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### Goldfish Burial

Little Tim was in the garden filling in a hole when his neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was up to, he politely asked, "What are you up to there, Tim?"

"My goldfish died," replied Tim tearfully, without looking up, "and I've just buried him."

The neighbor was concerned, "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?"

Tim patted down the last heap of earth then replied, "That's because he's still inside your cat!"

Driving through a blizzard with my dad,  
at the peak of the snow and ice  
he got out of the car and put two frozen  
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"How old are you again?"

"I am 78," the man said.

"78?" asked the doctor. "How do you stay so healthy? You look like a 60 year old."

"Well, my wife and I made a pact when we got married that whenever she got mad she would go into the kitchen and cool off and I would go outside to settle down," the man explained.

"What does that have to do with it?" asked the doctor.

"I've pretty much lived an outdoor life."

I've been looking for my sanity,  
but I think it ran off with my  
motivation, the matching socks, and  
the good Tupperware lids.

## Picture Frame

My daughter loved the picture frame her five-year-old son bought her for her birthday. She found a photograph of him and replaced the cat photo that came with it.

Landon became upset: "Why are you putting a picture of me in there when I bought you a picture of a cat?"

When I was in my younger days,  
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I've set my body free; Theres the  
comfort of elastic where once my waist  
would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes,  
my feet have not forgiven;  
I have to wear a nine now,  
but used to wear a seven.

I need to wear these glasses  
as the print's been getting smaller;  
and it wasn't very long ago  
I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to grey  
and my skin no longer fits,  
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At his follow up visit, the doctor talked to the man and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

The man replied, "Just doing what you said Doctor: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful'."

The Doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you got a heart murmur. Be careful!"

My coffee and I are currently discussing whether we even want to participate in today.

### Tight Fit

A man walks into a shoe store, and tries on a pair of shoes.

"How do they feel?" asks the sales clerk.

"Well they feel a bit tight," replies the man.

The assistant promptly bends down and has a look at the shoes and at the man's feet. "Try pulling the tongue out." the clerk says.

"Well, theyth sthilla feelth a bith tighth."

We all know mirrors don't lie...  
I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.

### Chocolates

On Valentine's Day, Jill's father brought home a big heart-shaped box of chocolates for her mother. She opened the box, had a couple pieces and brought the box over to Jill.

"Would you like a piece of chocolate from the lovely box Daddy gave me?" she asked. "Be careful how you choose," her mother said. "Because if you touch one you have to eat it."

"I do?" Jill asked.

"Yes, you do," the mother came back.

Jill thought for a moment, then ran her little hand over all the pieces, smiled, and said, "Now I have to eat them all, right?"

*(Jill spent the remainder of the evening in her room without any chocolate; Maybe next year Jill)*



## The Words of a Woman

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one has to drop off, otherwise they were all going to fall.

They were not able to choose that person, but then the woman made a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because as a woman she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids, and for men in general, without ever getting anything in return.

As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping their hands.

**Regular People: Sorry I'm late.  
Traffic was nuts.**

**Moms: Sorry I'm late. My daughter's  
sweater was "too sweater-y," and  
the baby ate a band-aid.**

## WEDDING BELLS GO DING DONG

*Here's an actual news story that  
I just thought was funny.*

A Denver man says when he saw his girlfriend toss a box of Hostess Ding Dongs into their grocery cart, he knew he'd met his match.

"It was a sign," said Jammie Swearengin. "I thought, 'Hey! This is the girl for me.' I've eaten Ding Dongs since I was a kid. For me, they're like a food group."

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## Dining Out

One evening, we went out to a fancy restaurant. Dad was about halfway through his meal when he took a hard look at the potato, called the waitress over and said, "This potato is bad!"

To my utter amazement, the waitress picked the potato up, smacked it, put it back on the plate, then told my Dad, "If that potato causes any more trouble, just let me know."

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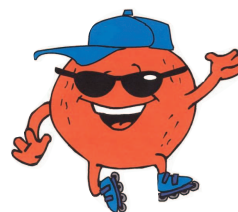
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### Big Date

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your place for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy and arranged a date for a week later. His mother called the day after the big date to see how things had gone.

"The evening was a disaster," he moaned.

"Why, didn't she come over?" asked his mother.

"Oh, she came over, but she refused to cook..."

## I USED TO RUN WILD... NOW I RUN OUTTA BREATH.

### Say It with Flower

Michael passed by a florist shop with a large sign in the window that read, "Say It With Flowers."

He entered the shop saying, "Wrap up one rose, please."

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**January 5** - It has started to snow. This evening, the wife and I took our drinks and sat for hours by the window watching the huge flakes drift down from heaven. So romantic, we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

**January 6** - We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had! Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life!

**January 10** - The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment! They say we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible.

**January 12** - Snow, lovely snow! 8 inches last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.



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**January 14** - 20 inches forecasted. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and 2 extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all.

**January 17** - Still below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for 5 hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should have bought a wood stove, but won't admit it.

**January 20** - Electricity's back on, but had another 14 inches last night. More shoveling! Took all day. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. Neighbor says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

**January 22** - 13 more inches today. Tried to hire the neighbor who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter, but he says he's too busy.

**January 24** - 6 inches - Snow packed so hard by snowplow at end of our driveway, I broke the shovel.

**January 25** - 12 more inches of slop tonight - snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. God, I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude.

**January 26** - Still snowed in. Why did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

**January 27** - Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze; plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him. He charged me \$4,400 to replace all my pipes!

**January 29** - 10 more inches. My neighbor says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

**January 30** - Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plow driver, and now he is suing me. The wife went home to her mother. Nine more inches predicted.

