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COVER: "Need Some Extra Cash?" Almost everyone would answer yes to that question and so the article starting on page 10 provides several helpful ideas you can use to earn some extra money. Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.

Letters

Scrapbook on India

I am a 12-year-old girl in the 7th grade who receives *Youth 85*. In my history class we were doing a scrapbook on India. We had to draw maps and write reports to put in it.

This morning I was reading in *Youth 85* [February] and came across an article about India on pages 7 and 8. It helped me on my scrapbook.

Tara J. Toler
Ernul, North Carolina

"Allergic to the 20th Century?"

You can imagine my son's surprise when he was reading the "News That Affects You" section in the January issue of *Youth 85*.

Robbie has environmental illness. This is the first time we have seen any publication on this 20th century disease other than in medical journals.

Robbie is 14 years old, living a very restricted, but healthy life. The environment was the cause of his illness. He cannot tolerate public buildings, therefore no school, church or stores. He lives on 38 safe foods that must be rotated every five days.

His life is restricted, but we can be hopeful that in time his immune system will heal and he will be able to attend college and pursue his dreams.

We appreciate your article on "Allergic to the 20th Century?" Environmental illness is a serious disease today that only a few people in our world are aware of. Thank you for helping to educate our world.

Barbara Marvin
Lake Placid, New York

Sexist and offensive?

In your February issue, the article "Six Months That Changed My Life" teaches a valuable lesson to a future bride — know what a responsibility it is to run a household!

The problem with Ms. Marshall's article is the absence of a husband's responsibility in the home. Why wasn't Cathy's fiancé, Don, learning the household ropes as well?

(If Cathy wanted to work after she was married she would, in effect, be holding two full-time jobs.)

Because this article automatically labeled the home a woman's domain without a second thought or even a mention of another possibility, I found it both sexist and offensive.

D.M. Williams
Clinton, New York

You Were Born to Be a KING

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Do you know you were put here on earth *for a PURPOSE?*

Do you know what that purpose is? Are you sure?

More than three decades ago Queen Elizabeth gave birth to her first son. Everyone in Britain knew — and much of the world knew — that her son was born for a purpose. They knew he was born to become a king. From birth he has been receiving training to prepare him to be a king.

But if I should tell you that *YOU* were born *to be a king* — and a *ruling king* at that — would you believe it? Yet I can tell you on authority of the living Jesus Christ that *you* definitely *were* born for that very purpose!

WHY has the real purpose of life been hid from the world? WHY must the world remain oblivious to the real *meaning* of life?

Search, in this world, for the answers! The world does not have the answers. WHY?

Quest for the truth

Go on a quest for the truth. Ask the question: Is there any

PURPOSE? Is there any *meaning* to life?

Do we know why we are here — where we are going — what is THE WAY — what lies ahead?



Prince Charles and his mother, Queen Elizabeth, 16 years ago at his investiture as Prince of Wales. From birth he has been training to be king. (*Youth 85* Photo)

Let's ask science. Let's ask education. Let's ask government, religion, technology, industry. Do any of them have the answers?

Dr. Fred Hoyle gave his answer in his book *The Nature of the Universe*. He spoke of this wholly fantastic universe in all its incredible order and precision,

yet leaving mankind with scarcely a clue as to whether there is any real significance to human existence. He wondered *why* the universe is as we find it, and not something else. Or, he wondered, *why* is it here at all? He says we are at present without a clue to the answers.

This scientist stands in awe of the fact that man possesses intelligence so powerful that he can penetrate deeply into the wonderful universe, yet he is left without the smallest clue to his own fate!

Did you ever hear of the grandmother who searched over the whole house for her mislaid eyeglasses, when all the while they had merely been shoved up on her own forehead? Scien-

tists look way off in the remote regions of endless space to find the reason for their own existence, when all the while the answers are on their own bookshelves — probably covered with dust — in the one Book they never read unless in skepticism and doubt.

Let's ask the Nobel prize-winner Dr. Harold Urey. He replies: "Science gives us no purpose in living beyond having a pleasant existence in one way or another." What, then, do scien-

tists live for? Well, they are fascinated and inspired, he says, by the intriguing and magnificent things that they study.

Yes, one can occupy his mind, for a while, with a hobby, a study or almost any interest. But it's a *passing* interest. It doesn't answer our questions.

But if scientists may enjoy being wrapped up, for the nonce, in the fascinating things they study, what does science give the ordinary man?

"But science," answers Dr. Urey, "does not give the ordinary man, whose daily life is often drab... any motive that gives him a feeling of dignity... One of the great needs of this age is a great interpretation which can accept the facts of science and at the same time give inspiration to fill this void."

But I wonder what he really means by the *facts* of science? Science too often expresses its "facts" in terms of: "We cannot know, but we are coming to suppose thus and so..." Or, "Many are of the opinion that..." Or, "It is coming to be believed..." Or, "We may well assume..." Or, "Assuming such and such hypothesis to be true, it naturally follows that such and such is a fact."

Then all these speculations, hypotheses, guesses and imaginary fables are *assumed* to be "facts." All too often, that is so.

Of course, there *are* many established **FACTS** of science — facts that have been *proved* facts. And if scientists only knew, the *true* "interpretation," which can come only from God, *does* completely square with the true and proven *facts* of science. And it does, at the same time, fill that void and inspire to joy unspeakable!

So science does not have the answers. Science turns out to be a false messiah, after all.

Is knowledge the solution?

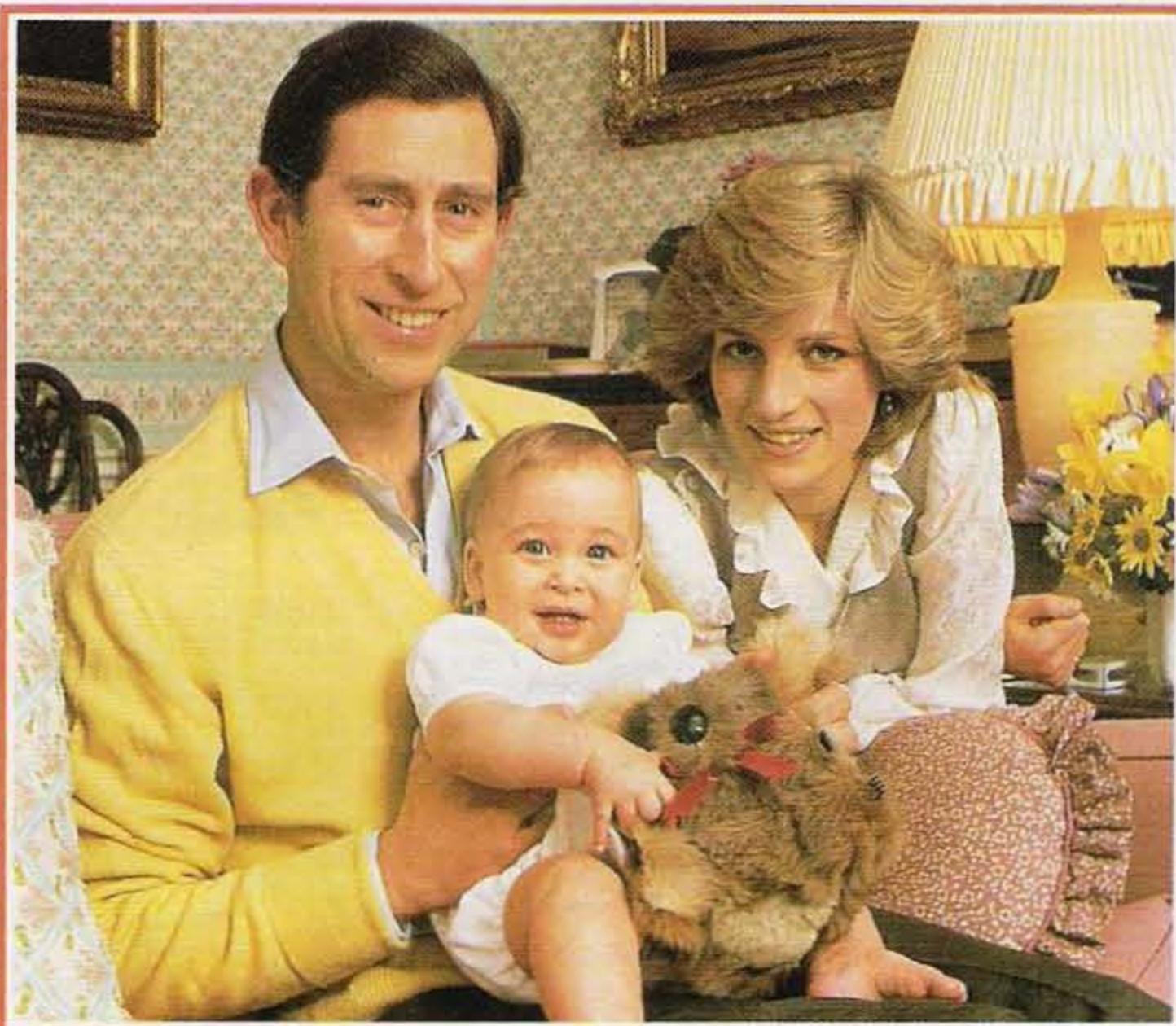
Let's ask education. Thoughtful men have said that **KNOWLEDGE** is the one solution to all our ills. "Give us sufficient **KNOWLEDGE**," they say, "and all problems will be solved."

Look first at the colleges and universities where this education is being disseminated. Student enrollments are on a rapid increase — at an all-time high. But also there is a rapid rise in discontent, disillusionment, a sense of hopelessness and a "what's-the-use" attitude.

And there is an accompanying rise in illicit sex, in premarital pregnancies, in mental illnesses, in drunkenness and in suicides.

Among students!

Plainly, the instruction they are receiving is not giving them the answers they need.



Prince Charles' and Princess Diana's first son, Prince William, was born to be a king. Did you know you were also born for a great purpose? (Photo: Tim Graham — Sygma)

Then look at the product of this world's education. The world leaders — the politicians, the scientists, the industrialists, the professional people — they are the product. They have the **KNOWLEDGE**.

Is, then, **KNOWLEDGE** the solution? Will **KNOWLEDGE** solve all

the problems, end the world's ills? The **KNOWLEDGE** acquired by these people has not brought world peace. It has not ended hunger and want. It has not brought health, happiness and joy.

Take a few specific examples at random. The more doctors we have, the more sickness and disease there is to be treated. The more psychiatrists, the more mental cases to be treated. **WHY?** Do the doctors *cause* sickness, the psychiatrists the mind-slip-page? No, of course not. *But*, neither do they deal with and *prevent* the causes. They treat the effect, while they let *other* commercial outlets increase the **CAUSES**.

So, science cannot give the answers.

Education has gone materialistic and does not have the answers.

The world has tried about every form of government the human mind can devise — but none has brought world peace, universal prosperity and economic security or given us the real **MEANING** of life.

Technology, industry, the world of business have never provided the answers.

What about religion?

And religion? None of this world's religions know **WHY** mankind is here, *what* is his potential destiny, how to achieve it or to be happy

along the way.

Do you know **WHY** none of the world's religions has the answers? It is because **NOT ONE** of them has for the **SOURCE** of its religion **THE TRUE AND PURE WORD OF GOD!**

People *suppose* their religion came out of the Bible. I supposed that what I was taught as a boy in Sunday school came out of the Bible. Then, more than 50 years ago, when I was angered and challenged into my first real

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'Why Didn't I Think of That?'

By Robert C. Taylor

Are you one of the people who come up with creative, zany, important and profitable new ideas? You can be!



We live in a creative world. New ideas are being produced daily.

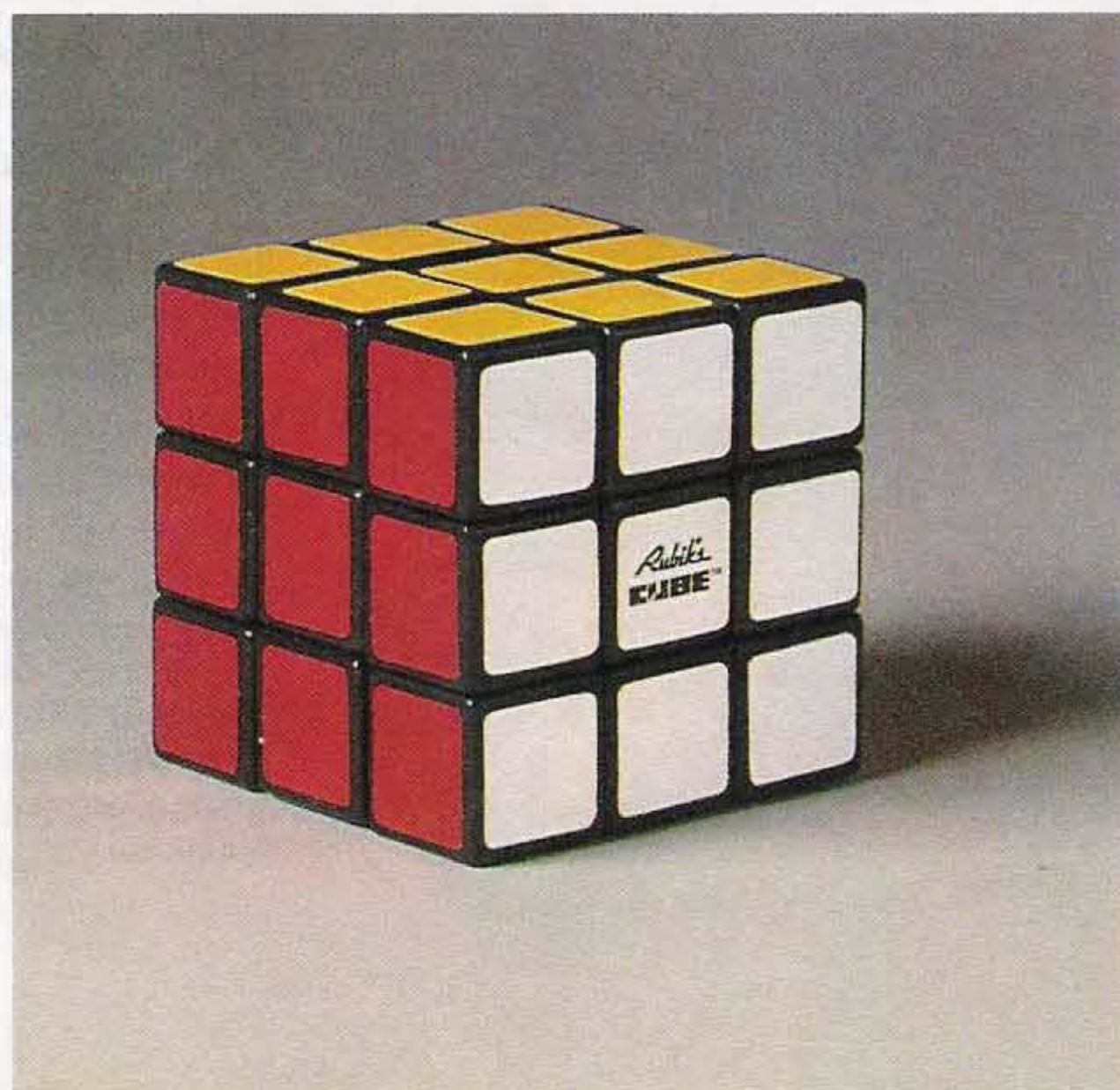
There are new gadgets, jokes, foods, songs, movies, books, tools — you name it. And all of them start with just a thought or an idea.

Some of these ideas seem so obvious and simple that we respond, "Why didn't I think of that?" The exciting thing is, you can!

Creativity is not reserved just for geniuses and people who are naturally lucky. Anyone can create new ideas. Anyone can be original.

God is a creative being. He designed and created this planet and all the birds, fish, insects, plants and other living things. He created sight, taste, smell and all colors and textures. And He placed within each of us the potential for creativity.

The Rubik's Cube puzzle was a simple idea that caught on like wildfire. The inventor became wealthy! (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)



Productive imagination is a skill that can be learned. As fickle as creativity may seem, there is a lot of logic behind it. Here are five steps you can use to develop your own creative, original ideas:

1. Direction. The first step is to get a general idea of what you wish to create. An interesting story for your creative writing class? A musical composition? An original joke that is funny? Narrow down the field.

2. Preparation. Most major breakthroughs are anything but accidents. They are made by people who spend a lot of time in preparation.

The better prepared we are, the less we must depend on luck. Knowing what others have done in your field of interest will help

you to generate new ideas. Learn to pick up where others left off. This will save you from having to reinvent the wheel.

3. Concentration. Anything worthwhile takes a bit of work. Thomas Edison, the American inventor, said: "There is no substitute for hard work. Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration."

Organize your thinking. First review what you have learned during your preparation. If your project is to find a faster way to get ready for school each morning, determine how much time each of your morning tasks requires. Note which tasks are necessary and which are time wasters. Evaluate all the facts carefully.

Next, brainstorm for ideas. Generate as many as you can — even silly ideas that obviously would not work. These comical ideas can help spark your imagination.

Don't throw out any idea until you have examined its merits. You may decide the idea of selling embroidered birch bark door-to-door isn't something you want to do, but it might spark the idea of selling hand-painted wood carvings at a gift shop.

Learn to explore *all* the possibilities. Creative ideas and solu-

tions usually come from trying new approaches. For example, take six match sticks (or similar items) and use them to form four triangles, each of which shares a side with each of the other triangles. Try it before reading on.

Most people will lay all of the matches flat and arrange them into a series of two-dimensional figures, none of which work. But why not form a three-dimensional figure? A pyramid with a triangle base solves the puzzle perfectly.

