

Consumers catching on to ATM game, but surcharges still rising

WASHINGTON (AP) — ATM charges are continuing to rise even though consumers are getting wise and shifting to their own banks' machines to avoid being charged twice, new studies show.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, seized upon the new surveys Wednesday in promising a Senate vote this year on legislation to ban double charges on ATM transactions.

day after he attended a rally of thousands of credit union members from around the country.

ATM "double-charging continues to spread like a plague across the country," he said at a packed hearing of the banking panel.

Surcharges paid to the bank operating an automated teller machine come on top of fees many customers pay their own bank when they use another bank's machine.

impose them, according to a new study by congressional investigators.

But another report, by the Congressional Budget Office, found that consumers have responded to ATM surcharges by using their own banks' terminals, thereby "blunting the effects of high ATM fees."

D'Amato's surcharge-ban bill, insisting that ATM fees are clearly disclosed and consumers enjoy having the 24-hour convenience. Some small banks, however, say the surcharges put smaller banks and credit unions at a disadvantage to big institutions because customers are driven to switch their accounts to a bigger bank rather than pay surcharges for using its ATM.

D'Amato has denounced ATM surcharges before — even threatening ATM networks with subpoenas in June 1997 if they didn't provide data on transaction costs.

All but two of the bill's co-sponsors are Democrats, and D'Amato has run into opposition from fellow Republicans on the banking panel. Some of them, such as Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., have argued that the measure would constitute price-setting and intrusion in the marketplace by the federal government.

That view was echoed Wednesday by the American Bankers Association, the industry's biggest lobbying group. "Price controls have no place in a free-market economy,"

Richard E. Bolton Jr., president and CEO of Charter Bank of Waltham, Mass., said in testimony prepared for the hearing on behalf of the ABA.

Bolton warned that a surcharge ban could lead banks to shut down thousands of ATMs.

The Republican opponents also say the issue touches on states' rights because several states have enacted laws or issued regulations allowing ATM surcharges.

Two states have banned surcharges: Connecticut and Iowa.

Abortion bill falls short of veto-proof majority

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans displayed their commitment to the conservative activists so vital to the party's power base by voting to restrict abortions by underage girls.

But the 276-150 vote Wednesday fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto promised by the White House unless certain changes are made to the bill.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he wants the Senate to pass and send the measure to President Clinton before Congress adjourns for the year in October.

The Senate Judiciary Committee was expected to vote on the bill today.

"This legislation is about one thing and one thing only — protecting the rights of parents from being stripped of their children," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., the House sponsor.

The bill would make it a federal misdemeanor for someone other than a parent or legal guardian to circumvent parental consent or notification laws in the girl's home state by taking her for an abortion to a state that imposes no restrictions minors seeking the procedure.

Sixty-seven Democrats and 209 Republicans voted for the bill.

Voting against it were 135 Democrats and 14 Republicans.

Sponsors said it would protect the rights of parents, the health of young girls and ensure compliance with parental involvement laws enacted by more than 30 states.

Critics argued that it would force some teens to seek unsafe abortions as they face the difficult decision of whether to end an unwanted pregnancy without the support of a comforting adult.

"They'll have their abortions later because they'll delay the decision and we will have accomplished nothing," argued Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., who voted against the bill.

Opponents also said well-meaning relatives and friends would be unfairly subjected to fines and a year in jail for helping a minor get an out-of-state abortion.

The White House supports the bill's intent, but insists that Congress exempt close family members from penalties.

House Republicans, however, blocked all amendments to the bill.

Legal custodians would be exempt, and neither the minor nor the parent may be prosecuted or sued under the proposal, which said nothing about how it would be enforced.

Reno, Hatch spar over Lewinsky and campaign fund-raising tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is defiantly defending her decisions in two investigations, telling Republicans they can't pressure her on probes into President Clinton's sex life or his tactics in raising campaign money.

Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee grilled Reno for four hours Wednesday on the Justice Department's appeals of court decisions favoring special prosecutor Kenneth Starr and her refusal to appoint an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund raising.

Sen. Fred Thompson confronted Reno with information about a still-undisclosed 27-page memo by FBI Director Louis Freeh which concludes that an independent counsel should be appointed to investigate campaign fund-raising in the 1996 election.

Describing an oral briefing he received from the FBI describing Freeh's position, Thompson, R-Tenn., said he was told the thrust of the memo is that "it is difficult to imagine a more compelling situation for appointing an independent counsel" because "the Department of Justice" is "investigating the president and vice president," Reno's superiors.

Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch said Reno's department in recent days had "concocted" another way to protect Clinton by insisting that Starr cannot compel testimony from Secret Service agents regarding contacts between the president and one-time White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

In contrast to her rocky relationships with man, GOP lawmakers, Reno and Hatch, R-Utah, have been relatively cordial to each other over her five years in Washington.

But as he read from newspaper editorials calling for her to seek a new special prosecutor to investigate fund-raising abuses in the 1992 and 1996 elections, she bristled.

"I'm going to always listen to you, but not when you wave editorials at me," Reno interrupted him. "I don't do things based on editorials. I don't do things based on pressure; I do things based on the evidence and the law."

Taken aback, Hatch advised everyone in the room to "chill." But the controversy over Reno's role in investigations surrounding Clinton remains red-hot. A special Justice Department-FBI task force for the past year and a half has been investigating campaign money abuses.

UAW, GM strike issue headed to arbitration

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — The labor troubles at General Motors Corp. are growing as the automaker and the United Auto Workers prepare for a hearing with an arbitrator over the legality of two devastating strikes.

Workers at GM's Saturn plant in Tennessee, long portrayed as a model of union-management cooperation, because of its unconventional UAW contract, will vote Sunday on whether to give union leaders permission to call a strike.

The dispute there is largely over worker bonuses. But it has

been exacerbated by GM's use of Japanese spark plugs in Saturn engines since one of the two Flint strikes cut off the supply of GM plugs last month.

