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I WAS JUST THINKING: A pun is not completery mature until it is full groan.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

It is impossible that "normal" will ever truly return, but we are all hoping some reasonable facsimile is on the way. How will we react if and when it does?

There is likely to be a full spectrum of reactions. Extreme introverts will be stressed at the thought of having to socially interact with people in person again. Extreme extroverts will be bouncing like Tigger from human to human, spitting out small talk and holding back the urge to lick them on the face.

I, for one, will be thrilled to be able to see people's faces so that my hearing difficulties can again be supplemented by lip reading rather than dampened by mask muffling.

The prognosis for a happy ending any time soon seems to have ignored our need for unity on yet another front. Politically, most urgently in America, the need to put aside political extremism and work together for the sake of the country's and the world's survival seems to be a pipe dream. The apparent inability to find peaceful middle ground is getting harder to find in Canada as well. The search for unity in our struggle to achieve equity from a human rights perspective seems to be like riding a disoriented tortoise. Most germane to the topic of this rant, rather than unity there appears to be a widening gap between the extremist sides - the maskers and anti-maskers, the vaxxers and the anti-vaxxers, those who want to return to "normal" immediately and

Rant contd.

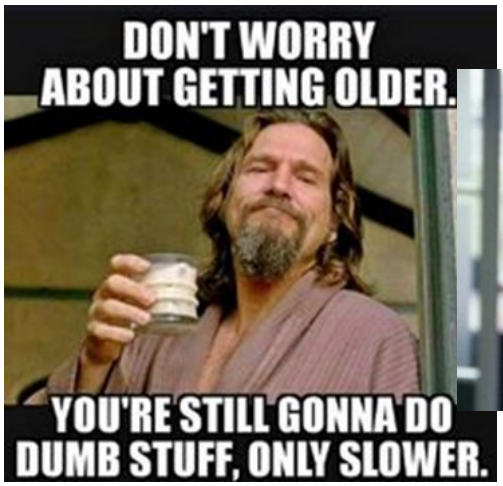
those who are convinced that such a move is sheer folly as well as the believers in the Covid fact versus those who call “hoax”. In addition to that, there is a growing cloud rising from an ever more popular conspiracy theory that questions whether the pandemic was naturally passed on from animals or emerged from a lab in China, either accidently or on purpose as a new form of warfare. This theory is hard to accept, whether true or false. My mind is already on overload. Pandemics that leave us alone with our thoughts will inevitably lead to paranoia.

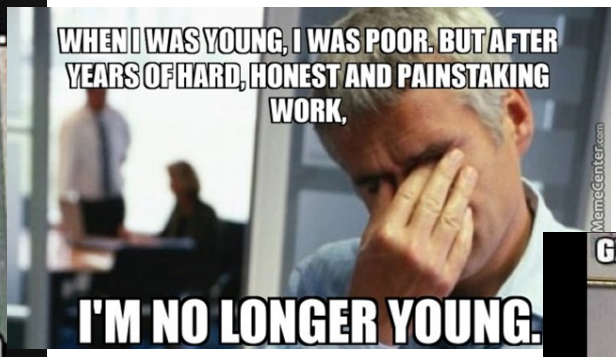
It is becoming evident that the sought after “Herd immunity“ is more elusive than expected, and governments are using every tactic they can to move the population toward the necessary vaccine numbers. Apparently, that is unlikely to happen, so where does it leave us? My guess is that we are in for a continued roller coaster ride, perhaps for years. We might as well enjoy the thrill of the highs and prepare for more lows. Perhaps history will call it “The Tigger Bounce” era.

AGING GYROS

June is busting out all over for three of our members.

Lawrence Zalasky (3rd), **Al Gordon** (27th)
and **Terry Bajer** (29th) are our birthday boys of the month. Your is a bit on the early side, but Al and Terry just might be able to have a small party!





GYRO MEETINGS

Due to the absence of a guest speaker, the tentatively scheduled **June Zoom meeting has been cancelled.**

However, there are several summer events that are shaping up to provide some good old Gyro fun.

