemic is picking up steam.

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the student health center, said about 500 students came through his facility one day this week and about 70 or 80 of those had flu-like symptoms.

"Students bring it from home and share it around," he said. "I hope it doesn't get worse."

Dr. Carl Kappus, epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, said Texas and six other states are reporting widespread bouts with the troublesome illness.

"The last couple of seasons we saw rather heavy occurrence of flu," he said. "This year is not as severe as the last couple."

Taylor said the flu season, which usually lasts about 8-10 weeks, has been in full swing since early December. "We're probably in about our eighth or ninth week," he said, adding that the peak came probably in the last week of December or first week of January.

Because another strain of flu could develop before the season ends, Texas isn't out of the woods yet, health experts say.

The strain of influenza virus currently making the rounds is known as Taiwan flu, a variation of Influenza A that first appeared in 1986 in Taiwan. The newness of the strain means people haven't yet developed immunity to it, said Taylor.

Taiwan flu has the same symptoms as other influenza types — fever, headache, sore throat, coughing. It primarily attacks children and young adults, doctors say.

Appeals judge denies monk control of Kenedy Foundation

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans has denied a claim by a Trappist monk for control of the \$300 million Kenedy Foundation.

The panel of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Texas Supreme Court dismissal of the claim by Christopher Gregory, a disassociated Trappist monk also known as Brother Leo.

The opinion was received by Curtis Dyer of Corpus Christi, an attorney for Gregory.

The case began when Gregory, with the help of New York businessman J. Peter Grace, helped Sarita Kenedy East, a South Texas heiress who died in 1961, create the foundation.

Shortly before dying of cancer, Mrs. East signed a codicil appointing Gregory as sole member of the foundation.

After she died, several of Mrs. East's relatives challenged that codicil in a suit that accused Gregory of exerting undue influence on the heiress.

After that suit was settled with an agreement signed by Gregory,

he claimed in a suit filed in Alice in 1968 that he had been coerced into signing that agreement by his religious superiors and sought to overturn it.

Gregory also claimed in subsequent appeals that the state of Texas, the Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Alice National Bank and members of the Kenedy Foundation conspired to

deny him a fair trial in a civil suit contesting the control of the foundation.

"We have rejected Brother Leo's arguments, but we are not persuaded that his appeal was frivolous," the panel said.

Army, INS tangle over soldier

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Army Spec 4 Alfredo Rodriguez, a Mexican citizen, wants to become a U.S. citizen and re-enlist, but the Immigration and Naturalization Service wants to deport him.

Rodriguez, 24, is assigned to Company C of the 588th Engineer Battalion at Fort Polk, La. He appeared in uniform in immigration court Thursday at a deportation hearing accompanied by his commanding officer, Capt. Mark Kuehl, and a friend, Spec. 4 Anthony Roybal.

Immigration Judge Stephanie Marks postponed the case until April 27, because the paperwork is still in Chicago where it originated.

"It appears that if you were a permanent resident there is no basis for the charges against

you," Ms. Marks told Rodriguez. "I hope that by April 27 one branch of the government will get together with another branch."

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