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Gene Brock named 'Citizen of the Year'

By SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher
Gene Brock—teacher, preacher, friend of the mentally handicapped and high school youth leaders—was honored Thursday night as the "Citizen of the Year" in Hereford and Deaf Smith County for 1987.



GENE BROCK

The recognition of Brock climaxed the annual Chamber Banquet, which also was highlighted by the music and message of Dale Van Horn of Raleigh, N.C., and the introduction of officers and directors of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce for 1987.

Van Horn, legally blind since a youth, spoke on the difference various individuals had made in his life, and sang several well-known songs which he composed. Van Horn told of overcoming his bitterness and his "Why-me attitude" to the point where he realized he was "richly blessed."

A banquet audience of more than 350 responded to Van Horn's message with a standing ovation. Mike Bowles, the new C of C president, challenged chamber members to "make a difference" this year by supporting and cooperating in the chamber's program of work.

Bowles introduced the 1987 board of directors. They include: B.J. Gilliland, vice president; Fred Rivera, treasurer; Bill Harris, immediate past president; Terry Bromlow, Lajeane Henry, Allen Par-

sons, Carol LeGate, Larry Malamen, David Emerick, Ike Stevens, Doug Manning, and Women's Division President Betty Taylor.

Harris served as master of ceremonies for the banquet, and Mike Carr, executive vice president, introduced special guests and Miss Hereford, Dallas Ann Phillips.

Directors who retired after three years on the board were presented plaques of appreciation by Harris. Accepting plaques were Rex Easterwood, James Arney and Lannette Leasure. John Hays and Joe Reinauer Jr. were not present.

Temple Abney, Hereford Lions Club president, made the Citizen of the Year presentation. Brock was praised for his work with the Hereford Satellite Center, Camp Wigwam, the Hereford Key Club, Kiwanis Club, and as a parttime pastor.

Born in Chillicothe as the youngest of five brothers, he attended school there and graduated in 1949. He entered Hardin Simmons University that same year and was ordained into the ministry of the Baptist church. His college education was interrupted by a tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force, where he achieved the rank of sergeant.

After leaving the Air Force, Brock returned to HSU and earned his degree, pastoring several churches during and after college. He entered the teaching profession in 1959 and moved to Hereford in 1966, where he began as a special education teacher at La Plata Junior High. He became pastor of Bippus Community Church a year after moving here and continued to hold that position while also being a fulltime teacher.

After three years at La Plata, Brock moved to the high school and became the vocational adjustment coordinator. He joined the Satellite Center's advisory board shortly after moving here and has served as treasurer for 18 years. He also became involved with a camp for mentally handicapped—Camp Wigwam—and served 10 years as a director of the camp.

When he moved to high school, he became the faculty advisor for the Hereford Key Club and is completing 18 years in that position. He was a charter member of Whiteface Kiwanis Club and later moved to the Noon Kiwanis Club. He served as president of the Whiteface club and was named Kiwanian of the Year in both clubs. He also serves as the zone faculty advisor for the Texas-Oklahoma Key Club district.

Brock has been involved in a number of professional teacher organizations. He served as district treasurer and district president of the Texas State Teachers Association, also served as a member of the TSTA executive committee and served six years as director for Texas on the National Education Association board.

Other recognitions include the Hereford Bull Chip award, a nominee for the "Seven Who Care" award, and the Outstanding Faculty Advisor award for the Texas-Oklahoma Key Club district.

In May, Brock will celebrate his 35th wedding anniversary with his wife, Cathy. They have two children—Brenda and Jerry, both of Hereford.



What A Difference You Make

Dale Van Horn, entertainer and song writer, was an obvious "hit" at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night as he sang some of his songs and gave an inspirational message on "being all you can be." A banquet audience of more than 350 persons heard Van Horn and saw Gene Brock recognized as Citizen of the Year.

Local Roundup

Nine persons indicted

Deaf Smith County Grand Jury indicted nine persons Thursday, including Florentino Carbajal, 23, charged with the murder of his wife.

Trial date has been set for March 24.

Others indicted, their age, and charges were:

Abram Nanez, 19, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Jerry Lee Flores, 17, and Nathan Richard Flores, 19, burglary of a motor vehicle.

Norma Jean Moreno, 17, and Florence Riojas, 17, forgery and passing.

John Bill Hampton, 33, four counts of forgery and passing, and a separate count of escape.

James Edward Stubbs, 33, three indictments of criminal mischief of over \$750 and under \$20,000, and a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

And, Juan "Johnny" Mendoza, 28, sexual assault.

Absentee voting on bond open

Absentee voting on the Deaf Smith General Hospital bond issue will be open through Feb. 24. Voting may be done from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the administration office.

The special election on the bond issue, which is designed to realign hospital debts and lower annual debt payments, is set for Feb. 28 at the Hereford Community Center from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The hospital board will be calling an election for April 4 in its Feb. 17 meeting for three at-large places held by Fr. Charles Threewit, Hap Cavness and Gerald Payne.

Film on dropout rate to be shown

To bring attention to the Hispanic dropout problem, the Concerned Citizens of Deaf Smith County will show the film "Hispanic Dropouts: America's Time Bomb" at its next meeting, Saturday, Feb. 21.

The 30-minute film will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. produced the film which features Edward James Olmos, Emmy-winning actor of "Miami Vice"; Henry Cisneros, mayor of San Antonio; Oscar Moran, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens; Dr. Lauro Cavazos, president of Texas Tech; Dr. Lupita Quintanilla, vice chancellor of the University of Houston; and Tony Bonilla, of the National Hispanic Leadership Conference.

Police report

Two men, ages 69 and 40, were arrested Thursday on separate charges of driving while intoxicated. A 21-year-old woman was arrested on two counts of injury to a child.

Police also checked out an assault case involving juveniles.

Offense reports filed included criminal mischief in the 600 block of Irving, a prowler in the 400 block of Paloma Lane, a thief of a set of weights in the 700 block of Irving.

Police issued 10 citations and checked one minor wreck.

Sales tax refund down

Hereford's refund on the city's one-cent sales tax is smaller than last year's for the same period.

The check for \$77,740.34 from the state comptroller's office is down from last year's payment for sales made in December, which was \$86,021.33.

The 1987 year-to-date payments also are down by just over 6 percent. Statewide, sales tax refunds are down by 5 percent.

Weather

THURSDAY'S HIGH: 66 FRIDAY A.M. LOW: 41
MOISTURE: .21 of an inch of rain reported at KPAN.
OUTLOOK: Tonight mostly fair with lows in upper 30s. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Saturday, sunny with highs near 60. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Texas, Washington nuke reps say DOE circumventing waste policy act

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy is circumventing the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act by forcing Congress to take a stand on construction of a second long-range nuclear waste storage site in the Eastern United States, charged Washington and Texas waste managers.

"By undoing the balance in the Waste Policy Act, they're building a political constituency that rushes toward a Western repository," said Steve Frishman, director of Texas' Nuclear Waste Programs Office.

"This gets the flies from around their head so they can charge at what they want," he said Thursday.

The DOE announced in May 1986 that it had selected three sites in the Western United States as finalists for the country's first high-level nuclear waste dump, but deferred the search for a second site in the East.

