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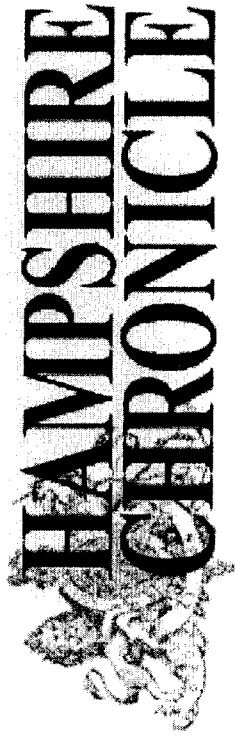
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Findings from the *Young People Now* Positive Images Campaign 2004/05

- 1 in 3 articles about young people concern crime
- 57% of press stories are negative (71% 2004), but only 13% quote young people's views (8% 2004)
- In 74 articles young people referred to as thugs 26 times and yobs 21 times
- Other commonly used words: *evil, lout, monsters, brutes, scum, menace, feral, heartless, sick, menacing, inhuman*
- 66% of young people would not trust a journalist!

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Teenager charged with sex attack on boy, aged 8

Detectives investigating a serious sex attack on an eight-year-old boy in Hampshire have charged a teenager with serious sexual assault and attempted abduction.

A 15-year-old boy, from Alton, faces two charges - one of rape and one of attempted abduction when he appears before magistrates in Aldershot today.

The allegation is said to have happened at 5pm on Monday as the alleged victim walked home in the Manor Road area of Alton.

He was approached by a man who came out of an alleyway on a bicycle.

The man took him to a wooded area near playing fields at the rear of Manor Road and subjected him to a serious sexual assault, police said.

A Hampshire Police spokesperson said: "These offences relate to separate incidents that took place in Alton on Monday December 4."

A 17-year-old man from Alton, who was arrested on Monday, has been released on police bail pending further inquiries.

Hammer attack on schoolboy

A 15-YEAR-old schoolboy was hit over the head with a rubber hammer as rivalry between teenagers from Winchester and Eastleigh escalated.

The victim, who it was initially thought suffered a fractured skull, was taken to hospital by his parents where he was kept in overnight for observation.

The assailant was arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm and bailed without charge until December 15.

The assault happened near the bus stop by Kings' School in Romsey Road at around 9am on Thursday, October 12.

Winchester police officers, who are aware of a feud between groups of youngsters that make up the Eastleigh Boys Krew, also known as the EBK, and youths in Winchester, have stepped up their patrols, and are working closely with city wardens.

They have also been sharing intelligence with their colleagues in Eastleigh.

Winchester city inspector, Kevin Baxman, said: "Where we are getting concerned is there seems to be some friction developing between Winchester youths and youths from Eastleigh."

It is thought to be the same gang rivalry that saw 36 youths arrested in the Stanmore area earlier in the year.

He added: "We are concerned there may still be underlying problems as a result of that incident in March, but this is the first really violent incident we have had and it's the first incident we have had on or near school premises.

"If there are people thinking of arranging organised fighting, then they should know we have a zero tolerance approach and we will arrest anyone involved in it.

"We won't stand for it anywhere in Winchester, in Eastleigh, or anywhere in Hampshire, for that matter.

He said he didn't want to glamourise the violence, and added: "We don't want gang warfare in Hampshire."

Insp Baxman believed the gangs were largely made up of 15- to 20-year-olds from pupils of senior school age, and those with access to vehicles.

In a letter to parents, Sue Lawrence, the headteacher at Kings' School, confirmed that one of the Year 11 pupils had attacked another outside the school gates on the Thursday morning.

She wrote that the victim was treated at the scene by paramedics and did not require hospitalisation.

However, she said he was later taken to the hospital where he received treatment for his injuries and was kept in overnight for observation.

She added: "Throughout the day it became evident that the assault was a culmination of a longer, out of school, dispute between groups of youths, the majority of whom do not attend Kings' School.

Bus stop 'youth magnet' to go

By **Steve Dancey**

A BUS shelter used as an unsanitary youth club' is to be demolished because its owners have had enough of the problems caused by youths hanging about.

Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council decided to take the drastic action after previous attempts to control the problems there failed.

Signs put up by the council warning youths about vandalism have been ignored and even defaced by profane graffiti.

Matters came to a head during the half-term break.

District councillor Tony Still, said he had had complaints from people with children who had been forced to listen to foul language. On another occasion the youths were encouraging one of their number to run out in front of lorries on the busy A338 making them stop suddenly.

