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Fight for his Life

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See page 5 for more information.  
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currently in critical condition  
and on life support systems,  
fighting for his life. Gary has  
been battling multiple serious  
conditions and his condition  
has rapidly deteriorated since  
this past February.

# Father's Day

TODAY WE HONOUR AND THINK OF  
THE SEASONED VETERAN DADS  
**THE NEW DADS**  
THE MEN WHO ARE WAITING TO BECOME DADS  
THE STEP DADS AND FOSTER DADS  
THE AMAZING SINGLE DADS  
THE DADS WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN  
**THE DADS WE HAVE LOST**  
THE MEN WHO WILL ONE DAY BECOME DADS  
THE AMAZING WOMEN THAT PLAY BOTH MUM AND DAD

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# Local Man: Gary Bynum, Jr. is in a Fight for his Life

Gary Bynum, Jr., is currently in critical condition and on life support systems, fighting for his life. Gary has been battling an infection in his foot and leg called *Vibrio Vulnificus* since 2014, liver disease since 2016, and was recently diagnosed with male breast cancer in April 2021 (yet to be staged). His condition has rapidly deteriorated since this past February.

The medical support he needs is expensive and

requires treatment for an extended period of time – adding to the financial pressures to his emotionally strained family.

The effects of his current situation are devastating to all of us, and especially to his immediate family. Prognosis indicates that proper care will maximize his survival chance. Possible future treatments may include, but are not limited to: amputation, stem-cell therapy, liver transplant, surgery to remove cancerous mass, unknown cancer treatments at this time. Insurance coverage is minimal and is not expected to cover extreme treatments that may be necessary to save his life, your help is needed and appreciated!

Your donation will help to cover medical expenses above and beyond what insurance covers, insurance premiums,

caregiving for Gary, possible treatments not covered by insurance, hotel room for a family member to be close by at all times during his stay at the hospitals (all family members live at least one hour away from the hospital), and any further unforeseen expenses that involve Gary's medical situation.

The upcoming days and weeks are critical as the doctors determine the best treatment options.

Gary also has cirrhosis of his liver and he is in end-stage liver failure and needs a liver transplant—he is blood type A+. He is currently in the ICU Hope Tower at Baptist Hospital in Miami. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or if you think you could help in any possible way— liver transplant candidates have a very long waiting



list and he needs a miracle to happen for him to get this!

There will be a fundraiser Friday July 11th from noon to 6:00 at the Florida Keys Brewing Company in Islamorada. There will be live music, a silent auction and raffles. If you would like to help there is a Go Fund Me account at [gofundme/4e07162e](https://gofundme.com/4e07162e) or you can leave a donation to "The Bynam Family" at any local Centennial Bank.



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### Righting Rules

Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.  
And sentences should not begin with a conjunction.  
Shy away from cliches like the plague.  
Absolutely always avoid annoying alliteration.  
Be more or less specific.  
Parenthetical remarks (however useful) are (usually) unnecessary.  
Contractions aren't helpful and shouldn't be used.  
One should never generalise.  
Comparisons are as bad as cliches.  
Abandon ampersands & abbreviations, etc.  
Cut out commas, that are, not necessary.  
Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.  
Never use a big word when a diminutive one would be sufficient.  
Don't overuse exclamation marks!!!!  
Take care to use you're words appropriately.  
It's important to use the apostrophe in it's proper place.  
Who needs rhetorical questions?  
Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.  
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The spell cheque is knot always write.

## Rest in Peace

# Ron Cole





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# CONTRONYMS

Single words that have two contradictory meanings (they are their own opposites) are known as contronyms, and they are quite rare. Here are ten of them:

Apology: a statement of contrition for an action, or a defense of an action

Bolt: to secure, or to flee

Bound: heading to a destination, or restrained from movement

Cleave: to adhere, or to separate

Dust: to add fine particles, or to remove them

Fast: quick, or stuck or made stable

Left: remained, or departed

Peer: a person of the nobility, or an equal

Sanction: to approve, or to boycott

Weather: to withstand, or to wear away

## MORE OXYMORONS:

- 1) FOUND MISSING
- 2) OPEN SECRET
- 3) SMALL CROWD
- 4) ACT NATURALLY
- 5) CLEARLY MISUNDERSTOOD
- 6) FULLY EMPTY
- 7) PRETTY UGLY
- 8) SERIOUSLY FUNNY
- 9) ONLY CHOICE
- 10) ORIGINAL COPIES
- 11) EXACT ESTIMATE
- 12) TRAGIC COMEDY
- 13) FOOLISH WISDOM
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# Conch Characters / Around Town



Pretty impressive catch by Coach Jimmy Johnson!



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The Sweet Peas performed songs from the roaring twenties, plus a few misfits, at the Key Largo Park in late April (L-R) Janis Jipson, Susan Anderson, Jody Koblenzer.



The Big Chill is an impressive property!



And so is the Lorelei!



