

# Childhood

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## Help kids navigate through danger

David Sarasohn has it right: The problem with our children today is not them, it's us ("Scowling at kids, blind to ourselves," May 7).

After all, kids are still, and have always been, just kids (yes, even the dangerous ones). When the tragedy in Springfield happened, we noted what went wrong: lack of supervision, desensitization to violence through the media, access to guns.

We agreed then that it was as simple as ABC. Even after Littleton, it still is.

Where are the resources for the after-school programs and summer activities for kids who need supervision and positive adult models and resources for those who need early health care when they are seen to be having serious problems?

Where are the limits on commercial violence fed to our children in music, films, TV, video games and on the Internet?

How do kids keep getting their hands on guns? Where are the rules governing trigger locks, gun safes and adult responsibility?

Perhaps we can someday change the "violent, unsupportive and heavily armed society" that Sarasohn says we have built for our children. But at the very least, with increased adult attention, we can help them navigate our dangerous society more safely.

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