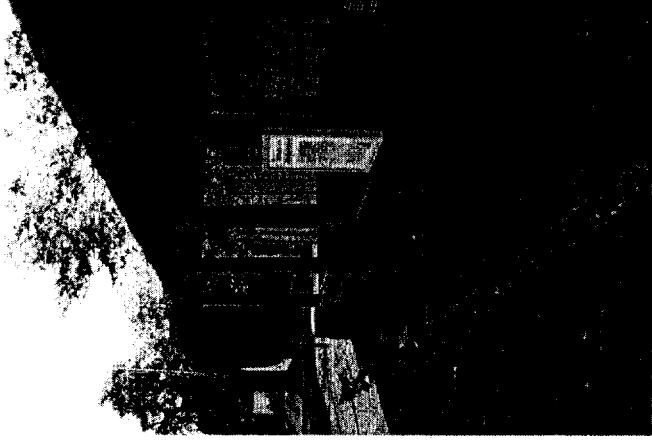
"It is unsanitary and anti-social and we should agree to remove it as soon as possible in the interests of community safety," said Mr Still.

"It could be replaced by one of those steel things that look awful but are very hard to vandalise,"

Resident Paul Corkhill, who lives nearby, said that on some occasions the shelter was used by 10 to 15 youngsters some of whom have travelled there from Tidworth, Ludgershall or Pewsey.

Other said the situation was bad three or four nights a week causing disturbances for neighbours. The parish council will incur the cost of demolition as the owner of the shelter, although a new shelter is likely to be installed by Wiltshire County Council.

For the full story see Friday's Andover Advertiser



Set for demolition: The bus shelter used as a youth club

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Businesses chip in to help young musicians raise more cash

TALENTED young musicians from Hampshire have made a CD to raise money for charity.

The 13-year-old boys have produced a classical CD entitled Red and Green, which sold out within days of its release, raising just over £1,800 for Oxfam.

Local businesses have generously funded a further 300 CDs to be recorded.

All four boys - [REDACTED] on piano and harp; [REDACTED], cello; [REDACTED], piano and descant recorder, and [REDACTED], vocals, play at an advanced level and have won music awards to their senior schools.

Two of the boys are choristers at Winchester Cathedral and they have benefited from a musical education at The Pilgrims' School.

Pupil suffers blurred vision after gun prank

THE father of a teenager who was injured when a fellow pupil fired a ball-bearing gun in his school canteen, claims the school has been too lenient in its punishment of the offender.

16, said he was hit near his right eye last Thursday when the pupil was "playing" with the plastic gun before lessons at Toynebee School began.

But and his father, say they are not happy with the punishment.

They claim the boy was only excluded from school for six days, which was not long enough.

Speaking to the Chronicle this week, head teacher of the Bodycoats Road school, David Jones, confirmed that the pupil had been excluded, but said it would be inappropriate to discuss how long for.

said he has been suffering from a sore eye and blurred vision since the incident.

Doctors at Southampton General Hospital told him the effects could last several weeks.

He missed school on Thursday and Friday but was back in class on Monday this week.

He said: "If anything like this does happen there should be a severe punishment. I don't think it's right that he's just suspended for six days.

"My parents keep saying I could have been blinded. Luckily it has not come that far; if it did, I would want more done to the guy who did it but he's got off really lightly."

Police said they received a call from the victim's father shortly after midday to say what had happened.

The next day they arrested and cautioned a 15-year-old Eastleigh male for possessing an air weapon in a public place, a spokesman said.

He confirmed the weapon had been destroyed.

said he was in the process of writing to the school expressing his disappointment at the punishment.

"I think it's absolutely awful that it's happened in a school that's supposed to be safe."

He added that he thought the boy who pulled the trigger should "definitely" be permanently excluded.

Head teacher Mr Jones confirmed that a pupil had brought a plastic ball-bearing gun into school.

"We take the matter very seriously, obviously, and I have excluded the boy concerned.

"It would be very wrong to infer that schools are not safe places, but it's impossible to search everyone as they come through the door.

Hundreds new support officers to fight yob crime

Hampshire police are set to bring in hundreds more police community support officers (PCSOs) by the end of 2008 in the fight against nuisance behaviour.

There are currently 30 of the full-time uniformed staff charged with supporting police officers in the county but the figure is set to rise to 539.

Hampshire Chief Constable Paul Kernaghan, said a huge recruitment campaign will be launched for the hundreds of extra officers - dozens of which will be based in Southampton. He told the Daily Echo the force's training centre in Netley is being expanded to cope with the "massive task" of preparing new recruits.

He said: "Neighbourhood policing is a major government priority and we are getting significant money to recruit more PCSOs. They raise the visibility of policing on the streets and provide reassurance to the community."