Lorelei "Superfan" Dave helps Michael Trixx with his show.



Blast from the past - Marilee Free and Richard Donnelly performing "I Did it Sideways" at the Paradise Pub.



Tim Hayn & Jazmin Gueverra traveled from Venice Beach to play at the Lorelei in May. Photo by Rob LeBrun.

# Driving With a Dog on Your Lap

While driving under the influence was once the major focus of safety on the road, distracted driving of all kinds has gained national attention in recent years. Texting while driving has proven to be the latest serious road hazard; it has cost a number of lives, and most states have developed laws and campaigns against it.

Now, many states are focusing their attention on a new threat - one that has gone under the radar thus far, but may prove to be as dangerous as texting and driving. This one involves the widely practiced habit of choosing to drive with a dog sitting on your lap.

## The Issues

There are no real statistics to say exactly how many crashes and other traffic incidents are caused by pets riding on laps. However, The American Automobile Association (AAA) Foundation for Traffic Safety notes that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chance of a crash. That two seconds is all it could take for a frightened or excited pet to jump up on you, claw you, climb up onto the dashboard, or worse - crawl under the brake pedal.

## The Facts

A survey by AAA and Kurgo sought to uncover the truth about how and why people drive with their pets, as well as any potential distractions their furkids might cause. The findings were interesting, to say the least; nearly 60 percent of respondents had driven with their pets in the last month, and 31 percent admitted to being distracted by their pet while driving. Distractions included everything from feeding and petting their pets, to taking their photos while driving.

Seventeen percent of respondents who drove with their pet - nearly one in five - admitted to either allowing their pet to sit on their lap, or holding their pet while driving. Twenty-three percent admitted to using their hands or arms to secure their pet when they hit the brake



## The Reasons

Respondents cited several reasons for not restraining their pets in their vehicles. The biggest of these reasons was their pet's temperament; they considered their pet to be calm enough to make restraints unnecessary. Many respondents had simply never considered the idea of restraints. Some said they didn't use restraints because they only went on short trips. Additionally, a few respondents noted that they wanted their dog to be able to put his head out the window.

## The Dangers

Beyond potentially causing accidents, there are very real dangers to allowing a pet to sit on your lap. If a crash did occur, a small pet could easily be crushed by a deployed airbag, or thrown from the car and injured or even killed. In addition, an unrestrained dog can act as a missile during a crash. AAA notes that an unrestrained 10-pound dog, where the vehicle is only traveling at 30 mph, will exert roughly 300 pounds of pressure in a crash! So, imagine the devastation that can cause to your pet and anyone in his path.

## The Solutions

States are taking notice of the potential dangers. Hawaii has made it illegal to carry a pet on one's lap while driving, and many other states have introduced, considered, or enacted legislation meant to stop drivers from traveling unsafely with pets. As a result, driving with your pet on your lap can earn you a traffic stop or a fine in some states. Even in places where there is no specific law pertaining to driving with a pet on your lap, you can still

be cited for doing so under broader distracted driving laws. Increased awareness would likely also make a great difference. AAA notes that drivers who have heard of cases where unrestrained dogs were injured, or caused injuries to someone during a crash, were three times more likely to use a pet travel restraint. And, while we love our pets and want them to enjoy every experience with us, the safest place for them (and everyone else riding along) is to be

properly secured in the back seat or cargo area of your vehicle.

There are pet restraint options in many types, sizes, and price ranges that are comfortable for dogs and still allow them some freedom of movement. The type of pet vehicle safety device you select will depend on the size, temperament, and type of pet you have. Types of pet safety devices include vehicle pet barriers, pet car and SUV seats, pet vehicle safety barriers, soft-sided pet carriers, and hard-sided pet travel crates and kennels.

No matter which pet vehicle safety device you decide is best for your pet, it's very important that you take the time to get your pet used to it. For example, if you choose a pet travel crate/kennel, you can set up the kennel inside of your home and let your pet go in and out of the kennel until he or she is comfortable with it. In the end, the financial and time investment in a vehicle pet safety device is well worth it, especially if it means peace of mind for you, and safety for your furry family members.

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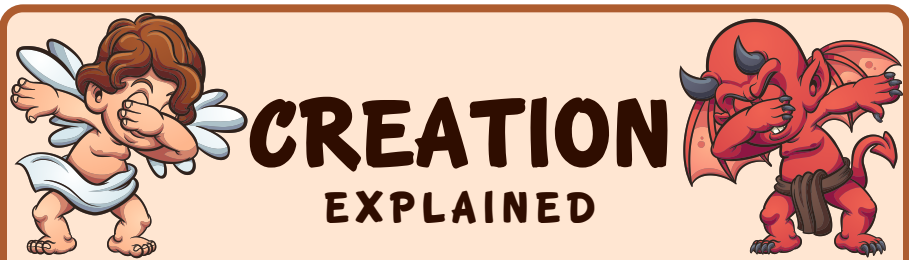
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1. In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

2. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy CremeDonuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled.