GYRO GOLF - Chairman Gord Stewart has booked our Tournament in At the Legands course starting at 10:00 AM July 7th. Cost is $56pp including a half cart (top or bottom half—your choice. Please provide your current handicap (golf) and tyour preferred tee box (red, white, blue). Participants are encouraged to donate prizes for the Team Competition. Bring your prizes into the designated restaurant area after you have completed play. The club will be subsidizing your meal after your round of golf ($20 to you for your meal, and $5 for the prize pool. Please order after you complete play. Do not wait for the other players to finish as this will overload the kitchen. Note that we will be following any Covid rules existing at the time of play.

SUMMER PICNIC will be held at the Kropp`s

Lawn Bocce will take place at the Kleebaum acreage.

POSSIBLE NON-LOCAL MEETINGS:

International Convention: Sadly, this meeting is the latest Gyro Covid casualty. The 2021 International Convention has been cancelled.

District VIII Convention: With the expected elimination of COVID restrictions in the early July timeframe, it is anticipated that the Calgary Club will proceed with the District VIII convention September 23 – 26 at the Deerfoot Hotel and Casino.

In order to facilitate convention planning, Calgary requires a head count of expected attendees. Can you please let President Ted know your intentions by June 10 your if you will attending the convention and the number of attendees.

Really?!

I have also been collecting CERB payments all year.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

H&W reporter, Don Greig sent in the following report:

Bill Austin - Bill is continuing his radiation treatments along with the occasional chemo-therapy treatment. He is feeling fine with no adverse effects from the treatments. In fact he is adding a bit of weight to offset some he had lost earlier this spring. Bill's last radiation treatment will be on June 22nd and then he is scheduled for a full body scan in early July. His attitude is so positive that he says he will be golfing in mid July. We hope so to Bill!

Garry Jones - After being in hospital over the last couple of months for different health issues, his last stay was to have fluid drained from around his lungs, Garry is now at home convalescing. He is able to get out for walks but is not allowed to lift anything over 5 lbs for about a month. We are glad to hear that Garry is slowly recovering.

Audrey Zmurchuk - Audrey is doing okay; her spirits are up and she is now doing exercises and physio twice a day; something that was not available to her at the Ft. Saskatchewan hospital. Herb is now allowed to visit every day and weather permitting takes Audrey outside for some sunshine and fresh air. This has been a difficult struggle for Audrey and we hope that very soon she is able to enjoy life with Herb and her family.

Allen Govenlock - It was previously reported to the club that Allen passed away suddenly on June 3rd from a stroke he had a few days earlier. Allen and Judy were friends to many and although he was a member of Gyro for a short period of time his presence will be missed by the members of the club. To Judy and the family, our deepest sympathy at this very difficult time.

Don

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.
-- **Edward Langley**, Artist (1928-1995)

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. -- **Thomas Jefferson**

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. -- **Mark Twain**

LINGUISTIC LUNACY

"He who stops to ponder and think will generally come out ahead."

When Gandhi was studying law at University College, London, a Caucasian professor, whose last name was Peters, disliked him intensely and always displayed prejudice and animosity towards him. Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing him, as he expected, there were always arguments and confrontations.

One day, Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor. The professor said, "Mr. Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."

Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "You do not worry professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table. Mr. Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions.

Mr. Peters, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question. "Mr. Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?"

Without hesitating, Gandhi responded, "The one with the money, of course."

Mr. Peters, smiling sarcastically, said, "I, in your place, would have taken wisdom, don't you think?

Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Mr. Peters, by this time was beside himself and so great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "idiot" and gave it to Gandhi. Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move.

A few minutes later, Gandhi got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Mr. Peters, you signed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade."

Wit always wins over anger.

Love it…I had a sarcastic opinionated prof. like that, but lacked Gandhi's wit. **SB**

KID'S KOMEDY

My Daughter Learned to Count
By Reddit user RealScience87

My daughter woke me around 11:50 last night. My wife and I had picked her up from her friend Sally's birthday party, brought her home, and put her to bed. My wife went into the bedroom to read while I fell asleep watching the Braves game.

