

Women in Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern areas are now permitted to drive for the first time.



## **TOO DAM FUNNY**

**This is an actual letter sent to a man named Ryan DeVries regarding a pond on his property. It was sent by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Quality, State of Pennsylvania. This guy's response is hilarious, but read the State's letter before you get to the response letter, you won't stop once you start.**



**This is an actual letter: State of Pennsylvania 's letter to Mr. DeVries:**

SUBJECT: DEQ ... File No.97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr. DeVries:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity:

Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond.

A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files shows that no permits have been issued. Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at

downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2010.

Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action.

We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely, David L. Price  
District Representative and Water Management Division.

**Here is the actual response sent back by Mr. DeVries:**

Re: DEQ File  
No.. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Lycoming County

**Dear Mr. Price,**

**Your certified letter dated 11/17/09 has been handed to me. I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at 2088 Dagget Lane , Trout Run, Pennsylvania .**

**A couple of beavers are in the process of constructing and maintaining two wood 'debris' dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skillful use of natures building materials 'debris.'**

**I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic.**



**These are the beavers/contractors you are seeking. As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.**

**My first dam question to you is:**

- (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers, or**
- (2) Do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request?**

**If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. (Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.)**

**I have several dam concerns. My first dam concern is, aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation -- so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer.**

**The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event, causing flooding, is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling them dam names.**

**If you want the damed stream 'restored' to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers -- but if you are going to arrest**

them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter, they being unable to read English.

In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams).

So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1/31/2010? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice by then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention to a real environmental quality, health, problem in the area It is the bears! Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your dam step! The bears are not careful where they dump!

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

THANK YOU,

RYAN DEVRIES & THE DAM BEAVERS

## A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOUR



*After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb.*

*'Excuse me, Your Holiness,' says the driver, 'Would you please take your seat so we can leave?'*

*'Well, to tell you the truth,' says the Pope, 'they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and I'd really like to drive today.'*

*'I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen' protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.*

*'Who's going to tell' says the Pope with a smile.*

*Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 205 kms. (Remember, the Pope is German.)*



*'Please slow down, Your Holiness' pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.*

*'Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my license -- and my job!' moans the driver.*

*The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.*

*'I need to talk to the Chief,' he says to the dispatcher.*

*The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going 205 kph.*

*'So bust him,' says the Chief.*

*'I don't think we want to do that, he's really important,' said the cop.*

*The Chief exclaimed, 'All the more reason!'*

*'No, I mean really important,' said the cop with a bit of persistence..*

*The Chief then asked, 'Who do you have there, the mayor?'*

*Cop: 'Bigger.'*

*Chief: 'A senator?'*

*Cop: 'Bigger.'*

***Chief: 'The President?'***

***Cop: 'Bigger.'***

***'Well,' said the Chief, 'who is it?'***

***Cop: 'I think it's God!'***

***The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, 'What makes you think it's God?'***

***Cop: 'His chauffeur is the Pope!'***



***Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humour out of life,  
And pass it on to other folk.***



**I needed to go to the local NHS hospital but not wanting to sit there for 4 hours, I put on my blue jacket and pinned a plastic ID card that I had made off the Internet onto the front of my jacket.**

**When I went into the hospital, I noticed that 3/4 of the people got up and left. I guess they decided that they weren't that sick after all. Cut at least 3 hours off my waiting time.**

**Here's the patch. Feel free to use it the next time you're in need of quicker emergency service.**



**It also works at all supermarkets. It saves me hours.**

**At the Laundry, three minutes after entering, I had my choice of any machine, most still running!**

**Don't try it at McDonald's though..... The whole staff disappeared and I never got my cheeseburger !**

***Also..... never wear it while trying to get a taxi !!***

## **Building Permit**

I just applied for a building permit for a new house.

It was going to be 100 ft tall and 400 ft wide with 9 turrets at various heights and windows all over the place and a loud outside entertainment sound system.

It would have enough parking for 200 cars and I was going to paint it bright purple with pink trim.

The Council told me to f\*\*\* off.

So I sent in the application again, but this time I called it a Mosque.

Work starts on Monday.



## Scotch with two drops of water



A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship  
and orders a Scotch with two drops of water.  
As the bartender gives her the drink she says  
'I'm on this cruise to celebrate  
my 80th birthday and it's today.'

The bartender says  
'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink.  
In fact, this one is on me.'

