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“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.”

“SOUTH SCUTTLEBUTT”

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A Birthday Outing.

Tuesday, June 30 was Shirley’s Birthday, and, thanks to my daughter Michelle, the plan was to do part of the “Silo Trail”. Michelle plus our two youngest grandsons picked us up at approx. 11.30 am and we headed for Heathcote, detouring over Lake Eppalock spillway, for lunch.

Lunch was at the Heathcote Bakery. Because of the COVID-19 conditions, there was no seating area inside, so the car became our luncheon venue. The Heathcote Bakery is very impressive, both in size and food variety.

The “Silo Trail” is an incentive to promote tourism in the towns that have had murals painted on the receiving silos for the wheat crops around their area.

An artist was commissioned to paint murals on the curved surfaces of the silos, depicting the “wheat trains” and related scenes. One can only say the paintings are excellent and the various towns involved created the “Silo Trail”. The photos tell the stories of the two towns visited Colbinabbin and Rochester. As it was mid-afternoon the sun was behind the silos and this was not ideal for photography, but enough detail is shown in the pictures. **Rochester - Silos**



These paintings are part of a large group covering several silos in Colbinabbin, which focus on the means of travel in the earlier days of farming. The size of this group of Silo Art requires viewing from a reasonable distance to get the whole mural in perspective.

It is easy to gauge the size of the murals when you compare with the size of the people in the foreground.

Colbinabbin - Silos



If you “Google” “Silo Trail Victoria, you can see all the murals and location maps, should you decide to satisfy your curiosity.

The time to complete a painting was quoted to me as around 8 weeks and involved using a hydraulic lift with a “bucket” for the artist, which was able to be moved to the various positions required, remembering the surface was curved, not flat. Considering the height at which the artist was working, there must have been movement of the “bucket” at the end of the hydraulic arm.

Obviously a “good head for heights” is required. The artists are to be commended for their work and creating a tourist attraction which brings a stimulus to the economy of the towns involved.

“Thank God”. *Every morning when you get up – that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.*

Charles Kingsley 1819 – 1875. English Writer, Poet and Clergyman.

One day I decided to water my garden, but as I went out to get the hose from the garage, I noticed the car needed washing, and headed back into the house to get the keys to move it onto the lawn.

As I came back in the door, I noticed the mail on the hall table that I had brought in from the letter box earlier. I decided to go through the mail before washing the car, putting the junk mail in the garbage bin under the table. Then I noticed that the bin was full. So, I decided to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But, I thought, if I'm putting out the garbage and moving the car, I may as well sort out the bills and pay them when I drive to the shops and get the bread I forgot to get yesterday..

I took my cheque book out of the drawer and saw that there was only one cheque left. The new cheque book was in my desk in the study, so I went upstairs to get it and luckily stumbled across my glasses on the desk. So happy was I to find my glasses, I forgot about the cheques and headed back down to the entry hall, where I noticed the flowers in the vase were looking particularly wilted.

I decided I had better throw them out, but the petals and leaves dropped everywhere and as I bent to pick them up, I spilled the water too.

As I returned with a rag from the kitchen, I noticed the TV remote control that I couldn't find last night and picked it up to put it back on the coffee table.

When I got back to the flowers in the hall, I found I was carrying the remote and the rag was on the coffee table. After getting that sorted out, and finding I had to both wipe and vacuum the floor.

I then headed off again trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day, the car wasn't washed, the bills weren't paid; there were no flowers

Keeping Up With The Kids.

We have all seen the younger generation madly texting messages to friends. In so doing they have their own shorthand eg. LOL - Laugh out loud, OMG – Oh My Gosh, etc.

Not to be outdone, the "oldies" have taken texting to a new level with their anagrams: - Here are some samples-

ATD	At the Doctor's
BFF	Best Friends Funeral
BTW	Bring the Wheelchair
BYOT	Bring your own teeth.
FWIW	Forgot Where I Was.
GGPBL	Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA	Got Heartburn again.
TFT	Texting from Toilet
CRAFT	Can't Remember A Flamin' Thing.

It doesn't take long for us oldies to catch on and have equal trends in our unique style of texting. For the record, I do not use a mobile phone and do not have calluses on my thumbs.

COVID-19 Coronavirus.

The pandemic continues and the number of positive tests in Victoria has increased substantially. The death numbers are also increasing, particularly in the elderly. A lot of us are now in that "elderly" group and are taking care not to be in a situation, in crowded areas, where transmission of the virus can happen. Social distancing must be followed and any symptoms should be monitored and testing carried out.