"Daddy," she whispered, tugging my shirt sleeve.

"Guess how old I'm going to be next month."

"I don't know, beauty," I said as I slipped on my glasses. "How old?"

She smiled and held up four fingers.

It is 7:30 now. My wife and I have been up with her for almost 8 hours. She still refuses to tell us where she got them.

ANXIETY MEDICINE

In these uncertain times it is easy to let your anxiety start to creep up . Perhaps while we are in various forms of lock-down, some images from our amazing world will help remind us that regardless of how things may look right now, we are indeed so lucky to be inhabiting this beautiful planet.

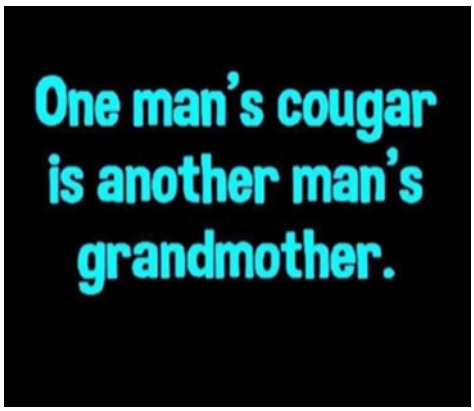
Perspective is part of it but I still think she's short

GYRETTE GIGGLES

"If we want this relationship to work, we'll have to start communicating. I'll go first-- get your feet off the table."

Hmmm ....

Can someone explain to me.....
What went wrong?


One man's cougar is another man's grandmother.

I'M AFRAID WE'VE HAD A SLIGHT MISHAP WITH YOUR CAR...

YOU CALL THIS GREEN TEA?
TOTALLY! IT'S RECYCLED FROM THE UNFINISHED CUPS!
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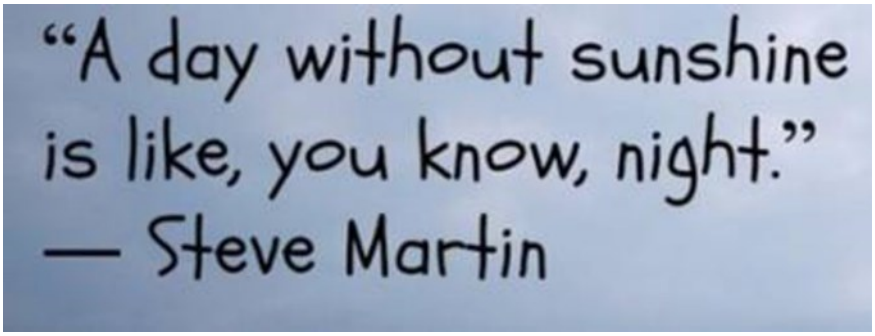
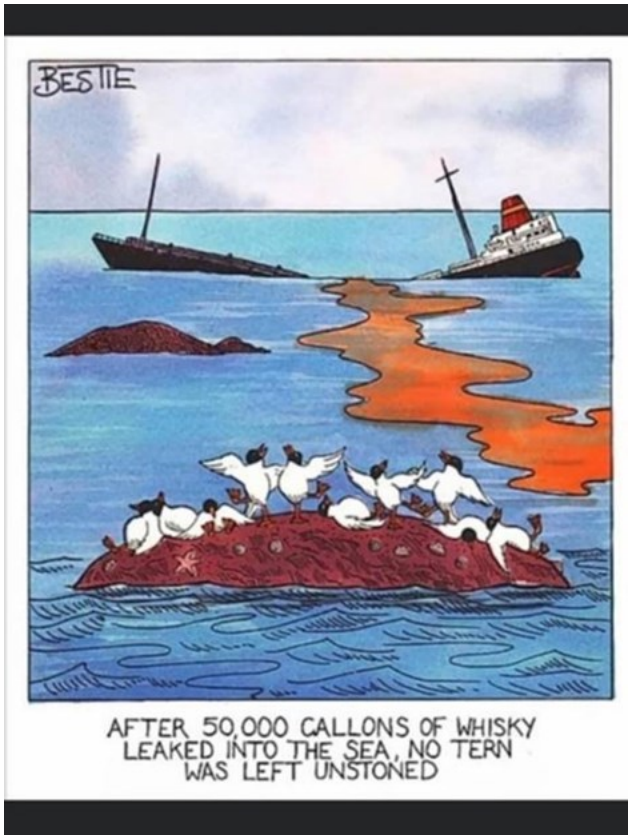
UNICORN
HIGH-CAPACITY ASSAULT UNICORN

