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Juvenile Delinquents turn Heroes

Local boys save school kids from a church fire.

Luke Skywalker

Teen delinquents Ponyboy Curtis and Johnny Cade have shown a new side to the East Side greasers. Jumping into the burning church on Jay Mountain and saving half a dozen school children, they were soon to become local heroes.

"Ms. O'Briant and I thought they were sent straight from Heaven," Jerry, one of the school teachers, explained to reporters, "First the blonde and the black-haired kid climbing in that window, and then the tough-looking kid going back in to save them... those are the bravest kids I've seen in a long time." [See more pg. 4]

Local Teen Killed by Hood



"He kept trying to make someone say 'No' and they never did. That was what he wanted." -Randy

Scarlett Johansson

Teenager Robert 'Bob' Sheldon was found dead a few hours ago in an Eastside park. He was stabbed with a switchblade between midnight and 3AM. There were two people involved says Randy Anderson, a witness

to the murder, "This one greaser stabbed him and we split. The other guy must have run too, because when we got back with the cops they were gone!" The suspects have been identified as Ponyboy Curtis and Johnny Cade, two young boys of about 14-16 years old. They both live on the east side of town and attend the local school. "We got wind that they were headed towards Texas. If you identify anyone matching their pictures please alert the police right away," said Officer Collins. Johnny Cade is wanted for manslaughter.

Church Hero Dies in Hospital

Elton John

Johnny Cade died in the hospital last night. He had received several severe burns and was injured when a piece of timber caught him across the back. Even had he lived he would have been crippled for the rest of his life. We interviewed his close friend Ponyboy Curtis, who was there when Johnny passed. "He used to talk about killing himself but he didn't want to die now. It's just that sixteen years ain't long enough. It wouldn't be so bad if there wasn't so much stuff he ain't done yet and so many things he ain't seen. Sixteen years on the streets and you can learn a lot. But all the wrong things, not the things you want to learn." Johnny's mother was at the hospital at the time of his death, but at Johnny's request wasn't allowed to see him. [See more pg.3]

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Fleeing Robber Shot and Killed

Teenager Dallas Winston was shot last night after he robbed a grocery store. Officers caught him a few blocks away. Dallas pulled out a gun and the cops opened fire. It was later discovered that the heater was in fact empty. We are under the impression that he knew the heater had no bullets and brought his death upon himself. Dallas Winston's death has been labeled as a suicide.

It's the game that separates the girls and the boys...into groups of two!

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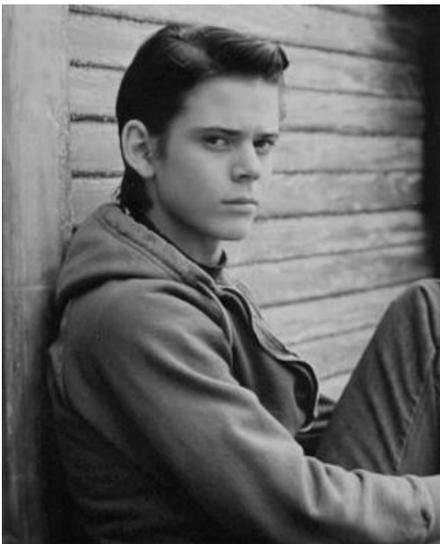
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Have You Seen This Child?

A 14 year old boy was reported missing around 2a.m. last night. Last seen wearing battered jeans and a cut sweatshirt, he is known as Ponyboy Curtis and he attends the local school. Ponyboy (left) has long light brown, almost red hair and greenish-gray eyes. He might be with Johnny Cade. Johnny (right) has darker skin, big black eyes, and jet black hair. If you see him or Johnny, please contact Darry at (323) 306 - 3051 or Sodapop Curtis at the DX gas station.



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Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

My teenage son has been acting strangely. I thought I had done a good job raising him but last night he came home so drunk and could barely stand up straight. I feel like I've failed as a father and I don't know how to make it up to him. What do I do?

-Failed as a Father

Dear Father,

You shouldn't take all the blame. Your son made a conscious decision and it should be treated as such. That doesn't mean you're not responsible for helping him. Your son needs your help and the best way you can help him is to take him to substance abuse counseling. Since he has proved that he isn't responsible, you should keep an eye on his whereabouts and activities.

