



Once a mum - always a mum

HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MOTHER: "Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me?"

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Why can't you draw on the walls like the other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: "All right Napoleon. Take your hand out of there and let me see what you're hiding!"

MONA LISA'S MOTHER: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces. Mona, is that the biggest smile you can give us?"

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER: "But Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair?"

BATMAN'S MOTHER: "It's a very nice car Bruce, but do you realise how much the insurance is going to cost?"

GOLDILOCK'S MOTHER: "I've got a bill here for a broken chair from the Bear family. Do you know anything about this Goldie?"

LITTLE MISS MUFFET'S MOTHER: "All I've got to say is, if you don't get off your tuffet and start cleaning your room, there'll be a lot more spiders around here!"

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOTHER: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the river, you can kiss your allowance goodbye!"

CUSTER'S MOTHER: "Now George, remember what I told you, don't go biting off more than you can chew!"

JONAH'S MOTHER: "That's a nice story Jonah. Now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

SUPERMAN'S MOTHER: "Clark, your father and I have discussed it, and we've decided you can have your own telephone booth."

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud of your inventions Thomas, now turn off that light and get to bed!"

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY 14TH MAY





Village Management

As you will have heard, Bronwyn will be leaving us to tackle a new project at Evergreen Head Office. On behalf of all residents Rescom thanks Bronwyn for her energy, her efforts have certainly made a difference in this village.

Riaan Gouws will be our new VM and has been the manager at Noordhoek for a number of years. Riaan comes with good experience and was able to attend our recent Rescom to get a head start on why Bergvliet is different. I am sure you all join us in welcoming Riaan.

The actual date of these moves is yet to be fixed.

Village Maintenance and Domestic workers

Two of the cost items in our levies are the salaries of the maintenance team, and domestic workers. When residents use either, they are charged for using these services and this becomes income in the village management accounts, we label this as recoveries, and recoveries consequently have the effect of offsetting or reducing our levy costs.

Here is the key point, these teams are trained and professional, and therefore rather than using an outside person, for say a small electrical job, use the village Maintenance staff, thus avoiding a call out fee, and potentially effecting a saving in overall costs. The Domestic workers can similarly be used, rather than bringing someone in from the outside, and having to deal with the employment and security issues associated, while at the same time effecting a potential saving. Therefore, if you are looking for a village staff member to assist you, approach village management and ask if someone is available to meet your need. In the end you will be helping to save yourself money, because if these teams become self-funding from recoveries, they will no longer be a cost in our levies.

The gate at night

We are repeating this useful tip for anyone coming home late at night knowing that the outer gates will be locked. This will enhance your safety and convenience.

Keep the Gate House number in your cell phone favourites,

021 137 2690

As you drive into Homestead Avenue.

Call the Gate and alert them to your imminent arrival.

Security in General

Residents may be aware of BKM Watch which is run by volunteer resident members who are endeavouring to make Bergvliet, Kirstenhoff, and Meadowridge crime free and a better place to live.

Several of our residents are members, and while Rescom and Village Management have, for reasons set out in the Rescom minutes of 12th April, declined to add BKM into the mix of our existing Security set up, residents are of course able to consider joining BMK in their personal capacity.

You can find out more here: <https://bkmwatch.org.za/default.aspx>

or here: <https://www.facebook.com/100064457301828/posts/pfbid02rAwVw3hVnwQQXU9AcaeTaJqTif9gRLMj1DiQzwBphdkcGCQNA3ZiEf9B9FQz4DUnl/?mibextid=qC1gEa>

Residents' meeting

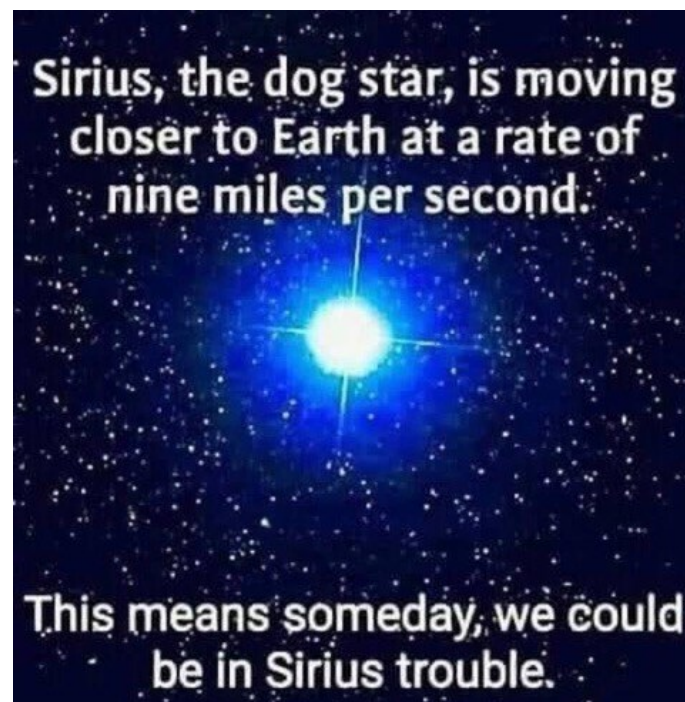
Rescom are hoping that in the first week of May we will be able to meet with Evergreen management to agree the FY2024 budgets and consequential levy, plus have more details of planning for the Clubhouse extension.

