



In the days of old when men were men and damsels were in distress, there was a ..bungie



Who was
the
Jumper?



FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

May 2020.

Dear fellow residents,

By the time you read this you should all have been able to restock your wine cupboards so I hope this finds you smiling happily!

On the 1st of June, the country would have moved from lockdown L4 to L3. But from what I can see that's not going to make any difference to our lives in Broadacres. Management has already made the utility workers available to work in our gardens and has allowed us one free exit a week and instead of self-isolating for 2 weeks you can now do a thorough once-off sanitization on your return.

Your ResCom got into the 21st century this month and held a Zoom ResCom meeting. I'm happy to report the process went well. As usual John Schulkins will report on the matters discussed in his Brief that will come out once the minutes have been finalized.

We did discuss the electricity price increases. There has been a lot of confusion around them so let me try to explain them in my words.

At the end of the last financial year, Evergreen Lifestyle Villages (ELV) found that it had under recovered R800 000 on the electricity account. To find out why, they asked Smart Matter (SM), the service provider servicing the apartments to investigate.

Before going into what it found, here is some background. ESKOM invoices our village, the village in turn gets Meterman to recover the electricity each one of us uses via our payments into our pre-payment meters. The price of R1,56/ unit inc VAT (actually R1,5645/ unit) is determined by ELV and if it gets that wrong it either over or under-recovers on electricity.

SM found that ELV did get it wrong, and in our favour, hence the R800,000 under-recovery! This under-recovery had 3 components:

1. The fixed network capacity charge had been excluded. Those of you who used to pay your electricity accounts directly to a municipality or ESKOM will remember that the invoice always had two components: a fixed, daily network capacity charge and the consumption charge. The R4,09/day covers the fixed network capacity charge. Later I'll explain how this will be deducted.

2. Block 1 and Block 2 rates: you'll also remember that as your consumption went up, you paid at a higher rate. A fixed R1,56/ unit cannot cater for that, so ESKOM introduced the Block 2 rate of R2,52/ unit (actually R2,5257/ unit). Block 1, the basic rate applies to the first 600 units you buy in any calendar month ($600 \times 1,5645 = R938.70$). The Block 2 rate applies to any extra power you may purchase in the same calendar month.

3. Time of use (TOU) charges: TOU charges don't normally apply to domestic users and do not apply to us in Evergreen. However, being classified as a bulk user, ELV gets charged TOU rates, i.e. different rates for on and off-peak usage. The peak and off-peak times differ in summer and in winter.

So why do I tell you this if it doesn't affect you? Because if all of us can minimise our usage at peak times, ELV's peak time usage at the high rate will be minimised. Wilma will shortly let you know when the peak times are and Marius will come and check your geyser to make sure that it doesn't come on at peak time. For the rest of the time it will be up to you, e.g. don't run your dishwasher or washing machine during peak times; do as much of your cooking as you can outside of peak times, etc.

Finally, how is the R4,09/ day deducted from your meter? This explanation from Adam Kajee, Evergreen's financial director.

Network Capacity Charge

The daily R4.09 network capacity charge will accrue daily to your prepaid meter and will be deducted from your electricity purchases. Meaning that the daily accumulated network capacity charge billed against your meter will first be deducted from your electricity purchase with the remainder of the cash then being converted into kwh units.

Please refer below for an example:

These changes will take effect on 01 June, 2020.

Example	1	2	3
Daily Network Capacity Charge	R4.09	R4.09	R4.09
Number of days since last electricity purchase	15	30	45
Accumulated network capacity charge	R61.35	R122.70	R184.05
Purchase value of Electricity	R500.00	R500.00	R500.00
Accumulated network capacity charge	-R61.35	-R122.70	-R184.05
Rand value left for Electricity	R438.65	R377.30	R315.95
Energy Charge Block 1 (0 to 600 KWh)	R1.5645	R1.5645	R1.5645
Number of Units issued	280.38	241.16	201.95

Booklovers Choices

Hi booklovers, we asked for residents choices of all time favorites for a good read.

Here to start us off are the results in no specific order:

There's some interesting reading ahead!
Let's have some more, folks.

