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Editorial - Celebrating 15 Years!

We would like to thank our loyal advertisers and readers for allowing us to celebrate another anniversary of the Coconut Telegraph. It is hard to believe it has been 15 years! Along with our free hard-copy delivery and the online paper we are now offering subscription service for \$5 a month. See our ad on page 10 for details. From time to time we will include a surprise in the package. This is a great holiday gift idea!

If you didn't get a chance to stop by the Swap Meet at the Key Largo Moose in October please do come by November 21st. A Swap Meet is the same as a Flea Market, only better.

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advertisers with the purchase of gift cards or holiday shopping because this year they need it the most.

We will be doing our yearly memorial to all our loved ones we have lost in throughout the year in our December issue. If you would like us to include your loved one send a high res photo and correct spelling of the name to me, denisemalefy@gmail.com by Nov. 15th.

If you don't like our sense of humor please tell us so we can laugh at you.

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1. Talk about a huge breast!
2. Tying the legs together keeps the inside moist.
3. It's Cool Whip time!
4. If I don't undo my pants I'll burst!
5. Whew, that's one terrific spread!
6. I'm in the mood for a little dark meat.
7. Are you ready for seconds yet?
8. It's a little dry, do you still want to eat it?
9. Just wait your turn, you'll get some!
10. Don't play with your meat.
11. Just spread the legs open and stuff it in.
12. Do you think you'll be able to handle all these people at once?
13. I didn't expect everyone to come at once!
14. You still have a little bit on your chin.
15. How long will it take after you stick it in?
16. You'll know it's ready when it pops up.
17. Wow, I didn't think I could handle all of that!
18. That's the biggest one I've ever seen!
19. How long do I beat it before it's ready?

HAPPY TURKEY DAY!

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The bale was reported by someone near the docks at Mandalay Marina at Mile Marker 97.5 at approximately 8:18 a.m. Responding Deputies turned the bale over to U.S. Border Patrol agents.



MARIE SCOTT has over 40 years experience as a Master Colorist and Hair Stylist, having studied with Vidal Sassoon and Redken in New York City. Born and raised in Atlanta, GA, she moved to Orlando to begin her career. She and owned and operated a salon there for 10 years before moving to South Florida and the Keys.

Artist of the Month: Marie Scott Hair Design

In Orlando she employed twelve stylists and two receptionists, and she personally applied post-operative makeup for women that had had plastic surgery to cover up bruises, etc. so they could go back to work. She studied with David Star in San Francisco.

Marie has lived and worked in the Keys for over 20 years and is well known and highly respected for her amazing creativity and innovative techniques. She has a knack for listening to her clients and making visions a reality. She is up to date on all the latest trends and technical skills. With Marie you are getting the absolute best possible color and style available in the Keys.

You can find her in Key Largo at the Mandara Azul Salon at 99198 Overseas Highway in the Dameron Building in the median. Her best friend Adela bought the salon from Marie several years ago but Marie still maintains a booth there. She also runs her Marie Scott Hair Design Studio boutique in Ocean Reef at #3 Barracuda Lane. To book an appointment at either salon call 305-619-0475.

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Coconut Telegraph Spotlights A Local Hero Bringing Us a Higher Love - Helping Communities in Crisis

by Marilee Free

Courageous, spontaneous, relentless, resilient, and brave, are just some of the words that describe the volunteers helping with the Nomad Humanitarian Works mission. NHW is a non-profit organization of first responders who have handled relief efforts following disasters in Puerto Rico, Louisiana, and Texas. These 'natural disaster warriors' are specially trained in damage control from hurricanes, mudslides, and earthquakes. They are also trained in providing protection from looters, thieves, and scavengers, who steal from victims of calamities. They are boots-on-the-ground ready to repair, rebuild and restore what has been destroyed.

With respect to each team member's privacy and strict guidelines to equally honor every member on the team, this local man and charter fishing boat owner must remain nameless when mentioned in the media. His team name is 'Nomad 5 Alpha,' so we will use 'N5A.' He has experience in many specialized areas of law enforcement and EMS skills, with advanced learning in aviation, scuba, lifesaving, crisis help and disaster relief. With his loyal companion, a search and

rescue trained K-9 German shepherd, he recently returned from a mission to help the people of Lake Charles, Louisiana who were devastated by Hurricane Laura. He drove a truckload of supplies from the Key Largo Moose Lodge, Bayside Gourmet, and other donors, to the hardest-hit area. Hurricane Delta is now headed to the same battered area of Louisiana and he is readying himself for another deployment there.

Hurricane Laura hit the Louisiana coastline August 27th; the first of his comrades arrived on August 28th. N5A approached the storm-ravaged area at night on the 29th with no gas stations available and no power working, in complete darkness. He recalls dodging downed power lines, trees and debris; the challenges to reach the area were difficult. In the two weeks he was there, he had six flat truck tires, from driving around the storm-ravaged area. The tent he stayed in had no air conditioning, was flooded by rain, and was even run over by a volunteer! He gave his tent to a homeless person when his duty was over.