The latest recruitment drive comes as the government's annual police performance assessment report revealed 12,000 > 8,000 > crime is on a downward trend in the county.

Annual Police Performance Assessments were published by the Home Office yesterday, grading police forces in seven areas.

A league table ranked Hampshire joint fifth with seven other forces, out of the 43 police forces nationally.

The county shone in two areas of the assessment - in reducing crime and providing assistance through general policing.

Resource use was classed as "good" and investigating crime, promoting safety, local policing and citizen focus were all described as "fair".

Hampshire has improved on last year's results in the local policing and promoting safety categories. But its performance has deteriorated in the citizen focus and reducing crime categories.

The results of Hampshire Constabulary's Baseline Assessment - a self-assessment exercise - were also published yesterday with 28 "good" and 15 "fair" results.

Chief Constable Kernaghan said: "I am particularly pleased with our "excellent" grading for providing assistance. I know council tax payers will also be pleased to note our "good" grading for resource usage."

Jacqui Rayment, vice-chairman of Hampshire Police Authority, said: "I am pleased that, despite the problems we know we have, the Home Office assessment shows a strong performance."

Teenager escapes jail after burglary spree

A DRUG-CRAZED teenager who raided four homes in a Hampshire village has been spared a jail sentence after the judge agreed to give him one more chance to beat his addiction.

caused chaos in the village of Sutton Scotney after he and three pals went on a burglary spree taking credit cards, cheque books and even a car.

The 19-year-old, just 18 when the offences were committed, told Winchester Crown Court how he was high on drugs at the time of the burglaries and that despite pleading guilty to four, he could only remember two of the break-ins.

The incidents occurred between July 7 and July 16 this year after and his accomplices, who have never been named or found, decided to commit the crimes to feed their drug habits.

The previous night he and his gang had stolen a car from a house in the village, but returned to that house the next night and broke in through the kitchen window.

The gang stole a credit card from the property in Beggar's Grove, which was empty at the time, before turning their attention to the house opposite which they also broke into grabbing four cheque books.

Two more homes in the village were also raided, again all empty, with the group taking various things from each that they thought they could sell on for more drug money.

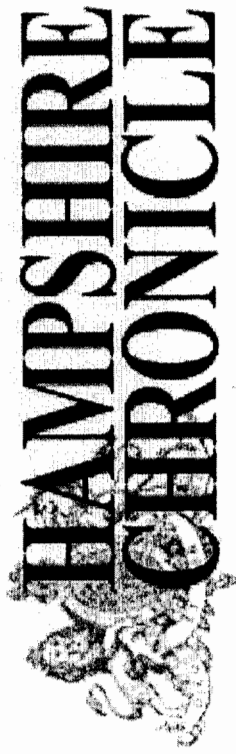
from , was traced via forensic evidence and at a previous hearing pleaded guilty to four counts of burglary and one of aggravated vehicle taking.

Judge Michael Brodrick said had made a real nuisance of himself in his village due to his drug abuse, but that thankfully no one had been in the properties at the time of the burglaries.

He added: "My immediate reaction was that the people of Sutton Scotney deserved a break from you and that you should be sent to prison.

"But, I am persuaded, just, that you should have a chance to wean yourself off drugs and try to lead a decent life."

Accordingly he handed him a community punishment order, a two-year supervision order along with a 12-month drug treatment and testing order and disqualified him from driving for two years.



Teenager appears on court over death

A TEENAGER made a five-minute appearance at Southampton Youth Court in connection with the death of a man walking home with his partner.

The 15-year-old was charged with the manslaughter of 40-year-old [REDACTED] who died following a confrontation with a gang of youths in Millbrook, Southampton, last Tuesday night.

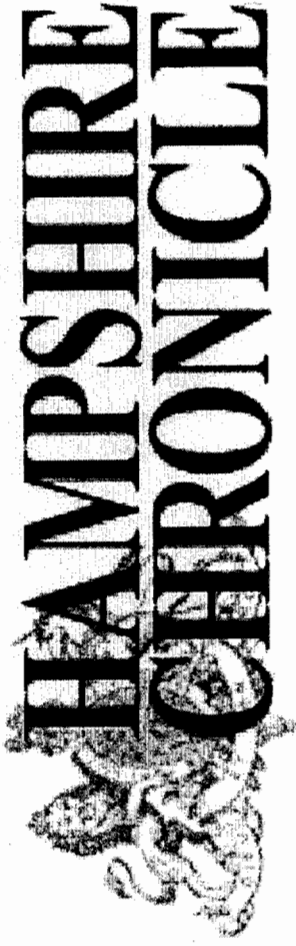
Following an application from prosecutor John Hepworth, the youth was remanded into the care of the local authority with an order that he is detained in secure accommodation.

