

Line of handicapped dolls announced by Mattel Inc.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mattel Inc. on Tuesday announced a line of dolls with disabilities, saying it hopes the toys will help disabled children develop a positive self-image and teach able-bodied ones not to be prejudiced toward handicaps.

Any profits from the line — a ski instructor and amputee called "Hal" and his variously impaired but active "Pals" — will go to organizations that help disabled children, the nation's second-largest toymaker said.

Spencer Boise, a vice president for Mattel, said, "We want to spread the message that it's OK to have a disability."

The line consists of seven 19-inch, soft-sculptured dolls.

Besides Hal, who lacks a left leg, there is a ballerina wearing hearing aids, a boy in a gray warmup suit in a wheelchair, and a dressed-up girl with leg braces and canes. The fifth disabled doll, a black girl, is visually impaired and comes with a red-tipped cane and guide puppy.

The two other dolls, a preppy boy and a Madonna lookalike, do not feature specific disabilities. However, they can be bought with the va-

rious accessories, such as the wheelchair, so that they can be customized for a particular child.

Hal's Pals look a bit like Coleco Industries Inc.'s Cabbage Patch dolls. The disabled ones will sell for \$44.95, the plain ones for \$39.95, Mattel said.

Hal wears a glitzy silver racing suit, a ski boot and a ski, special poles called ski-outiggers, a hat, goggles and a bib that identifies him as an instructor.

Susan Anderson, the dolls' creator, said, "You couldn't look at him and say 'pity.'"

Anderson named the dolls after her friend Hal O'Leary, director and founder of the Winter Park Handicapped Sports and Recreation Program west of Denver.

O'Leary said, "There is a great deal of need to introduce the handicapped into society in a dynamic manner."

There were 45 million physically impaired Americans in 1983, 7 million of them under age 18, according to the most recent statistics compiled by the Health Interview Survey division of the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services.

Paul Valentine, a toy-industry analyst with Standard & Poor's Corp., said: "I'm sure the idea is well-intentioned and it will be tastefully executed, but I doubt that this product is going to be a hit with children, who tend to be very cruel when it comes to disabilities."

"Handicapped children already feel different. I doubt that they would want to feel even more different, to have a doll specially geared to them that is not part of the mass culture."

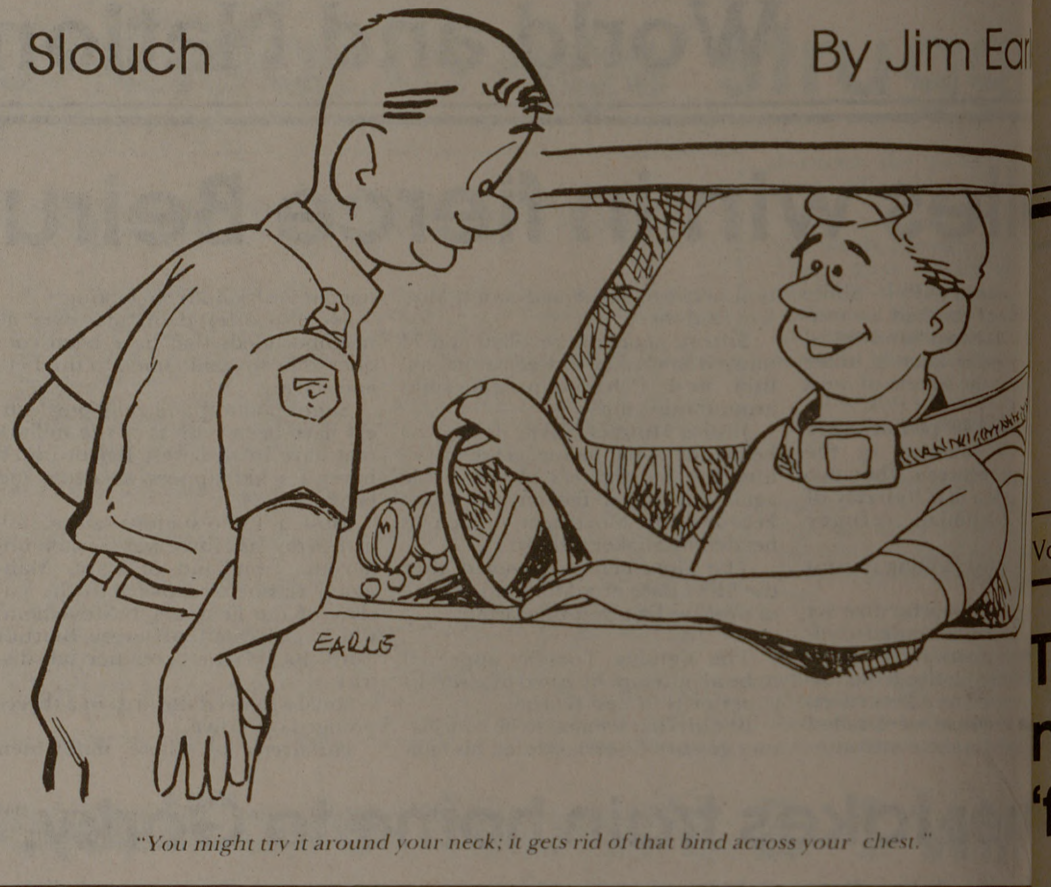
The company has formed a separate not-for profit company called For Challenged Kids By Mattel Inc. to produce and market the dolls and donate the profits. For Challenged Kids plans to sell the dolls through mail-order.

It has set up a toll-free number, 1-800-227-3800. The address is 5959 Triumph Street, Commerce, Calif., 90840.

Mattel, based in Hawthorne, Calif., is the nation's No. 2 toy maker, behind Hasbro Inc.