Sue Edwards

- Eva Strachnaik: The Winter Palace
- Khaled Hosseini: A Thousand Splendid Suns
- Alice Hoffman: The Dovekeepers
- Robert Harris: Conclave
- Asne Seierstad: The Bookseller of Kabul

Lynn Turner

- Jeffrey Archer: Paths of Glory
- Jojo Moyes: The Girl You Left Behind
- Jeffrey Archer: Prisoner of Birth
- Terry Hayes: I am Pilgrim
- McLoughlin Jack: Showdown at the Red Lion

Libby Baker

- Deon Meyer: The Last Hunt
- Francoise Malby-Anthony: An Elephant in my Kitchen
- Adam Armstrong: The Song of the Sound
- Mark Rowland: The Philosopher and the Wolf
- Gerald Durrell: My Family and Other Animals

Catherine Sheppard

Ronald H Bolson: Once We Were Brothers
Carlos Ruiz Zafron: The Labyrinth of the Spirits
Jojo Moyes: Me Before You
Deborah Rodriguez: The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul
Kate Morton : The Lake house

Hennie du Preez

Kuki Gallman: I dreamed of Africa
Martin Dugard : Into Africa
Frances Mayes: Under the Tuscan Sun
Jared Diamond: Guns, Germs, and Steel

Pat Bayley

- Rebecca Slood: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
- John Vailiant: The Tiger
- Dianna & Michael Preston: A Pirate of Exquisite Mind
- Khaled Hosseini: A Thousand Splendid Suns
- Gregory David Roberts: Shantaram
- Albom Mitch: Tuesday with Morrie

In my wisdom...
By Sheila Schulkins

All Mothers' daughters are beautiful, but mine especially, I tend to think.

She is, of course, super intelligent, as well.

And so, it all came as a bit of a shock some years ago, during the casting of the annual school pageant, that the casting director, a friend of mine, mentioned that my daughter's teeth were a bit skew.

This was a whole new experience for me, discovering that my daughter was not quite perfect, but, in the spirit of this offering from my almost, best friend, and despite her criticism of my perfect child, I decided to pursue the allegations. Just to prove her wrong I made an appointment with an up-and-coming "New Age" orthodontic specialist to discuss the issue.

Well, of course, I was completely bowled over by "New Age's" analysis. Here was a man after my own heart! He immediately confirmed, as I had suspected, that my daughter's teeth were perfect - or at least, almost perfect. And with a little help and the removal of two molars to allow space for her "film star" smile as well as the odd brace to straighten the existing "beautifully sculpted but errant", front teeth, I was convinced that this was just what we needed for next year's school concert casting.

New Age, together with his co-specialist from "The States", had designed a computer programme that determined exactly the size that an individual young patient's mouth should be to accommodate all the permanent teeth. In consultation they would provide an in-depth and ongoing report on this as part of the service. I reeled a little at the initial cost of the investigative treatment but could see how necessary, even imperative, that the dozens of maxillofacial x-rays were, in establishing the technicalities involved in tackling this small problem with absolute clarity.

The immediate results were not encouraging and the pre-treatment analysis unearthed a few other unexpected deformities which New Age suggested had been discovered just in time before the situation had become too difficult. At this stage I was assured these additional deformities were not a problem to fix and we felt very relieved that we had not left them longer.

New Age's treatment was simply a matter a couple of year's worth of custom made dental plates that would gently stretch the jaw and gums to the correct size and shape. These would have to be renewed and replaced every six months or so as determined by the monthly facial x-rays to monitor progress. Together with regular visits to New Age (who by now had moved to more exclusive and expensive rooms with fees to match), we would have a smilingly confident daughter and what more could a mother ask? It would all be worth it in the end we were sure.

I fully understood the whole process. It was not magic, it just sounded like perfect dental sense to me. So impressed was I, that I immediately raised a second bond on our family home to facilitate this work of art. After all, it was through our unhealthy modern eating habits that jaw lines had changed, so why not use modern methods from New Age and The States to sort them out

My daughter didn't make the leading role in the school play the following year but this had more to do with the fact that her mouth was so full of metal plates that she had a problem enunciating the lines, rather than the quality of her smile.

It had become obvious through conversations with New Age during the monthly visits to adjust all the screws, plates etc in my daughter's mouth, that our dental problems, digestive tracts and indeed our future health and welfare depended solely on the food that we put into our mouths.

I was equally impressed with New Age's recommended dietitian, (coincidentally his wife) who would help us on the track to a better diet and reverse any of the dire dental or medical consequences awaiting us as a family.

