



*Carole's
Corner*



Carole

Should Children Be Paid For Doing Chores?

Dear Carole,
Should children be paid for doing chores?

Sondra

Dear Sondra,
When children are paid for doing chores the child may become confused about his role as a member of the family. Payment for chores performed may be taken as a reward by the child.

You must decide if it is practical to equally reward all other family members with a payment for each chore performed. If this practice is practical for every family member then it is all right to pay the children to do chores.

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Dear Carole,
Is it okay for young children to sleep in the same bed together if they are brother and sister?

I'm not talking about older children who are not yet school age. I personally don't see anything wrong with it except what is inside the dirty minds of grown folks. My daughter-in-law doesn't agree and she tells me not to let my two children sleep together when they take a nap at my house. I have told her that when the children are at my house, in my care, I'll decide how they sleep. Anyway, I know for a fact that my grandbabies

are sweet and innocent. What should I tell my daughter-in-law about this problem.

A grandma

Dear Grandma,
Tell your daughter-in-law that you will respect her wishes. Although you are helping to take care of your grandchildren, respect is due to your daughter-in-law as the mother of the children.

There will probably always be differences in opinion from one generation to the next about the "proper" and "correct" way to raise a child. Talk to each other and try to give reasons to each other for having your particular point of view.

Your daughter-in-law is wise to say no about letting even a young boy and girl sleep together. It is important to understand that curiosity may overpower innocence with children of any age.

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WTVI Auction Begins Sunday

The third annual WTVI Auction will begin Sunday, April 13, and run daily through Saturday, April 19.

Local support of the event is evidenced by the 18 teams from various Charlotte companies which are soliciting donations and, in turn, the hundreds of items

and services being donated by local businesses and individuals. The categories and price ranges are boundless.

Some of the more unusual items include a race car ride for two at Charlotte Motor Speedway (driven by race car driver Kenny Schrader); an auto-

graphed Kenny Schrader jacket; an antique, leather-bound Bible; tanning sessions; stop-smoking therapy; a biplane ride for two complete with aerobatics; Snorks and Snakes (an array of stuffed animals); and a two-night stay at Charlotte's Hampton Manor, including Rolls Royce service.

All four Charlotte television stations are lending their support to WTVI, Channel 42, by simulcasting portions of the auction.

Express bidding will be offered in order to save time phoning in bids. Those interested in arranging for a code number for express bidding can call WTVI, 372-2442.

WTVI, Channel 42, is the Carolinas' only community-owned public television station.

Home Made Toys Exhibit

A whittled block that rotates as it descends a ladder, an acrobat which twirls back and forth on parallel bars, a pair of puppet wrestlers made from wooden clothespins, a wooden bear that climbs a string: these, plus slingshots, whirligigs, and corn-cob dolls are part of a fascinating collection of home-made toys on exhibit now at the Children's Room of the Main Library, 310 N. Tryon Street.

All the toys in the collection were made this past semester by students in an American Studies class at UNC-Charlotte. Assistant Professor of English Mark West assigned the students the project, asking them to design and make a toy much as a 19th century child might have done. "What I was after was the experience rather than the finished product," said West.

West says his students developed their toys from suggestions of older relatives or from research in books about primitive toys. He believes that toys have

a "significant impact on their creators' lives."

Nineteenth century children had few manufactured toys. They made their own playthings from boxes, plant materials, roped spools, and discarded household items. Contemporary American children rarely make their own toys, although toymaking is still popular in other parts of the world.

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