As the woman finishes her drink  
the woman to her right says  
'I would like to buy you a drink, too.'

The old woman says  
'Thank you.'

Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming up' says the bartender

As she finishes that drink,  
the man to her left says

'I would like to buy you one, too.'

The old woman says  
'Thank you.'

Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming right up' the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says

'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity.

Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'

The old woman replies

'Sonny, when you're my age,

you've learned how to hold your liquor...

Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'

'OLD' IS WHEN....

Your sweetie says

'Let's go upstairs and make love'

and you answer:

'Pick one, I can't do both!'

'OLD' IS WHEN...

Your friends compliment you

on your new alligator shoes

And you're barefoot!

'OLD' IS WHEN...

A sexy babe or hunk catches your fancy ...

And your pacemaker opens the garage door!

'OLD' IS WHEN...

Going braless pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

'OLD' IS WHEN....

You don't care where your spouse goes

... Just as long as you don't have to go along.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

You are cautioned to slow down

by the doctor instead of by the police

'OLD' IS WHEN..

'Getting a little action'

Means you don't need to take any fibre today

'OLD' IS WHEN...

'Getting lucky' means you find your car

... In the parking lot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

An 'all nighter' means not getting up

To use the bathroom.

AND

'OLD' IS WHEN.....

You are not sure these are jokes!

# ADVICE FROM A RETIRED HUSBAND

## (ON HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN)

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them.. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is Ron. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Carol Anne. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Carol Anne to get a full-time job, along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work.

Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club, so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner.

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think, for example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour.. But, Boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two, or even three days. That way, she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points.

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the yard. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Carol Anne. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, Guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Ron died suddenly on January 31 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Calloway extra-long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his rear end, with barely 5 inches of grip showing, and a sledge hammer laying nearby. His wife Carol Anne was arrested and charged with murder. The all-woman jury took only 10 minutes to find her Not Guilty, accepting her defence that Ron, somehow without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club.



**God said,**  
**"Adam, I want you to do something for Me."**

**Adam said,**  
**"Gladly, Lord, what do You want me to do?"**

**God said,**  
**"Go down into that valley."**

**Adam said,**  
**"What's a valley?"**

**God explained it to him.**

**Then God said,**  
**"Cross the river."**

**Adam said, "What's a river?"**



God explained that to him, and then said,  
"Go over to the hill....."

Adam said,  
"What is a hill?"

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was.  
He told Adam, "On the other side of the hill you will find  
a cave."

Adam said,  
'What's a cave?'

After God explained, He said,  
"In the cave you will find a woman."

Adam said,  
"What's a woman?'

So God explained that to him, too.

Then, God said,  
'I want you to reproduce."

Adam said,  
"How do I do that?"

God first said (under His breath),

**"Geez....."**

**And then, just like everything else, God explained that to Adam, as well.**

**So, Adam goes down into the valley,**

**across the river,**

**and over the hill,**

**into the cave,**

**and finds the woman.**

**Then, in about five minutes, he was back.**

**God, His patience wearing thin, said angrily, "What is it now?"**

**And Adam said....**

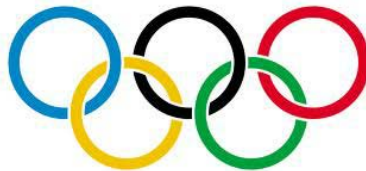
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## "What's a headache?"



Some more of the one-liners that were doing the rounds during the Olympics.

In the first 10 days of the Olympics the Romanians have taken gold, silver, bronze, copper, lead, drain covers and anything else they can get their hands on.

Somalia has been thrown out of the Olympics. They didn't know that sailing and shooting were two separate events!

As a way of apology to North Korea for displaying the South Korean flag at the Olympic football, the team will be treated to an all you can eat buffet at Battersea dogs home.

Is it just me or have you noticed how much these Chinese swimmers have come on since the Morecambe Bay cockle picking accident.

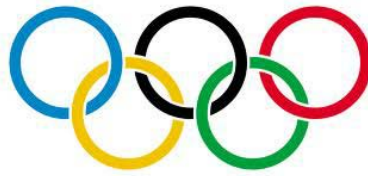
First sailing results are in - Britain has taken gold, the USA have taken silver and Somalia have taken a middle-aged couple from Weymouth.

Brazilian hurdlers were lucky; last time a Brazilian jumped a barrier in London the police shot him.

