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### **Queen Elizabeth II poses for her Platinum Jubilee portrait.**

Queen Elizabeth II marks a unique milestone in the over 1,000-year history of the British monarchy this year as she is the first queen (or king) to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee (June 2023), ruling for over 70 years.

Elizabeth passed this milestone on February 6, 2022, 70 years after she learned that her father King George VI had died while she was on a royal tour in Kenya in 1952. The new queen, aged just 25, immediately returned home to Britain.

The queen has celebrated three major jubilees during her reign, the Silver Jubilee in 1977, the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and the Diamond Jubilee in 2012.



# Presidents Message

Hi Fellow Seniors,

The Club is still struggling to attract new members and members that have not re-joined after Covid-19 and its variants. This limits the number of members that attend the various events put on by the club.

Over 60 of our members attended the free luncheon for seniors put on by the Tolland Hotel. From information of those that attended the lunch was enjoyable. There was also artist (The Troubadour) who played his guitar and sang while we ate, and he was very good.

There are still no changes to travelling on the bus for day trips.

The Tolland Hotel is planning to put "Christmas in July" for Seniors on the 28th July 2022.

Remember, have fun and look after each other.  
President Jim

# Wagga Wagga Senior Citizens' Club Inc.

Membership (\$5.00 per year) to over 50's  
Club activities 2022 (During Covid-19 restrictions)

iPad class Monday 10.00 am to 11.00

Computer Tuition Thursday 9-30 am to 2.30 pm  
(Phone 0418270949 [Judy] for hour appointment)

Craft Thursday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Line-dancing Thursday 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Cards Thursday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Carpet Bowls Friday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Monthly General Meeting First Monday of Month 1.30 pm

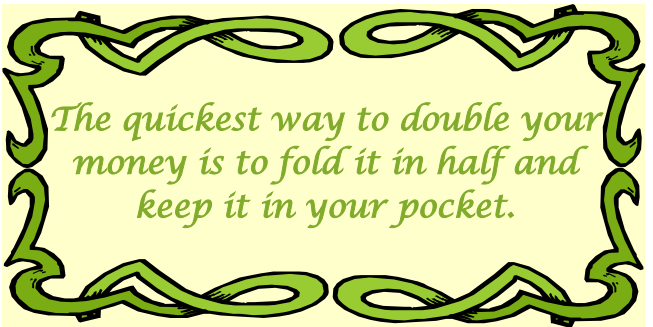


# Editor's Notes



Dear fellow Club members,  
I have had great pleasure in putting this magazine together for over ten years now, but as we all know, everything must come to an end sometime. Sadly for me, my eyesight has deteriorated to such an extent that continued use of a computer screen puts too much strain on my remaining sight. If no one steps forward to take on the role of editor this will be the last regular issue of CROWABOUT, at least in its present form and continuity. There remains the chance of a casual edition sometime in the future. Best wishes to all,

Barry  
Editor, Crowabout



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## Reminder

General Club Meeting is held on the **1st Monday** of Month.

# Seniors In Focus

## Picnic at Collins Park, Monday 30th May 2022.

Most of those present thought it would be a good idea to have a picnic at Collins Park on the fifth Monday in May. Then the Secretary saw a weather report and decided to hold the picnic in the Seniors Community Centre.

About 26 members (with a number of apologies, because of the weather) attended the picnic with the tables put in a "U" shape in the Wiradjuri Room.

There was a lot of different types of food bought to the picnic everyone enjoyed their lunch.

At the completion of eating the very exclusive band we had arranged to attend started tuning up. The band was Bazza & Gazza (better know as Barrie Price and Garry Rynehart) and they played a variety of music. A number of the members got up and danced.



No, no, Allan, they're bowling underhand. This is bowls Allan, not cricket, BOWLS!