Even with clear directions coming from our Chief Health Officers and our State and Federal politicians, there are still instances of these directions being flouted. The issuing of fines and

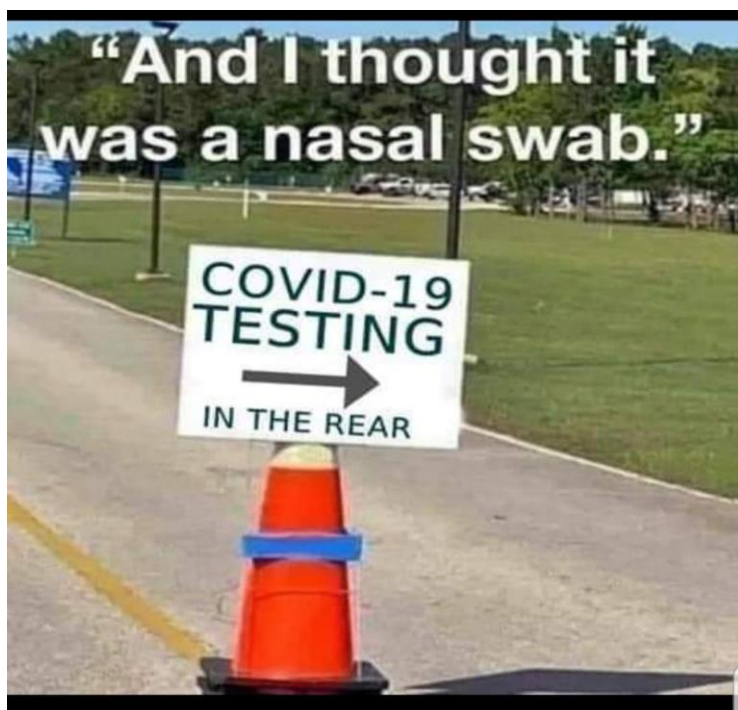
checking of vehicles is still revealing that the occupants are not heeding the STAY HOME – STAY SAFE regulations and are not adhering to the “Lockdown Orders”. What does it take to get through to some people ?

Victoria’s borders are closed as are those of NSW, SA and WA. This is an effort to contain the virus and to keep people in self isolation. Of course, there are people in our society who think laws are for “other” people, and who travel to borders and then complain when they are told to “go back home”.

The COVID-19 virus is the number one news item at the moment, and probably the most serious event to have occurred in my lifetime, other than World War 2. Having worked as a Pharmacist in our local hospital for 30+ years, despite all the “flu epidemics”, there has been nothing remotely like this coronavirus event which has spread world-wide and has major ramifications in USA, Brazil and India. The rate of infection and the rising death toll has stretched the ability of many countries to cope.

Let us hope that our health scientists will develop a vaccine, freely available to all, to give us the immunity we need to once again have normal lives.

I am sure that the pandemic will be around for some time yet and more reports and human nature stories will be featured in our newspapers. We must follow the advice of our leaders, both medical and political, and do our part to hold back the spread in our communities.



Humour. Out of all serious situations, there is someone who can find humour and spread it around for all to enjoy?

This arrived in my e-mail box and it is simple, with a clear message.

I bet that the sign writer had no idea that it would feature on a global media outlet, but it does give a lighter moment in our troubled times.

Our local “Drive Thru” Covid-19 test station at the Bendigo Hospital is experiencing queues of cars with the drivers very patient as they await their test swabs, Two to three days later, their results are available.

* **SHOCKING REVELATION**

This article is being circulated via Facebook and I found it interesting, to say the least.

The Japanese professor of physiology of medicine, Professor Dr Tasuku Honjo, caused a sensation today in the media by saying that the corona virus is not natural. If it is natural, it will not have affected the whole world like that. Because, depending on the nature, the temperature is different in different countries. If it were natural, it would only have affected countries with the same temperature as China. Instead, it spreads to a country like Switzerland, the same way it spreads to desert areas. Whereas if it were natural, it would have spread in cold places, but would have died in hot places. I have done 40 years of research on animals and viruses. It is not natural.

It is manufactured and the virus is completely artificial. I have been working for 4 years in the Wuhan laboratory in China. I know all the staff of this laboratory well. I called them all after the Corona accident but, all their phones have been dead for 3 months. It is now understood that all of these laboratory technicians are dead.”.

Based on all my knowledge and research to date, I can say this with 100% confidence that Corona is not natural. It did not come from bats. China made it. If what I say today turns out to be false now or even after I die, the government can withdraw my Nobel Prize. but China is lying and this truth will one day be revealed to all.”