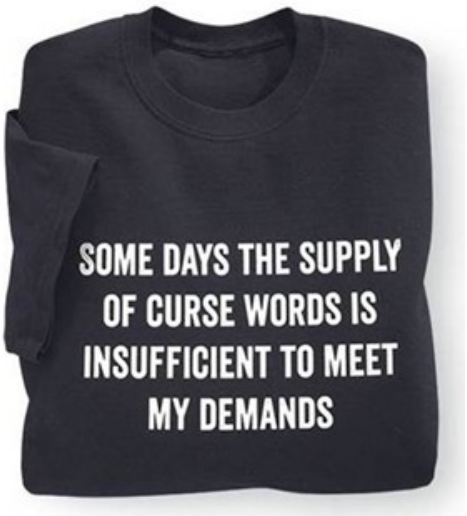

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."
— Steve Martin

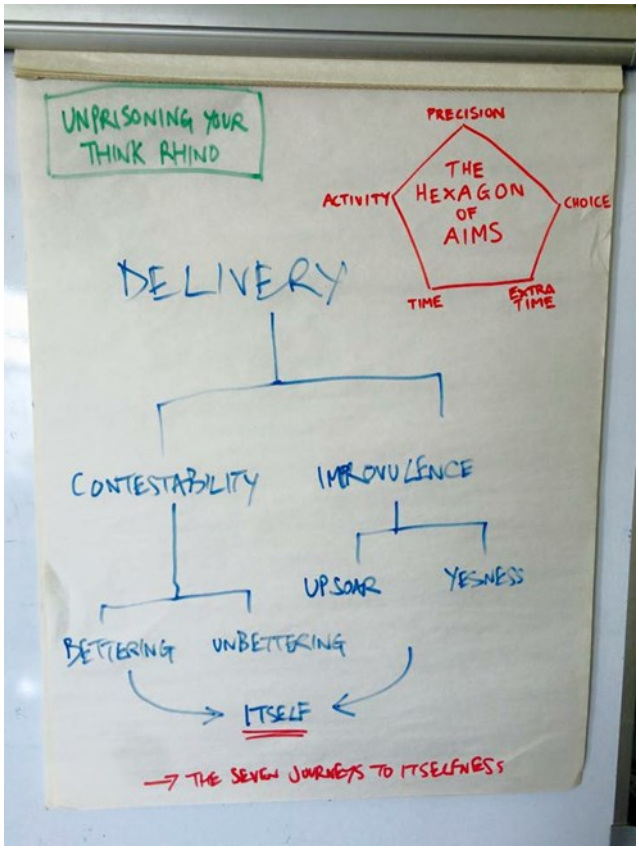
WORD PLAY



When you die, which body part dies last?

The Pupils, they dilate.





Great game; Leave this sort of thing on the white board before leaving the seminar room at your next "ThinkTank" breakout session. The next group will spend the first 15 minutes pondering what the Hell you were discussing and wondering which group is way off topic

