

Here's the scene: My family and I go to some burger place known for burgers. There are six of us including my mom, siblings, grandma, and spouse. We order. My 70 yr old grandma orders a burger that this place is known for. When they bring the food to the table, they say to my grandmother, "oh - uh we don't have any more hamburger buns so what else do you want?" And I say, "oh-uh gee, it took you about thirty minutes to bring this food out here, you could not have figured out between then and now that you couldn't fill her order, for the burger you are known for?" She was just dumbfounded, so I said, "let's look at this situation, we sit here, with our food and eat while our grandmother doesn't, while you make her something else because you are too stupid to tell us this up front". Needless to say, she did order something else. It came quickly, and we didn't pay our bill because the manager took care of it. Of course this was after I cussed him out at the cash register. This was a bad experience, indeed. Unfortunately, this isn't the only example of annoying behavior happening at restaurants everywhere across the country.

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Can participating in competitive sports at too young of an age have a negative effect on our children and their future in sports? Starting ages for youth in competitive sports have lowered dramatically in the past two decades. Millions of children are involved in competitive sports. It's not just the numbers that are staggering, but the manner in which kids are playing. Children who get involved in organized competitive sports at a young age may find themselves tired of the game they once loved. Young athletes are becoming increasingly stressed because of the pressure they are getting from their parents and coaches.

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"The winner of the first Survivor competition is ... Rich." It was the name heard 'round the country the night of August 23, 2000, as 51 million television viewers tuned in to the finale of Survivor. The questions, the predictions, the bets, and the reality rested on that one name. For three months, America watched and wondered. Who could it be? Who is the ultimate survivor? With the unveiling of that single, now infamous, name, you could almost feel the country erupt with emotion. The collective gasp of the shocked was shrouded by the cheers and hollers of all the Richard Hatch fans scattered across the country's living rooms and sports bars. But just how real is this reality tv?

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There was a time when chubby children were considered cute. It was assumed that their baby fat would melt away and a healthy adult would be left over. We now know that childhood obesity can be very harmful for our nation's children. Not only can obesity cause health problems but also psychological problems. In observing the causes of childhood obesity, hopefully we can slow down the epidemic.

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