And at GM's engine plant in Romulus, outside Detroit, workers disrupted production Wednesday to protest the use of the Japanese NGK plugs there. The Romulus plant makes engines for GM's new generation of full-size pickups.

"I think it's a total disservice to all of America for General Motors to be using Japanese spark plugs in their products," UAW Vice President Richard

Shoemaker said. "Again, I think it lends validity to what we've been saying all along, that they have an 'America last' strategy."

The strikes have cost the world's No. 1 automaker at least \$1.2 billion. They have idled 25 assembly plants and more than 100 parts plants across North America, as well as nearly 179,000 workers.

High-level negotiations to end the strikes resumed Wednesday for the first time since GM's top negotiator walked away from the table Sunday. They were to continue today. Shoemaker said

there had been little progress.

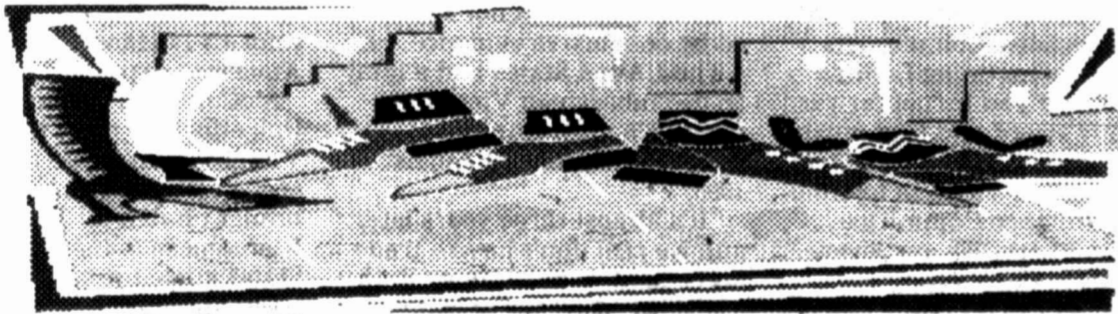
Appearing in court Wednesday, UAW lawyers agreed to let an independent arbitrator decide whether the strikes are legal under the UAW-GM national contract.

U.S. District Judge Paul Gadola asked both sides to set a date with the arbitrator as soon as possible. He asked the lawyers to return Tuesday to update him on their progress.

GM lawyers have said that if the arbitrator rules the strikes illegal, the company likely will seek monetary damages and an order forcing the 9,200 Flint strikers back to work.

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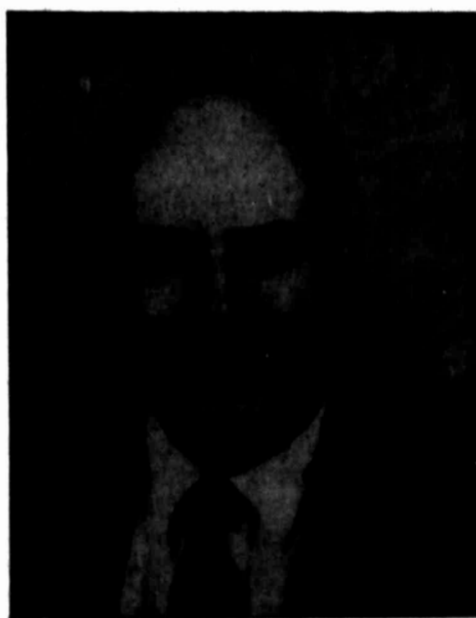
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Mother to mother
WIC breastfeeding program will offer peer assistance

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

In a new program at the local Texas Department of Health office, five local women have been trained to assist their peers with breastfeeding questions and problems.

The five women, who graduated Wednesday from a three-day training, will be available to counsel new mothers who qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC).

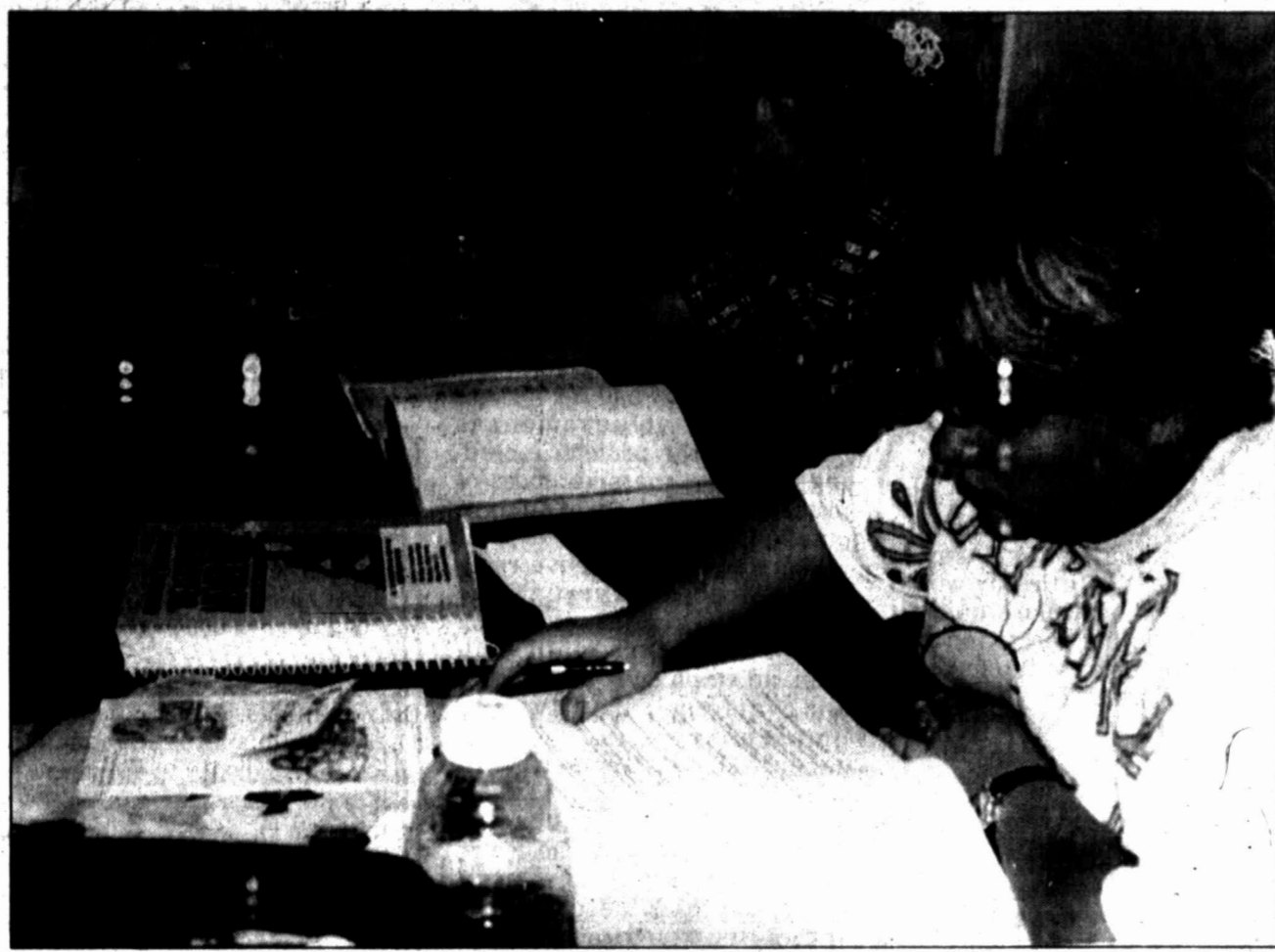
"This is fantastic," said TDH Regional Nutritionist Chester L. Bryant, of El Paso, who was in Big Spring this week to coordinate the training. "We're very happy with the level of interest."

