

# THINGS

## No One Ever Tells You

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by Jim Aylward

**My eyes aren't so good anymore. My neck and back ache now with a vengeance, sometimes even without a vengeance. I'm not the same guy I was 30 years ago. But, I'm still here, still searching for funny little stories that tell just how dumb, how irreverent, and how ludicrous people can be. Of course, they were dumb, irreverent, and ludicrous 30 years ago too. Times have changed, but people go on repeating mistakes, inventing new ones, and occasionally ending up indicted, jailed, or at least committed. What a wonderful world!**

**To start this 30th year of Things No One Ever Tells You, read about the bar where you're invited to beat up the waiters, the football association that advises it's OK to accept bribes as long as you pretend to treat the briber fairly, the guy who invented a rope-less jump rope, and the young man who insists he should not be fired for having sex on his desk, because everybody has sex on his desk. Happy 30th!**

**Scientists at Germany's Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics announced the invention of the first-ever pill to end stupidity. The drug has been shown to improve the attentiveness and short-term memory of mice and fruit flies.**

**What the world needs now...more attentive fruit flies.**

Australian scientists have called upon the nation's farmers to report any ugly sheep. The goal is to identify the genes responsible for bare patches, uneven wool, and highly wrinkled skin, and ultimately purge imperfections from the national flock.

Of course the scientists have no wrinkled skin or bare patches.

In Miami, actress-dancer Alice Alyce, 29, sued the owners and management of the musical, *Movin' Out*, for \$100 million after they fired her because they believed her breasts were too large for the role.

After exhaustive research, I've come to the conclusion her breasts were just right.

With a long record as a drunk driver, Matt Brownlee, 33, was acquitted of charges in Ottawa, Ontario, after doctors concluded his latest crack-up was the result of a sincere belief that singer Shania Twain was helping him drive the car.

I'm a little older than 33. I like to think Dolly Parton is helping me to drive.

Americans will spend \$22 million on luxury bathrooms this year.

Yes, and 55 percent of those will still have to jiggle the handle to get the commode to flush.

A new bar in China allows patrons to blow off steam by assaulting the waiters. The Rising Sun Anger Release Bar in Nanjing employs heavily muscled waiters whom customers are free to punch or scream at without retaliation. Should beating up a waiter fail to release tension, counselors are on hand to dispense advice.

Have you tried saying, "I am peaceful!" 20 times?

Joshua Abeyta was charged with arson after he supposedly set fire to the Grand Auto Pontiac dealership, causing \$300,000 in damage. Abeyta had no connection to the dealership. He was just angry with his mother who happens to drive a Pontiac.

The Hyundai dealers are breathing easier.

An Iowa tribunal turned down Chris T. Coppinger's demand for unemployment benefits following his firing from a charitable fund-raising company for various alleged indiscretions. Among the company's charges was that Coppinger had sex on top of his desk with a co-worker. He argued that should not be a termination offense, since other company employees had sex on his desk too.

"Everybody has sex on my desk! What's the big deal?"

Next time you're in Barcelona, stop in at the El Brulli restaurant and order their famous foie gras ice cream, or their crispy ears of rabbit. I like the Kellogg's paella. That's Rice Krispies, shrimp heads, and vanilla-flavored mashed potatoes.

"I'll have the vermicelli with the Marshmallow Fluff, please!"

Retired mechanical engineer, Jim Guigli of California, has won a dubious award. It's the national prize for creating the worst opening sentence of an imaginary novel. Jim wrote, "Detective Bart Lisiter was in his office studying the light from his one small window, falling on his super burrito, when the door swung open to reveal a woman whose body said 'you've had your last burrito for awhile,' whose face said 'angels did exist,' and whose eyes said 'she could make you dig your own grave and lick the shovel clean.'"

**The fast-food industry's brief flirtation with healthy alternatives seems to be over. Burger King recently introduced the Stacker Quad sandwich with four slabs of beef, cheese, and bacon. Hardee's has the Monster Thickburger, two-thirds of a pound of beef, eight bacon strips, and three slices of cheese. As a spokesperson for Wendy's put it, "We listened to customers who said they wanted to eat fresh fruit, but apparently they lied."**

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**A masked man lost his dentures while robbing a home in Cordoba, Argentina, and the victim gave them to the police. Two days later, the homeowner noticed that his nephew suddenly was missing a mouthful of teeth. He told police and the nephew was arrested.**

**“I never said you were my favorite uncle. I said you were my rich uncle!”**

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When you stop by Mulligan’s in Decatur, Georgia, try their famous “Hamdog Special.” It’s one-half pound of hamburger wrapped around a hotdog, then deep-fried and served on a hoagie topped with chili, bacon, and a fried egg.