Energy Secretary John Herrington announced Wednesday that the DOE will resume efforts to find a site for a second waste dump, this time in the East, if plans to postpone the second repository aren't approved by Congress.

Herrington said delaying the second site is proper because the na-

tion may not need two dumps, but he said his department would be willing to reverse its decision to indefinitely postpone the second site.

Frishman and Terry Husseman, director of Washington state's Program for High-Level Waste Management, said the act guarantees geographic equity, and DOE has ignored that.

"The act is compromised," Husseman said. "By deferring the search for the second site they've ultimately solved disposal of all wastes."

"DOE will use the balance in Congress (of more representatives from the East) to force Congress to say, 'All right, it's all right to have a repository in the West, but not necessarily in the East.'"

DOE spokesman Roger Gale said Congress has never authorized construction of a second site but reserves the right to vote on the issue. He said he did not want to speculate on what Congress might do with the second repository.

The allegations by Husseman and Frishman came at a quarterly meeting of the DOE, states and Indian tribes affected by the waste dump issue. It was the first meeting

attended by both the states and tribes.

Sites in Washington, Texas and Nevada have been selected as finalists for the first repository for highly radioactive wastes from commercial nuclear reactors.

DOE managers at the three sites said site characterization preparations are proceeding on schedule. Draft documents on portions of the preparations have already been released, with the release of other portions coming this spring and summer.

Managers also discussed the Mission Plan Amendment, or a five-year delay to construction of the waste dump.

Steve Kale, associate director for geologic repositories for the DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, said the amendment dictates that construction of an exploration shaft at the Yucca Mountain, Nev., site begin in the spring of 1988.

Construction of a shaft at the Hanford nuclear reservation in southeastern Washington will begin in the fall of 1988, and construction of a shaft in Deaf Smith County, Texas, in late 1989.

Final environmental impact statements would be submitted by late 1994, with site selection coming soon after.

License applications would be forwarded to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in early 1995, with authorization for construction from the NRC expected in early 1998.

Construction would begin soon after, with acceptance of limited amounts of waste beginning in early 2003. Full operation would begin in 2006.

Lake Barrett, director of the transportation and waste systems division of the DOE's Office of Storage and Transportation Systems, said his office is conducting several studies of waste-transportation routes throughout the country.

Barrett estimated that five shipments of waste would be sent to the waste dump daily. That translates into 500 to 2,000 shipments annually, but Barrett said that could vary with the type of transportation used, cask design and acceptance rates at the dump.

Routes and modes of transportation have not been selected, he said.

Deaf Smith has 447 pregnant women at poverty level

Program targets high-risk pregnancy

By DEBE GRAVES
Feature Writer

An estimated 447 pregnant women in Deaf Smith County last year fit into the category of at poverty level or below. The panhandle area averages a little higher than some other Texas areas in the number of women in need of indigent medical care.

Medicaid has long been the established provider of medical care for those living in poverty; however, many fall through the cracks of the rigid system and, though poor, did not qualify for the care they need.

The Medicaid program has recently been expanded to provide prenatal care for many more pregnant women who live in poverty. Entitled the Infant Mortality Amendments, states are now allowed to provide Medicaid funds for women whose family incomes exceed AFDC eligibility levels, but are less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

Medicaid is a health insurance program operated by federal and state

entities. Historically, Texas has maintained eligibility standards for Medicaid which have meant that only about 25 percent of the poverty population actually qualified for care. The remaining 75 percent of the poverty population were disproportionately women and children who were forced to rely on charity care provided by public health clinics and hospitals.

It is estimated that the improvements of the restrictive eligibility standards will allow Medicaid coverage for an additional five percent of the poverty population. The remaining 70 percent of this population will still rely on various indigent health care programs.

One of the newest programs to provide indigent medical care for pregnant women who do not qualify for Medicaid is the state funded Maternal and Infant Health Improvement program. The MIHA program is targeted to assist in high-risk pregnancies. Through this program

a pregnant women identified as having a high-risk condition will be referred to a participating physician who provides prenatal care and delivery services.

The Panhandle Health Care Coalition administers the MIHA program for this region. Pregnant women who do not qualify for Medicaid may apply for the MIHA program through the local Texas Department of Health located at 914 East Park Avenue. Region 1 supervisor Jamie Moore explains, "The public health nurse will perform a screening to determine if any high risk factors are present and then assist the woman with the application process." Screenings must be performed by appointments as the process takes 1½ hours.

High-risk conditions include: pregnant women under age 16 or over age 40, anemia, diabetes, high blood pressure, thyroid conditions, obesity, a history of cancer or substance abuse and a history of multiple bir-

ths. In Texas as many as one-third of all pregnant women fail to seek medical care in the first three months of pregnancy. The need for close medical supervision for women with high-risk pregnancies is shown statistically. Infant death rates are three times greater for women who receive late or no prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy.

According to the Institute of Medicine for every dollar spent on prenatal care almost \$3.40 is saved on medical costs during the infant's first year of life.

The cost of receiving maternity care too late during pregnancy is among the most expensive medical care provided. Intensive care for a low birthweight baby, one of every 15 born in Texas, can exceed \$1,500 per day.

According to Steve Walters of

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Lifestyles



Valentine Bake Sale

Members of Sugar Works Cake Decorating Club will hold their annual Valentine bake sale from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Sugarland Mall. Items for sale include specially decorated Valen-

tine cookies, fudge, other candies, and cakes. Preparing for the event are, from left, Sherry Davis and Carol Odom, club members.

Study club officers elected

Ruby Stevenson's home was the setting for the meeting of the Lone Star Study Club Tuesday with Bibby Morgan serving as co-hostess.

The meeting opened with the reading of the collect. In the business session presided over by President Verna Sowell, the name of a new member was presented who would be elected in a called session Feb. 24 in the home of Mrs. Sowell.

Margaret Ann Durham, chairman

of the nominating committee, read the names of the officers who would be voted on. They were elected unanimously. Lucile Naylor will serve as president; Wilma Goettsch, vice president; Naoma Spann, recording secretary; Bertha Dettmann, corresponding secretary; Hilda Havens, treasurer; and Sowell, parliamentarian.

Naylor told of the writing of the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light". The author, John Henry Newman, was making a great decision concerning the future of his life as he was sailing from Italy to his home in England. It was during this time that he wrote the words of the hymn. It has been a

guide for many great lives such as Delano Roosevelt, Lincoln Ellsworth and Mahatma Gandhi.

Refreshments of strawberry cake, nuts, candy, apple juice and coffee were served.

Others present were Juanita Boynton, Oneita Davidson, Durham, Goettsch, Havens, Birdene Huff, Ursalee Jacobsen, Spann, Grace Tinnin, Zoe Williams and Winnie Wiseman.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Irene Aguilar, Oracia Barrera, Homer Brumley, Merle Boozer, Mary Carney, Gabriela Cantu, Esther Cabrera, Earl Drake, Sheryl Drerup, Pat De La Cerda, Cory Funk, Johnny Gonzales.

Eloyce J. Graves, Jewel Gentry, Mary Gilbert, Candelario Gonzales, D.C. Herring, Leta Kaul, Genevieve Kuper, Janie Lopez, (Girl) Lopez, Dora Lucio, Genaro Martinez, Tyler Meiwes, Rosemary Melton, Elma Nava.