Bryant said the five "breastfeeding peer counselors" will work closely with the region's lactation consultant. A counselor will be assigned to each WIC mother during her pregnancy to discuss breastfeeding. After the birth, the counselor can assist the mother with any problems she may encounter in breastfeeding.

In classes Tuesday, the counselors-in-training, all mothers themselves, were discussing such issues as cultural differences, communication skills and medical facts about breastfeeding.

"One of the unique things about the peer counseling program is the mothers are part of the cultural and socioeconomic group of the moms they are working with," said instructor Debbie Wells, lactation consultant for the region.

Barriers that prevent some women from choosing breastfeeding, Wells said, include lack of confidence, embarrassment, fear of loss of freedom and health and diet concerns. "It's up to the counselor to



Lisa Pearson, left, and Karla Cervantez look at information Tuesday during training to become breastfeeding peer counselors.

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find out what her barriers are and help her find way to address them," Wells said.

Counselors-in-training used brochures, books, videos and models during the classes. They discussed medical issues such as HIV, and found out where to go for more information when they need it.

"When you leave here, you are not expected to know everything," Wells told them. "But you will know many of your resources, and ways to find out answers."

Encouraging breastfeeding as the first, and best, choice for a baby is the program's goal.

"The counselor will be there to encourage the mother," Bryant explained. Counselors will see new mothers in the clinic, talk with them on the phone, meet with them at the hospital after delivery and even at their homes.

Funding is available only for the short-term at present, but is hoped to be extended if the program is a success. Training for peer counselors is now going

on all over the area.

"Our success will be determined by how much we are able to do between now and Sept. 30 to reflect enhanced interest in breastfeeding," Bryant said.

But there is another valuable element to the program, as Bryant pointed out to students in one session.

"What's the most important thing you're there for, for the mothers?" he asked the class. Lisa Pearson answered quickly: "Listening."

Compliant child has special needs

QUESTION: What are the special needs of a compliant kid—one that goes along to get along? Does he have any special needs?

DR. DOBSON: That's a great question, and the answer is yes. When one child is a stick of dynamite and the other is an all-star sweetheart, the cooperative, gentle individual can easily be taken for granted.

If there's an unpleasant job to be done, he may be expected to do it because Mom and Dad just don't have the energy to fight with the tiger. When it is necessary for one child to sacrifice or do without, there's a tendency to pick the one who won't complain as loudly. Under these circumstances, the compliant boy or girl comes out on the short end of the stick.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

The consequences of such inequity should be obvious. The responsible child often becomes angry over time. He has a sense of powerlessness and resentment that simmers below the surface. He's like the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son told by Jesus. He didn't rebel against his father. He stayed behind and ran the farm while his irresponsible brother squandered his money on fun and games. Who could blame him for resenting little bro? His response is typical of the compliant, hard-working sibling.

parents seek to balance the scales in dealing with the compliant child. Make sure he gets his fair share of parental attention. Help him find ways to cope with his overbearing sibling. And, within reason, give him the right to make his own decisions.

There's nothing simple about raising kids, is there? Even the "easiest" of them needs our very best effort.

QUESTION: You have recommended for many years that parents take their teens away from home for what you called a "Preparing for Adolescence" weekend, during which they talk about the physical and emotional changes about to occur. I'm interested in your comment that kids want this information before they become teenagers, but they won't talk about it after puberty. Do their attitudes really change that much overnight?

DR. DOBSON: As a matter of fact, they do. A study of 1,023 children between 10 and 13 showed that the number who felt uncomfortable talking to their parents about sexuality nearly doubled after puberty occurred. Prior to that, they were very open to instruction and guidance at home. Ninety-three percent of those aged 10 to 12 felt loved by their parents "all the time," says Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a psychiatrist at Harvard University. He said: "I think parents may be surprised that children of this age are saying, 'We want to be close to you. We need you and we're still afraid. We need the sense of safety and security that you supply.'"