Lawyer David Adams made no application for bail and the youth will next appear in court on October 30 when his case will be listed for a committal hearing.

[REDACTED] died on Friday night in the intensive care unit at Southampton General Hospital where he had been fighting for his life after surgeons operated to remove a blood clot from his brain.

He had been walking home from Tesco Express in Wimpson Lane with his 47-year-old partner when he was involved in an incident in Green Park Road.

It ended with him falling to the ground and suffering a fatal head injury.



Sex assault

DETECTIVES in Winchester are appealing for witnesses and information after a teenaged girl was sexually assaulted in the city in the early hours of last Friday.

The 18-year-old was walking along Stockbridge Road at around 1.30am, when a man grabbed and sexually assaulted her. He then ran off and was last seen under the railway bridge, heading towards Sussex Street.

Det Con Jamie Richardson said: "We want to speak to anyone who was on Stockbridge Road at the time who saw or heard anything suspicious. We particularly want to talk to anyone who might have seen a man running towards the railway."

Witnesses can call Winchester CID on 0845 045 45 45, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Barriers set to stop after-dark yobs at retail park

BARRIERS are set to be put up at a Winchester retail park to keep out persistent vandals.

Yobs have been gathering in the car park at the junction of Easton Lane and Moorside Road, in Winnall, after Halfords and Currys have closed.

Staff at the outlets say youths also use the area after dark to race motorbikes and other vehicles.

Vandals have also smashed some of the lights in the car park, and broken windows in a vacant retail unit, formally occupied by Powerhouse.

But in a new twist, a brick was thrown through a double-glazed door at Currys while the store was still open last Wednesday.

The same evening, an object was used to shatter a pane of glass at the front of the Halfords store.

Staff say it's not the first time vandals have targeted windows.

A spokesman for Currys added that barriers were now likely to be installed at the car park entrance to keep intruders out after hours.

The work could be carried out within a few weeks.

Nobody was available from the police to comment on the vandalism at the time the Chronicle went to press.



Teenager fights off knife point robber

A TEENAGER fought back against a would-be robber who threatened him with a knife - by punching him in the face.

The 14-year-old boy reacted to the three-and-a-half inch flick knife being pointed at him by punching his attacker and running off.

The youngster was walking across Freemantle Common in Southampton when he was approached by a youth in a hooded top who asked him for money several times.

When he refused the youth then became aggressive and produced a three-and-a-half inch flick knife and demanded money again.

However, the victim instead punched the attacker in the face, causing the youth to fall back and hit his head.

The 14-year-old who has not been identified then ran off and called the police.

The youth with the knife was described as white, of slim build, about 5ft 9in, in his late teens, wearing white trainers and dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and a plain pullover-style black hooded top. Underneath he had a black flat peaked baseball cap with the insignia NY on it. He also wore a grey neckwarmer. The youth was also described as having a distinctive nose that bent to the left.

Anyone with information about the incident, which happened at 11am on Tuesday October 10, can contact PC Ben Holloway at Bitterne police station on 0845 045 4545.

Lottery cash boost for youth centre

YOUTH workers and teenagers in Stanmore were this week celebrating a massive cash injection which will help boost services to young people in the area.

The Carroll Youth Centre has been awarded £150,000 from the Lottery's Young People's Fund, which will be released over a three-year period.

Mandy Leese, manager of the centre, which is based in Wavell Way, said the money would be spent on three key areas: peer education; life skills and outreach work.

Mrs Leese took on her role last year after the previous manager, Val Edwards, was murdered at her Badger Farm home in 2004.

"After the tragedy of Val Edwards, the centre had a difficult time and we have been working tirelessly to turn the centre round, which I think we have done," said Mrs Leese.

As well as activities for youngsters aged up to 19, the CYC also provides a kindergarten, the Poppins after-school club, day care and various events like Party in the Park.

The bid to the Lottery was put together with the help of youngsters who use the CYC.

Mrs Leese said she will be using the Lottery money to employ more youth and outreach workers, and looking to send some young people on football coaching courses to gain qualifications and skills they can share with others.

Mrs Leese also hopes to offer courses including first aid, sexual health and drugs awareness, animation and music production.

"We are a charity and we are completely self financing," she said.

"This funding secures youth work provision for the next three years, and will benefit a lot of youngsters."

She paid tribute to her "hard-working" team, and was pleased that all their efforts were also being recognised.