Mrs New Age tut-tutted at our regular family fare and looked positively ill when I produced our current family meal schedule of steak, eggs, chips and the occasional bit of salad.

Eventually each of us in the family was weighed, poked and prodded and subjected to caliper-measuring devices to determine the fat cell content of our bodies. We were further introduced to the same seeds and grains appearing on our dinner plates that had previously been kept for the bird life in our garden.

We rushed out to buy steamers for the myriad of green, yellow and red vegetables and smoothie makers for the essential 5 small meals per day to sustain us.

We sold our perfectly comfortable house to buy another with a kitchen garden in which we could grow organic vegetables and raise chickens, which would lay organic eggs that we could trust.

By the end of the following year we had become completely vegan, chewed each mouthful of food 32 times, had discarded all dairy from our diet. No one invited us for dinner anymore, but who needed friends when we were all so healthy and glowing and had almost perfect teeth!

Our bodies looked so much better as well and we threw out all of our previous clothes in favour of new wardrobes various sizes smaller. We ran up and down mountains to tone our muscles and counted each of the 10,000 steps per day necessary to maintain our ongoing perfect health. We did not drink tea (except bush tea on high days and holidays), nor coffee, and not a single bottle of wine, neither red nor white, had passed our lips in years. We had forgotten what meat, chicken and even fish tasted like.

Of course it has all been worth the effort.

The steelworks were removed from our daughter's mouth gradually over the years and she has learned to talk again, which has done wonders for her self confidence, and she does indeed have a beautiful smile. Our bank balance is taking a breath again and we have solved the no friends problem by buying the biggest flattest screen TV that we could find - just in case we need some company.

What a success story this has been in just 15 years!

Our daughter, still the most beautiful and brightest star in the firmament, with a dazzling smile, left home recently to study mechanical engineering (with an emphasis on resilient steel structures).

She telephoned me this morning to tell me that her annual visit to New Age had revealed that she has impacted wisdom teeth. This is apparently due to the fact that there is no further space in her mouth for them to develop. However, New Age has promised that this can be overcome by a specially designed plate to stretch and expand her jaw, using a new computer-aided programme, recently developed in conjunction with a major dental institute in "The States". In no time at all, even her wisdom teeth will be perfect.

She was clearly a bit hesitant about undergoing another lengthy dental process, and even more perturbed about the cost implications. New Age explained that although it was a costly procedure that it included the use of the most advanced technology and suggested that working two more shifts per week in her part-time waitressing job would easily cover the cost.

However New Age sympathised with her hesitancy and agreed that decisions such as this should not be taken lightly and suggested that she discuss her feelings about taking such a big step with a suitably qualified person. He recommended a "brilliant" psychologist who used only the most up-to-date, state of the art, methods with offices just down the hall.

His name? - Junior New Age, of course!

Tonight's menu? Steak & egg & chips.

Libby and Elske handed over the beanies that the ladies "Knit and Natter Group" have been knitting. They also handed over some bed linen to the social worker, Brown.

I took the photos this morning
Love
Kiloran



Libby is in the red mask with the blue top?
and
Elske is in the blue mask with the red top?

Or was it the red top with the blue mask??



AND THE OVERALL WINNER IS EVERGREEN RESIDENT
WALLY DAVEY

Wally and I have been members of Rand Barbet Bird Club for many years. Every year our club runs a photographic competition for the members, none of whom are professionals. There are eight categories i.e. Animals, Birds, Nature, Geographic, Black and White, Creative, Makro and even Cell Phone. This makes entries possible for any member, whatever their level of expertise. All entries are anonymous to ensure impartiality. The annual prizegiving is a Club highlight of the year, usually with a cheese and wine celebration. Although Wally enters every year, we have never been able to attend the prizegiving, as the event is held in the evening at Kingsmead School, which entails us navigating 50 traffic lights for the round trip. Just too dangerous for us old f...s!!

About a week before the prizegiving, all members receive an email showing all of the entries. Members are asked to vote for the photo which they feel is the best photograph in all of the categories put together. This vote closes an hour before the prizegiving begins. There is a Fish Eagle Floating Trophy for this award. Entries in each category are judged by a professional photographer (who is not a birdclub member). This year the judge had 208 photos to judge, and he alone decides on the first, second and third places in each category, together with a few other photos which in his opinion are highly commended.