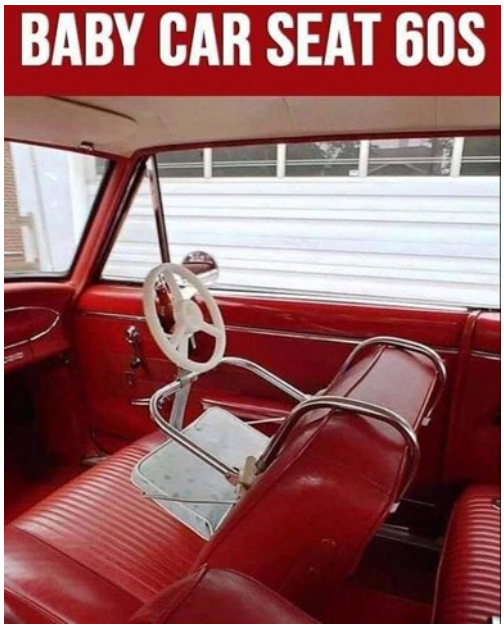
COVID COMEDY

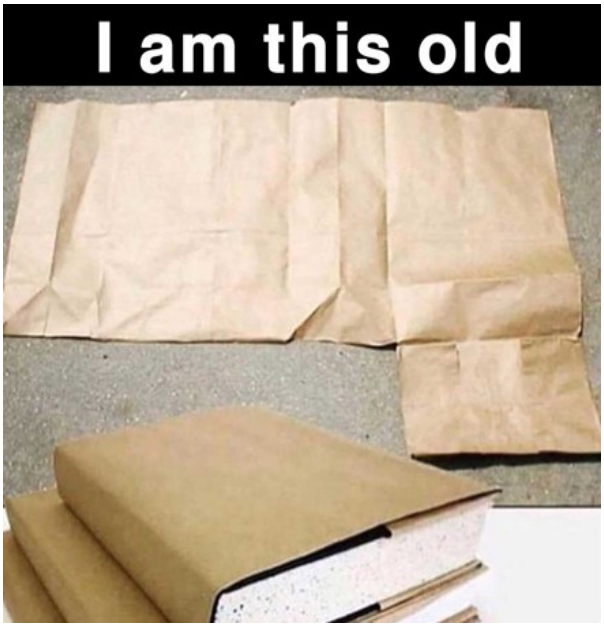
That's what happens when you place your order by phone while wearing a mask. (From MV Peter, of course.)

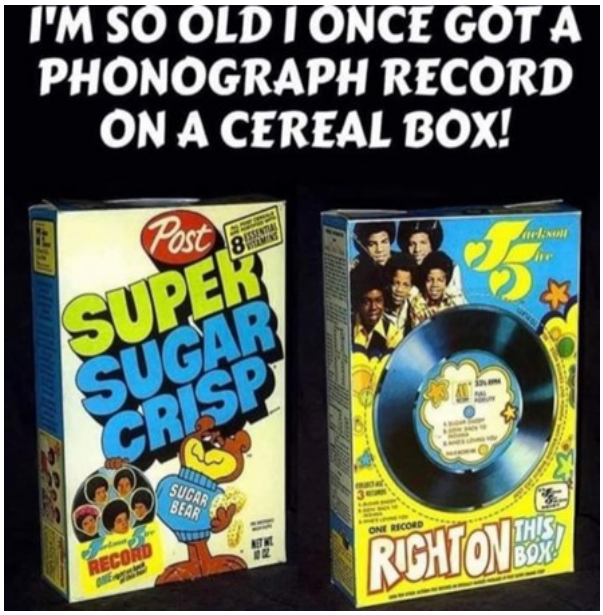
Me if I crash land on a deserted island this year

MemeZila.com

THOSE WERE THE DAYS







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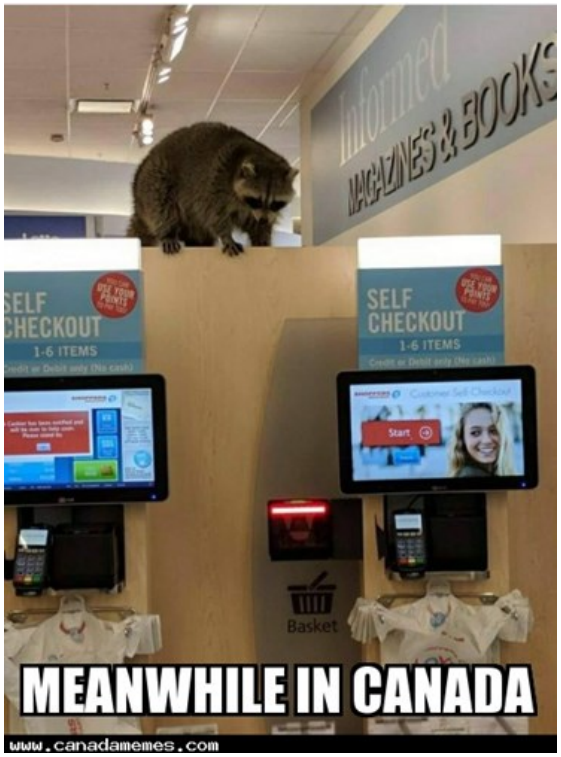