Yob behaviour drives residents to the edge

VILLAGERS are threatening to form a vigilante group to deal with a gang of yobs who went on a trail of destruction through their Hampshire community.

Angry residents are considering taking the law into their own hands to drive the vandals out. They want to go on patrol armed with golf clubs in a bid to scare off the teenagers, whose latest attack damaged three cars, burnt out a van, uprooted a bus stop and smashed up three garages.

Councillor Steve Cosier, who represents North Baddesley, says he has been approached by several people who were willing to take part in street patrols.

Residents in the once peaceful village are demanding action is taken against those responsible and are calling on more police presence to stop the repeated vandalism.

A police spokesman said they were aware of the problems in the village which were already receiving attention but the residents are not convinced.

Woken Sandra Reid, 38, woke up to find her car a write-off after vandals, some as young as 14, broke into it and took it for a joyride before smashing it into a row of garages in Willis Avenue.

She said: "There are a group of around 20 of them who hang around here every Friday and Saturday night hurling abuse and smashing things up. It has got very bad around here and the police are not doing anything about it.

"I need my car to get to work in Romsey but now I am going to have to find other means of transport as this car is going to have to be scrapped. I'm fed up with it."

One elderly resident, whose garage was damaged by the stolen car, did not want to be named for fear of reprisals.

He said: "They congregate outside my house every weekend and cause trouble. It's a ruddy nuisance. I want the police to issue a dispersal order so they can't congregate in their 10s and 20s. They don't seem to be doing anything to help us. I have called the hotline a number of times to complain but nothing seems to be done about it."

Cllr Cosier has been writing numerous letters to Hampshire police about the increased vandalism and antisocial behaviour in the village but says he has had no response.

Sick of it' He said: "I get calls every week from residents saying their cars or properties have been vandalised but the police don't want to know. We have just had enough of it and I am sick of it.

"We have a huge problem with anti-social behaviour in the village and it has got increasingly worse in the past two months."

David Minton, 28, has had to call the police two weekends in a row because of the increasing antisocial behaviour. He said: "This weekend they broke into my car and last weekend they started smashing up the pavilion in the park.

"I have had to stay in two Saturdays in a row to wait for forensic officers to come round and it is doing my head in. We all know where it starts. It starts in the park with them drinking every Friday and Saturday night and then they go round smashing things and stealing cars. It's the same group of kids every week but the police are not doing anything about it."



Fractured skull for attack victim

A TEENAGER is in a serious condition in hospital after being assaulted in Winchester last weekend.

The 19-year-old suffered a fractured skull when two men robbed him in Edgar Road, St Cross, at about 11.30pm on Saturday night.

The pair approached the victim, who has not yet been identified, and demanded money before beating him and snatching his mobile phone.

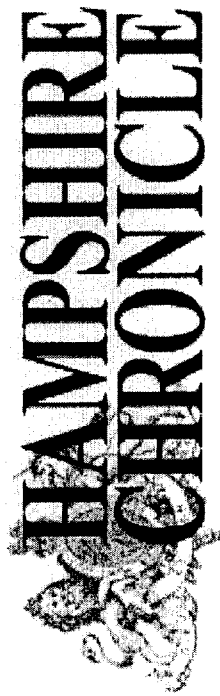
Detectives are appealing for witnesses and particularly want to speak to a couple that were seen arguing nearby when the attack happened.

Det Insp Frances Payne said: "This appears to be an isolated incident, but it has left the victim with a very serious injury.

"It is imperative that anyone who knows anything about it contacts the police."

Police said the teenager remained in a "serious but stable" condition at Southampton General Hospital, and added that officers had not yet been able to interview him because of his injuries.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Winchester CID on 0845 045 45 45, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Teenager robbed of MP3 player in alleyway

A TEENAGER was robbed while he was walking along an alley beside a church in Eastleigh town centre.

The 15-year-old was halfway along the alley, listening to his MP3 player, when a man tapped him on the shoulder from behind.

The man asked him the time before demanding his mobile phone, which the teenager said he did not have.

The man then tried to get the boy to hand over his MP3 player.

When he refused the robber attempted to punch the boy, but missed. He grabbed the MP3 player and ran off.

Police have described the wanted man as white, aged between 16 and 17, 5ft 10in, of medium build and wearing a white hooded top - thought to be a Lonsdale top - with a black scarf covering his mouth and nose.

Police in Eastleigh are appealing for witnesses to the incident, which happened in an alley next to the church in Derby Road at 6.55pm on Saturday.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has any information is asked to contact Eastleigh police station on 0845 045 4545, or to call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.