# Seniors In Focus

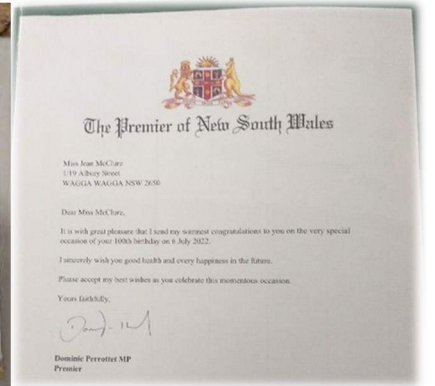


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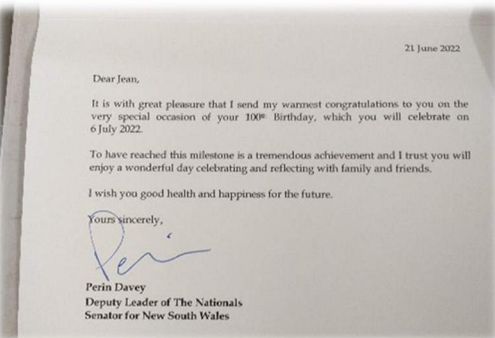


# Seniors In Focus



## 100th Birthday

In July our club was excited to help one of our Life Members Jean McClure celebrate her 100th birthday with a morning tea. There were many congratulatory cards from the Governor General, Government politicians, and of course, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 2nd





# Seniors Forum 2022

The Wagga Wagga Seniors Forum on Tuesday 28 June, hosted by Dr Joe McGirr MP and supported by Minister for Seniors Mark Coure MP (and Minister for Multiculturalism ). Some concerns raised were elder abuse (you can contact the Commission's Abuse Helpline on 1800 628 221 if you ever need to make an enquiry or report)

For those that expressed concern regarding scams, a new service, called NSW ID Support has been instigated. This service is specifically designed to help make recovering from instances of identity theft where official Government documents have been compromised. Further, NSW Fair Trading has a guide with up-to-date information for seniors about their consumer rights and how to deal with dishonest operators. To read the guide, please visit: [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/youth-and-seniors/seniors](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/youth-and-seniors/seniors). Also, the Aging and Disability Commission, has a range of resources that can assist with keeping you safe from scammers.



The issue of housing in Wagga Wagga, Social isolation, concerns regarding GP numbers, were also raised at the forum.

Finally, during the forum a request for a direct link to the Seniors Card online directory was made...

<https://www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au/discounts/discount-directory>

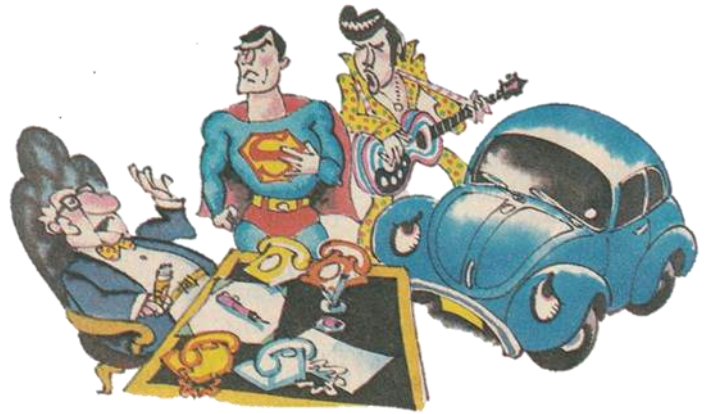


## The World's Worst Decisions

By Barry G Williams

Have you ever made a bad decision which you later regretted? I guess we all have at some time or another, but not, I hope, as much as some of the following decisions I am about to relate.

**Elvis.** In 1955, a certain gentleman by the name of Sam Phillips in Memphis, Tennessee sold to RCA Victor Records his exclusive contract with a young man named Elvis Presley. Phillips thus forfeited royalties, as it turned out, on more than a thousand million records. Or, how about the record company executive who turned away a new group called the Beatles?



**Superman.** In June 1938, the first issue of Action Comics introduced Superman to the world. He was the creation of Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegal, who, believing that a birdman in the hand was worth two in the bush, sold all their rights to the publishers for \$US 130.

