

Calmer Osborne loves being a parent of teens

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When Ozzy Osbourne first lumbered across the land in Black Sabbath 30 years ago, even the late satanist Aleister Crowley himself couldn't have foreseen the horrifying scenario playing out before the Ozzman today.

Oh, Crowley would have delighted at Osbourne's devilish antics over the years. The drunken debauchery, biting the head off a pigeon at a record company board meeting, scaring parents with his heavy metal music and Satan-baiting, spawning knockoffs like Marilyn Manson.

But today Osbourne will tell you nothing compares to — gasp! — raising teen-agers.

"My (14-year-old) son gets out of hand, he's like a chameleon, I'll give him Holy Scripture," says the man who once proudly titled an album "Diary of a

Madman" and who chased down drugs with shots of booze.

"He'll start with, 'What's up?' and I (respond with) 'I'm your dad; I made you.' And my daughter is 15 and going through this thing with boys and (I think): What mood is coming through

— Ozzy Osbourne bucks prevailing trends and steams on with nary an advancement in his cartoonish musical style. A recent Osbourne best-of compilation, "The Ozzman Cometh", turned platinum this year — as have all his releases since 1981's "Blizzard

my cigarette smoking (this year). And the show is amazing. I'm not on? of these unapproachable people — I'm not the King of heavy metal where you need a prescription just to say hello — I'm as happy to see (the fans) as they are to see me."

This approachable guy is the godfather of metal, the scourge of the religious right, the man who once bit into a live bat onstage?

"I'm a softie at heart," he confesses.

The lapsed hell-raiser with the healthier '90s lifestyle says his intention is "to beat the last gig." He'll team again with Black Sabbath band mates for a reunion this fall to be preceded by a live Sabbath CD with two new studio tracks, "Psycho Man" and "Selling My Soul."

At Ozzfest, he's doing the hard-driving songs associated with his darker past — "Crazy Train," "Crowley," "Paranoid." Yet, aside from Motorhead, he surrounds himself at Ozzfest with younger metal bands of the day like Tool, Megadeth, Limp Bizkit and Soul Coughing to keep fresh.

"What I've noticed over the years is the people I went to school with are so f--- boring and I'm hanging around younger people. I'm 50 years of age this year. I don't drink booze anymore. At the time you get to 50, you are getting a picture of what it's about. People younger than me have more spunk."

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Singer

the door today? You've got to be a psychiatrist. It's never a dull moment. Being a parent is the hardest job in the world," says the father of five children ranging from ages 13 to 27.

"If you want your kid to do something just tell him not to," he adds in between bouts with a persistent cough while on the phone from Chicago. "Reverse the reality."

Good career advice, too, it appears. While yesteryear's heavy metal stars are struggling to be heard on independent labels — if they have a record deal at all

of Ozz."

This summer, Osbourne once again gives parenting a tiny break for the comparatively easier task of commandeering the highly successful Ozzfest heavy metal music festival, an extravaganza that last year proved to be one of the summer's top tours, besting even the women of LL Cool J.

Osbourne is at an uncustomary loss for words to explain his longevity or the surprise popularity of the multitalented Ozzfest.

"I'm as baffled as anybody else. I've done something special. I don't want to understand it. I go with an open heart, and on the last Ozzfest I was singing badly and smoking Cuban cigars which f--- me up. I'm trying to work on



Ozzy Osbourne

Q&A

Q— Long ago as a child, my mother and I watched a movie I believe was titled "Green Pastures." It was a Biblical movie starring some African-American actors and actresses who lived in heaven. Does such a

movie exist? Is it on video? — R.D.R., Pittsburgh, Pa.

A: Yes, there was such a movie. "Green Pastures" was released in 1936. It starred Rex Ingram, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson and an all-black cast. And, yes, there is a video available.

Q— Whatever happened to the cast of the TV show "The

Mod Squad"? I think Tige Andrews passed away. Occasionally I'll see Clarence Williams III in a movie. Where are Peggy Lipton and Michael Cole? — T. K., Ten Sleep, Wyo.

A: That was a 1974 release, and the Susan was Susan George. Also in the cast were Adam Roarke and Vic Morrow. There is a video out there.

Q— Who played the part of Oscar in "The Odd Couple" on TV? I believe Tony Randall was Felix Unger. I know Oscar's face and the last time I saw him he had cancer that affected his speech. My cousin says it was Walter Matthau. I say he's wrong. — B.L., Roseburg, Ore.

A: If you're talking of the TV show, he's wrong. Oscar Madison was played by Jack Klugman, with Tony Randall, on the TV series. But if you're talking about the movie, he's right. Matthau played Oscar in the film version, with Jack Lemmon as Felix.

Q— In the 1970s, there was a movie with Peter Fonda called "Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry." I can't remember the

other guy and the woman's name was Susan something, but the rest I don't know. Also, would it be on video? I can't find it and anyone I ask doesn't seem to know. — P.W., Ansonia, Ohio

A: That was a 1974 release, and the Susan was Susan George. Also in the cast were Adam Roarke and Vic Morrow. There is a video out there.

Q— One of my favorite TV shows was "CHiPs." What has become of Larry Wilcox and Erik Estrada? I've been hearing a rumor of a "CHiPs" reunion. Any truth to that? — J.E., Beaverton, Ore.

A: The two are back on their motorcycles this summer as Officers Jon Baker and Frank "Ponch" Poncherello filming a "CHiPs" reunion movie for TNT. Most of the old cast has been reassembled for the cable flick, except for Michael Dorn (Officer Turner, 1980-82), who's busy on a new "Star Trek" movie. Look for "CHiPs '99" to air in October on TNT.

Q— Was Jan Smithers of "WKRP in Cincinnati" married to James Brolin? Is she the mother of Josh Brolin? Does James Brolin have any other children? — M.E.R., Farmers Branch, Texas

A: Smithers ("WKRP's" Bailey Quarters) was Brolin's second wife. They were married from 1986-95 and have a daughter. Josh is one of two sons from Brolin's first marriage. The elder Brolin, married for the third time on July 1 to Barbra Streisand, has completed a CBS TV movie with Jane Seymour to air later this year. In addition, he returns for a second season of the syndicated military drama "Pensacola: Wings of Gold." Meanwhile, Josh is busy filming the big-screen version of "The Mod Squad."

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