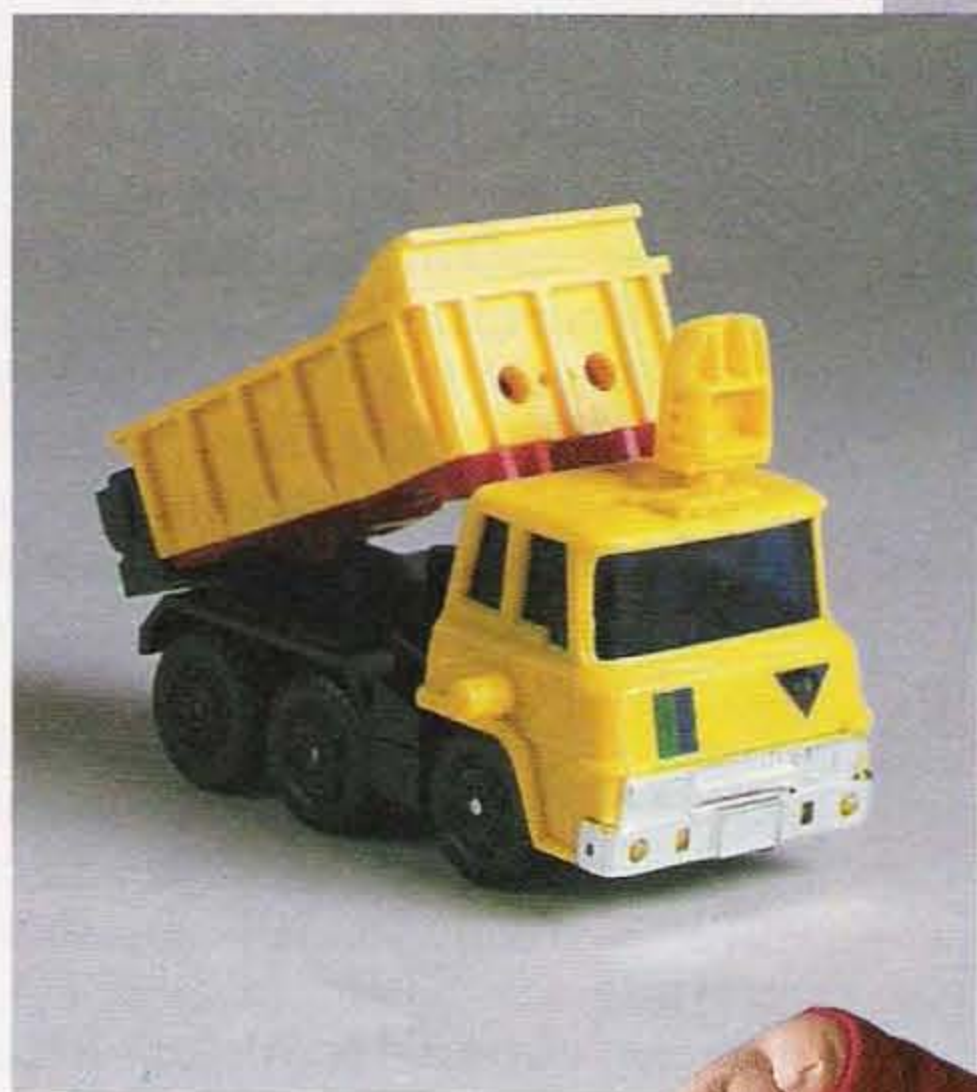
The creative thinker learns to uncover hidden possibilities.

4. Perseverance. Who knows how many brilliant ideas have been squelched because the would-be creator gave up too soon.

Transformers, such as the robot/truck shown here, can change their appearance with a few simple twists.

Thomas Edison tried hundreds of filament materials before finding one that would not burn up too fast. What if he had given up after only a few tries? Somebody else would have invented the light bulb, or we might still be relying on candles and lanterns!

Creative people seldom get it right the first time. They run into a series of dead ends, mental blocks and frustrating setbacks. It is persistence and the willingness to learn from mistakes that eventually bring success.



5. Refinement. Once the discovery is made, there is still work to be done. Refinement, simply stated, involves working out the bugs.

Any idea, no matter how good, can be made better with a little more creative thought. Top musicians know the importance of practicing and polishing their new songs before stepping out onto the stage.

Put these five steps into effect and you're bound to produce something worthwhile.

Why not exercise creativity in everything you do? You can add new interest and excitement to your life. Even if you don't invent something that changes the world, you'll enrich your own life and the lives of those around you. □

Time to put your creativity to work! You could:

- Invent a new drink that is nutritious, delicious and nonfattening. Maybe "pomegranate fizz," "apple sauce soda" or "cinnamon-radish delight." (We're sure you can come up with something better!)

- Think of the chore you dread most, then figure out a way to make it easier and maybe even fun.

- Instead of buying a greeting card for someone, muster your artistic talents and make one yourself.

- Find a clever way to earn extra money in your spare time. (See page 10 for ideas to get you started.)

- Design a piece of furniture for your room. How about a chair that rocks in all directions?

- Think of a problem you have and set out to find a practical solution.

- Think of 10 other creative projects. □

Left: Some of the most useful inventions, such as the common paper clip, are easily taken for granted. The computer-designed Cabbage Patch dolls launched a buying craze. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)



By the time you get out of the shower and to the telephone, it will probably stop ringing!

telephone is a tool of great convenience. It allows us to call shops and businesses, friends and family, as well as to call for help in emergencies.

Since telephones play such an important part in our lives, telephone courtesy is vital in our relationships with others. You can make a good impression or a poor one, just by the way you make calls or answer the telephone.

Hang-ups to avoid

Think for a moment about some of the annoying calls you have received, and try to figure out ways to avoid making the same mistakes yourself.

What about those late-night or mealtime calls that interrupted you? To avoid interrupting others, think about the timing of calls you make. Some calls are urgent and need to be made no matter the inconvenience, but many are at your personal preference.

Be considerate and flexible about the other person's life-style. Ask whether your call is catching him or her at a busy time and, if so, offer to call back.

When people call, but don't identify themselves at first, it can be annoying as well. It forces you to ask who they are and what they are calling about. When calling someone, it's best to begin: "Hello, this is John Citizen. Is Bill in, please?"

Some people rattle off their words so fast that you can't catch what they say (or mumble): "HithisisJohnisBillthere?" It helps to speak slowly, clearly and loudly enough so you don't annoy the person you're calling.

Some people almost whisper or do not speak directly into the mouthpiece. This makes it hard to hear, especially when there is background noise such as the television or radio. Don't be shy to ask people to speak louder in

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Ring, Ring 'Yeah, Hello, Who's This?'

By Graemme J. Marshall

The telephone — it's an invention of great value, but it's not always considerate. At times it can be a real nuisance!

You're in the shower, no one else is home, and the telephone rings.

Grabbing a towel, you drip water all over the floor as you rush to answer. But it stops ringing as you reach it!

Or, you finally drop off into a deep sleep only to have your slumber broken by a stridently ringing telephone. And it turns

out to be a wrong number!

The telephone can be a nuisance too when you just sit down for a meal or to watch the closing moments of an exciting movie or sports event on television.

Somehow, in spite of all the difficulties, we seem motivated to try to answer every call. Perhaps we feel we'd miss out on something important.

Yet, for all the frustrations, the

FAILURE Didn't Stop Her!

By Roger Lippross

Sharks, fog and 21 miles of bone-chilling cold waited between her and her goal.

A woman would never do it, they said. That seemed unimportant now as Florence Chadwick waded into the cold surf of Catalina Island and struck out for the coast of California.

She was determined to be the first woman to ever swim that 21 miles (34 kilometers).

The fog was unusually thick that July morning in 1952, and the sharks began to bother her; they had to be kept at bay with rifle fire. At times she could hardly see her escort boats, but it was the numbing, bone-chilling cold of the water that demanded her attention.

Thousands of people on shore followed reports of her progress as she swam on, hour after hour. Her name was well-known — she had already conquered the English Channel in both directions, becoming the first woman to ever do so.

No sign of land

It wasn't fatigue that made

her want to quit, Florence thought, it was the numbing cold. She could hear her mother's voice in the escort boat urging her not to give up. Land was near, her mother said, but when Florence looked toward her goal, all she could see was the dense fog. There was no sign of the coastline just a few miles away.

After 15 hours and 5 minutes, Florence felt she could make it no farther. She asked to be taken from the water, later to find out she was just a half mile (less than a kilometer) from her goal.

The shock of failure hit her hours later as her body warmed up and her mind cleared. "If only I could have seen land, I might have made it," she told the press.

She gave up just a half mile from her goal, not because of fatigue, sharks or even the cold, but because of the fog.

She lost sight of her goal. Her determination had collapsed because she couldn't keep her heart and mind on the goal.

Achieving success first involves setting goals. Success also requires

not letting anything obscure your vision of your goals. Once you have set a goal, you must have determination to continue on through the bad times and through the good.

These and other keys to making a success out of your life can be found in the booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*. Though the principles are priceless, the booklet is absolutely free — it's yours for the asking. The addresses and telephone numbers are listed on the inside of the front cover.

Trying again

But what of Florence Chadwick?

She didn't let failure stop her. She was back in the water off Catalina Island just two months later, again determined to cross that channel.

Again the sharks were there, again the fog cut off her view, but this time she had set her mind on that goal beyond the fog. Beyond the fog, she knew, there was land — she didn't give up.

Florence not only became the first woman to swim that channel, she did it in 13 hours, 47 minutes — beating all records by two hours.

After achieving this goal, she did not stop. She went on setting goals and achieving them, swimming the Strait of Gibraltar, the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus. Florence Chadwick didn't let failure stop her — and success was her reward. □



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Risky Rides?

Dawn Woodard and Carolyn Spangler enjoy a loop on a roller coaster at an amusement park near Dallas, Texas.

• Are amusement parks safe? Last summer, after several amusement park deaths in the United States, people began asking this question. Now, as the parks open in the Northern Hemisphere, the controversy will rage again.

Between 1973 and 1985, at least 90 deaths involving rides and other attractions occurred in U.S. amusement parks and carnivals. In 1984 alone, an estimated 10,378 persons were injured at parks, according to information received from hospital emergency rooms.

Amusement park defenders are quick to point out that, compared to other things we do every day, the parks are safe. Gary Kyriazi, author of *The Great American Amusement Parks*, writes: "Statistics prove

that roller coasters are safer than electric hair dryers and toasters — not to mention swimming pools, airplanes and automobiles. But roller coasters are far more sensational, so when someone breaks the rules and stands up on a roller coaster, it makes headlines."

Marc Schoem, a compliance officer with the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), says, "Most of the major parks are concerned about safety and they do put a lot of money into safety."

About 27 states have safety requirements involving inspections. Most parks may also be inspected by their insurance companies.

Mr. Schoem recommends that park visitors evaluate rides carefully before hopping on. He

gives these guidelines for telling if a ride is safe: "Look at the general condition of the rides. Do they look well-maintained? Do they have a lot of loose cables lying around? Are areas roped off so the ride doesn't interfere with other rides or people walking along the midways? Are the seat belts and restraining bars working? Does the operator look attentive?"

The CPSC urges amusement park visitors to follow park rules. Many teens try to stand up on a ride, throw their hands in the air or try other dangerous stunts.

Showing off, Mr. Schoem says, "can lead to somebody falling out or hurting themselves on a ride. That will definitely spoil a day at the park!" — *By Robert C. Taylor* □

France's Tough Two-Wheel Tourney

• Can you imagine riding a bike all day for 24 days in a row? The riders in one of the world's most grueling bicycle races, the Tour de France, do this every year.

This year the race, scheduled between June 28 and July 21, is expected to draw a television audience of more than 100 million people around the world.

Nearly a third of France's 54 million people will line the route of the race to see the riders.

The race, which covers more than 2,300 miles (3,680 kilometers), is divided into daily stages. Each rider is timed for each daily stage. The winner of the race is the rider who completes all the stages in the shortest time.

The Tour de France began in 1903 as a circulation booster for *l'Auto*, a sports newspaper. Today, the tour's organizational costs alone are more than \$1,000,000 annually, with advertisers paying more than half the cost.

Decline of spectator interest in the last few years posed the threat of lost advertising funds. Organizers began to look for ways to revive interest in the race.

In the past, the race has been a contest for professional teams funded by advertisers. But to help stir more interest, the rules now allow amateurs to compete too.

Last year's first women's Tour de France was also intended to boost interest. The women's tour occurred at the same time as the men's tour, but for a shorter distance. It was 616 miles (991 kilometers), and was done in 18 daily stages.

This year, tour organizers have dumped long-time sponsor Perrier, France's popular

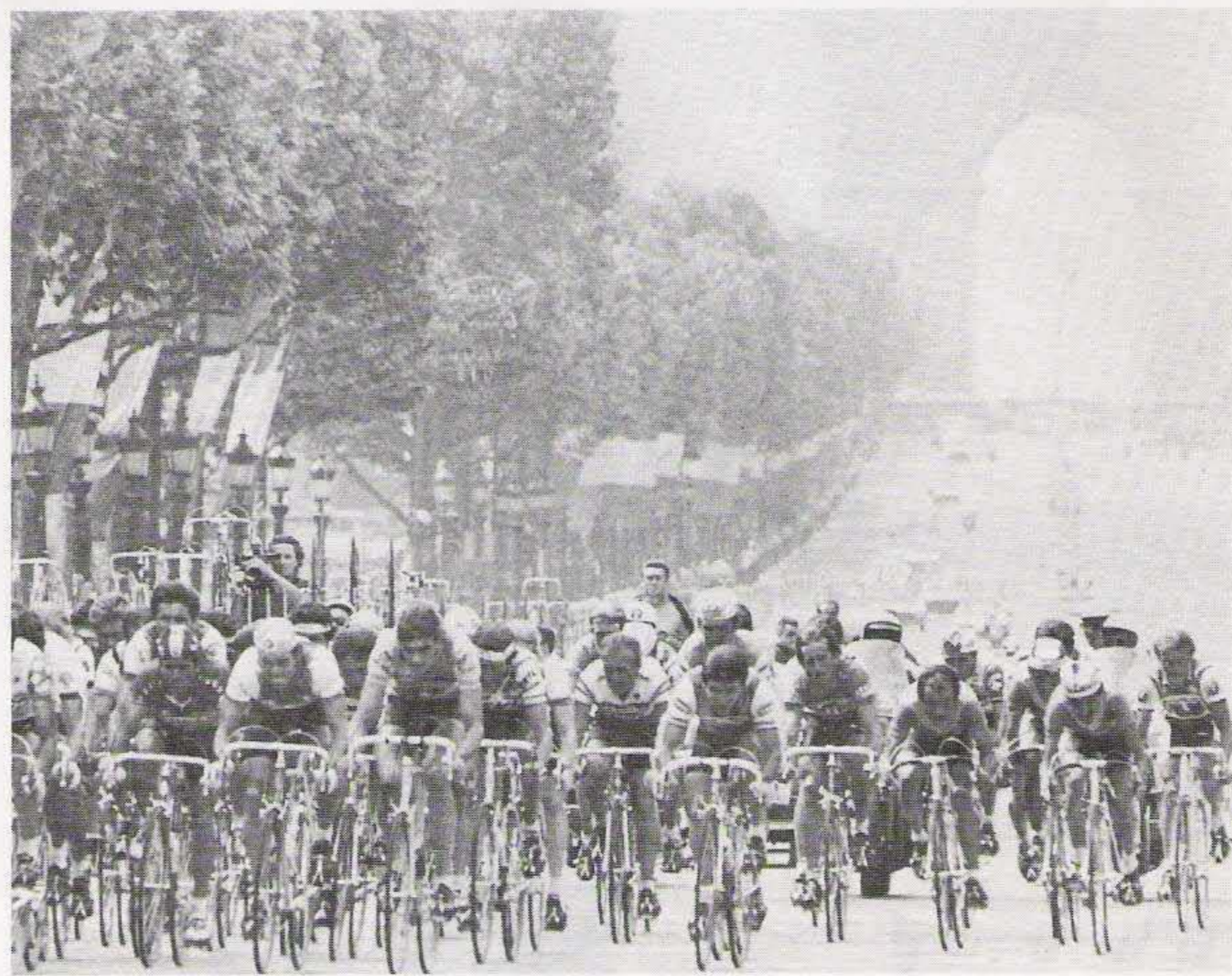


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mineral water, in favor of Coca-Cola. One reason: Coke's international advertising efforts may help spark greater worldwide interest in the race.

For the future, the organizers are talking of further changes, including a "tour of the world" with

At the end of a grueling 24 days of riding, the racers roll into Paris.

daily legs in the United States and in Europe. Whether these changes will take place or not, remains to be seen. For this year, France is where the action will be. — By Wesley B. Webster □

Launching a New Business

If all goes according to plan, the Conestoga II — shown in this artist's conception — will be the first privately owned rocket to carry a customer's payload into space.

• When David Hannah gazes into the heavens, he sees dollar signs these days. It's an affliction that more and more people are getting as the space race moves out of the hands of big government and into the hands of new businesses.

Mr. Hannah is a pioneer

among pioneers in this new industry. His company, Space Services Incorporated (SSI), was the first private company to launch a rocket into space. That first successful test flight, in 1982, will be followed up next year when SSI launches its first customer's payload into orbit.

Until recently, if a company wanted to launch something into space, it had to rely on America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) or the European Space Agency (ESA).

Now, NASA and ESA are getting some competition. Several private companies are planning to offer launch services.

Why are so many people

anxious to get into the rocket-launching business? About 350 companies have expressed a strong interest in doing business in space. Whether they want to place a satellite in orbit or make products that can only be made in space, they will need a way to get up there.

The launch companies want to be there waiting when space businesses begin to boom. By the year 2000, services and products from space could bring in \$65 billion* a year.

What's so attractive about space? It offers a unique and potentially profitable environment

for manufacturers. There, a factory would be ultraclean. It would also be free from gravity, a real plus in certain industries. There would also be an unlimited supply of solar power.