The study showed, however, See DOBSON, Page 6A

ODDS-N-ENDS

SOMERSET, Mass. (AP) — It wasn't the size of Texas, but the icy blue chunk of stuff that crashed through Donna and Anthony Perry's garage did make a deep impact.

"We thought a car had hit the house," Mrs. Perry said. It wasn't a car. Or an asteroid. It was sewage.

The human waste seems to have come from a leaky holding tank on a passing airplane, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

"It's referred to as blue ice," FAA spokesman Jim Peters said Wednesday. "It usually has something to do with the lavatory disposal system."

Ice chunks form when sewage — tinted blue by toilet cleaner — leaks onto the fuselage of a plane and freezes in the cold high-altitude temperatures. When the plane descends, the ice falls off.

The Perry's saved some of the ice in the freezer for insurance purposes. But they don't know whom to make the claim against.

Peters said the FAA is investigating the incident but said officials may never know which plane dropped the ice.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Cities with an itch for recognition probably aren't happy about being on this Top 10 list — especially Nashville.

It's been named the itchiest city in June.

Knoxville, Tenn., was second, followed by Asheville, N.C.; Evansville, Ind.; Cincinnati; Greensboro, N.C.; Paducah, Ky.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dayton, Ohio; and Charlotte, N.C.

Brian Todd, spokesman for the Nashville's health department, knows from experience — he's suffering from poison ivy that he suspects he got while pulling weeds at home.

Cub Scout Day Camp, July 7-10 at Hughes Aquatics Base, Lake Colorado City, included Scouts from Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma, Colorado City and Snyder for four days of activities along a wild west theme. Shown here are, from left, Ryan Fish of Big Spring, Kingslee King of Westbrook, and another unidentified Scout. Activities for the week included archery, games, waterfront, arts and crafts, fishing and flag etiquette. Special events included visits from a cowboy storyteller, and a working cowboy, along with a farrier.



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Elementary schools in Kentucky base curriculum on brain research

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — All children in Daviess County's elementary schools got piano lessons this year. The idea was to build up brains, not strictly to make music.

For the same reason, students began learning to play chess and were regularly exposed to the visual and performing arts. Kindergarten children were taught their ABC's, as one would expect — but in Spanish

as well as English.

Everything was calculated to increase neuron connections — literal pathways in the brain — for learning and remembering.

"We're not trying to produce 10,000 musicians. We're not trying to produce 10,000 foreign linguists. We're trying to make connections," school superintendent Stuart M. Silberman said.

Daviess County based its elementary curriculum on research showing that each activity enhances brain development in childhood, the only stage of life at which some kinds of learning can happen. It apparently is among a handful of districts in the nation doing so.

For piano classes, there are new music labs with Yamaha keyboards in each of the district's 12 elementary schools.

Instruction in a foreign language begins in kindergarten. There are artists in residence.

"It's a physiological project with a commonsense approach. We know it's going to have a major impact on achievement and capacity to learn," Silberman said.

The project, named Graduation 2010, was born in a brainstorming session two years ago, when Silberman and other administrators floated ideas about how to increase student achievement.

Some in the group delved into brain research and came up with concepts. The county school board signed on. Two hundred people later came to a town meeting, at which committees were formed to turn the concepts into action plans. Corporate sponsors and a local charity, the Hager Foundation,

agreed to help underwrite it.

The project covers all elementary grades, which enroll 4,200 of the district's 10,000 students. But the kindergarten children of the school year just completed, the high school class of 2010, are the center of attention.

A Western Kentucky University research team plans to study them for the next 12 years. It will look for ways in See BRAIN, Page 6A

COMMUNITY NEWS

Going back to school means homework for the Salvation Army, as employees prepare for the annual school supply drive for local needy children. Families who want to apply for help with school supplies need to submit their applications July 20-24. The Salvation Army is requesting donations for the school supply drive in either cash contributions or new supplies, such as pens, pencils, crayons, markers, glue, scissors, rulers, map colors, pocket folders, notebook paper, writing tablets, tissue and water colors. Also, students will need back packs, nap mats or towels, school boxes, index cards and red pens or pencils. Donations may be taken to the Salvation Army offices, 811 W. Fifth, or call 267-8239.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Driving for seniors

"55 Alive Mature Driving Class" will be July 28-29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 263-1491 to preregister or to ask questions.

Forsan reunion slated

Forsan All-Class Reunion will be Saturday, Aug. 1, at 9 a.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957 or Leon Calley at (713)466-5083 or (713)853-4613.

THE LAST WORD

The only menace is inertia. St. John Perse

Make yourself necessary to somebody. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Only the person who has faith in himself is able to be faithful to others. Erich Fromm

As the crow flies, it speaks, too

By ANTHONY CHILDRESS

The Jonesboro Sun
POCAHONTAS, Ark. — Some 24 years ago, Cona and Trumann Davis did something that many regarded as being unconventional in choosing a pet. They decided to bring home a baby field crow that was barely alive and needed some tender loving care. But what they did not know is the feeble creature, nicknamed Luke, was laden with a gift far beyond what would normally be expected of a crow.

The Davises had learned from her mother that a trio of baby crows had been threatened when a timber industry worker cut down a tree where their nest had been near her home. "Two of them didn't survive, so I took the one that did home, not knowing how or what to do in caring for a crow," she said. A call was then placed to a local veterinarian who provided basic information about diet and care.

Having surpassed the life expectancy of crows by more than four years (most living in the wild grow to be between 17 and 21), Luke has been gifted with the unique ability to speak in clear, concise sentences. Previously unaware of the animal's ability to speak, it took Mrs. Davis completely by

surprise when, at the tender age of three months, Luke made his presence known by repeating a line she used each day when venturing out to feed him.

"I remember going to the back yard to see him and I would always say, 'Hi, Luke,' which is not unusual for me to talk to any pet. But when he responded with those same words, it really surprised me. So I told everyone about it and they were very skeptical," she recalled.

