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A quiz to pass boredom

Do you sit staring blankly at the television set, a cold sweat covering your body? Are you periodically overcome by dizziness? Do you feel like you have no purpose?

Well pro football fans, I have a solution for you between seasons blues. A football quiz that will carry you and your friends into next year's season.

Ye Old Bridge Grill in Westport, Conn., gives their customers a free drink if they can identify all 28 NFL teams by puns on their names.

Sports Illustrated ran a sample of the quiz in their Dec. 19-26, 1977, issue but their list was incomplete. But I obtained a complete list for all 28 teams with each clue identifies one of the teams.

So fans have at it and enjoy. And if by chance you get all 28 right, cheers!

The first two are done for you.

1. Soldier insects — New York Giants (GI-ants, right?)
2. Seven squared — San Francisco 49ers (49, get it?)
3. 747 —
4. Streakers are this —
5. Hostile attackers —
6. Varieties of iron —
7. Sun tanned bodies —
8. Indian brigade —
9. Louie Armstrong's favorite song —
10. IOUs —
11. Washington's Fisher goes wild —
12. Toy babies with fish arms —

13. Trained to hunt and kill —
14. Lubricators —
15. Rodeo horses —
16. Six shooters —
17. Six rulers —
18. Opposite of ewes —
19. Class of Boy Scouts —
20. American gauchos —
21. Fundamental rules —

22. Credit card users —
 23. Indian leaders —
 24. Loaders —
 25. King of beasts —
 26. Used to be girls —
 27. \$1 for corn —
 28. An ocean bird —
- Answers to run in Wednesday's paper.

Dick Nolan named New Orleans coach

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS, — Dick Nolan, former coach of the San Francisco 49ers today was named head coach of the New Orleans Saints, replacing Hank Stram, who was fired after winning seven games in two seasons.

Sources confirmed the hiring of Nolan less than an hour before a scheduled noon CST news conference.

Nolan had been considered the leading candidate for the job, although the Saints talked briefly with Don Coryell, coach of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Nolan, a linebacker coach with the Saints last year, began coaching in 1962 for Tom Landry and the Dallas Cowboys. He coached the 49ers for eight years, compiling a 54-53-5 record and leading San Francisco to three consecutive NFC Western Division championships.

Nolan became the fifth head coach in the Saints' 11-year history. Terms of his contract were not immediately available.

Stram, who came to New Orleans as the eighth winningest coach in NFL history, struggled through a 4-10 season in 1976. Then, despite a mercifully easy schedule, led the Saints to a 3-11 record in 1977.

Saints' owner John Mecom had recruited Stram and given the former Kansas City Chiefs coach a free hand in running the New Orleans franchise for two years. But the honeymoon ended last December when the Saints became the first NFL team to lose to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"This is a poorly coached team," Mecom said after the Tampa Bay game.

Mecom, however, refused to discuss the possibility Stram might be

fired and it appeared the coach and owner had made amends in early January. The announcement of Stram's dismissal Jan. 28 came as a surprise to most.

"Mr. Mecom just hasn't been happy with the progress in Hank's two years," said Harry Hulmes, a Saints' vice president. "We just didn't feel we were progressing to the point of being a contender."

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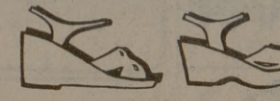



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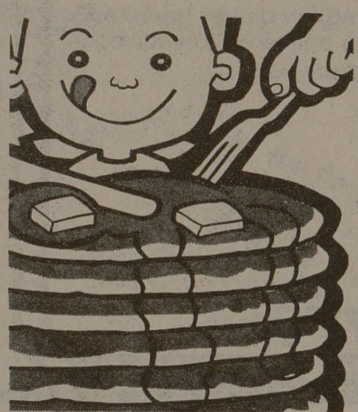
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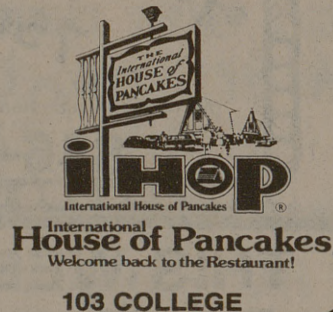
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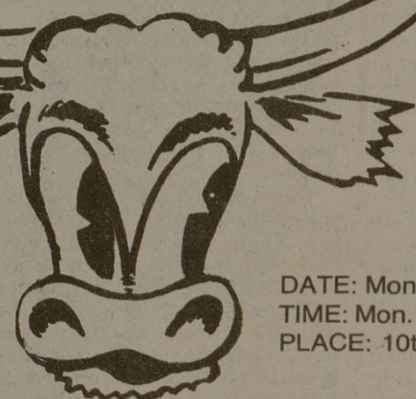
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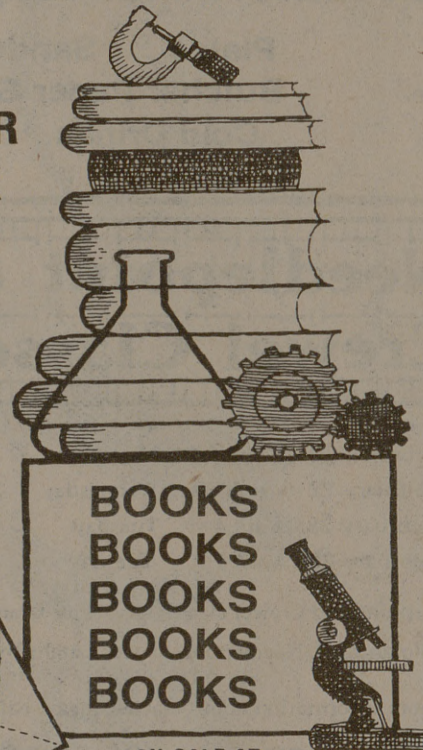


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