Dear Abby,

My boyfriend died the other night. His killer is on trial and I'm being called as a witness. I'm sure my boyfriend was asking for it, but I still loved him. Do I defend him in the trial or say that he was drunk and probably deserved it? I want to tell the truth, but that feels like I'm betraying him.

-Mixed Emotions

Dear Emotions,

I'm sorry for your loss. That's so horrible to happen to someone so young. The best way to handle that is with the truth. You don't need to include irrelevant negativity, but it isn't in your best interest to bend the truth.

Charges Dropped against Runaway Teen who Fled with Killer

Dean Winchester

Fourteen year old Ponyboy Curtis faced prosecution for his assistance in Johnny Cade's escape. It was also debatable as to whether or not Ponyboy would be taken away from his older brothers Darry and Sodapop Curtis.

The court hearing for teenager Robert 'Bob' Sheldon took place a few hours ago. Bob's girlfriend Sherry Valence also made an appearance, aiding Ponyboy's plea of not guilty. "Bob had been drinking before the time of the murder," she said, "He was drunk and looking for a fight. Ponyboy and Johnny were walking me home so it was personal." Ponyboy wasn't available for an interview on account of his concussion.

Church Hero Dies in Hospital CONT

Johnny Cade wasn't able to speak with any reporters while in the hospital but he did write a letter shortly before he died. He shared with his friend Ponyboy that he knew he was going to die but he wanted Ponyboy to know that he "didn't mind dying know. It was worth it. [The children's] lives are worth more than mine, they have more to live for." He said that some of the parents came by to thank him and that how he knew it was worth saving those kids. "Don't be so bugged about being a greaser," he wrote, "You still have a lot of time to make yourself be what you want. There's still lots of good in the world." The world lost a hero last night and he will be missed.

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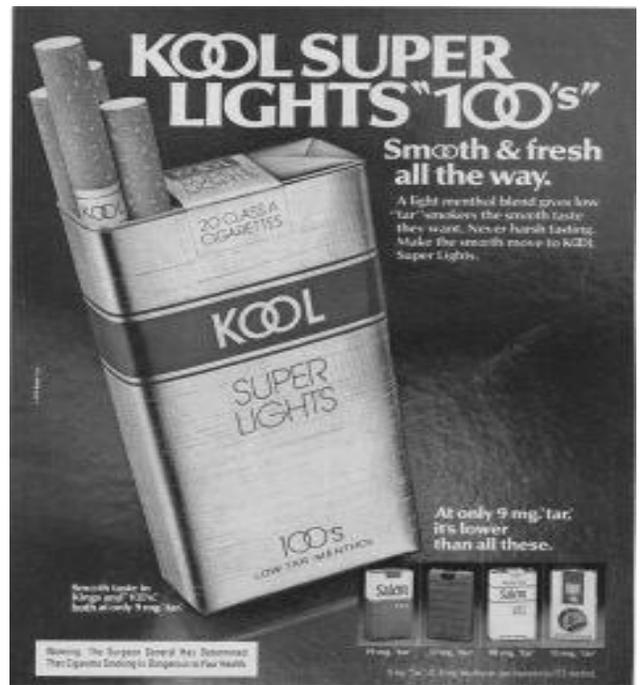
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Children rescued as church burns.

As of now, no one knows the full extent of the boys' injuries. With Johnny's help Ponyboy was able to get out before he sustained too much damage. Ponyboy's back was up in flames, but his jacket saved him from a bad burn and maybe saved his life. It appears that Johnny got the worst of it as he was still inside when the church roof caved in. He was badly burned and might have a broken back. He passed out before reaching the window. A third greaser, Dallas Winston, burned one arm pretty badly trying to drag Johnny out of the window, but he should be healed in no time.

The police still don't know how the fire started or whether or not it was intentional. There is a good chance that most of the evidence was burned in the fire. "We are probably looking at a group of rowdy teens who thought it'd be fun to mess around," Officer Singer tells us, "Though I can't be sure until further investigation takes place."



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