**Nova.** In the mid-1960s, General Motors launched its new “compact” Chevrolet Nova in the Mexican market. It was only when the appallingly bad sales figures came in that someone in the home office discovered that *no-va* means “it doesn’t go” in Spanish.

**Star Wars.** Fresh from making American Graffiti, one of the highest-grossing movies of all time, young film director George Lucas decided that his next project would be a sci-fi movie, tentatively called Star Wars. Despite his recent success, nobody seemed to relish the project. A lukewarm 20<sup>th</sup> Century-Fox eventually gambled \$13 million in development funds, but Lucas had to raise the rest of the money himself. All the other established film companies rejected it. By the time the film was completed, Lucas was flat broke and exhausted. But he, not Fox, owned the merchandising and sequel rights. Two sequels alone, The Empire Strikes Back, and Return of The Jedi, have grossed an estimated \$1030 million (in 1985, and not counting further sequels spin offs and merchandising since).

**Danger-men at work!** In 1978, a work gang on the Chesterfield canal near Retford, England dredged up the end of a massive iron chain. Deciding that it represented a hazard to navigation, the foreman attached the chain to a winch on his boat and reeled in in. The workers then went home after a day’s work well done. Later that evening, the police discovered the vessel sitting high and dry on the canal bed. The work gang had, literally, pulled the plug on the canal.

**Famous last words!** During the Battle of Spotsylvania in the US Civil War, Union Major-General John Sedgwick stood gazing out over a parapet. His officers urged him to duck, but the General ignored the warnings. “Nonsense”, he declared. “They couldn’t hit an elephant at this dis-“.

**Telephone.** Back in the 1800s when people communicated via the telegraph. Alexander Bell came up with the idea for a more efficient way to communicate. The telephone. Western Union was well-established by 1876, with more than 7,000 telegraph offices in the United States and 185,000 miles of telegraph wire stretching between them. It was a logical buyer for Alexander Graham Bell’s invention: he offered the telephone patent to the company’s president (William Orton) for \$100,000.

Orton is said to have referred to the invention as a “toy” and couldn’t understand the need for it, when messages could already be sent clearly via the telegraph office. He couldn’t envision people talking to each other over phone lines. He had plenty of business—but no vision for what the future could be like. Bell founded his own company, and within two years, those patents were worth \$25 million. Western Union tried to develop its own telephone system and actually accused Bell of stealing their ideas, forcing Bell to sue (and win) for patent violations. By 1879, the company backed away from the telephone business, and Bell became the backbone of the telecommunications industry in the United States.

**The Zeppelin.** By the mid-1930s, rigid airships, commonly known as zeppelins, had been flying commercial passengers for over 30 years. Tens of thousands of paying passengers had flown over a million miles, in over 2000 flights, without a single injury. Zeppelins’ popularity was soaring, and it was widely assumed that they were the wave of the future. Then catastrophe struck the Hindenburg, the Zeppelin Company’s flagship and the biggest airship ever built – twice as high and three times as long as a Boeing 747 “Jumbo Jet”. On May 6th, 1937, after an uneventful trans-Atlantic flight, the Hindenburg tried to dock with a mooring mast in Lakehurst, New Jersey, when it suddenly erupted in flames. It took only 37 seconds from when the first spark appeared for the world’s biggest airship to get destroyed by fire. Of 97 people on board, 35 died, and another person died on the ground.

Whether an accidental spark or a deliberate shot, the disaster would not have happened if not for the Zeppelin Company’s disastrous decision to fill its airships with highly flammable hydrogen, instead of a less combustible alternative such as helium. If the Hindenburg had used helium, as airships do today, then neither a spark nor a shot could have reduced it to a flaming wreck in less than a minute.

