



David Troutman, an sophomore aerospace major from Killeen, plays a video game in the Memorial Student Center Tuesday afternoon.

Local arcade owners claim

Video games less popular

by Yvonne Cuzick
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While the popularity of video arcade games has been strong for over two years now, it may be waning.

Some game arcade owners in the area have noticed an increase in business over the past couple of years. However, the trend has not kept everyone in business and some area arcades have had to close down.

Jackie Larson, manager and part-owner of the Aggie Arcade, said her arcade has done much better this summer than it did last summer.

Larson attributes her rise in

business to the age bracket her arcade attracts.

"We're an adult arcade," Larson said, adding that her customers range from construction workers to lawyers.

However, other arcades have not been as lucky as the Aggie Arcade. For instance, Rita Davis, assistant manager of Games Galore, said there has been a noticeable decline in business this summer. In fact, the Northgate Games Galore had to close down in May, she said.

As for the requests for video arcade games, Florence Wilder of F&F Vending and Tobacco

Co., a distributor of video arcade games, said that requests for the games have slacked off some from last summer.

Last summer, Wilder said, F&F Vending received about five calls a day for video arcade machines. This summer, the number of requests has declined to about two calls a day.

Wilder says the arcade games are taking in about 60 percent less money.

One reason for the decline is the fact that the arcade game is just an expensive fad that is wearing off, Wilder said.

Larson agrees that the fad

games are dropping off but adds that there are some consistently good games, like Galaga, that do not seem to be fad games.

In the Aggie Arcade, "Pool seems to be a real stickler," Larson said and adds that pinball is on the rise.

The Aggie Arcade has a strict behavior code that Larson said has helped keep their business up by attracting a wide variety of customers.

Both Larson and Davis expect their business to pick up in the fall when students return from summer vacation.

Skills instructors needed

by Bill Conaway
Battalion Reporter

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department needs instructors for its fall activities program.

Lillian Robinson, supervisor of the Lincoln Recreation Center, said instructors are needed to teach skills such as sewing and typing.

Additional classes are needed for future programs, she said.

Classes are created when someone wants to teach a skill. Anyone can teach a class if they have the skills to do so and if there is a demand for the skill to be taught, she said.

Robinson, a Texas A&M parks and recreation major, said many of the class instructors are Texas A&M students. Most of them are from the Health and Physical Education Department,

she said.

Other classes taught include aerobic dance, ballet, jazz dance, karate, tennis and first aid. All classes are taught at different levels such as adult, teen and youth.

The classes are scheduled for different times throughout the day. But most of the adult classes meet after 5 p.m. and end by 9 p.m. The classes usually meet

twice a week and last from six to eight weeks.

The classes are taught at the Lincoln Recreation Center at 1100 Eleanor Street in College Station.

Most of the classes are limited in size for easier instruction. Fees for the classes range from \$5.00 to \$20.00.

Robinson said the deadline for setting up classes for the fall program is Aug. 1.

Biting bear gets execution reprieve

United Press International
FORT WORTH — A one-toothed bear accused of biting a man who was feeding him ice was given an 11th hour reprieve because the man agreed to voluntarily undergo a series of rabies shots.

Puppy, a 5-year-old, 350-pound bear, was scheduled to be destroyed Monday because of the incident, but Randy Layman, the victim, asked that he be spared, and State District Judge William Hughes agreed.

State law requires that animals who bite humans be destroyed, and their brains analyzed for rabies. Because Layman agreed to undergo the series of six shots, the bear was allowed to live.

The incident occurred July 5.

"I was feeding the bear some ice," Layman, 28, said. "I was just going to brush him on the

top of the head, and he bit me." Layman said the bite made him bleed.

John and Wanda Morrow have had Puppy, who they keep in a cage in their yard, for five years.

"We bought him for a pet," Mrs. Morrow said. "That's all he is."

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Area services for aged 3-year plan reviewed

by Gwyneth M. Vaughn
Battalion Reporter

The Area Agency on Aging held a public hearing Tuesday morning for a review of its three-year plan for services to the elderly.

The plan, which would go into effect in October of 1984, is very similar to the current two-year plan, says Wilma Morgan Haider, program specialist for the Agency which is part of the Brazos Valley Development Council.

Haider said the new plan calls for maintaining such current programs for the elderly as an

information and referral service, homebound services, group meals, senior citizen centers, transportation services, and the senior games.

Homebound services include assistance by an outreach worker for those persons who are unable to leave their homes, a daily reassurance phone call and a hot meal, she said.

Haider said the agency is required to provide the plan by the Texas Department on Aging under the Older Americans Act of 1965.

The plan affects 29,419 elderly persons living in the Brazos

Valley counties of Leon, Madison, Grimes, Robertson, Brazos, Burleson and Watson, Haider said.

The Texas Department of Aging will distribute the \$555,270 for the new plan, Haider said. The funds will be provided by the state and federal governments with an additional 10 percent provided by local governments.

Haider said the agency will advertise that the funds are available so local agencies can apply for contracts to provide the services. The applications are reviewed by an advisory committee of elderly persons.

Small airplane crashes

United Press International
TEXARKANA, Ark. — A light plane with engine problems crashed into a clump of trees, destroying the Cessna 150 and slightly injuring a college flight instructor and a student pilot.

Arkansas state police said instructor Larry Gordon of Texarkana and student William Haley, 30, of New Boston, Texas, were lucky to survive Monday's crash.

The landing gear of their plane was snagged by a tree while Haley was at the controls, officials reported.

At the time of the crash, Haley was simulating a forced landing and engine failure when the engine failed, and the plane was unable to clear the trees.

The Federal Aviation Administration was to begin its investigation of the crash Tuesday.

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