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"Rockzette"

Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

President's Report

Greetings All,

Again, not a lot to report this month. We are all familiar with the "on again, off again" COVID lockdowns, but classes are (as at going to print) back to normal, and we are still observing current social distancing rules.

Classes will break for a short period over Christmas and New Year, but breakup and resumption dates are determined by the individual classes, so may vary.

One important event this month is the birthday of Doug Walker, our Faceting Instructor and Workshop Manager. Doug turns 90 on the 10th of this month and is showing no signs of slowing down. In fact, he has just bought himself a new car: bright red because he knows

Doug has 20 years membership under his belt, having joined the Club in 2000, and was awarded Life Membership 2 years ago.

I am sure everyone will join with me in wishing Doug a very 'Happy Birthday', with many more to follow.

Enjoy your Christmas and New year festivities and stay safe.

Cheers, Ian

they go faster!

Diary Dates / Notices

Happy Birthday

Members celebrating December birthdays:

08th - Granton Edwards.

10th – Doug Walker. 22nd - John Hill.

08th - Kevin Hannam. 09th - Peter Rothe. 26th - Denise Edwards.

10th - Blue Higgins.

Sale of Minerals, Gems, Fossils and Crystals

December 5th and 6th, 2020. See details on the last page...



General Interest

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Members' Noticeboard and Links...

The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. is not and cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries, loss or damage to property at any club activity, including, but not limited to, meetings, field trips, all crafts and club shows.

An indemnity is to be signed by all participants before each and every field trip activity they attend.

Club Activities / Fees

December

Edition

2020

Meetings

General monthly meetings have not resumed yet due to SA Covid-19 Pandemic physical distancing requirements.

Library

Librarian - Augie Gray

There is a 2-month limit on borrowed items. When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf.

When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.

Tuesday Faceting/Cabbing

Tuesdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Doug Walker (7120 2221).

Wednesday Silversmithing

Wednesdays - 7 pm to 9 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

Thursday Cabbing

Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

Friday Silversmithing

Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon. All are welcome. Supervised by John Hill (8251 1118).

<u>Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmithing Fees:</u>

A standard fee of \$3.00 per session applies – to be paid to the session supervisor.

In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure everyone using the workshops follow the rules set out in Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006.

It is necessary that Health and Safety regulations are adhered to always.

Everyone using the workshop must ensure:

- that all club equipment (e.g. magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) used during the session, is cleaned, and returned to the workshop after usage.
- · that all workstations are left in a clean and tidy
- that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin.
- · and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried.

NOTE: The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.

Club Subscriptions:

\$20.00 Family \$25.00 Family

Pensioner

\$12.50 Single \$15.00 Single

Pensioner

\$10.00 Joining Fee

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Contributed by Augie Gray...

Zircon - Birthstone for December

Zircon is an important gemstone which occurs in an array of colours of yellow, champagne, orange, pink, red, brown, blue, and green, as well as colourless.

This gemstone has an extremely high refractive index and stunning dispersion, meaning the colourless variety, as a faceted gem, is often mistaken for Diamond.

It is a natural gemstone, not to be confused with Cubic Zirconia, which is a man-made Diamond simulant.

Zircon's colour diversity is caused by traces of certain <u>impurities</u>, some of which are <u>radioactive</u>.

These radioactive forms of Zircon must be heated to stabilize them for use as gems. In fact, many of the gem forms of Zircon (even those that are not radioactive) are heat treated to enhance colour and increase transparency, as is done with many other gem varieties. The radioactivity in Zircon gemstones is very minimal and is considered safe, without posing any health hazards.

Due to its radioactive status, Zircon is described by geologists and gemmologists as a 'transitional' stone, being known as high, intermediate or low Zircon, depending on the state of radioactive decomposition. For this reason, it shows a wide range of specific gravity – from 3.90 to 4.71, depending on its type.

Rough Zircon can quite easily be identified by its weight (heavy compared to other stones) and Adamantine lustre, even if its crystal shape is not evident.



















Zircon 09



Zircon 1



Zircon 1



Zircon 1



Zircon 13



Zircon 1



Zircon 15



Zircon 16



Zircon 17



Zircon 18



Zircon 19



Zircon 2

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0144 Quartz, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0145 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD.



