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HERE WE GO AGAIN!

Well at least we have done it before, and we know what's involved! The weather recognised it's a New Zealand lockdown and is doing its best to cheer us up with sunshine at least for the past few days. The Internet is humming with pictures and jokes and the list of jobs on my fridge is growing. Only hope the lockdown ends before the list extends to three sheets of paper!

Whatever happens, stay safe and get vaccinated. You will see I have added some pages at the end to distract you from your shed withdrawal symptoms!

FROM THE CHAIR



On 4 August 2021 Peter Blackler was presented with a Kapiti Coast Civic Award, the criteria for the award were:

- enhanced the welfare and wellbeing of vulnerable communities; and/or
- strengthened community connections through compassion and kindness; and/or
- adopted innovative approaches to help ensure our communities are resilient, safe, healthy, thriving and connected.

The Civic Awards are Council's highest honour for individual residents and groups who've made a lasting impact in the community. Based on public nominations, Council gives awards based on exemplary service or leadership for their community.

On behalf of all the members of MenzShed Kapiti I congratulate Peter on this award and say how proud we are to have him as a member of our shed.

Tony A





THE NEED FOR HEARING PROTECTION

Jeanie Morrison-Low from the Kapiti Hearing Audiology Clinic gave an excellent presentation to the shed about hearing loss. The talk was both humorous and informative and gave guidance on preserving our hearing ability and the reasons for its loss. Unfortunately, it was not well attended as some members were under the impression that it was about the need for hearing aids.

After her talk I asked her if she would give us a copy of her PowerPoint presentation which she did and I have converted it to a video which you can watch by clicking this link [HERE](#). There is no sound with the slides, but you can see some remarkable images of the insides of ears and see what damage excessive noise can do. The slides are timed at 7 seconds each so if you want more time just stop the video where you want it.



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Audiology and hearing aid clinic



2 Please note: There are several links in this MenzShed newsletter. If you are reading it on-line and have a working internet connection to your computer it should open up a video

EXTRA SPECIAL WORK BY MENSZHED MEMBERS

On Thursday 14 August MenzShed Kapiti was contacted by the Cancer Society's Kapiti Centre coordinator Mandy S.

Mandy asked if we could help a young mother and her family. As the young mother was very ill, a community group wanted to completely renovate the family home within a 2-week time frame!! The call went out and members turned up on Saturday 16 August to put on the first of 2 topcoats. The project coordinator Rachel was really impressed with our team's efforts.

We were only required for the day and successfully completed more than was expected. The second coat was put on by another group. The Team, Cliff D, Roger K, Alan W Stephen M, Ron Mc, Dave D Jim W and Tony A also excelled in demolishing the delicious, donated food and drink continuously throughout the day.



Mandy wrote..... "Rachel tells me that despite their ambitious 2-week time frame they are on schedule, in part thanks to the great Menzshed guys that gave their time and got stuck in. Painting brick is never lovely, but I know it was much appreciated. Thank you for stepping in at such short notice.

We got this message a few days later

"Hope that you and the Menzshed team are safe and well in your bubbles. Work continues for us from home. Drives are still operating under some circumstances should anyone need them.

Just to let you know that Renee Cooper passed away on Saturday. She only ever got to see the results of the working bee on her phone. I'm told that when she saw the way the community stepped up and the results achieved in two weeks, she cried.

Thank you so much to the men who contributed their time and skill to the working bee. At least Nick now has a lovely home to raise his boys in."

DEFERRING THE AGM

I know you will be disappointed, but the AGM has been deferred to 30th September, Lockdown permitting

MURRAY KENNETT

Anna Kennett would like to thank Men's Shed President Tony for the great support given to Murray Kennett while critically ill in hospital. Murray has turned a corner and is coming home tomorrow Friday 20th August, but he will go back on Monday to Wellington Hospital for more Dialysis and hopefully this will be short term and he will be back at his happy place Men's Shed Waikane in the very near future.

From: Anna Kennett the better half.

