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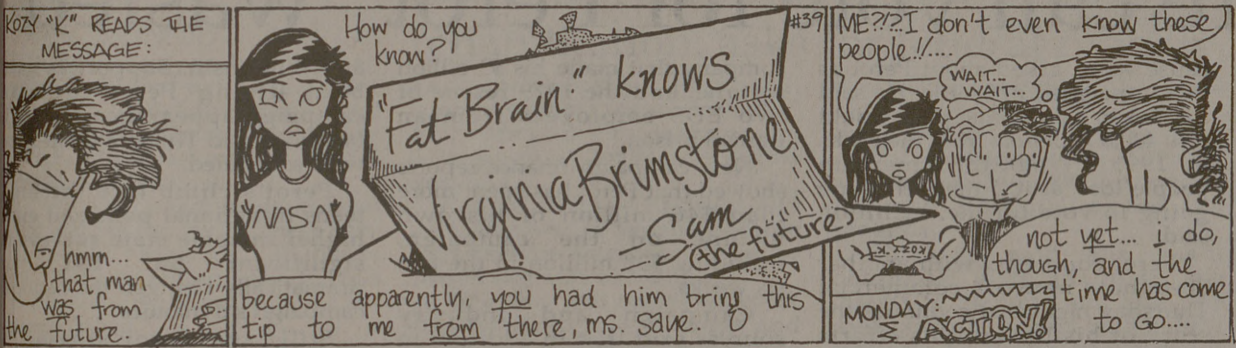
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Inmates replay chess matches

Hays County prisoners follow game moves in newspaper

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SAN MARCOS — Some of the people most closely following the Bobby Fischer-Boris Spassky chess rematch in Yugoslavia will be found in the Hays County Jail.

Chess-playing inmates have been taking the moves printed in newspapers and replaying the games.

"We like to use the games in the paper as a foundation for our games," said Charley Stewart, 42. "Most of the guys are doing it just to pass the time. Some of us are pretty diehard."

The jail administrator, Capt. Larry Haynes, said chess has caught on with about 10 percent of the inmates.

"There are those that like that kind of challenge. Anything like that can be therapeutic," Haynes said.

Stewart, who used to pass time between San Antonio College classes at the chessboard, said he and a group of about six in his unit spend as many as four to eight hours a day playing the game or studying chess strategy.

A mechanic sentenced for auto theft, Stewart said

there is more to the game than just passing time in jail.

"It's taught me a lot of discipline," he said. "Crime on the side was just something that happened. Chess taught me to think before you do something."

Jason Montgomery, an inmate who learned to play the game in the Williamson County Jail, said chess also serves to ease stress and pressures in a tense prison atmosphere.

"Guys here have a lot on their minds. It's important to have something they can sit down and mentally exhaust those energies. Chess takes away a lot of stress," he said.

Because of that, the Hays County Jail makes boards and pieces available to inmates. In the Texas Department of Corrections, chess tournaments are staged periodically at different institutions, said Coleman Porter, the department's recreation supervisor.

"I think it helps inmates think ahead, get from point A to point B," Porter said.

Stewart, who will be spending three years in prison, said he hopes the next time he is free he can use some of the lessons he has learned from chess.

France to enact anti-smoking law on Nov. 1

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Smoke-filled bistros and cafes, an inimitable part of the French image, are likely to become battlegrounds in a war of wills when an anti-smoking law takes effect Nov. 1. Confusion and outrage seem certain before the air clears.

Restaurants, hotels and offices are preparing frenetically for the new regime. But in a country where many view smoking as among life's pleasures, where the pungent odor of state-produced black tobacco abounds, not everyone is enthusiastic.

Salesmen peddling ventilation equipment "are descending on companies like a flock of sparrows," said Jacques The, president of the National Hotel Industry Federation.

The law outlaws smoking in many enclosed places, strengthens smoking regulations already in effect in public transport, and demands that those in charge of enclosed public areas "assure the protection of non-smokers."

"It's aberrant, stupid," Germaine Bourel, owner of the Cafe St. Philippe, said of the law. "People go to a cafe to relax, have a cigarette, talk. It's part of life."

She and her husband, Rene, both non-smokers, are dutifully installing ventilation. But, in what may be a bending of the law, they are relegating non-smokers to the cafe's small back room.

"We can't be gendarmes," she said.

France has one of the highest rates of smokers in western Europe — 40 percent of all adults, according to 1991 figures. People aged 18-24 account for the highest proportion of smokers.

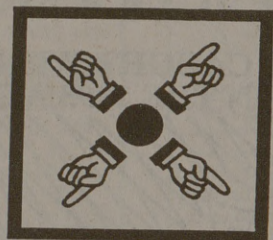
The Health Ministry says smoking causes 54,000 deaths annually in France, and cuts heavy smokers' lifespan by eight years.

The law, adopted in January, is part of a progressive crackdown on smokers, including a staggered price increase. A bill headed to Parliament proposes raising cigarette prices 15 percent by late 1993.

The new fines for errant "fumeurs" range up to \$260. Employers and others in charge of making their premises fit for non-smokers risk fines of up to \$1,200 and prison terms.

"There is a general fear," they said. "Professionals are traumatized and think the police will come down on them Nov. 2."

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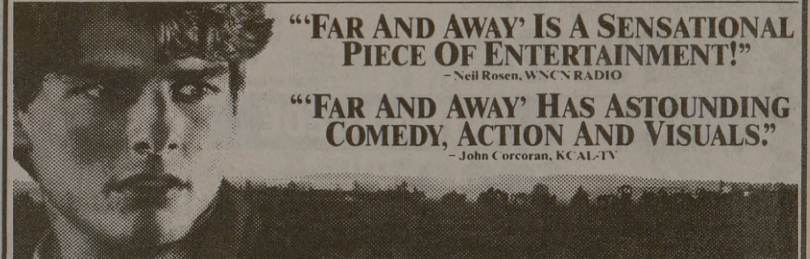
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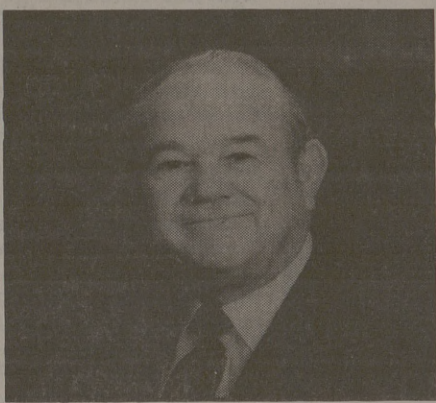
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