

Teach your children the right lessons in life

I was amazed and shocked when I took my five-year-old daughter out trick-or-treating at the number of neighbours who did not give out treats for the kids. It only takes a couple of hours of your time and the cost of a few coffees.

We, as a society, should realize that encouraging our youth is an investment in our future. So the next time your newspaper delivery kid comes to your door or a Girl Guide selling cookies or the bottle drive boy, etc. give what you can, don't show a contrary attitude. Most youth do understand if you can't afford it but they don't understand negative words.

What we do as adults will reflect on our kids.

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Posing beside their Main Street home, Joseph and Janet Beaumont are flanked by four of their five children in this 1916 photo: Winifred, Tom, Arthur and Harpin. Built originally for Charles Williams, from the second generation of the Williams who founded Glen Williams, the home at 514 Main St. is an excellent example of a Gothic Revival style residence.

COLUMN

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When one works as a journalist, it's a given that once one retires that need for a news 'fix' never really goes away.

I remember when I retired back in January of 2014. For the first month, I'd wake up in the morning, wondering what had happened in the night.

What had I missed?

I'd see a fire truck with its lights and siren go screaming by, and I'd inwardly ask myself, "You ARE gonna follow it, aren't you?"

I'm glad to report, thus far, I have managed to overcome that urge to follow and become a nuisance rubber-necker at a fire or motor vehicle collision scene.



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But like any news junkie, I had to find another source for my news buzz.

And it's as simple as turning on the TV and tuning in to CNN.

First things first, I want to make one thing abundantly clear.

I absolutely, unequivocally despise U.S. President Donald Trump.

I despised him on reality TV, I despised him as a

presidential candidate, and now, as the President of United States.

But I'm drawn to the CNN television screen like some helpless moth is drawn to a flame.

I can't help myself.

And I can't really explain it. I wonder if I'm watching him so closely, to be there to witness that precious moment when he falls on his face, figuratively, or maybe somewhere deep down in my evil subconscious, even literally.

I yearn to see him make some outlandish comment - like his continual reference to 'fake news' and the American people will suddenly see the light and they will find a way to legally remove him from office, and be rid of his presence at the

White House.

I'm embarrassed he's our neighbouring President - how must the American people feel?

I hear reports of his juvenile Tweets, (and I'm not a Twitter junkie). I feel like I'm tuned into a conversation between two bullies on a school playground.

He's completely driven by his ego, and it needs to be fed and watered daily.

During the last year, the American people have had a huge amount of bad luck.

There seems to be countless people in this world with an urge to kill and maim. The Vegas concert, the slaughter on the bike path in New York City and the shooting in the church in Texas - just a few examples.

When asked about the shootings and slaughter, all Trump can say is this isn't the time to discuss it. When is it time?

Instead, what does President Trump do?

He tweets about North Korean Chairman Kim Jong-un, calling him names, like 'Little Rocket Man', or 'short and fat', prompting Chairman Kim to call him a 'mad dog,' or a 'lunatic.'

These are world leaders?

Later, Trump is quoted as saying it was "certainly a possibility" that he could become friends with Kim Jong-un, hours after insulting the North Korean leader on Twitter.

Really?

And how about the allegations against Alabama's

Roy Moore? Not a peep from Trump. Perhaps he's too busy insulting Kim.

I fear, like many in the U.S., that Trump is taking the world to the brink of a nuclear war and he doesn't even seem to realize it or care.

When I get to this point watching CNN, I realize that I'm stressed out, and it's usually 6 p.m.

I can change channels, and be greeted by Ken Shaw and Zuraidah Alman on CTV News, and feel a little bit safer in our little world, north of the 49th parallel.

But I know, that news junkie in me will emerge again the next day, and the next, to watch history unfold before me.

I only hope it's a positive outcome.

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