

Volunteers Needed for Abuse Study

The U.S. Attorney General has identified family violence as one of the most critical problems in the United States today and Dauphin, Cumberland, Lebanon, and Perry Counties are no exception. A nationwide study is currently being conducted by a research team from the California State University-Sacramento and Women's Research Institute (Brigham Young University) in cooperation with the YWCA Women's Shelter. Harrisburg and its surrounding area has been randomly selected as one of twelve communities to participate in this study.

Though the incidence of domestic abuse is high, women also place a high value upon marriage and family relationships as well as safety issues. For this reason, many women remain in abusive situations a long time and try a number of methods to end the abuse.

This fall a study is underway to determine what strategies these abuse victims have tried and what results they have had. Were they able to end abuse and remain with their spouse or was separation necessary? How were they able to stop the violence? If you have been physically abused by your spouse in the past, but

have not been abused for at least one year, the research team asks you to share these experiences with them.

Victims, both those still living with a formerly abusive spouse and those who have left the relationship to end the violence are urged to assist in this study. All replies are completely confidential. To participate, or for more information, please call Women in Crisis at (717) 534-

1101 and ask for a Spouse Abuse Study Questionnaire. It will be sent out immediately with postage guaranteed for its return.

Help Available Dealing With Crime

It is estimated that one in three American households will be victimized by crime this year. At least! There will be approximately 171,000 rape victims, 4,700,000 people assaulted of which 1,300,000 will be seriously injured in the attack, and nearly 700,000 burglarized homes this year. And while these facts are awesome, even more tragically, some 55 people will die each day of the year as a result of the ultimate violation-murder.

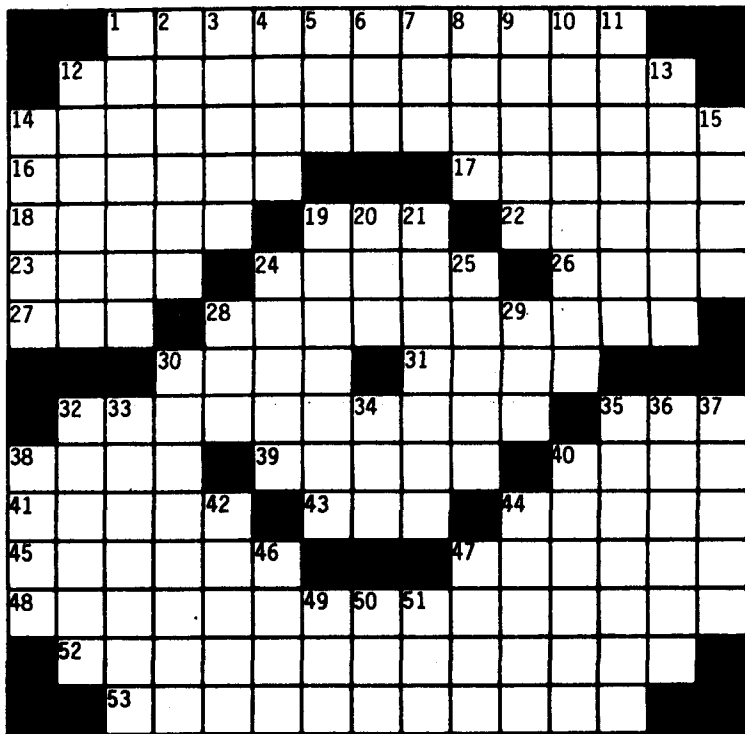
Answers to the problem of crime and the suffering it brings can sometimes be found in social programs that help deal with such inequities as poverty and discrimination, in criminal rehabilitation and treatment programs, and in crime prevention efforts. Until those efforts are completely successful, we must deal with reality. A reality that indicates only 50% of all crimes are reported, that only 10% result in arrest, and a mere fraction of these result in convictions. We spend at least \$20,000 a year for every prison inmate - in addition to the cost of the prison itself. We spend some \$26 billion to administer criminal justice, of which over half goes to police agencies, 20% to the judicial process, and over 20% to corrections programs. A reality that fails to address, much less answer, the central human question after the criminal act is done: What About The Victim?

Innocent victims and witnesses who survive a criminal violation are often treated to callous neglect and thereafter. Their losses and injuries have far too long been left to the victim themselves to cope with without assistance or guidance. Often their attempts at self-help are undermined by others who mean no harm but whose attitudes and actions compound the victim's distress.

Physical injury can range from minor abrasions to crippling paralysis to death. Financial loss can be staggering. Emotional injuries may be even more devastating. Injustice may plague the victim. Fear of retaliation, lack of information, interest or advice, court delays and postponements. Indignities may compound the sense of injustice. Isolation from friends, family and others can perhaps be the final blow. We cannot prevent all crime, or eliminate all its adverse effects, but we can reduce many of them. Rights of victims and witnesses to be free from needless harm is the recognition of the human right to compassion, dignity and justice.

Enter.....the Victim/Witness Assistance Program of Dauphin County, a public service project of the young lawyers section of the Bar Association. Executive Director of this agency is Laurie Reiley. Lisa Henry is the Volunteer Coordinator. The agency has been in existence (continued on pg. 9)

collegiate crossword



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| ACROSS | | 41 "...not with — but a whimper." | 19 Political disorder |
| 1 Where one might study Andy Warhol's works (3 wds.) | 43 Return on investment (abbr.) | 44 Pondered | 20 — cit. (footnote abbreviation) |
| 12 Enrollment into college | 45 Belonging to Mr. Starr | 46 Small school in Canton, Ohio (2 wds.) | 21 Traveled on a Flexible Flyer |
| 14 "Calculus Made Simple," e.g. (2 wds.) | 47 Part of the classifieds (2 wds.) | 48 Possible place to study abroad (2 wds.) | 24 Glorify |
| 16 Evaluate | 48 Possible place to study abroad (2 wds.) | 49 Small school in Canton, Ohio (2 wds.) | 25 Prospero's servant in "The Tempest" |
| 17 Extremely small | 52 Small school in Canton, Ohio (2 wds.) | 53 Orson Welles film classic (2 wds.) | 28 Well-known government agency |
| 18 Follows a recipe direction | 53 Orson Welles film classic (2 wds.) | | 29 American league team (abbr.) |
| 19 Belonging to Mr. Pacino | | | 30 Fictional hypnotist |
| 22 Of land measure | | | 32 Style exemplified by Picasso |
| 23 Meets a poker bet | | | 33 "She's —..." (from "Flashdance") |
| 24 — Gay (NW II plane) | | | 34 Be unwell |
| 26 Capri, e.g. | | | 35 Visible trace |
| 27 Belonging to Mayor Koch | | | 36 Think |
| 28 Irritate or embitter | | | 37 Woman's undergarment |
| 30 Train for a boxing match | | | 38 Commit —kiri |
| 31 — and the Belmonts | | | 40 — burner |
| 32 Processions | | | 42 "...for if I — away..." |
| 35 Diet supplement (abbr.) | | | 44 Actress Gibbs |
| 38 Scottish historian and philosopher | | | 46 African antelope |
| 39 College in Greenville, Pa. | | | 47 Well-known TV band-leader |
| 40 The Venerable — | | | 49 Pince— (eyeglass type) |
| | | | 50 1968 film, "— Station Zebra" |
| | | | 51 1965 film, "— Ryan's Express" |



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