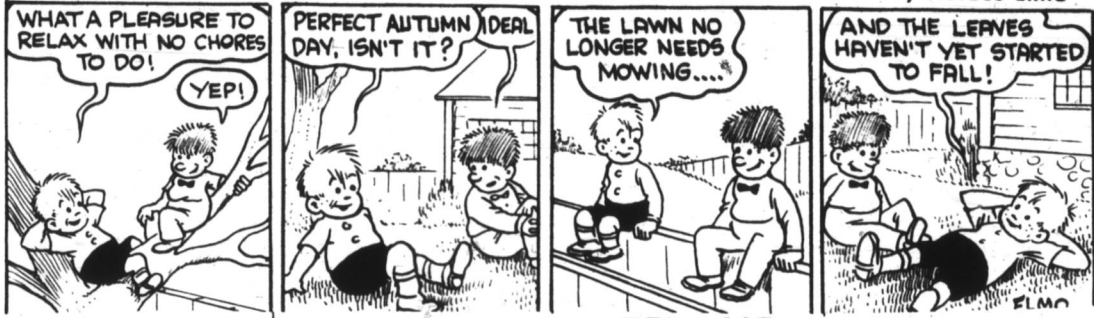


THE FIZZLE FAMILY



PUGGY



Clinic Averts Teenage Unwed Pregnancies

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Is there a way to help sexually active teenage girls avoid unwanted, unplanned, out-of-wedlock pregnancies?

Physicians who have worked with such "at risk" girls for more than a year in a special adolescent clinic in Baltimore reported at a recent medical meeting here that they believe there is.

Alarmed by the increase in illegitimate births in their city, and by the fact that every year for the past five years more than 1,000 girls aged 14 to 16 have given birth to live infants, health authorities joined forces to bring what they described as a major "chronic illness" under control.

A clinic proving "a vast, continuing spectrum of aid" was established at a voluntary hospital to meet the special needs of these adolescent girls. Psychological and emotional support, complete medical and dental care, health education, as well as contraceptive counseling and sex education were all part of the program.

Problems Aired

In small biweekly group sessions, the girls were encouraged to discuss problems important to them. Common subjects, in addition to sex, were personal hygiene, contraception, and illegitimate pregnancy.

In the first 15 months of the program, some 200 girls came to the clinic for help with a variety of problems. Of these, 69 were eligible for and accepted contraceptive services. "The only criteria for eligibility," the report noted, "are sexual activity and parental or guardian's consent."

Trust Vital

The physicians observed that some girls at first refused contraceptive services, apparently in the belief that such help was proffered only because the adults disapproved of their sexual activities. When the girls came to trust the adults and to believe that they were there to help them and not to judge them they returned for contraceptive counseling.

One of every four girls in the group given contraception was between the ages of 12 and 14. The physicians emphasized that in view of the "realities of our society" girls must be reached with counseling early rather than late in puberty.

While a variety of birth control methods was offered, it became evident that the girls preferred the pills. "It is the only form of contraception that is universally acceptable to these young people," according to the physicians. They hated the pelvic examination required for fitting a diaphragm and would not tolerate the discomfort of IUD insertion or steroid injections.

The fastest running animal is the cheetah, which can run a mile in less than one minute.

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U. S. Joins Anti-Bias Suit

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Monday it is joining, for the first time, in a suit seeking racial desegregation of state-supported universities.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said the department has entered a motion in U.S. District Court in

Nashville, Tenn., seeking permission to intervene in a private suit against the Tennessee State Board of Education; the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; the University of Tennessee and its board of trustees; and Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University for Negroes and its interim committee.

When a honeybee wants to tell another honeybee where nectar can be found, he does a dance to communicate the information.

SUMMER PLAY TIPS FOR BORED YOUNGSTERS

Breathes there a parent whose child has not, at one time or another, complained of being bored, especially during the school-less days of summer?

The symptoms are universal—whining, moodiness and the plain old "mopes" and "grouches."

Happily, child guidance experts have set forth these common-sense hints for constructively motivating the child who doesn't know what to do with him- or herself:

Give a sympathetic ear to your child's complaints. It may prove possible to win the child over by explaining that you often get bored, too.