3. And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.

4. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand Island dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfasted their belts following the repast.

5. God then said, "I have sent you heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep-fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof. God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake" and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."

6. God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained more pounds.

7. Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep fried them. And Man gained more pounds.

8. God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheese-burger. Then he said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest.

9. God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

10. Then Satan created cuts to the health care system. Amen.

HOW THINGS CHANGE WITH AGE	
1966	2021
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Acid rock	Acid reflux
Moving to California because it's cool	Moving to Florida because it's warm
Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor	Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor
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Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
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Rolling Stones	Kidney stones
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  2. Fully HALF of all children who grow up in bread-consuming households score below average on standardized tests.
  3. In the 18th century, when virtually all bread was baked in the home, the average life expectancy was less than 50 years; infant mortality rates were unacceptably high; many women died in childbirth; and diseases such as typhoid, yellow fever, and influenza ravaged whole nations.
  4. Every piece of bread you eat brings you nearer to death.
  5. Bread is associated with all the major diseases of the body. For example, nearly all sick people have eaten bread. The effects are obviously cumulative:
    - 99.9% of all people who die from cancer have eaten bread.
    - 99.7% of the people involved in air and auto accidents ate bread within 6 months preceding the accident.
    - 93.1% of juvenile delinquents came from homes where bread is served frequently.
  6. Evidence points to the long-term effects of bread eating: Of all the people born since 1839 who later dined on bread, there has been a 100% mortality rate.
  7. Bread is made from a substance called "dough." It has been proven that as little as a teaspoon of dough can be used to suffocate a lab rat. The average American eats more bread than that in one day!
8. Primitive tribal societies that have no bread exhibit a low incidence of cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, and osteoporosis.
  9. Bread has been proven to be addictive. Subjects deprived of bread and given only water to eat begged for bread after as little as two days.
  10. Bread is often a "gateway" food item, leading the user to "harder" items such as butter, jelly, peanut butter, and even cold cuts.
  11. Bread has been proven to absorb water. Since the human body is more than 80 percent water, it follows that eating bread could lead to your body being taken over by this absorptive food product, turning you into a soggy, gooey bread-pudding person.
  12. Newborn babies can choke on bread.
  13. Bread is baked at temperatures as high as 400 degrees Fahrenheit! That kind of heat can kill an adult in less than one minute.
  14. Most bread eaters are utterly unable to distinguish between significant scientific fact and meaningless statistical babbling.



In light of these frightening statistics, we propose the following bread restrictions:

1. No sale of bread to minors.
2. A nationwide "Just Say No To Toast" campaign, complete with celebrity TV spots and bumper stickers.
3. A 300 percent federal tax on all bread to pay for all the societal ills we might associate with bread.
4. No animal or human images, nor any primary colors (which may appeal to children) may be used to promote bread usage.
5. The establishment of "Bread-free" zones around schools.



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# Living Dockside and Furloughed

by Ginny Jones

## Of Hurricanes and Absent Friends

And here we go! Yep, its June and we all keep our ears and eyes tuned to NOAA's Hurricane web site, hoping and praying to whatever we believe in to avoid any major storms. She Breeze is decked out in her summer finery, which means white vinyl tarps, she looks like Sally Field from the Flying Nun, remember the funky white hat?

Vinyl tarps vs. poly-what-ever tarps. Vinyl is heavy duty, very strong and very quiet; downside, very expensive. Also cannot find locally, so I order online, and the forward one is on its last season, damn it! They are very necessary during the summer months, it drops the temperature inside by 10 to 15°, the AC doesn't have to work as hard, and it's

a nice place to sit during a rain storm. Just ask my cat, Coco. Aaahh, cat you say, didn't know I have a cat, did you? That leads into the absent friends part of the article. Chef Tourette's has left the island, the nickname due to his explosive temper; artists, right? He also enjoyed baking from time to time. Those of you who knew him probably have some of his yard art. He made concrete pineapples, you'll see the colorful things all over. He figured if 10 were good, 100 were much better, and have you seen the lovely concrete skulls all over? There were so many I started taking one with me whenever I went diving and found a neat place to put it under water. Then he went on to bigger things,

lighthouses. Not small cute desktop models; we're talking 6-7-ft. models! His mail box is a directional landmark, "just go down the street and turn at the lighthouse." Back to the cats, he was going to take Coco and Mouse with him, yes two cats. Mouse adopted his property long ago, and alas, he couldn't catch her the morning he left. Coco's been staying on She Breeze and she loves it. The thing is I haven't started the diesel up since she's been here. So I wait, until he gets settled in his new house and then make a road trip with the cats. Wish me luck on that trip!

So I and my lovely She Breeze wait patiently to get back out there and furl or unfurl the sails, I've always



been confused about that term. So I'll hoist the mainsail and let loose the jib and release the Kraken!