**Thalidomide** was introduced in the early 1950s as a safe over-the-counter sedative, and went on to be prescribed to pregnant women as a morning sickness treatment during the 1950s and 1960s across 46 countries. By 1961, though, negative effects of the drug were becoming evident -- babies were born with severe deformities. Affected babies were often born with shortened arms or legs and with flipper-like hands and feet (a condition called phocomelia); some babies were born with other defects such as malformed eyes, ears, hearts and other organs. By the time the manufacturer finally pulled the drug, an estimated 100,000 pregnant women had taken it, and an estimated 40 percent of babies exposed to the drug died (either during the pregnancy or shortly after birth)

Thalidomide does have its uses, although always with the risk of severe birth defects or infant mortality. It's approved for use as a treatment for multiple myeloma, which is a blood and bone marrow cancer, as well as treatment for skin lesions associated with leprosy, and research is underway on its potential treatment for other cancers, HIV-related complications, and autoimmune conditions such as lupus and Crohn's disease.

**The Titanic.** More than a century ago, the RMS Titanic set sail on her maiden voyage across the North Atlantic. But just five days into the trip from England to New York City, the luxury liner collided with an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland; consumed by damage she sank, killing more than 1,500 passengers and crew.

Multiple mistakes were made that collectively sent the Titanic to its tragic end in April 1912. First, there were no safety regulations in place for a ship as large as the Titanic. It didn't carry adequate safety equipment. For example, there were only 16 lifeboats, enough for only about one-third to one-half of the passengers on board, and crew members weren't prepared with binoculars or proper lighting. Additionally, the Titanic was untested. Sure, they'd reviewed the ship's equipment, but it was never test driven; it was unproven. The crew was not fully up to speed on the liner, its equipment (such as the state-of-the-art Marconi wireless messaging system) and its emergency procedures.

Despite how unprepared the Titanic was operationally; it may have been a simple human error that ultimately caused the iceberg disaster. In 2010 it was revealed that the helmsman may have made a steering error when diverting the ship around the iceberg, and the turn wasn't corrected in time to avoid disaster. The iceberg was spotted just before midnight, and by 2:20 a.m. the Titanic had split and sunk.

**Napoleon.** In June 1812, Napoleon invaded Russia with one of the largest armies ever assembled for battle and was so confident of his impending victory he wagered the war wouldn't last more than 20 days. It wasn't Russia Napoleon wanted, necessarily (although Napoleon and Czar Alexander I were at odds over trade with England); it was India. But due to lice infestations and subsequent typhus infections, food shortages, freezing temperatures and, eventually, Russian troops, the "Grande Armee" wouldn't make it beyond Moscow.

More than 600,000 men from Napoleon's empire marched toward Russia, but just a few more than 100,000 were left fighting by early September 1812, and in the end, Napoleon was escorted by Russian troops back to France.

**How about the guy** who bought 20,000 Albanian slaves, brought them to Cairo, trained them to be the greatest warriors of their time, and then got overthrown by said slave warriors because they were so well trained.

**Mao Zedong's** Pest campaign: He basically told his nation to take pots and pans to kill all the sparrows. However, the ecosystem was disturbed, and the locust population skyrocketed.

Seeds: he thought that planting seeds 1 meter in the ground would result in greater roots and better harvest. He also thought that putting tons of seeds in one compact area would cause a better harvest. All the seeds died, however. Around 30 million or so died from Famine under his rule.

**Eastman Kodak** deciding not to go forward with their own newly invented digital cameras and instead sticking with film because it made them so much money at the time.

**Xerox.** Maybe the worst business decision ever made was by Xerox with their Alto computer. Xerox invented the graphical interface modern computers use. Desktop, folders, copy/paste etc. They basically invented the modern computer in the '70s. But the problem was, the people in charge at the time were businessmen without any technical knowledge so they didn't realize what they had. They did nothing with it and gave it away to universities and showed other companies. The famous story is that Steve Jobs saw this and within 5 minutes realized this was the way computers would work in the future. He copied it, because Xerox didn't patent their invention and didn't do anything with it and the rest is history.