Therefore, Rescom would like to have a Residents' Meeting, to present all of this to you, and hear your concerns, needs and priorities. We have provisionally planned to have this in the clubhouse on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th May.

A formal notice will be issued on about May 1st when we are more certain that we will have the inputs we need.

Alan Baxter

Chair Bergvliet Rescom



6th Charles Harrod
10th Yvonne Jackman
10th Jo Nixon
15th David Lyall



15th John Bester
21st Elda Diana-Oliaro
25th Aubrey Horwitz
30th Mary Drake

1st Dawn and Colin Osbourne
5th Janine and Adrian Fuller
19th Heather and Trevor Honeysett
27th Felicity and David Walker



SAVE THE DATE

FRANSCHHOEK LITERARY FESTIVAL - 19th-21st MAY

Imagine streets buzzing with book lovers, creating a vibrant ambience as they move between a variety of village venues all within walking distance of each other.

The FLF provides a platform for open and progressive discourse with participation from renowned local and international authors and thought leaders. Informal discussions are the hallmark of the festival with spirited debates on a variety of topical issues. Not forgetting the lighter, inspirational and fun sessions guaranteed to stimulate the senses.

A storytelling festival, business breakfast, live performances, documentaries and writing workshops complete the excellent offering of the FLF.

19-21 May 2023 9am to 8pm Friday; 10am to 18:30 Saturday & 10:00 – 14:00 Sunday



THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III WILL TAKE PLACE ON

SATURDAY MAY 6TH AT 11am

Sparkling wine will be served on arrival followed by

Coronation Chicken with rice at 1pm

Book at reception by no later than 28th April



A BINGO EVENING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 12TH MAY AT 6PM

SUPPER WILL AS USUAL BE SUPPLIED BY THE COMMITTEE

FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN LIQUID REFRESHMENTS

R80 pp - book at reception by the 5th May



THE MONTHLY MUSIC EVENING WILL BE HELD

ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY AT 7PM

SCHUMANN PIANO CONCERTO IN A MINOR

Pianist – Yuja Wang

Wiener Symphoniker – Conductor Lorenzo Viotti

MOZART SYMPHONY NO. 35 (HAFFNER)

Concertgebouw Orchestra - Conductor Bernard Haitink

ZADOK THE PRIEST – CORONATION ANTHEM

Combined orchestra and choirs

Conducted by Howard Arman

In the Marktkirche, Halle



AS RESIDENTS WILL RECALL, WE NO LONGER HOLD MONTHLY MOVIE EVENINGS.

HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN OFFERED ' DOWNTON ABBEY A NEW ERA '

SHOULD THERE BE SUFFICIENT INTEREST IT WILL BE SHOWN ON SATURDAY 20th MAY at 19.00

PLEASE BOOK AT RECEPTION BY 12th MAY



WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR MONTHLY CANASTA EVENING

ON SATURDAY 27TH MAY AT 7PM

BOOK AT RECEPTION BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 19TH MAY

FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN LIQUID REFRESHMENTS



FLOWER POWER - abridged article - Roy Siegfried

Do you remember the death of Diana, Princess of Wales? Do you remember the thousands of floral bouquets placed on the pavement, against the iron palisade railings at the entrance to Buckingham Palace? Homage to royal sex appeal, and supplication expressed with masses of flowers. The value of the tribute possibly surpassed that of the GDP of a poor emerging nation. The television cameras panned over the floral extravaganza repeatedly, and included a couple of *Big Issue* predatory sellers and journalists. Was this when and where it started? Was this when and where the English began to lose their traditional phlegmatic character? The formerly stiff upper lip now trembles. Was this the onset of eye-candy grief by media?