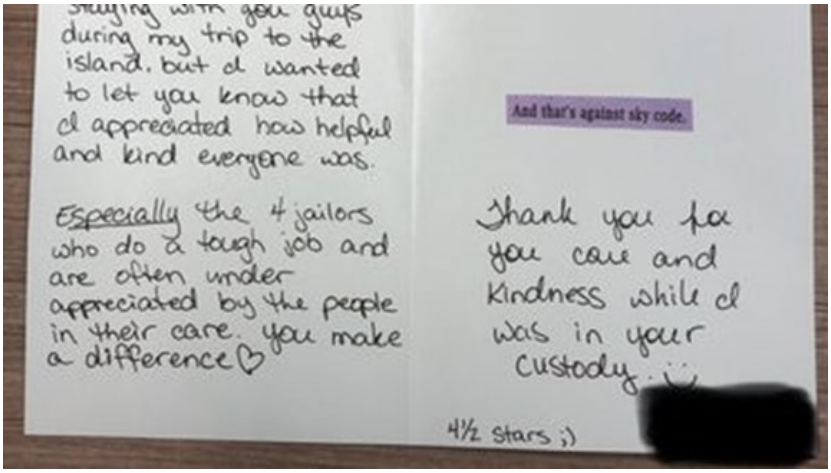

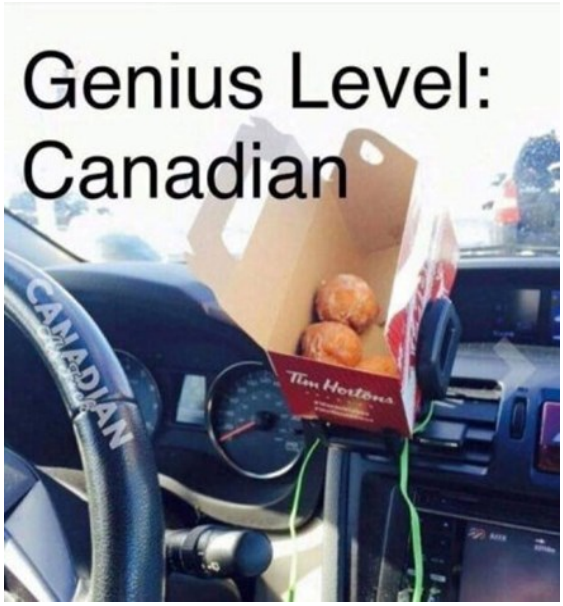

MEANWHLE NOT IN CANADA South Africa edition

Old news….but great image

COVID MINDSET

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 ~ 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I don't have acne. Life is great!!!

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and rename it the "Jim." I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

When I was a child, I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights!" I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I went there.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

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SOON WE WILL BE TRAVELLING AGAIN!

SOME OF US SHOULD PROBABLY JUST STAY HOME AND CHILL

THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS" FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS IN **THE UNITED KINGDOM.**

1. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."

2. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."

3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."

4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."

5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."

6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."

7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."

8. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."

9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."

10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."

11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."

12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."

13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."

14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."

15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."

16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."