Owing to the virus, the usual meeting and prizegiving could not be held. So the committee decided to organise a live Zoom meeting which Wally and I were able to attend. It was so good to see and hear so many of our friends live, and listen to the judge discuss and explain his reasons for choosing the photo winners which he had chosen.

In the Animal Category Wally received second prize for his photo of a Cheetah attacking and winning an extraordinary battle against a Hyena, and third prize for a pair of Buffalos having a drink in the moonlight. Two more of his pics received highly commended in this category.



In the Bird Category he received third prize for his pic of a Pel's Fishing Owl having caught a fish, and he received first prize for his pic of a Green Backed Heron (Striated Heron) on a log pointing down to the water looking for a fish. A couple of highly commend pics here too.

And then the cherry on the top. Although the judge only gave Wally a third for his moonlight buffalos, the members voted overwhelmingly for this photo to receive the Fish Eagle Floating Trophy prize. You go Wally. He is so pleased and I am so proud of him.

By Robin Davey



Can anybody help with Food Circles feeding scheme??

We received this during May 2020. If you feel like helping financially then contact the number at the bottom of the article.(This is not from our Kate van Rooyen)

"Good morning All

A warm welcome and heartfelt thank you to 11 new funders now on the our WhatsApp group, 90 of us to date and 300 parcels distributed so far

Regards the pressures from SA Provincial Government to centralise food parcel distribution, Food Circles project is unaffected, as I have partnered with two extremely well established NPO's; Gift of The Givers and Witkoppen Clinic, both of whom are now collecting the food parcels and distributing, so I am not in any vulnerable position what so ever with our food parcels being intercepted.

I have a new partnership with 'Fresh Earth Food Store' based in Emmarentia, my brother Matthew's business, who is donating fresh produce to the weekly food parcels. Last week was cabbages and this week is butternuts .
Thank You Matthew

I have also partnered with 'epap', a highly nutritious pre cooked porridge powder that will be included in the food parcels moving forward . A third of which was donated by Rose from epap, specifically for the food parcels going to the clinic and distributed to new mothers and babies .
Thank you Rose

This week Thursday 70 parcels will be collected for distribution through Gift of the Givers and 20 parcels will be collected this morning by Witkoppen Clinic to be handed out individually to visiting moms with babies .

I trust all you generous people in Food Circles community are staying strong and well in what seems to feel increasingly more vulnerable times for all of us
Please keep supporting as and when you are able. Every little bit counts.

Love
Kate

Kate's number is (082) 307-0424"



Rainfall Report for May 2020.

Having reached the end of one wet season we now eagerly await the beginning of another (with stronger ingredients).

We await with interest to see the impact of the borehole system on our Municipal water usage.

Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall in mm for 2019/2020

Jun 2019	0.0
Jul 2019	0.0
Aug 2019	0.0
Sep 2019	3.5
Oct 2019	4.0
Nov 2019	153.7
Dec 2019	230.5
Jan 2020	79.5
Feb 2020	145.2
Mar 2020	81.1
Apr 2020	72.4
May 2020	23.0

12 Months 792.9

Rainfall in May over the years

2013	13.8
2014	1.0
2015	0.2
2016	67.8
2017	27.0
2018	12.7
2019	3.0
2020	23.0

Average for May since 2013 is 18.6mm

Just Like That.....May's Viral Humour

The last knockings of our virus humour
What else?????

We await with bated and masked breath
All offerings here have been sanitized, distanced and
isolated for 14 days before being included here

A LETTER FROM F. SCOTT FITZGERALD,
QUARANTINED IN 1920 IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE
DURING THE SPANISH INFLUENZA OUTBREAK.

Dearest Rosemary,

It was a limpid dreary day, hung as in a basket from a single dull star. I thank you for your letter. Outside, I perceive what may be a collection of fallen leaves tussling against a trash can. It rings like jazz to my ears. The streets are that empty. It seems as though the bulk of the city has retreated to their quarters, rightfully so. At this time, it seems very poignant to avoid all public spaces. Even the bars, as I told Hemingway, but to that he punched me in the stomach, to which I asked if he had washed his hands. He hadn't. He is much the denier, that one. Why, he considers the virus to be just influenza. I'm curious of his sources.

The officials have alerted us to ensure we have a month's worth of necessities. Zelda and I have stocked up on red wine, whiskey, rum, vermouth, absinthe, white wine, sherry, gin, and lord, if we need it, brandy. Please pray for us.



Pause a minute.....