Working closely with local fire and police departments, the National Guard, FEMA, Red Cross, Louisiana Cajun Navy, and other organizations who help stage relief operations, the workers struggled with the intense heat of the Cajun bayou. Volunteers and victims were suffering with heat exhaustion and dehydration. When the long, hot day of seemingly never-ending tasks was done, N5A would fill a big bag with ice and hug it to try to keep cool enough to sleep. They worked up to



Helping Communities in Crisis continued

20 hours per day, providing people who had just lost everything 3,000+ meals daily. He had many assignments, including welfare checks, clearing trees from streets and houses, and putting tarps on damaged roofs. Families and friends of the storm victims would contact the authorities via phone calls and social media. Then the teams would go on search and rescue missions to save people and pets from horrific conditions.

"Bring Me a Higher Love," sung by Whitney Houston, was one of the songs N5A featured in his YouTube video, "Disaster Relief Mission - Hurricane Laura." An up-close and personal reflection of the trials and tribulations of handling the aftermath of this category 4

storm. His video shows how he reached his life-saving, life-changing epiphany, how he found his true purpose. His "higher love" is helping others with his expertise in crisis situations, also inspiring and mentoring others to get involved. His video captures the aftermath of the devastation and destruction Hurricane Laura left behind. You get an inside look at what really goes on after the storm with the many stages of relief assistance. It shows the true determination and dedication of those who volunteered, and the touching, heartfelt appreciation of the victims they assisted. youtu.be/HzXyfZwrAbc.

On behalf of the Coconut Telegraph, we would like to extend gratitude and congratulations to the Nomad



Humanitarian Works on a job well done helping those in need. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and donors, who fight the good fight to restore and rebuild communities after natural disasters happen, THANK YOU!

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October was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Major Crimes Unit Detectives
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Domestic Abuse Shelter staff all
wore purple in support of Domestic
Violence Awareness Month.

The Monroe County Sheriff's
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abuse and violence. Lt. Spenser Bryan
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Conch Characters / Around Town



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Amazing talent Derek Bernard at the Key Largo Moose. This one-man show plays the fiddle, guitar, and sings! We were treated to a light show, fog machine and his laser guitar. For booking info call 407-469-9404.



Key Largo Original Music Fest Songwriters Tana Matz and Jer Gregg take a break from music to enjoy a fresh coconut at Florida Bay Outfitters in Key Largo.



Roving Correspondent Marilee Free and Magician Michael Trixx... how does he do it??
Photo by "Badge."



Jenny and Jimmy Sample modeling Pilot House haute couture.



Aerial photo of the Lorelei, 1980s.



Stunning night aerial of the middle Keys, photo by @bridgemonstar.



Aerial of Key Largo area, 1960s

Cross-Country Covid-19 Covert Tour

Sorry We're Open - Please Stay Home

by Marilee Free

Every year, I look forward to traveling for my birthday in September. However, in 2020, I was caught by the "Catch 22;" should I stay or should I go? I certainly did not want to get sick or bring Covid home to my 82-year-old mother. So, is traveling in a pandemic necessary? Maybe not, but for some people, it is what we do when we can. Staying home and staying in one place can cause depression, stress, and restlessness.

My best friend in California was disappointed when her trips to South America and Kauai were cancelled due to the pandemic. She told me she wanted to drive across the country to see me. This friend has flown around the world, but had never driven across the US. I told her if she was sure she wanted to do a road trip, I would fly to Los Angeles and ride to the Keys with her. She got very excited. Spontaneously, I booked a one-way flight to Los Angeles, for \$58.

Being an inquisitive, roving reporter, with a bad case of wanderlust, I wanted to see what traveling was like in the "new norm."

Questions ran through my head as I was shuttling to Ft. Lauderdale Airport with Norm, the comedic 'Gabby Gabby' (shameless plug, call Norm if you need a ride 727-542-1075).

Most of the vendors were closed in the quiet terminal, as I was awaiting departure, including the bars. Burger King and one newspaper convenience store were the only options.



Black Lives Matter mural in Hermosa Beach, CA.

I watched a cleaning team of two go through the plane, supposedly sanitizing for about 15-20 minutes. But in all honesty, it did not look that clean. Masked, I took my window seat, third row. Hoping for room to stretch out, but no. Clear blue skies above as we circled over the East Coast and headed west. I closed my eyes and tried to rest.



