

LATE NIGHT PACKET

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TOPICAL JOKES:

Suspicious are rising over multiple mysterious Russian deaths of critics of Putin, leaders involved in the Eastern Ukraine conflict, and two people who were connected to the now infamous dossier on Trump. The Russian government insists, however, that these people blew up of natural causes.

An Ohio University student has made a name for himself by reciting Dr. Seuss poems for crowds that have grown to the hundreds. Upon hearing the news, a satisfied Betsy DeVos boasted, "this proves American college literacy is right on track!"

Select Florida Libraries will be hosting programs for breast wellness. Impressive that Florida was the first state to recognize how to get people to libraries: boobies!

Hotels are experiencing a building boom. According to USA today, there will be 865 hotels built this year meaning over 100,000 rooms across the US, or, as Dateline puts it, over 247,000 mysterious stains.

Former leading state Senator and prominent Nashville Democrat Joe Haynes was indicted on a felony count of sexual battery after reportedly grabbing a woman's butt. Upon hearing the news, Donald Trump replied, "At least when our party sexually assaults, we have the courage to do it from the front!"

Lights around the world will be turned off at 8:30 on Saturday night in celebration of Earth Hour. Among those going dark will be the Empire State Building, the Space Needle, and your emo poet son.

7 Andy Warhol paintings from his Campbell's Soup collection were stolen from the Springfield Art Museum on Thursday. Police are narrowing down their suspects to that house with the giant grilled cheese sandwich statue in their front yard.

Tesla has equipped some of its cars with the ability to park themselves. Next on the agenda, teaching cars how to cry their way out of a ticket.

Family Dollar has been sold to Dollar Tree for \$9.2 billion, or as Dollar Tree puts it, "3 billion dented cans of expired soup, 4.2 Billion misprinted calendars, and 2 billion packs of children's toys made solely for the purpose of being swallowed and/or choked on by toddlers."

Volkswagon stands by its plans to expand its US factory despite a recent emissions scandal. When asked for comment, the CEO said, "We lied, got caught, almost went broke, and only apologized when forced. We feel that America is the place for us."

Due to recent heat waves, men in India have been marrying multiple wives so they have extra people to fetch water. And you thought the men you dated were thirsty.

Late hip hop legend Tupac Shakur's tricked out Hummer was sold for over three hundred thousand dollars, proving that all great works of art are sold posthumously.

Golfer Danny Willett gained over fifty thousand twitter followers within a week of winning the Masters. When asked for comment, Willett said, "I can't help but wonder how many followers I'd have if I played a real sport."

A dog in Tustin, California tested positive for heroine and meth, giving a whole new meaning to the term "meth lab." Surprisingly, the dog didn't seem to learn its lesson after authorities rubbed his nose in it.

A woman in North Carolina was shocked when she opened a freezer she recently purchased from her next door neighbor and found her neighbor's mother's dead body inside. And you thought YOUR mother was cold!

Scientists have discovered a potentially powerful antibiotic that can kill some of the world's most dangerous superbugs. To which Mick Jagger said, "Yeah, we'll see about that." -These new "superdrugs" are thought to be so powerful, they could wipe out things that are becoming harder and harder to kill such as gonorrhea, staph, and Kim Kardashian's career.

Researchers recently linked marriage to a lower risk of mild cognitive impairment and dementia. Giving mothers everywhere yet another reason to pressure their daughters into getting him to put a ring on it.

After admitting he inappropriately touched one young girl and exposed himself to two others from 1973 to 1994, Stephen Collins said he apologized to one of the victims who he said was "gracious." He then stood up, put a trapper keeper in front of his crotch, and walked out of the interview.

A Kentucky woman was arrested and charged with domestic abuse after biting off her husband's ear over an argument about a TV commercial. When asked for comment, the husband said, "that's nothin', you should see what she does when I ask her to pass the meth."

The Department of Agriculture has made cuts to Michele Obama's school lunch program allowing for more sodium content in food and non-whole grain products. Because if Trump's approval ratings can't be yuge, at least the youth of America can be!

REFILLABLE DESK BITS:

REEEEE-Jected!:

Everyday thousands of people are rejected and technology is making it easier for people to be bold when saying "no." Luckily, technology also gives us the ability to take screen shots allowing us to laugh at our pain...eventually. In this bit, the at-home audience sends in screen shots of responses to rejections they've endured or committed in online dating sites, apps, or over text messaging.