One of the worst days so far for Coronavirus was the 10th of February. On that day, 108 persons in CHINA died of Coronavirus.

BUT, on the same day
26,283 people died of Cancer
24,641 people died of Heart Disease
4,300 people died of Diabetes
and on that day, Suicide, unfortunately, took more lives than the virus did, by 28 times.

Moreover, Mosquitoes kill 2,740 people every day, HUMANS kill 1,300 fellow humans every day and Snakes kill 137 people every day.

Take a deep breath, and wash your hands.



A bit out of date but you get the picture



•CK• ✨ #8/#24 #2 RIP
@_ChrisK14

While the Corona is happening see below

10 Things Currently Happening in the World Besides Coronavirus

- Congress is attempting to pass a law that will effectively end, end to end encryption on communication platforms:
- A second person was cured of HIV in the UK
- A new dinosaur the size of a hummingbird was found
- Harvey Weinstein was found guilty and will die in jail.
- There's a plague of locusts about to tear through Africa
- 2 American and 1 British soldiers were killed in Iraq, the US is currently responding with massive airstrikes
- Russian parliament passed a reform allowing Putin to stay president until 2036
- An asteroid is to fly by earth
- Oil price war between Russia and Saudi Arabia.
- Dengue fever cases going up and being overlooked because of the less deadly Coronavirus

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Broadacres Residents on their free day out?

FEAR STRIKES

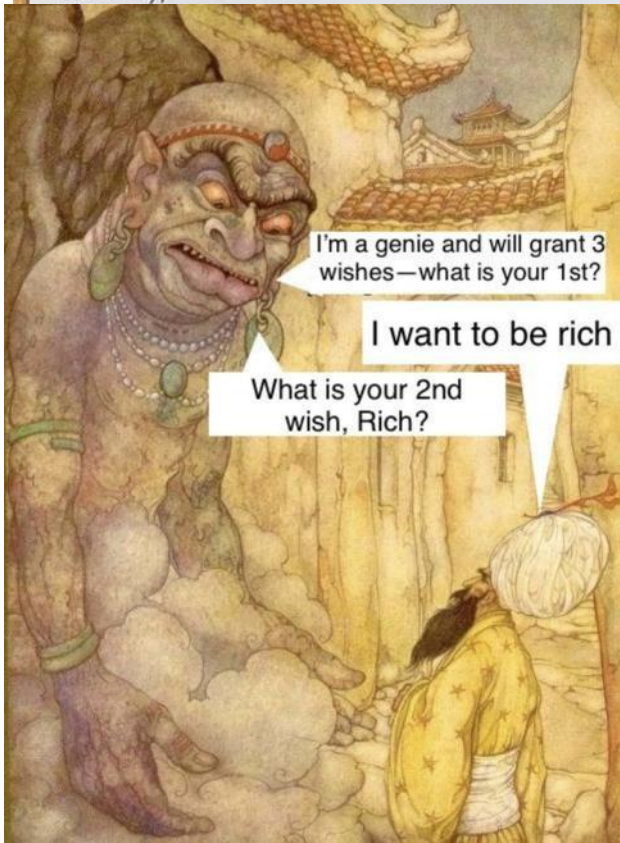
2000- Y2K is going to destroy everything!
 2001- Anthrax is going to kill us all!
 2002- West Nile Virus is going to kill us all!
 2003- Sars is going to kill us all!
 2005- Bird Flu is going to kill us all!
 2006- Ecoli is going to kill us all!
 2008- Financial Collapse is going to kill us all!
 2009- Swine Flu is going to kill us all!
 2012- The Mayan Calender predicts the world ending!
 2013- North Korea is going to cause WWIII!
 2014- Ebola Virus is going to kill us all!
 2015- ISIS is going to kill us all!
 2016- Zika Virus is going to kill us all!
 2020- Corona Virus is going to kill us all!
 The truth is FEAR is going to kill you...
 Turn off the TV.



HOW DID THE WORLD GO FROM THIS...



TO THIS ???



This is what we, who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, can look forward to.

