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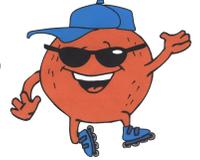
### Yellow Canaries

A lady went to a pet shop. "I'd like to buy two yellow canaries," she told the owner.

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"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found." -- *Sam Levinson*

"This recipe is certainly silly. It says to separate two eggs, but it doesn't say how far to separate them." -- *Gracie Allen*

"I've been on a constant diet for the last two decades. I've lost a total of 789 pounds. By all accounts, I should be hanging from a charm bracelet." -- *Erma Bombeck*

"I told my doctor I get very tired when I go on a diet, so he gave me pep pills. Know what happened? I ate faster." -- *Joe E. Lewis*

"I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead -- not sick, not wounded -- dead." -- *Woody Allen*

"Food is an important part of a balanced diet." -- *Fran Lebowitz*

"Health food makes me sick." -- *Calvin Trillin*

"Watermelon -- it's a good fruit. You eat, you drink, you wash your face." -- *Enrico Caruso*

**Cow's Away!**

*(Did this really happen?)*

Earlier this year, the dazed crew of a Japanese Trawler were plucked out of the Sea of Japan clinging to the wreckage of their sunken ship. Their rescue, however, was followed by immediate imprisonment once authorities questioned the sailors on their ship's loss. They claimed that a cow, falling out of a clear blue sky, had struck the trawler amidships, shattering its hull and sinking the vessel within minutes.

They remained in prison for several weeks, until the Russian Air Force reluctantly informed Japanese authorities that the crew of one of its cargo planes had apparently stolen a cow wandering at the edge of a Siberian airfield, forced the cow into the plane's hold and hastily taken off for home. Unprepared for live cargo, the Russian crew was ill-equipped to manage a now rampaging cow within its hold. To save the aircraft and themselves, they shoved the animal out of the cargo hold as they crossed the Sea of Japan at an

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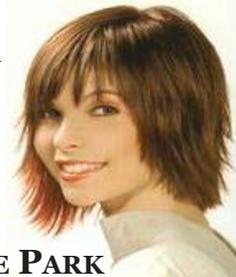


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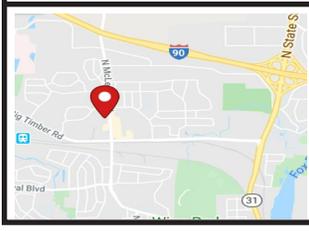



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**MALE PROCEDURE**  
 Drive up to cash machine. Wind down window. Insert card and enter PIN. Enter amount of cash to withdraw. Retrieve card, cash and receipt. Wind up window. Drive off.

**FEMALE PROCEDURE**  
 Drive up to cash machine. Reverse back 1 foot to align window to machine. Stall engine. Wind down window. Enter handbag and remove make-up bag and locate card. Attempt to insert card into machine. Open door to allow easier access to machine, due to distance from car to machine. Insert card. Re-enter handbag to find candy wrapper with PIN number written on inside. Insert PIN, press cancel and re-enter PIN. Enter amount of cash to withdraw. Check make-up and hair in rear view mirror. Retrieve cash and receipt. Locate purse and place cash inside. Put away receipt. Check make-up again. Drive forward for 2 feet. Reverse back to cash machine. Retrieve card. Stall engine. Restart engine and drive off. Drive for 3 miles. Release hand-brake.

**A Sure Bet?**  
 An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural history museum.  
 "I've just discovered a 3,000 year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed.  
 To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."  
 A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"  
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#### Knowing When Your Food is Expired

**FREEZER FOODS: ICE CREAM** - If you can't tell the difference between your ice cubes and your ice cream, it's time to throw BOTH out.

**FROZEN FOODS** - Frozen foods that have become an integral part of the defrosting problem in your freezer compartment will probably be spoiled (or wrecked anyway) by the time you pry them out with a kitchen knife.