SPONSORS TO MENS SHED

Cabots Donation

The skills of Menzshed members continues to amaze us and the Rimu benchtop made by John Daly by joining our recycled Rimu has proved that point. The benchtop in the kitchen is a focal point in our new amenities centre and is going to have to take a lot of punishment.

The opportunity of having free access to Cabot's products in their yearly donation to all MenzShed's allowed us to coat the surface with CFP FLOOR. This gives us an extra hard-wearing surface that us males can rely on and stands up to our bad habits -and with the extra we were also coat our new tabletops.



Many thanks to Cabots

Station Tyre and Service Centre

Station Tyre are another of our Shed supporters. They gave us a new tyre for the golf cart and some members have had MenzShed discounts from them.

If needing new tyres check Station Tyre and Service Centre 2 Elizabeth Street.



AROUND THE SHED

What retired old guys do for fun!

Here's a link to show you what possibilities the MenzShed has. [Click this link](#)



Jim W and Stephen M delivered the rebuilt steps and climbing frame to the Raumati South Kindergarten.

The kids were climbing all over them before they even got them properly fitted!



The gardening crew have a forced 'stop work' while Cliff D explained to a new gardening recruit Roger C the difference between a rake and a spade.

The gardening crew were very amused when Roger thanked Cliff for his "sage" advice.



Moving the old faithful 'thunder box' from behind the Amenities building before it gets blocked in by the new Workshop block

– construction due to start any day.

It attracted quite a crowd of members with fond memories!



Typical scenes at the shed on a warm sunny day



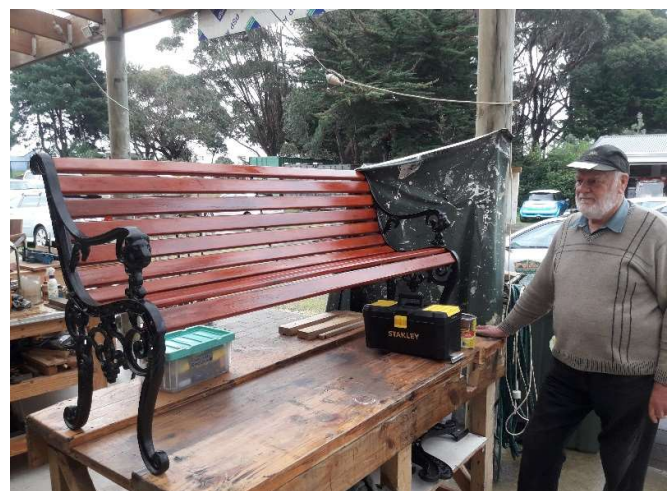
Refurbished NZ Senior Club Trophy
Celebrating 10 wickets for 14 runs in 1972



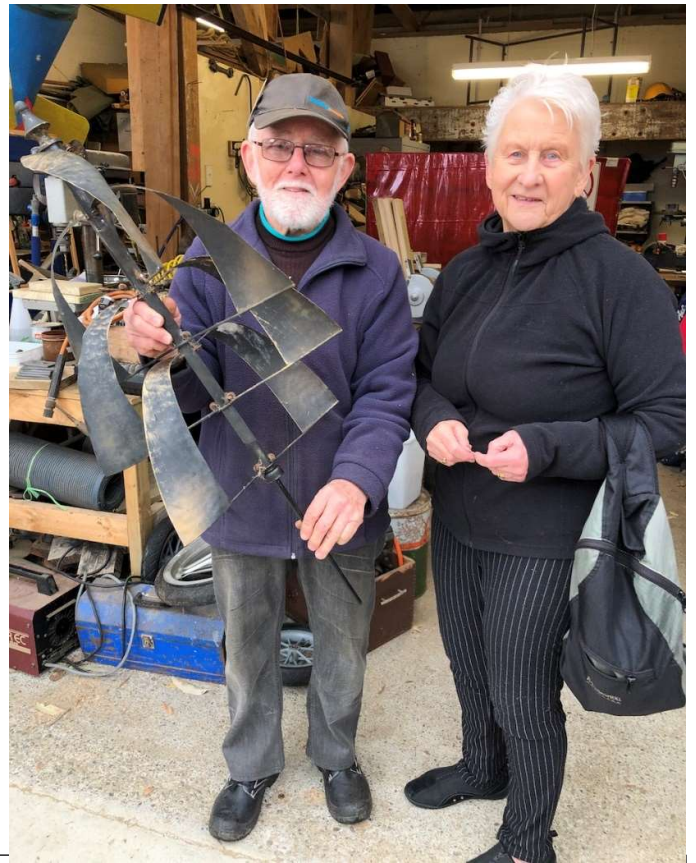
Ian P with a delighted lady, he having fixed a loose handle on a coffee pot with a secret fixing



