

PLANET LIFE

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"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not illusion, it is the illusion of knowledge."

~ Stephen Hawking

It continues, Dear Planeteers, but with qualifications: I'm now living with a defibrillator in my chest and am hoping that the frigging thing never goes off again (unless it's to save my life) because it's a truly shocking and unpleasant experience, and I'm also now being treated with lasers and shots (in my right eye) for macular degeneration. Ouch! Ah, the joys of genetics. Thanks, Mom...

Nonetheless, my darling wife, Melinda, and I are living life to the fullest and planning for more travel while investigating a future move to a more manageable condo.

Just sharing, my friends; it's a one-way ticket.

Onstage at Antaeus acknowledging applause for *God Help Us*. Photo by April Adams

"If it's true that God created man, by now He surely has laughed himself to death."

~ Henry Morgan

GOOD ADVICE

Trump is visited in the White House by three ghosts. The first is JFK, and Trump asks him: "John, how can I make America great again?"

"Ask not what your country can do for you," is the reply, "ask what you can do for your country," which sends Trump into an expletive-filled rage.

Next ghost is George Washington, who tells Trump, "Never tell a lie." That prompts an even more explosive reaction.

Finally, the ghost of Lincoln shows up, and Trump reiterates, "How can I make America great again?"

Abe answers, "Go to the theater."

"Truth isn't truth." ~ Rudy Giuliani



SCROOGED

Barry Blitt's New Yorker Cover

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry apps, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled some of my other apps, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable apps such as NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0, and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed – Desperate.

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: Ithoughtyoulovedme.



REBOOT

Husband 1.0 fails to launch.

HTML and try to download Tears 6.2. Also install the Guilt 3.0 update.

If that app works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version.

Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please, do not attempt to re-install Boyfriend 5.0. – that will crash Husband 1.0. Husband 1.0 is a functional app, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn other new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional apps to improve memory and performance. Try Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck!! – Tech Support

I would rather have questions that can't be answered, than answers which can't be questioned."

~ Richard Feynman

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"In politics stupidity is not a handicap."
~ Napoleon Bonaparte

an attractive blue suit, and I asked his wife if she minded him going to his grave wearing a black suit instead, and she said it made no difference as long as he looked nice. "So, I just switched heads."

"Letting go is all we have to hold on to."
~ Gregg Eisenburg

BLACK AND BLUE

A man who'd just died is delivered to a local mortuary wearing an expertly tailored black suit. The female blonde mortician asks the deceased's wife how she would like the body dressed but remarks that the deceased looks good in the black suit he is already wearing.

However, the widow says she always thought her husband looked his best in blue, and wants him in a suitable suit, so she gives the blonde mortician a blank check and says, "I don't care what it costs, but please have my husband in a blue suit for the viewing."

She returns the next day for the wake, and to her delight, she finds her husband dressed in a gorgeous blue suit with a subtle chalk stripe, which fits him perfectly.

"Whatever this cost," she says, "I'm very satisfied. How much did you spend?" To her astonishment, the mortician returns her blank check asserting, "There's no charge."

"No, really, I must compensate you for the cost of that exquisite blue suit!" the widow insists. "Honestly, ma'am," the blonde says, "It cost nothing."

"You see, a deceased gentleman of about your husband's size was brought in shortly after you left yesterday wearing

LET IT SNOW

I made a snowman. A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman. So, I made a snow woman; but my feminist neighbor complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere and complained that the broomstick needs to be removed because it depicted women in a domestic role.

Next, the gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it could have been two snowmen instead, and a transgender friend asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts – and finally the vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, which should not be used to decorate non-edible snow figures. I am also being called a racist because it's white, and the Muslim family across the road demanded that the female wear a burqa!