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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I read your column all the time and when you printed this letter for another reader I clipped it out for myself.

I am getting married soon and as you can see, the clipping has yellowed with age. I am writing to you to ask if you will print it again so I can clip a new copy and save it for our years together. The "Twelve Rules" are wise words to keep in mind always.

Thank you, Ann. Please sign me - Counting The Days!

DEAR COUNTING: Here it is - and on Valentine's Day! Your timing was perfect.

TWELVE RULES FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

1. Never both be angry at once.
2. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.
3. Yield to the wishes of the other as an exercise in self-discipline, if you can't think of a better reason.
4. If you have a choice between making yourself or your mate look good - choose your mate.
5. If you feel you must criticize, do so lovingly.
6. Never bring up a mistake of the

PHYSICIAN OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the little-known operations in the nation's capital is the Office of the Physician of Congress, which provides free emergency and primary medical care for members of Congress and their staffs, notes Internal Medicine News.

According to the medical journal, the office was established in 1928 in response to the collapse in a single month of three members of Congress, one of whom died in his office because no physician was available immediately.

7. Neglect the whole world rather than each other.

8. Never let the day end without saying at least one complimentary thing to your life's partner.

9. Never meet without an affectionate welcome.

10. Never go to bed mad.

11. When you've made a mistake, talk it out and ask for forgiveness.

12. Remember, it takes two to make an argument. The one who is wrong is the one who will be doing most of the talking.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Sometimes it helps to write down about things and I'm hoping it will help me a little when I put this down. Three months ago I found out about a secret affair my husband had with a married woman. It has long been over - ten years, to be exact. He was then 50 years old and a model husband and father. I never suspected a thing. He finally broke off with her because he loved me and the children too much to give us up.

Hearing about this affair has been devastating and I don't know how to cope with it. I was a lapsed Catholic and have returned to my church recently. So has he. But I can't discuss this with a priest. He has begged me to forgive him and it tears him up to see me cry so much. I can't seem to control my grief. Perhaps I'm blaming myself and feel he wasn't getting what he needed from me.

What can you suggest to help me? - Tallahassee

DEAR TALLAHASSEE: To grieve over something that happened ten

years ago doesn't make a whole lot of sense, especially since it ended in your favor. Obviously you are obsessed with this revelation and unable to think about it rationally. So get some counseling (joint) so you and your husband can thresh it out and put the matter to rest once and for all.

Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," explains every aspect of sexual behavior - where to draw the line, how to say no, the various methods of contraception, the dangers of VD, the symptoms and where to get help. For a copy, send \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope (39 cents postage) to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11995, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

New Arrivals

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By DEBE GRAVES
Feature Writer

Sue Urbanczyk wears many hats...mother, wife, church worker, baby sitter, gardener, chauffeur and sometimes clown.

As the owner of Balloon Express, Sue often delivers balloon bouquets dressed as a clown. Her balloon business evolved naturally from "The Basket Express" which she owned and operated.

"When I found out I was pregnant I decided I had to give up the store so that I would have more time for my growing family," Sue remembers, "With the two boys and a third child on the way the long hours involved in running the store were just to hard."

The boys, Joshua nine and seven year-old Jeremy, along with their sister, two year-old Jenna, receive lots of Mom's time and attention now, as she operates the balloon business from the family home.

"I can work on balloons while the children play and I usually plan any necessary deliveries around their schedule," comments Sue.

The family home reflects what Sue declares is her passion...antiques. "I love to look for antique furniture and for country-style and folk-art accessories," she states. The home is a pleasing blend of old and new as a result of Sue's talent. Many of the furniture pieces are ones she has found in antique stores and sales and refinished herself.

A self-starter, Sue teaches herself art and craft methods. "I began by teaching myself how to make silk flower arrangements. Usually if I can just see something I can reproduce it," she observes. Many of her projects are enjoyed by the family. Silk flower arrangements and macrame projects are profuse in the Urbanczyk household and in the homes of friends and family members.

"I like to create," she says, "I like to tackle a project and see the finished results."

She also enjoys passing on her skills to others. Whether it is teaching a friend to make bows or helping toddlers make crafts during vacation bible school, Sue is happy to help.

"I taught arts and crafts to three and four year-olds last year at the vacation bible school our church held. We made wind socks and felt board characters and I enjoyed it. I'm looking forward to helping again this year," she states.

Sue and her husband, Martin, are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Both sons are enrolled in the parochial school and Sue is active in the church's women's organization.

In the summertime when she isn't watching children, running errands or delivering balloons, Sue helps Martin with his sideline business. An employee of West Texas Rural Telephone, Martin has a list of regular customers for his yard work services. "I like to help Martin with the yard work," claims Sue, "Because that is how I work off calories and get a good tan."

A favorite time of day for Sue is when she has a few restful moments to cuddle with Jenna. Decorated in blue and dusty rose, Jenna's room is filled with a collection of bears and is the perfect place for the two to unwind. After their special time, Sue tucks Jenna under the hand crafted quilt which covers the bed and then returns to the fast paced lifestyle of the men in her life.

Since the family is so active, Sue has a limited amount of time to indulge in cooking but she does have some easy family favorites.

YORKSHIRE PUDDING
Yorkshire's an English recipe from Sue's great-great grandmother



SUE URBANCZYK
...and daughter, Jenna

and can be served in place of potatoes with beef.
1 c. flour, 1 c. milk, 3 eggs whip in one at a time with four and milk. Add a dash of salt. Place 1/2 stick butter in each of two round cake pans, melt. Pour in batter at 425 for 15 minutes. Then reduce temperature to 375 for 10 minutes.

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Sue's aunt, Joan
2 small pkgs of raspberry Jello. Add

Deborah Rogers feted with shower Saturday

A bridal shower honoring Deborah Rogers, bride-elect of Anthony Walker, was held Saturday afternoon in the home of Marguerite Cole. The refreshment table, covered with a red cloth and white lace

REPLACING SPINDLES
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — One of the more tricky tasks to do when restoring old wooden chairs at home may be replacing fragile spindles in the backs. Wood magazine suggests you use the following checklist when turning new spindles:

- Set your lathe speed to about 1,000 rpm.
- Use the shearing (cutting) method of turning.
- Use a light, but firm, touch on the workpiece.
- Don't put excessive pressure on the workpiece with the tailstock.
- Mount a steady rest to the ways of your lathe bed, centered between the headstock and the tailstock.

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Order of Eastern Star meets Tuesday

Members of the Order of Eastern Star met in regular session Tuesday evening in the Masonic Hall.

Valentine gifts of potpourri in lace on white doilies in the shape of hearts were gifts from Worthy Matron Ludie Greeson to all the stations. She, in turn, was given a monetary gift in a heart-shaped box.

Horace Hershey acted as associate patron and Harold Wheeler as worthy patron in the absence of Courtney Brooks. Dottie Darden acted as chaplain in the absence of Beverly Brooke.

Yvonne Brownfield, chairman of the seeds of kindness committee, District III, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of Eastern Star, and Virginia Logsdon, chairman of the music committee, District II, Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. were guests escorted to the East by the conductress Margaret Bell and associate conductress, Doris Wilson.