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One Olympic athlete to another, "are you a pole vaulter?"

"No, I am German, .... And how did you know my name?"



Here are the top nine comments made by NBC sports commentators during the Summer Olympics that they would like to take back:

1. Weightlifting commentator: "This is Gregoriava from Bulgaria. I saw her snatch this morning during her warm up and it was amazing."
2. Dressage commentator: "This is really a lovely horse and I speak from personal experience since I once mounted her mother."
3. Paul Hamm, Gymnast: "I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father."
4. Boxing Analyst: "Sure there have been injuries, and even some deaths in boxing, but none of them really that serious."
5. Softball announcer: "If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again."
6. Basketball analyst: "He dribbles a lot and the opposition doesn't like it. In fact you can see it all over their faces."
7. At the rowing medal ceremony: "Ah, isn't that nice, the wife of the IOC president is hugging the cox of the British crew."
8. Soccer commentator: "Julian Dicks is everywhere. It's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field."
9. Tennis commentator: "One of the reasons Andy is playing so well is that, before the final round, his girlfriend takes out his balls and kisses them . . . Oh my God, what have I just said?"



With breathless anticipation the crowd awaits the unveiling  
of the .....

'Tony Blair Statue'

## David Is To Be Returned To Italy

A bit of cultural news, for a welcome change.



After a two year loan to the United States ,

Michelangelo's David is being returned to Italy



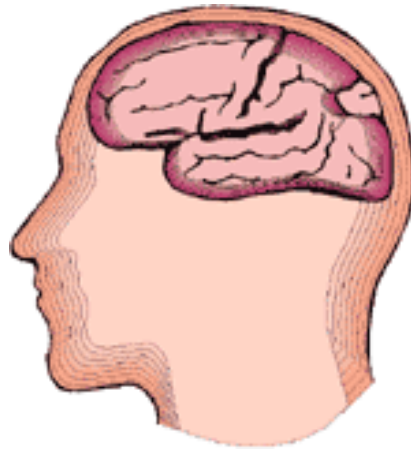
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## The Most Safe Password





### ALZHEIMERS' EYE TEST

(I love this part.. its absolutely amazing!)

Count every " F " in the following text:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY  
COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS...

(SEE BELOW)

HOW MANY ?

YOU SURE?

POSITIVE?

WRONG, THERE ARE 6 -- no joke.

READ IT AGAIN !

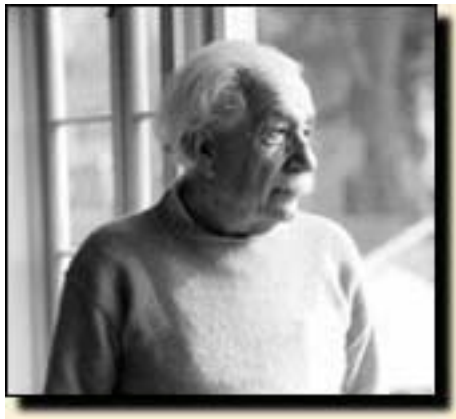
Really, go Back and Try to find the 6 F's before you scroll down.

The reasoning behind is further down.

The brain cannot process "OF".

Incredible or what? Go back and look again!!

Anyone who counts all 6 "F's" on the first go is a genius.



Three is normal, four is quite rare.

