

## Just another one of those mornings

Do you ever get those days when it appears the whole universe has waited just long enough for you to open your eyes, before it dumps all over you?

It usually begins when you have overslept by a scant 10 minutes - and any working mother can fully appreciate what a 10 minute sleep-in can do to a morning schedule. If you live another 50 years, those 10 minutes can never be recouped.

Children arrive at the breakfast table grouchy from your urgent nagging of: "Get up! Get up! We're late!" inevitably it will be a day when one of them was supposed to be at school early for something or other, and they then proceed to work on your already over-loaded guilt trip by extracting a ride to school from you. Have you ever wondered what would happen if your car broke down half way between the school and home and there you were, resplendent in a housecoat, slippers and no lipstick?

Then, as sure as day follows night, one of them needs money for a school trip of some sort - and show me a mother anywhere who can placidly count out nickels and dimes to the tune of \$15.00 without having had time to get a second cup of coffee under her belt. If you have ever been reduced to going through coat pockets in closets for an extra 55 cents, well... you know exactly what I mean.

"\$15.00!" I exclaimed in horror to my 16 year old this morning. "Do you think money grows on trees? My car is out of gas, your sister's shoes are full of holes - where are you going now for \$15.00 that will effectively keep you away from math, English, French, history, science and biology classes?"

"Uh, a camping trip. Um, on the Bruce Trail. Like, in February."

Well, even for Louisa, this was a radical departure from her normal level of insanity.

"Are you crazy?" I gasped. "You - who in August shelters behind an electric baseboard heater? You, who in February, in a house boasting a 70 degree temperature, covers under ten blankets upon retiring for the night - in a track suit. And you are actually planning on paying for the privilege of a six week boat with pneumonia, if not death?"

"Mother, I have to do it to pass gym - it's a survival test."

"Why do you think you are still going to school instead of testing the child labor laws? You are getting an education so you can hold down a job; so you can pay the rent for a roof over your head; so you won't have to know how to sleep in a tent on the Bruce Trail in February. Surviving in a tent in February was not why I spent 16-and-a-half years raising you! Fail gym! I promise I won't get mad!"

Sure enough, when you wake up on a morning with the fates conspiring against you - "Oh, mother! You are impossible!" is all the thanks your maternal concern will receive.

What more can you possibly expect from a day that begins that way? This bizarre child effectively unloaded \$15.00 from me, the boss relieved her tensions on me the minute I walked through the office door. I remembered by 11:00 a.m. that I had not taken anything from the freezer for dinner, my carriage return button fell off my typewriter.....agghhhhhh!

Come One, Come All to a

### ROAST BEEF DINNER

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## Former Acton cop breaks probation

A former Peel police detective, ordered to seek psychiatric treatment after being convicted of stealing police property, cannot be located, according to police.

Roy Wood, 42, of Georgetown, was given a conditional discharge by County Court Judge Frank Dunlap, May 6 after he was found guilty of stealing about \$1,000 worth of property from a Mississauga's division of the force.

His disappearance means that the Crown's appeal against the court decision not

to jail him is in limbo, according to a spokesman for the Crown Law Office.

By the time the Crown decided to appeal, within the prescribed 30 days after conviction, Wood could not be found.

"We've made every attempt to locate him," Insp. Chris O'Toole said.

The appeal papers must be served on Wood by police before the appeal can begin. A 30-day extension was granted in June by the Ontario Supreme Court. The court has

now decided to extend the period indefinitely until Wood can be served.

O'Toole said he has not checked the Wood's 12-month probation order to see if he was required to report to anyone in the period.

But, the only condition of discharge was that the former veteran policeman seek psychiatric treatment.

"We would have to prove that he's not receiving that treatment," O'Toole said. High stress and male menopause were cited by Judge Dunlap in giving Wood the conditional discharge.

He was suffering from depression when he took a color TV set, a clock radio,

clothes and other items from the police property store room, before leaving on his holidays to England.

He returned voluntarily to Canada to face the charges before extradition proceedings were undertaken.

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Operating four cabs as well as a small convenience store keeps Ken Shaw and wife Vivian pretty busy.



Vivian Shaw

Cab and store hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday run from 6:00 a.m. to midnight. On Friday and Saturday business hours are extended to 2:00 a.m. while things slacken off on Sundays with cabs available from nine in the morning until 11:00 p.m.

The company also offers airport rates and there is the regular 10 per cent discount for senior citizens.

Mr. Shaw said he hopes moving into Joe's Tuck Shop will help complement the taxi business. Bread, milk and other small grocery items have been added to the store's inventory for the convenience of downtown shoppers.

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