



Warning: Real World May Be Dangerous To Your Health

EDITOR'S NOTE: Stephen Van Dyke, 15, completed 10th grade at St. Andrews on the Marsh. He will be a junior there in the fall.

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Special

In a society with fewer moral values than that of 20 years ago it can only be expected that our children will be influenced negatively. Or is it? Can we give our children the same instant



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gratification that they would receive from their own friends? Can we provide rules that would serve as the foundation of a warm, successful family environment? Is there a way in which our children may be urged forward, both

academically and morally, without their resentment?

To all of these inquiries, I answer in a solemn *Maybe*. *Maybe* we can put this world, in time for our children to enjoy it. *Maybe* our children will realize that in making the grade below average, they also mark themselves below average. *Maybe* all the warring factions throughout our decrepit world will come to love each other in some sort of Agape kind of way and will throw down their uzis and such in disgust. *Maybe*.

No, it could never happen, our world is too far gone for the mediocre aid that we could provide. No, I am mistaken yet once more, for it is no longer this bountiful Earth we must worry about. Do not worry about blowing this entire planet to a kabillion little bits; worry more about ourselves. The world will survive man's foolish ideas, this has been the way with the world, and always will.

Wait, let us not forget all of the wonderful, enticing gifts that our world has to offer ... er, ah ... um, Chunnel and ah, the recent South African free elections. Aha! democracy, a great invention of man! Yet to look at all of these in comparison to the lives that we are now endowed, they seem so small, so insignificant. It is the fault of man, gazing down upon the beasts in triumph, pretending to rule them, not knowing that he is still one.

Thief, Murderer, take it all, hoard it into your empirical cities, consume it, then scar the land with your filth. Hypocrite! You say you want reduced emissions, yet you allow our politicians to drive gas-guzzling slugs to election rallies. Rallies in which over a thousand cancer sticks will be burnt, inhaled and discarded. Oh, the shame that man has brought upon himself, disaster is only around the bend.

No, I continue to overreact, the world is not such a swamp, full of terrible creatures. It is merely outside influences to whom we must lay blame. Prime time shows, portraying a man beaten to the point of unconsciousness — of course the bad guy is caught, always is. Yet once the criminal is found, then what? Does the camera fade in and depict this violent man being violated in a state penitentiary cell? Does the camera pan over the cell-blocks, full beyond capacity? Nothing is being done to save ourselves, we are only marionettes upon tangled lines.

No, dear children, the world is an evil dangerous place indeed; that is why we must be wary of strangers; that is why Agape love is a dying breed; that is why ... oh the list could go on forever. Yet now I am forced to depart upon a dreary note: the world should have come with an adequate warning label — something around the area of: Harmful If Ingested In Any Form!

Would you be interested in writing a column for "Making a Scene"? If you are age 12 to 18 and have a subject you would like to address, please write to Cindy Broome, Assistant Features Editor, Savannah News-Press, P.O. Box 1068, Savannah, GA 31402 (include your name, address and telephone number), or call her at 652-4311 for more details.



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SCOUTING SAVANNAH: (L-R, seated) Scout leaders Margaret Barton, Margaret Wetmore, Diane Belliveau, Elizabeth Belliveau; Girl Scouts (L-R) Heather Burpee, Jessica Laliberte, Mary Wetmore, Adrian Cenatiempo, Kim Duval, Katie Lane, Laura Alcard, Nicole Frisch, Jennifer Coleman, Shana Krasnow, Vanessa Gorczyca, Christine Neff.

SCOUTING SAVANNAH

New Hampshire Girls Find Trip To Founder's Hometown Enlightening

By **JANE FISHMAN**
Features Writer

When 12 teen-age Girl Scouts from Swift Water Council in Manchester, N.H., boarded Amtrak's Palmetto express two weeks ago for their 11-hour ride back home, they carried memories of how women from Juliette Gordon Low's day sat during a formal tea. (Very straight.) How they held their tea cups. (With their pinkies extended.) And who did the serving. (The guest, always.)

During their six-day pilgrimage to Savannah, the Scouts, who were between 13

and 17 years old, also learned that Low, an artist, sported an 18-inch waist, spent a lot of time in England and somehow found the guts to start an international organization "while most other women of the day sat around doing nothing."

And when other visitors to Savannah craned their necks in sightseeing buses and horse-drawn carriages to snap pictures of them in their festooned blue uniforms, they experienced what it's like to be a tourist attraction.

"A lot of times when we passed people we could hear them saying, 'Oh, look at the

Girl Scouts. I remember when I was a Scout,'" one of the girls said.