Soon, the police arrive saying someone has been offended

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

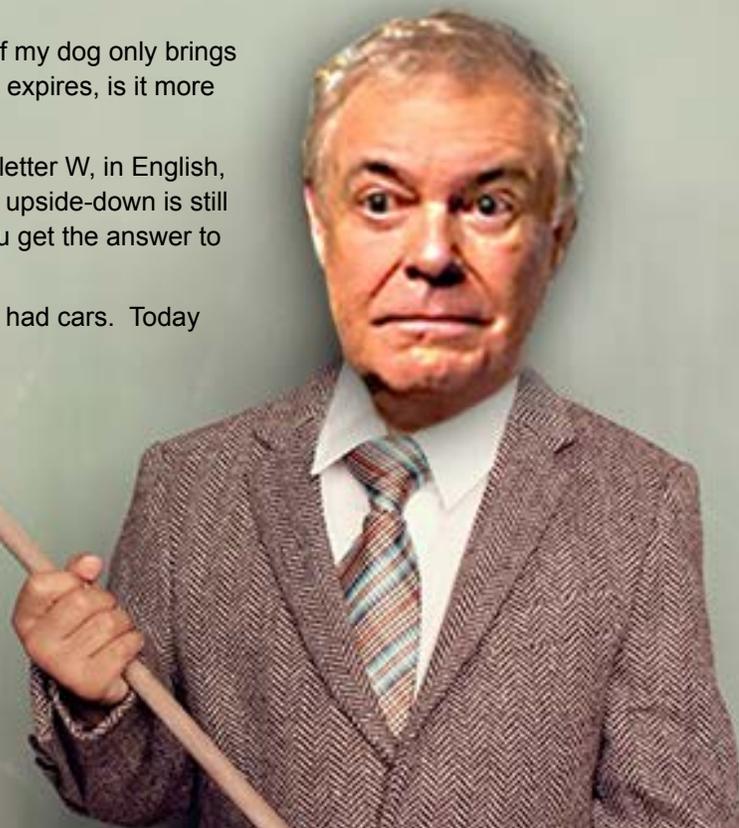
Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned? What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it? If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "scent," the S or the C? Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V? The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims." If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When," you get the answer to each of them.

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and everyone has cars and only the rich own horses. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty. Maybe, oxygen is slowly killing us, but just takes 100 years to fully work; so is that why we need antioxidants? Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win, and if you rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent or food bills for the next 10 years, so why not?

Many animals may actually need glasses, but nobody knows it. If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before, and if 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, let's just call it "2's Day." And finally, our future self is watching us right now through memories. Time is a perception.

only the rich had cars. Today
Every
else
100



DISTURBING

BOZOS

PRESS

HOW

DANCE

STICKY

CATS

and a council equalities officer who threatens me with eviction, followed by a CNN TV crew asking if I know the difference between snow-men and snow-women?.

I reply, "Snowballs" and am called a sexist! So I'm on the news as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobic sensibility offender bent on stirring up

trouble during difficult weather, and after asked if I have any accomplices -- my children are taken by

social services, and far-left protesters (offended by everything) are marching down the street demanding for me to be beheaded.

There is no moral to this story. It's just the world which we live in today, and it could get worse. "I'm melting – melting..."

My pal Paul Ross envisions a cooking-horror show called "Children of the Corn on the Cob."
~ Phil's Phunny Phriends

OFF STAGE

Craig Zadan, an ebullient showman who was best known as the co-creator of live NBC broadcasts of *The Sound of Music*, *Peter Pan*, *Hairspray* and *The Wiz*, just exited laughing at the age of 69.

With his longtime partner, **Neil Meron**, Craig recently produced *Jesus Chris Superstar*, starring **John Legend** and **Sara Bareilles** staged as a concert, as originally conceived by **Webber** and **Rice**, on Easter Sunday at the Marcy Armory in Brooklyn.

Melinda knew him, or he knew of her at Hofstra. Bravo!

"Anyone living without the arts in their lives is living in a desert." ~ Dancer **Arthur Mitchell**

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Thanks to **Sam Bobrick**, **Bill Persky**, **Nick Oliva**, **Kenneth Wilhite, Jr.**, **Joan Allemand**, **Kent McCaman**; and to our houseguests, **Jeff Hays** of *Soundbooth* **Annie Ellicott**, here to sing with **Jeff Goldblum** and his band at the Rockwell.



THE GOOD LIFE
With Hays and Ellicott

And thanks to my darling wife, **Melinda Peterson**, with whom I'll be taking a quick trip to NY to enjoy a Riverdale Country School mini-reunion and a theatre orgy, which I missed in late July in Europe due to my heart event...

And congratulations to my fellow collaborators on the 10th Anniversary of the release of the *Golden Age of Pulp Fiction* series, a celebration of the works of **L. Ron Hubbard**, allowing me to portray scores of fabulous characters and topped by roles in "Battlefield Earth."

"I would rather fail at something I love than succeed at something I hate." ~ **Stephen Hawking**

"Astronomy, as nothing else can, teaches men humility." ~ **Arthur C. Clarke**

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