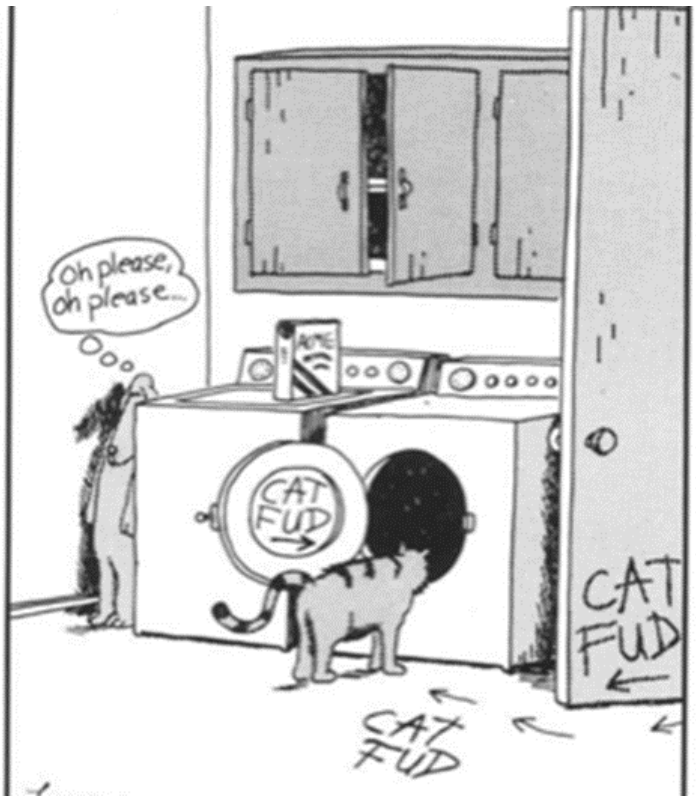
17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."

19. "My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO POSE WITH SCULPTURES:

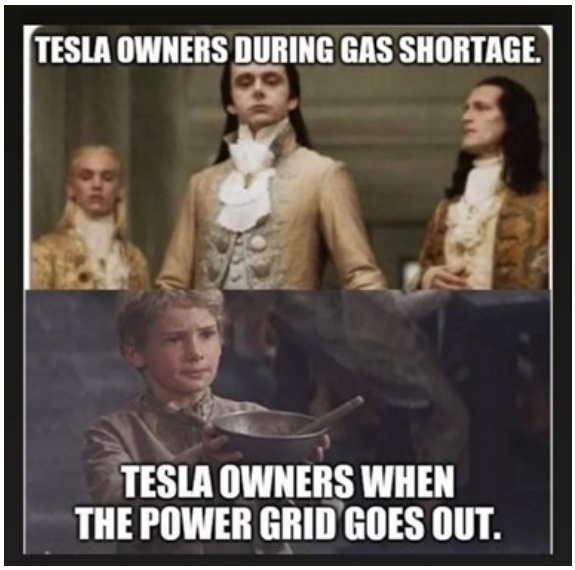
ANIMAL INSTINCTS



SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

I have been supplementing my income by singing at the odd wedding, funeral, bar mitzvah and even a few tiny club gigs. When a local clergyman asked if would be intersted in singing (no pay) at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no reachable friends or relatives, my heart couldn't refuse. I am known for my lack of any sense of dierction and so despite "clear" instructions on how to get to the cemetery, I got lost. By the time I arrived the preacher was nowhere to be seen. In fact, the only people around were the grave diggers who were sitting eating their sandwiches on their lunch break. I decided that I owed the poor man what I had promised, so I went to the open grave and began to sing. As I sang "Amazing Grace", the spirit began to move and the workers began to weep. They wept. I wept. We all wept together. When I finished, I prayed a benediction and started for my car, my head hung low but my heart so full.

As I opened the door to my car, I overheard one of the workers say, " I've never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years." Apparently, I was still lost.



An amazing find in this abandoned garage.

Not one but TWO sheets of plywood in excellent condition!

As the Kardashians celebrate their 20th season I would like to congratulate myself for never watching a single episode.

A former Sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a high school teacher.

Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.
Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence...
The rest of the year went very smoothly.

GYRO FRIENDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Even trees need friends

AND THE LAST WORD….

SB