New products can be made in space, such as specialized electronic crystals, ultrapure optical glass and microscopic plastic spheres used to calibrate sensitive instruments. These products are almost impossible to make on earth because of the distortion caused by gravity.

As they discover this hidden gold mine, more and more companies will be heading to space. — *By Ford Burden* □

*Thousand million, British usage.

Clove Cigarettes Spark \$25 Million Lawsuit

• Tim Cislaw, 17, died last year while getting over the flu. But his parents and his doctor don't think that's what killed him.

In a \$25 million lawsuit, Tim's parents contend that Tim died from lung problems that developed after he had smoked several clove cigarettes.

Clove cigarettes, tobacco mixed with about 30 percent cloves, have boomed in popularity in the last few years, especially among teens. But the publicity stirred by Tim's case — and other new cases — may end that popularity.

Doctors aren't sure just what — if anything — in the spicy clove cigarettes has caused such serious illness in some teens.

"We may be speculating about the explanation, but we have convincing evidence that there is a real problem with smoking clove oil cigarettes," Dr. Tee Guidotti, a leading authority on the cigarettes, said.

He feels the most likely explanation for the illnesses is that a substance in the cigarettes lowers the lungs' defense mechanisms.

Panos Georgopulo, president of a company that imports clove cigarettes, told the Associated Press: "In Indonesia, they have been smoking these for 100 years. All the information I have is that there have been no adverse effects that have surfaced in Indonesia."

Dr. Guidotti feels that is no proof. The side effects could be easily overlooked in a developing country that has more urgent health-care problems.

Since clove cigarettes taste better than regular cigarettes, he worries that "a whole generation of smokers will come up whose first experience with a cigarette is positive instead of negative. I'm afraid they'll begin smoking earlier and inhale more deeply because they're used to it, and



Clove cigarettes — made mainly in Indonesia — are stirring up controversy.

that would be a very big step backward for public health."

Whether or not clove cigarettes have hidden dangers, it is clear that they are at least as deadly as regular cigarettes. To learn more about cigarettes — with or without cloves — write for the free reprint article, "Smoking — It's More Than Just a Habit." — *By Lowell Wagner Jr.* □

Photo by Hal Finch

*Here are some
moneymaking ideas
that can help.*

It's frustrating — you find a really good deal on some clothes, a bicycle or skis, but even though the price is good, you don't have enough money.

And what about those tickets you couldn't afford and that college savings account with practically nothing in it?

That settles it. You decide you've got to find a way to earn some money.

You don't have to get a full-time job to do this, though — there may not be many available or you may be too young to hold such a job anyway. The following suggestions can help you discover a moneymaking method to fit your area and your skills and needs. Then, using imagination and resourcefulness, you can earn the money to meet your goals.

Yard work

Taking care of lawns is one of the oldest teen money-makers around. It may be the kind of work easiest to find and it pays well.

Look for work by starting with neighbors and friends. If you can't find enough work with them, ask if they know anyone who needs yard care.

The best prospects are elderly people or couples who do not have children. They may be looking for someone just like you to take care of the things they don't have time or want to do.

After you get the job of caring for their lawn, ask if they would be interested in having you do other yard work, such as raking the grass for clippings or leaves, trimming the shrubs, spading, weeding or rototilling the garden and picking up trash.

Before seeking customers, find out what the going rate for such



Need Some Extra Cash?

jobs is in your neighborhood. Know in advance how much money to ask for. You may want to work by the hour or by the job.

You may have to negotiate some with your prospective customer to find a price you both agree on. If you bring your own mower and use your own tools, you should charge more.

Find out how often the home owner wants you to come and set

up a schedule. Be sure you understand exactly what the home owner wants done. He or she will probably walk around the yard and show you.

If you live in northern climates, see these people about shoveling snow from their sidewalks and driveways when winter comes.

Then check with them again and see if they need help with spring cleaning. Many people



gladly pay for help with work like this.

Baby-sitting

You may have already done some baby-sitting for your younger brothers and sisters or a neighbor, but why not try doing it on a bigger scale? Advertise your services by asking your parents to tell their friends you'd like to baby-sit. Be safety conscious — make sure you will be safe and that you know how to keep the children safe. Ask your parents and read up on the things baby-sitters should watch out for.

Once you get a baby-sitting job, make sure you get the facts.

With a bit of imagination and hard work, you can earn the extra money you need.

Where may the parents be reached? What are the emergency telephone numbers? What are the children allowed to do? What will your hours be? What are the transportation arrangements? (Make sure you are escorted home after dark.) And, of course, what is the agreed fee?

When baby-sitting, be conscientious by doing a few added chores like washing the dishes and making the house neat when the parents return. If you show them you are more interested in caring for their children than watching television, the parents and children will ask you to return.

Delivering handbills

Notice the handbills and advertisements that are periodically attached to your front doorknob. Someone put them there and made money in the process.

Call an advertising agency. They often look for people to deliver door-to-door notices and you could have that job. Agencies work for several businesses at once and you could make more money than working for one store.

If you're not successful here, contact some businesses. Talk to the store managers because they're probably the ones who make the decisions about who gets the delivery jobs. Be sure to find out in advance what

you'll be paid. Usually, they pay by the number of pieces distributed, so the faster you work, the more money you'll make an hour.

By being reliable, you can become a regular distributor. Go back to them and let them know that you will be glad to do the job on a regular schedule.

Collecting recyclables

People are more conservation conscious nowadays. Paper, cardboard, glass and metal cans are recycled because it takes so much less energy to remanufacture them than to make them new. People like you are needed to collect and bring the materials into the recyclers.

First, check to see what recyclers are nearby. Look in the advertising section of the telephone book under recycling, scrap metals or waste paper. Also, call a brewery, soft-drink bottler or glass factory and see what information they have about where to take scrap. Ask them how they expect materials to be packaged, if they will pick them up or where you need to haul

Photos by G.A. Bulluche Jr.

Gardening is always popular as a teen money-maker.



them and how much they pay.

At first it may not seem like you get much for it, but if you let all your neighbors and friends know you are stockpiling cans, bottles, copper or whatever, you may be surprised how much the money you collect will add up.

Keep your eyes open for places where there are large concentrations of cans and bottles. Ride your bike or walk along a well-traveled road. You might be able to pick up several pounds of cans in an hour. Try looking in a park late Sunday afternoon.

By cleaning up litter, you'll also have a sense of satisfaction that you helped clean up a road or park of someone's thoughtlessness.

Agricultural work

If you live on the outskirts of a city or in the country, check around for farmers needing extra labor during the summer. You might be needed to pick fruit or vegetables, "walk beans" (pull weeds in soybean fields that can't be handled by cultivators), detassel corn for seed growers or do many other tasks.

Learn to leave windows completely streak-free.

Window washing

Some people dislike washing windows and would be happy to have you do it for them. You might deliver flyers advertising your service and rates. First, check what rates others charge so you have an idea of how much to ask.

For information about how to clean windows well, check with your parents or look for a book about home cleaning. Get some experience by washing your own windows so you can advertise yourself as experienced.

Learn to wash windows so they are completely free of streaks. For your safety, take only jobs that can be done from the ground or a short ladder.

Sealing driveways

Asphalt driveways need to be

sealed every so often. It's not a difficult job, but requires a little experience.

First, clean off the driveway with a hose and broom. Apply the sealer (available at lumberyards and hardware stores) and then squeegee the surface to even it out. Directions are usually included on the can of sealer, but it's good to have someone who's experienced help you the first time.

Do a driveway free just to get practice and show you can do a good job. Estimate how long a driveway will take and determine how much to charge.

Addressing houses

Every house should be easily identified by its address, but not every one is. Many people would be thankful if someone else could put their address on their house for them.

Check the hardware store for the different prices of the plastic, metal, stick-on or wood numbers. You will probably want to buy one of each to show your prospective customers. Decide what you will charge for the job. Include the installation price in the cost of the samples.

Walk up to a likely prospect's house — one with no or a poorly visible address — and greet the home owner with something like: "Your number is hard to see from the street. Visitors will have a hard time finding your house." Remember your personal appearance and be safety conscious — having a partner would be a good idea if you are going to houses where you don't know the people.

These are but a sampling of the ways you can make extra money. Perhaps they have sparked some other ideas in your mind. With creativity and enthusiasm, you can turn your ideas into money-making ventures. □



Baby-sitters should know about and be interested in children.



What's It Like to Be a Teen in THE BAHAMAS?

By Steven Mather and Deborah McKinney

What comes to your mind when you hear the words *the Bahamas*?

Do you imagine primitive natives living in straw huts? Or do you think of long, sandy beaches and clear, blue water? To the surprise of many people, the Bahamas is as modern and up-to-date as anywhere else in the world.

The Commonwealth of the Bahamas, made up of about 700 islands and more than 2,000 islets, is just off the coast of Florida. The archipelago (island group) stretches 760 miles (1,220 kilometers), but has less than 5,400 square miles (13,900 square kilometers) in land area. Only about 30 of the islands are inhabited.

The Tropic of Cancer runs through some of these islands, so the Bahamas has a warm climate year round. The temperatures vary from about 51 degrees Fahrenheit (10 Celsius) in winter to 90 degrees (32 Celsius) in summer.

The island of New Providence has more than half of the quarter of a million people living in the Bahamas. Our capital, Nassau, is on New Providence.

Nassau has a large number of cars, but another common form of transportation is the jitney. This is a minibus, about half the size of a regular city bus. Many young people "catch a jitney" to get to their destination.

Sight-seeing and shopping

Bay Street, the main downtown area, is usually teeming with tourists and local people. Tourists go there to sightsee and shop because of the wide variety of jewelry, cameras, linens, souvenirs and straw goods offered by the numerous stores and stalls. Since international banking is one of the

major businesses in the country, there are many banks in the downtown area.

Although many people like to shop downtown, many of the stores have branches more conveniently located in the Centreville area away from the congestion, and with easier parking. In this area there are also a number of large supermarkets. Here, some boys take after-school jobs as packing boys to earn some money.

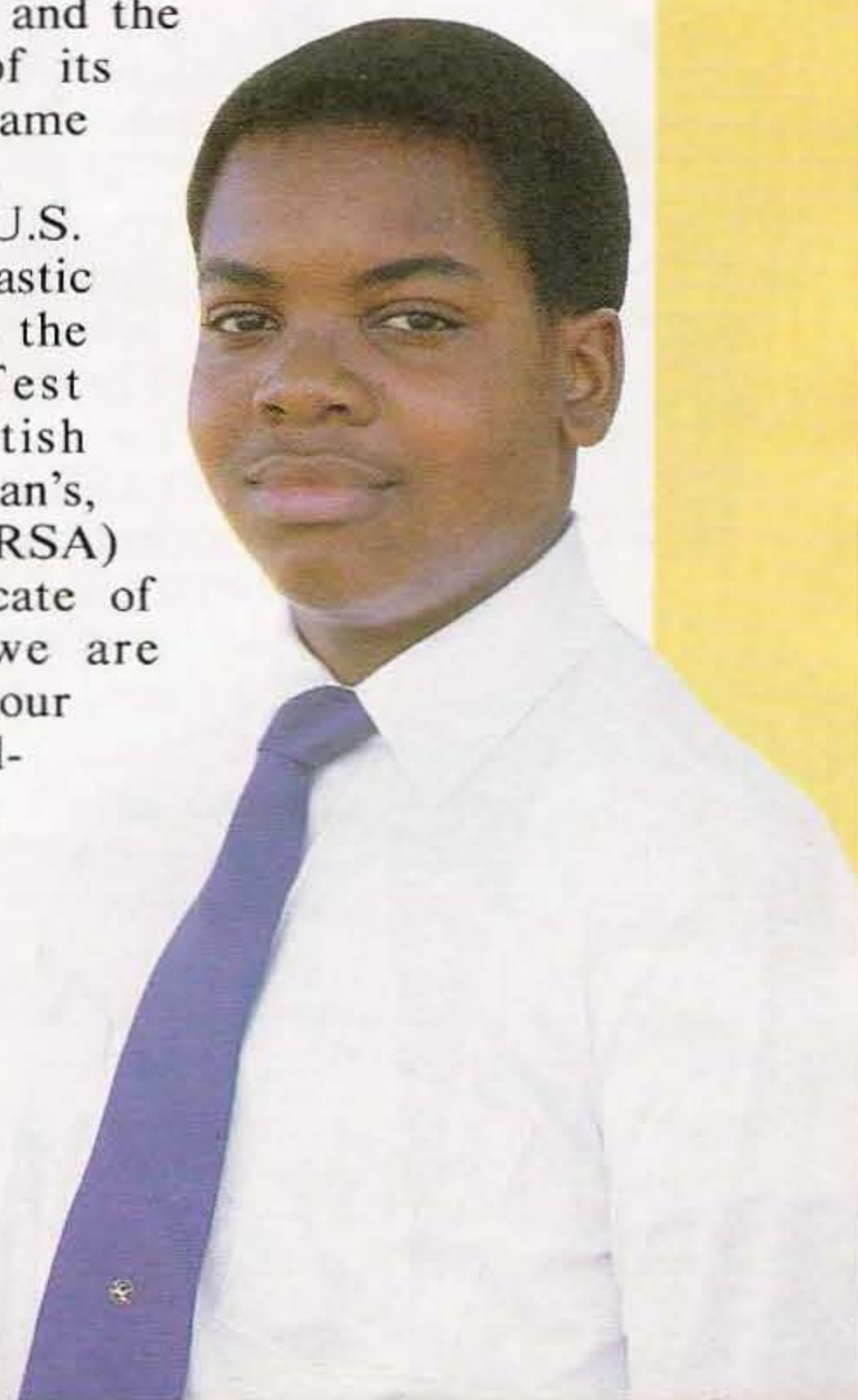
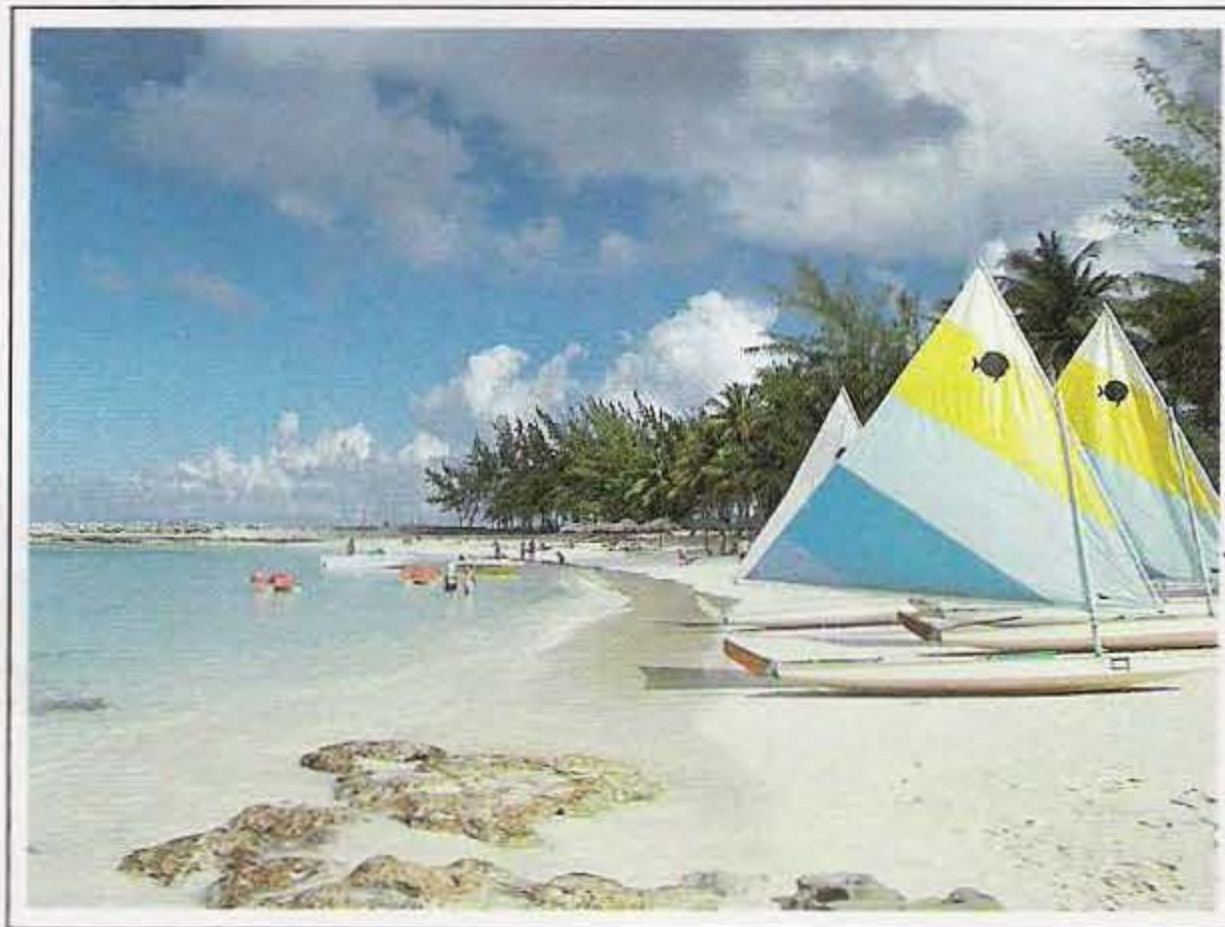
British-style education

In the Bahamas, most young people go to school until they are at least 16, although 14 is the minimum school-leaving age. Each school has its own uniform to distinguish its students from the students of other schools.

The educational system is influenced both by the British and the Americans — by Britain, because the Bahamas was formerly a British colony, and the United States because of its nearness. The Bahamas became independent July 10, 1973.

Students can take such U.S. examinations as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT), as well as British examinations such as Pitman's, Royal Society of Arts (RSA) and the General Certificate of Education (GCE). If we are fortunate and do well in our external examinations, finding a good job is much easier, and the need to go off to a higher institute of learning in another country might not be necessary.