Wait, that's another movie! I'll see you out there when I am catless and free to go furl or unfurl my sails and try to stuff the damn Kraken back in his cage!

## KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

**COVID-19**

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**FLAT EARTHERS**

**RELIGIOUS FANATICS**

**PEOPLE WHO EAT STEAK WELL DONE**

## Why Grandfathers Are Special

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between Grandmothers and Grandfathers? Well, here it is:

There was this loving grandfather who always made a special effort to spend time with his son's family on weekends.

Every Saturday morning he would take his 5-year-old grandson out for a drive in the car for some quality time -- pancakes, ice cream, candy-- just him and his grandson.

One particular Saturday, however, he had a bad cold and really didn't feel like being up at all. He knew his grandson always looked forward to their drives and would be disappointed.

Almost brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?



Photo: katemangostar

Luckily, his wife came to the rescue and said that she would take their grandson for the drive and breakfast. When they returned, the little boy anxiously ran upstairs to see her Grandfather who was still in bed.

"Well, did you enjoy your ride with Grandma?" he asked.

"Not really, Papa, it was really boring. We didn't see any communists, pieces of crap, horse's asses, stupid bastards, idiots, dipshits, or son of a bitches anywhere we went!"



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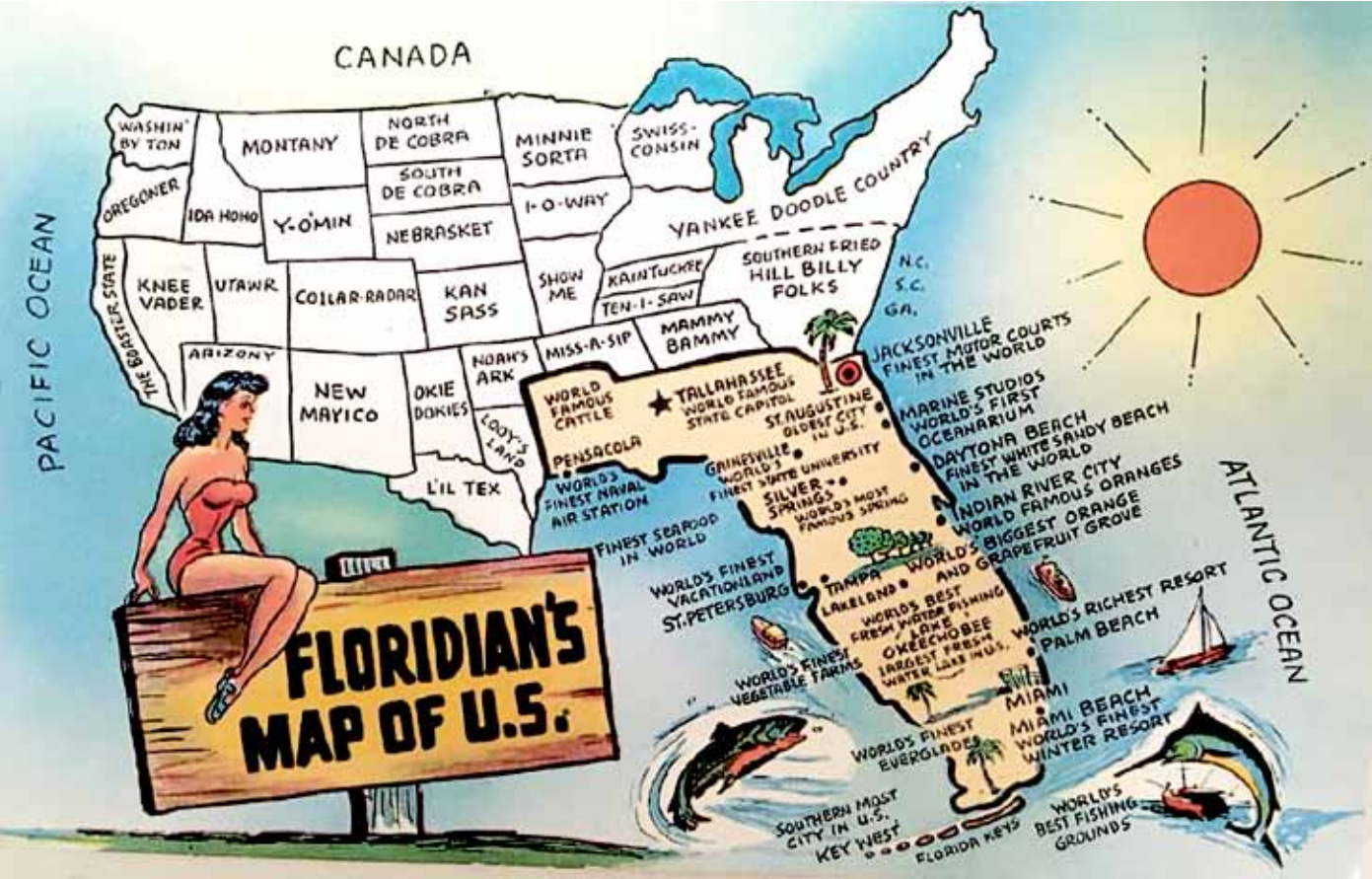
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## HOW DAD ARE YOU?