What can they be looking at? Is it a woman at the shed?



Derek C with a very fine renovated bench seat which we sold



Wind vane refurbished by Ray W

More from the 'Ratters'


We recently got a request to make 250 traps for Capital Kiwi to put on the South West Coast at Macra by the wind farms. The traps are intended to catch stoats, but they also get hedgehogs and ferrets. Apparently, the hedgehogs are a real nuisance. We got the contract because their usual manufacturer couldn't cope with the order. The Ratter team of Geoff N, Ray N and David P and others formed a team and created an efficient production line, completing the order well before October.

Capital Kiwi's mission is to restore a large-scale wild kiwi population to Wellington's backyard. and we are proud to participate



A stack of trap boxes we made and the internal trap mechanisms

From our Facebook page with thanks to Roger Palmer and the other contributors

If you have a Facebook page you can join the MenzShed Kapiti group by clicking on the group icon  at the top of your Facebook page and searching for MenzShed Kapiti, once found ask, to join the group. Roger Palmer will be delighted to accept you. Then you can see what's going on, more pictures, discuss problems and see Barry's latest jokes!

Australian Bunnings Ad: [Click Here](#)



Bike Stand nearly complete



Give a man a yard and he will fill it up!



A skill, much appreciated by members – watching paint dry!

NIGEL'S BIT

A contribution from Nigel from home.

Feeding Tui birds is a passion at my home. They get breakfast every winter morning before me. Very appreciative they are too. The morning wake-up birdsong is just magic. Numbers can get very high at times.

Our lovely native Waxeye population were the birds that started my bird feeding habit at Waikanae. After I saw the results of a family hanging a fat feeder in a hedge at a home in Lawrence in mid-winter, (bloody freezing climate), I had to see what might result up our way.

At present I have some marshmallows that are way past their "best before" date and obviously a bit stale tasting to me but my lovely local neighbours just love the stuff. Let's hope this keeps them warm in winter.

The regular diet supplied is fruit on special through winter. These NZ Queen apples were a 78c/kg offer at PaknSave. Just see how healthy my wee birds look.

Another happy story to pass on with close links to our MenzShed garden crew is displayed here.

On a trip to the West Coast I bought a packet of Kaka Beak seeds from the DOC shop there but being someone without green fingers I sought out the help of Chris Hall, an early MenzShed garden team member who could grow anything. In a very short time, he produced a batch of very healthy seedlings. I kept a couple and the rest were donated to others including the landscaping at the site. This example is maybe now 4 or 5 years old and beginning to flower spectacularly at this time.

Another great succulent food source for my Tui population. Cheers all Nigel



Plus a special mention of support of our MenzShed Kapiti backers, local businesses, supporters and sponsors.



A Roof Over Our Heads



Supply of toilet & Plumbing Items



Serious Site Earthworks



Amenity Electrical Items



A Heatpump For Our Comfort



Waikanae Charter Club Community Grant



Electrical Apprentice Manpower

Plus that ongoing support for our projects and community activities



Printing Our Brochures



Driving The Website



GUS EVANS NURSERIES

Plants for the Plots & Community Projects



Boys Toys and Just Stuff for Community Projects

Remember these magnificent people when you plan your next special project

Lockdown Humour

Being in lockdown seems to result in a distribution of funny emails. Here are a selection of ones recently received. With no apologies if you have already seen them!