Mrs. Brownfield gave the program on Past Matrons and Past Patrons and all those who had assumed those positions in the past.

Audrey and Kenneth Rusher, Audine Dettman and Winnie Wiseman served cookies, punch, chps, dips and finger sandwiches from a table depicting a Valentine motif.

Masonic Night is planned March 14. All Masons and their wives are invited to a dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall in their honor. Bobby Rainer and his musical group from Floydada will entertain.

During World War II, Yugoslavia's army surrendered to the Nazis April 17, 1941.

School Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Breakfast

MONDAY — Cinnamon toast, diced pears, milk.

TUESDAY — Glazed donut, diced peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin, applesauce, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY — Bacon, pancake and syrup, orange juice, milk.

FRIDAY — In-service.

Lunch

MONDAY — Spaghetti and meat sauce, buttered carrots, green beans, sliced peaches, hot rolls, milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets and gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, gelatin with fruit and topping, cookie, hot rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Meat enchilidas, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, Spanish rice, orange juice, cinnamon rolls, milk.

THURSDAY — Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, sliced pears, chocolate no bake cookie, bun, milk.

FRIDAY — In-service.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY — Corn dogs with

mustard, green beans, cabbage salad, gingerbread with topping, milk.

TUESDAY — Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, peach cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Beef and rice casserole, buttered corn, green salad, applesauce, homemade bread, milk.

THURSDAY — Frito pie, pinto beans, coleslaw, raisin nut granola bars, cornbread, milk.

FRIDAY — In service.

Foreign fruit

John Endecott, governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, brought the first apple seed from England, and apples soon became an important American crop. In 1649, Endecott brought 200 acres of land, paying with 500 3-year-old apple trees he had raised.

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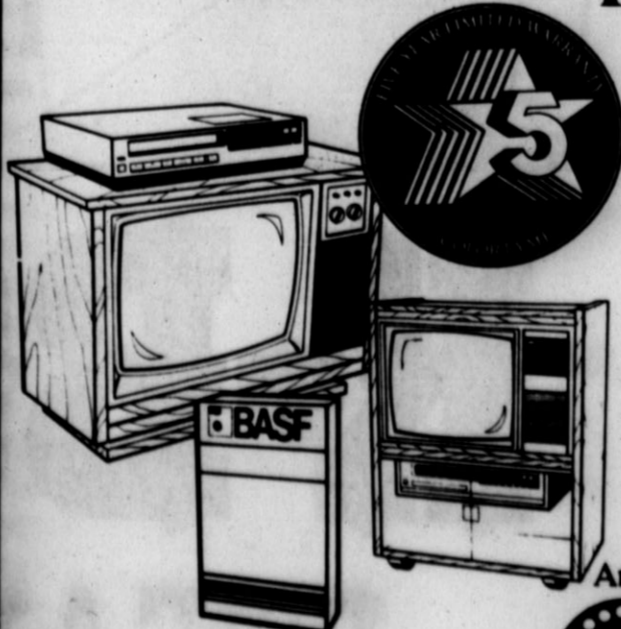
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'Platoon,' 'Room With a View' lead with eight nominations each

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Writer-director Oliver Stone has been doubly vindicated by the motion picture academy, which honored his two war-theme films with 10 Oscar nominations and assured them larger audiences.

The eight nominations for the grim Vietnam saga "Platoon," in contention for best movie, director, writing and acting Oscars, culminated a 10-year battle to bring the movie that no studio would touch to the screen.

His film "Salvador," about a journalist in war-torn Central America, got two nominations despite minimal theater exposure.

"A Room with a View," a period romance regarded as a longshot, also got eight nominations Wednesday, while Woody Allen's "Hannah and Her Sisters," the outer-space sequel "Aliens" and "The Mission," had seven each.

"It would be very hard to have another year as good as this one has been," said Stone, nominated as director and writer for "Platoon," No. 1 at the box office for the last two weeks, and as writer for "Salvador."

"I am thrilled by both honors, especially that 'Salvador' has been retrieved from obscurity," Stone said.

Two actors from "Platoon," Tom Berenger and Willem Dafoe, were nominated in the supporting actor category.

"I am honored and surprised because I thought 'Platoon' was an ensemble picture," Berenger said.

If the nominations carry any message, it may be that money doesn't matter.

Except for "Platoon," none of the

best picture nominees was a box-office smash.

The year's blockbusters "Top Gun" and "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" each managed four nominations in lesser categories, while "Crocodile Dundee" and "The Karate Kid Part II" had one apiece.

The more than 4,000 voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences chose "Children of a Lesser God," "Hannah and Her Sisters," "The Mission," "Platoon" and "A Room with a View" as nominees for the best picture of 1986.

The 59th annual Academy Awards presentations will be broadcast by ABC-TV on March 30.

The nominations also featured Paul Newman, who has never won despite six nominations; longtime jazz great Dexter Gordon in his acting debut; and hearing-impaired Marlee Matlin in a nearly mute performance.

Newman was nominated for best actor for a reprise of his Fast Eddie Felson role in "The Color of Money," a sequel to "The Hustler" of 25 years ago.

Also nominated in the best-actor category were last year's winner, William Hurt, as Miss Matlin's teacher in "Children of a Lesser God," Gordon for "Round Midnight," James Woods for "Salvador" and Bob Hoskins for "Mona Lisa."

"I didn't really expect anything like that, but I was very, very hopeful," Hoskins said in a telephone interview from a London film set.

Hurt said he was "truly pleased" by his nomination.

Woods said he was asleep when the nominations were announced at 5:30 a.m. local time. "I couldn't bring myself to watch it because of the possibility of disappointment," he said. "I'm so amazed. I'm shocked."

Jane Fonda was nominated in the best actress category for "The Morning After," along with Sissy Spacek for "Crimes of the Heart," Kathleen Turner for "Peggy Sue Got Married," Sigourney Weaver for "Aliens" and Miss Matlin.

"I feel great ... I'm gonna scream later," Miss Matlin, who uses sign language to communicate, said through spokeswoman Lois Smith.

Miss Turner watched the announcement on television in her New York City home. "I was waiting and waiting," she said. "The tense thing was after the third name was called and it still wasn't me. Afterward? I went back to sleep."

Miss Spacek called attention to the performances of her "Crimes of the Heart" co-stars Jessica Lange and Diane Keaton. "Without them I wouldn't have gotten it."

In addition to Berenger and Dafoe, supporting actor contenders include Michael Caine for "Hannah and Her Sisters," Denholm Elliott for "A Room With a View" and Dennis Hopper for "Hoosiers."

Maggie Smith said from her country home outside London that she was delighted about her supporting actress nod in "A Room With a View," but that director James Ivory's nomination was particularly pleasing.

Others nominated in the supporting actress category were Tess Harper for "Crimes of the Heart," Piper Laurie for "Children of a Lesser God," Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio for "The Color of Money" and Dianne Wiest for "Hannah and Her Sisters."

Nominees for director corresponded to best picture, with one exception: David Lynch for "Blue Velvet" was chosen instead of Randa Haines of "Children of a Lesser God."

The other director nominees were: Allen, "Hannah and Her Sisters"; Roland Joffe, "The Mission"; Stone, "Platoon"; and Ivory, "A Room with a View."