☐ "Guess it's free then."  
(when a cashier has trouble scanning an item)

☐ "Found it!"  
(after pointing a stud finder at your chest)

☐ "Looks like we'll have to amputate."  
(when a kid has a minor injury)

☐ "Let's rock and roll."  
(when it's time to leave)

☐ "Did you fall in?"  
(when a kid takes too long in the bathroom)

☐ "No, your other right."  
(when someone mistakes left for right)

☐ "What's the damage?"  
(before looking at a bill)

☐ "Can you do mine next?"  
(after declining additional warranty protection)

☐ "I was just resting my eyes."  
(after falling asleep on the couch)

☐ "Guess they'll let anyone in here."  
(when seeing a friend in public)

☐ "Glad we're not going that way."  
(when seeing traffic on the other side of road)

☐ "Can't get very far without these."  
(after forgetting your keys)

☐ "Look, horses."  
(when driving past horses)

☐ "I'm not paying to heat the whole neighborhood."  
(when the door is open)

☐ "It's not heavy, just awkward."  
(when carrying something heavy)

☐ "People don't know how to drive in this town."  
(in every town you're in)

☐ "We needed this rain."  
(every time it rains)

☐ "That's how they get you."  
(after declining additional warranty protection)

☐ "Back already? How was it?"  
(when someone comes back inside because they forgot something)

☐ "That's not going anywhere."  
(after tying something down)



My wife is so negative. I remembered the car seat, the stroller, AND the diaper bag. Yet all she can talk about is how I forgot the baby.

When you need a permit to build a deck, but not to store a boat.



# Coco‘Nut’ Funnies

Towards the end of a round of golf, Dave hit his ball into the woods and found it in a patch of pretty, yellow but-tercups.

Trying to get his ball back into play, he ended up thrashing just about every buttercup in the patch. All of a sudden, POOF!! In a flash and a puff of smoke, a little old woman appeared.

She said, 'I'm Mother Na-ture! Do you know how long it took me to make those but-tercups? Just for doing what you have done, you won't have any butter for your popcorn for the rest of your life... better still, you won't have any butter for your toast for the rest of your life... as a matter of fact, you'll never have any butter for anything for the rest of your life!!!'

Then POOF! ... she was gone! After Dave recovered from the shock, he hollered for his friend, 'Fred, where are you?'

Fred yells back 'I'm over here in the pussy willows.'

Dave shouts back, 'DON'T SWING, Fred!' 'FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, DON'T SWING!!!!'

Thanks to Ted Ellis

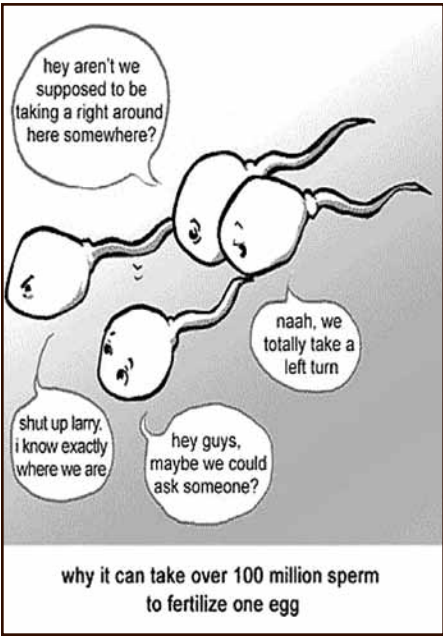
Just been for my annual check up with my GP who suggested I need an earring made.

What a strange thing to say..

really bummed that soon i will have to stop cancelling plans "due to covid" and start canceling plans with my usual bag of petty lies



In 20 years when kids ask about the 2020 toilet paper shortage, I'm telling them we had to drag our butts across the coral rock. In the sand. uphill. Both ways. Dodging Zika mosquitos.



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 had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to name that person, until the woman gave 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 or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping.



Common sense

(n.) Not a gift, but a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades

up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your haircut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.

"The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

Dad's reply:"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

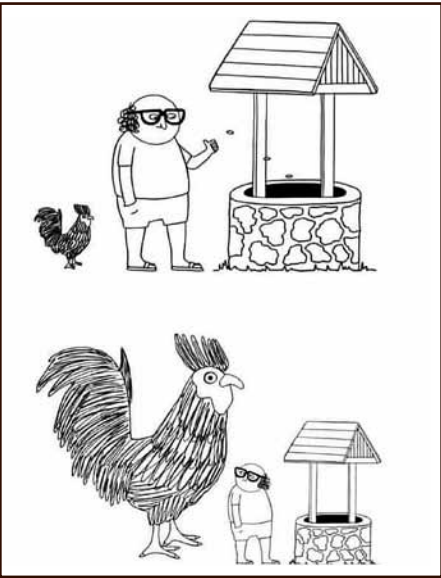
The Department of the Navy is now assigning females to quarters in a separate private "OFF LIMITS" area on all aircraft carriers.