Although a great



It's no surprise for many that the Bahamas placed second as the "dream vacation land."

deal of teenagers' time is spent going to school, doing homework or studying for final examinations, young people always find time for recreation. Some of these activities include parasailing, fishing, bowling, skating, scuba diving, snorkeling and underwater exploring. (There is a tremendous variety of colorful fish, coral and other aquatic life to be seen.)

Basketball, softball, soccer and track and field are taught in school. Some schools offer swimming, tennis, bowling and squash. American football is played, but mostly just for fun.

On weekends and holidays some families go to the public beaches to picnic and enjoy the water. Often, various groups and organizations will have cookouts on the beaches as a way of raising funds. The beaches offer fine white or pink sand and crystal-clear water.

Underwater exploration

A short distance offshore are reefs, with hundreds of colorful little fish and other fascinating plant and animal life. These are enjoyed by those who like to venture out to scuba dive or snorkel.

Some teens enjoy sport fishing, or just fishing from the dock. Some of the large fish caught in Bahamian waters are marlin, dolphin, wahoo, grouper and tuna. The smaller fish include red and gray snappers, yellow jack, yellowtail and shad. These small fish are known locally as pan fish. They are fried and served with peas and rice — a traditional Bahamian dish.

Many Bahamians complain that prices are too high. There is no tax system in the Bahamas, but high prices tend to offset that benefit. For example, it's not uncommon for us to pay (US)\$2.89 for a gallon of milk, \$3.29 for a three-pound bag of apples or \$3 for a large box of corn flakes.

These prices are particularly high when you consider that the average Bahamian earns about 35 percent less than a British worker, and about 50 percent less than an American.

Jewelry, cameras and perfume are the



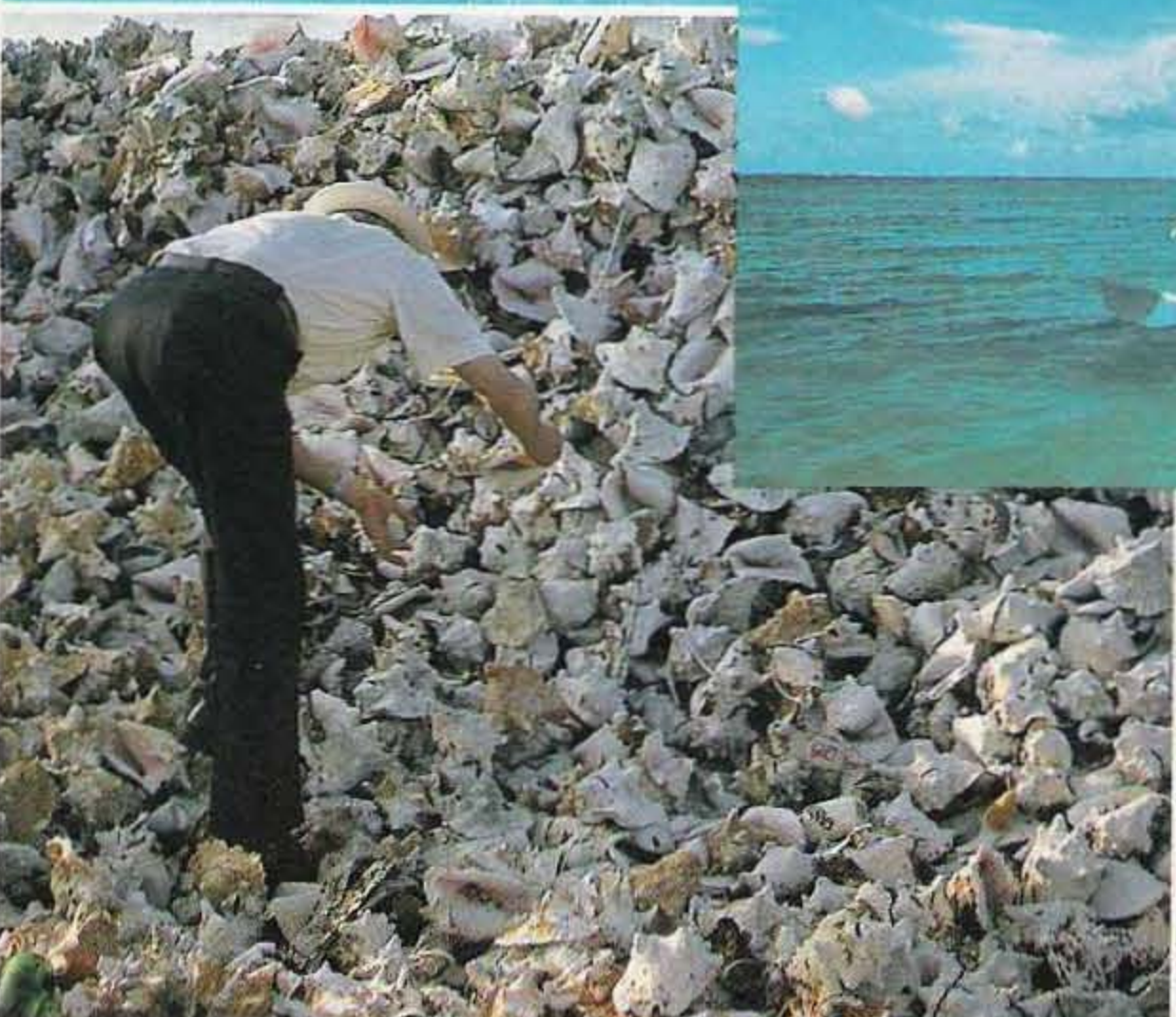
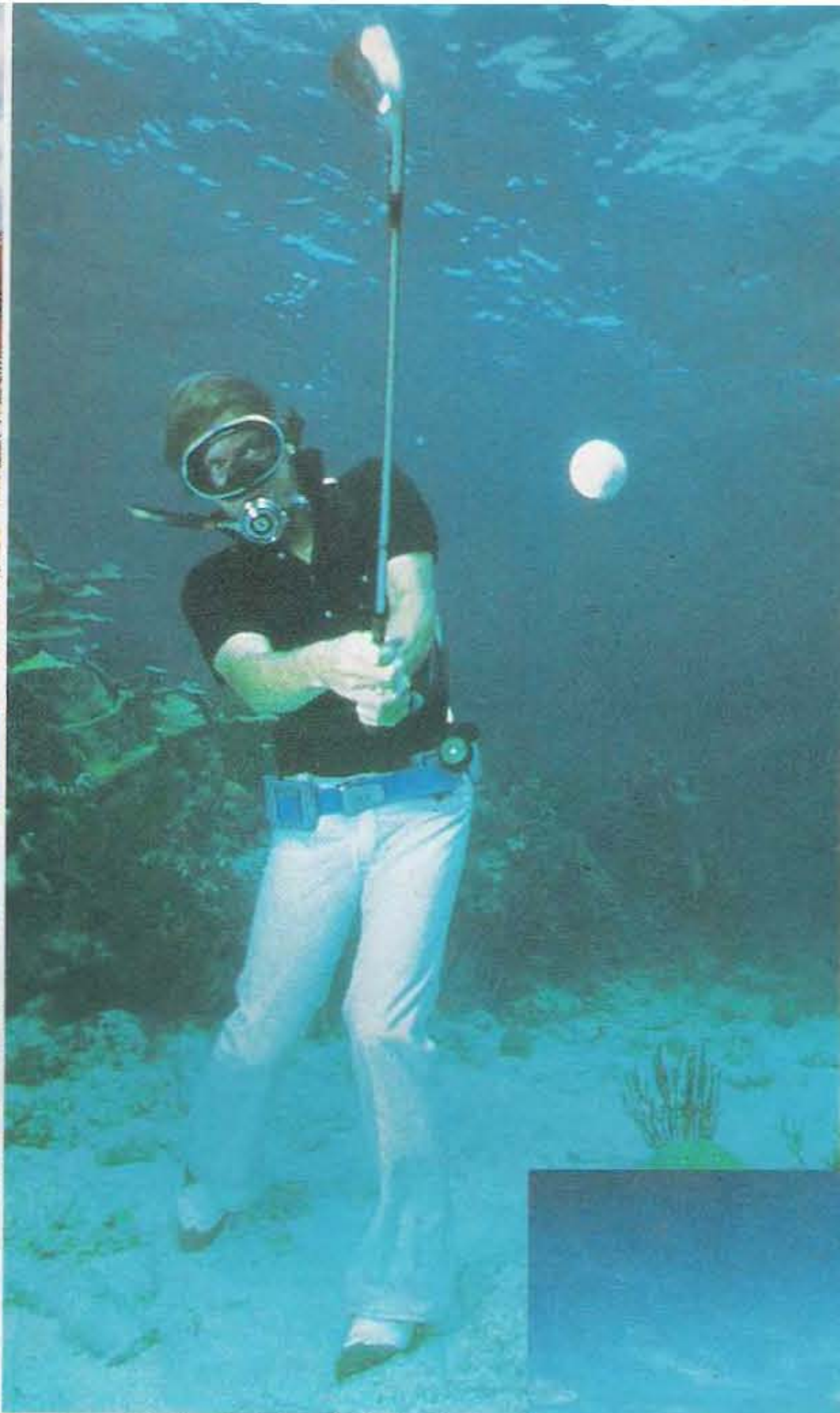
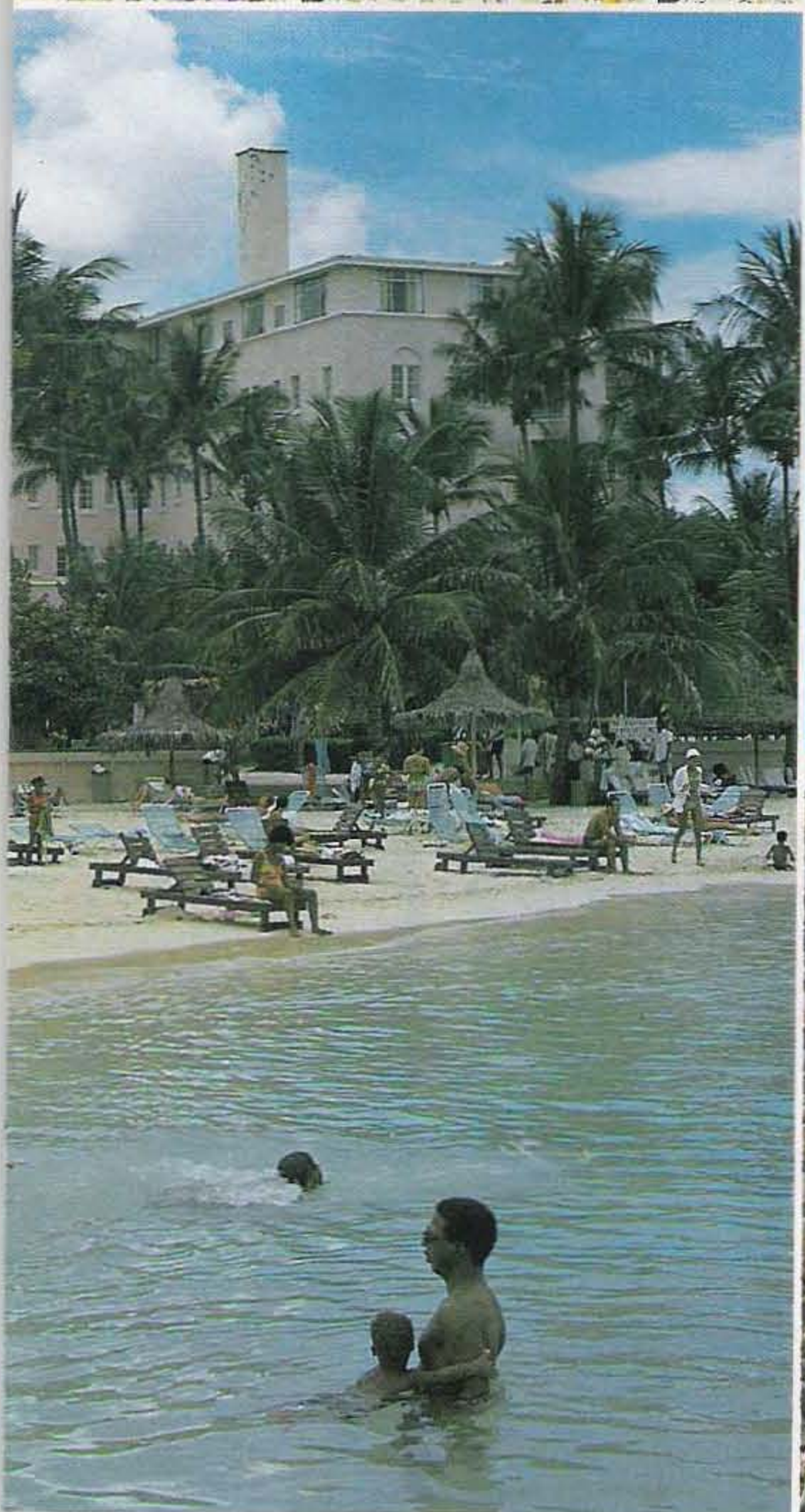
only items sold at bargain prices.

One of the main problems facing Bahamian teens is drug abuse. Students are often warned and instructed to avoid getting involved. Young people also face high unemployment after leaving school. For some it can take several years to find a job in the field of their choice.

Transportation

Because of the geography of the Bahamas, travel by both air and sea is common to most people. Trips are often made to the United States for vacationing and shopping. People travel





From top left: College of the Bahamas; merchants display crafts; and an uncanny golfer tries a new stroke. (Center photo: Tom and Michele Grimm — After Image; others, courtesy of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism)

From bottom left: coauthor Deborah McKinney; a beach resort in Nassau; a tourist sorts through discarded conch shells; and a catamaran takes to the wind. (Photos: Sheila Graham; Tom and Michele Grimm — After Image; Kevin Gardner; Bahamas Ministry of Tourism)

Previous page: a serene Paradise Beach and coauthor Steven Mather. (Photos: Bill Staley — After Image; and Sheila Graham)

among the islands by plane or by mail boat — a small freighter that transports mail and supplies to the various islands.

Since many families now living in New Providence are originally from one of the other islands, an air or sea trip to visit home is a common thing. Some youngsters from the other islands are sent to schools in New Providence to further their education. They spend the summer months at home with their families.

Activity and challenge

We have access to local television programing,

as well as the U.S. stations by using a satellite dish. Video-game systems are common.

Being a teenager on these islands can be rewarding, exciting and challenging. There is always some social activity to keep us busy.

So whether you decide to visit or vacation in the Bahamas (the Bahamas placed second as the “dream vacation land” in a survey), you’ll find the islands are a fabulous place to enjoy yourself.

Once you’ve visited our islands, you may agree with the Bahamas’ most popular expression: “It is better in the Bahamas!” □

Right: There are many steps involved in creating a functional car design. The school project illustrated here was an effort to design a safer car that was also fun to drive. Below: This Ford Merkur typifies the new era of car designs. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)



Young Designers Shift to HIGH GEAR

By Nathan Faulkner

Your future car may be on their drawing boards now!

What will you be driving in the 1990s?

To get a sneak preview, we talked to some of today's innovative, young automobile design students.

A hub of creative activity in the field is the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. The influence of former students of its Transportation Design Department can be seen in cars such as the Corvette, Fiero, Thunderbird and many others. The Art Center claims to have produced more than half of today's American auto designers.

The students we talked to were involved in a project for the U.S. Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The assignment: Design a safer car,

using state-of-the-art technology and design ideas to make it easy and fun to drive.

The students' designs passed through several stages, from drawings, to clay models, to a full-size model.