I know this newsletter is not a joke cormic but as we live in strange times and we need something to take us out of ourselves!

The easiest way to get through these is to use the Page Down key.

I don't recommend you print all these out, it will take a lot of paper!

Some items are hyperlinks which take your computer via the Internet, to the Men's shed folder where I have collected lockdown videos. To load them just left click on the blue text and the Internet page should open.

Enjoy

Stay Sane and Carry On – [Click Here for Video](#)

**DUE TO MY
ISOLATION. I
FINISHED 3 BOOKS
YESTERDAY.
AND BELIEVE ME.
THAT'S A LOT OF
COLOURING.**



**What did our
parents do to kill
boredom before the
internet?**

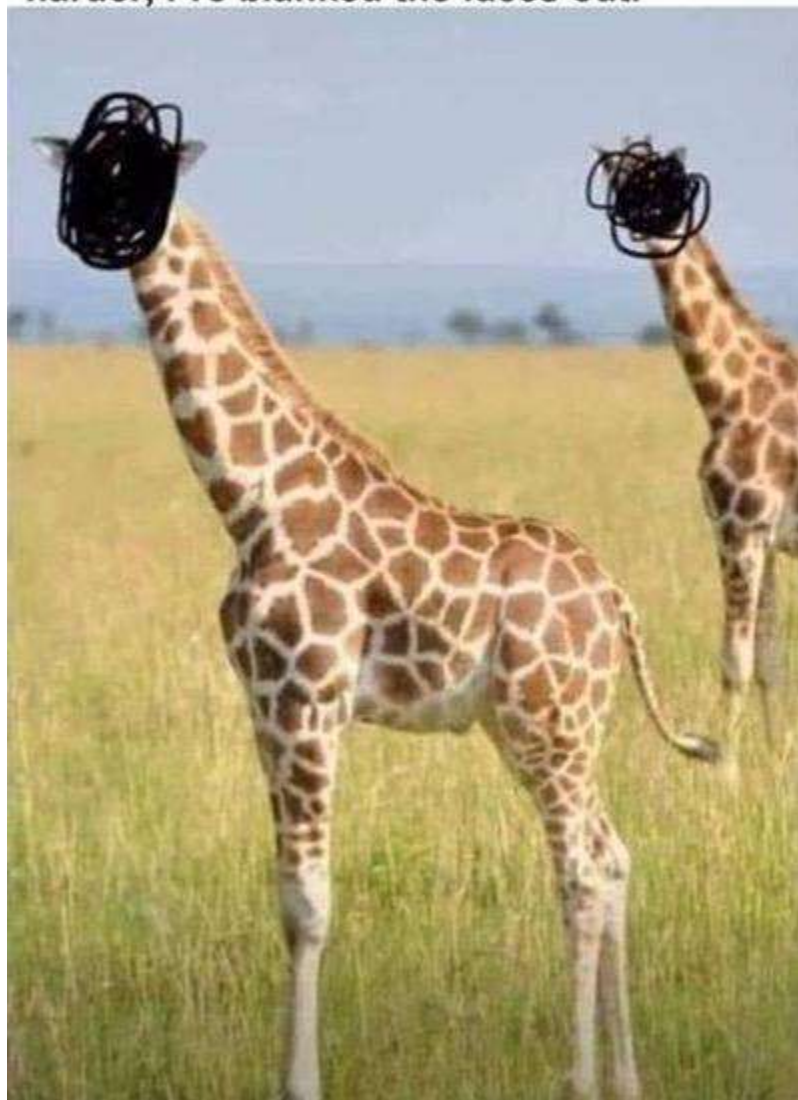
**I asked my 26
brothers and
sisters and they
didn't know either.**

**I tried donating blood
today...NEVER
AGAIN!!!**

**Too many stupid
questions. Who's
blood is it? Where did
you get it from? Why
is it in a bucket?**

I'm bored.

Let's play *Guess the Animal*. To make it harder, I've blanked the faces out.