Example:

Friend: Hey Olivia, I really like this girl but I don't know how to tell her...any advice?

Olivia: Do I know her?

Friend: Yeah, but I can't tell...advice?!?

Olivia: Just tell her you like her, and ask her out. It's waaay easier and she'll probably appreciate the honesty in it. No mixed signals, just tell her!

Friend: Ok...Olivia, will you go out with me?

Olivia: No.

Social Media Ad Fails:

Social media companies utilize algorithms to figure out which ads to place on people's pages. However this technology fails us all from time to time. The evidence of this is apparent when the audience, guests, band members, host, etc., turn in via email or tweets, screen shots of these failures.

Example:

My friend has a Facebook screen shot of her relationship status being changed to single with a sad face emoticon next to the status. In her sidebar: ads for engagement rings.

The Host Trains For The Marathon:

The host is planning on running the New York City Marathon. But they need to train for it. Good thing they bring their track suit to work and wear it over their suit while they lightly jog in front of a green screen! The audience can "follow" the host throughout the streets of New York as they run past typical city sites: a woman at a flea market stand who tries to give them a "nice face discount" for some terrible kitch, a hot dog vendor who swears it's 100% meat, or a man making sweet love to a heap of garbage. The possibilities are endless and would really just come down to whatever writers saw that week, or at various times, on the streets of New York. The bit would happen at least once a week for eighteen weeks because that's the duration of a marathon training program, but could continue far after that because the host could always be training for something.

Field Pieces:

Stuff Lyft Riders Say:

Lyft/Uber riders are often drunk, loud, and always...interesting. Put a camera in a car, have someone ride share, and the results will be astounding. The hidden camera will capture some amazing things that are said and

done in the back of someone's vehicle, and the driver will be someone with improv experience, perhaps even the host themselves, in order that they may play a bit with the riders and get some good reactions.

Unsolicited Richard Picture:

Many of us receive unsolicited pictures of the male falace, as they are becoming all the rage. They are jarring, scarring, and just plain annoying. This character dresses as a "dick pic," calling himself "Richard Picture," with a phone background carried behind him. The necessary parts are blurred or blued-out by a censor bar built into the costume. This guy has a boisterous, annoying voice and presence, along with a way of showing up at the worst times/places. He could be a man on the street, barging into stores, clubs, etc. He could also show up and crash the monologue, other desk pieces, and even interviews if the guest is game to play along. The host talks to him every time, trying to hold an intervention of sorts. Everyone thinks Dick Pic is rehabilitated and will finally stop annoying everyone, until he blurts out something like, "nice ass," thus ruining the touching moment for everyone before running away.

Blind Date:

The host goes on an unrehearsed, blind date arranged by a staffer. A staffer would have a Tinder account and set up a date with an unassuming person. Then, the person would meet at the restaurant only to find the host taking their date's place. This could be explained away by the original date not being able to make it for one reason or another, and the date would of course be asked if they'd like to continue. They likely will, but in the event they don't, it would still make for great reactions.

Petey, the Climate Change Denying Penguin:

This adorable little scamp wears an Exxon logo on his back, but if he can't see it, it doesn't exist. He's just flown in from Antarctica (and boy are his flippers tired) to reassure us all that despite the liberal media's claims, everything is fine! He happily hosts a Q & A session in which he denies, gaslights, or runs out of time. He even brings a cooler with a snowball still intact perfectly as it was when it left Antarctica. When he asks the audience if they want to have a snowball fight, he of course opens the cooler, grabs some water, throws it into the audience and excitedly yells, "See! Just like the snow in Antarctica! Gotta go bye!!!" This two year old Emperor is so cute, he practically gets away with murder, every time! And he DEFINITELY doesn't know Rex Tillerson. So don't even ask.

TOPICAL SKETCH: "DEVOS' SCHOOL OF LEARNING GOOD"

INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM

CHILDREN SIT AT DESKS WHILE MS. LEVENTHAL STANDS IN FRONT BESIDE A VERY SMALL TREE WITH THREE BRANCHES LABELED "JUDICIAL, EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE."

MS. LEVENTHAL

Okay, kids! Get out your new books!

THE KIDS TAKE OUT BOOKS WITH "DEVOS GUIDE TO LERNING GOOD" WRITTEN ON THE FRONT COVERS.

MS. LEVENTHAL (CONT'D)

Today we're learning about the three branches of government. Executive, Legislative, and what some consider the most important, the judicial branch. Why is this one so important?

KEVIN
(points to tree)

Because it has the most cherries?