0165 Quartz, Toms Mountain, QLD



0174 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD.



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0230 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0236 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0250 Quartz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD





0247 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0255 Quartz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD.



0258 Quartz, Toms Mountain, QLD.



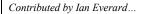
0262 Quartz, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0259 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.

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0263 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



artz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD.



0991 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



0990A Barite on Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



0990B Barite on Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



0996 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.

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0999 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



1156 Quartz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa area, QLD.



1158 Quartz, Toms Mountain, Mary Kathleen, QLD.



1694 Quartz after Calcite, Arkaroola, SA.





1742 Smoky Quartz Geode, Mooralla, VIC.



1906 Quartz, Mt Isa, QLD.



2008 Quartz, Toms Mountain, Mary Kathleen, QLD.

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2898 Quartz, Toms Mountain, Mary Kathleen, QLD.



0026 Candle Quartz, Torrington, NSW.



0046 Smoky Quartz Scepter, Mooralla, VIC.



0047 Smoky Quartz, Mooralla, VIC.



0211 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0216 Quartz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD.



0226 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0231 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0233 Quartz with Hematite Inclusions, Toms Mountain, QLD.



0264 Quartz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD.



0265 Quartz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa, QLD.



0607 Quartz var Smoky, Mooralla, VIC.



1583 Quartz var Smoky, Mooralla, VIC



1705 Quartz, Toms Mountain, Mary Kathleen, QLD.



1717 Quartz, Toms Mountain, Mary Kathleen, QLD.



1767 Quartz with Phantoms, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa area, QLD.



1808 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



1924 Smoky Quartz, Mooralla, VIC.



1925 Smoky Quartz, Mooralla, VIC.



1927 Smoky Quartz, Mooralla, VIC



2896 Quartz, Toms Mountain, Mary Kathleen, QLD.

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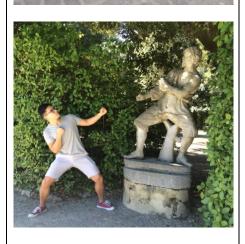
How Statues Are Fighting Back Part 2

We have all heard about people taking down statues as a part of protests and riots that have been happening recently.

Meanwhile the statues around the world have apparently started to fight back.















Contributed by Augie Gray...

How the Internet started; according to the Bible



Please do not Google or check this with Snopes. They will lie to you and call this False. Trust ME.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did taketh unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com, as she came to be known, was a comely woman: large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to the People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And indeed, lo he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And that is the truth.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Great Wildlife Photos





There's nothing scarier than that split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think "THEY ARE GOING TO FIND ME NAKED."

Contributed by Doug Walker...





One day, you'll be able to tell your grandkids, "I survived the Great Toilet Paper Shortage of 2020."





I started out with nothing... I still have most of it.

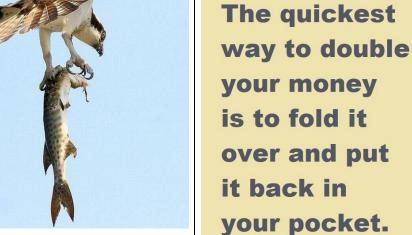




This 'killing them with kindness' is taking way longer than I expected.

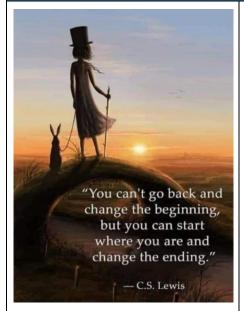








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Some call it "multitasking".

I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place. "I bought my friend an elephant for his room. He said "Thanks!" I said "Don't mention it."



Some of the best words ever!