While addressing all personnel at Pearl Harbor, CINCPAC advised, "Female sleeping quarters will be out of bounds for all males.

"Anyone caught breaking this rule will be fined \$50 the first time," the Admiral continued. "Anyone caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$150. Being caught a third time will cost you \$500."

Are there any questions?"

At this point, a Marine from the security detail assigned to the ship stood up and inquired, "How much for a season pass?"



"I did<sup>1</sup> my own<sup>2</sup> research<sup>3</sup>"

<sup>1</sup> watched  
<sup>2</sup> someone else's  
<sup>3</sup> youtube video

For those who don't want Alexa listening in on your conversations, they're making a male version.....it doesn't listen to anything.



Even if you're fully vaccinated, the CDC still recommends that your stay at home with your dog so they're not sad when you leave

I miss the part of Covid when there was no traffic.

Rage Against the Machine never specified what type of machine they were furious with but I reckon it was probably a printer.

One day my mother was out and my dad was In charge of me. I was maybe 3 years old and had just recovered from an accident.

Someone had given me a little tea set as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys. Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of 'tea', which was just water.

After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home.

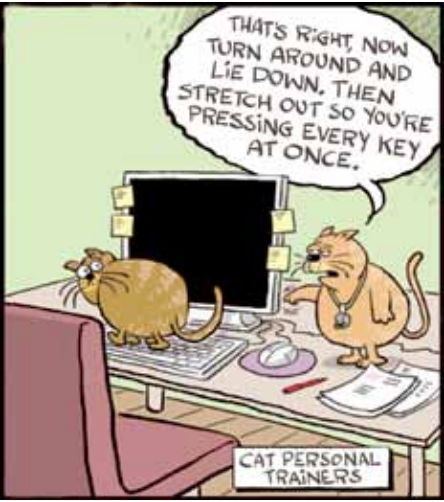
My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!'

My Mom waited, and sure enough, I walked down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watched him drink it up.

Then she says, (as only a mother would know...) 'Did it ever occur to you that the only place that your daughter can reach to get water is the toilet?'

Husband: I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my Grandmother.

Wife: Why does it say "Do Not Resuscitate"?



→ Single

→ Married

→ 1 kid

→ 2 kids

→ 3 kids

→ Divorced

Q: My child will not eat fish. What can I replace it with?

A: A cat. Cats love fish.

IF A TREE FALLS IN THE FOREST AND NO ONE IS THERE TO SEE IT....

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An 80-year-old man went to the doctor for a check-up and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a biker and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight on Sundays and out sliding around corners, "shootin" sand washes and riding up and down the steepest, wildest mountains I can find at the crack of dawn."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?" The old biker said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old biker said, "He's 99 years old and, in fact, he went riding with me this Sunday, and that's why he's still alive... he's a biker too."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old biker said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! How old is he?"

The old biker replied, "117 years old."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went riding with you this Sunday too?"

The old timer said, "No... Grandpa couldn't go this week because he got married."

The Doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Good Lord!!! Why would a 117-year-old guy want to get married?"

To this old biker smiled and answered, "Who said he wanted to?"





The Mom Test

I was out walking with my 5-year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it into her mouth.

I took the thing away from her and asked her not to do that.

We walked along in silence for two or three minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

"Oh, I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test, you have to be the dad."

"Why?" she asked.

"Because it's been on the ground, and you don't know where it's been. It's dirty. And it probably has germs."

At this point, my daughter looked at me with absolute admiration and asked, "Mom, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart."

I thought quickly and replied, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mom Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mom."



One-Sided Relationships



Relationships can become out of balance and one-sided, if we don't occasionally check in with each other.

One of the most beautiful qualities of an intimate relationship is the give and take of energy that occurs between two people. In the best-case scenario, both people share the talking and listening, and the giving and receiving of support, equally. Occasionally, within any relationship, the balance shifts and one person needs to listen more, or give more. Generally, over a long period of time, even this exception will take on a balanced rhythm; we all go through times when we take more and times when we give more.