**IN THE FRIDGE: EGGS** - When something starts pecking its way out of the shell, the egg is probably past its prime.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS** - Milk is spoiled when it starts to look like yogurt. Yogurt is spoiled when it starts to look like cottage cheese. Cottage cheese is spoiled when it starts to look like regular cheese. Regular cheese is nothing but spoiled milk anyway -- if you can dig down and still find something non-green, bon appetite!

**MEAT** - If opening the refrigerator door causes stray animals from a three-block radius to congregate outside your house, toss the meat.

**UNMARKED ITEMS** - You know it is well beyond prime when you're tempted to discard the Tupperware along with the food. **EMPTY**

**GENERAL RULE OF THUMB:** - Most food cannot be kept longer than the average life span of a hamster. Keep a hamster in your refrigerator to gauge this.

**ON THE SHELF: CANNED GOODS** - Any canned goods that have become the size or shape of a softball should be disposed of ... Very carefully.

**POTATOES** - Fresh potatoes do not have roots, branches, or dense, leafy undergrowth.

**THE GAG TEST** - Anything that makes you gag is spoiled (except for leftovers from what you cooked for yourself last night).

**BREAD:** Sesame seeds and Poppy seeds are the only officially acceptable "spots" that should be seen on the surface of any loaf of bread. Fuzzy and hairy looking white or green growth areas are good indications that your bread has turned into a pharmaceutical laboratory experiment. You may wish to discard it at this time, depending on your interest in pharmaceuticals.

**SALT:** It never spoils. However, if you can't chip off reasonable amounts from the block, maybe another

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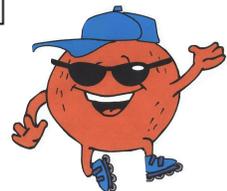
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• The other day was Take Your Daughter To Work day. The Cubs had a fun time, played a little scrimmage against their daughters. Unfortunately they lost, 15-3.

### Building Customs

An Arkansas boy had moved away and made his fortune. When he retired, he returned home to spend the rest of his years hunting and fishing and build his retirement home. For the job he hired a local carpenter.

The retiree explained, "I've got the plans right here, you can read a blueprint, can't you?"

"Oh, I can read a blueprint," said the carpenter, unrolling the plans. "And I can see a BIG mistake already. You can't build this house like this!"

"I certainly can," replied the retiree. "These plans were drawn by the best architectural firm in New York. I want you follow them exactly or I'll find myself another contractor."

"Your funeral," the carpenter shrugged, "but I'm warning you right off - the bathroom is going to end up inside."

### Oldies Radio

While driving in the car with my son, I had an "oldies" radio station on. It played a song that I remembered from the 1960's.

"You know, Ron, this song was on when I was in bed with a broken leg when I was young."

"Gee, Mom, that's too bad," he replied. "You couldn't even get up to turn it off."

### Babies at the Mall

A young mother was standing outside a mall holding her six-month-old baby and her sister's three-month-old baby.

Two elderly women approached the mother. "Are they twins?" one asked.

"No, they're three months apart."

"My! You sure had them close together."

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## 10 Things You Will Learn in 50 Years of Living

1. The badness of a movie is directly proportional to the number of helicopters in it.
2. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe Daylight Saving Time.
3. People who feel the need to tell you that they have an excellent sense of humor are telling you that they have no sense of humor.
4. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests you think she is pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
5. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.
6. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status, or ethnic background, is the fact that, deep down inside, we all believe we are above-average drivers and everyone else is a maniac.
7. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is: age 11.
8. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness".
9. There apparently exists, somewhere in L.A., a computer that generates concepts for television sitcoms. When TV executives need a new concept, they turn on this computer. After sorting through millions of possible plot premises, it spits out "Three quirky but attractive young people living in an apartment", and the executives turn this concept into a show. Then, next time it spits out "Four quirky but attractive young people living in an apartment" and so on. We need to locate that computer and destroy it with hammers.
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"Well, my wife ain't home," said the man. "She's gone down to the crick to wash clothes, but lemme see what you got,"

The peddler showed him pots and pans, tools and gadgets, but the old man wasn't interested.