Gallivant *Britches *Codger *Rigmarole Hoodwink * Ragamuffin * Fiddle-faddle Humbug *Skullduggery *Jalopy * Kibosh Bejeebers • Flibberty-jibbit • Hullabaloo Bamboozled * Flabbergasted * Brouhaha Discombobulated*Lollygag*Malarkey Cattywumpus • Nincompoop • Skedaddle Shenanigans +Flummoxed+Pumpernickle Berserk • Periwinkle • Thingamyjig • Whatsit Confuzzled *Kerfuffle *Poppycock *Bogus Balderdash * Fuddy-duddy * Thunderation Whosemegadget * Skewwiff * Lambasted Flim-flam • Whatchamacallit • Concoction Doohicky * Gobsmacked * Thingamebob Camaraderie • Nucklehead • Wishywashy Fiddlesticks * Caterwauling * Rigmarole Tomfoolery • Bodacious • Fiddle-dee-dee Willy-nilly • Decrepid • Persnickety • Egads Audacity * Baloney * Kerfuffle * Numb-skull

The problem with stealing quotes off the Internet is you never know if they are genuine.

~ Abraham Lincoln

Is He Gone Yet?



This is amazing...made from 100% horseshit!



Sometimes

the best thing you can do is keep your mouth shut and your eyes open. The truth always comes out in the end.

Not in jail, not in a mental hospital, not in a grave - I say I'm having a very good day.

Contributed by Allan Rudd...



Fottle, Farton and ?ucket

I went to the Patent Office to register some of my inventions.

I went to the main desk to sign in and the lady at the desk had a form that had to be filled out.

She wrote down my personal info and then asked me what I had invented.

I said, "a folding bottle".

She said, "Okay, what do you call it?"

"A Fottle."

"What else do you have."

"I have also invented a folding carton."

Again, she said, "what do you call it?"

"A Farton."

She sniggered and said, "Those are silly names for products and one of them sounds kind of crude."

I was so upset by her comment that I grabbed the form and left the office without even telling her about my folding bucket.

Having a Bad Day



Joe had asked Bob to help him out with the deck after work, so Bob just went straight over to Joe's place. When they got to the door, Joe went straight to his wife, gave her a hug, and told her how beautiful she was and how much he had missed her at work. When it was time for supper, he complimented his wife on her cooking, kissed her and told her how much he loved her.

Once they were working on the deck, Bob told Joe that he was surprised that he fussed so much over his wife. Joe said that he had started this about six months ago, it had revived their marriage, and things could not be better. Bob thought he would give it a go. When he got home, he gave his wife a massive hug, kissed her and told her that he loved her. His wife burst into tears.

Bob was confused and asked why she was crying. She said: "This is the worst day of my life. First, little Billy fell off his bike and twisted his ankle. Then, the washing machine broke and flooded the basement. And now, you come home drunk!"

Learning the Job



A young person in a country town got a job behind the counter at the general store. A lady came in and asked for some rose-scented soap. "I'm sorry," said the new assistant, "we don't have any." The manager saw this and took the shop assistant aside, explaining: "This is a business. We must make sales. If we do not have what a person asks for, suggest an alternative."

This influenced the shop assistant, as a man walked in and asked, "Do you have any toilet rolls?" "I'm sorry, we don't." replied the assistant, " but we have flypaper, sandpaper and confetti".

Hit Me Again

The after-dinner speaker just did not have a stop button. He rambled on and on and on, oblivious to his increasingly restless audience. Finally, one of the more drunken diners hurled an empty wine bottle at him. It missed and hit the Chairman instead.

As the Chairman slid slowly to the floor clutching his head, he was heard to murmur: "Hit me again, I can still hear him."

Sex - Good God!



Housework was a woman's job, but one evening, Jenny arrived home from work to find the children bathed, one load of laundry in the washer and another in the dryer.

Dinner was on the stove, and the table set. She was astonished!

It turns out that Ralph had read an article that said wives who work full-time and had to do their own housework were too tired to have SEX

The night went well and the next day, she told her office friends all about it. "We had a great dinner. Ralph even cleaned up. He helped the kids do their homework, folded all the laundry, and put it away. I really enjoyed the evening."

"But what about afterwards?" asked her friends.
"Oh, that ..., Ralph was too tired..."

God is good.

Managing a Blind Date



After being with his blind date all evening, the man could not take another minute with her.

Earlier, he had secretly arranged to have a friend call him to the phone so he would have an excuse to leave if something like this happened.