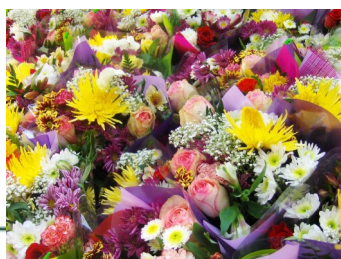
This kind of outpouring of manufactured mock grief and mourning, thankfully, hasn't as yet, manifested itself in a big way in South Africa. One sees pioneering presences of the proletarian floral phenomenon here and there, however. A great aunt of mine, who was an inveterate snob, would have said it's something banal for the hoi-polloi herds to lavish their emotions on. She would have said that it would be better if these people - it's always these or those people, isn't it? - would be better off saving their emotions for proper love and care of their own. Society would then behave with improved decorum. She believed, as did the stoics of old, that mastery of the emotions is necessary for a virtuous life. Her view of life was both too simple and too complicated. We all know that one can't live a life of any sort without emotions. Go figure, as the Americans would say.

Right or wrong, high-class or low-class, tacky or not, pseudopilgrims making mass floral displays in shows of public solidarity at scenes of death and other tragedies is not something that one wants to get one's knickers into a knot about. It's harmless imitative behaviour, up to a point. It's a temporary thing. Besides it's good business for shops selling flowers, mawkish sympathy cards and crayons. Crayons? Yes, crayons for the children to make sentimental picture drawings for adding to the pavement confetti. Consumerism has replaced austerity.

Next, one might expect commercial nous to refine niche-marketing. Imagine mobile vendors dispensing tea and biscuits, and canned music playing "Where have all the good times gone." Pavement picnics piggybacking on death. So far, I've observed flowers of all kinds in the pavement tributes.

In the 1950s, when it was still safe to do so, a cave in Iraq was excavated by archaeologists. They found the remains of several Neanderthals - our closest prehistoric relatives - some appearing to have been deliberately buried. The soil associated with one of the burial sites contained much more pollen than could have been blown in by wind or carried in by animals. The inference made was that the Neanderthal, who had been an elderly male at death, had been buried together with offerings of flowers. All of this some 50,000 years ago. Subsequently, however, the evidence for this particular findings has been questioned. Hence, the subject is moot as to whether the Neanderthals were the Earth's first flower people !

The real flower people were members of a youth cult of the 1960s, whose slogan was "Make love, not war." The cult came and went all within twenty years or so, as yet another in a long history of floral fads, professing human harmony. Here's the point, cults and fads have come and gone, but flowers have provided people with constantly powerful symbols of peace, purity and passion for thousands of years.



Researching ancestry was a project done at school by Joan's grandson Nicholas.



Mesplaux Cambrai

MISPLON

The family hails from the old city of Cambrai in Northern France not far from the Belgian border and the surname was originally MESPLAUX.

A branch settled in Flanders where the name was Dutchified to Mispelon and Misplon. The arms are: "Vert, three towers Or" which means three gold or yellow towers on green.

The tower is repeated on top of the helmet as a crest.

The motto SEMPER PARATUS also refers to the towers and means: Always prepared.

ALL THE BROKEN PLACES by JOHN BOYNE

I am a John Boyne fan and in my opinion he never disappoints. I had the privilege of meeting him and hearing him speak at the Franschhoek Literary Festival a number of years back.

All the Broken Places, follows on from his The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and despite it being a fairly disturbing read, especially if one remembers the ending to the first book, it managed to capture my attention. I found myself engrossed in Gretel's life after the end of World War II up until the present day, with the narrative moving effectively between one and the other. I have also read some negative reviews where he was accused of spreading mis-information about the Holocaust. John Boyne is first and foremost a storyteller, not an historian. All I can say is read this author's latest offering where he handles the subject with great sensitivity. Both the characters and plot will stay with me for a very long time. If this is not in Evergreen's library I am sure it will be available at any of the Cape Town City libraries.

Penny Marek

Your Autumn Garden

Autumn is a very colourful time in the garden with autumn foliage covering trees in rich hues of gold, red, maroon, plum and amber. Days are cooling down and the weather can be unpredictable. But there is so much to do in the garden, and so many vibrant and exciting plants to dig in...

General Autumn Garden Tasks and Care

Lift and divide summer flowering perennials such as Agapanthus, Hemerocallis, Iris, Arums and Cannas in order to ensure prolific flowering in Spring. Cut their foliage back by one third.

Pull weeds up regularly before they go to seed.

