**Clever Solutions**

**If we come to view ourselves as working for an external reward, we will no longer find the activity worth doing in its own right. There is an old joke that illustrates this. An elderly man, harassed by the taunts of the neighborhood children, devised a scheme. He offered to pay them a dollar each if they would return on Tuesday and yell their insults again. The children did so eagerly and received the money. Then he told them he would pay only 25 cents on Wednesday. When they returned, insulted him again and collected their quarters, he informed them that Thursday's rate would be just a penny. “Forget it,” they said -- and never taunted him again. (Alfie Kohn, in Boston Globe)**

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**August 22nd, 2024 - eat when they do.” (Keith Crawford, in Reader’s Digest)**

**August 15th, 2024 - somebody living under his bed. (Marilyn Miller, in Reader’s Digest)**

**August 8th, 2024 - climate change (Kristin Ohlson, in Discover magazine)**

**August 1st, 2024 - shaved the 16-foot fir (The Week magazine, July 26, 2024)**

**July 25th, 2024 - stop people from jumping *(The Week magazine, September 11, 2009)***

**July 18th, 2024 - mailboxes had been knocked down (Joann Lesniewski)**

**July 11th, 2024 - kids are coming over (DISTRACTIFY.COM, as it appeared in the December, 2023, issue of Reader’s Digest)**

**July 4th, 2024 - plastic problem. (The Week magazine, June 13, 2008)**

**June 25th, 2024 - burglary (David Lynch, in Reader's Digest)**

**June 18th, 2024 – cows moseyed into the field (The Christian Science Monitor)**

**June 11th – 2024 - rescue his young son's pet frog (David Lynch, in Reader's Digest)**

**June 4th, 2024 - The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement. (Jack Rosenbaum, in San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle)**

**May 28th, 2024 - braided string belt (David Lynch, in Reader's Digest)**