However, there are also relationships in which the balance has always felt one-sided. You may have a friend whom you like, but you have begun to notice that the conversation is always about their life and their problems and never about yours. You may also have a friend who seems to require an inordinate amount of support from you but who is unable or unwilling to give much in return. Over time, these relationships

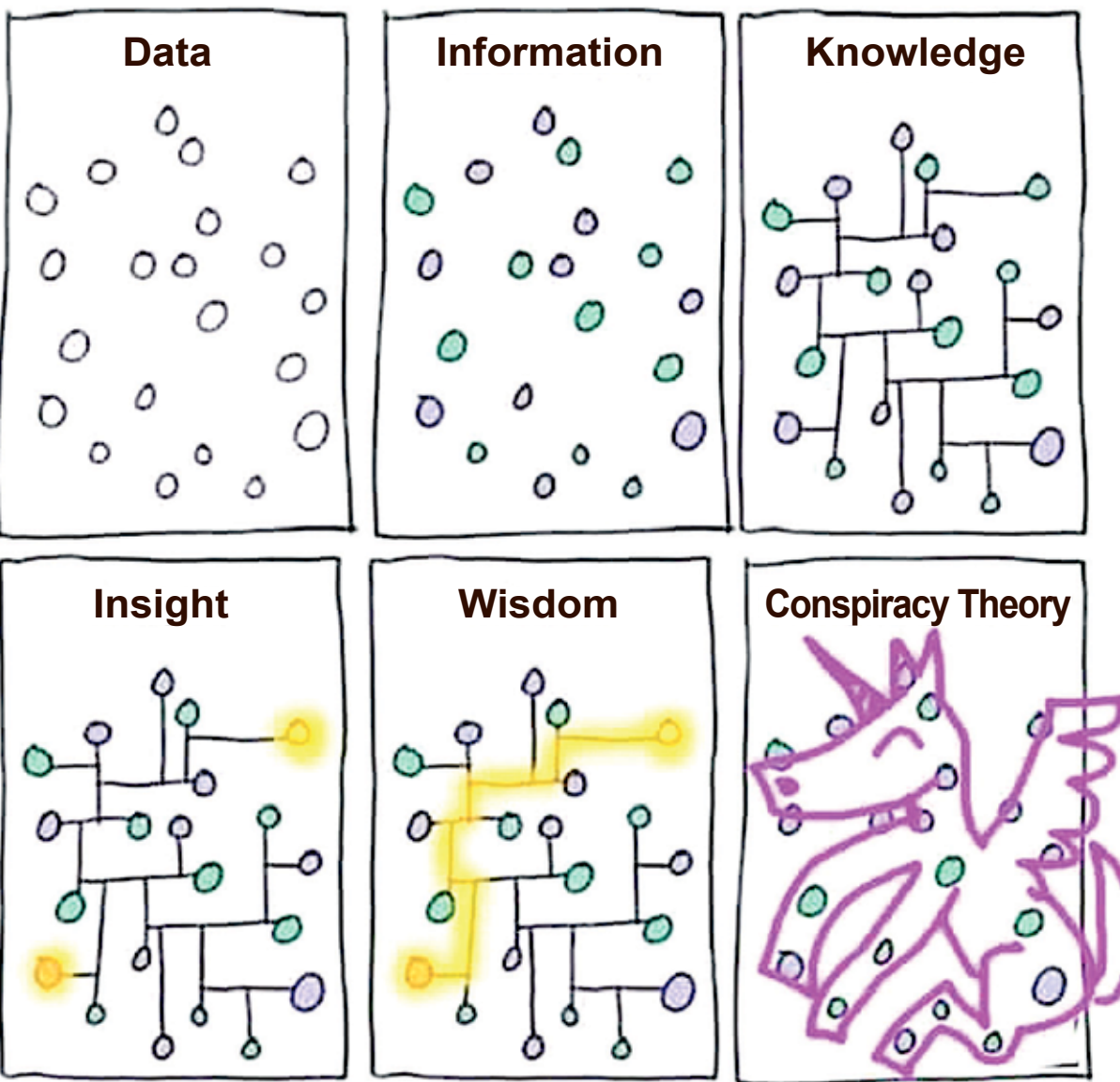
can be draining and unsatisfying. One option is simply to end the relationship, or let it fade out naturally. Another option is to communicate to your friend that you would like to create a more equal balance in which your concerns also get some airtime. They may be taken aback at first, but if they are able to hear you, your friendship will become that much more sincere. They may even thank you for revealing a pattern that is probably sabotaging more than one relationship in their life.

A third option is to simply accept the relationship. There are many one-sided relationships that actually work. One example of this is a mentor relationship in which you are learning from someone. Another example is when you are helping someone who is sick, disabled, or otherwise needy. In these instances, you can simply be grateful that you are able to help and be helped, trusting that the balance of give and take will even out in the big picture of your life.