One reason for the disbelief stemmed from the fact that he did not speak again for another three months. But his proud owner was convinced it was merely the beginning.

As time passed, Luke began to incorporate more words into his vocabulary and managed to complete a sentence. Mrs. Davis said that he would look for her throughout the day and then pose a question when she returned.

"It really tickled me one day when I came home and he said, 'Where did you go?' I don't have a clue as to where he got that from, but it sure was funny. Now he says it all the time," she explained.

The family has actually grown with their famed pet. Luke is older than any of Mrs.

Davis' three daughters, something she did not expect when taking him home all those years ago.

"My kids keep thinking we're going to lose him and I must admit that thought has crossed my mind, especially with him being 24 now," she said. But he appears to be in top physical shape and has shown no signs of slowing down or aging. She estimates his current weight to be 2 1/2-pounds.

While visiting the Davis home it is not unusual to hear him speak of a boy named "Michael" who lived next to them several years ago. When the child's mother would look for him outside during summertime, she called out his name. Apparently Luke was listening more closely than the boy, because he adapted the exchange between mother and son.

"I remember her going outside to call out for him. She would say his name, then wait for him to call back. Almost every time, the little boy would say, 'What?', so Luke would sit out there on his perch and yell Michael's name, wait a few seconds and say exactly what the boy did. He still does to this day," she said. "Maybe he wishes Michael still lived next to us. I think he misses him."

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that attitudes changed dramatically when the children reached the eighth-grade. Those who had been open to advice the year before were suddenly unwilling to talk to their parents. The window of accessibility had closed. The moral to the story? Invest a little time in the months before puberty to get your children ready for the stresses of adolescence. The effort will pay big dividends.

QUESTION: What advice would you give parents who recognize a tendency within themselves to abuse their kids? Maybe they're afraid they'll get carried away when spanking a disobedient child. Do you think they should avoid corporal punishment as a form of discipline?

DR. DOBSON: That's exactly what I think. Anyone who has ever abused a child -- or has ever felt himself or herself losing control during a spanking -- should not expose the child to that tragedy. Anyone who has a violent temper that at times becomes unmanageable should not use that approach. Anyone who secretly "enjoys" the administration of corporal punishment should not be the one to implement it. And, grandparents probably should not spank their grandkids unless the parents have given them permission to do so.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James

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which their achievement is affected by the project, including its early, massive doses of music, art and foreign language.

There also is intensive reading instruction through the first three grades, in-depth health screenings of all children, an emphasis on nutrition and various initiatives to increase community and parental involvement in schools.

Gayle Ecton, an education professor who heads the team, said effects might be seen in scores on state assessments and college entrance exams and in the percentage of students applying for college.

Pat Ashley, principal of Deer Park Elementary School, said nothing was dropped from the traditional curriculum. It was only enhanced by adapting medical research to teaching.

"We are trying to drag education into the world of psychological research, but it is a slow crawl."

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Teen moms learn life lessons at camp

SWEETWATER (AP) — Finding out she was pregnant was the scariest moment of Julie's life, all 14 years of it.

How would she care for her little girl? Could she really do it? Would her baby be better off with adopted parents?

Her questions were answered and her fears calmed after a weeklong session at "Teen Mom Camp."

Held in the hot, dusty backwoods of West Texas, the gathering at Camp Booth Oaks, about 20 miles south of Sweetwater, has been helping young mothers for nine years. Julie (not her real name) was among the latest group of teens who learned how to calm their babies before bedtime, how to make diapers when they can't afford them and how to set a balanced meal plan.

"Sometimes life just keeps backing you down, backing you down until you feel you just can't get a grip anymore," said camp director Pam "Dusty" Caudill. "This camp is about giving teen moms a fighting chance."

Although teen pregnancy rates are dropping across the state and nation, the trend is reversed in West Texas. Of the 10 counties with the highest rates, seven are from West Texas and six of them had higher rates than the previous year, according to the most recent figures from the state.

Most camp attendees come from the region because they're the ones most likely to have heard about it. Camp representatives speak in schools and to youth groups throughout the region, even though all girls are welcomed.

Raising a child can be very expensive, but attending the camp isn't -- it's free thanks to donations. The Girl Scouts of America provide the camp site and pays for all meals, staffers are volunteers and grants from the state cover all other costs.

Between 10 and 20 new moms

attended each of this year's two sessions, both of which were held last month.

As always, Ms. Caudill opened each with a meeting about goal-setting, then began assessing potential attitude problems.

"Some of these girls are tough -- really tough," said Ms. Caudill, who is her 22nd year of working with young mothers. "Many of them are skeptical and think they're going to be judged. They've had tough lives and they want to make sure everyone knows they're not going to give up too much control."

Some attendees are pregnant while others, including Julie, already have had their babies. The camp provides day care for those children while their mothers go through a week of rigorous courses aimed at building self-esteem and teaching child-rearing lessons.

"No one had ever told me about what to feed my baby," Julie said. "I never knew it was so complicated. I've already seen my baby start to change."

Ms. Caudill said the often overwhelming task of parenting becomes less daunting once the teens understand the basics.

"We try not to make it just like school, but basically we meet and they sit and listen and ask questions when they have them," Ms. Caudill said. "It doesn't take long before they realize that listening will help them with their everyday life. No one likes to sit up with a crying baby all night."

But, every year, Ms. Caudill says there are mothers who refuse to get with the program. Two dropped out after the first day this year.

