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## These

Life is full of annoying little puzzles; this week I've been pondering some of them, hoping to figure out the answers.

• How many final reminders will it take before *Time* magazine gets the message that we no longer wish to subscribe? My eighth, black-edged, "absolute final" notice has been filed, along with its predecessors, in the garbage. Spurned too is the golden opportunity to own a tacky digital desk clock with which to stun our friends.

• Do most North American cars come without signalling devices? Or is it just that people enjoy watching your consternation as they turn right into the road you could have come out of had you known they weren't going straight on? As it is, you won't get another chance for the next 214 cars.

• Perhaps someone can tell me why all the people who somehow can never find the time to get to the home and school meeting when they're looking for executive members, are there in droves at the meet-the-teacher



### KATE'S CORNER

Kate Gilderdale

barbecue, no matter how inconvenient the date?

• How come, when most of us make mistakes at work, we not only have to confess, we have to apologize, while the guy who blatantly misleads us with an inaccurate weather forecast which results in the rest of us visiting the lake during a tornado, doesn't even refer to it in subsequent programs?

• Why can't manufacturers radically change their packaging when they bring out a "new, improved" version of the old favorite? I must have a warehouse full of products like crackers with unsalted tops and decaffeinated coffee, which I bought without due care and attention in my usual last-minute rush, and which no one in my house will

touch with a large pole

• Are people who deliver newspapers allergic to the brass around my mail slot? I know I'm being pedantic, but I really prefer my newspaper dry, flat and with the pages in the right order, which is the main reason we carved a hole in the door for a letterbox in the first place (I might ask why Canada Post doesn't use it for letters, but even I'm not that much of an optimist).

• Why is it that the only woman I know who never, ever looks less than perfect, is always at the IGA at the same time as I am on the day I didn't put on any makeup, got paint in my hair and am wearing my husband's old gardening pants and my son's rubber boots?

• Is mine the only husband who yells for help when he's in the middle of a tricky wallpapering manoeuvre which suddenly and immediately requires three hands? At the very moment I've just done my nails, or am within two minutes of cooking the perfectly-risen soufflé, or am on the verge of transcribing the most amazing opening sentence to an article in the history of the world?

• When will my children ever realize that putting their clothes away doesn't mean screwing them into a tiny ball and shoving them into an already overflowing drawer and then wearing them two days later, when they resemble the skin of a prune? And how old do they have to be before they remember to flush the toilet every time?

• Finally, is there any proven method of getting a 10-year-old boy to take a bath, short of affixing him with superglue to the tub? These are all vital questions and someone, somewhere must have the answers. Please don't hesitate to share them with me.

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## Pool owner safety tips

As our lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us, many people will be spending a lot of time beside and in their backyard pools.

Here are a few backyard pool safety tips for backyard pool owners.

- ☐ Never leave children unattended near the pool, (according to the 20/20 program, boys aged three years and under are the most susceptible to be involved in a backyard pool accident).
- ☐ Instruct your children of the dangers of horseplay around the pool.
- ☐ Never swim alone.
- ☐ Be cautious of non-swimmers and flotation devices.
- ☐ Keep pool chemicals in a safe out-of-the-way location. Many pool chemicals can burn or poison.
- ☐ One of the most important rules to remember pertains to your pool security. Maintain a fence in good repair and assure that the gate is locked when unattended.

Remember - water and especially pools, are natural attractions to children and backyard pools claim many lives each year.  
A safe pool is a fun pool.

### CORRECTION

Please note the following correction regarding the Big V flyer in your newspaper Wednesday, July 19, 1989: the prices shown for the 12, 15, 24 and 36 exposures are not special prices but are regular Big V prices. Big V regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.



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