When he returned to the table, he lowered his eyes, put on a grim expression and said, "I have some bad news. My grandfather just died."

"Thank heavens," his date replied. "If yours hadn't, mine would have had to!"

Problem Solving



Two older ladies were discussing their husbands over tea.

"I do wish that my George would stop biting his nails. He makes me terribly nervous."

"My Herbert used to do the same thing," the older woman replied. "But I broke him of the habit."

"How?"

"I hid his teeth."

The Australian Male Sense of Humour

The missus is not talking to me. She said I ruined her birthday. I am not sure how...I did not even know it was her birthday!

After too many beers, my mate asked if he could crash out on my sofa. I had to explain to him that I am married now, so that is where I sleep.

Woman to husband: "Let us go out and have some fun tonight!" Husband: "Okay, but if you get home before I do, leave the hall light on."

My missus left a note on the fridge: "It is not working. I cannot take it anymore; I am going to live with my mum." I opened the fridge door, the light came on, the beer was cold. What the hell is she on about?"

Contributed by Doug Walker...





When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing" It does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

I HATE WHEN A COUPLE ARGUES IN PUBLIC AND I MISSED THE BEGINNING AND DON'T KNOW WHOSE SIDE I'M ON. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

When I say "the other day,"
I could be referring to any
time between yesterday and
15 years ago

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "East" Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever...

We call these people cops.

Cop, "Please step out of the car."

Me, "I'm too drunk, you get in."

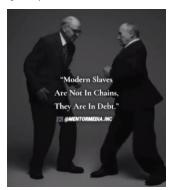
I don't remember much from last night but the fact that i needed sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome.

That moment when you walk into a spider web and suddenly tum into a karate master.

The older I get the earlier it gets late.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

When Intelligent People Talk (It is almost funny how some of these quotes are so relevant to today. And, even more scary are some of Lincolns Ouotes!)

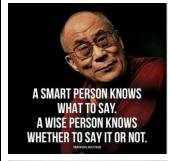








Do not trust everything you see. Even salt looks like sugar. www.yourpositiveoasis.com

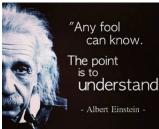


A saint was asked-"what is anger?"



He gave a beautiful answer "It is a punishment we give to ourself, for somebodyelse's mistake."





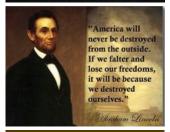


When Albert Einstein Met Charlie Chaplin



ALBERT EINSTEIN: -What I admire most a word, and yet, the world understands you

CHARLIE CHAPLIN: -It's true, but your fame when nobody understands you!

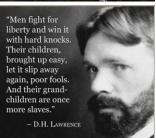


YES! HE REALLY DID SAY THIS.

We the people are the rightful master of both Congress and the Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who would pervert the Constitution.







In life, it is important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

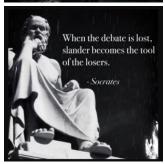
A ship is always safe at shore, but that is not what it is built for. Albert Einstein

"When you see that in order to produce, you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing - When you see that money is flowin to those who deal, not in goods, but in favors - When you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work, and your laws don't protect you against them, but protect them against you -When you see corruption being rewarded and honesty becoming a self-sacrifice - You may know that your society is doomed."

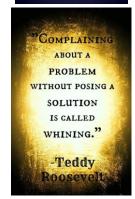
Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged, 1957







BLAME OURSELF OING TO CIRCUS.



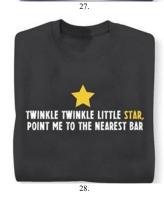




SOME DAYS THE SUPPLY
OF CURSE WORDS IS
INSUFFICIENT TO MEET
MY DEMANDS

















Contributed by Augie Gray...