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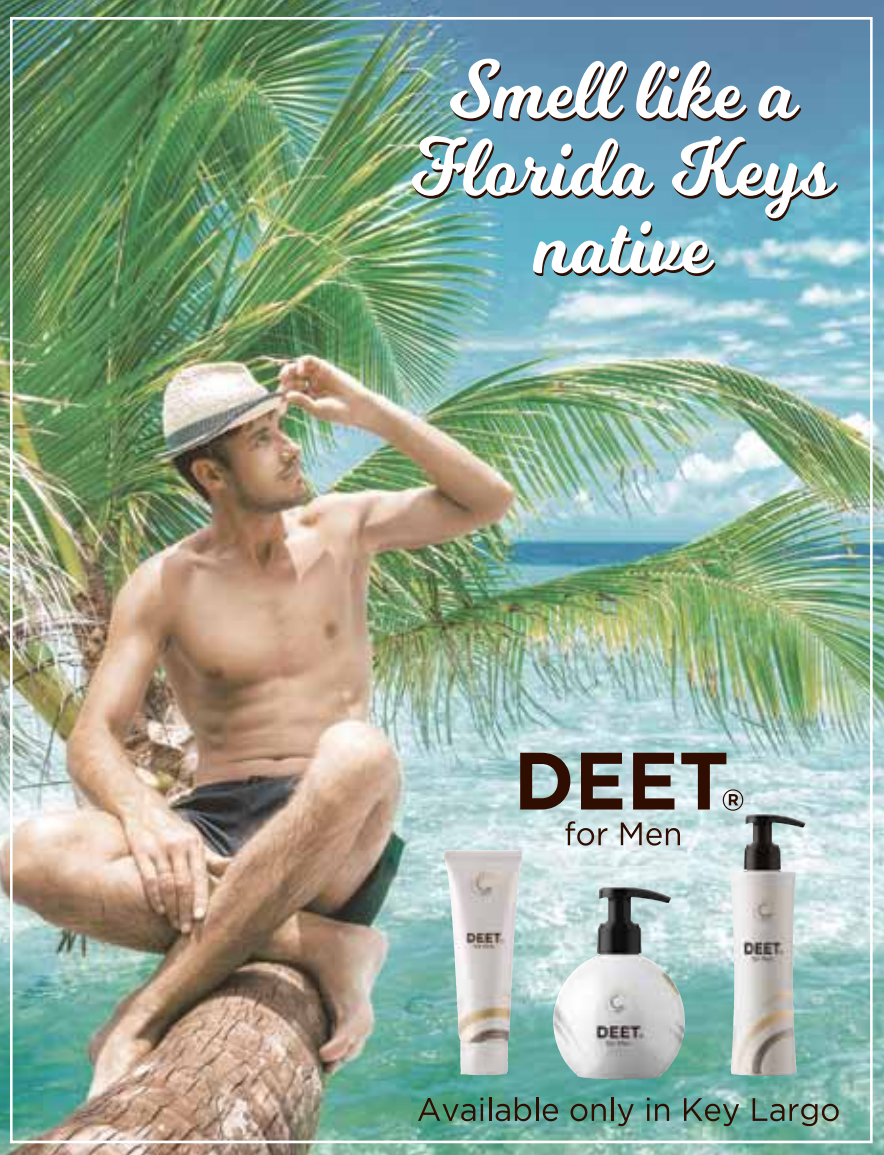
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- 2) YOU'VE NAMED THE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES SAMSONITE AND CARRY-ON.
- 3) FOR NO OBVIOUS REASON, YOU'RE Madder THAN BILLY RAY CYRUS WATCHING THE 2013 MTV VMAS.
- 4) YOU TALK SO INCOHERENTLY THAT PEOPLE THINK YOU ARE EITHER DRUNK OR SINGING SNOW'S "INFORMER."
- 5) YOU CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE YOU PUT YOUR CAR KEYS. OR YOUR CAR. OR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO RIDE IN THE CAR WITH YOU.
- 6) YOU LOSE ALL FASHION/MAKEUP SENSE AND LEAVE THE HOUSE LOOKING LIKE MIMI FROM "THE DREW CAREY SHOW".
- 7) THE HOT, DIRTY CEMENT OF THE TARGET PARKING LOT LOOKS JUST AS COMFORTABLE AS YOUR BED.
- 8) YOU WATCHED "DONNIE DARKO" AND IT MADE SENSE.
- 9) YOU NOD OFF WHILE WAITING FOR YOUR FOOD TO WARM IN THE MICROWAVE.
- 10) YOU'VE UPGRADED FROM DOUBLE VISION TO TRIPLE.



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<b>LIVE MUSIC 7 DAYS A WEEK!</b>		1 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	2 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	4 Steve Venini Band 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	5 Micah 11-3 Brothers of Others 6-10pm
<i>Waterfront Dining!</i>						
6 Micah 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	7 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	8 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	9 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	10 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	11 Taylor King Band 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	12 Dennis Holmes 11-3 Shadow Creek 6-10pm
13 Glenn H 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	14 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	15 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	16 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	17 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	18 South 58 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	19 Micah 11-3 Dropouts 6-10pm
20 John C 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	21 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	22 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	23 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	24 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	25 Steve Venini Band 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	26 *Special Event* Gypsy Lane 6-10pm
27 Naked Pete 11-3 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm	28 The Carousers 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	29 Dennis Holmes 6-10pm	30 Webb & Davidson 6-10pm Michael Trixx @ Sunset	<b>"SUNDAY SCHOOL"</b> \$3 Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Screwdrivers every Sunday, 7 to 11 am		



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