MS. LEVENTHAL

Good guess, Kevin. But it's actually because it's the branch that's in charge of deciding important things like whether a law breaks the rules of the constitution.

KEVIN

My book doesn't say that.

MS. LEVENTHAL FLIPS THROUGH BOOK.

MS. LEVENTHAL

Oh, my mistake. Looks like I gotta
make some changes to the ol' tree!

MS. LEVENTHAL TAKES OUT A CHAINSAW AND SAWS OFF THE JUDICIAL
BRANCH OF THE SMALL TREE.

MS. LEVENTHAL (CONT'D)

That's better. Okay. So, let's move on
to presidents. Can anyone tell me who
the last president was?

ELIZABETH

Barack Obama?!

MS. LEVENTHAL
(reading from book)

Hmmm...that's a great guess, but no,
it looks like it was Reagan. And
before that, Fredrick Douglas who can
still be seen doing great things
around the world to this day, and
before that, some other people who
were wrong and didn't much matter, and
before that Lincoln. What was Lincoln
famous for?

HAKHEEM

The Emancipation Proclamation, which
freed the slaves!

MS. LEVENTHAL

No, I'm not seeing any slaves in here.
(reads)

He was famous because he was tall.

Very, very tall. In fact, if you go to
Washington D.C. you can see the
Lincoln Memorial which contains a life-
sized statue of Lincoln that stands at
19 feet!

ALISHA

Um, Ms. Leventhal, I'm having a bloody
nose again.

MS. LEVENTHAL READS FROM THE MEDICAL MANUAL ENTITLED, "KEEP
EM HEALTHY THE DEVOS WAY"

MS. LEVENTHAL

Oh, Alisha, I'm sorry.
You've had a bunch of bloody noses
before, haven't you?

ALISHA

Yeah.

ALISHA BEGINS TO CRY A LITTLE AS MS. LEVENTHAL SEARCHES THE
BOOK FOR A POSSIBLE ANSWER.

MS. LEVENTHAL

Yeah. There's really nothing I can do
for you about this. It's a pre-
existing condition.

ALISHA SITS AT HER DESK. BLOOD EVERYWHERE.

A BEAR WALKS INTO THE ROOM. MS. LEVENTHAL DOESN'T THINK TWICE
BEFORE GRABBING TWO SHOTGUNS FROM UNDER HER DESK AND SHOOTING
IT A CARTOONISH AMOUNT OF TIMES AS THE KIDS SCREAM.

THE KIDS SIT, STUNNED, AND NOW, EVERYONE, NOT JUST ALISHA, IS COVERED IN BLOOD.

MS. LEVENTHAL PUTS THE GUNS BACK UNDER HER DESK AND ADJUSTS HER NOW VERY BLOODY SHIRT. SHE TURNS THE PAGE OF HER BOOK, AND THE KIDS DO AS WELL.

MS. LEVENTHAL (CONT'D)

Okay! Onto the Holocaust!

KIDS

That page is blank.

MS. LEVENTHAL

Yup!

BLACK OUT

ORIGINAL CHARACTER SKETCH: A VERY ORPHAN THANKSGIVING

EXT. HOUSE - DAY

GREG, ON HIS PHONE, APPROACHES A HOUSE, HOLDING A PIE.

GREG

I wish I could have made it out for
Thanksgiving too, mom. But, turns out
there's a bunch of friends that also
couldn't afford to go home so we're
all meeting at Samantha's. We're
calling it our "Orphan Thanksgiving."

A SMALL, DICKENSIAN ORPHAN POPS HER HEAD UP FROM BEHIND THE
BUSHES UPON HEARING THE WORDS "ORPHAN THANKSGIVING."

GREG (CONT'D)

I'll Facetime you guys later, okay?

Love you!

GREG HANGS UP AND RINGS THE DOORBELL. SAMANTHA OPENS THE
DOOR.

SAMANTHA

Greg! Go ahead and put that on the
counter! We just sat down to eat!

GREG PUTS THE PIE DOWN AND SITS AT THE TABLE.

SAMANTHA (CONT'D)

Well, I think that's all of us! To
friends!

THEY ALL "CHEERS." THERE'S A KNOCK AT THE DOOR.

SAMANTHA (CONT'D)

I wonder who that could be.

SAMANTHA OPENS THE DOOR TO ORPHAN, WHO COUGHS.

ORPHAN

Is this the Orphan Thanksgiving, Mrs.?

