

There's quite an art to falling apart
 as these years go by.
 And life Doesn't begin at 40
 That's a Big Fat Lie!

My hair's gettin' thinner
 my Body is Not.
 The few Teeth I have
 are beginning to Rot!

I smell of Vick's-Vapo-Rub
 Not Chanel #5.
 My new Pacemaker's all
 that keepin' me alive!

When asked of my past
 Every Detail I'll know.
 But what was I doin'
 just 10 minutes ago?

Well, you get the Idea
 what More can I say?
 I'm off to read the Obits
 like I do every Day.

If my name is not there
 I'll once again Start -
 Perfecting the Art
 Of Falling Apart!

But til' That Last Curtain
 Decides to Fall,
 I'm gonna' have
 Myself a Ball!

A big mouth college student challenged a senior citizen saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his world. "You grew up in a different world," the student said.

"Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, nuclear energy, computers, the internet..."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the senior said,

"You're right sonny . We didn't have those things when we were young... so we invented them!"

The paddlefish, a living fossil, has existed virtually unchanged in the Mississippi River for 230 million years, although it now weighs no more than one-third of its ancient weight. The only other part of the world in which the paddlefish is found is China.



Fresh out of high school, I found a job cleaning the elegant home of an older couple. Among other duties, I had to dust their many imported carvings and petrified collectibles as well as pick up after their pets.

One day I was astonished to find two ivory fossils lying on the floor beside the bookcase. I quickly picked them up and put them back on the shelf. The next week the same thing happened.

That afternoon my employer came into the parlour, her faithful canine behind her. Looking around, she eyed the bookcase.

"Tippy," she asked the dog, "how do your bones keep getting up there?"

Coffee doesn't taste like it smells because 300 of the 631 chemicals that combine to form its complex aroma are wiped out by saliva, causing the flavor to change before we swallow it.



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Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.

Actual excerpts from classified sections:

- Illiterate? Write today for free help.
- Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.
- Dog for sale: It eats anything and is fond of children.
- Stock up and save. Limit: one.
- Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home too.
- Vacation Special: have your home exterminated. Get rid of aunts. Zap does the job in 24 hours.
- Toaster: A gift that every member of the family appreciates. Automatically burns toast.
- Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated. Come here first.
- Wanted: Hair cutter. Excellent growth potential.
- Wanted. Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
- And now, the Superstore-unequaled in size, unmatched in variety, unrivalled inconvenience.

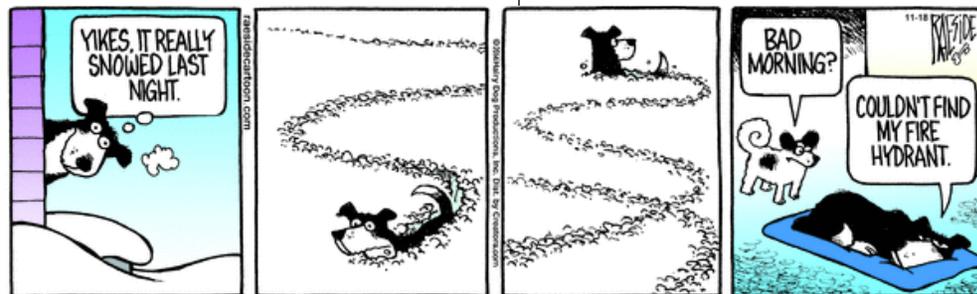
Events - 2014
 Nov 27 - Thanks Giving day in the USA
 Nov 28 - "Black Friday"
 Nov 30 - Grey Cup in Vancouver at 5 PM
 Winter begins on December 21, 6:03 P.M. EST

Only 32 days until Boxing day sales!

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.



There is a hostage negotiation strategy called "Bringing Home the Bacon" where negotiators fry bacon outside of the hostage area, making the hostage taker hungry from the smell and more willing to negotiate.



The Jar

Take Care of the Big Rocks First A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him.

When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous - yes.

The professor then produced two cans of **beer** from under the table and proceeded to pour their entire contents into the jar - effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health,

and your children - Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house, and your car.

The sand is everything else. The small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the rocks first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."



My wife wants me to have my eyes examined; apparently I can't see things *her* way!

Donald MacDonald from Scotland went to study at an English university and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students there. After he had been there a month, his mother came to visit him (no doubt carrying reinforcements of tatties, salt herring, oatmeal and whisky).

"And how do you find the English students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied, "they're such terrible, noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."

"Oh Donald! How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbors?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

The lovely scent of cut grass is the reek of plant anguish. When attacked, plants release airborne chemical compounds. Plants can use these compounds almost like language, notifying nearby creatures who can "rescue" them from insect attacks.

A contronym is a word that can be its own opposite, for example, "left" can mean to "depart" and "remain."

Before you beat a child, be sure yourself are not the cause of the offence.
Austin O'Malley

The floral design on the Oreo cookie consists of 12 flowers per side.

Spy Magazine sent 13-cent checks to some of the world's richest people to see who would cash them. The only two people to do so were Donald Trump and an arms dealer.

The popular history behind French toast (aka German toast, American toast, Spanish toast) is that it was created by medieval European cooks who needed to use every bit of food they could find to feed their families. They knew old, stale bread (French term **pain perdu** literally means **lost bread**) could be revived when moistened and heated. Cooks would have added eggs for additional moisture and protein. Medieval recipes for "french toast" also suggest this meal was enjoyed by the wealthy. Cook books at this time were written by and for the wealthy. These recipes used white bread (the very finest, most expensive bread available at the time) with the crusts cut off, something a poor, hungry person would be unlikely to do.

The most commonly used language in the world is Chinese. It is spoken by over 1 billion people.

Today I found out Steve Jobs' first business was selling "blue boxes" that allowed users to get free phone service illegally.



Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking.
-Albert Einstein

"I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure—which is: Try to please everybody." – Herbert Bavard Swope