**My cousin posted
“I’m expecting twins!”**

Down the Pub

**I replied “Finally two
kids from the same
man.”**

Then she blocked me.

**MY BOSS ARRIVED AT WORK IN A
BRAND-NEW LAMBORGHINI. I SAID,
"WOW, THAT'S AN AMAZING CAR!"**



HE REPLIED,

**"IF YOU WORK HARD, PUT ALL YOUR
HOURS IN, AND STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE,
I'LL GET ANOTHER ONE NEXT YEAR."**



The Trikini 2020

**When I offer to wash
your back in the
shower, all you have
to say is yes or no.**

**Not all this "who are
you and how did you
get in here?"
nonsense.**



On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day.

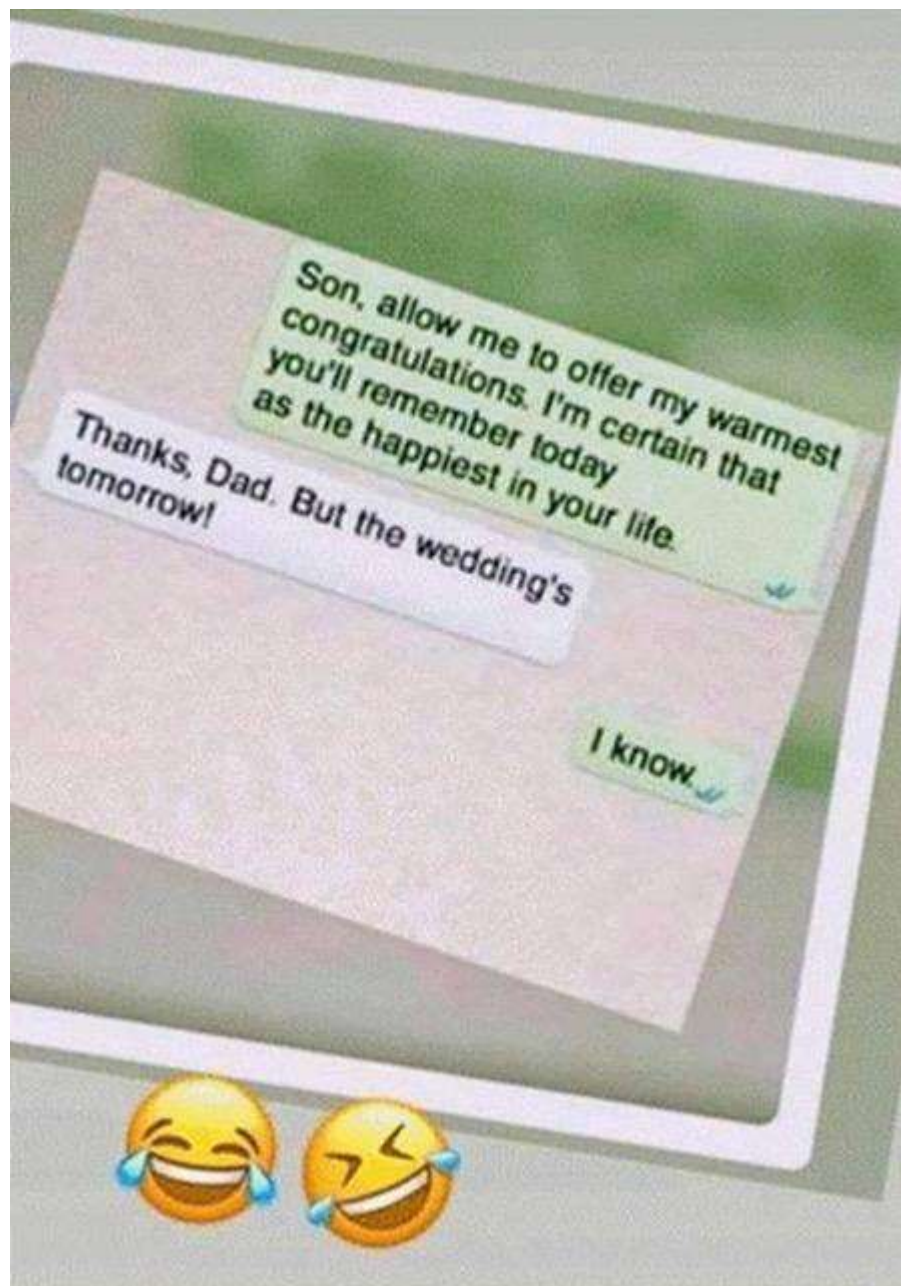
This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a “Pandemic”