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

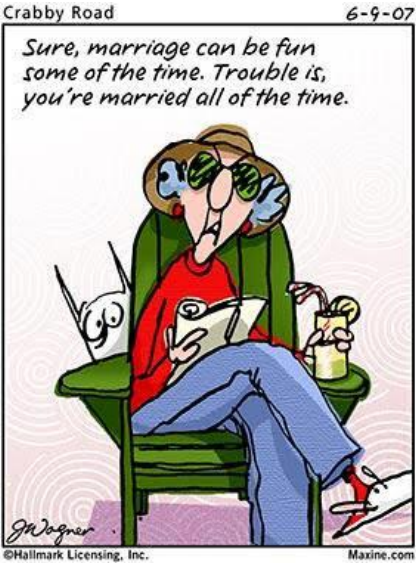
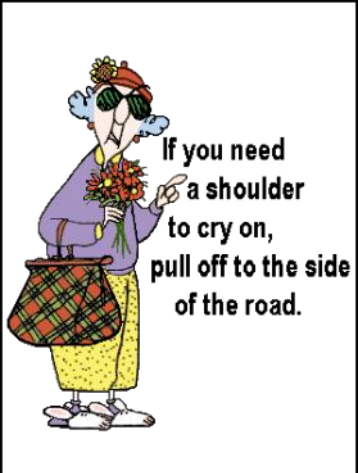
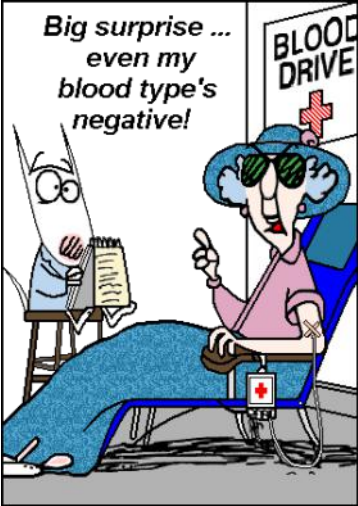


An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

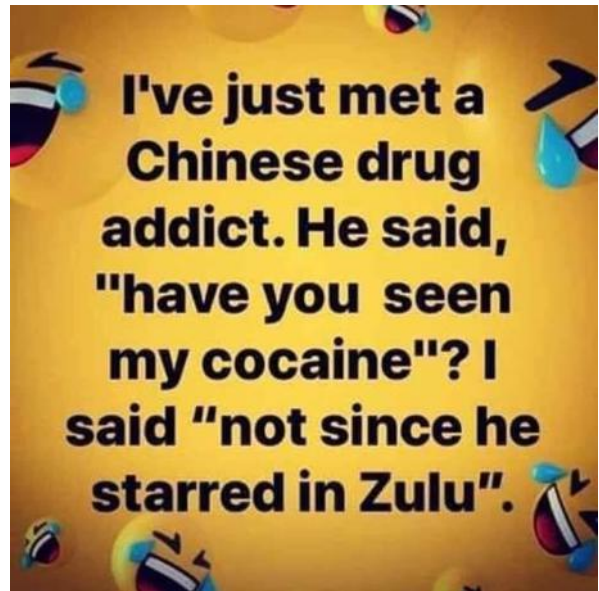
If you're not sure what healthy food is, it's what's left at the grocery stores.



Timmy please don't open the car door until we have stopped?
Timmy..... Timmy!..... Timmy!?!?

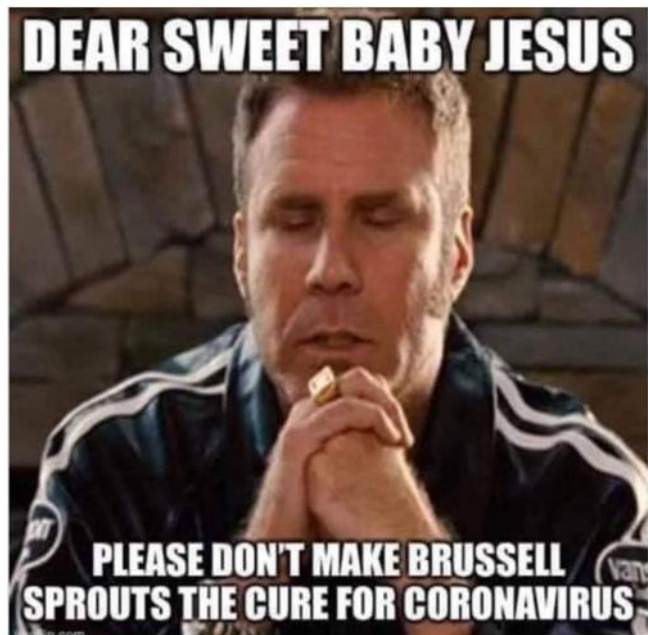
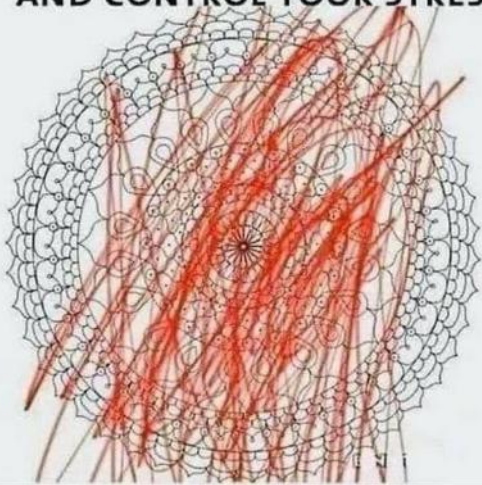


