

Try one or more of these suggestions so dad feels special on Father's Day

Chances are pretty good that if you're a teenager you don't care too much that Sunday is Father's Day.

That's because it's an annoyance to you.

It may mean a family dinner, instead of hanging out with your friends. Worse, you have to try and be nice to your father for a whole day, just because somebody somewhere at some time decreed it a special day.

It's not fair. Like, when is Teenager's Day?

Don't even bother asking your father that question, because he'll just say: "Every day is Teenager's Day."

As if that's an original thought.

What you need to do on this day is somehow make it work for you.

There's no sense wasting a good opportunity like this.

You're going to have to get him a present. There's no way around that. But, there's no reason why you should have to spend a lot of your hard-earned money.

I'll let you in on a secret, anyway.

Fathers just like to feel special on Father's Day. You don't have to buy much of a gift. He's just wants to know that you went out of your way to do something for him.

And if your father feels special, he's going to remember who made him feel that way, and it's going to benefit you down the road. See how it works?

In any event, here are some ways to make your father feel special or some cheap gift ideas.

- On Sunday, start every sentence with: "You sure didn't have it as easy as we do now, did you Dad?" It doesn't matter what it is. Fathers all like to talk about how much rougher they had it as kids than they do today.

- Ask your father for advice on a personal matter. Nobody's asking you to listen to it, but it makes them feel good to pretend that somebody thinks their opinion is worth something.



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- Buy him some bacon. For some reason, fathers love bacon. It's less than \$5 and it tastes better than a tie.

- Make sure that if you need money, you borrow it the day before, so he's not digging into his pockets for one day of the year.

- Instead of your own music, play his for one day, and tell him how much better music was when he was a teenager. Be sure to say how the music was much more meaningful back then.

- Buy him something that is, "As seen on TV." Fathers love those little gadgets, and while they may never use them, often they're discounted and can be bought cheap.

- Sunday is going to be the final round of the U.S. Open golf tournament, and if he's a golf fan, he's probably going to be watching it. You can buy a golf magazine in any convenience store for cheap that has a U.S. Open preview section. It can be a handy little guide to have while watching the tournament and it will be his most useful present of the day.

- Ask him whether he prefers you go to Yale or Harvard and be prepared to discuss the relative merits of each. Your father knows each is just a fantasy, but he likes fantasies.

- If you're going over to a friend's house during the day, make sure you announce that you are, "walking to a friend's house, now," with a heavy emphasis on the walking. One day won't hurt, and after all, he had to walk everywhere when he was

a kid.

- Side with him on a male versus female issue. You can say: "I don't know why women never put the toilet seat back up. It's so inconsiderate."

- Ask your father if he's lost weight recently, because some of your female friends are saying that he's looking buff.

- This one is a little devious, but it will put him in a good mood for the whole day. In the morning, ask your father if he knew about the big scratch along the whole side of his car. He will rush outside in a panic, and when he sees there really isn't one, he will be extremely relieved and happy.

- Get one of those fake nose rings that look real and walk around with it on. Ask your father if he likes it. He will say no, guaranteed. Then you say: "If you don't like it, then I'm getting rid of it." Then go in the other room and take it off.

- My teenagers couldn't care less about stories of when I was a teenager, so I save them for the car when they're a captive audience. You should just ask him what it was like for him at your age. You can pretend to listen and care for one day.

- Tell him that all your friends think that he's the coolest Dad. He'll probably believe you, too.

- Offer to do the barbecuing. He might think it's a good idea, but it will drive him absolutely nuts that you're not doing it just right, and he will quickly bump you aside to show you how it's done. Before long, you can be back doing nothing, same as usual.

- Ask your father about his greatest sporting triumph. Every father has one, and they all love to tell about it. Mine, for example, was scoring six goals in one hockey game. My second best was scoring two goals in the last minute to win the championship one year. My third was...well, you get the idea.

- Clean up your room.

- Buy him the new Tragically Hip compact disc. That gift idea one isn't for all fathers, but it works for me.

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Milton Marlins Swim Team

The season is coming to a close and what a season it has been! Our pre-competitive swimmers all excelled in learning new swimming skills for racing. The competitive team had a tremendously successful season including Jennifer Porenta competing at the Olympic Trials.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank family, friends and the following sponsors for their generosity and time in supporting our young swimmers. Your contributions assisted with our fall meet, swim-a-thon and other fund raising efforts.

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A special thank you is also extended to

- Town of Milton, especially Mr. Krantz and Mr. Barnes
- Our coaches, Emil and Eli Dimitrov and Laura Goodman
- All the swimmers' parents who drive, cheer and "sit in wet seats"
- All the board members and club volunteers who make things possible
- Each individual supporter

Your generosity will never be forgotten!



