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Future location of plaque commemorating Military Walk

Class of '36 to give plaques in memory of Military Walk

By MARK VIGUET
Reporter

Memories of Texas A&M Corps of Cadets' past marches will be formally recognized on Nov. 24 when the Class of '36 dedicates two plaques commemorating Military Walk, an area used by former cadets to walk from their dorm to Sbsisa Dining Hall.

The old Military Walk was renovated in the mid 1960s into the pedestrian mall that runs between Rudder Tower and Sbsisa Dining Hall. The plaques will be placed at each end of the sidewalk.

"In order to picture Military Walk, you have to visualize the old campus," said Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, assistant vice president of student services and member of the Class of '36. Simpson was named by the class as one of the members to head the project.

"Every day just about all the outfits in the Corps would meet and

march from Guion Hall, where the Rudder complex is now, north across campus to Sbsisa Dining Hall," Simpson said. "This was done for every meal."

"The large concrete road that stretched from Guion to Sbsisa was known as Military Walk."

Graduation processions walking to Guion Hall were another fond memory of the "big swath of concrete," Simpson said.

"The Class of '36 felt it would be nice to do something for posterity to remember the walk — to remind people of it because it represents the fellowship and friendship of the Corps of Cadets and this whole university," he said.

Simpson said the walk was no longer used after Duncan Dining Hall and the current Corps dorm area was built in 1939.

Military Walk was the address for Gathright Hall, one of A&M's original buildings; Legett Hall; Ross

Hall; Old Main, replaced by the Academic Building; Foster Hall; Assembly Hall, replaced by Hart Hall; Guion Hall, replaced by Rudder Tower; Bizzell Hall; Goodwin Hall; the Coke Building; the YMCA Building; and Mitchell Hall, replaced by the Beutel Health Center.

The idea for remembrance markers was first suggested by the late W.H. "Bill" Taylor of College Station.

The marker project was officially adopted by the class in 1981 at its 45th reunion — when costs were estimated at \$6,000.

"The final cost of the project will be approximately \$13,000," Simpson said. "We managed to raise all of the money through individual donations from the class."

Landscaping for the plaques, located across Ross Street from Sbsisa Dining Hall and behind Rudder Tower, is included in the cost.

Baby Fae removed from life support, doing fine

United Press International

LOMA LINDA, Calif. — Tiny Baby Fae became the longest living survivor of an animal heart transplant Tuesday, and doctors said they were "elated" the infant with a baboon heart was breathing, eating and playing without the help of life support systems.

Five days after surgery, the 18-day-old baby's condition was upgraded to serious at Loma Linda University Medical Center, where she was breast fed for the first time Tuesday by her mother. The infant was taken off her respirator on Monday and, doctors said she played with her mother.

"I'm not only surprised, I'm elated," Dr. Ted Mackett, director of transplant services at the university, told a news conference. "I'm surprised in capital letters."

Dr. David Hinshaw, professor of surgery, said Baby Fae was nursing from her mother and was off all sup-

port systems.

Four adults have had heart transplant from a primate, but Baby Fae is the first infant. The longest living of the adults was a South African man who died 3 1/2 days after receiving the heart of a chimpanzee.

Despite the infant's remarkable progress, doctors said Baby Fae, who weighs about 5 pounds, still faces the danger of rejecting the heart or kidney failure caused by the drugs given her to help prevent organ rejection.

Refusing to speculate on how long the baboon's heart would last, Hinshaw said there was the "distinct possibility" that Baby Fae will need another heart at some point.

The historic cross-species transplant has drawn criticism from some who contend doctors should have searched for a human heart and animal rights advocates who contend it is cruel to use animals for medical

research.

In response to reporters' questions, the doctors said the baby was given a complete explanation of alternatives to a baboon heart transplant to correct the baby's hypertrophic left heart syndrome, such as corrective surgery or a human heart transplant.

The doctors said they did not discuss a human heart transplant because none was available.

Hinshaw said corrective surgery was offered as an alternative, but doctors did not think chances of success were good.

"The parents were given full disclosure and I believe concerning very balanced," Mackett said.

The doctors praised the decision of Dr. Leonard Bailey, who performed the surgery, and said he was "camped on the floor" by hour taking care of the infant.

Mother held in contempt of court

United Press International

SAN DIEGO — Betty Lou Batey was found guilty Tuesday of three counts of contempt of court for going underground with her son to keep him away from her homosexual ex-husband, the boy's legal custodian.

Batey, formerly of Aurora, Colo., is disputing the custody of her son, Brian, 13. Her former husband, Frank, of Palm Springs, Calif., is an avowed homosexual.

Superior Court Judge Judith McConnell, who tried Batey without a jury, ruled that her defense that

Brian faced imminent danger while in the care of his father had not been proven.