**January 31** - I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

**February 2** - Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed ???

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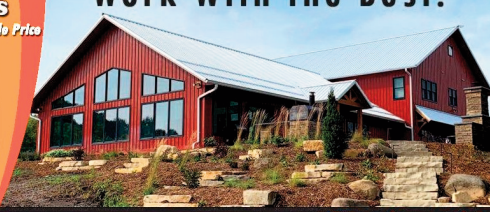
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I took my 4 year old son, Jacob, out to dinner one evening for a "guy night." As we were eating our hamburgers, Jacob asked, "Daddy, what are these little things on the hamburger buns?"

I responded that they were tiny seeds and were OK to eat. He was quiet for a couple of minutes and I could tell he was in deep thought.

Finally, Jacob looked up and said, "Dad, if we go home and plant these seeds in our backyard, we will have enough hamburgers to last forever."

As we waited for a bus in the frosty weather, the woman next to me mentioned that she makes a lot of mistakes when texting in the cold...

I nodded knowingly. It's the early signs of TYPOTHERMIA.

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To which the gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

I think I may need professional help...

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## Chores

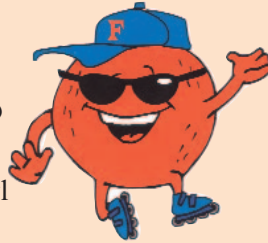
**Mother:** "When I was your age, my mother used to hide money around the house for me that I would find only if I performed my chores particularly well. One time when I was cleaning out the cupboards for her, I found \$20 under the old shelf paper."

**Daughter:** "Wow! What a cool idea! Why didn't you ever do that with me?"

**Mother:** "But my dear ... I have been."

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### \$580,000 Question...

What year was the first Super Bowl played?

- A. 1901                      B. 1942  
C. 1967                      D. 1971

### \$581,000 Question...

Which team won the first two Super Bowls?

- A. Oakland Raiders      B. Miami Dolphins  
C. Green Bay Packers    D. New York Yankees

### \$582,000 Question...

Which two teams have won the most Super Bowls?

- A. Packers/Dolphins      B. 49ers/Cowboys  
C. Redskins/Steelers      D. Seahawks/Saints

### \$583,000 Question...

Which city has hosted the most Super Bowls?

- A. New Orleans            B. Orlando  
C. Los Angeles            D. Miami

### \$584,000 Question...

Who is the only three-time winner of the Super Bowl most valuable player (MVP) award?

- A. T. Bradshaw            B. John Elway  
C. Joe Montana            D. Babe Ruth

### \$585,000 Question...

Who is the only quarterback to pass for more than 400 yards in a Super Bowl?

- A. Joe Montana            B. Troy Aikman  
C. Tom Brady              D. Kurt Warner

### \$586,000 Question...

Who was the Super Bowl halftime performer who suffered an infamous "wardrobe malfunction" in 2004?

- A. Britany Spears          B. Joe Montana  
C. Janet Jackson          D. Michael Jackson

**Bonus:** Which franchise remains the only team to lose four consecutive Super Bowls?

(Answers are below) See you next issue!

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## Tough Account

Jones applied to a collection agency for a job, but he had no experience. He was so intense that the manager gave him a tough account with the promise that if he collected it, he'd get the job.

Two hours later, Jones came back with the entire amount.

"Amazing!" the manager said. "How did you do it?"

"Easy," Jones replied. "I told him if he didn't pay up, I'd tell all his other creditors that he paid us."

**I told my doctor I could only hear buzzing...**

**He said, "Don't worry, it's just a bug going around."**

## Clothing Store

While working in a clothing store, I noticed that people had no shame about returning items that had been worn.

One rainy morning I walked in and found a discolored blazer hanging on the rack with other returns. "People return the most filthy, nasty things," I commented to my supervisor who was standing nearby.

With an eyebrow raised, she said, "That's MY jacket."

**Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the TRASH goes out more than me.**

## The DIRECT Object

Christopher's class was having an English lesson, and the teacher called on Christopher to recite a sentence with a direct object.

Christopher stood and thought, then said, "Teacher, everybody thinks you are beautiful."

"Why thank you, Christopher," the teacher said, blushing. "But what is the direct object?"

"A good report card next month," he replied.

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3. Watch a movie
4. Dinner for two
5. Regret eating two dinners



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## Ice Cream Is Sometimes Good for the Soul”

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would thank you even more if Mom gets us Ice Cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for Ice Cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "too bad she never asks God for Ice Cream. A little Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!"

**Why do ambulance drivers always  
have a partner with them?**

**They're pair-a-medics.**

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As I was preparing to leave the restaurant, the waiter said to me, "Do you wanna box for your leftover food?"

I said, "No thanks, but I'll wrestle you for them."



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## A Simple Explanation of Baseball

This is a game played by two teams, one out the other in. The one that's in, sends players out one at a time, to see if they can get in before they get out. If they get out before they get in, they come in, but it doesn't count. If they get in before they get out it does count.

When the ones out get three outs from the ones in before they get in without being out, the team that's out comes in and the team in goes out to get those going in out before they get in without being out.

When both teams have been in and out nine times the game is over. The team with the most in without being out before coming in wins unless the ones in are equal. In which case, the last ones in go out to get the ones in out before they get in without being out.

The game will end when each team has the same number of ins out but one team has more in without being out before coming in.

**I appreciate the Super Bowl for uniting all Americans in our inability to read Roman numerals.**

## Bad Day?

*How can you tell when it's going to be a bad day?*

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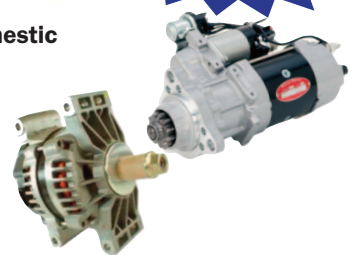
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