**Thomas Midgley Jr** can lay claim to three: First, he discovered and helped popularize the use of lead in petrol/gasoline, causing unimaginable harm to the atmosphere and our brains. He contracted lead poisoning when working on the project, but apparently neglected to draw any conclusions from this.

Second, he led the team that discovered freon, the first chlorofluorocarbon, and helped popularize the use of CFCs in refrigeration and industrial applications, causing further unimaginable harm to the atmosphere. It's suggested that he had a greater impact on the atmosphere than any other single person in history.

As for the third, well: In 1940, at the age of 51, Midgley contracted poliomyelitis, which left him severely disabled. He devised an elaborate system of ropes and pulleys to lift himself out of bed. In 1944, he became entangled in the device and died of strangulation.

**"Simply ridiculous".** In 1989, the editor of the *San Francisco Examiner* advised a then unknown author named Rudyard Kipling that his submitted manuscript was "simply ridiculous to any San Franciscan of ordinary intelligence". Kipling refused to change the article, and shortly thereafter left town. In 1907, the *Examiner* learned that Rudyard Kipling had



won the Nobel Prize for literature.

**Pennies for your thoughts.** Arthur C Clarke, the science fiction author, conceived the communications satellite in 1945. He published specifications in *Wireless World*, but then turned his hand to fiction. COMSAT acquired the fruits of Clarke's foresight and is now one of the world's largest communications corporations. In recognition of his contribution, associates gave the inventor-writer five shares-with a quarterly dividend income of US\$1.19.

And that folks, is just a few examples. I do hope it makes you feel better about that bad choice you made!

*HOW MANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR? Most of our generation were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.*

1.. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIMETRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC." Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.."

14.. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

# A Walk Down Memory Lane!

Do you remember when....

Here are a few gentle reminders of how it was when we were young.

Memories of how it was.

Memory Lane

As a youngster of around eleven in 1953 the big event of the year was the Queen's Coronation. Students at that time were given a memento of the occasion, a long fold out card which is shown here.

The Coronation of Elizabeth II took place on 2 June 1953 at Westminster Abbey in London. Elizabeth II acceded to the throne at the age of 25 upon the death of her father, George VI, on 6 February 1952, being proclaimed queen by her privy and executive councils shortly afterwards. The coronation was held more than one year later because of the tradition of allowing an appropriate length of time to pass after a monarch dies before holding such festivals. It also gave the planning committees adequate time to make preparations for the ceremony. During the service, Elizabeth took an oath, was anointed with holy oil, was invested with robes and regalia, and was crowned queen of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka).

Celebrations took place across the Commonwealth realms and a commemorative medal was issued. It has been the only British coronation to be fully televised; television cameras had not been allowed inside the abbey during her parents' coronation in 1937. Elizabeth's was the fourth and last British coronation of the 20th century. It was estimated to have cost £1.57 million (c. £43,427,400 in 2019).

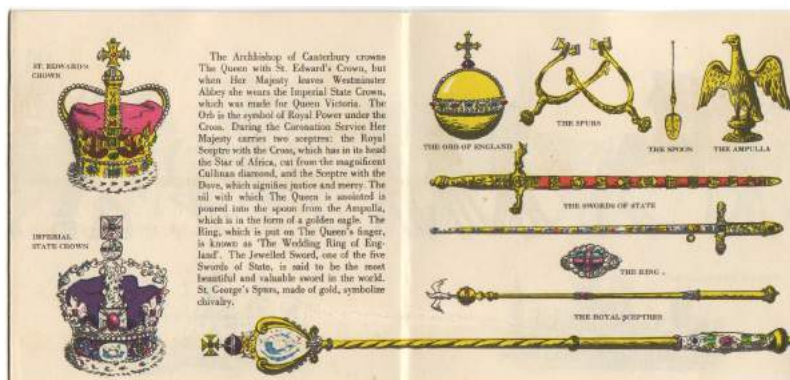
An extra 11 million people also tuned into the radio broadcast of the global event, listening to the queen's speech to the people of the Commonwealth.

