

# What's in a name? Just about everything

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What's in a name? I never gave it much thought until recently, in an editorial staff meeting, someone brought up the subject of nicknames.

How do people acquire nicknames, how do they relate. Oh, we probably all know persons named Bob, Lou, Sam or Billy. But do we know why they're called what they are?

Is it Bob for Robert, Lou for Louis, Sam for Samuel or Billy for William? Yes, you say-well, not the "Sam" I know, nor the Lou nor the Billie. No, indeed!

Sam, who bowls in the Imperiale League at Back Mountain Bowl in Dallas is really Joyce Wolfe, whose nickname has no relation to Samuel. It began when she met her husband, Larry, and some of his friends called Joyce "Witch". The name later changed to which is "Sam" short for Samantha, the TV witch, who twinkled her

nose, just as Joyce can do.

And Joyce's husband, Larry, was nicknamed "Lew" by members of his wife's family because Joyce and her three sisters all dated men named Larry. To avoid confusion, Joyce's Larry was called "LEW", a nickname derived of the initials of his first, middle and last name. Incidentally, two of the girls married their Larrys, the other two didn't make it.

Billy is not a William, not the one I know. Billy is "Billie" Elston, known to most everyone by that name as long as they have known her. Her legal name, not known to many, is Willda.

How many people know "Pooch" and "Little Pooch" Kozick? "Pooch" is Dallas Township Tax Collector Leonard Kozick and "Little Pooch" is his niece Arlene Kozick. Did you know, however, that Leonard was dubbed "Pooch" when he was high scorer on the Bloomsburg College basketball

team and Arlene was called "Little Pooch" when she achieved the same honor years later as a member of the College Misericordia cage team.

Dallas High School Coach Clarence Ozgo is probably not aware that we know his nickname is "Stretch", but the name is not surprising since his height confirms he did stretch at one time or other.

Who ever heard of "Barney Bander" — he is real. That's the name Mike Kozick was known as when he was an amateur boxer at the CYO. He boxed under the nickname so his mother would not know he was fighting.

"Skinny" Kozick was no stranger to residents of the Back Mountain a number of years ago since all of his friends knew "Skinny" was Danny Kozick.

The Wagner brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner, were Bob, Bill and Barry, but for years when they were younger they were called

"Tinker." Bill and "Henry" — to avoid confusion because of the capital "B's", according to Bill.

How many would guess the nickname The Dallas Post's own Jane Renn had while in school, but considering the younger generation, it makes sense that she was called "Byrd" — with a "Y" she emphasized. (Renn, or wren — get it?)

Most friends of "Pudgie" Gordon are not aware that her real name is Dorothea since her cousin, Rita Bulford, called her

"Pudgie" when she was born. Was she really a roly-poly baby?

Nicknames are common in the Elston family, so common that members of the family have no idea why their parents and sisters and brothers are known by their nicknames — names their friends and neighbors call them.

Their father, Ralph Elston bore the nickname "Rouser," their late mother, Agnes, was "Twister." The children were "Dot" (Dorothy), "Ike" (Gomer) probably because his middle name is Isaacs, a family

name; "Jiggs" (Marvin), "Sis" (Lana); "Chick" (Gene) and "Baldy" (Wayne) which didn't make sense since he had a head of thick red hair.

And why do most people call this reporter "Tooties" instead of Charlot? That's the name the doctor gave me when I was born. Later, when I was christened, my name was changed to Charlot, but it was already too late for that name to catch on.

So what's in a name — nothing and everything — for what it's worth!

## Road

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heard rumors. You always hear rumors. But nobody approached me. It was all political."

Machell, who resigned his position on Council two years ago to take the road superintendent job, is paid \$17,240 a year. He doesn't see the move as being very cost efficient.

"The town is going to suffer," Machell said. "They pay two other people on the road department about \$7,500 a year plus overtime. I don't get paid for overtime. I was out plowing the roads Tuesday night, but I wasn't paid extra for it. But the department is going to be hard to operate with just two guys. If one person gets sick, that leaves

all the burden on one guy."

If Machell's job is cut, a move that would take effect on January 1, Dan Parsons would be named foreman of the department.

Parsons, who has been with the borough for approximately 13 years, is paid \$7.50 per hour, while Don Chamberlain, who has been a member of the road department for two years, will receive \$6.50 an hour.

Shaffer said, however, there would be the possibility of hiring a part-time person to help out, if the need arose. He also said there might be a change in the current budget proposal if a bill before the State House of Representatives is passed. That bill would allow

the state's townships, cities and counties to split a projected \$132 million state budgetary surplus.

In order to meet next year's tentative budget of \$320,543, the Council members will also forfeit their collective salaries for serving on council. That amounts to \$2,520.

In other business, the Council: — Accepted, with regrets, the resignation of borough secretary Tom Bagley. Bagley, who has been with the borough for two years, cited "other commitments" as his reason for leaving.

— Reappointed Robert Dickinson to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority Board.

— Readvertised for sale of the borough diesel road grader.



### Celebration cake

John Miliuskas, director of the Lake-Lehman High School Band, prepares to cut a cake donated by the Lake-Lehman Band Parents. The band, which recently captured the Atlantic Coast 1986 championship, was treated to a party prior to the Dallas-Lake-Lehman football game. Here, Miliuskas and some of his band members prepare to feast.

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## Diets

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Rinse turkey inside and out, dry. Reserve giblets and neck for broth. Make stuffing: Mix bread cubes, green pepper, onion, chicken broth and spices; add orange peel and orange juice. Spoon stuffing into cavity of turkey, close openings with skewers. Place turkey, breast side up, on a rack in shallow pan. Insert meat thermometer in thickest part of thigh. Roast turkey uncovered at 325 degrees for about one hour. For glaze combine 2 T. melted butter or margarine, 2 T. orange juice and 2 T. honey. Brush turkey several times with glaze and pan drippings and roast for another two hours until thermometer reaches 180 degrees. When done, remove, keep warm. Slice and serve.

### MAPLE GLAZED SWEET POTATOES

½ c. butter or margarine  
4 16-oz. cans sweet potatoes, drained, or 4 lbs. fresh sweet potatoes, peeled and cooked in water to cover until tender.  
½ c. maple-flavored pancake syrup  
1 c. sunflower nuts

Place butter in baking dish and place in oven to melt as oven preheats. Prepare potatoes, leaving whole if small or cut into chunks if large. Turn potatoes in melted butter in baking dish until coated on all sides. Drizzle syrup evenly over potatoes, sprinkle with sunflower nuts. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until heated through. Transfer to serving dish and garnish with parsley.

### PUMPKIN-LEMON CREAM PIE

2 eggs, slightly beaten  
1 16-oz. can pumpkin  
2/3 c. sugar  
1 t. cinnamon  
½ t. salt  
½ t. ginger  
1 1/3 c. half & half  
1 9-inch pie shell  
1 c. sour cream  
2 T. brown sugar  
1 T. lemon juice  
Grated peel 1 lemon  
¼ c. chopped pecans

Mix first seven ingredients together and pour into pie shell. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees, continue baking about 45 minutes or until inserted knife comes out clean. Cool 20 minutes. Blend together sour cream, brown sugar, lemon juice and lemon peel. Spread sour cream mixture evenly over the pie. Bake 10 minutes more.

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