"I didn't feel that the defense of necessity was enough," McConnell said as Batey stared at the floor, one hand on her forehead. "The child was not in imminent danger. He was subject to frequent monitoring. There was no evidence he suffered any harm. Batey willfully disobeyed the court order."

In her defense, Batey testified that she took Brian because she feared he could be molested in the

home of his father.

McConnell found Batey guilty of three contempt charges. Batey must return the boy to his father and the boy out of southern California and failure to obtain court-ordered psychological counseling. Batey had been cleared earlier of a fourth contempt count.

She could receive a sentence of five days in jail and a \$1,000 fine each of the three counts. Sentencing was deferred until the custody case is resolved. Brian is in a foster home pending outcome of that case.

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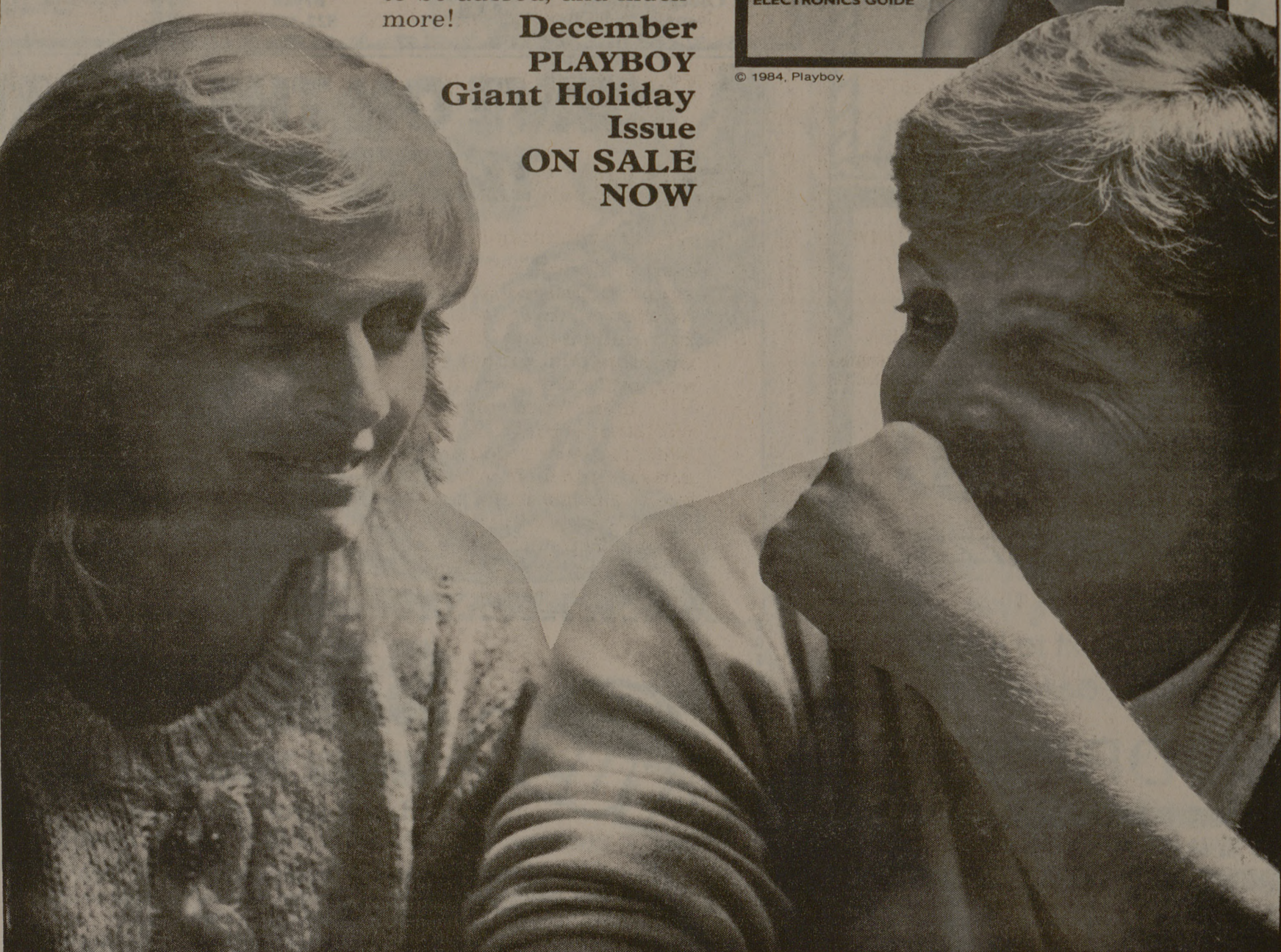
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