- ★ Look for the new and exciting "I Can Swim" programme. The team is starting in the Fall.
- ★ Watch for details in the Milton Fall 2000/Winter 2001 Community Guide

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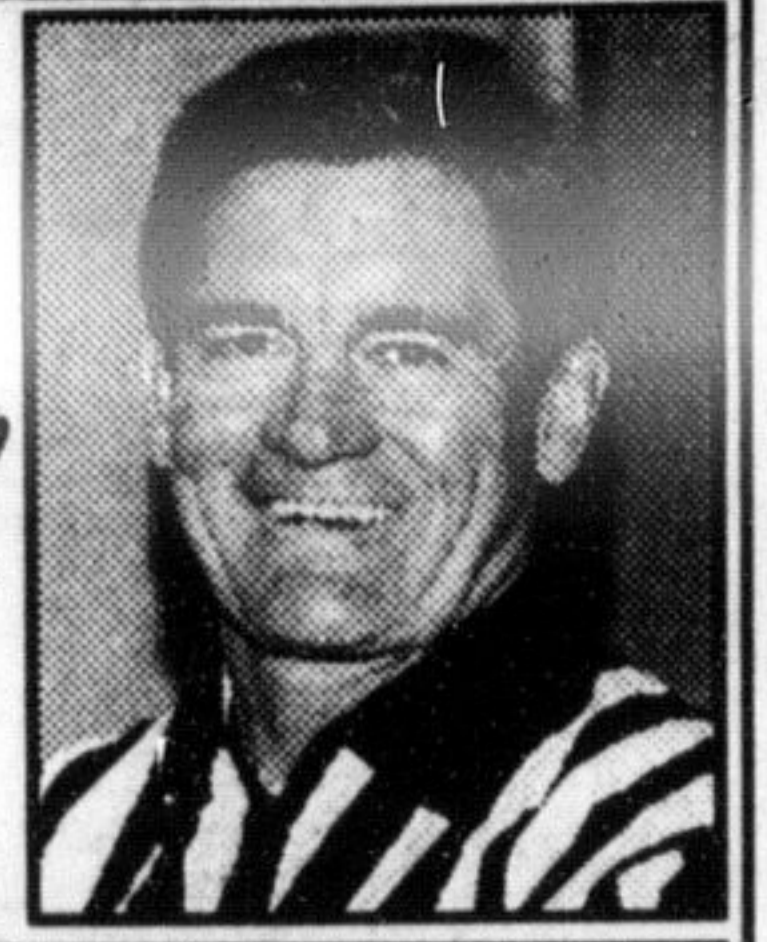
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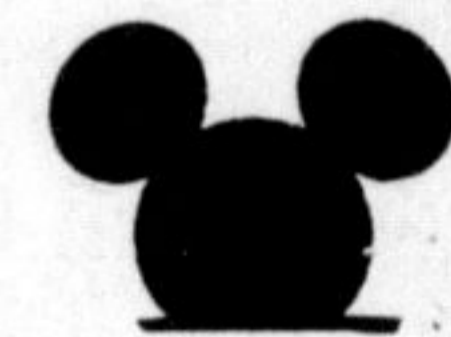


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AN 'EXPO', A FAMILY DISNEY VISIT, ITALY...

ATTENDANCE AT EXPO 2000 IN HANNOVER, GERMANY is reportedly well below what organizers were expecting. The world exposition, which held its grand opening on June 1, is averaging 70,000 visitors a day, far fewer than the hoped for 261,000. MORE THAN 150 COUNTRIES, including CANADA, are represented at the fair. EVER BEEN TO GERMANY - perhaps now is a good time to go!



FAMILIES BOOKING WORLD OF VACATIONS "Special 6 Night" packages to the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin in Florida for departures before Sept. 30 will receive free flight, accommodation and meals for the first child under 10 years of age. (If the first child is under 18 years of age, they receive free flight and accommodation only.) Departures are from Toronto on Sundays with return on Saturdays.



WANT TO GO TO ITALY? The Italian Government Tourist Office new location will be at 75 Bloor St. E., Suite 907 - South Tower, Toronto, Ont., M4W 3R9. Telephone (416) 925-4882. Fax - (416) 925-4799. This is a relocation from Montreal to Toronto, effective June 19. YOU CAN GIVE THEM A CALL OR SEND A FAX for any information you may require - they are there for you - just as your local travel agency is to handle your bookings to this fascinating country we visited a few years back.



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN THE LIGHT... a cruise hosted by the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.) will sail from Miami to Key West, Playa del Carmen and Cozumel from Oct. 9-13, offering insights into spiritual enlightenment and ancient civilizations. THE CRUISE WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE CARNIVAL'S "ECSTASY" and feature talks on reincarnation, ancient Egyptian mysticism and meditation. Guests can also learn about dream interpretation and attend a lecture on "the nature of intuition and psychic gifts." Another highlight will be a visit to the ancient Maya City of Coba. Interested? - see your travel agent pro!

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