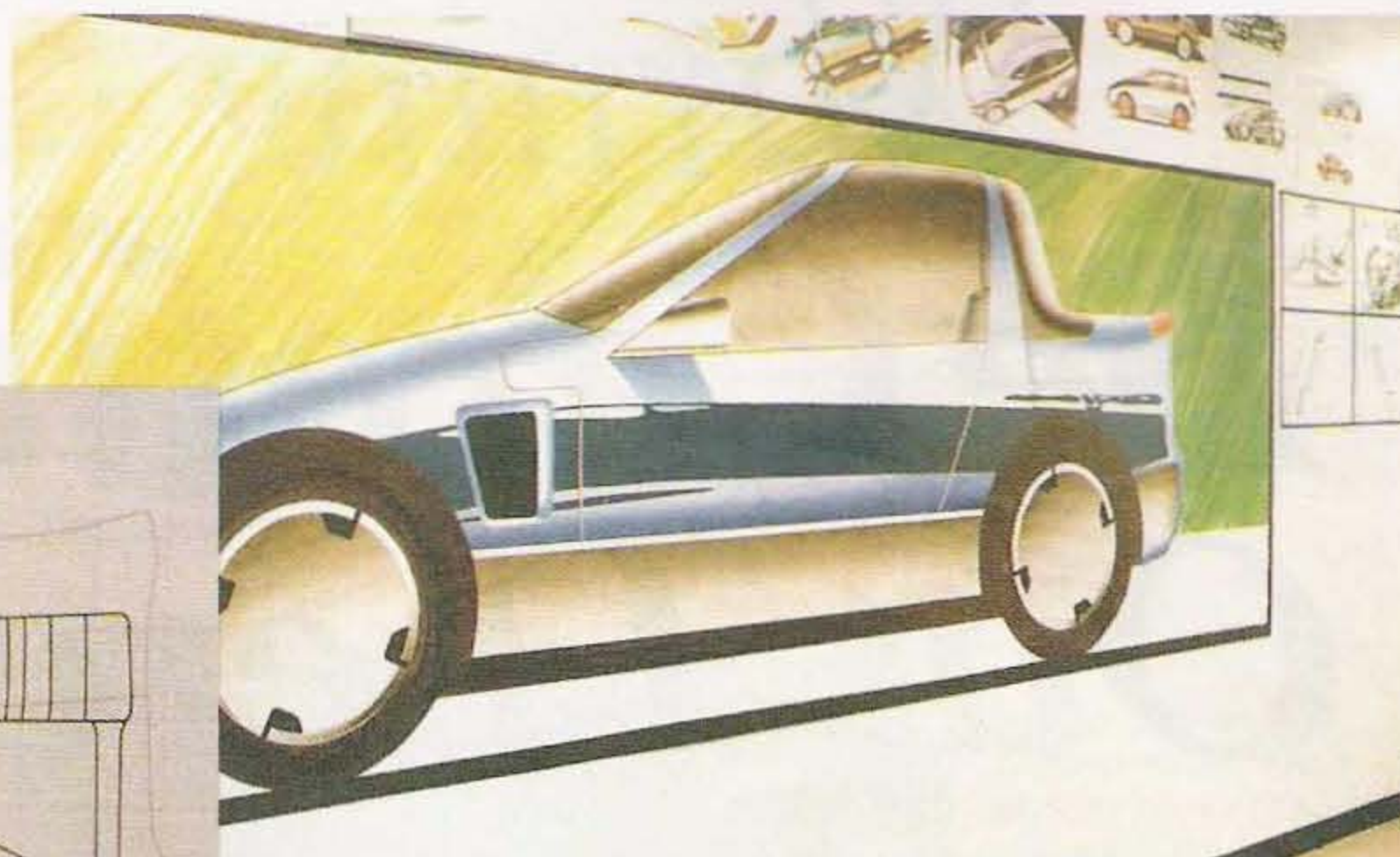
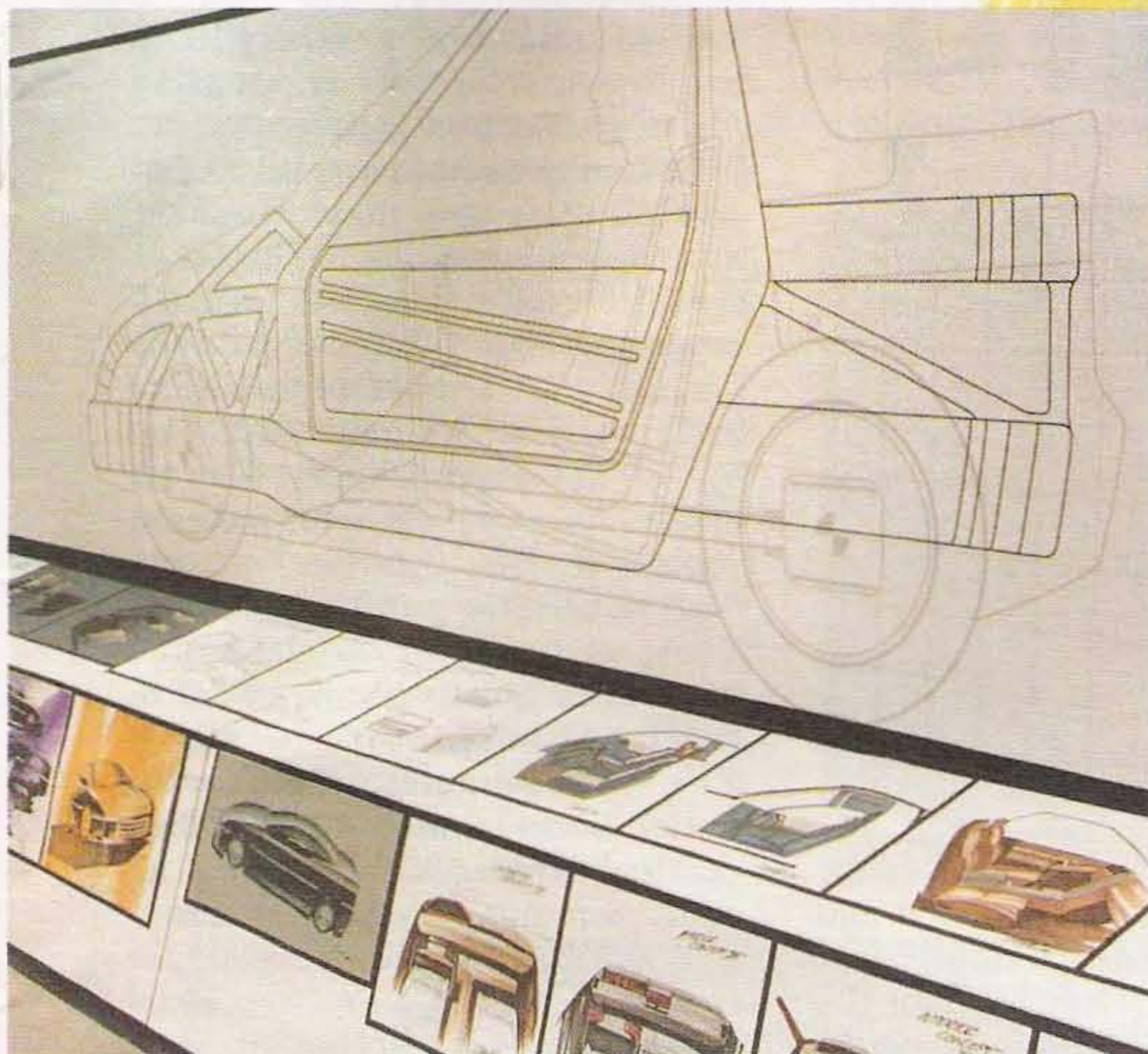
Steering without a wheel

The most noticeable thing about one life-size model was the absence of a steering wheel.

"The two columns are like the type used to control airplanes, and they will have computer-controlled turning," explained Blair Taylor, the student responsible for the unusual steering idea.

"The columns pop up from beside the driver's seat. The control sticks are closer to the body than a steering wheel so your arms don't fatigue — that's 8

All the body designs were sleek and aerodynamic.



“In the future we’ll see cars with plastic engines.”

interior controls, showed us plans for mirrors that read as a part of the dashboard so drivers don’t have to look to the sides. This would be accomplished by a system of prisms.

The car would also have a directional computer. Dave explained that when your destination is punched into the computer, it makes use of a satellite to determine the best route to take.

“In windows,” Dave said, “we will see more and more flexiglass used. This type of glass is used in rounder body styles so windows actually bend with the body. Flexiglass also allows glass to be mounted directly flush to the car’s body to increase aerodynamics.”

Dean Berry discussed plans for a better antiskid braking system. “Antiskid systems are

pounds [3.6 kilograms] you’re holding out in front of you, and it can get tiring.

“The main reason [for the innovative steering system] is for safety, though. There’s no steering column for you to impale yourself on.”

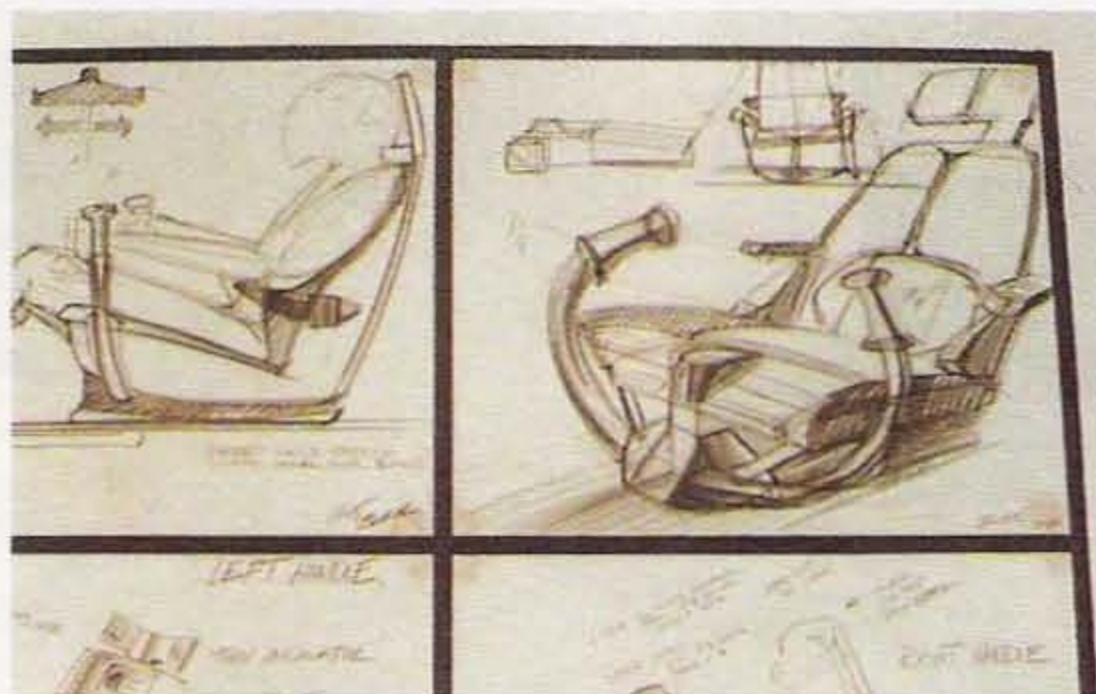
Blair, who was interested in architecture in high school before concentrating on automotive design, also pointed out that his steering system turns just like the steering wheel in today’s cars. To make things even easier, he put the turn signals and horn on the columns, right under the thumbs.

Blair’s team also was working with the idea of cambering seats — seats that allow drivers to lean into a turn. The designers claim this will make driving safer and more comfortable.

All of the body designs we saw were sleek and aerodynamic. These designers were conscious of economy in use as well as in manufacturing.

“One way to bring down the cost of manufacturing is to drop the amount of time it takes to build the car,” said Dave Weise, another design student. “We want to design this car so it can be made in 10 hours instead of the 20 to 30 hours it takes now.”

Dave, who is in charge of designing the car’s



much safer than brakes that lock your wheels up, causing you to skid out of control. We are also looking at a system that wouldn’t cause your car to dive when braking. This problem now causes a lot of damage because the bumper goes under the bumper of the car in front of it, rendering it useless.”

Use of plastics

“We will also see much more use of plastics,” Dean said. “Now we see cars with plastic-coated bodies that are easily replaced. In the future we’ll see cars with plastic engines.”

So, what’s ahead in car design? In this field of rapid innovation and sudden change, no one can say with complete certainty. But we can be certain that these, and other, young designers will play a part in making driving safer, easier and more fun. □

Warning 'Be Careful Out There'

By Z. Harlean Botha

What would you do if you knew your younger sisters or brothers might be in danger?

You need to know how to help keep them — and yourself — safe!

What if it had been your sister?

Debbie, 14, hadn't been happy at home, but it was a shock when she disappeared one night.

Apparently she had packed a suitcase and crept from the house, thumbing a ride on the highway.

Her parents' worry reached nightmare proportions when her suitcase was found tossed over the side of the highway. Vulnerable Debbie, kidnapped, perhaps raped, murdered!

Then, nothing. For an entire year, there was no clue, not a word to indicate Debbie was still alive.

Finally, a telephone call from across the country. Debbie was alive! Her message? "I'll be home as soon as I can work things out."

It was another year before Debbie made it back to her small town. Her tale was one of virtual slavery and included drug depen-



dence, abortion and physical abuse.

Debbie is not the victim's real name, but her story is true. Unfortunately, it is one that happens to other young people all too frequently.

There are vile characters ready to strike the innocent and the unprotected.

But you can help your brothers and sisters — and yourself — avoid these dangers by taking warning, and remembering these safety precautions.

1. Don't hitchhike. This is hardest to remember when the car breaks down or you just missed the last bus home. But, if people stop to offer a lift, it would help you more to ask them to call the police or your parents instead. Keep enough distance between you and the vehicle so they won't be able to grab you.

2. "No, thanks," is the perfect reply whenever a stranger offers you anything. Candy, money, gifts, food, drinks, tickets, job offers, auditions — the answer should be, "No, thanks."

The Houston, Texas, Police Department's Community Relations Division states that most kidnappings begin with accepting something offered — by a stranger. The Detroit, Michigan, Police Department further warns against allowing a stranger to touch your body or display physical affection in any way.

3. Avoid trouble spots. Examples of these are alleys, tunnels, abandoned buildings, empty construction sites, vacant subway entrances, empty playgrounds and school yards. Go to school early or stay late only when you are in an activity supervised by adults. Use well-lit, well-traveled routes anywhere you go.

4. Use the buddy system. There is safety in numbers! It's just better not to go anywhere in public without a friend along. The Los Angeles, California, Police Department Crime Prevention Unit advises having an adult accompany you after dark.

Be a buddy, too. If you see trouble happening, find the nearest authority, whether it is a teacher, salesclerk, movie usher or the police.

5. Handling threats. Sneering at, showing fear of or provoking the local toughs is not to your advantage. Calm politeness is the key here.

Try to ignore verbal abuse. If you are threatened, try to run away from the scene. If you can't leave, don't resist: The New York Police Department (NYPD) Crime Prevention Unit advises giving up the bicycle or money or whatever it is the bullies want immediately. Try to remain calm. And report the encounter to the police.

6. Top secret: what you have with you. Flashing money or bragging about possessions can lead to trouble. The National Institute of Education estimates that more than 10 percent of American secondary school students have something stolen each month. Why invite attention to what you have? It's smarter to just take the money you need for the day with you, according to the NYPD.

7. Be alert on public streets.

Muggers love people who seem to be in a dream world — it makes their job so much easier!

If you think you are being followed, change directions or cross the street, advises the NYPD. If you are still sure someone is after you, run to the nearest public place and enlist the aid of the people there or call the police. Scream as you are running if you feel you are going to be attacked, says the National Coalition for Children's Justice. Better safe than sorry.

8. Sit near the driver on a bus or in the car with the conductor on the subway. The last subway car is too isolated to be really safe to ride. While waiting, stand by the ticket booth.

9. Keep your keys to yourself. This also applies to locker combinations, cautions the NYPD Youth Aid Division.

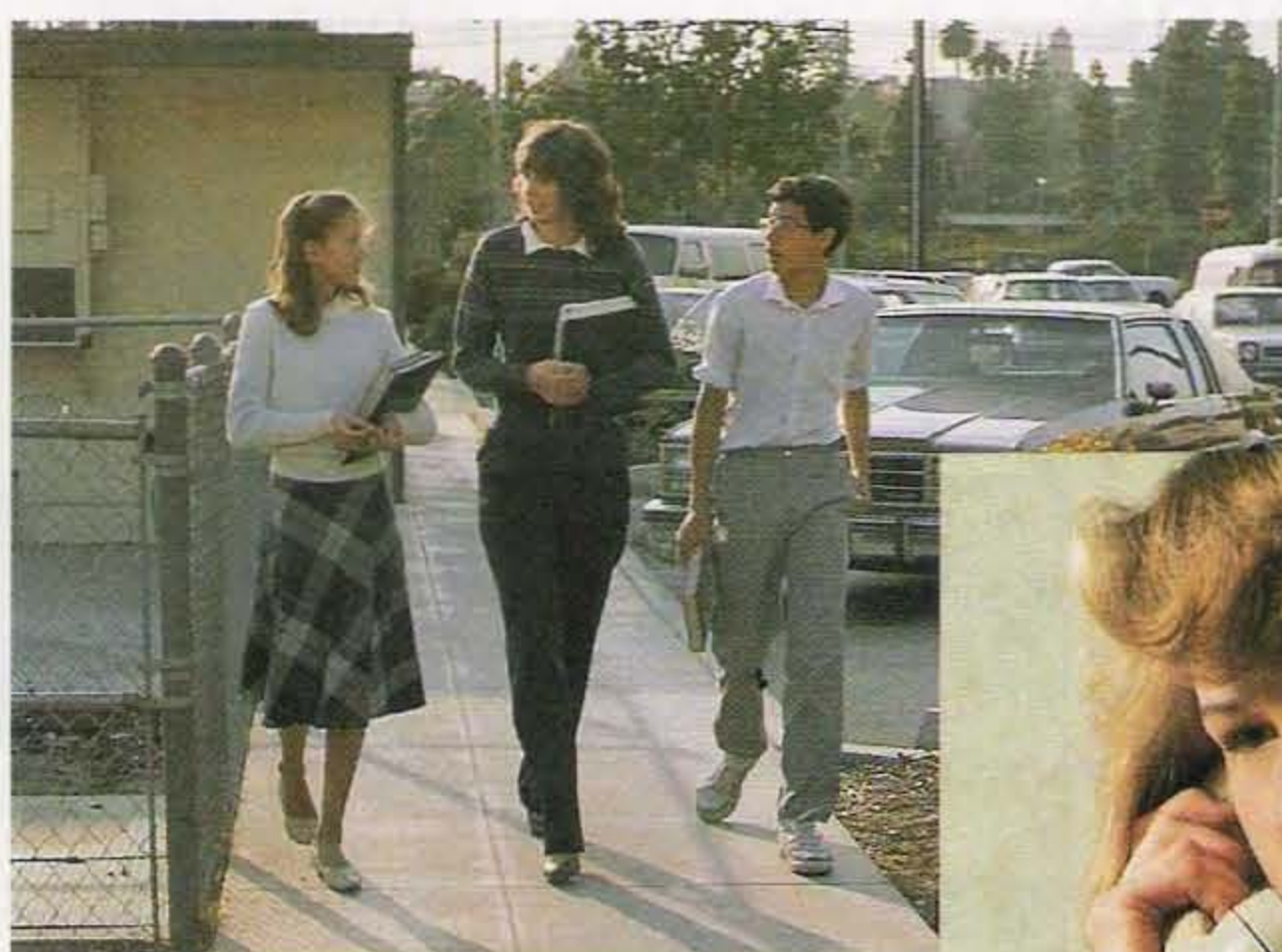
10. Telephone technique. If

or her? If you don't know the caller, you are under no obligation to give out your name, address or telephone number.