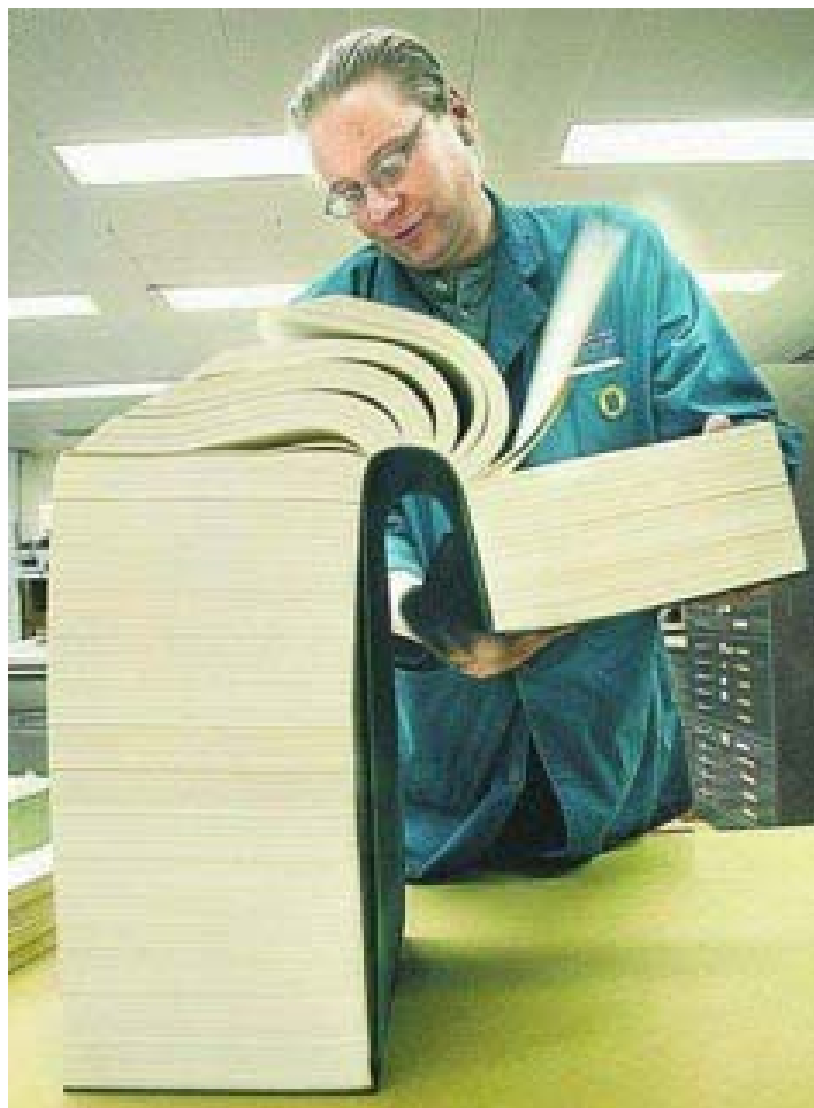
Send this to your friends.

It will drive them crazy.!

And keep them occupied

For several minutes..!

The long awaited book: " How to understand women! "  
has been published!



## **Israel's new 'Cutting Edge' Airport Security**



**TEL AVIV, Israel — The Israelis are developing an airport security device that eliminates the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners.**

**It's an armored booth you step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate any explosive device you may have on your person.**

**Israel sees this as a win-win situation for everyone, with none of this crap about racial profiling. It will also eliminate the costs of long and expensive trials.**

**You're in the airport terminal and you hear a muffled explosion. Shortly thereafter, an announcement: “Attention to all standby passengers, El Al is proud to announce a seat available on flight 670 to London . Shalom!”**

**BRILLIANT.**

Here are some puns to get you groaning.

(I don't know why we should groan, we quite like them really? And you may have seen them before anyway; I can remember one of them from my apprenticeship days, and that's 50 years ago!)

1. King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it."  
"But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested.  
"Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"  
Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

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2. Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire, and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

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3. A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

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4. An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the Medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

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5. A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely, saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

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6. There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one Slept on an elk skin, and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

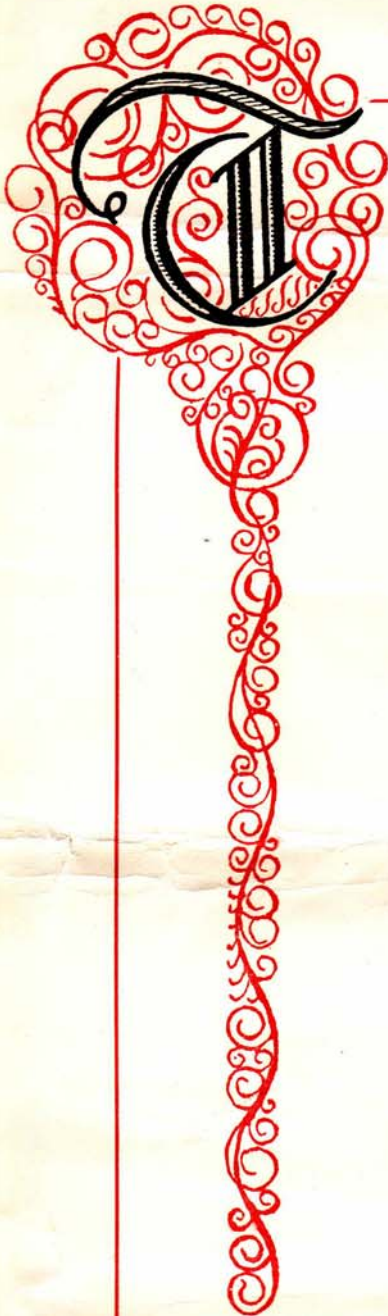
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7. A sceptical anthropologist was cataloguing South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal elder who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the elder looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