Besides Stone's nominations for "Platoon" and "Salvador," nominees in the original screenplay category were Paul Hogan, Ken Shadie and John Cornell for "Crocodile Dundee"; Allen, "Hannah and Her Sisters"; and Hanif Kureishi, "My Beautiful Laundrette."

Local Church News

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The annual Sweetheart Banquet is planned at 7 p.m. Saturday at the church. There will be an escort service of special men for the ladies of the church.

A Marriage Enrichment Retreat is planned March 13-16 in Dallas. The cost is from \$250-\$275 per couple. This fee includes Friday and Saturday night at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas and all conference materials. A \$90 deposit per couple is required by Sunday.

This Sunday will begin the "Week of Compassion." It is an interdenominational nationwide observance and opportunity to help others.

There will be a regular meeting of the official board at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. All elders, deacons, and deaconesses are urged to attend.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (410 Irving)

The Rev. Lanny Wheeler's sermon for the regular 11 a.m. worship service Sunday is entitled "A Sprig of Hope." The text to study is Genesis 6:11-9:5.

At noon there will be a covered dish luncheon. There will be no evening worship service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Choir rehearsal is at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday.

The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church invites those interested to join them at noon Thursday to study the mission study book, "Unexpected Voices." The group will be led by Sue Andrews. Women who plan to attend are asked to meet in First Baptist Church parlor at 11 a.m. Bring a salad.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

A bus will be going to the Russians concert at Wayland Baptist University on Saturday, Feb. 21, in Plainview. It will leave the Nazarene Church at 5:30 p.m. There will be no charge.

The intensive care Bible study will begin Sunday night. The junior high group will meet at 132 Aspen and the senior high group at 224 Beach immediately following the Sunday evening service.

The Dawson McAllister Conference is planned March 6-7 in Lubbock. The transportation will leave at 4 p.m. on Friday and return Saturday night. The costs are \$20 for the

conference and \$6 for motel, plus meals. To register, bring \$26 to L.I.F.E.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The 66th annual session of the Panhandle Pastor and Layman's Conference is planned Monday and Tuesday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The deacon's dinner is planned at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at K-Bob's Steak House. All active and inactive deacons are invited to attend.

The W.M.U. supper for Home Missions Week is set for 7 p.m. March 4 in the church fellowship hall.

Brotherhood Ladies Night is scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

The youth committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Each member needs to be present to help make plans for youth activities in March.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Bruce Kochsmeier's sermon for the 10:30 worship service is "The Hurried Family." The scripture to study is Genesis 27:1-38.

The Scripture for Lunch Bunch will not meet this week.

Keryma will meet Tuesday night to study Paul's missionary journeys. Slides will be shown. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Bach organ recital, by Haesi Fanizzo, a European born and trained organist of Illinois, will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 23. A freewill offering will be taken and a reception sponsored by the Cancel choir will follow.

Teenage Relationships will be discussed by the junior high group tonight at 5:30 at 138 Liveoak.

The senior high group will meet at 7 p.m. today at 138 Liveoak to hear Tony Campolo.

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DR. GOTT Vegetables are good fiber source

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I love vegetables, but fixing them is a bore. Would drinking V-8 juice give me the nourishment I need?

DEAR READER — V-8 juice would give you many vitamins and minerals that can be obtained by eating vegetables. However, if you restrict your vegetable intake to V-8 juice, you will short-change yourself in the fiber department. One reason that vegetables are nutritious is that they provide this fiber, which some experts believe lowers cholesterol and helps protect against colorectal cancer.

If preparing vegetables is a bore, try making up a large batch and refrigerating it for future use. That way, you'll only have to prepare them on occasion.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I'm 17 and, when I was 8, was injured in a playground accident. Now my doctor tells me the left testicle is "broken." What does this mean?

DEAR READER — This probably means that one testicle was injured in the accident and has shriveled. Men do not need two testicles to function normally, so if your remaining testicle is OK, you should have no problems.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I get dizzy when I get out of bed in the morning. My right leg is unbearably painful for about five minutes when I stand up and it tingles all the time. My doctor told me to take iron and drink lots of water. Do you agree?

DEAR READER — I would agree — if the problem is one of dehydration and iron deficiency. I suspect, however, that it may not be.

Dizziness upon arising is usually due to a temporary drop in blood pressure, resulting in lightheadedness and poor circulation to the brain. It is a common symptom in elderly patients and can be corrected by getting up slowly, instead of bounding out of bed.

Of course, there are causes for lightheadedness other than anemia. Therefore, you need a blood count and chemical screening analysis to make sure that your internal chemistry and blood cells are normal.

The leg discomfort could be caused by poor circulation to the muscles of the lower extremities or by arthritis, both of which will tend to improve once you are up and about.

Because your symptoms may have a common cause, I think that you should ask your doctor for a referral to a specialist in internal medicine, who will be able to diagnose and treat your condition.

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| Methodist Armadillo | 5-0 | Anthony's Sanders | 12-15, 15-1, 11-3; Nazarene (Thompson) def. Nazarene (Andrews), 15-5, 5-15, 11-7. | First Methodist (Langehenning) | 15-9, 13-15, 11-5. |
| San Jose (Fields) | 5-0 | Community Church (Culp) | 4-0 | Avenue Baptist (Frazier) | 15-6, 15-5; St. Anthony's (Backus) def. St. Anthony's (Berryman), 15-13, 15-6; Community Church (Culp) def. Nazarene (Douglas), 15-13, 10-15, 11-9. |
| St. Anthony's (Manning) | 5-0 | Church of Christ (Hollingsworth) | 3-1 | First Baptist (Walls) | 2-2 |
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| Nazarene (Thompson) | 2-3 | Nazarene (Douglas) | 2-2 | Mission Bautista | 2-2 |
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| St. Anthony's (Sanders) | 0-4 | Frio Baptist | 0-4 | Wesley Methodist (Wheeler) | 1-3 |

Tigers' Morris awarded

\$1.85 million in arbitration

By DAVID GOODMAN
Associated Press Writer
DETROIT (AP) — Pitcher Jack Morris today won his salary dispute with the Detroit Tigers when an arbitrator granted him \$1.85 million salary request, \$500,000 more than offered by the club.
"It's an either-or situation," arbitrator Richard Bloch said from Chicago, where he heard presentations Thursday from Morris and the Tigers.
Bloch said he couldn't comment further on why he ruled in Morris' favor.
Under the Major League Player Association's contract with the owners, an arbitrator must select the final offer of either the player or the

team.
The Tigers had offered Morris \$1.35 million for one year, while the right-hander had asked for \$1.85 million for 1987.
Morris has won more games during the 1980s than any other major league pitcher.
"The performance of the player is the key question in any of these hearings," Bloch said Thursday.
The award to Morris is the largest ever and makes him one of the highest-paid pitchers in baseball.
Morris, 31, had a 21-8 record with a 3.27 earned run average last season. His victory total was second only in the American League to Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox, who won 24 games.