Stressing safety tips does not mean we should go through life expecting death and disaster at every turn and behind every bush. Actually, being cautious and aware of the dangers can greatly

improve the chances that nothing bad will happen to you or your family.

Keep safety in mind and help your younger brothers and sisters see the importance of these points too. Then you can put your trust in God, the source of true safety, knowing you've done your part. □

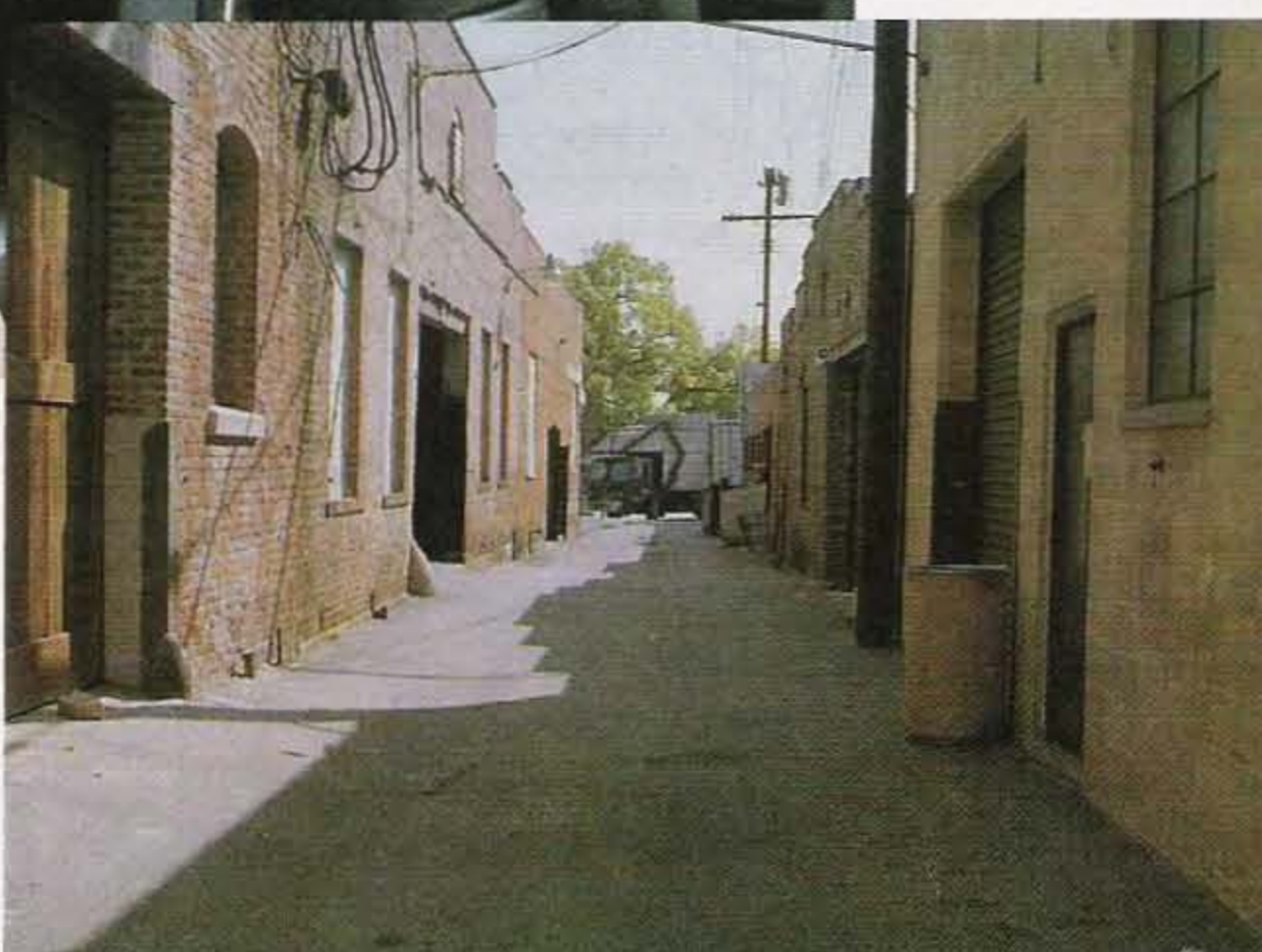


Below: For safety, certain information should be kept to yourself. (Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr.)



you are home alone, do not let unknown callers know that an adult is not present. Merely state that your father or mother is not available and offer to take a message.

Similarly, if the caller asks, "What number is this?" or "Who is this?" why should you tell him



Being cautious can help you avoid robbery and assault. Down from top left: Use the buddy system rather than walking alone; sit close to the driver when riding the bus; and avoid potentially dangerous shortcuts — even if it means going the long way. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)

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'I Want to Go Home'

Whether you're staying over at a friend's house, visiting grandparents, going to camp for the first time or leaving home for college, there is a "sickness" that can get you — homesickness.

You don't break out in a rash, have a fever or get a sore throat with this disease. But the symptoms can be just as painful. It causes sadness, an aching in the pit of your stomach and maybe tears on your pillow at night. It is a traumatic experience, especially when you would really rather be happy and enjoying yourself.

It's best to handle homesickness by dealing with it head on. Some of us try to hide from it, hoping it will go away. Sometimes it does. But what if it doesn't?

Here are a few pointers to help you help yourself out of homesickness.

Give yourself a chance. This is the first suggestion because this is the best first step you can take. Rather than packing your bags for home, allow a little time to adjust to your new surroundings.

If you tell yourself from the beginning that you absolutely will not like something, you probably won't. A college dormitory, a friend's home or the daily routine at camp isn't going to be like home, but don't compare. Use the new experiences to learn. Stick with it and you'll probably be glad you did in the end.

Get involved. Don't stay on the sidelines when you can be a participant. You'll forget your misery when you pitch in and help. Even the simplest of tasks or activities can turn out to be fun and you can make friends in



"Camp is supposed to be fun," you say trying to cheer yourself up. But homesickness has got you. Here's how to shake it off.

the process. Don't be afraid to try something like a new card game or an activity you haven't tried before.

Help others. We all have talents and abilities to share with someone else, but the greatest gift of all is our friendship. Chances are at least

one other person is feeling homesick.

Helping others will get your mind off yourself.

Talk with a friend.

Sometimes it is just enough to get your feelings off your chest or get homesickness out of your system by telling a friend.

Take it one day at a time.

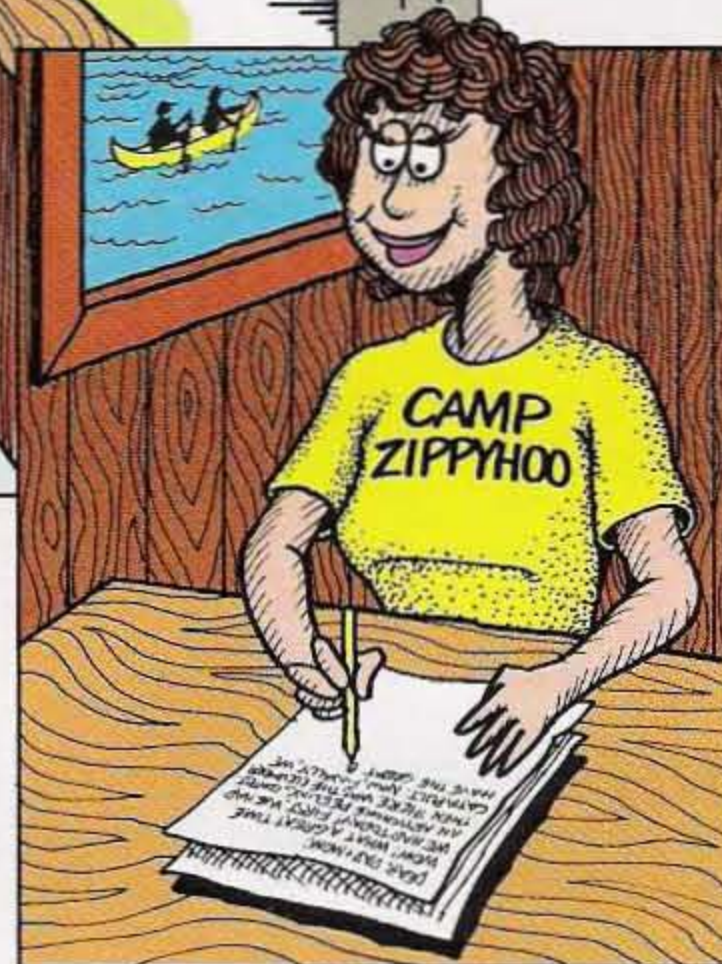
We often make obstacles in our path look bigger by looking too far into the future. If you are really homesick, home can seem even farther away when you have a daily countdown. By taking it one day at a time, you only have to think about a 24-hour period instead of a week, a month or the whole summer.

Write a letter. It's cheaper than a phone call and the person on the receiving end will

appreciate your thoughtfulness. Write about other subjects and he or she may not even guess how homesick you are.

Make a phone call. If you really think you would instantly feel better by just hearing a familiar voice, go ahead and

phone home. (Be prepared for the phone bill, though — especially if your home is far away.) But try the other six steps first and you probably won't even have to call. Chances are you won't be homesick anymore! — By Wilma Vernich □



Low-Maintenance Pets

Pets are animals whose primary purpose in life is to soak up all the love and attention you can lavish on them. And somehow, though they may not do anything else to contribute to society, just existing to be loved seems to make them worth the time you invest in them.

But what if you don't have lots of time or space? Does that mean you can't have a pet to love?

Actually there are lots of pets that don't require much attention or need lots of space.

Goldfish swim gracefully and look beautiful, which may be all you want from an easy-care pet. All you need to do is keep their water fresh and feed them.

An aquarium or bowl should either have an aeration system (purchased at a pet store) or have the water refreshed every few days. Otherwise the fish will use up all the oxygen in the water and suffocate.

Keep their home clean by moving your fish to a temporary watery home while scouring their bowl with salt (not soap or scrubbing powder), then rinsing it well. Fill the bowl with

pure, room-temperature water before replacing your fish.

Little red-eared turtles make energetic, entertaining pets — they slide in and out of the

water, climb small rocks, hide under things and wrestle with each other. Turtles need

turtle bowls, not fish bowls, because their shells soften when they can't spend part of their time out of the water.

Pet stores sell turtle food, and turtles also love lettuce. Although your turtle won't be cuddly, you can take it and hold it. Just don't put the turtle near your mouth and be sure you wash your hands carefully afterward. Some turtles — when kept in unsanitary conditions by breeders or pet stores — carry diseases harmful to man.

If you have a little more time to spend with your pet, why not choose a bird? Birds are the nearest thing in nature to a perpetual-motion device — they have an extremely high metabolism and seem to hold still only for sleep.

Zebra finches, parakeets and cockatiels make good pets and are easily available in many areas. You can make friends with a bird, and train it to sit on your hand or shoulder if you start working with it when it's young. Even a bird that isn't friendly enough to sit on your shoulder is still great fun to watch and listen to.

And then there are rodents. Gerbils, hamsters

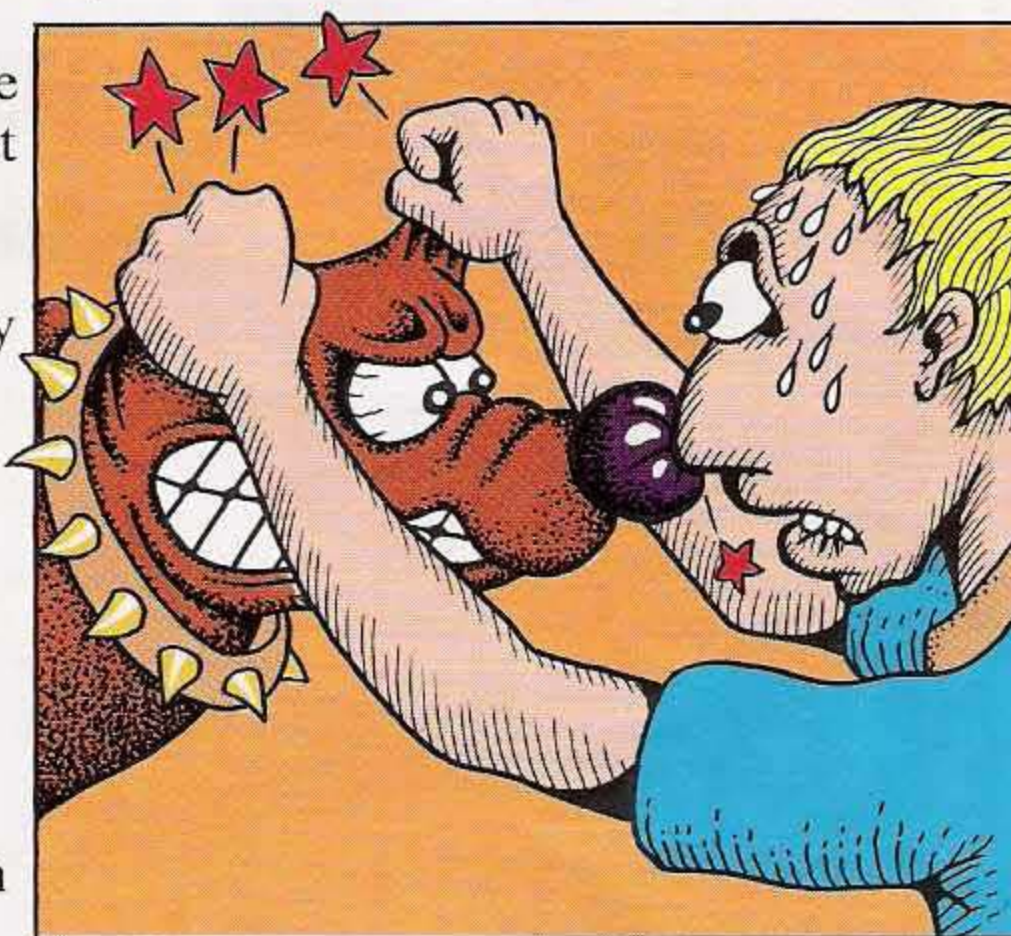
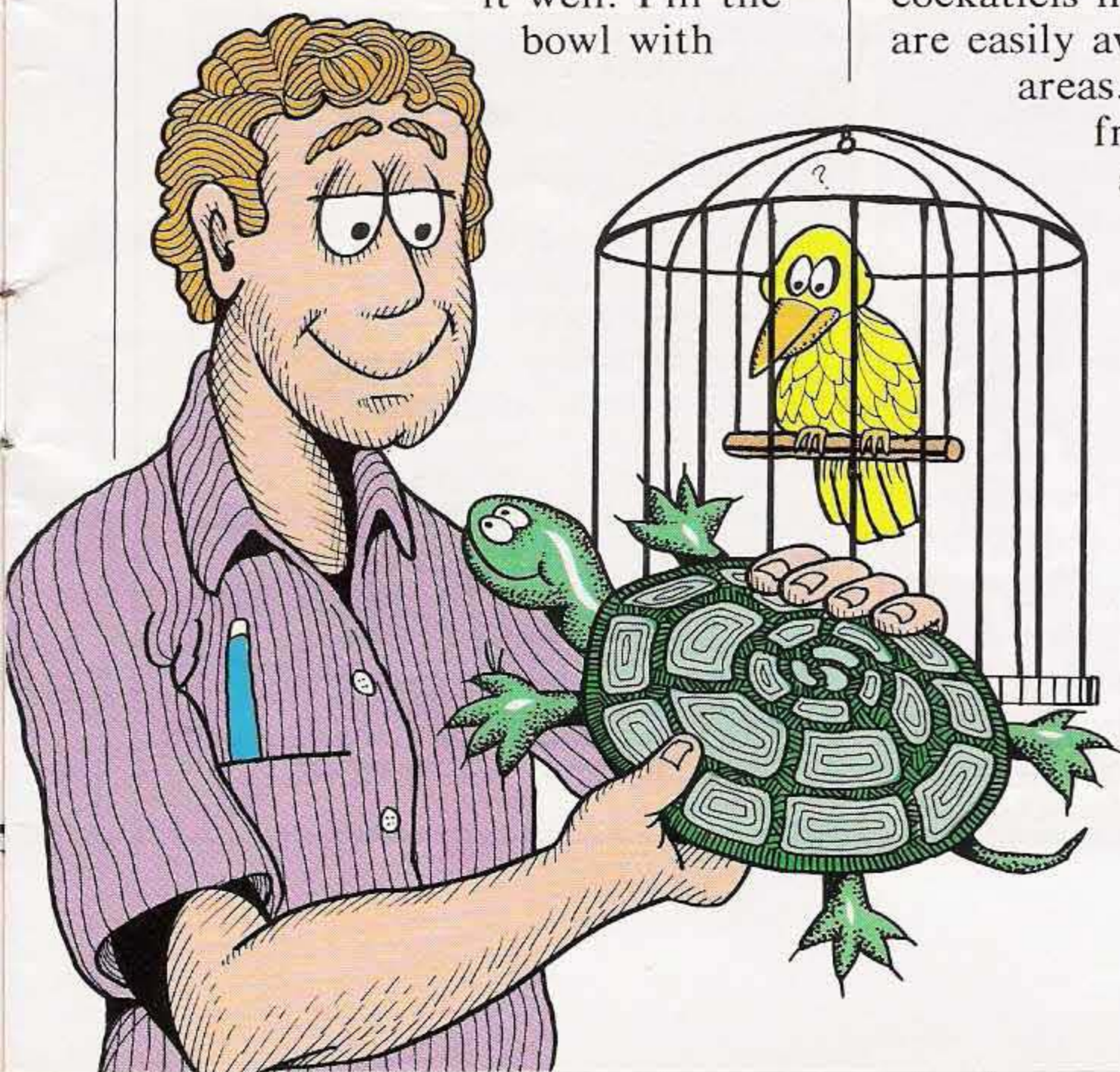
and domesticated mice, all of which are small, gentle and playful, make easy-care pets. Hamsters are nocturnal, so yours may be sleepy during the day and wake up about sunset to play. Gerbils are quick and active and need lots of exercise. Mice are intelligent and tend to be escape artists, so they need to be kept in extra-secure cages.