EVERYONE LOOKS AROUND AT EACH OTHER, THEY WHISPER A BIT. SAMANTHA CONSIDERS BEFORE REALIZING THEY SHOULD PROBABLY LET HER IN.

SAMANTHA

Umm..yes...it is. Come on in little one.

EVERYONE ACCOMMODATES ROOM FOR ORPHAN TO JOIN. THEY SIT AWKWARDLY FOR A MOMENT. HEATHER BREAKS THE SILENCE, BECOMING PROGRESSIVELY AWKWARD AS SHE REALIZES WHAT SHE'S SAYING.

HEATHER

We were just going around the table saying what we're thankful for. Like, umm, even though I couldn't afford a ticket home for Thanksgiving, my parents bought me one for Christmas.

ORPHAN

Oh that's wonderful! I'm thankful I've been quite dehydrated recently, which means I'm not coughing up quite so much blood, so that's less frightening! It smells delightful! May I?!

ORPHAN BEGINS TO DIG IN. THE OTHERS RELUCTANTLY JOIN. SANDRA HOLDS HEATHER'S HAND, BREAKING THE SILENCE...

SANDRA

I'm thankful we got to get up early today and volunteer at a soup kitchen.

ORPHAN

I thought I recognized you! Thank you
ever so much for the extra bread!

SANDRA

Oh, I'm glad you enjoyed it!

ORPHAN

A dog actually took it from my plate
but I'm ever so glad that he got a
chance to enjoy it. It smelled
delightful!

EVERYONE PILES THEIR BREAD ONTO ORPHAN'S PLATE.

HEATHER

Oh! We need to break the wishbone!
Didn't we say last year it'd be Greg
and Ed?!

ED

Um, I think we said it would be Greg
and anyone else who probably needs it
more.

ORPHAN

Me!?!

ORPHAN AND GREG HOLD THE WISHBONE. ORPHAN SQUEEZES HER EYES
TIGHTLY SHUT. A SNAP IS HEARD.

GREG

Aw man! I had such a good wish too! I
mean...

SANDRA

Congratulations little one! You won?!

ORPHAN RUBS HER BROKEN HAND AND HOLDS AN INTACT WISHBONE.

ORPHAN

Guess it's one of those games nobody
wins.

SAMANTHA

Do you guys wanna watch some football
or something?

EVERYONE BUT ORPHAN

Sure. Yeah.

SAMANTHA TURNS ON A FOOTBALL GAME.

HEATHER

I can't believe I overslept and missed
the parade.

ORPHAN

Oh I hate that! Last time I overslept
the garbage had already been
collected.

SAMANTHA

I Tivoed the parade if you want to
watch!

SAMANTHA SWITCHES ON THE PARADE.

ORPHAN

Oh! Look at that gigantic yellow cat!
He wanders the streets aimlessly too!

SAMANTHA TURNS OFF THE TV.

SAMANTHA

Maybe we could play charades or something?

GREG

Oh, that might be a good pick me up. That tryptophan is knocking me out!

ORPHAN

Is tryptophan another type of anemia?!

HEATHER

Okay, so charades then?! I'll go first!

HEATHER GETS UP AND STARTS TO PANTOMIME.

ED

Oh! Um, get me to the church on time?!

GREG

When Harry Met Sally?!

ORPHAN

That time my dad's legs were crushed in the coal mine, resulting in the eventual murder suicide of he and my mum?!

(a beat)

But...I'm thankful, because at least I got to witness it, so I have closure! Not all orphans can say that!

SAMANTHA

Who wants pie?!

SAMANTHA PASSES OUT SLICES OF PIE TO EVERYONE.

ED

You guys getting up early for black
Friday tomorrow?

SANDRA

Oh, hell yeah! TVs at Best Buy are
only gonna be like \$200!

ORPHAN

You know Black Friday too?!

(a beat)

Black Friday? The large man in the
black trench coat who sells us for
\$200 or best offer?

GREG

Okay, so, we're gonna go.

EVERYONE GETS UP AND BEGINS TO LEAVE.

SAMANTHA

Thanks for coming, bye guys. Sorry.

SAMANTHA GIVES ORPHAN THE GARBAGE BAG, WHICH SHE HOLDS IN HER
TINY, BROKEN HANDS. SHE WALKS OUT WITH THE REST, BLOOD
DRIPPING OUT OF HER MOUTH AS SHE SPEAKS.

ORPHAN

See you all at Christmas then!?!

BLACKOUT