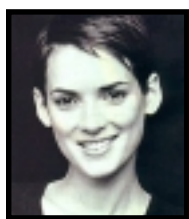


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Mark Gerard Mantho

A Question of Character

Except for the headlines, bylines and some selected bits, the copy on this front page is comprised of nonsensical filler. Case in point:

Help me oh Column God! You write a column about your own likes and dislikes, thinking that there is someone out there who really cares!

Is there someone out there who really cares?

In my quest to find out what middle America thinks, I took to the streets and the bowling alleys. First stop, Knock 'em Over Bowling Alley, Boston, where I ran into 30-year-old unemployed mad moose decoy, David B., Dave for short. I asked, "Do you really care what major newspaper columnists like or don't like." His reply, "Yah, what's a columnist."

Next I asked the same question to a 45-year-old office manager of a bank, Doris A. Her reply, "Well,

Why I Care

I would have to know what it was that he or she liked or disliked before I answer that question.

If you can not tell me, then I will just have to say 'no comment.'"

Commonwealth Avenue diner owner Lou G., 61, said, "I care. What's good for the columnists is good for America. Is this going to be in the paper? They can come by anytime and eat here. My wife Anna cooks a great pasta sauce on Tuesdays. Too bad it's not Tuesday, I'd give you some, no charge. Tell that Mike Barnuckle Anna loves him. Is he married?"

I then confronted a 45-year-old vice president of a finance company, James P., Widmore.

He only read columnists for their entertainment value. And I don't have much time for that. As

Why You Should

for caring about their opinions, well I would care only if one of them happened to mention me in a positive or negative manner.

Not that I've done anything to worry about. I mean everything I do is on the up and up. Will this be printed? Do you ever need a loan?"

Then I stopped 28-year-old Angela F., a public relations coordinator for a major insurance company, as she ran into a local deli for lunch. She said, "Am I going to get to read this before it goes to press." I said "no."

She said give me your card and I'll write a news release as soon as I get back to my office and I'll send it to you."

So back in the bowling alley where I met 45-year-old Ralph, a Mass Pike toll taker.

"See those pins, everyone of those pins are named for a columnist." "See those pins, everyone of those pins are named for a columnist."

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Finally, a Nation Reborn,
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Campaign Finance Bill Passed

Senate approves landmark law, 97-3; President Laudes Bipartisanship

By Charles Baudelaire
News Staff

Washington, D.C. — A two-year-old Worcester toddler will now rule the roost. In a landmark court case that rocked the nation and will have a major impact on parental rights, Superior Court Judge John C. Youlatter found for the plaintiff, two-year-old Kate Ann McKie, who sought control of her parents, their home and financial assets.

The case began in early February when Miss McKie sued her parents, Gladys and Lincoln, Jr., for allegedly denying her certain activities, food and providing watered-down juice.

Examples cited in the complaint were interfering with growth and development by forbidding her to jump on the family's new couch, ignoring temper tantrums by simply walking away, preventing

"I'm at a loss, a complete loss. I don't know how to do anything else."

- Clark Clifford, Chief lobbyist, Archer-Daniels Midland

her from tormenting the family cat, and making her talk on the telephone against her will. Additional charges cited were failure to buy Sesame Street "booboo-bandages" on demand, limiting the supply of M&Ms, forcing her to sit in the seat of a shopping cart, and failure to understand that an hour is not long enough to stay at the playground.

The judge ruled that the elder McKies turn over all their assets to Miss McKie, open a charge account in her name at Toys "R" Us, cease and desist all forms of punishment and will live by the rules set forth by Miss McKie and her attorney, Ms. Gold E. Locks.

When ask for her comments, Miss McKie said, "What will we do next. Let's go slide." Mr. McKie, who is working on an appeal, said, "After all we've done for her." Ms. McKie could not be reached for comment because at press time she was negotiating to buy a suit of armor with the Worcester Armory Museum, in anticipation of the change in authority.