"I guess they realized there was no supermarket and no fast food and decided they weren't going to have it," Ms. Caudill said. "That is disappointing, but calling you back, giving you the courage to get

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Cleveland's Colon outdueled by idol in Boston's 1-0 win

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FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 16:

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 86 degrees; black bass to 3.3 pounds are fair on Nichols Pulsator spinner bait (white with gold blades) fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 25 to 30 feet of water. White bass are slow to fair on chrome Rat-L-Trap and Snapper Zappers fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 5 pounds are good on cut shad. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch and goldfish set in the rivers.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 86 degrees; 3' low; black bass are fair very early on crankbaits and worms fished off main lake points. Crappie fair to good at night on minnows over baited holes. White bass are slow. Strippers to 5 pounds are slow on live shad and jigs trolled in 70 feet of water by the dam. Channel and blue catfish are slow on bloodbaits and chicken liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 86 degrees; black bass are slow. Crappie are good on live minnows fished in 6 to 8 feet of water. Striped bass are good on live bait fished in 12 to 16 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut shad fished in 25 to 28 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 89 degrees; black bass to 11.2 pounds are very good on topwaters and buzzbait fished in the shallows. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 6 pounds are good on stinkbait fished in 3 to 8 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water fairly clear; 87 degrees; black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. White bass are occasional. Channel and blue catfish are slow on chicken liver and cut shad fished in 15 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 86 degrees; black bass to 6' pounds are good on spinnerbaits and Carolina-rigged worms fished in 3 to 4 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the derrick in 14 feet of water. White bass are good on Roadrunners fished around the dam in 6 feet of water. Fish are schooling. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are fair on chicken livers fished in 12 to 14 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 24 pounds are slow to fair on trotlines baited with goldfish set in 14 to 16 feet of water.

FT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 80 degrees; black bass are good on spinnerbaits fished in 12 to 16 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 12 feet of water. White bass are slow on spoons fished in 12 to 16 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are good on chicken livers and shrimp fished in 12 to 14 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 5 pounds are very good on stinkbait and shrimp fished in 6 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on live shad and perch fished in 8 to 12 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 85 degrees; black bass to 3 pounds are fair on buzzbaits and plastic worms fished early and late in the shallows. Crappie are fair on live minnows fished under the bridge and around boat docks in 20 to 25 feet of water. White bass are good on anything shiny. Fish are schooling. Channel and blue catfish to 3.5 pounds are good on cutbait fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch fished in 25 feet of water.

KEMP: Water murky; 82 degrees; black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows fished in the shallows.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water fairly clear; 84 degrees; black bass to 6.5 pounds are fair on Fat Free Shad (fire tiger) fished in deep water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 15 feet of water. White bass to 2 pounds are good on crappie minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow to fair on chicken livers and night crawlers. Yellow catfish are fair to good on perch, shrimp and shad fished before noon in the river.

O.H. IVIE: Water fairly clear; 86 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are good on 4 to 7 inch green plastic worms and spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 35 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and slabs fished at night in 30 to 35 feet of water. White bass are slow to fair on anything shiny. Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch and shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 84 degrees; black bass are fair early on topwaters and buzzbaits. Crappie are slow to fair late in the day near the back of the coves. White bass are excellent at night under lights on minnows and jigs fished in 20 feet of water. Strippers are excellent on live shad fished in 25 to 36 feet of water late in the evening. Smallmouth bass are fair on Pop R's. Channel catfish are fair on perch and minnows fished on the bottom. Blue catfish are fair on cut bait fished in the river channel bottom. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

SPENCE: Water murky; 91 degrees; black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps fished off the bank. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 3 to 4 feet on water. Striped bass to 6 pounds are very good early and late on topwaters. White bass are good on topwaters and anything shiny. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut bait fished north of the dam by Smokey Point in 15 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on live perch fished in 35 to 70 feet of water by the dam.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 84 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps and white spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 7 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 15 to 18 feet of water. White bass are slow on slabs and Lil' George's fished in 1 to 4 feet of water. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut shad using jug and trotlines set in 18 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 35 pounds are good on goldfish.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 80 degrees; black bass to 7.5 pounds are good on spinnerbaits fished in 10 to 16 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 feet of water. Walleye to 5 pounds are slow. Blue and channel catfish to 3 pounds are good on worms. Yellow catfish are slow.

Especially for kids and their families
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By **BETTY DEBNAM**

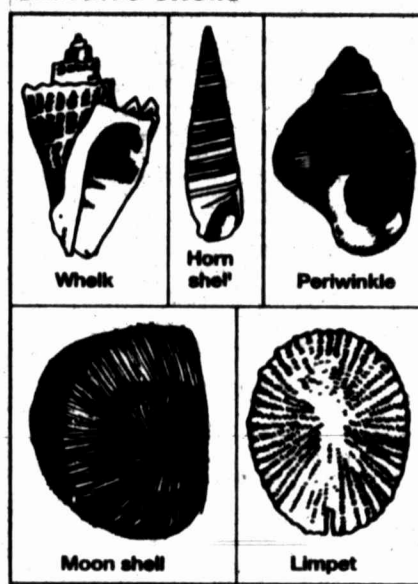
A Beachcomber's Guide
Meet the Mollusk

Mollusks with one shell
Most of the mollusks are the types that have one spiral shell. They are also called "univalves."



This type has:
A. a siphon that takes in and lets out water.
B. two tentacles.
C. a broad foot that helps it move and stick to things.

Univalve shells



Looking for shells is fun

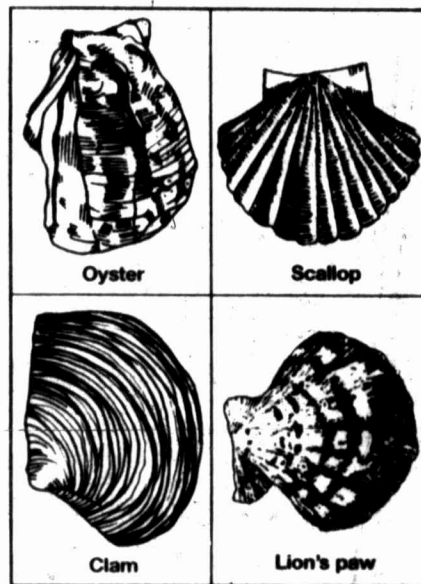
Many of the shells you collect at the beach are empty homes. Most of these empty homes are made by creatures that are members of a special group or animal family called mollusks. There are about 120,000 different kinds. Mollusks have soft bodies. They must keep their bodies moist or they will die. Most mollusks make shells. Mollusks live just about everywhere. Some live on land. Some live in deserts or mountains. Some live in freshwater. The ones we collect at the beach live in saltwater.