RESULTS

Monday, Feb. 9: Wesley Methodist (Wheeler) def. First Methodist (Wymore), 1-15, 15-12, 11-9; Avenue Baptist (Crofford) def. Community Church (Morrison), 15-4, 2-15, 11-8; First Christian (Adams) def. Mission Bautista, 15-10, 8-15, 11-7; Wesley Methodist (Kendrick) def. Canyon Hills Church of Christ, 16-14, 6-15, 11-9.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: First Methodist (Langehenning) def. Church of Christ (Flood), 15-5, 15-9; First Baptist (Walls) def. Church of Christ (Minchew), 14-16, 15-9, 11-6; First Presbyterian def. Temple El Jordan, 12-15, 15-12, 11-9.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Team

Ladies' Choice 4-0
Young Blood 2-2
Brown Drilling 2-2
Oglesby 1-3
Short Clover 1-3

RESULTS

Thursday, Feb. 12: Ladies Choice def. Young Blood, 15-8, 15-11; Oglesby won by forfeit over Brown Drilling.

Sports news briefs

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros outfielder Kevin Bass won his arbitration hearing and will receive \$630,000 for the 1987 season, the team announced.
The club had offered Bass \$560,000, but he sought \$630,000, said Astros spokesman Chuck Pool. A decision was issued in Bass' favor after an arbitration hearing Wednesday in New York, Pool said.
Bass, who earned \$310,000 in 1986,

hit .311 with 20 homers and 79 RBI last year.
NEW YORK (AP) — California Angels center fielder Gary Pettis lost his salary arbitration case for the second straight year.
Pettis, who made \$300,000 last season after losing in arbitration against the Angels, will be paid \$400,000 this year. He had sought \$550,000.
Pettis batted .258 with five home runs and 58 runs batted in. He also stole 50 bases.

GENERAL
NEW YORK (AP) — Al Waquie of Jemez Pueblo, N.M., and Janet Wendle of Gainesville, Fla., raced up 1,575 steps at the Empire State Building and won the men's and women's divisions of the Empire State Run-Up.
Waquie, 35, was timed in 11 minutes, 56 seconds, in winning for the fifth time.
Wendle, 25, was timed in 15:12 in leading the women, including her twin sister Jill, who placed sixth in 16:29.

In sophomore boys' game

HHS wallops Plainview 82-44

Balanced scoring attacks have become a trademark of the 1986-87 Hereford High School sophomore boys' basketball team, and Thursday night was no exception.

Only one Hereford player scored in double figures, but there were seven others who scored at least six points each, helping lead Hereford to an 82-44 wallop over Plainview in a game played at the HHS gym.

Hereford led 32-21 at halftime, but after three quarters of play, Hereford was running all over the Bulldogs, 59-30.

Roger McCracken was the HHS player in double figures, with 15 points. Kyle Andrews scored nine points, and Adolfo Martinez and Brent Cumpston each totaled eight points.

Scoring six points each were Hud Edwards, Jason Scott, and Keith Brown. Other Hereford scorers included Darren Nikkel with five points, and Paul Kuper and Nick Kendall each with four points.

The victory gives the Hereford sophomores a 10-7 record with four games remaining in the 1986-87

season schedule. Hereford plays its last home game of the season on Monday at 6:30 p.m. against Lubbock Coronado.

Before that game, Hereford plays at Canyon on Saturday at 10 a.m. The other games for the HHS sophomores will be at Levelland on Tuesday at 6 p.m., and at Borger on Friday, Feb.

20 at 5:15 p.m.

HEREFORD SOPHOMORES: Rodney McCracken 7 1-1 15; Kyle Andrews 4 1-4 9; Brent Cumpston 2 4-4 8; Adolfo Martinez 2 4-6 8; Hud Edwards 3 0-0 6; Jason Scott 3 0-0 6; Jeff Farr 3 0-0 6; Darren Nikkel 2 1-3 5; Nick Kendall 2 0-0 4; Paul Kuper 1 2-2 4; Jared Victor 1 1-1 3; Todd Schroeder 1 0-0 2; Scott Devers 0 0-1 0; Carl DeLozier 0 0-1 0. Totals: 34 14-23 82.

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Academic all-state football team named

The Fina Academic All-State Football Team for the 1986 season has been announced, with 11 athletes from Texas selected for the honors.

The 11 team members were chosen from a group of 60 finalists, 15 from each of four regions. Each of them is from a different high school.

The academic all-state football team is:

Martin C. Bowen, Arlington Heights High School, Fort Worth.

Derrick S. Boyd, Decatur High School, Decatur.

Robert S. English, Burleson High School, Burleson.

Neal Fisher, Comfort High School, Comfort.

Zachary J. Harmon, Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin.

James K. Jones, Brownwood High School, Brownwood.

Jason P. Klein, Stratford High School, Houston.

Chad T. May, Shepherd High School, Cleveland.

Patrick H. Phelan, Monsignor Kelly High School, Beaumont.

Joel R. Sharp, Jesuit College Preparatory School, Richardson.

Frederick Sunderman, Address High School, El Paso.

Football ability was not a factor in

the judging. Any senior football letterman was eligible for consideration, notes Paul Meek, chairman of Fina and a member of the selection committee of judges which choose the 11 from the 60 finalists.

The academic all-state team members each will receive a scholarship of \$2,000 to the college or university of his choice.

A year ago, Stefan Hacker of Hereford, quarterback of the 1985 Hereford High School football team, was honored on the academic all-state football team.

Another member of the 1985 Whiteface varsity team, Brett Clements, was one of the 60 finalists.

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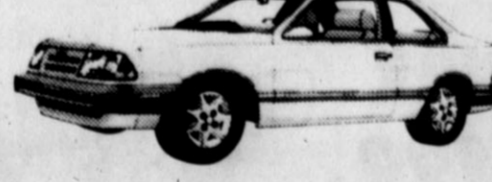
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A MATTER OF CHOICE

Houston defeats New Jersey, 121-99

Rockets' coach gets 700th career win

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — There seems to be a tradition developing for NBA coaches looking for their 700th regular season victory — do it against the New Jersey Nets.
Dick Motta did it that way. So did Gene Shue.

And Bill Fitch joined the select five-man club on Thursday night the same way as the Houston Rockets defeated the Nets 121-99 behind a spectacular 37-point performance by Akeem Olajuwon.
"I told the guys the next 700 will be with their grandchildren," said the 52-year-old Fitch, who also joins

Jack Ramsay and Red Auerbach as coaches who have won 700 or more regular-season NBA games. Auerbach leads the group with 938 victories.

Fitch, who took more than four seasons to get his 100th career victory, downplayed his achievement.

"It's more important that this is our 26th victory of the season," he said. "Seven hundred wins is an individual accomplishment that owners, great players and general managers make happen. It's a great life and on top of it I get paid for it."

Fitch has been at the job in the NBA for 17 seasons, winning the league's Coach of the Year award twice and guiding the Boston Celtics to an NBA title in 1981. His record now stands at 700-660.

The first 304 wins came with Cleveland in nine seasons. Four years at Boston got him 242 more, and the Rockets have gotten him 154 more triumphs in the last three-plus seasons.

Olajuwon, who was a 7-year-old in Nigeria when Fitch won his first NBA game, has been an integral part of the success in Houston, and Thursday night was no different.

The All-Star center poured in 24 first-half points to help the Rockets take a 69-55 halftime lead, and the Nets never got closer than five the rest of the way. The Rockets' win was the 16th time in their last 21 games.

