

Violence is pervasive in society

DO YOU REMEMBER when drugs first began to show up in suburban schools? It seems only a short time ago that what had been seen as a city school problem crossed over those city lines.

Now there is another phenomenon which is equally frightening. And again it seems to be for the time being a city problem. Guns are becoming as common in the school yard as yo-yos used to be. Popcorn kernels have given way to shotgun pellets at high school football games. Just as many were panic stricken when drugs came to the locker room, many more are extremely concerned, and rightly so, over guns in the schools.

HOWEVER, PANIC seldom translates into solution and even concern by itself does not make a problem go away. If we repeat the past mistake of thinking this is a city problem and that the outlying districts do not have to concern themselves we will be playing a very lethal game.

The adage of "Monkey see, monkey do" is alive and well. And today what is seen in the city gets seen in the suburbs. One of the contradictions of

perspectives



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youth is that it mimics the very establishment that it rebels against.

The adolescent drug scene certainly carried the dimension of rebellion. But at the same time the very youth who anesthetize themselves with drugs have been watching their elders doing the same for years.

The younger generation shocked the older one with their pot parties. At the same time, the shock was discussed at many cocktail party where other drugs, despite their legality, were equally debilitating to the participants. Even in rebellion modeling is the name of the game.

ACCORDING TO SALES and interest, "Rambo" is the one to be this Halloween. Other combat types follow close behind in popularity. Christmas toys are pointing in the same direction. We may wish to comfort ourselves by chalking that all up to fantasy. The fantasy is a dangerous one because it reflects the reality of the adult world.

Violence is an accepted means to an end. That is what comes through terribly loud and clear. Dirty Harry is alive and well. He has simply changed his good guy or if you believe it is necessary to defend your turf.

This is the message of the arms race in which we so proudly point to our accomplishments. It is the message of so many of the cops and robber shows of television fame. Macho is back with a variety of weaponry.

The kids in the cities may have gotten the message first, but guns are as sure to cross municipal lines in the 1980s as drugs did in the 1960s. The question is not what to do about it after the fact. It is how can we turn it around. Do we use violence against it or can we model another way?

Who abuses elderly? Dependents

Dear Jo:
The subject of elderly abuse is shocking. What are the causes of such shameful treatment? Are they similar to those of child abuse?

Ms. D.G.

Dear Ms. G:
The causes of elderly abuse vary. Originally the major cause was thought to be the same as that of child abuse — the victim is dependent on the abuser. Now, according to research conducted at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, the notions for cause of elderly abuse are changing. The root of the problem may really be the dependence of the abuser on the elderly victim.

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control group of 43 who were not abused were interviewed. The groups were each made up of 39 women and three men. The average age in the abused group was 70, and 75 in the control group. Conclusions from the study showed that most abusive family members were dependent on their elderly victim.

The research negates the image of the abiding family member as a stable, well-intentioned person who is brought to violent behavior by the excessive demands of the aged family member.

INSTEAD, the abuser appears to be a person with few financial and psychological resources who is unable to cope with every day life in a healthy manner. The abuser, then, is one who feels powerless in the family situation and resort to violence. Although this research does not fully explain the reasons for abuse in family relationships, it seems reasonable in abuse situations that it could result from a sense of loss or lack of power on the part of the abuser.

The elderly victims in this study saw themselves as being on the losing end of the relationships — giving much and receiving little.

Dear Jo:

I am a great reader of your column as I believe we need all the help we can get to help us grow older comfortably. When I don't feel quite up to it, I wonder if it's old age or an illness. I've never been old before so sometimes it's hard to know the difference. Anyway, your advice helps.

In regards to your column on salt-free spices, I would like to add my recipe for a seasoning which will like the bill for me. (I have been off salt for years because of some health problems, and I no longer miss it.) I have yet to find anything on which it is not acceptable.

Mix together 6 teaspoons each of:
mustard powder garlic powder
onion powder paprika
Add two teaspoons each of:
basil thyme
And three teaspoons of pepper
Store in a seasoning container with a perforated top.
H.H.E.
Victoria Reader

volunteers

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I save my newspapers for recycling. Can you explain how the old newspapers are recycled into new paper?



Torry Glbb

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The papers are carefully sorted before moving to the pulpers. In the pulpers, thousands of gallons of water are combined with the newspapers and special de-inking chemicals. This mixture is stirred by large rotors, breaking it down into long, individual fibers.

The fresh pulp then passes through high-density cleaners which remove foreign material. Next, a series of large screw presses wring out the remaining ink. The pulp is shaken vigorously over a series of graduated, fine-meshed screens that filter out any remaining small foreign material.

THE PULP next passes through the Beloit Headbox which aligns the fibers in just the right way to insure smoothness, the basis weight, and paper thickness.

At this point, the water content of the pulp is 99 percent. The pulp then moves to the Valmet SynFormer R which squeezes water simultaneously from both sides of the now forming twin-wire sheets of newsprint.

The sheets leave the twin-wire former with a moisture content of 80 percent go to the press section where the sheets are squeezed further to reduce moisture content. As the water

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