

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Every summer, when all three youngsters are home all day every day, all their little faults and foibles seem magnified many times over. And when I'm tending to the animals, the parents seem to handle their offspring so well that I honestly feel I'm slipping somewhere along the line.

For example, the favorite occupation of Beth and Jim (11 and 10) is bickering, and after the first day of holidays, I've used up all my slim supply of patience.

But I figure that, if I can't be patient, at least I could be fair. At the first sign of a fight, I'd swap them both. Now what could be more impartial than that?

Now, take a look at your animals. Have you ever seen them squabbling over silly things like where to put the glasses in the dish drainer?

The big and constant question, of course, is "What can we DOOOO?" and its variation "There's nothing to DOOOO!" with the emphasis making the "DO" sound as if it came from a dog with a itonach ache.

Our house pets don't need to be told what to dooo. They find the coolest spot in the house and sleep. And sleep and sleep. The kittens wake up every now and then and play. What with? Nothing. They can become completely engrossed in ambushing each other, in stalking the Rangpoos Snake (mother cat's tail), in sneaking up on their own tails from different angles (left, right, and inbetween), and in lying on their backs chewing their toes.

Out the back, the pigs sleep, the geese sleep, the horses doze and switch. I would LIKE to sleep, but my kids have nothing to dooo.

I think I've found the solution, though. Over the past few years building operations have unearthed hundreds of stones around the house, around the barn, and all between. Now every time I hear the complaint, I say "Go pick rocks". It's amazing how often the youngsters will remember things they just HAVE to do first.

We have feeding problems, too. David, 5, is not this family's most industrious eater, and his knife-and-fork work is so unskilful that much of his food ends up on the floor.

Jim changes his mind every week as to what food he doesn't like. I never know till I serve it, then "I don't like eggs" (peas, green beans, tomatoes, rice, soup, etc.) in a tone that implies that I really should have known.

Beth is at least consistent. No mushrooms, onions, or carrots. I think back with nostalgia on the feeding habits of two pigs we had while back. After pouring in their feed I'd have to jump two back or be run over, as the two practically climbed into the trough in slop-happy delight.

Come bedtime, all the animals head for their favorite spots and go right off to sleep. Rip, the coonhound, has to be reminded over and over, that the newly-upholstered arm chairs, though comfortable, are strictly off limits for dogs. If we come out quietly in the morning, we'll find him trying to ooze inconspicuously off forbidden grounds.

Once the kittens are bedded down for the night, they stay put. But our youngsters not only room in the hot weather, but also seem to feel an obligation to inform me of every move, maybe not in so many words, but by doorlams, foot clomps, bangs, bumps, mutters, and such.

Gord wondered why I was so groggy this morning. Of the six of us (Rip included) not one stayed still last night. Beth started out in the tent and ended up in bed; Jim moved to her sleeping bag. Gord moved to Jim's bed (it's cooler in his room). David had a leg-ache and cried for a leg-pill, me doing the leg-work. Rip? He scuttled out to Jim's sleeping bag.

I should have left the radio on and we could have called it musical beds.

Since the house is so hot by suppertime, it is a real chore to even think of supper, and I've started making as much of it in the morning as I can. That is, browning the meat, paring the vegetables, and so on.

By making a Cole Slaw, I can do up a big enough batch to last two or three days without it wilting too much. And if a day starts out so hot that I don't want to cook even in the morning, as a last resort, I suppose, I could put this big bowl of Cole Slaw in the middle of the table, give everybody a fork and let them go to it. I can see Gord's face now.

Cabbage and Carrot Slaw
Shred 1 medium cabbage and two medium carrots. Combine 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 2 Tbsp. vinegar, 4 tsp. sugar, 1 tsp. salt. Pour over cabbage and mix lightly.

Crash on 401 on Monday injures five

A grinding front-end crash on Highway 401 near Yelco Monday afternoon sent five people to hospital, at least one of them in serious condition. Two trucks were required to pry apart the wreckage of the cars to free one of the injured who was trapped.

According to the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, a car driven by Emmanuel Rodrigues of Toronto was travelling east on 401 when the driver lost control, swerved into guardrails along the side of the highway, bounced off them, careened to the other side of the road, went across the median and hit a west-bound car driven by Howard Petersen of Belleville, Michigan.

At impact, Rodrigues was thrown over 180 feet away from his car. He was alone in his car at the time of the accident.

Three other passengers in the Petersen car as well as Mr. Petersen were injured. Petersen, who was trapped in the wreckage until tow trucks could pry it apart, sustained forehead lacerations and serious chest injuries while his wife Faye suffered fractured ribs, lacerations and a possible fractured spine. Michael Tierney of Farringham, Michigan, sustained head lacerations and abdominal injuries while his wife Sally had abdominal and back injuries. All four are in Oakville-Trafalgar hospital.

Rodrigues is in critical condition in Hamilton General hospital with a skull fracture. Both cars were completely demolished in the accident. Milton Fire Department stood by with a pumper as police feared fire might break out.

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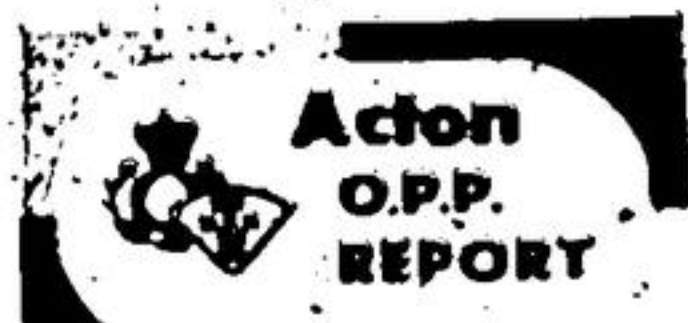
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But you should think about your retirement years now, according to the federal health department pamphlet, "Planning for the Later Years". While you're still working you can do much to make sure your retirement years will be happy and interesting.

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