



# "If It Fitz..." Unrequited love

By Jim Fitzgerald

For Father's Day, the husband received several pounds of chocolate candy from his youngest daughter, who understands the deep needs within him. It took him almost two weeks to eat every piece. No one helped him. He got the job done by himself.

His oldest daughter gave him monogrammed underwear, which he quickly snagged in his zipper. His son didn't give him anything. The son thinks Father's Day and similar red numbers on the calendar are a corporate conspiracy to squeeze money out of the downtrodden masses. His idea of celebrating Father's Day is to trot down to the corner drugstore and picket a rack of Hallmark cards.

"Why did you eat all that candy yourself?" asked the wife, who claims the marriage contract entitles her to half the husband's candy if she can find where he hides it when he goes to work.

"Believe me, I wish things were different. I didn't eat all that chocolate because I like it; I ate it because I need it. For me, chocolate is medicine," the husband explained. "I'm sick, and it's your fault."

It was only recently that

the husband discovered why he needs chocolate. An article in Modern Medicine magazine said chocolate is the medicine that heals broken hearts.

Chocolate contains a chemical called phenylethylamine, which is also found in the human brain. According to New York researchers, phenylethylamine is related to the emotional ups and downs of being in love. Victims of unrequited love become depressed and run short of phenylethylamine in their brains, so they unconsciously turn to Hershey bars to fill the void. This doesn't mean lumpy love affairs are caused by almonds, but vice versa.

"People go on chocolate binges to relieve the depression caused by unrequited love," the husband said. "If you would requite my love, I wouldn't eat so much candy and there would be some left for you."

"I don't know how you can say I don't requite your love," the wife said. "I freed your new shorts from your pants, didn't I? How many wives would do that?"

She had a point. The oldest daughter gave him monogrammed boxer shorts for Father's Day because she'd

heard him complaining how no one ever tells him he looks nice. He has his initials embroidered on his shirts, but no one ever notices. The daughter figured monograms would be more noticeable on his shorts. She used a homemade stencil and black paint.

The daughter's theory was that everyone has initialed shirts, but initialed underwear is something different. People were sure to notice, and tell him he looked nice. "All I have to do is wear no pants," the husband said sarcastically.

He was somewhat chastened when it was pointed out that the wife would see his shorts, and her approval was worth seeking. A good husband wants his wife to tell him he looks nice.

Also, there was a repeat of the grandmotherly advice that he never knew when he might have an accident and be taken to the hospital, where dozens of nurses would see his shorts while searching for his Blue Cross card.

So the husband was fairly excited the first morning he put on the initialed shorts. He was fantasizing how much money he could make endorsing Fruit of the Looms in TV commercials if a gorgeous nurse married him for his underwear. Maybe that's why he snagged the shorts snugly in his pants zipper, and couldn't unsnag them no matter how hard he tried, and cried.

Finally, he had to remove the two offending garments, still cleaving to one another, and carry them to the wife in the kitchen. Sure enough, she said: "You look nice."

And then she pulled some mysterious tool from her sewing basket and quickly separated the shorts from the pants without damaging either pair. When later reminded of her loving dexterity, the husband had to admit he'd been unfair to accuse her of unrequited love.

"From now on, my phenylethylamine is your phenylethylamine, with almonds," he promised.

"You're so romantic you sound like something our son would picket," she said.



CUB SCOUTS from throughout Tuscola and Huron counties gathered at the Cass City Recreation Park Saturday morning for their annual field day. Each Scout had to participate in six different skill areas, four of which are shown here. There was one set of six skills for 8-9 year olds and another six for 10-year-olds. About 130 Scouts from 11 packs participated.

## The Haire Net



The Detroit News frequently takes off on a critical binge against President Carter and the way he is running the country.

Certainly the editorial writers have plenty of ammunition ready and waiting when they fire off another round at the administration.

There is plenty to criticize. At times they appear to get carried away by it all.

The other day one of the editorial writers said that prices had risen enough so that the nation is now conserving oil by good conservation practices.

The obvious implication is that raising prices has solved that portion of the energy problem. We should receive a gold star for doing so and President Carter wasn't responsible for the good effort.

We are using less fuel, I suspect, because more of us are driving cars that are more fuel efficient.

But it's a drop in the bucket to what we could do.

I'd bet a cookie that the News editorial writer came to his job alone in his car the day he wrote that editorial. Maybe I would lose, but the odds are greatly in my favor.

If I could bet a buck with every worker that lives in the suburbs and works in

Detroit about driving to work alone or with a passenger I'd have better odds than the house at Las Vegas.

In Detroit and in Chicago I've been on the freeways during the morning and evening rush hours and the one-passenger cars outnumber those with passengers at least three to one.

It's the same in the Thumb or wherever you are.

Most Americans aren't willing to give up personal convenience even when they know it's in the best interest of the country and themselves. Why should I conserve when my neighbor doesn't? is the way all of us react.

A sensible gas rationing policy would eliminate needless one-person driving. I'm convinced that most of us could drive 20 percent fewer miles than we do today and suffer only minor inconvenience.

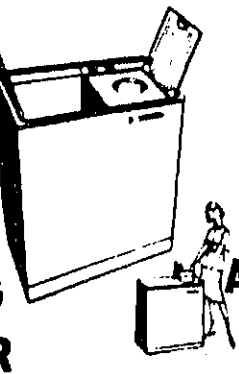
But good conservation is bad politics and the chances are slim that we'll see rationing just because it is one sound way to curb inflation and put the country back on the track. In this election year there is no chance at all. None.

If we can't get enough oil then perhaps rationing will be forced on us. Like castor oil, it won't taste good but will be good for us.

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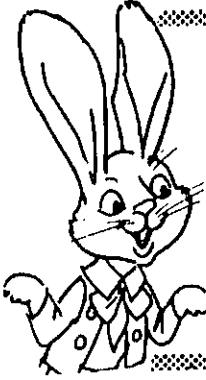
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## Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Boosters of the school's campaign for one extra mill for operation haven't much time left if they want to be sure that recently franchised voters are eligible to vote. Registration deadline is July 21 for the Aug. 18 election.

The only glimpse of next year's Cass City High School varsity basketball team that I've had is in the first half of the Sts. Peter & Paul game Saturday.

The Hawks won't be the powerhouse they were last season and it will be a notable achievement if they can win the Thumb B Conference again.

Hope springs eternal. Despite the nebulous outlook many of the football hopefuls at Cass City High School are working out on their own to prepare for the upcoming grid season, Coach Don Scheike told the school board Monday night.

It's probable that I never will score a hole in one but I can now claim that I have seen two.

The second came last Thursday at Garland Golf Course at Lewiston. A golfer behind us lofted an iron shot on a 200-yard hole and it hit the green three feet from the cup and rolled in. We signed his card to make it official. (He didn't offer to treat when we reached the 19th hole.)

The GOP convention in Detroit has just started and already it seems like that's the only thing we've heard about for eons and eons.

A full week of the Republicans blasting the Democrats now and another week later of the Democrats blasting the Republicans is just too much of something that wasn't too good to begin with.

## The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	81	56	0
Thursday	97	58	0
Friday	102	56	.02
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