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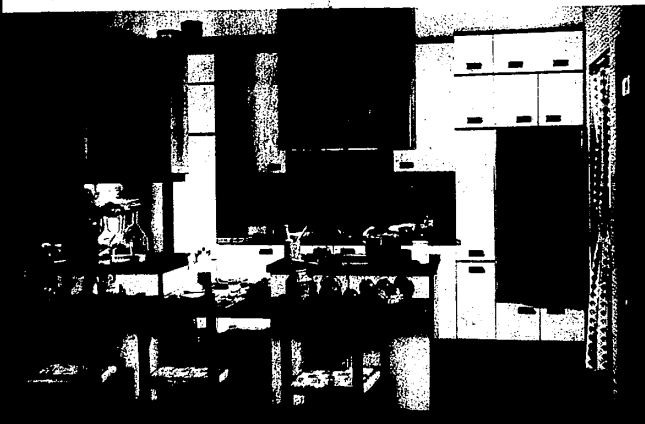
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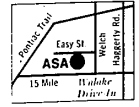
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# Kids wander through an educational maze

There is a Peanuts cartoon showing Charlie Brown in a spelling bee. As he stands in line for the first round of the contest, he begins to think that this is his opportunity to win over some friends, his chance to prove that he is not totally inept.

His turn arrives, the teacher calls out the word "maze" and Charlie Brown is delighted to respond, for this is a word he knows well. Firmly and with confidence he spells "m-a-z-e" only to realize immediately that he has confused the words and is once again the object of mocking laughter.

Unfortunately for too many children, school is a confusing maze of missed signals and misunderstood messages.

Children try hard to meet the demands of their teachers and find their way through school. But, according to educator John Holt, these demands often make little sense to the students.



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In his book "How Children Fail," Holt says, "Children are confused because most of the torrent of words that pours over them in school makes little or no sense. Schools foster bad strategies, raise children's fears, produce learning which is usually fragmentary, distorted, and short-lived, and generally fail to meet the real needs of children."

The ease with which the child adapts to school and has a positive learning experience may depend directly on how well the teacher is able to put herself in the children's place, read their

THIS MARBLE maze is a reminder of the confusions that confront youngsters each time they pass through the doors of a school.

Take the box top from a gift wrap box, or cut down the side of a corrugated cardboard box so that only two or three inches of edging remains.

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Similarly, Dr. Joseph G. Mulner, M.D., noted that "The correction of bedwetting is an important mental health aid. It is very harmful to the child, distressing to parents and can lead to serious complications later in life."

Enuresis specialist Dr. Dennis L. Hunter agrees. He explained that most bedwetters are actually very deep sleepers and do not even know when the bedwetting occurs.

"Parents are almost never to blame for a bedwetting problem," he said, "but their failure to bed-train a child can be as serious as the lack of toilet training. The emotional damage that can accompany 'waiting it out' makes such advice a risky gamble."

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