Deadhead summer annuals that are still in flower and remove the spent ones.

Look out for cutworm and snails around new Winter and Spring flowering seedlings and place bait. Feed with a seedling food. Deadhead regularly to encourage flowering.

Azaleas, Camellias and Gardenias will start forming their buds now. Keep them moist by watering regularly to prevent bud drop before they open in spring.

Prune evergreen and hardy summer-and autumn-flowering hedges and shrubs once they have finished flowering.

Water the garden early in the day and mulch generously around all plants to protect roots.

Stock up on frost protection fleece or hessian to protect tender plants during the colder months. Move sensitive potted plants to a protected spot.

Change the settings on your irrigation system to suit the temperature and rainfall for autumn.

Dead-head rose bushes and spray fortnightly with Copper Count to combat black spot.

Dead-head winter-flowering annuals to encourage further flowers. Continue planting winter-flowering seedlings and established Pansies, Violas, Poppies, Primulas, Calendula, Stocks, Sweet Peas, Cineraria, Primulas and Primroses, Alyssum, Gypsophila, Diasca and Dianthus.

Aloes, Pincushions, Nandina, Abelia, Leea Coccinea and Gardenia all look amazing throughout Autumn.



<https://lifestyle.co.za/autumn>

ANCIENT ORIGINS - THE IMPERIAL HAREM OF CHINA

In Imperial China, one of the important tasks that the emperor needed to do was to ensure the continuation of the dynasty, which was achieved by the production of a male heir. For this purpose, the emperors of Imperial China kept an enormous harem of women. There was a hierarchy in the emperor's harem, and whilst the exact classes changed over the millennia, it may be said that in general there were three ranks – the empress, consorts, and concubines. In addition, the eunuchs who served these imperial women may be considered to be a part of this harem as well.

Underneath the empress were the consorts. The number and ranks of these consorts differed according to the ruling dynasty. During the Han Dynasty (206 BC – 220 AD), however, there were no limits set for the number of consorts an Emperor could have, and during the reigns of Emperor Huan and Emperor Ling, there were more than 20,000 women living in the Forbidden City.

There was an official system for selecting concubines to join the emperor's harem. The selection process would take place inside the Forbidden City every three years. Candidates ranged from 14 to 16 years of age and were chosen based on their background, virtues, behavior, character, appearance and body condition.

To ensure that any child born in the harem was fathered by the emperor, males were not allowed to serve the women of the emperor's harem. The only exceptions to this rule were the eunuchs, men who had been castrated, thus rendering them impotent. Throughout the history of Imperial China, eunuchs have served the imperial family, including as servants in the harem. Far from being mere servants, however, these eunuchs could aspire to positions of power and wealth by involving themselves in the politics of the harem. During the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644), there were an eye-opening 100,000 eunuchs serving the emperor and his harem.

With so many women in the harem, it was inevitable that rivalries amongst the emperor's women would arise, as they competed for the emperor's attention. The most coveted position was, of course, that of the empress, and to bear a son for the emperor would certainly be a big bonus to a woman in the harem. At times, ambitious women in the harem who plotted against their rivals would form alliances with eunuchs. If an intrigue was successful, a woman in the harem could rise through the ranks. She, in turn, would reward the eunuchs who supported her by placing them in positions of authority.



Ancient-origins.net

GOLF TRIVIA : A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TITLEIST GOLF BALL

When playing a round of golf with his dentist, Phil Young missed a sure putt that seemed to be caused by the weight of the ball. He then asked his dentist friend to X-ray the ball and the film showed that the rubber core was off centre.

After this initial discovery, Young took X-rays of more golf balls and found that most were poorly constructed with off centre cores and prone to erratic shots.

This inspired Young to produce his own line of golf balls, which would become known as Titleist.

1930: Young developed a machine that could uniformly wind rubber string around a rubber core, making a "dead centre" golf ball. He named the ball "Titleist," noting it was the "winner" of the quest to create the best for the game.

1935: The golf division of the Acushnet Process Company produced the Titleist golf ball which had consistently been the company's most successful product.

1948: Introduced "Dynamite Thread" to increase the yardage of their balls.

1949: Titleist became the most used ball at the U.S. Open Tournament.

1976: Titleist was purchased by American Brands (now known as Fortune Brands).

1985: Fortune Brands sold off the Acushnet Company's Acushnet Rubber division, which was Acushnet's original business (circa early 1900s).

2002: Titleist reached the \$1 billion mark in annual revenues.