"The ceremonies you have seen today are ancient, and some of their origins are veiled in the mists of the past. But their spirit and their meaning shine through the ages never, perhaps, more brightly than now," she said over the airwaves. "I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust."

Forward seventy years and we have recently been privileged to witness our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Jubilees mark a major milestone in the reign of a Monarch, celebrating their life and service. The naming of these celebrations follows the traditions of wedding anniversaries: 25 years is called a Silver Jubilee, 50 years a Golden Jubilee, 60 years a Diamond Jubilee, and 70 years a Platinum Jubilee. Seventy years is a long time to rule a country and its accompanying enclaves.

The crowning was the first coronation to be televised by the BBC back in the 1950s and was watched by a staggering audience of more than 27 million people. Her husband, the late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was chair of her coronation committee and had the novel idea to allow cameras into the abbey in an effort to modernize the ceremony.

Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and then-Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill were adamantly against the suggestion, with the latter noting at one point that he believed the idea of filming the event in such a sacred place of worship to be "unfitting."



However, as time passed, Elizabeth took a liking to the idea and thought televising the bash was a way to bring people together. A link to the crowing ceremony is here @....[The Crowning of Queen Elizabeth](#)



# Members' Contributions

At our age, you've gotta laugh, even if it is at yourself!



Changing street lights in 1910  
Submitted by Yvonne Homer

...at the Abbey Resort on April 2. Gaglre, who works at VIP Services, has served as an ambassador for three years, talking to many groups about the company. He takes Zumba classes at the YMCA and won a bronze medal for tennis in the Special Olympics.  
(Beacon photo)

## Assailant suffers injuries from fall

Oville Smith, a store manager for Best Buy in Augusta, Ga., told police he observed a male customer, later identified as Tyrone Jackson of Augusta, on surveillance cameras putting a laptop computer under his jacket. When confronted the man became irate, knocked down an employee, drew a knife and ran for the door.

Outside on the sidewalk were four Marines collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of the Marines, Cpl. Phillip Duggan, in the back; the injury did not appear to be severe.

After Police and an ambulance arrived at the scene Cpl. Duggan was transported for treatment.

"The subject was also transported to the local hospital with two broken arms, a broken ankle, a broken leg, several missing teeth, possible broken ribs, multiple contusions, assorted lacerations, a broken nose and a broken jaw...injuries he sustained when he slipped and fell off of the curb after stabbing the Marine," according to a police report.

Submitted by Les Homer

Ok, friend, I've got a job for you. It's a tough one...

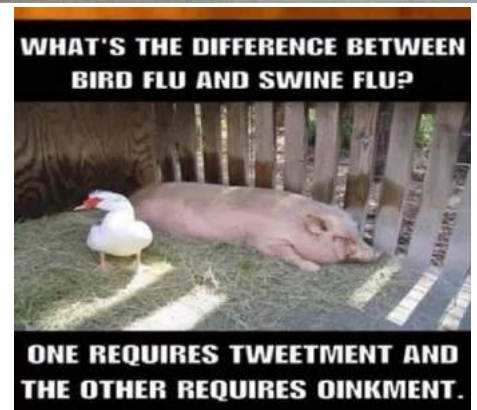


Who called you a bad dog? Point them out. I will end them...



Irony overload

Pictures submitted by Yvonne Homer



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BIRD FLU AND SWINE FLU?

ONE REQUIRES TWEETMENT AND THE OTHER REQUIRES OINKMENT.

## Off the clock

By Rebecca Dudley  
News-Tribune Editor/Publisher



My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing greasy old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So, last week, when my friend called to tell me this story, my first response was, "Where did this guy live?"

Now reassured that I was never related to him by marriage, this really is too hilarious not to share.

The way my friend told it, this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into his living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it to make sure everything was still OK. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through the glass patio door with him still clinging to the handlebars.

His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911, and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room.

So far, the story is humorous — in a "that is what you get for being a big enough lout to bring your motorcycle into the house" kind of way.