Mollusks with two shells
Some have two shells that are hinged together. These are the types we usually eat. They are also called "bivalves."



This mollusk has:
A. a foot to dig with.
B. tiny threads made by a gland in its foot that help it hold on to things.

Bivalve shells



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- 2 cups lettuce, shredded
- 1 1/2-ounce can peas, drained
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 2 tablespoons Italian salad dressing
- 1 8-ounce can shrimp, drained

What to do:

1. Place lettuce in a large bowl. Layer remaining ingredients.
2. Pour dressing evenly on top.

Serves 3.

SEA CREATURES

Words that remind us of sea creatures are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: MOLLUSK, BIVALVES, SQUID, CHITONS, COLOR, CLAMS, OYSTERS, SCALLOPS, WHELK, PEARLS, SNAILS, FOOT, MUSSELS, CONCH, SHELLFISH, DIG, OCTOPIUS, UNIVALVES.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are collecting seashells. See if you can find:

- whale
- bowl
- man's face
- snake
- word MINI
- elephant's head
- tooth
- caterpillar
- bell
- peanut
- heart
- number 8

A Kid's Guide to Mollusks

Mini Spy is going shell collecting. Here is what she is wearing and carrying. (She always wears sunscreen lotion.)

1. Sneakers.
2. A hat to protect her from the sun.
3. A shovel for digging.
4. A net bag for big shells. (She wants to keep her big and small shells separated so they won't get broken.)
5. A bucket for small shells.
6. A shell book.

Can you put the number by the item?

Chitons

These oval-shaped animals have shells made of eight plates. They usually fasten themselves to a rock with one large foot. They will roll up in a ball if made to let go.

Tusk shells

Tusk shells (or tooth shells, as they are sometimes called) have an opening at both ends. Their foot sticks out from the wider end and digs for food. The other end sticks up in the water and passes water in and out.

Making the shells

The shells are made by a skin-like part of the animals called the mantle. The tiny tubes in the mantle quickly build and repair shells. Some mantles have dyes that give the shell color. Roman nobles wore purple robes dyed with mollusk shells.

Oysters

If you were to find pearl in an oyster you are eating, it is probably of little value. The valuable pearls come from special pearl oysters that grow in the South Pacific. Real pearls are formed when something like a grain of sand gets inside

An oyster creates a special juice that begins to cover the grain, layer after layer. Oysters do not move around. When they are very young, they cement themselves to rocks and stay there for the rest of their lives.

There are more mollusks than any other water animal.

Worm shell Horn shell Olive Tulp Junonia Turret shell Paper nautilus Surf clam Queen helmet

To do: Play a memory game. Cover up the names of these shells. See how many you can remember.

Look through your newspaper for things that you might see or take to the beach.

Next week: Learn all about water safety down at the shore. The Mini Page thanks Bob Patton, North Carolina Aquarium, for help with this issue.