“I’ll have the ‘Hamdog,’ please, and a side of ambulance.”

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A Massachusetts teenager flung himself from a speeding train because he had missed his stop. He suffered facial abrasions and a broken finger. Jake Todaro, 15, said, “I wasn’t really thinking.”

Jake’s To Do List: Get more exercise. Eat healthier foods. Never, ever throw myself from a speeding train.

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**A top art gallery in Britain has displayed a block of slate topped by a small piece of wood as a work of art, unaware that it was merely the plinth for a missing sculpture. The Royal Academy in London admitted they were confused because the artist, David Hensel, sent his sculpture, a head, and the plinth to put it on, separately. The museum judged each work independently, and found the head not so great, but they thought the plinth was remarkable and had merit.**

**“We actually thought it saucy and insouciant!”**

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A Scottish man has won a libel suit against the *News of the World* tabloid, thanks to his excessive body hair. The London newspaper had accused Tommy Sheridan, 42, a member of the British Parliament, of participating in orgies. The paper said numerous women claimed to have caressed his body with mouthfuls of ice cubes.

A turning point in his trial came when Sheridan, representing himself, called his wife to testify. She said she was surprised that none of the women had mentioned his hair. The case was decided when she said, “Anybody rolling an ice cube around your body would have a hairball in their throat!”

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A Salt Lake City high school student, Travis Williams, was bitten by a baby rattle snake, even though his companion had warned him to avoid it. Williams said, “Even though she told me not to, I picked it up anyway. I’m not too bright that way.”

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**Transit officials in New South Wales, Australia, are hiring actors and frequent bus travelers to pose as irate passengers to prepare new drivers for the abuse they will face behind the wheel. Those hired to vent will be paid \$23.16 an hour under the project guidelines.**

**I could teach the drivers to be courteous and polite for less than \$23.16.**

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A Dutch woman, visiting her uncle’s gravesite, tumbled and landed on his coffin. It took several minutes for workers to get her out of there. When they pulled her up, she was screaming. Monique Zuydendrop announced, as she cleaned the dirt from her clothing, “I want to be cremated!”

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When Scottish police pulled over a drunken driver they recognized him immediately by his clothing as Batman, the fictional crime-fighting vigilante. Seated next to him was a visibly intoxicated Superman.

Wonder Woman was home reading a good book.

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**That hip-hop fashion trend of enormously baggy trousers has been a boon to law enforcement. Police departments around the U.S. say male suspects are now easy to catch because they trip over their own trousers.**

**“I can’t run, dude, but I can shuffle carefully, and I still got great style!”**

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Something was lost in the translation. An English language version of a sight-seeing brochure toting Jerusalem was printed in Hebrew. The slogan was, “Jerusalem. There is no city like it!” The translation proudly proclaimed, “Jerusalem. There is no such city!”

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Two men, allegedly high on LSD and marijuana, took over a pedestrian bridge in Boulder, Colorado, and pretended to be trolls. They demanded that a passing police officer pay them a dollar. Instead, he arrested them.

Well, at least they weren’t money-mad trolls.

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Juliette Piesley of Addlestone, England can’t start her car without George. While she was changing the battery in her electronic key fob, her dog, George, managed to swallow the immobilizer chip. A road service mechanic, trying to be helpful, told her if she put George in the front seat, she could always start the car.

Juliette, buy a new key fob.

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William Bethel Jr. told police that the station wagon he was driving was normally used for transporting corpses for his friend’s mortuary service, but that he was using it temporarily to deliver pizzas for Domino’s of Feasterville, Pennsylvania.

“You ordered the pepperoni, sausage, and ashes.”

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A new study finds that eight out of 10 adults today are so dependent on their cell phones, they can’t bear to turn them off during sex.

“Just a minute, Sweetpie, This could be major!”

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**London’s Guardian has reported that access to British dentists is becoming so difficult. In one week, 6,000 do-it-yourself crown-and-cap replacement kits have been sold to customers.**

**I don’t know about you, but I draw the line at Easier Than Ever Home Root Canal.**

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An Italian court has ruled that husbands in that traditional nation no longer have the right to demand that wives scrub floors on their hands and knees.

But they still have to stand inspection when finished, and, if not done properly, they have to start over with a toothbrush.

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The Nigerian Football Association advises its referees they can accept bribes, since bribery is considered a way of life there, but they should only pretend to treat the briber fairly because they have a duty to call the game correctly.

Huh?

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**Lester Clancy has been awarded a United States patent for a rope-less jump rope. He says he hopes to market it to mental institutions. ●**