December 8, 2010: Fortune Brands announced that it would soon sell or spin off Titleist and some other brands.

May 20, 2011: It was then announced that a Korean group associated with Fila Korea, Ltd. and Mirae Asset Private Equity would purchase Acushnet for \$1.23 billion in cash.

Acushnet employs roughly 3000 people in Massachusetts, making it one of the largest employers in the region. It is headquartered in Fairhaven, Massachusetts alongside its Packing and Distribution Center about three miles south of its original location.

They also have two golf ball manufacturing plants and an R&D Technology Center located in the New Bedford Industrial Park, as well as a Custom Golf Ball plant located in New Bedford.

And all of this due to a missed putt.. and a lot of blood sweat and tears, persistence, and dedication to making things happen!



Retiree Mental Fitness Evaluation

This test is to ascertain your mental state now. If you get one right you are doing ok, if you get none right you better go for counseling. (*I'll meet you there.*)

There are 4 test questions. Don't miss one.

1. GIRAFFE TEST

How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator? Stop and think about it and decide on your answer -



The correct answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door.

This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. ELEPHANT TEST

How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and



close the refrigerator.

Wrong Answer -

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. LION KING TEST

The Lion King is hosting an Animal Conference. attend ... except one. Which animal does not



All the animals attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. CROCODILE TEST

There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

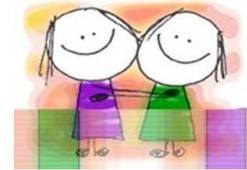
Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Haven't

All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the Retirees they tested got all questions wrong, but many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively proves the theory that most Retirees do not have the brains of a four-year old.



you been lis-ten-ing?
whether you learn quickly



Contribution: Roger Cummins

I saw a car in London with a bumper sticker...

“Ek mis Suid-Afrika”



So I broke the window, stole the radio and laptop,
and left a note that said...

“Voel jy nou beter?”

I'M CLEARLY ANCIENT

Someone asked the other day, "What was your favourite 'fast food' when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him.

"All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously.. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'home,'" I explained!

"Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the lad was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I'd figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore jeans, set foot on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school... I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10.

It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at 10pm, after playing the national anthem and epilogue; it came back on the air at about 6am. And there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people...

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... but milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers - my brother delivered a newspaper, seven days a week. He had to get up at 6 every morning.

Film stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the films. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or almost anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

Contributor: Karen Reid



FOR STRESS RELIEF



If common sense was lard,
most people wouldn't be
able to grease a pan.



Getting ready for a road trip in my Tesla 🍌🍌🍌



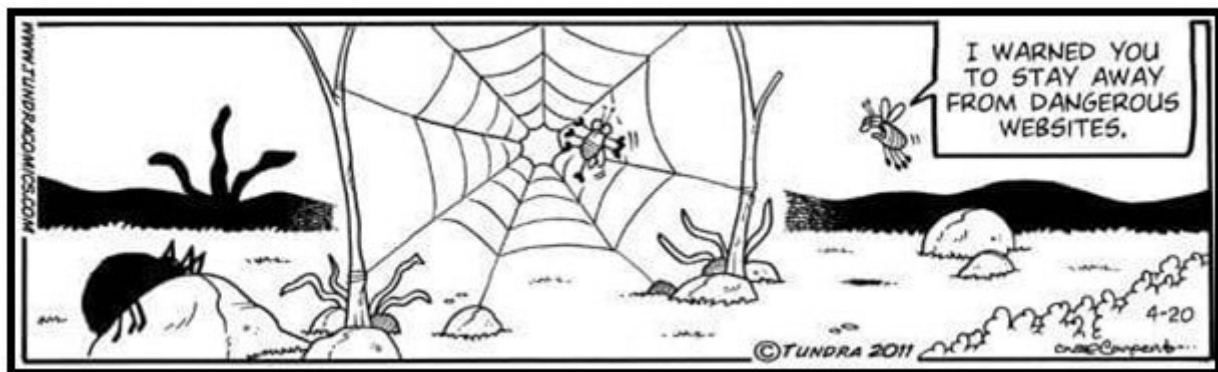
JELLYFISH HAVE SURVIVED
650 MILLION YEARS,
DESPITE NOT HAVING A BRAIN.



THIS GIVES SO MANY
PEOPLE HOPE.

My teacher pointed
me with his ruler and
said: "At the end of
this ruler there's an
idiot!"

I got detention after
asking which end.





Thank you one and all for your contributions. Keep them coming to

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is the 17th May

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