"My first couple of shots didn't go so I had to adjust and not go as strong to the hoop, and use my head more," said Olajuwon. "Fitch told me that they were giving me the outside shot and to have confidence in taking it."

Olajuwon did just that, hitting 13 of 22 shots from the field, including a variety of turnaround jumpers and high-arcing rainbows that touched nothing but net.

"He shot the ball very well," said

Nets forward Buck Williams, who scored 24 points as New Jersey's losing streak reached nine, its longest skid of the year. "Both his inside and outside game were terrific."

Olajuwon was at his best in the second quarter, scoring 16 points and leading a decisive 15-3 run that gave Houston a commanding 57-43 edge.

Rodney McCray added 26 points for Houston and Robert Reid had 13, including three three-point field goals.

Mike Gminski added 20 points for New Jersey, which slipped to 11-37, the second worst record in the league. Albert King and Tony Brown added 17 apiece.

"It is not only frustrating for me, but the players, coaches, management, and everyone," said Nets Coach Dave Wohl, whose team has lost 15 of 16. "It is a difficult thing to overcome at times."

The Nets got a little more bad news Thursday night. Center Darryl Dawkins, already sidelined with back problems, slipped on ice outside his home and slightly injured a shoulder.

"We don't expect Darryl back this season," said Wohl. "He probably will go in for back surgery some time this week or so."

Kings 129, Mavericks 125

While Houston's Bill Fitch became the fifth coach in NBA history to record 700 victories, Jerry Reynolds of the Sacramento Kings also reached a milestone — win No. 1.

Reynolds became the Kings' interim head coach when Phil Johnson was fired early in the week and the Kings promptly lost 114-98 to the Los Angeles Lakers. Thursday night was a different story, and they held on to beat the Dallas Mavericks 129-125.

Ironically, the Mavericks are coached by Dick Motta, one of five members of the 700 club which now includes Fitch after Houston's 121-99

ramp over New Jersey.
"It's a lot better to win than lose, I'll tell you that," Reynolds said.

"They had to win sooner or later," Motta said of the victory that allowed the Kings to break a six-game losing streak. "It just happened to be us. They played a good game."

Reynolds' decision to give rookie swingman Harold Pressley his first start in the NBA paid off as Pressley scored six points early in the first quarter off steals.

Reserve guard Derek Smith scored six points in the final 37 seconds to help the Kings stave off a Dallas rally and snap a six-game losing streak.

Mark Aguirre of the Mavericks scored 17 points in the fourth quarter en route to a season-high 40 points while Derek Harper added 24. But Dallas saw its Midwest Division lead over Utah trimmed to 2½ games.

Reggie Theus led the Kings with 24 points, Smith had 22 and Otis Thorpe 21. Theus also contributed 11 assists in Sacramento's season-high total of 38.

Pistons 113, Cavaliers 109

Adrian Dantley scored 25 points, including two free throws that snapped a 109-109 tie with 34 seconds to play, as Detroit climbed into a first-place tie with Atlanta in the Central Division. The Pistons shot 53 percent and had four players with at least nine field goals.

Isiah Thomas led the Pistons with

27 points.
Celtics 134, Warriors 112

Larry Bird and Kevin McHale led a 28-8 second-quarter outburst with eight points apiece as Boston turned a 44-41 deficit into a 69-52 halftime lead. Danny Ainge scored 24 points, Bird 22 — along with 11 rebounds and eight assists — and McHale and Robert Parish 20 apiece as the Celtics matched the Los Angeles Lakers for the NBA's best record at 36-12.

Bucks 106, SuperSonics 104

Jack Sikma tipped in a missed shot at the buzzer after Seattle's Alton Lister deflected John Lucas' field goal attempt. Ricky Pierce scored 30 points for the Bucks, who withstood a late Seattle rally led by Tom Chambers, who had 14 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter.

The victory left the Bucks 2½ games behind Atlanta and Detroit in the Central Division.

Bullets 121, Nuggets 115

Moses Malone scored 38 points, 26 in the second half, and Washington blew a 14-point lead early in the fourth quarter before outlasting Denver. It was the first time all season the Bullets won after playing the night before. They had lost all 12 previous games under similar circumstances.

The victory moved them within 1½ games of second-place Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division.

Fitch says No. 700 is steppingstone

By BILL BARNARD
AP Basketball Writer
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Bill Fitch believes that coaching 700 NBA victories is a steppingstone to greater things, not a milestone to be savored.

"It's like being ahead at the the half; you're happy to be there but there is still work ahead of you," Fitch said after the Houston Rockets' 121-99 decision over New Jersey Thursday night gave him victory No. 700 in his 17th pro season.

"I'd like to win another 700."
His NBA coaching career started with an expansion team in Cleveland that won only 15 games in 1970-71. But Fitch said this season has been the hardest for him.

The defending conference champion Rockets have had to overcome injuries to Akeem Olajuwon, Ralph Sampson and Robert Reid, a 10-17 start and having two players banned from the league because of cocaine use.

But the Rockets have come back to win 16 of their last 21 games, and Fitch recently was given an extension on his contract.

"This season has been tougher than all of them," Fitch said. "But I

could have 40 wins instead of 26 and I would not be happier with the way these players have responded.

"We continue to win because they haven't lost faith and they haven't lost the work ethic."

At age 52, Fitch has no victory goals in mind. He is the fifth coach to reach 700 victories; Red Auerbach of the Boston Celtics retired with a top mark of 938.

"No one looks that far ahead," Fitch said of his chances of breaking Auerbach's record. "But I believe that if you work hard, good things will happen to you."

Rockets forward Cedric Maxwell, who played four years for Fitch in Boston, including a championship season in 1980-81, before being traded to Houston last month, said a willingness to work sets his coach apart.

"The way he prepares is unbelievable," Maxwell said. "He's the best in the league at getting you prepared for a game, and he's especially valuable in the playoffs. He'd have made a great spy or one of those detectives who goes on stakeouts."

Maxwell said Fitch still is tough on players, "but he is mellowed than he used to be. I think he joined the 20th Century. He lets us wear headphones and watch television in the locker room, and when I was in Boston he never did."

Olajuwon, who was 7 years old when Fitch earned his first coaching victory, said Fitch makes his players work hard, but they need it.

"He makes us watch film when we don't want to," Olajuwon said. "He wants everyone to be perfect, but I want to be perfect, too. I enjoy playing for him both as a coach and a person."

It took Fitch nine years at Cleveland to win his first 304 games. He didn't surpass the .500 level for one season until his sixth year with the Cavaliers in 1975-76, when they were 49-33 and he won the first of two Coach of the Year awards.

"When you start with an expansion team, you don't think about ever reaching 700 wins," Fitch said. "They were betting in New York that we wouldn't win one game. I'd never had a losing season in college (in 12 years of coaching), so that first year in Cleveland was tough."

It took Fitch only four years to win 242 games in Boston, but he was fired by the Celtics after they failed to make the championship series in 1983 and 1984.

His last 154 victories have come in Houston.

"Winning this many games is an accumulation of a lot of work by those around me," Fitch said. "I've been surrounded by good people — owners, assistants and players. I've given many of them more gray hair than I have."