And here's another Golden Oldie, this time from our Boatsteerer, who says:

This came from a Blue Funnel old boys association. I wonder how many members remember these bars from around the world? I recall as a midshipman calling at this establishment when returning from a night out and perhaps now I'm older I would have walked straight past!

We believe you, David.



### THE PRESERVATION OF MAN

HE horse and mule live thirty years,  
And nothing know of wines and beers.  
The goat and sheep at twenty die  
With never a taste of scotch or rye.  
The cow drinks water by the ton  
And at 18 is mostly done.  
The dog at 16 cashes in  
Without the aid of rum or gin.  
The cat in milk and water soaks  
And then in 12 short years it croaks.  
The modest, sober, bone dry hen  
Lays eggs for nogs, then dies at 10.  
All animals are strictly dry  
They sinless live and swiftly die.  
But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men  
Survive for three score years and ten  
And some of us, the mighty few,  
Stay pickled till we're 92.

*With Compliments of*  
**WALTZING MATILDA INN**  
9, CORNWALL AVENUE, KOWLOON.

**A WORLD FAMOUS PUB**

*I think this says it all !*





I tried to be friendly and told her she had three beautiful children.

Don't know why she had to get all pissed off and threaten me with a bomb.

It was an honest mistake...



In 1272, Arabic Islamic Muslims invented the condom, using a goat's lower intestine.

In 1873, the British somewhat refined the idea by taking the intestine out of the goat first.



Your brain develops the Negative. Follow instructions below.



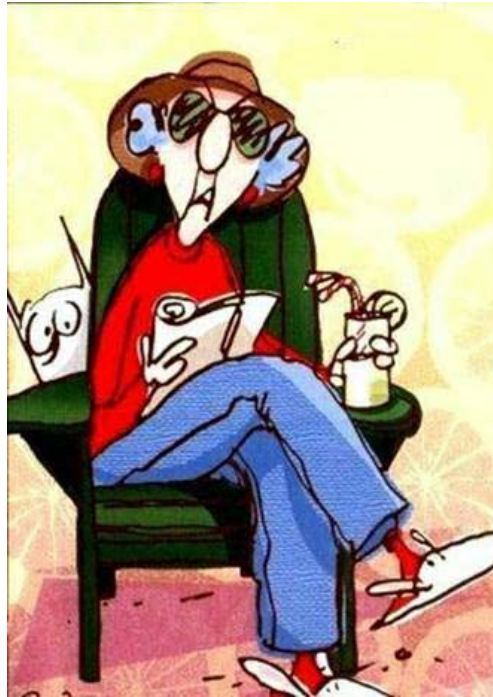
This one is the BEST I have seen so far !!!!!

Instructions: 1. Stare at the red dot on the girls nose for 30 seconds.

2. Turn your eyes to a plain surface (your ceiling or blank wall).

3. Blink repeatedly and quickly. Tell me if that isn't the coolest thing?

# Maxine at Starbucks



I was in Starbucks recently when I suddenly realized  
I desperately needed to fart.  
The music was really loud so I timed my fart with the  
beat of the music.

After a couple of songs I started to feel better. I  
finished my coffee and noticed that everyone was  
staring at me

And suddenly I remembered I was listening to my  
iPod

...and how was your day?

That's what happens when old people start using  
technology !



## Advice For An Old Man



I was working out at the gym when I spotted a sweet young thing walking in...



I asked the trainer next to me, "What machine should I use to impress that lady over there?"

The trainer looked me over and said, I would recommend the ATM in the lobby.

**Wouldn't it be amazing,  
if this was to be introduced here !**

**This is the actual message you get when you phone the  
Australian social services/benefit office! Fantastic....**

**'GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO "CENTRELINK" THE  
AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS OFFICE'**

**"Press '1' if you speak English."**

**"Press '2' to disconnect until you can.."**

**Have a nice day.**