Suggest specific activities with strong creative dimensions. As a variation on the ever-popular lemonade stand, encourage the small fry to make and display handcraft items for sale. Even rocks painted for use as paperweights may find a ready market.

Indoors or outdoors, use a card table and blanket, pitch a "tent" and provide your youngster with the do-it-yourself ingredients for a picnic.

On rainy days, make-believe games appeal. Cardboard boxes can be fastened together and decorated to resemble cars, boats, trains and spacecraft, providing make-believe fun.

Art supplies always fascinate and they need not be "store-bought." Bits and pieces of discarded costume jewelry can be pasted on paper to create highly original designs, as can pieces of uncooked macaroni, often available in highly decorative shapes.

Pictures cut out of magazines can be pasted on pieces of paper to create story-telling picture books.

Choosing Toys
In the final analysis, however, toys offer the best means of occupying attention spans. Choice of toys is all-important. Functionally realistic toys that teach while entertaining are receiving highest marks from child experts these days.

"Outdoor toys for the lawn, beach or sandbox are the thing for summer," according to Myron Masny, chairman of the Structo



Happiness is a toy that performs work, enabling a child to assume grown-up roles as an engineer.

Toy Guidance Board, "but they should do more than beguile the child for an hour or so. They should have a residual value to the child that will help equip him to deal in understandable terms with the emerging world around him."

Heavy-duty trucks and road-building equipment, like the dump truck and sand hopper pictured above, are particularly popular. Others are city-service oriented vehicles like law enforcement, sanitation, fire and rescue trucks that feature options, such as long aerial ladders, snorkels and other moving parts that duplicate real-life actions.

The important thing in fighting summer boredom, the experts universally agree, is to divert the child's attention from himself and direct it into socially acceptable activities, and toys and games seem to fill the bill better than anything.

Peanut Bill Is Delayed

WASHINGTON — A House agriculture subcommittee chairman Monday said he will not try to push enactment of a new peanut price support bill because of a congressional logjam.

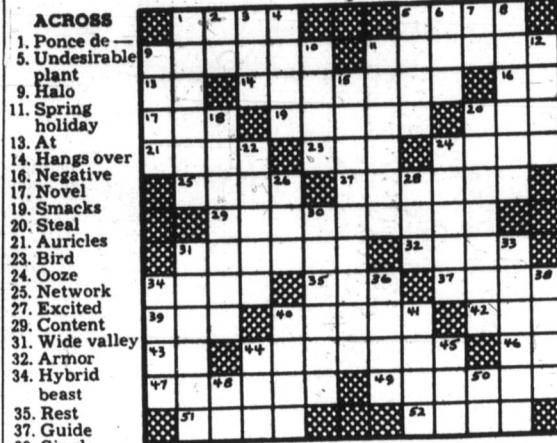
Rep. Maston O'Neal, D-Ga., said his subcommittee has completed its report on the bill after conducting hearings last week but he will not present the measure to the full committee.

O'Neal's office issued a statement saying "some disagreement and indecision among proponents about how best to proceed, coupled with extremely crowded calendars in final weeks of Congress, made it most unlikely that the bill could pass both houses before adjournment."

"We are spinning our wheels," O'Neal said.

The largest fish in the world is the whale shark, whose length can exceed 45 feet.

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Ponce de —
 - Undesirable plant
 - Halo
 - Spring holiday
 - At
 - Hangs over
 - Negative
 - Novel
 - Smacks
 - Steal
 - Auricles
 - Bird
 - Ooze
 - Network
 - Excited
 - Content
 - Wide valley
 - Armor
 - Hybrid beast
 - Rest
 - Guide
 - Single
 - Male voice
 - Regret
 - Because
 - European country
 - Sun god
 - Defense
 - Barrymore
 - Duck
 - Brad
 - Struggle
 - Poorer
 - Gaze
 - Rob
 - Greek letter
 - Direct
 - Reflexive pronoun
 - Final stage
 - Evergreen
 - Ancient kingdom
 - Work
 - Distribute
 - Relate
 - Final stage
 - Destroy
 - Bleat
 - Flightless bird
 - Him
 - Nickel: chem.
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- In a line
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