Book Titles



"After the Cyclone" by Deb Reese

"How to Handle Nitro-glycerine" by E.C. Duzzit

"The Great Escape" by Freda Convict

"No Camels Here!" by Humphrey Zoo

"It Doesn't Work" by Mal Function

"In Mr. McGregor's Garden" by Peter Abbott



"What Geologists Study" by Roxanne Minerals

"Just Say No" by Will Power

"Stop Arguing" by Xavier Breath

"Mobile Homes" by Winnie Bago

"Get Out There!" by Sally Forth

"All Alone" by Saul E. Terry

"The New Bow Street Runners" by Scott Linyard

"Fancy Light Fixtures" by Sean D'Olear

"The Delhi Taxi" by Rick Shaw



This brilliant picture, allegedly near Glenelg jetty, was taken during the storm on 10-11-2020 and posted on Facebook by Elias Arcondoulis.

Contributed by Augie Gray...

DURING THE MIDDLE
AGES THEY CELEBRATED
THE END OF THE PLAGUE
WITH WINE AND ORGIES
DOES ANYONE KNOW IF
THEY HAVE ANYTHING
LIKE THAT PLANNED
WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?

Children in backseats cause accidents. Accidents in backseats cause children.

> MY CAT JUST CAME HOME WITH 24 BAGS OF KITTY LITTER. Time to stop this nonsense.

News Flash!

Sticking your tongue on an outdoor bug zapper lamp will cure the virus. Yep, I read it on the internet.

Why are iPhone chargers not called apple juice?





Maths Class 2020

'If Jimmy was a Hairdresser and wanted to marry a Personal Trainer in an open-air food court, how many people can attend the ceremony?'

Contributed by Allan Rudd...



Statue of Limitations

A Russian Jew was finally allowed to emigrate to Israel.

At Moscow airport, customs found a Lenin statue in his baggage and asked, "What is this?"

The man replied, "What is this? Wrong question comrade. You should have asked: Who is he? This is Comrade Lenin. He laid the foundations of socialism and created the future and prosperity of the Russian people. I am taking it with me as a memory of our dear hero."

The Russian customs officer let him go without further inspection.

At Tel Aviv airport, the Israeli customs officer also asked our friend, "What is this?"

He replied, "What is this? Wrong question, Sir. You should be asking, 'Who is this?' This is Lenin, the bastard who caused me, a Jew, to leave Russia. I take this statue with me so I can curse him every day."

The Israeli customs officer said, "I apologize, Sir, you are cleared to go."

Settling into his new house, he put the statue on a table. To celebrate his immigration, he invited his friends and relatives to dinner.

One of his friends asked, "Who is this?"
He replied, "My dear friend, 'Who is this?' is a wrong question. You should have asked, 'What is this?'

He added, 'This is ten kilograms of solid gold that I managed to bring with me without paying any customs duty and tax.'

Moral: Politics is when you can tell the same shit in different ways to fool different audiences, to allow you to look good in every way.

Passwords Matter - The Longest Ever



We laugh...but her ID is safe.

During a recent password audit by a company, it was found that an employee was using the following password:

'MickyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofySacramento' When asked why she had such a long password, she rolled her eyes and said, 'Der...Hello! It has to be at least eight characters and include at least one capital.'



If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind.

M3554G3 7H15 53RV35 70 PR0V3 H0W **OUR M1ND5 C4N** D₀ 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5! 1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5! 1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG WA5 H4RD BU7 NOW. 0N 7H15 LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17 4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7 3V3N 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD! ONLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD 7H15 F0RW4RD 1F PL3453 C4N R34D 7H15



When the boss is coming, and you need to pretend you are doing something.

Find the Words



Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden \Rightarrow ψ and $\mathbf{2}$.

CK ORANGE
E PINK
WN PURPLE
AY RED
TURQUOISE

YELLOV

Contributed by Augie Gray...

This is what...looks like.



This is what a rainstorm over the city of Denver looks like.



This is what a Russian Red Fox looks like



This is what a castle on an island in Ireland looks like.





This is what an Osirian Rose looks like.



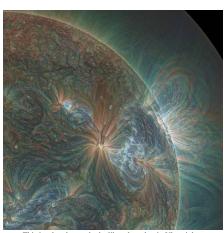
This is what a Lenticular cloud over Mount Fuji looks like.



This is what blue butterflies in the Amazon rainforest in Brazil look like.



This is what an oasis in Libya looks like.



This is what the sun looks like when shot in Ultraviolet.





