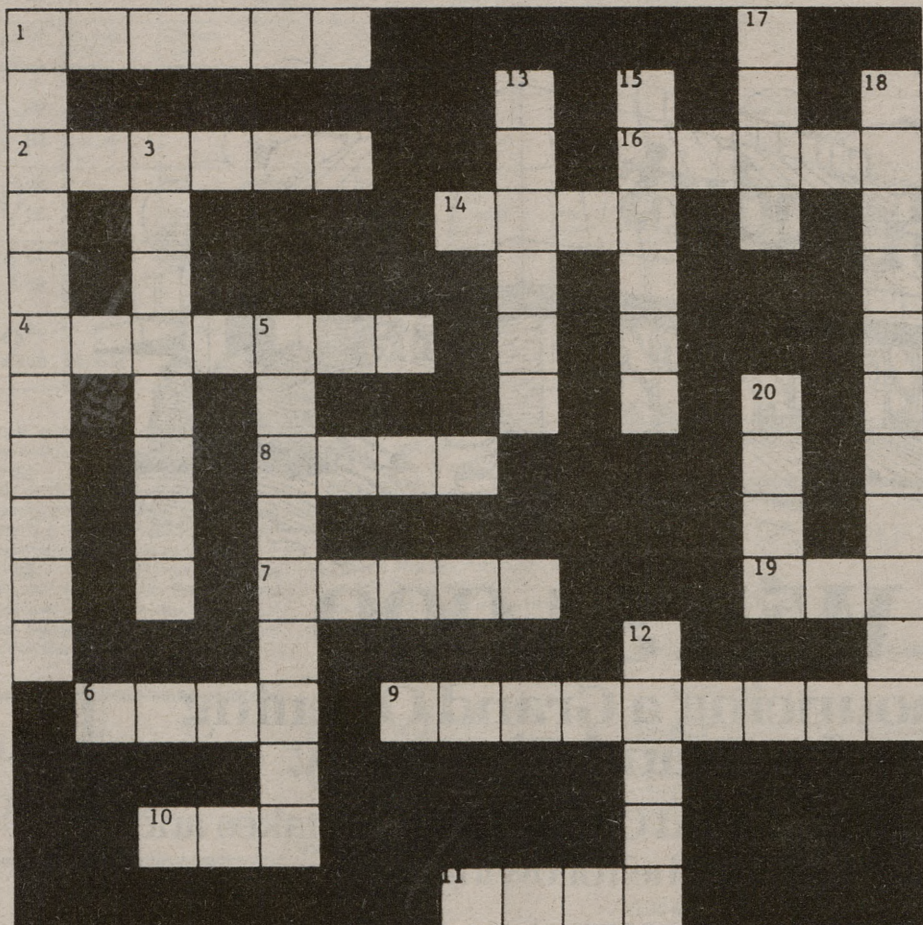


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## PUZZLES



### ACROSS

1. Those who turn the rope in jump rope games.
2. The offspring of a cow and donkey.
4. A sorcerer's assistant.
6. British word for horsefly.
7. The substance that over time collects in the bottoms of pockets and the cuffs of trousers.
8. A sudden fit of passion.
9. Government run by children.
10. 600 yards of wool or linen.
11. A craving for unnatural food; dust, for instance.
14. Show-business word for a slow-moving item.
16. The little grains of dried secretion found in the corner of one's eyes in the morning.
19. A room in a harem.

### DOWN

1. That which is spanglorious; indefinite greatness.
  3. To foretell the future by examining the movements of mice.
  5. A person who lays down the law concerning words and their uses.
  12. A female vampire.
  13. A Hindu gnome.
  15. A young swan.
  17. Stew produced from odds and ends; originally a hobo term.
  18. Medical treatment using raw meat or meat juices.
  20. Coin collector's term for a minting error which produces Freaks, Irregulars, Defects and Oddities.
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The words that answer this puzzle may be found in Paul Dickson's August Dell Trade Paperback, *Words A Connoisseur's Collection of Old and New, Weird and Wonderful, Useful and Outlandish Words*, \$7.95. Good Luck!

## Aggie Players perform

The Aggie Players, a drama club at Texas A&M, will perform the play "Cowboy Mouth," Saturday and Sunday, in a converted garbage theater at 4101 College Main. The Sam Shepard "mind" play will be performed by a cast of three: senior Jennifer Berry as Cavale, junior Miles McCrimmon as Slim and junior Raymond Spencer, vice president of the Aggie Players, as Lobster Man.

The play is directed by senior Vickye Boone. Junior Joyce Hayes is costume designer, Spencer is set designer, and Donna Gough, junior, is working the lights.

Susie Charlton, president of the Aggie Players, said about 20 members of the club are working on the play, designing props and cleaning the garage.

She said "Cowboy Mouth," the group's first production of the year, is a psychological drama that doesn't have a strong plot.

The story line, she said, is simply girl kidnaps boy and makes him stay with her.

The Aggie Players, a support group for theater arts, is a drama club the allows students outside of the theater department to have more chances to perform theater productions.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A requested donation of \$1 will be collected at the door.

The play also will be performed at Rudder Fountain at noon on Thursday.

## Cheap Trick to perform at Six Flags tomorrow

Cheap Trick will appear in concert Saturday at Six Flags Over Texas. The show will begin at 5 p.m. in the theme park's Festival Concert Pavilion.

This Midwest quartet, which performed at Texas A&M last fall, has produced such singles as "Surrender," "Dream Police" and the million-selling hit "I Want You to Want Me." More recent hits include "She's Tight" and "If You Want My Love."

Group honors include over 40 Gold and Platinum records from around the world.

Cheap Trick's newest album, "Next Position Please," is listed in Billboard Magazine's Top 100 albums.



## Cepheid Variable

The MSC Cepheid Variable will present "ittybittycon iv" with Fred Saberhagan, author of *The Holmes-Dracula File* and the *Berserker Series* Tuesday.

Saberhagan will read from the *Third Book of Swords* and will lecture about electronic games and their relevance to fiction. After Saberhagan's appearance, there will be a party and a showing of the movie "You'll Find Out," a science-fiction musical-comedy starring Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi.

"Ittybittycon iv" will be presented Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Admission is free. For more information call 845-1515.

## Editor's Corner

The puzzle that appeared on Backpage of the Sept. 23 issue of At Ease was received enthusiastically by some of our readers. One reader wrote in and asked why "puzzles of some sort" don't appear more often in our paper...Thanks for writing. Puzzles will, indeed, be printed more often on Backpage. Here's the deal: if you have a puzzle that you would like to submit to At Ease, bring it (include name, address and phone number) to 216 Reed McDonald. We'll be happy to use your puzzle, if it's suitable for printing.

Please include answers to the puzzle.