

Outlook on Lifestyle



Signing off

Members of the 2nd Georgetown Cub Pack of St. George's Anglican Church, along with their parents enjoyed a visit from District Commissioner Joyce Turpin and her daughter Pamela, who offered in-

struction in sign language. From left, District Commissioner Turpin, and her daughter Pamela, and Cubs Rob Harrison and Tommy Allen. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Talking with KATEY SAGAL

Despite — or maybe because of — a letter-writing campaign by an outraged Michigan housewife, "Married ... With Children," the Fox Network comedy about a sleazy Chicago family, continues to rise in the ratings.

A good deal of the show's success has to do with one of its stars, Katey Sagal, who plays housewife Peg Bundy, perhaps the laziest homemaker ever to appear on television. Peg doesn't cook or clean or attend PTA meetings. She's a couch potato with an advanced degree in "Gerald" and "Onrah."

Q. Why do you think "Married ... With Children" is Fox's biggest hit?

A. It's the funniest show on TV. It deals with real people in real situations — with a twist. We really say what no one wants to say.

Q. Do you really think people like the Bundys exist?

A. We may be in unreal situations, but we act like it's for real. We don't play the situation if it's ridiculous. We don't cross the line into caricature.

Q. How do you interpret Peg Bundy?

A. When I read the first script, they depicted her as a couch-potato slob. I thought, she has to be more than that. So I had her take pride in how she looks. Peg thinks she's very glamorous and has a very healthy self-esteem.

Q. You call a bouffant hairdo, spiked heels and Capri pants glamorous?

A. To Peg they are. I help pick out her costumes. I describe her fashion consciousness as Bowling Alley Cocktail Waitress. We buy her costumes at Frederick's of Hollywood, K mart and J.C. Penney.

Q. Are you in any way like Peg Bundy?

A. I have pretty good self-esteem, too. She's quick witted, and I can be pretty fast on my feet. Unlike Peg, I like to cook. Like her, I hate cleaning house. Fortunately I'm now in a posi-

tion where somebody does that for me.

Q. If "Married ... With Children" were on one of the three major networks, do you think it would be a top-10 show?

A. Oh, absolutely. We've been beating ABC and NBC pretty consistently in our time slot in the big cities.

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How to delineate "delineate"

by Jeffrey McQuain

To outline or describe accurately, delineate. For accurate spelling, notice this detail: the line of outline also appears in delineate.

Someone frank speaks freely or openly in expressing the truth. You should use this word more often, if I may be so frank.

Q. A person who's too optimistic is called a Pollyanna. Why?

A. The name Pollyanna comes from the title character of a 1913 novel by Eleanor Porter. Pollyanna was endlessly optimistic and found good in everything. The young girl's name was soon applied to anyone overly optimistic or hopeful. You'll even find it as a lowercased modifier, as in "a pollyanna outlook."

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With the mortgage rates jumping around lately, mostly "up", it has set some people into a bit of a tail spin. I've had clients that have started to panic a little, so I thought I might do a little comparison for you, just so you have some figures in your head.

Over the past year, we have been blessed with very low rates of interest on mortgages, the lowest rates we've seen since I have been in the business. This has of course sparked more buying, and people being able to afford to carry heavier mortgages. However, we have also been living in an unrealistic world. It had to stop somewhere, and bring the rates into line, or the price of houses would continue to rise on a monthly basis, and we would have chaos on our hands before long.

Let's look at a few figures to bring things into perspective here. When mortgage rates were at 11½ per cent you could carry a \$100,000 mortgage for \$997.06 per month with principal and interest. You can now get a 3 year mortgage on \$100,000 for 12 ¾ per cent which will carry for \$1,084.69 per month including principal and interest. This means that the difference will be \$87.63 per month or \$20.22 per week. Now, that is not a horrible difference is it - certainly not enough to make one panic! You see, what happens is that the media blows things all out of perspective, and we get hooked in because we don't have enough facts to weigh the information. Aren't there days that you wish you could turn off the TV, the radio and hide the newspapers! Bad news always travels twice as fast as good news. Now, if you think that that little extra bit of money per month is going to eat too badly into your budget, the good news is, that house prices have levelled, and in some cases (if they were on the high side to begin with) have been reduced a little. So you see, with bad comes good - and I want to be the bearer of good tidings - and I hope this eases your mind a little. So before you panic - give your bank a call, or your real estate agent a call, and check out just what this means to you on a cash flow basis if you are planning on buying a home. The news is not all that bad - and I think we are going to see some nice properties on the market in the next few months - and you can still afford them!

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