This is what the pyramids look like from Cairo street



This is what the Apollo Metalmark Butterfly looks like.



This is what a snail drinking from a be



This is what the turquoise ice formations on Lake Baikal, Russia look like.



This is what two hours' worth of lightning on one pic looks like.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Anosognosia

In the following analysis, the French Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer's Disease (IMMA) at La Pitié-Salpêtrière, Paris Hospitals, addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way:

"If anyone is aware of his memory problems, he does not have Alzheimer's." For example:

- 1. I forget the names of families
- 2. I do not remember where I put some things"

It often happens in people 60 years and older that they complain that they lack memory. "The information is always in the brain, it is the "processor" that is lacking."

This is "Anosognosia" or temporary forgetfulness.

Half of people 60 and older have some symptoms that are due to age rather than disease.

The most common cases are:

- forgetting the name of a person,
- going to a room in the house and not remembering why we were going there,
- a blank memory for a movie title or actor, an actress,
- a waste of time searching where we left our glasses or keys...

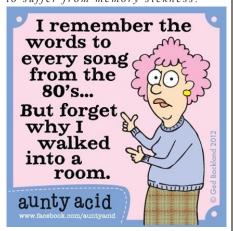
After 60 years most people have such a difficulty, which indicates that it is not a disease but rather a characteristic due to the passage of years...

Many people are concerned about these oversights hence the importance of the following statement: "Those who are conscious of being forgetful have no serious problem of memory.'

"Those who suffer from a memory illness or Alzheimer's, are not aware of what is happening.

Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of IMMA, reassures most people concerned about their oversights:

"The more we complain about memory loss, the less likely we are to suffer from memory sickness.



Now for a little neurological test: Only use your eyes!

1- Find the C in the table below!

2- If you have already found the C, then find the 6 in the table below.

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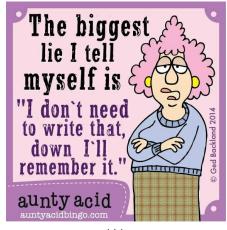
3 - Now find the N in the table below. Attention, it's a little more difficult!

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If you pass these three tests without problem:

- you can cancel your annual visit to the neurologist.
- your brain is in perfect shape!
- you are far from having any relationship with Alzheimer's.

So, share this with your over 60 friends, it can reassure them!



The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

It was an apple but with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte. And then everything crashed.

"Having too much sex can result in memory loss."

I read that on page 37, paragraph five of the New England Medical Journal on September 15th, 2014 at 10:37 am.

Did you know too much sex can cause memory loss?

I read that in a medical journal on page 34 at 3:23 pm last year on Wednesday November the 7th.

My mum suffers with short term memory loss.

Hope it does not run in the family because my mums got it too!



Three older women were discussing how their memory is not what it used to be.

The first woman said, "Sometimes, I'm in the elevator, and I don't remember if I'm going up or

"The second woman said, "Sometimes, I have a bottle of mayonnaise in my hand, and I don't remember if I'm taking it out of the fridge or putting it back."

"The third woman said, "Well, I do not have any of those problems, knock wood!" She then knocked on the table. Prompted by the knocking sound, she told the other two, "Hold on a second, someone's at the door."

I MAY NOT BE THAT **FUNNY OR ATHLETIC** OR GOOD LOOKING OR SMART OR TALENTED I **FORGOT** WHERE I WAS **GOING WITH THIS**

SORRY

BRAIN TEMPORARILY OUT OF SERVICE DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. WE ARE **CURRENTLY WORKING TO** RECTIFY THE PROBLEM. **PLEASE TRY AGAIN LATER**

Contributed by Allan Rudd...

Christmas Dinner - Patterson's Butchers, Sheffield.

I have concluded that the inevitable stress of Christmas dinner is created by adverts, supermarkets, and TV chefs. It is a Sunday dinner for goodness sake! We do it quite happily 51 weeks of the year but can we the consumers be trusted to manage by ourselves on one day of the year...apparently not! Here goes...