Then the man spotted a mirror and said, "What's that?"

Before the peddler could tell him it was a mirror, the old man picked it up and said, "My God! How'd you get a picture of my Pappy?"

The old man was so happy he traded his wife's best pitcher for it. The peddler left before the wife came back and spoiled his sale.

The old man was worried that the wife would be mad at him for trading her best pitcher, so he hid the mirror in the barn behind some boxes of junk.

He would go out to the barn 2 or 3 times a day to look at the "picture," and eventually the wife got suspicious.

One day she got fed up and after he retired for the night, she went out to the barn. She saw the mirror behind the boxes, picked it up and said, "So this is the hobby he's been foolin' around with!"

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**(Answers below - See you next issue)**

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- Because I'm a man, I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss a whole show looking for it (though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator).
- Because I'm a man, I don't think we're all that lost, and no, I don't think we should stop and ask someone. Why would you listen to a complete stranger I mean, how could he know where we're going?
- Because I'm a man, I do not want to visit your mother, or have your mother come visit us, or talk to her when she calls, or think about her any more than I have to. Whatever you got her for a gift is okay, I don't need to see it. And don't forget to pick up something for my Mom too!!
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## Life Is Like a Fountain

The rabbinical student is about to leave for America. When he asks his mentor for advice, the rabbi offers an adage that, he tells the student, will guide him for the rest of his life. "Always remember," the rabbi said sagely, "life is like a fountain."

Deeply impressed by his teacher's wisdom, the student departs for a successful career in America.

Thirty years later, he learns that the rabbi is dying, so he returns for a final visit.

"Rabbi," he says, "I have one question. For 30 years, whenever I was sad or confused, I thought about the phrase you passed on to me, and it has helped me through many difficult times. But to be perfectly frank, I have never understood the full meaning of it. Now that you are about to enter the realm of truth, tell me, dear rabbi, why is life like a fountain?"

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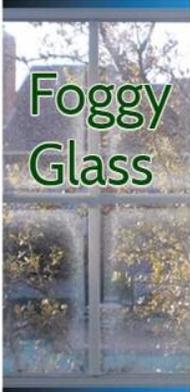
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### Why, Oh Why?

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- Why do our parents get so much smarter as we get older?
- What is it about car keys and remote controls that make them so hard to find?
- Why is it so important to a Mac user to convince me that his computer is better than mine?
- Why do so many jokes begin, “a man walked into a bar?”
- Why do we have answers to our friend’s problems and not our own?
- Since all the excitement of a basketball game happens in the last minute, why don’t they just start the game with a minute left?
- Why do Sundays fly by and Mondays last forever?

### Signs That Old Age Might Be Creeping Up On You

(George Burns)

- When you like to be in crowds because they keep you from falling down.
- When your only party of the last year was to celebrate the twelfth rerun of your seven-year itch.
- When the parts that have arthritis are the parts where you feel best.
- When your favorite section of the newspaper is “25 Years Ago Today”.
- When a big evening with your friends is sitting around comparing living wills.
- When your knees buckle, but your belt won’t.
- When your clothes go into the overnight bag so you can fill the suitcase with your pills.

### Tipping the Dealer

A blackjack dealer and a player with a thirteen count in his hand were arguing about whether or not it was appropriate to tip the dealer. The player said, “When I get bad cards, it’s not the dealer’s fault. Accordingly, when I get good cards, the dealer obviously had nothing to do with it so, why should I tip him?”

The dealer said, “When you eat out do you tip the waiter?”

“Yes.”

“Well then, he serves you food, I’m serving you cards so you should tip me.”

“Okay. But the waiter brings me whatever I order. So I’ll take an eight.”