



# The Whitehursts' Dry Cleaning News

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*Mark and Family David and Sherry*

## But I Always Eat the Cake

Being isolated over Easter rather than with the usual family gathering, I was thinking back to my childhood for some more memorable Easter celebrations. One quickly came to mind.

It was back when I was maybe 10 to 12 years old. My parents always celebrated Easter by having a family gathering after church services. The gatherings included my parents, my sister, my grandmother and Aunt Peggy and Uncle Bill. It was the traditional Easter dinner - ham with all the trimmings followed by dessert, with a lot of talking while sitting around the dining room table.

My parents did the bulk of the cooking. My uncle always brought a relish tray, and, on this particular Easter, my Aunt made a cake with icing

dribbled on top. The cake looked delicious and I'm a self-proclaimed expert on cakes. Baking wasn't one of my Aunt's strengths.

After we cleared the table, we began dishing up the dessert. Coffee was poured for the adults, and we began to taste the cake.

Huh? Something wasn't quite right with that cake. But I ate the cake. I always eat the cake.

I knew it wasn't the usual taste. You know how cooking from someone different tastes a little different from what you're used to. It had a little sweet on top of the cake. I was thinking that it was just a flavor that I hadn't experienced. I ate all of mine. I noticed that my parents and others had just taken a bite or two. I didn't think much more about it at the time.

Nobody said a thing to my Aunt about the cake. They just acted like it was a normal cake - and of course I did as well.

Later that night after the festivities were over, my parents were talking about that cake. This was back in the 1960s when most everyone baked their cakes from scratch. My Mom asked me if I noticed anything odd about the cake. I simply said, "Yes, it was different." My Mom said she thought that Peggy had used salt instead of sugar in her recipe. That could have been true.

But I ate the cake anyway - like I always do.

*David*



## “Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

### BUTTER SOMEONE UP



**Meaning:** To flatter someone

**Origin:** There are two possible origins of this idiom. Many people believe that it comes from actually spreading smooth, creamy butter on a slice of bread which

can be compared to ‘spreading’ nice words on a person. Others believe that it originated in ancient India where they used to throw balls of butter at statues of gods to ask for a favor.

### CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE



**Meaning:** Something said when a person is at a loss for words

**Origin:** The English Navy used to use a whip called “Cat-o’-nine-tails” for flogging. The pain was so severe that it caused the victim to stay quiet for a

long time, hence, “Cat got your tongue”? Another possible source could be from ancient Egypt, where liars’ and blasphemers’ tongues were cut out and fed to the cats.

### CAUGHT RED-HANDED



**Meaning:** To be caught doing something wrong

**Origin:** The expression “caught red-handed” has its origins in Scotland around the 15th century. Given how it was used in the earliest references, the phrase “red hand” or “red hand” probably referred to people caught with blood on their hands from murder or poaching. If someone butchered an animal that didn’t belong to him, he had to be caught with the animal’s blood on his hands to be convicted. Being caught with freshly cut meat did not make the person guilty.





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**Happy Mother's Day**



Mother's Day is centuries old. Mother's Day goes all the way back to ancient Greeks, where festivities were held to honor Rhea, the mother of the gods.

When the English colonists settled in America, they discontinued Mother's Day because of a lack of time. In 1872, Julia Ward Howe organized a day recognizing mothers.

In 1907 Anna Jarvis, a schoolteacher in Philadelphia set up a national Mother's Day in honor of her mother. She solicited hundreds of legislators and businessmen to create a special day to honor mothers. Mother's Day is very popular and is celebrated all over the world. The second Sunday in May is now known as Mother's Day.



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**NEWSLETTER MAY 2020**

Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

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3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
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## COVID~19 Jokes

- **Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS!**
- **If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14-day quarantine, you probably should've been seeing a Doctor long before COVID-19.**
- **If I hold a glass of wine in each hand I can't accidentally touch my face.**
- **Day 2 WITHOUT sports: Found a lady sitting on my couch yesterday. Apparently she's my wife. She seems nice.**
- **Tee-shirt: I survived the Great Toilet Paper Crisis of 2020!**
- **My 30th birthday is today but I just want everyone to know that I will be postponing it indefinitely due to COVID-19, and I will be turning 30 at a later date to be determined. Thank you!**

## Time To Do This...

- Clean Garbage Disposal
- Have Air Conditioner Serviced
- Clean Glass on Windows and Doors
- Repair and Clean Window Screens
- Repair and Touch Up Siding and Trim
- Clean and Refinish Wood Deck
- Clean Outdoor Patio Furniture
- Maintain Lawn Mower