- 1. Turkey... It is a big fecking chicken that's all, 20 minutes per lb plus 20 minutes at 180 degrees jobs a good un! Get yourselves a meat thermometer £3 off the Internet poke it in the offending bird if it says 75 degrees or over its cooked!
- 2. Stuffing regardless of what Jamie Oliver says you do NOT need 2lbs of shoulder of pork, onions breadcrumbs, pine nuts and a shit load of fresh herbs to make stuffing....(no fecking wonder he's bankrupt if that's what he spends to make stuffing!)

What you need is a box of stuffing mix and a kettle! If you wanna liven it up squeeze 3 sausages out of their skins and mix that in with it before cooking.



3. Gravy - Jamie Oliver is copping for this one as well...

Gravox Jamie....All you need is Gravox!

I (nor any other woman I know) has got time on Christmas Eve to piss about roasting chicken wings and vegetables, adding stock and flour, cooking it for another half hour, mashing it all up with a potato masher and then straining the whole sorry mess to make gravy.

4. Vegetables...Never mind faffing around shredding sprouts and frying them with bacon

and chestnuts to make them more palatable...If you do not like them do not buy and cook the fecking things! If your family only eats frozen peas, then that is good enough!

5. Roast potatoes...Yes, I par boil mine then roast them in goose fat. Aunt Bessie also does the same.



6. Trimmings /Christmas pudding and the like...Aldi or Lidl!

(oh and while we're on the subject of puddingif birds custard is what your family likes on the wretched thing then that's fine - you do not need brandy butter /rum sauce etc or anything else that costs a fecking fortune and takes 2 hours to make!)

7. Family....

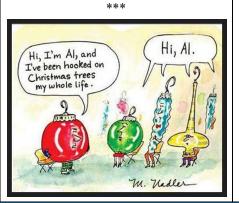
Children...Feed the little blighters first, if they only want turkey with tomato sauce - fine leave em to it, it does not matter. Once they are fed bugger them off to play with their Christmas presents so that YOU can enjoy your dinner in Peace!

Adults...Anyone that can manage to get their sorry arse to your dinner table is also capable of helping to serve up/ sort the kids out/ clear the table /wash up /dry up etc.

And Finally...



NO ONE...And I mean no one APART FROM THE COOK IS ALLOWED TO GET PISSED AND FALL ASLEEP BEFORE THE WASHING UP IS DONE!



Does anyone know anyone called Leon out there who could use these? I ordered them from Amazon but they were supposed to have spelt Noel. ...









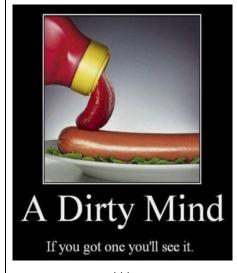
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Pro tip: if you have cats, never leave the rice uncovered...





What is long and hard and full of seamen? A submarine!

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Grandma, what did you do with all the money from Grandpa's Lif Insurance?

What are the shortest three words in the English language? Is it in?

A penguin takes his car to the shop and the mechanic says it will take about an hour for him to check it. While he waits, the penguin goes to an ice cream shop and orders a big sundae to pass the time. The penguin is not the neatest eater, and he ends up covered in melted ice cream. When he returns to the shop, the mechanic takes one look at him and says, "Looks like you blew a seal." "No," the penguin insists, "it's just ice cream."

Let's call her Monica

What is the difference between "ooooooh" and "aaaaaaah"? About three inches.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.



Strewth Lorraine, that is just GROSS! **Black** knee pads with **white** socks?

What was he thinking?

Grandma: All people think about is sex these days Grandma:



When making a cup
of tea for the wife I
shouted from the
kitchen,
"do you want a Kit
Kat Chunky?"
Don't remember
much after that!



If you ever feel alone and abandoned...think of this slice of cheddar. Things could be worse.

How can you spot the blind guy at the nudist colony? It is not hard.

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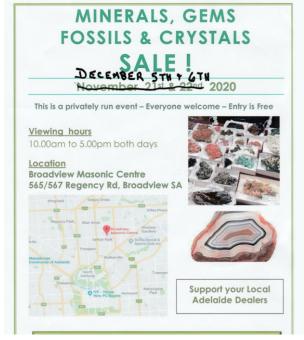
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