

# Stir-Crazy Summer

**Dear Tim:**

I don't know what it is, but lately my son's been acting nuttier than Tom Cruise on *Oprah*. He's climbing the walls and bouncing off the furniture. Last week I found him trying to give the cat a bath in the toilet. I don't know if it's the summer heat or something bigger. You've got kids. What should I do?

—Fed Up on Fenwick

**Dear Fed Up:**

Thankfully my kids are all grown up, so they're pretty well past the bouncing and misbehaving stage. But I can sympathize. There were times when we considered renting them out as an alternative energy source. The first thing to do is keep him out of aisle 2. Sugarcoated candy is like jet fuel for little guys like yours. The second is to get him outside. He seems to like water sports, so maybe that new Reed Road Water Park would be a great destination. Even better on a hot summer day. If that doesn't



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work, send him over to the store. We can use him as a generator the next time the power goes out. And we'll be sure to send him home with some toilet bowl cleaner.

**Dear Tim:**

Happy 4th!

—Patriotic on Patricia

**Dear Patriotic:**

Same to you. Although you realize that today is actually the 6th. In which case you missed the parade and the

fireworks. And probably the family cookout. If you find you're missing anything else, stop in and see us. We've got just about everything you need. Even aspirin for that headache I'm guessing you've got. Start in aisle 5.

**Dear Tim:**

Now that Angelina Jolie has denied it, are you the mysterious third party in the Brad Pitt/Jennifer Aniston breakup?

—Tattler on Teter

**Dear Tattler:**

I'll never tell. But *People* magazine has some theories. Pick up the current issue in aisle 6. And keep in mind that the story about me having a Rachel tattoo is just a rumor.

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