QUARANTINE DAY??????
TODAY, I MELTED AN
ICE CUBE WITH MY
MIND JUST BY STARING
AT IT. IT TOOK A LOT
LONGER THAN I
THOUGHT IT WOULD.

**Struggling to
get your wife's
attention?**

**Just sit down and
look comfortable.**





**HOW MANY BELIEVE THAT
THIS IS ENDING IN 2 WEEKS
AND YOUR LIFE IS BACK TO
NORMAL? RAISE YOUR HAND.**



NOW SLAP YOURSELF WITH IT

I GREW UP WITH
BOB HOPE, STEVE JOBS, AND
JOHNNY CASH
NOW THERE'S NO JOBS,
NO CASH, & NO HOPE!

PLEASE DON'T LET ANYTHING
HAPPEN TO KEVIN BACON

AND SO ENDS
ANOTHER WEEK
WITHOUT ME
BECOMING
UNEXPECTEDLY
RICH.

**Shoutout to everyone who can still
remember their childhood phone
number but can't remember the
password they created yesterday.**

© I Might Be Funny

You are my people.



Once I've had my coffee,
I can use my big words.

**Before coffee, I mostly
use the ones with four
letters.**

**They say
marriages
are made
in Heaven.
But so is
thunder and
lightning.**

~ Clint Eastwood



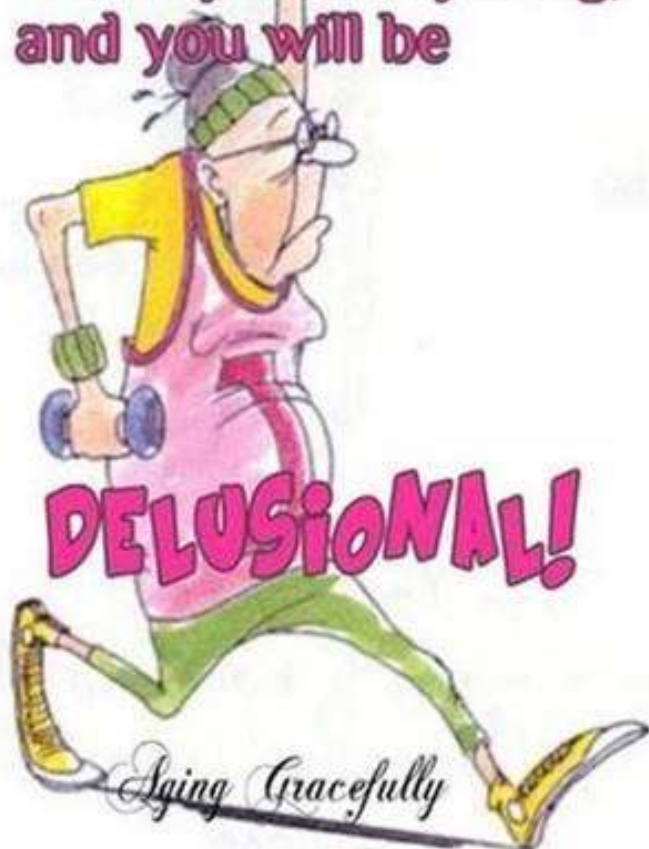
Bizwaremagic's Funny Quotes

One minute you're
young and fun. And
the next, you're
turning down the
stereo in your car
to see better.



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Think you are old,
and you will be old.
Think you are young,
and you will be



Aging Gracefully

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."