But here is where I really split a gut.

Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home and put him to bed. She cleaned up the mess in the living room, and dumped the bowl of gasoline in the toilet.

Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tossed the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because the wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door.

The wife heard the explosion and her husband's screams. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same two paramedics were dispatched to the scene. They loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. One of them asked the wife how the injury had occurred. When she told them, they began laughing so hard that they dropped the stretcher, and broke the guy's collarbone.

Talk about instant karma.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that amateurs built the "Ark", professionals built the "Titanic".

Yesterday is history,  
Tomorrow a mystery.  
Today is a gift,  
That's why it is called the present!"  
Eleanor Roosevelt

Submitted by Bruce McAlister

Submitted by Barry Williams

# Computer Hints & Tips



## Snap decisions

**Take better photos with your phone. The top apps and tips for making better memories.**

You would have to be living under a rock to miss the fact that photography has come a long way from the Box Brownie, but when it comes to phone photos it can sometimes seem like the myriad apps and gadgets are overcomplicating things. Let's start with some tips. With the phone itself, you start by selecting which mode you want to shoot in. This may sound simple but with phones like the iPhone 11 out now with advanced options like Portrait Mode, you need to decide what end result you want.

### Follow the rule of thirds

This is an old trick that photographers have long used, whether shooting with SLR cameras or phones. See that grid on your phone camera? The one that divides the image up into nine boxes? The rule of thirds says that a photo is more interesting if you place the important parts – the person, object or pet – along one of these grid lines. Or where the lines intersect. It stops you from getting a very square, very boring image.



### Change your perspective

We are used to just putting a camera up to our eye level and snapping away, but good photographers bend down or climb ladders. Try holding your phone above your head, or crouching right down, to change the perspective you are shooting from. It makes the shot more interesting.

### Ditch the flash

This feature almost always results in red eyes and bright reflections. Used by a pro, a flash might work, but for phone photos you're better turning it off. Use natural light or change the exposure slide on the phone camera. There are other great features on the phone itself. Check out Burst Mode, which takes several shots at once – perfect for when you're chasing the grandkids around.

### Use third-party apps

There are so many apps for photography, from filters to complicated editing software, that it can be hard to know where to start. But here are three that we rate:

**Adobe Photoshop Express:** Photoshop is what the pros use, one of the best apps for editing photos, lightening pics or cropping images. But it is not the simplest option for beginners. Still, the phone version has options for adding text, applying effects and blending images together.

**Aviary:** This app is free for both Android and Apple and simple to use. Things like one-click colour effects, manually adjusted brightness and orienting or cropping tools are easy to find and you can undo any mistakes with a single swipe. A great one for beginners.

**Snapseed:** Another simple app is Google's entry into the photo-editing sphere that offers easy-to-find effects and cropping. Another function that makes this app easy is the range of effects filters that can manipulate an image with just one touch.

There is a lot of pressure put on our photos these days via social platforms like Instagram and Snapchat, but while we might not all be photographers, we can all do a few things to improve the memories that we love so much.

## Internet Links 4U2 Try



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### Sistene Chapel

[http://www.vatican.va/various/cappelle/sistina\\_vr/index.html](http://www.vatican.va/various/cappelle/sistina_vr/index.html)

In the lower left, click on the plus (+) to move closer, on the minus (-) to move away.

### Hallelujah Chorus

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXh7JR9oKVE>

### For the Bird Lovers

This is a very interesting Site, also type in Australian Birds for Pics and Info.

<http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search>

### Wonder How To

Have you ever wondered how to do or make something? Well this site has you covered with how to videos and articles on a ton of different things; there are over thirty different categories. I'm bringing you directly to the category page so that you can dive right in.

<http://www.wonderhowto.com/categories/>

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# The Crows Joke Page

**An old Doberman** starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old Doberman thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep shit now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old Doberman exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the panther, "That was close! That old Doberman nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes. The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old Doberman sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old Doberman says ..."Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

## Count your blessings

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments while drinking coffee.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so



bad; I can't even see my coffee".