Susan B. Dogooder, said, "This decision is a major blow to parental

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Bruins take Cup, 4-0



Boston Tribune-Intelligencer Photo/Jonathan Swift

Bruins goaltender and unanimous Stanley Cup MVP Terry Sawchuck foils a scoring bid on his way to a second consecutive series shutout. Sawchuck allowed the fewest goals ever in NHL playoff history. Full coverage in Sports, E-1.

Jacobs Files for Bankruptcy

By Karen Dior
News Staff

Former Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs, once the most reviled sports figure in Boston, has filed for bankruptcy.

"I'm the bum they always said I was," Jacobs admitted yesterday.

Elmer H. Fuddle, of Worcester, grabbed the purse of Willma B. Bumstead while she shopped at a local fruit stand in Worcester.

When Fuddle grabbed Bumstead's large purse, the strap broke and the purse landed on Fuddle's left foot, causing him to fall to the ground and passers by, (including Bumstead) jumped on top of him to hold him until police arrived moments later.

When police asked Bumstead what was so heavy in her purse, Bumstead opened it to reveal a large, 20 pound glass brick. The glass surrounded a pair of false teeth that turned out to belong to Bumstead's husband.

When asked why she carried the brick with the encased false teeth, Mrs. Bumstead replied, "My husband never liked these teeth. I told him to get them because I was tired of seeing him gum his oat meal." She did not elaborate.

"When he got them he refused to wear them. I got mad and had them enclosed in glass. I use them to chop nuts, and now to protect myself. Those false teeth do more for me than he ever did." Her husband, George, could not be reached for comment.

Fuddle was treated for a broken foot at Memorial Hospital, Worcester, and is now being held without bail. He said he was quite gay, but refused further comment.

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Peeved, Pooh lifts ban, falls from sky

By Whittaker Chambers
News Staff

Worcester — Irked by less than stellar economic expansion, Pooh fell from the sky yesterday.

"I realize this is an extreme measure," the substance conceded in a prepared statement. "Nonetheless, I felt something needed to be done."

The structure, perched about 15 feet in a large Oak tree in his

Jacques' voted Boston's best bar, Page D-1

backyard at 119 Maple sheet was apparently built without a building permit and, according to John A. Thorty, city building inspector, does not conform to the city's building code for "Medium Outdoor Animal Structures."

Beak accused City Hall and the Building Commission of being "Big Brother," referring to Orwell's novel 1985. "I built this house out of love for birds. I felt

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BODYWISE
Focus on Health
A Tribune-Intelligencer Special Series

Staying Healthy: It's all in the mind, experts say

First in a 7 part series on the confusing issues of those of us who are trying to stay healthy.

By Vladimir Nabokov
News Staff

Are you one of the thousands of people who are getting ulcers over worrying about whether or not they're eating, drinking, or breathing something that causes cancer.

One day it is reported that coffee causes cancer, they next day a major research study reports that, in fact, it doesn't. Now we're told that beef gravy causes cancer. What next?

So here's what we should avoid, until further notification: cloisonné jewelry, creosote, cyclamate(s), daminozide, DDT, DES, dioxin, endrin, ethylene dibromide, formaldehyde, gasoline, insecticides, malathion, marijuana, methylene chloride, monosodium glutamate, nickel, nitrates, nitrites, nitrosamines, lubricating and cutting oil, paradichlorobenzene, paraquat, PCBs, pitch, polonium, polycyclic beef gravy, cigarettes, red wine, red meat, fats, smoked/salted nuts,

aromatic hydrocarbons, psoralens, radon, saccharin, soot, styrene, tar, thorotrast, trichloroethylene, and lister genes.

These substances are found in the air we breathe, the food we eat, the medicine we take and the abuse we inflict upon ourselves.

What should we do about it? We can't stop eating.

We can't stop breathing. We can stop worrying. The experts will probably come up more. Then the other experts will probably come

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stop worrying. The experts will then make adjustments, in order to know for sure. These substances are found in the air we breathe, the food we eat, the medicine we take and the abuse we inflict upon ourselves.

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Percentage of Americans who keep up with health news