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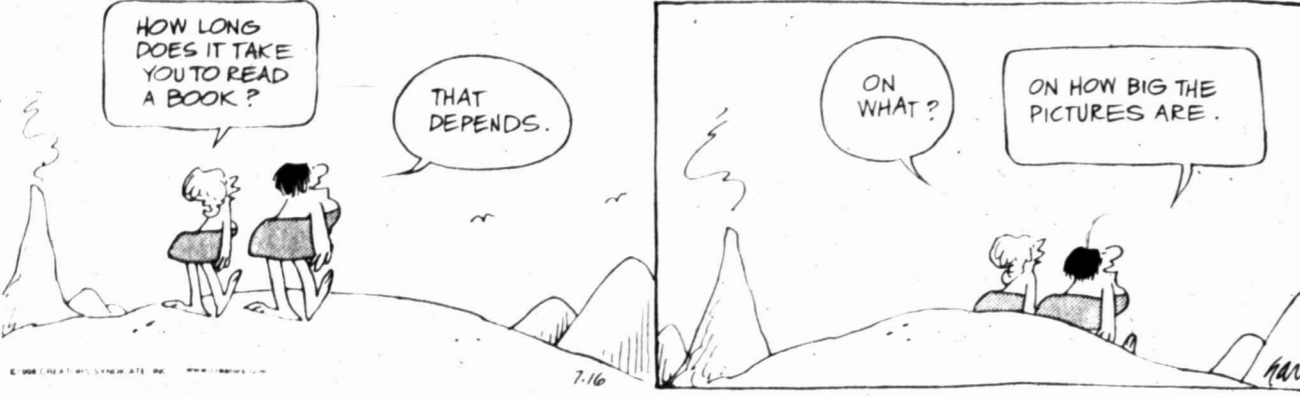
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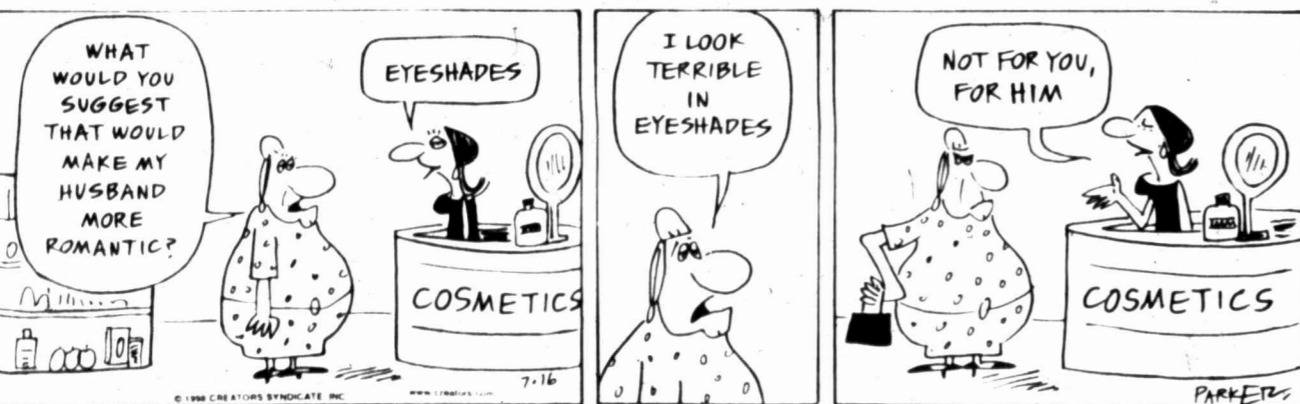
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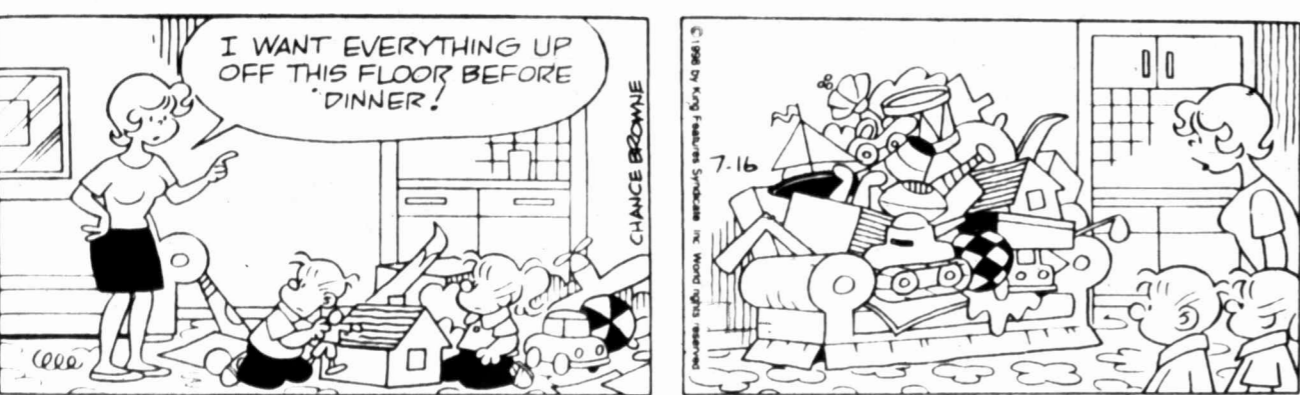
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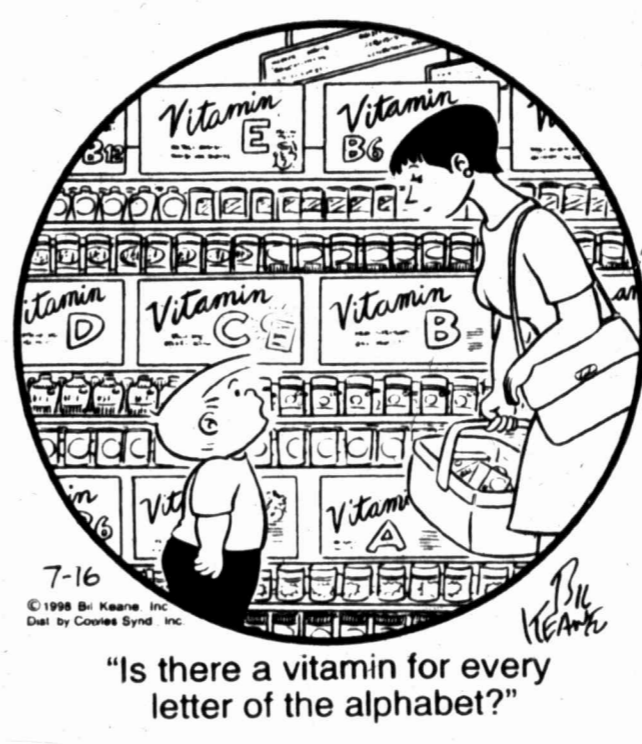
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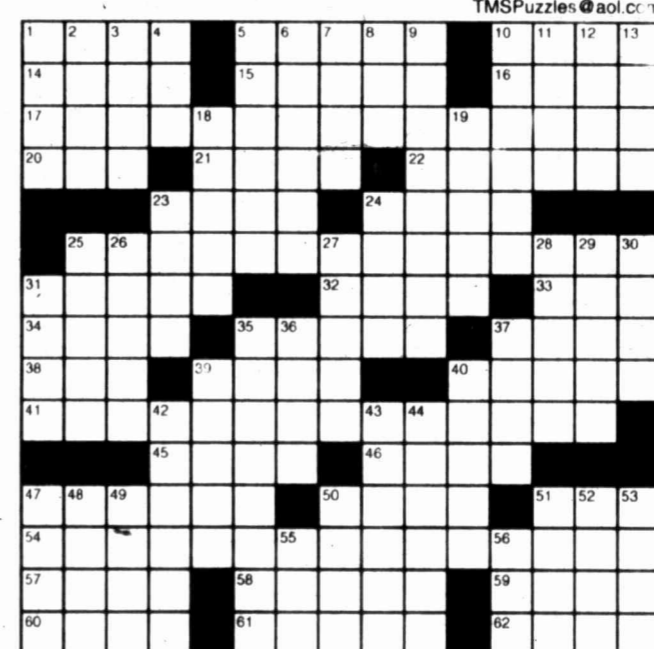
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