All rodents need things to build warm nests out of, like wood shavings or shredded paper.

One word of caution: Most rodents seem to multiply quickly, so either separate the sexes or be prepared for a population explosion!

Any pet will require *some* care. If you aren't prepared to spend any time at all on an animal, this probably isn't the time to take the responsibility for one. But with a little time to invest, you can make yourself and a little animal very happy.

— By Maria Root □



Proverbs for Today: Beware of Dog

Do you have a dog? If so, you may have grabbed its ears once in a while playing with it. And if your dog is like most, it probably

didn't mind you doing this.

That's because your dog is tame. You are its friend. Unless you really hurt it, it takes a lot from you.

In ancient Israel, dogs were not pets. When King Solomon reigned, they ran wild in the streets. That's why he made this comparison in Proverbs 26:17: "He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a dog by the ears."

Interfering in quarrels of others can be dangerous. If you latch

onto a wild dog's ears, you're going to infuriate it. But if you let go, it will be able to attack you. It's a no-win situation, just as meddling in other people's conflicts is.

In quarrels or fights between others, emotions are heated. If you try to step in, some of the anger is likely to turn on you. You won't solve anything, and may cause more trouble. You may even get hurt yourself if you're not careful.

You can't go around trying to

solve everyone's differences. This doesn't mean you shouldn't be concerned. If the quarrel involves a friend, wait until later, when emotions have cooled, to offer help. A peacemaker needs to learn wisdom and good timing before he or she can really be helpful to other people.

When you grab onto a wild animal, you are in for trouble. Keep this in mind before you try to settle a serious argument that belongs to someone else. — *By Jim Roberts* □

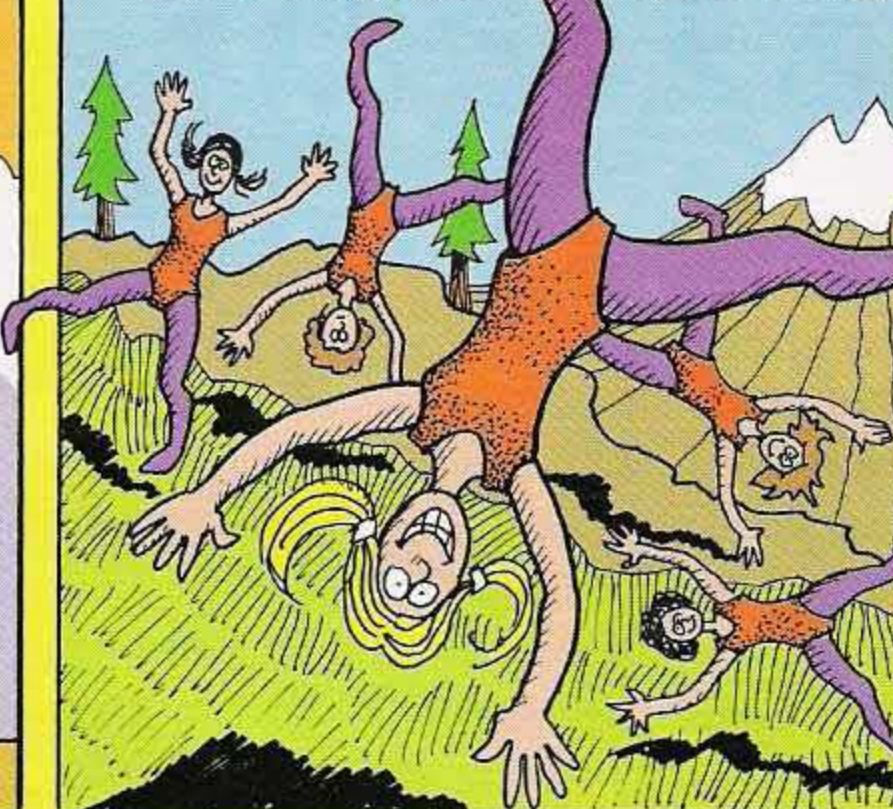
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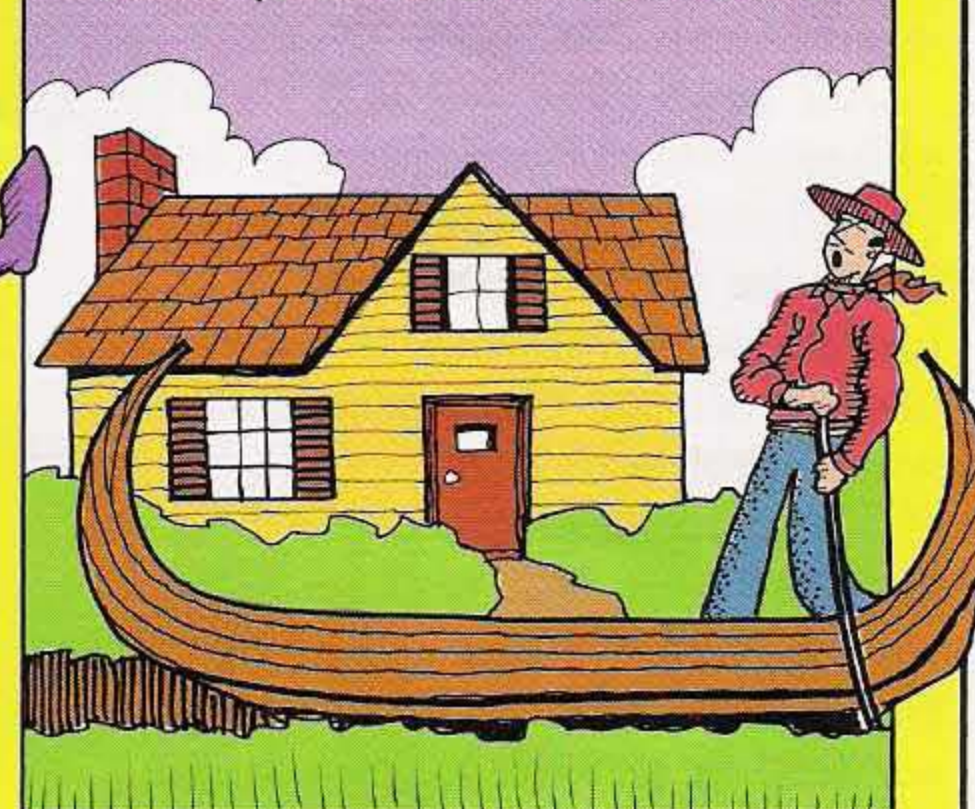
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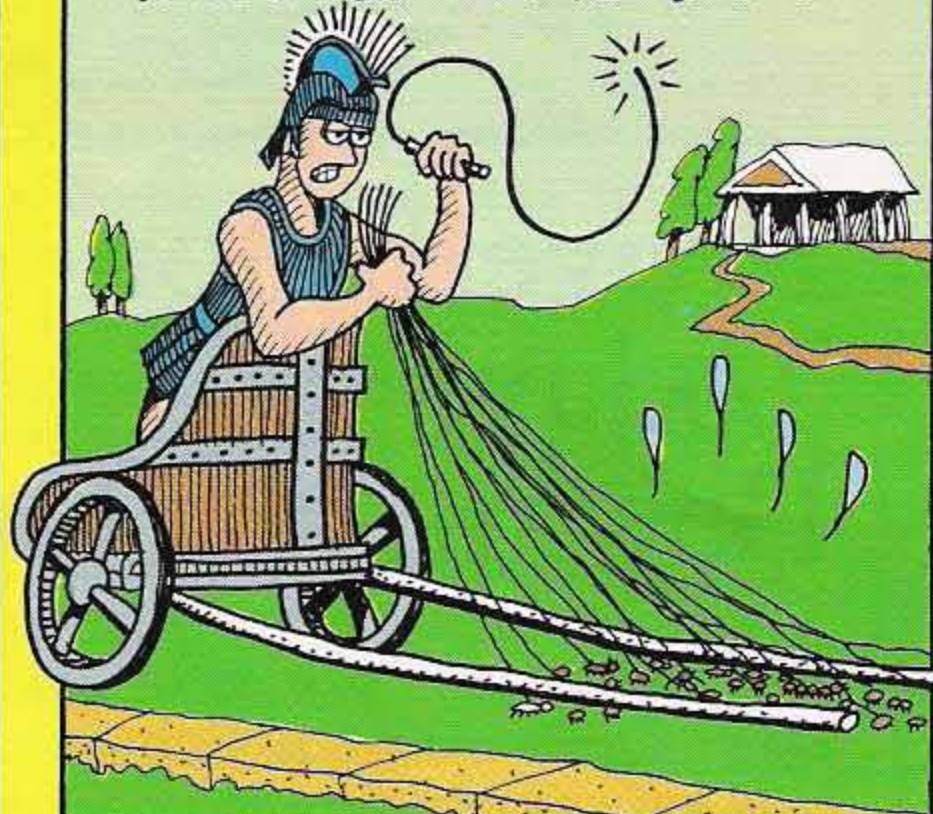
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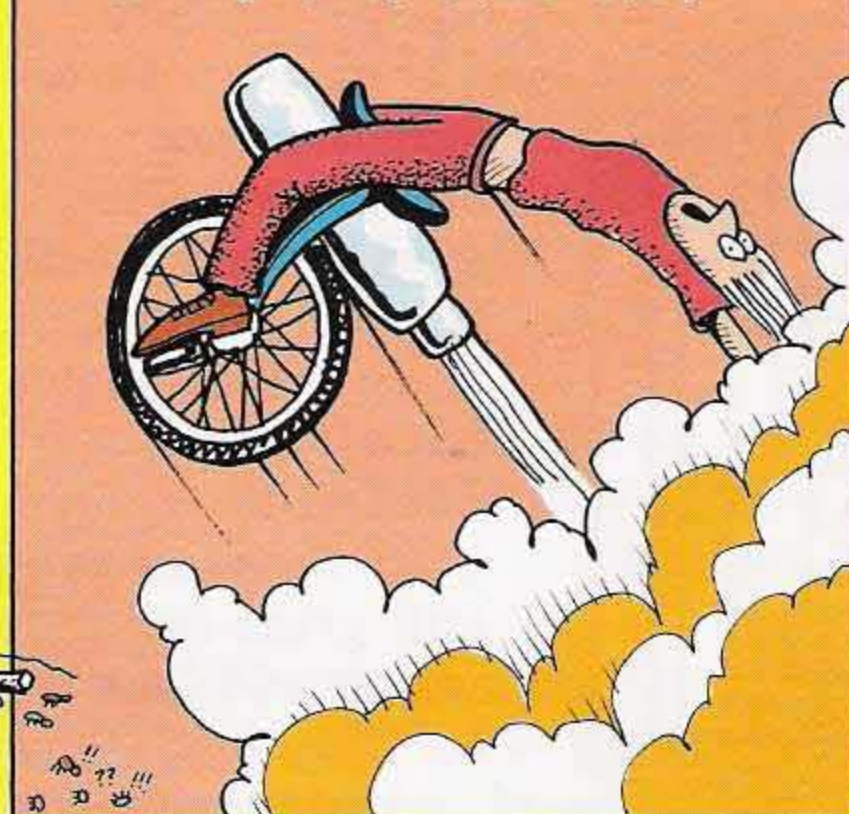
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OR ...

DON A PAIR OF HOVERCRAFT ROLLERSKATES.
DIG A SUBWAY.
SHOUT: "BEAM ME UP, SCOTTIE!"
HOLD ON TO HUNDREDS OF HELIUM BALLOONS.
RIDE A LARGE BIRD.
TIE ROPES TO TREES AND EMULATE TARZAN.
FIRMLY GRASP A COUPLE OF RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANES.
DRAW HOPSCOTCH SQUARES IN FRONT OF YOU EVERYWHERE YOU GO.
INSTALL A SERIES OF CATAPULTS, (OR DOGAPULTS, DEPENDING ON YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCE).

THESE SUGGESTIONS, WHILE PROFUSE WITH COMMON SENSE, DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE ONGOING MINDSET OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF, OR THEIR PET TURTLES. SEE YOUR PHRENOLOGIST FOR DETAILS.

Teen Bible Study

Why Is the World in *SUCH A MESS?*

By Richard A. Sedliacik

Have you ever started watching a movie when it was halfway over? If so, you were probably frustrated because of not knowing what events led up to the moment you came in. You didn't know who the characters were, or what the story was about.

Being born into today's world is much like coming in at the end of a movie. You find yourself in a world that is filled with awesome progress — of incredibly complex marvels of science and technology. Men have even gone to the moon and back!

Yet, at the same time, you find you are living in a world that is threatened with the possibility of total annihilation from nuclear warfare! Poverty, disease, hunger and illiteracy plague more than half the world. Millions are discontented and unhappy, having no hope for the future.

Have you ever wondered how and why the world became this way?

The astounding answers are revealed in the pages of the Bible. So be sure to get your Bible, a pen or pencil and some paper. Reading and writing out the Bible verses that answer the questions asked in this study will help you remember what you'll be learning.

1. What did the apostle Paul call the world of his day? Galatians 1:4. How did he describe "the last days" — the time in which we are now living? II Timothy 3:1-4. Did Jesus Christ warn that the existence of all human life would be threatened at this same time? Matthew 24:3, 21-22.

More than 1,900 years ago, Jesus foresaw our age of technological advancements and scientific discoveries. He was obviously talking about our 20th century, because man did not have the ability to kill all life on this planet until just a few decades ago!

2. Does the Bible reveal that there is a cause for every effect, and therefore a reason for the frightening state of today's world? Proverbs 11:18, 22:8, Galatians 6:7.

Individually and collectively, we always eventually reap what we sow. The war and suffering we see in the world today are the results of humans having chosen to follow a certain way of life.

3. Has God revealed a way of life that will result in abundant blessings and happiness? Read and summarize Deuteronomy 28:1-14, noticing especially verses 1-2, 14. How did Jesus summarize that way? Matthew 22:36-40. What are some of the results of not following God's way? Deuteronomy 28:15-19.

There are just two ways of life, each producing opposite results. One is the way of give, and the other is the way of get. The way of give is the way of outgoing love and concern for others. It is the way of God's great law, which can be summed up in the one word *love*. "God is love" (I John 4:8, 16), and His law reflects that love (I John 5:3).

If humanity had been following God's way

Hunger and war are symptoms of a sick world. How did our world get to be in such a mess? (Photos: left, *Youth 85*; right, Adams — Liaison)



of give, we would be living in a world of universal peace, happiness and prosperity! Instead, humans have followed the way of

get — of selfishness and greed, of wanting and taking what belongs to others.

Believe it or not, this get way of life and the chaotic state of the world today are the results of a decision made in the Garden of Eden nearly 6,000 years ago! Let's learn what happened and how it has influenced the course of history ever since.

4. What kinds of trees did God cause to grow in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:8-9. What instructions did God give Adam regarding these trees? Verses 15-17.

In the beautiful garden where God placed the humans He created, there were many trees with fruit they could eat. But God gave Adam and Eve special instructions regarding two trees. These had great symbolic meaning.

One was the tree of life. Eating its fruit symbolized obedience to God's law of love and receiving the gift of God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would have given Adam and Eve spiritual understanding of God's revealed give way of life. This tree also pictured eternal life, which God would have eventually given to them if they had chosen to follow His way of life.

The other tree was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Taking its fruit symbolized disobedience to God's law. It pictured the way of get that leads to death. It is the way of deciding for oneself what is right and what is wrong — of relying totally on the self rather than God.

5. Was Eve cleverly deceived into disbelieving God and disobeying His direct command? Genesis 3:1-6. Did Adam also choose to disobey God by eating the forbidden fruit? Verse 6.

6. Who was this serpent who lied to Eve, influencing her to disobey God? Revelation 12:9. Is he identified as the father of all lies? John 8:44.

The serpent who lied to Eve and subtly deceived her into disbelieving God's instructions was none other than Satan the devil, the former Lucifer (a powerful spirit being) who long before had rebelled against God (Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:13-15).

7. What happened to Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God? Genesis 3:22-24.

When Adam and Eve rejected God and His way of life, they cut themselves off from God (Isaiah 59:2). And so God cut them and their descendants off from access to the tree of life and all that it represented.

This limited mankind to knowledge of the physical and material — the things that humans can discover and understand with

their own human intellect through reasoning and experimentation.

8. What does God say humanity has been lacking that has caused the destruction and suffering in the world? Hosea 4:6, Isaiah 59:8.

Beginning with that fateful day in the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve sinned, God set aside 6,000 years for man to learn through experience the lessons of living without the spiritual knowledge and understanding of His way of life, and without His guidance and help.

Ever since Adam and Eve rejected God's spiritual knowledge of how men should live with one another, humanity has continued to reject God and His way of life, and has been suffering as a result.

As human history has shown, physical knowledge alone cannot solve such basic problems as how to get along with one's neighbor, because these problems are spiritual in nature. This is why humanity now finds itself on the brink of total destruction!

9. Have humans continued to be influenced by the devil, as Adam and Eve were? Read Revelation 12:9 again. Is he the invisible ruler of this world who influences people to disobey God? II Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2.

Mankind has been under the invisible and unrealized sway of Satan for almost 6,000 years. During this time, he has been deceiving mankind into disobeying God and following the wrong choice made by Adam and Eve.

Human beings have been organizing their own societies, their own governments and their own religions according to the way that seems right to them, but that has led to death (Proverbs 14:12). Following the way of get has led to warfare, as well as the poverty, starvation, crime, terrorism and all other types of violence and suffering we see in the world today.