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**You're not
fat, you're
just... easier
to see.**



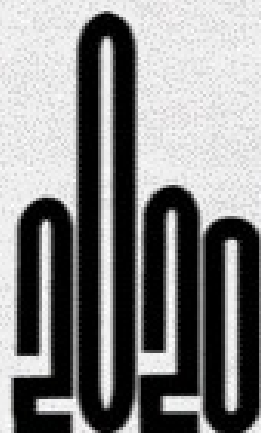
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Not in jail, not in
a mental hospital,
not in a grave - I
say I'm having a
very good day.



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I don't know who did
this, I love it.



Such a special year.
Needed a logo.

Elections have consequences!

A vote is not a valentine, you aren't confessing your love for the candidate. It's a chess move for the world you want to live in.

TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2020

EXPECTATION



REALITY



**From Monday postmen
will be working from
home. They will read
all your letters and ring
you if it's anything
important.**

**The first million people to
send me \$1 will get a copy
of my guide on how to
become a Millionaire
using Facebook**

Don't let them take the temperature
on your forehead as you enter the
supermarket, its a government plot
to erase your memory. I went for
a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread
and came home with a case of beer
and 12 bottles of wine!

I now know how it will all end for me
One of my kids will unplug my life
support to charge their iPad

Contributions from Cliff R

Recently, I went to McDonald's and I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets.

I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

'We don't have half dozen nuggets,' said the teenager at the counter.

'You don't?' I replied.

'We only have six, nine, or twelve,' was the reply.

'So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?'

'That's right.'

So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets

(Unbelievable but sadly true...)

(Must have been the same one I asked for sweetener and she said they didn't have any, only Splenda and sugar.)

(And they think they are worth \$15.00 per hour)

I was checking out at the local Wal-Mart with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those dividers that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed.

After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the divider, looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it.

Not finding the bar code, she said to me, 'Do you know how much this is?'

I said to her 'I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today.'

She said 'OK,' and I paid her for the things and left.

She had no clue to what had just happened.

(But the lady behind me had a big smirk on her face as I left)

A woman at work was seen putting a credit card into her DVD drive and pulling it out very quickly.

When I inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM thingy.

(Keep shuddering!!)

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car.

'Do you need some help?' I asked.

She replied, 'I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door un-locker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenience store) would have a battery to fit this?'

Hmm, I don't know. Do you have an alarm, too?' I asked.

'No, just this remote thingy,' she answered, handing it and the car keys to me.

As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, 'Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk...'

PLEASE just lie down before you hurt yourself!!!

Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift.

One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, 'I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?' 'Just use paper from the photocopier', the secretary told her.

With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five blank copies.

A Brunette, by the way!!

A mother calls 911 very worried asking the dispatcher if she needs to take her kid to the emergency room, the kid had eaten ants.

The dispatcher tells her to give the kid some Benadryl and he should be fine, the mother says, 'I just gave him some ant killer.....'

Dispatcher: 'Rush him into emergency right now!'

Life is tough. It's even tougher if you're stupid!!!!

Perks of reaching 60 or being over 70 and heading towards 80!

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 8 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 5 PM .
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
11. You can't remember who sent you this list.
12. And you notice these are all in Big Print for your convenience.

**And remember, never, ever, under any circumstances,
take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same evening!**

Some contributions from Barry I

Some bastard broke into our shed last night. Managed to get his fingerprints tho! 🙄



Anyone for a Whip round [Click Here](#)

A very successful attorney parked his brand-new Porsche 911 Turbo in front of his office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he was getting out, a truck came barrelling down the road, drifted right and completely tore off the driver's door

Fortunately, a cop was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the now door-less Porsche with his lights flashing. Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the attorney started yelling hysterically about how his precious Porsche, which he had just purchased the day before, was completely ruined and no matter how any car body shop tried to make it new again, would never be the same.

After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disbelief, "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said, "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life"

"How can you say such a thing?" snapped the lawyer. The cop replied, "Don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It was severed when the truck hit you!" **"OHH, MY God"** screamed the lawyer. **"My Rolex is gone!"**