New Washday smalls?



OK.... Batmobile is there but what others??

**PAINT THE MANDALA
AND CONTROL YOUR STRESS**



WORLDWIDE DEATHS THIS YEAR

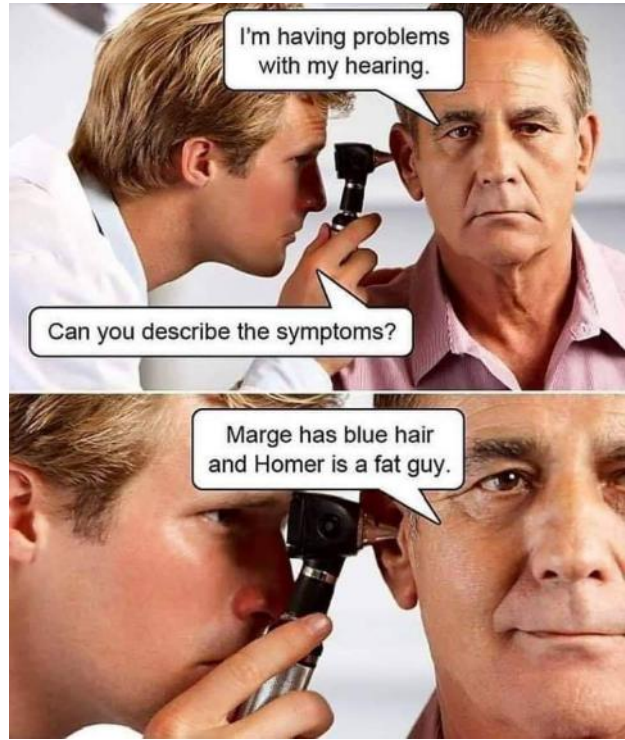
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<https://www.worldometers.info/>

10,670,908 Deaths from Abortion
2,807,806 Deaths from Starvation
2,061,853 Deaths from Cancer
1,254,997 Deaths from Smoking
422,032 Deaths from HIV/AIDS
338,886 Deaths from Traffic Accidents
269,209 Deaths from Suicide
246,250 Deaths from Malaria
211,416 Deaths from unclean drinking water
122,062 Deaths from Seasonal Flu
46,491 Deaths from Coronavirus



When the wine finally runs out!

MY WIFE SAID THAT IF I DON'T GET OFF MY COMPUTER AND HELP WITH THE DISHES, SHE'LL SLAM MY HEAD ON THE KEYBOARD, BUT I THINK SHE'S JOKINDSG67SGHI3DHGJ RE7490DNDWHK3-2J4H37SHDUDKIJI SD877HR8SK020A3Y3H3J3UHU338JE SU83J8R



Few lessons learnt in past few days:

1. United States is no longer the world's leading country.
2. China won the 3rd World War without firing a missile and no one could handle it.
3. Europeans are not as educated as they appear.
4. We can survive vacations without trips to Europe and USA.
5. Rich people are in fact less immune than the poor.
6. No priest, poojari, usthad, moulana, astrologers saved patients .
7. Health professionals are worth more than a footballer.
8. Oil is worthless in a society without consumption.
9. How animals feel in the zoo.
10. The planet regenerates quickly without humans into play.
11. Majority of people can work from home.
12. We and the kids can survive without junk food.
13. Living a hygienic life is not difficult.
14. Only women are not supposed to know cooking.
15. Media is nonsense.
16. Actors are just entertainers, they are not HEROES.