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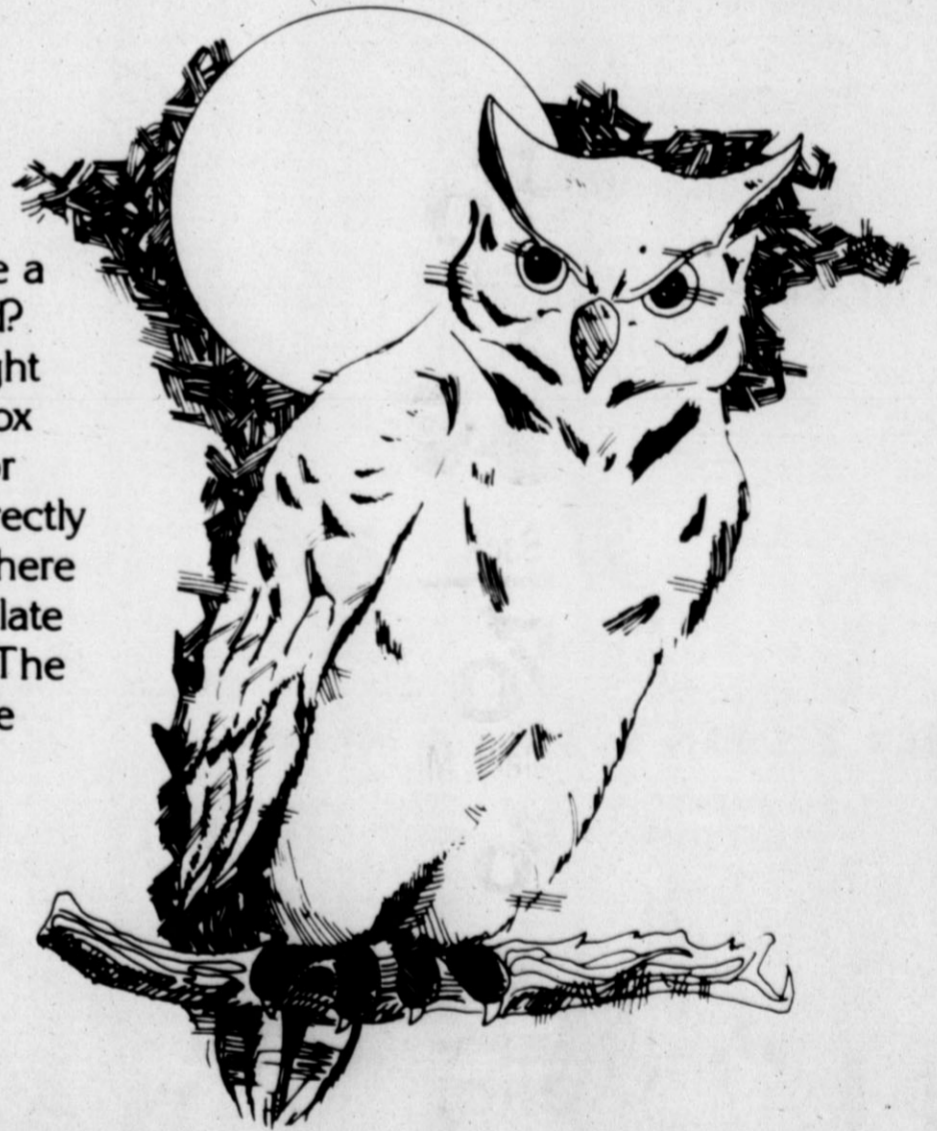
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POLLY'S POINTERS

What went wrong with rye bread?

By Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — Recently you printed a recipe for a quick rye bread. I thought it looked easy enough, so I decided to try it. I am no amateur when it comes to baking, but I had never tried rye bread. I followed the recipe just as it was printed and it came out a disaster. The loaf was so thin and hard I could not use it. What went wrong? — IDA

DEAR IDA — I tried this recipe again to see if I could figure out the problem with your loaf. It's true that this bread does not rise very high; however, my result was a tender, muffinlike bread with a very good flavor. It was a small loaf, but not hard. Naturally, a quick bread will not have the breadly, airy texture of a yeast-raised loaf. Perhaps you were expecting something more like conventional bread.

The hard result you describe could have been due to a number of things. Perhaps your baking powder was old and no longer very potent. This quick bread depends on the leavening of baking soda and baking powder for rising. Perhaps you overmixed the dough. The dough should be blended quickly and just until the ingredients are combined. Overbeating will contribute to a tough, unappetizing bread. Your loaf would have been higher with a better shape had you used a smaller loaf pan — if you try the recipe again, try using a pan small enough so the batter at least half-fills it (a regular 9-by-5 loaf pan is really too large and will result in a very thin loaf).

Your letter reminds me of a comment by the director of a popular magazine's test kitchens that a recipe can be prepared by five different people and have five different results. I know, myself, that I can make the same recipe twice and have it come

out a bit differently each time. If you try the recipe again, I hope you have better luck. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — I recently brought home some very dirty and dusty silk flowers. I put them in a basin of warm, sudsy water to soak a few minutes, and gently swished them around. I then rinsed the flowers in clear water, turned them upside down on a towel and let them dry. They look like new! — MARIAN

DEAR POLLY — To soften hardened pencil erasers, I use an emery board. Since I always have them handy, it saves hunting around for sandpaper. — J.K.

DEAR POLLY — Before you start to shovel snow, spray your shovel with non-stick cooking spray. The snow won't stick to the shovel and will slide right off — saving time and effort! — GRACE

DEAR GRACE — A real backsaver for those of us who still have late-season blizzards coming up! Your helpful Pointer earns you the Pointer of the Week award, a copy of my book "Polly's Pointers: 1081 Helpful Hints for Making Everything Last Longer."

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DEAR POLLY — Here's the answer for perfect salad potatoes. Rinse and scrub potatoes. Cover them with cold water. Let come to a boil, then cover. Reduce heat to a slow simmer and cook for one hour. For salad, run cold water over them and let them cool for a few minutes. For other uses, drain while hot and prick with a fork. These are delicious hot with butter. — POTATO LOVER

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- 1 Author Ferber
- 5 Norse tales
- 9 Capital of Egypt
- 11 Flower part
- 12 Boring tool
- 13 Flattened
- 15 Army Transport Service (abbr.)
- 16 Item of clothing (colloq.)
- 18 Physicians' association (abbr.)
- 19 Besides
- 20 Birds _____ feather
- 21 Husband
- 22 Boredom
- 25 Musical interval
- 28 Explosive (abbr.)
- 30 Flightless bird
- 31 Airline information (abbr.)
- 32 Light brown
- 33 Charming
- 37 Hardwood tree
- 41 Tennis point
- 42 Needle (comb. form)
- 44 Boor
- 45 Price label
- 46 Insect
- 47 Time zone (abbr.)
- 48 Journey
- 51 Non-express trains
- 54 Useful
- 55 Common contraction
- 56 Half (pref.)
- 57 Cats and dogs

3 Zero

4 Exist

5 Play by _____

6 Place for unclaimed mail (abbr.)

7 Rotating machine

8 Woodchopper

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11 Something to smoke

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27 Marine fish

29 Capable of domestication

33 Electrical unit

34 Mythical aviator

35 Deny

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