Most of the time it didn't matter that the uniforms were polyester and the dresses stuck to their backs in the humidity because in Savannah, the birthplace of the Girl Scout organization, people don't react as girls parade by in their dress blues. If they do react, it's to wonder when the color was changed from green to blue. None of the girls knew.

"Sometimes in Manchester people laugh at us when we're in our dress uniforms," one girl said. "It kind of hurts when people

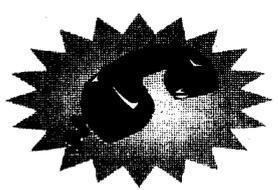
make fun of us, especially when it's our peers."

That doesn't happen when the Boy Scouts of Manchester walk by, they said.

"Boy Scouts are more known and people don't make as much fun of them. In Savannah, we don't feel as weird. We see other Scouts in their uniforms. We nod and say hello. One girl from Kentucky we passed on the street even gave us a pin from her troop," someone said.

When they visited the gravesite of Juli-

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TEEN LINE

233-2500

Question of the Week

Should Shannon Faulkner be allowed to join the Corps of Cadets at The Citadel?

To vote **Yes**, press 8600. To vote **No**, press 8601. You've got until midnight Sunday to cast your vote. We'll publish the results in next Thursday's ACCENT/Teens.

Here's how you responded to last week's question: **Are you in favor of year-round schools?**

Yes: 153 No: 174

Review Line

8603

You become the critic. Dial InfoLink at 233-2500 and press 8603. Follow the instructions to review the song of your choice. You've got until midnight Sunday to vote. We'll publish the results in next Thursday's ACCENT/Teens. All CDs are courtesy of Camelot Music in Augusta, Ga. Below are the songs you can review this week.



Arrested Development: "United Front"



Diamond Rio: "Love a Little Stronger"



Elton John: "Circle of Life"



Pearl Jam: "Elderly Woman Behind the Counter"

Mystery Music: You'll hear part of a song from our mystery artist of the week. Listen to it, vote on it and we'll tell you who it was next week.

Last Week's Results

Vince Gill
"What the Cowgirls Do"
Liked: 68
Disliked: 36

Collective Soul
"Sisters Don't Cry"
Liked: 51
Disliked: 33

All-4-One
"Breathless"
Liked: 113
Disliked: 51

Rolling Stones
"Love Is Strong"
Liked: 24
Disliked: 37

Mystery Music

Lenny Kravitz
"Deuce"
Liked: 36
Disliked: 58

Some Summer Jobs Are Risky For Teens

By **JULIE AMPARANO LOPEZ**
Arizona Republic

Most parents think a job will keep their teen-ager safe and off the streets during the summer.

Few, however, realize the perils. Each year, an estimated 300,000 youths are injured on the job, according to the National Child Labor Committee in New York. About 64,100 teens suffered wounds that landed them in the hospital emergency rooms in 1992, according to a survey released last month by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Workplace accidents kill at least 300 teens a year.

"Parents are so casual about summer jobs," said Dorianne Beyer, executive director of the Defense for Children-International U.S.A. in New York. "Yes, it enables a teen to earn some spending money. But it also could maim or cripple someone for life."

Many teens get hurt on the job because employers think the adolescents know more about basic safety. And employers provide little or no training and give youths jobs that either exceed their abilities or are forbidden by child-labor laws.

Even seemingly safe industries can be risky for children. Stock clerks at supermarkets, for instance, can be injured by single-edged razor blades that are used to slice open boxes. Balers that crush empty cartons are another danger.

Federal law prohibits anyone under age 18 to operate such equipment. Yet young workers are told to put cartons into balers that are shut off, which also is illegal because the baler can be activated by mistake, said John Breen, a district director of the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour division.

The Safeway grocery chain recently agreed to pay \$144,500 to settle Labor Department charges that the chain violated baler-handling equipment.

Food-preparation jobs also are hazardous. For instance, power-driven dough mixers, food slicers and hot cooking surfaces pose serious threats to teens. Each year, teens lose fingers to food-slicing equipment and suffer serious burns from boiling grease, said Linda Rosenstock, director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

For example, fast-food restaurants often are fined by the Department of Labor for violating equipment-operating regulations, she said.

Chemicals and toxins also pose a danger to teens. A job at a lawn-care company could expose teens to hazardous pesticides, and work at a dry cleaner also could expose them to dangerous chemical fumes, Beyer said.

"Teens still have developing reproductive and nervous systems," she said. "You have to find out what exactly are they being exposed to."

Late-night hours also are a peril. Teens who work late shifts are more likely to become victims of violence.

"Unfortunately, more crime happens late at night," Breen said.