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tasuku_Honjo

Credentials. The following is from his details in Wikipedia.

Tasuku Honjo - Wikipedia

Tasuku Honjo (本庶 佑, Honjo Tasuku, born January 27, 1942) is a Japanese physician-scientist and immunologist. He shared the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology of Medicine and is best known for his identification of programmed cell death protein 1 (PD-1).

Disclaimer. Having read the above in a Facebook message. I decided to go further and research more. This led to the “Alt News” site which concludes that the article is not true and there is no document from Professor Honjo making the claims that it does. The article is rejected as being completely incorrect and lists the reasons for this conclusion to be reached.

This has been an excellent exercise in not taking everything at face value but doing some research to find the truth.

I do not know the reputation of “Alt News” or its origin. I suggest that you visit the Wikipedia site and come to your own conclusion.

Keeping Things in Perspective in America’s Deep South,

A man who had lead a dissolute life started going to Church on a regular basis.

One day he told the Minister, “I’ve given up sin”.

“Thats good,” said the Minister, “and, are you going to pay all your debts as well ?”

“Now wait a minute,” the man protested’ “you ain’t talking about religion now – you’re talking about business !”

Definitions

Have you wondered what the difference is between an epidemic and a pandemic?

Quotong from Blakiston’s Povkt Medical Dictionary;

PANDEMIC – *An erpidemic is over a wide geograhical area.*

EPIDEMIC: - *Unusual prevalence of a disease: ordinarily affecting large numbers or spreading over a wide area.*

An arbitrary standard of normal incidence is used to determine the presence of an epidemic.

The number of cases occurring for the equivalent chronolgical period during the previous five years is used to determine the median.

“So now you know”.

Meeting Frustrations,

With all the restrictions in place for group meetings (as they shoiuld be) it is now difficult to arrange with the Consumer Affairs Department when to have the Annual General Meeting of our club.

It is a reqirement to lodge a return with this Department each year. The Dept. does allow a request for further time to hold the Meeting, but also gives the cutoff date as November 30th.

Hopefully, before the end of November, restrictions will have eased and permit our Club AGM to proceed.

At this stage we are operating with the Executive from 2019 / 2020 remaining in office until such time as nominations for Office Bearers can be confirmed and officially inducted into their positions.

The COV-!9 pandemic has necessitated strong community cooperation to slow or halt its progress, but it seems the real answer lies with the development of a vaccine to immunise our populations. I believe that there are at least four (4) vaccines, developed by medical and pharmaceutical companies in various stages of testing, with the important phase 3 trials using humans to ensure the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.

Hopefully, these vaccines work and the road to NORMALITY is not far away. In the meantime

STAY HOME _ STAY SAFE

A Selection of the World's Best Trivia. From publication in year 2000

A group of Kangaroos is called a **mob**. A group of officers is called a **mess**.

Certain sounds in the English language are responsible for spreading germs.

These are particularly the sounds of **f, p, t, d, and s**.

There are just two words in the English language that contain all the vowels in their regular order/

They are **facetiously** and **abstemiously**.

Four words that contain three consecutive letters in alphabetical order are:

crabcake, deft, hijack and first.

Using Time Productively.

With the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, and the stay at home rule, it is easy to tackle the jobs that were put off until you had time.

Things like going through your invoice / letter files and discarding anything more than 2 years old. So, doing this, I found the file of invoices of cars that I have bought over the years. My first car (used) I bought in 1962 – an Austin Lancer which cost 530 pounds, a not inconsiderable amount in those days. I have since owned an FJ Holden, Ford Falcon, Chrysler Galant, Toyota Lexcen, Mazda 200B, HQ Holden V8 Station Wagon, Toyota Camry Atara, MGB Mk2, and Toyota Yaris Hatchback. Some of these have been Shirley's cars, her latest being the new Toyota Yaris, but even though I don't drive anymore, by family decree, I still have my MGB.

Other invoices found were for the building of our first house and our current home.

These invoices spark a "trip down memory lane" of the places we have visited by car. The longest trip was from Bendigo to Perth, for a Y's Men's Convention, in the HQ Wagon. From memory 1200 litres of fuel were consumed. I had a water level problem with the radiator and a minute hole had leaked water all the way to Perth and back. When discovered, thoughts raced through my mind of being stranded somewhere on the Nullarbor, and all the hassles of getting home.

The purchase of a car was a big event for our household, but now it has become much easier and, of course, now a necessity and not many "old cars" are seen on the roads.

These are the memories of our life, with our succession of motor vehicles, found in one drawer in our study. I think the first thing I will do is scan the documents into my computer so that they are easily retrievable.