"I couldn't even mark an 'X' at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! I can't hear you!" shouted another.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fifth senior, to which several others nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old", winced an old man as he slowly shook his head. The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your blessings," said a woman, "thank God we can all still drive!"

**Two judges** were stumbling home from their local pub, arms around each other, loudly singing Kenny Rogers. "Hey", said one to the other, "I think we're drunk".

"You are right, and according to the law I will have to charge you with being drunk and disorderly," said his mate. "And you will have to appear before me at 10.00 am tomorrow," said the first.

Next morning in court, the first pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$10. They then switched places. "Drunk and disorderly eh, you are fined \$20".

"Hey" protested the first, "when I was in the chair I only fined you \$10!"

"Yes", said the second judge, "But the offence is becoming too common, You are the second drunk to appear before this court this morning."

**"What the heck is going on here?"** yelled the angry man storming into the florist shop. "I just lost one of my main clients and it's your fault!"

"Why don't you calm down a bit, said the lady behind the counter, "and tell let us know exactly what happened."

"Well", said the man, "My client moved to a new location, and to be nice to him I called you guys up and asked you to send him some flowers with a note saying

'Congratulations on your new location'. He calls me up and says "What's the idea of sending me a note that says 'Rest in Peace'?"

"Oh no!" she sighed, "Now I know why I got a nasty message from the funeral parlour."



# Bits AND Pieces

**It's been a bit of a  
strange day!  
First I found a hat  
full of money.  
Then I was  
chased by an  
angry man with a  
guitar...**

No good at  
reversing,  
So thought  
I'd try the  
opposite!



## POOR, BUT BLESSED IN THE OLD DAYS

We met and we married a long time ago,  
We worked for long hours when wages were low,  
No TV, no wireless, no bath, times were hard,  
Just a cold water tap and a walk in the yard.  
No holiday abroad, no carpets on floors,  
We had coal on the fire and we didn't lock doors.  
Our children arrived, no pill in those days,  
And we brought them up without any state aid.  
They were safe going out to play in the park  
Any old folks could go for a walk in the dark.  
No Valium, no drugs; and no L.S.D.,  
We cured most our ills with a good cup of tea.  
No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob,  
We felt we were rich with a couple of bob.  
People were happy in those far off days,  
Kinder and caring in so many ways.  
Milkman and paper boy would whistle and sing,  
A night at the pictures was our one mad fling.  
We all got our share of troubles and strife,  
We just had to face it – that's the pattern of life.  
Now I'm alone and look back through the years  
I don't think of the bad times, trouble and tears.  
I remember the blessings, our home and our love,  
And that we shared them together, I thank God above.  
(Author unknown)

## THE FIRST KISS IS THE HARDEST

So, it's your first kiss and several questions might come to mind:

- Is it the right time?
- Is anyone watching?
- Does your partner even want to?
- Is your breath fresh?
- And... Should you use some tongue?
- ???
- Then you lean in and just go for it!!!



What would you rather have...  
Parkinsons or  
Alzheimers?

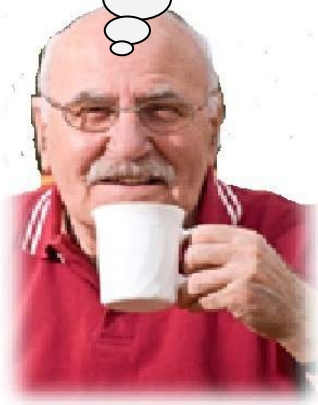
Well... better to  
spill half a glass  
of Scotch than  
forget where you  
put the bottle...!



With Age comes skills  
It's called MultiTasking  
**I CAN  
LAUGH, COUGH,  
SNEEZE, AND PEE ALL  
AT THE SAME TIME.**



At a movie theatre,  
which armrest is  
yours?



OOPS...and DOUPLE OOPS