But God reveals that a time is coming when the cause of war and all human suffering will be eliminated. A world of peace, prosperity and happiness is coming where God's way of give will be followed by all! In next month's study, we'll learn how that world of peace will come about in our lifetime.

(For a more detailed account of how and why this world became the way it is, request Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong's fascinating free booklet, *Never Before Understood — Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils.*) □

Born to Be a KING

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STUDY of the Bible, I was shocked with amazement to see that I had been taught the diametric OPPOSITE of the teachings of the Scriptures!

The Bible teaches that man's potential is to BECOME A KING — an actual ruling KING! It teaches that he is going to rule people *right here on this earth*.

When Jesus Christ returns to earth in all the POWER and GLORY of the eternal GOD, and takes the reins of government from men, setting up the WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF GOD, David — the ancient King David of Israel — resurrected to immortal life, shall be king, under Christ, over all the nations descended from the 12 tribes of Israel (Ezekiel 37:15-25, 34:23, Jeremiah 30:9).

And who will be the kings over each of the 12 tribes — then, of course, actually 12 powerful nations? Jesus has promised those positions to the original 12 apostles (Matthew 19:27-28).

The way to peace

In the world tomorrow — soon to dawn on this world — we shall have WORLD PEACE. Soon there will be universal prosperity. There will be happiness — JOY!

There is, truly, a PURPOSE being worked out here below, as a former Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill, said before the U.S. Congress.

To make POSSIBLE a perfect UTOPIAN condition, God created and set in actual living, inexorable motion, a great invisible SPIRITUAL LAW. The law is THE WAY OF LOVE. And LOVE is an outgoing concern for others. It is LOVE toward God — and love toward fellowman.

The BIBLE is the INSTRUCTION BOOK for peace, happiness, prosperity, security, joy. Jesus said man should live by EVERY WORD

of the Bible. Sin is the transgression of the great LAW. And all have sinned.

The world has rejected God's LAW — GOD'S WAY. It has gone the WAY that has brought every curse on mankind. The WORLD TOMORROW will change all that. It will be RULED BY GOD'S LAW!

To QUALIFY to become a king — a RULER in the KINGDOM OF GOD — you must come to really KNOW that law. And the WHOLE BIBLE is a magnification — an elaboration — of its principles.

It is ONLY those who REPENT of their transgressions of God's great spiritual law — the Ten Commandments — and who surrender to and accept as Savior JESUS CHRIST, who can become begotten children of GOD. No one is a



Prince Charles at age 20 received some of the symbols of rulership. Living God's way will train you to someday receive your crown. (Keystone Photo)

true Christian until he has received THE HOLY SPIRIT of God (Romans 8:9).

That is God's gift. It imparts the very LIFE of God. It renews and opens the MIND to comprehend spiritual knowledge. It bestows the LOVE of God — divine, *spiritual* love. It imparts

POWER. It instills FAITH.

Yes, you were born to BE A KING!

There *IS* tremendous PURPOSE for human existence. There *IS* stupendous *meaning* to life!

In the beginning God devised, created, set in actual, invisible MOTION, a living, spiritual LAW. This LAW is a *way of LIFE*. It is THE WAY God devised to produce peace, well-being, happiness, prosperity, joy.

Then God made MAN. He made man a free moral agent. Man must *choose* WHETHER to obey God, follow THE WAY that will bring him every blessing, or turn to THE WAY that may *seem* right, but that brings only curses.

God created man in His very own likeness — same form and shape.

But God is A SPIRIT, and He formed man out of MATTER. Thus *if* man rejects THE WAY to every blessing for his happiness — *if* he makes a choice to go THE WAY that brings on him unhappiness, suffering and curses — he can be destroyed.

But God provided for man's salvation. Even *if* man starts out the WRONG WAY, he can repent, turn around to go the RIGHT WAY of God's law. The SIN of having gone contrary to that law can be forgiven. Christ paid the death penalty *for* us. We can be reconciled to God, through Christ.

Happiness forever!

And *then* God has promised to actually beget us, by His Spirit, to be BORN AGAIN — next time born of GOD, as HIS CHILDREN, into HIS VERY DIVINE GOD FAMILY! Then we, too, shall *BE* SPIRIT. *If* man will choose THE WAY that produces full, abundant, joyful HAPPINESS, he may enjoy it FOREVER! But he may *not* suffer self-inflicted curses forever.

God marked out a 7,000-year duration to work out HIS PURPOSE in having put humans on earth. The first 6,000 years are allotted for man to be allowed to go the way that, in his deception,

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READER BY-LINE



Why Her and Not Me?

By Joe Di Leo

I had just met her that morning as we stood under an awning outside of Garden City High School on Long Island, New York. We were attempting rather unsuccessfully to shield ourselves from the intermittent drizzle that had dampened the day, but not our spirits.

I had just graduated from high school, and the glorious days of summer had begun. She smiled at me, I smiled back, and life couldn't have been better.

The 26 members of her biology class and two teachers had planned an all-day fishing trip on a fishing boat as an end-of-the-year outing and, although I did not attend Garden City High, I was asked by a few friends to join in the fun.

I could tell right away she was

someone special. Her warm smile and delicate features made me rejoice in her presence. But it wasn't just that she was a female, a member of the opposite sex. She was a person, an individual, someone I could easily identify with. Because, in fact, she seemed a lot like me.

I really feel she was someone God created specially, to warm hearts and spread smiles. That's what I remember most — her smile. It was drizzling, but still she smiled.

Her name was Mary Ellen, I found out later, and she would have attended Brown University in September.

After a few minutes, four cars that would have to suffice as our transportation for the day's outing pulled up to the curb and

10 of us, including Mary Ellen and me, piled into a gray Volvo station wagon. That's right — 10 of us. They were small cars.

The car with 10 high school seniors flipped over at 85 miles (136 kilometers) an hour and rolled eight times. I walked away. She didn't.

Why? That's the question I asked myself over and over again as a doctor stitched the skin covering my elbow back together in the emergency room of the hospital. Why her and not me? Why was I spared? Why would God allow this to happen to such an innocent creature?

Now, after several months, I realize that the car accident had a profound effect on my life. I still ask myself why. But as the emotional trauma, the mental anguish and the despair have diminished, I now understand that maybe God is not the cause of such tragedies.

Rather, I believe that He allows the world to proceed on its own course so that man might have free will. And one day when I meet Mary Ellen again, I know that it will be under truly different, happy circumstances.

My experience of the loss of Mary Ellen's life heightened the sense of questioning within me and brought me to a new realization of God's purpose. I know that this experience will live with me for the rest of my life. But if Mary Ellen's unexpected entrance into my life and her unfortunate abrupt exit meant anything, I think that I will keep smiling. □

Editor's note: The author, age 18, now lives in Washington, D.C. More information about this subject is available by asking for our free reprint, "Why Did God Allow Johnny to Die?" If you would like to submit an article for this section, send it to: "Reader By-Line," Youth 85, 300 W. Green Street, Pasadena, California, 91129.

Dear Youth 85,

Practical Bible-based answers to the problems of growing up.

Q. I'm 13 years old in about a week. A real cute boy in school asked me to a movie, but my parents say no — that I'm too young to date. I don't see how dating this boy can hurt anything. What do you think?

A. Parents and teens often disagree about the best age to start dating. Ever wonder why? The reason is that parents and teens look at dating differently. Teens view dating simply as a chance to have fun at some activity in the company of someone of the opposite sex. Parents view dating as a complex social relationship, accompanied by emotions and physical pulls that require a great amount of maturity to be handled properly.

To be frank, the parents' view is the more realistic one. Being alone with another young person on a date is much different than a little boy and girl building sand castles together on the beach while their parents watch from nearby. With the new-found emotion of sexual awareness does not automatically come either the knowledge or character to properly channel those feelings.

To gain the proper knowledge, a young teenager must learn by reading and listening to his parents. Character also comes with time.

When each individual teen should begin to date is a decision that should be left to parents who have good judgment based on an understanding of the human mind as explained in the Bible. Perhaps the age will vary for each individual, but pre-high school graduate teens usually profit more from group dating or social events than pairing off by themselves at unsupervised activities.

Q. I know that the Bible says

that we should honor our father and mother, but I have a problem. I do not know and have never known my father. How can I honor him?

A. A lot of young people face the same situation you face. Because of divorce or death, many teenagers grow up in one-parent families. The key is to honor the parent you do know, and don't worry about what is beyond your control.

The command for you to honor your parents (Exodus 20:12) is not merely for their benefit (so that they'll receive obedience from their children), but also for yours. It is intended to teach you respect for all types of authority. We can learn that lesson if we honor teachers and others in authority.

Of course, God is our spiritual Father, and we can always honor Him even if we don't have any physical parents! The point is that if we learn to respect authority in general, we are doing our best to keep this command and can reap the blessings from obedience.

Q. I picked up a copy of *Youth 85* at a friend's home and skimmed over a few articles. Frankly, I think a lot of what you say is baloney. You don't let kids have any fun. I date who I want, when I want and I do

what I want on a date. Drugs, sex, whatever — I have any kind of fun I want and stay out as late as I want at night. My parents couldn't care less, and they're glad that I'm having fun.

A. We're sad that your parents don't care, but we do, and so does God. Since we care, we'll be frank.

Ministers earn their salary by counseling people like you who have unfortunately reaped the havoc and heartache that your life-style brings upon a person. People like you do what they want when they are young, then come for help when the heartache and misery set in.

Unless you change your ways, some poor counselor will have his hands full trying to piece your life back together a few years from now.

What a man sows, he reaps (Galatians 6:7). You are sowing agony and you will reap it, too (Proverbs 1:24-33). You cannot escape it unless you change — and change soon.

We suggest you start now by subscribing to and reading the articles in *Youth 85*. If you do, we know you'll be surprised by the practical, positive and fun way of life it teaches. Give it a try. □

We welcome your questions and will excerpt as many as possible. Sorry we can't answer them all. Answers are prepared by Bernard W. Schnippert, a minister of the Worldwide Church of God. Address your questions to "Dear Youth 85," 300 W. Green Street, Pasadena, California, 91129.



BY THE WAY...

Growing Up Too Fast

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Are you happy being a teenager? Or would you be happier if you were just a few years older?

From what you tell me, it seems most of you long to be more grown-up, with more adult responsibilities. Many teens feel that if they were a little older and could get out from under Dad or Mom's thumb and make their own decisions, they would be happier.

I got a letter from one teenager, however, who, in her hurry to grow up, didn't find happiness. Instead, she found a whole lot of trouble. Unfortunately, I get many of these letters every week, but Darlene (not her real name) wanted to share what she learned with you.

Ashamed to go back

Darlene was unhappy, so at age 15 she decided to make an adult decision in her life. She ran away from home. It didn't take her long to realize she had made a big mistake, but now she was too ashamed to go back. "I felt unwanted, unloved, but mostly I was disgusted with myself for the mess I had gotten myself into.

"I realized I had a problem with alcohol, speed and marijuana... and I didn't have the courage to go back home and face my mother."

Then Darlene unexpectedly met her mother while shopping one day. "We started talking about everything — right there in the store. I ended up going home for dinner. Then staying overnight. We ended up talking everything out and understanding each other thoroughly and



really enjoying every moment together."

Darlene said it took her mother a long time to learn to trust her again because of the things she had done in the past, but Darlene felt she had learned some lessons and her life was finally turning around.

Then, Darlene said, her past caught up with her. "The worst thing that could have happened, did. I was pregnant."

Within only a short time, this

young teenager now had another person to be responsible for. Darlene did not want to end her child's life by having an abortion.

"I had an 8 pound, 1 ounce baby boy. The next problem was what to do with him. I had no financial means... and yet, I didn't want to give him up for adoption. I just couldn't bring myself to sign that last paper that meant that I would never see him again."

Difficult decisions

Within only a matter of a year or so, this young girl traded her carefree, growing-up years for responsibilities and decisions that are difficult for an adult to handle.

"I prayed — over and over again while I still had the refuge of a hospital bed — for both the baby and myself. I asked God to take care of my son the best way He knew of, and if that meant that I had to give him up, then I would. But I also begged Him to help me to be able to raise him myself."

Darlene is 18 years old now and her son is about a year and a half. She is glad that so far she has been able to keep him with her.

She has learned a lot of lessons the hard way. She wrote to me hoping that by sharing with you what happened to her, you readers could avoid making

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the same mistakes that have caused her so much pain.

Darlene wishes you all would listen to your parents' warnings, but she knows she didn't and she is still suffering as a result. She doesn't want you to have to suffer like she is.

"They really care"

"If you want guidance from someone that cares, talk to your mom and dad. They are there for that purpose. If you are going to take anyone's advice, take that of your parents. They really care about you and what happens to you.

"If they didn't, they wouldn't have put up with a lot of the things that you have done — whether you are 6 or 16... I found that to be open with your parents was to be open to yourself."

Darlene said she was just thankful to God that her parents were there to help her to understand her feelings.

For Darlene, it has been a swift and painful change from being a youth to being an adult. Why? Because she tried to hurry up the process. She made decisions she wasn't experienced enough to make and her mistakes were major ones.

The changes we go through to grow up can be traumatic at times, but trying to rush through them won't make the process go any easier.

And that's what parents are there for. They've been through those teen years and they've learned many lessons — some of them the hard way too.

If you're unhappy and you've got problems that seem to be overwhelming, go for help to the people who love you the most, the ones who really care about what happens to you.

Listen to what Darlene says and don't try to grow up too fast. "Remember, if anyone can help you, with God's help, your parents can." □

KING

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looks right — contrary to God's law.

Under Satan's sway, man has set up his human society — human forms of government, *contrary* to GOD's government. He has set up his own world — with its Satan-influenced, human-produced systems of economic, political, scientific, educational, religious life. Man has **REJECTED** *the way* to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy.

But the few who repent, turn to God and His **WAY** through Jesus Christ, study and learn GOD's **WAY**, *live* that way with God's help, *converted* by God's Spirit, are, in *this* life, actually learning to be **KINGS** whom Christ will **USE**, in the seventh thousand years, to **RULE** the world **WITH** GOD's **FORM OF GOVERNMENT**.

For 1,000 years there will be a different system of **GOVERNMENT**. It will be GOD's **GOVERNMENT**. Jesus Christ will return, having received the **KINGDOM** from God Almighty the Father. He will set up **WORLD GOVERNMENT**. It will be the **GOVERNMENT OF GOD**. Its laws are found in your Bible.

Christ will assign some, who have *learned* and *lived* HIS **WAY** — the **WAY** of His government, during this life — to rule over one city, or perhaps five, 10 or 100 cities.

But **THIS LIFE** is the training period. It is *only* those who are **UNDER** and **OBEDIENT** TO the authority of God's government *now* — who learn its **LAWS**, who overcome every other (and false) **WAY** — whose *real* citizenship is now reserved in heaven, who *then* will be assigned **A POSITION OF RULE**.

Christ is going to rule the whole world — **WITH A ROD OF IRON!**

The world has had nearly 6,000 years of **MAN'S** governments — **MAN'S** education — **MAN'S** industrial, commercial and economic systems — **MAN'S** social customs

— **MAN'S** religions. Man has written the lesson in human blood — in suffering, frustration, anguish — in wars, failures — in discontent and emptiness.

Soon he will **BE FORCED** to start a 1,000-year period under GOD's **GOVERNMENT** — with GOD's religion, GOD's education, GOD's social customs, GOD's economic, industrial and merchandising system.

MAN IS GOING TO BE FORCED, against his will — TO BE HAPPY!

The real and true *Christian life* is, simply, **THE WAY OF GOD'S GOVERNMENT**. It trains the true Christian to **ADMINISTER** that government. It trains him to **BECOME A KING!**

Yes, you were born to be a **KING!** □

Ring, Ring

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order to have a proper conversation.

Ever answer a call only to hear a telephone slammed down in your ear? Misdialing is easy to do, but don't bang the receiver down when you realize your mistake. It eases the irritation of a wrong number if the person apologizes genuinely and nicely.

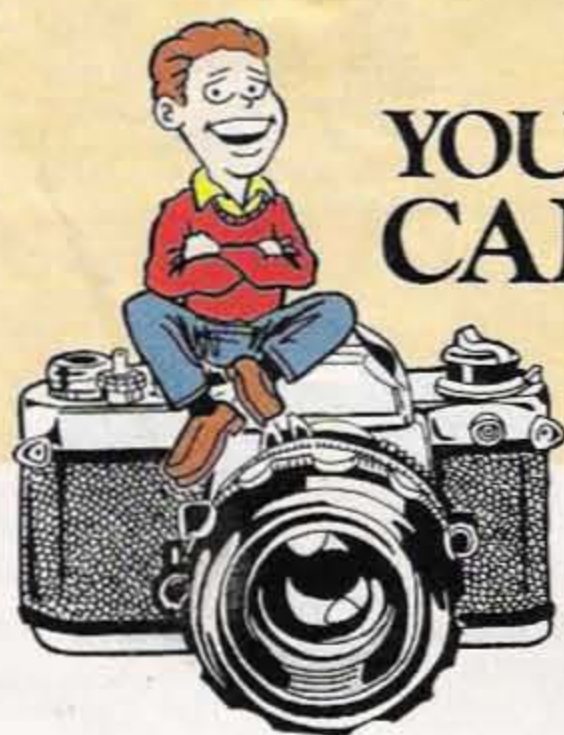
Positive answering

To sharpen your telephone answering skills, test yourself by asking: If someone really important had called me, what would his or her reaction be to how I answered the telephone? Impressed or dismayed?

You can make a good impression on others with your telephone manners. Remember, when you call people, to help them out by clearly identifying yourself. And when the telephone rings for you to answer, give a bright, clear "hello" as a positive response.

The telephone can be a convenience or a frustration. Using telephone courtesy can help make both the calls you make and the ones you receive more pleasant. □

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