Slouch

By Jim Earl



"You might try it around your neck; it gets rid of that bind across your chest."

Reagan trying to save arms sale to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said Tuesday that President Reagan's "leadership is on the line" as the administration scrambles for the veto-sustaining votes needed to save an arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

The Kansas Republican said he is "fairly confident" the veto will be sustained when it comes to a vote

Thursday. He spoke to reporters at the White House after GOP leaders met with the president.

Reagan, asked during a photo session at the start of the meeting whether he has the votes, said: "I'm not going to comment. I'm just superstitious about that sort of thing."

And Dennis Thomas, assistant to the president, told reporters the ad-

ministration does not have much "breathing room" in its efforts to obtain the 34 votes that will be needed if all 100 members of the Senate are present when the roll is called.

During the brief public part of the meeting, Reagan told his fellow Republicans that a vote to override his veto would "seriously undermine our foreign policy objectives"

throughout the Middle East.

"I want all of you to understand that this vote will have a profound effect upon our relations with the Arab world, not just with Saudi Arabia," Reagan said.

On May 21 when the Senate broke for the Memorial day recess without voting on the veto, the president's supporters claimed 33 votes, just

enough to sustain the president because some opponents of the sale were absent that day.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted on Tuesday that the veto will be sustained. "The president was successful in some calls he made during the recess," said Lugar.

The leader of the opposition to the sale, Sen. Alan Cranston of Calif., said: "I think it's hard to release close, I'm not making a prediction one way or the other."

Minority Leader Robert Dudd of D-Va., said he did not know Sunday's vote would come out as it did. "The president has a good facility for twisting a bridge," he said.

Murder

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as she left the courtroom in tears.

Lincecum, of Ledbetter, was led handcuffed and chained from the courtroom.

Washington County District Attorney Charles Sebasta said, "I'm glad it's over. We knew we had a good case, but you never know what's on the mind of those 12 people."

Defense attorney Robert Kuhn said he was not surprised or dis-

mayed by the verdict.

"I hoped for a life sentence because that's my job," he said. "It's as hard a case as I've ever done. It was a very violent crime with a defendant with a prior record."

During the punishment phase of the trial Tuesday, a 21-year-old Brenham woman testified Lincecum raped her twice, including once on the hood of his car. During the ordeal, the woman also was forced to lay in a bed of fire ants with Lincecum atop her as he tried to hide and

avoid the glare of headlights from a passing vehicle.

"He has ruined my life, cost me my marriage," she sobbed. "I was covered with ant bites. There was no way you could count them."

She said Lincecum ordered her to perform oral sex.

Another witness, Bertha Ulbrich, identified Lincecum as one of two men who robbed the LaGrange restaurant where she worked.

Police arrested Lincecum for investigation of that robbery, which

led to charges for the Coppedge slayings.

Lincecum was called to be his only defense witness during the punishment phase.

He stood up, wavered, shook his head and then sat down, head bowed.

"I advised him it was in his best interests to testify at this time," Kuhn said. "When I chose to call him to the stand, he didn't feel he could."

"He had nothing to lose by testifying."

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS SUMMER SESSION I INDIVIDUAL AND DUAL SPORTS

ALL ENTRIES OPEN JUNE 3. ALL ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 12. Leagues will be offered in Men's, Women's and CoRec. classes A, B, and C. Participants must be students enrolled in summer school or faculty/staff or spouses with a recreational ID and intramural validation. ALL SCHEDULES WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2 P.M. PLAY IN ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 16.

TENNIS SINGLES-Single elimination tournament. Matches consist of 2 out of 3 sets. Games are played to 4 points (no deuce). Each participant must bring an unopened can of balls to each match.

HORSESHOE DOUBLE-Single elimination tournament. Match consist of 2 out of 3 games to 21 points. Horseshoes will be provided for the matches. The horseshoe pits are located just north of the Penberthy Complex.

RACQUETBALL DOUBLES-IRA Rules will apply in this single elimination tournament. Matches are 2 games to 15 points with an 11 point tiebreaker, if necessary. Each participant must bring an unopen can of balls to each match.

GOLF SINGLES-A qualifying round will be played with a percentage of top qualifiers advancing to the final round. Participants will be assigned an opponent based on skill level and must play within an assigned period of time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL AND DUAL SPORTS, CONTACT PATSY GREINER AT 845-7826.

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SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Entry Fee: \$25.00
Schedules Available: Friday, June 13 at 10 a.m.
Play Begins: Monday, June 16
Playoffs Posted: Wednesday, June 25 at 2 p.m.
Playoffs Begin: Thursday, June 26
Rainouts and Information Number-845-2625

VOLLEYBALL TRIPLES

Entry Fee: \$15.00
Schedules Available: Friday, June 13 at 10 a.m.
Play Begins: Tuesday, June 17
Playoffs Posted: Wednesday, June 25 at 12 noon.
Playoffs Begin: Thursday, June 26

BASKETBALL TRIPLES

Entry Fee: \$15.00
Schedules Available: Friday, June 13 at 10 a.m.
Play Begins: Monday, June 16
Playoffs Posted: Tuesday, June 24 at 12 noon.
Playoffs Begin: Wednesday, June 25

Swing into action with summer softball. Pictured are the Angels, Women's A winner of the spring semester.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEAM SPORTS PROGRAM, CALL TOM REBER AT 845-7826.

RAINOUT AND INFORMATION NUMBER

In the event it rains when activities are scheduled outdoors participants may call the rainout and information number for a listing indicating whether the activities have been called off. This number is 845-2625 and is updated daily.

OFFICIALS WANTED

Anyone interested in officiating softball, basketball triples, volleyball triples this summer should attend an orientation on Monday, June 9 at 6 p.m. in room 164 Read Building.

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