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Kids eat popsicles sitting on back stoops and a parent gets the ice cream truck driver fired because maybe, she is a pedophile.

"I just...didn't like the way she looked."

A teacher thinks a particularly quiet student must be very dedicated until she never turns in her homework.

Sometimes you think your sister has stolen your t-shirt and you yell at her profusely. Only the next day, you find that same t-shirt at the bottom of a pile of worn clothes next to your bed.

"Sorry I yelled at you but you did have my skirt last time so..."

Once, a car pulled up next to a girl riding her new bike and she hopped off and ran home because maybe, the driver was about to kidnap her.

There is a man that lives behind you that always yells loudly at his large dog. The women next door is single and could be an alien. An old lady down the block may be a witch. A man a street over was crazy and died on the toilet like Elvis did.

"Don't walk by her house, she'll put a curse on you."

At one point, it was said that you could go crazy from eating beef. And then, mosquitoes were carrying deadly viruses. Some years later, the problem was pigs. None of this hype ever really amounted to anything.

Someone mistook the microwave alarm for the smoke detector and ran out of her house in a bathrobe. Her food then burned and the smoke detector did actually go off.

"Oh my gosh! My pizza!"

People think they are coming down with the common cold all of the time but really, it is just allergies or a throat tickle.

The receptionist at work is actually very nice.

"I guess I just never really talked to her before."

Just because someone makes pies, it does not mean they are good at it.

Certain mornings in the spring it is very cold and people wonder if they should be wearing their winter coats. By midday, they wonder if they should have worn shorts.

"This weather is so unpredictable, I want to move to Florida."

A lot of people tell a woman that she looks like a certain actress but she doesn't, not really.

A lot of times there is a buzzing noise and most often it is a fly. Still, it is necessary to jerk your head away or leave the spot you'd been occupying all together because sometimes, it is a bee.

"Oh, ow!"