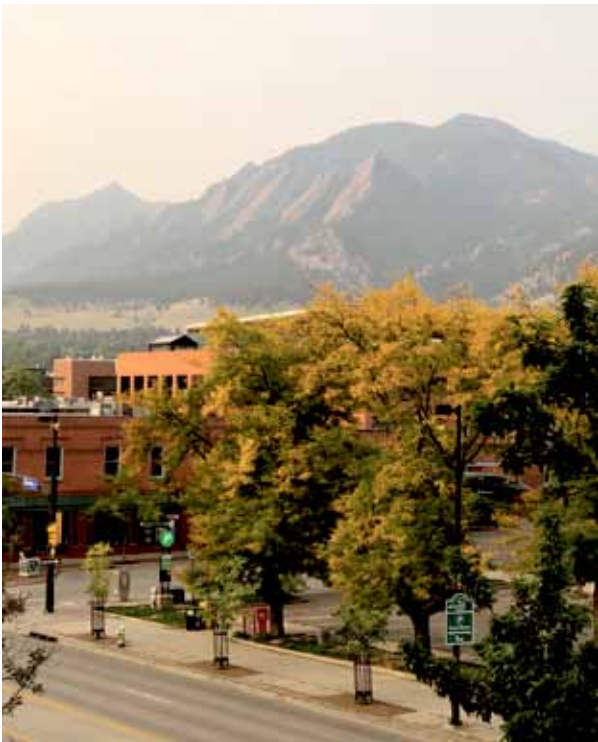
Sunset on the Colorado River, Vail, CO where Smokey Bear says, "only you can prevent forest fires!"

As we began our descent to LAX, it took 15 minutes to get down through the mess. The smoke the wildfires had caused was thick and brown, as the Spirit jet safely touched down.

My traveling inspiration, we will call her "Badge," was standing by to pick me up. LAX was eerily empty, again with very few vendors open. Even Gene Simmons & Paul Stanley's joint, 'Rock n' Brews' was closed. 2020 is truly the year the music died. Traffic was light at LAX, one of the nation's busiest airports.

The next day, I awoke in the smoke and began a new appreciation for fresh, oxygenated air. I took a long walk, masked, of course. California had strict mask laws in place with spotters ticketing anyone at the beach without a face covering.

There were joggers, dog walkers and others around on the Greenbelt Path to Hermosa Pier, poor air quality



Our view from the Boulderado Hotel, c. 1909.

notwithstanding. It was strange to see the calisthenics equipment covered with temporary construction fencing, so no one could use it. I spotted a "Black Lives Matter" mural, and a sign that said, "Finally, We Are Open." Street parking had been converted to outdoor dining areas. Take-out and outdoor dining places were busy, as no indoor dining was allowed in LA. Everywhere we went, someone had a lament.

My birthday was shared with some of my favorite Cali-friends. My farewell feast was at Joe's Crab Shack, Redondo Beach, my former employer. Joe's has a big outside deck. They had moved all the inside tables to the parking lot and put up large tents to accommodate their guests.

Badge and I began the cross-country trip the next day. Traffic was moderate leaving Los Angeles and through Vegas, but not as busy as usual. We drove to St. George, UT the first day. Our hotel's pool and jacuzzi were open. We watched motorized hang-gliders and a hot air balloon from our hotel window in the smoke-filled, hazy air. We had dinner at Benja Thai & Sushi, with only limited indoor seating. Everyone was wearing masks.

Vail, CO was our next stop. We stayed the night in a Marriott on the Colorado River, it felt as if we had the hotel to ourselves. Many stores and restaurants were closed, maybe due to Covid and maybe because there was no snow on the ski slopes. We dined indoors at the Vail Chophouse, a busy

Cross-Country Tour, continued

place with good food and a full bar. We asked the server there about the effects of the pandemic. She said they were closed for three months and were just getting opened back up. She informed us that bars and restaurants were ordered to close for a 9 pm curfew. Most everyone wore masks, except for the few people riding bikes on the beautiful bike path that follows the Colorado River.

Then the short drive to Boulder, CO, where we toured the hip, college town where Badge's niece attends the university. Outside dining only was permitted there. We had lunch at The Sink with comical murals on the walls. We checked into a nostalgic hotel built in 1909 called the Boulderado. It was quiet, with few people staying, but it



Is this a zombie apocalypse? Nashville's empty streets!

was like a trip back in time. We saw lines of students in a parking lot wearing masks and standing 6 feet apart, waiting for Covid testing. The day we got there, the university went on lockdown and we were unable to see Badge's niece, except for the magic of FaceTime. That night, for dinner, we walked the famous Pearl Street Mall area. There were older people out and about, but very few college students, unless they were working.

The smoke was finally lifting as we made it to Oklahoma City, OK. Restaurants were serving inside and outside there. We had breakfast at Café Kacao, it was quite busy, and tables



The Boulderado Hotel Bar dates back to prohibition days, c. 1909. A sip back in time!

were not spaced 6 feet apart. Some non-essential businesses still were closed, or maybe they hadn't reopened after the shutdown.

We toured the OKC Bombing Memorial, a beautiful park to commemorate the 168 lives lost in 1995, in a very tragic event in our nation's history. The town was full of colorful murals and lots of interesting things to do, with trendy restaurants and a plethora of cowboy boots and accessory stores. We went to an indoor estate sale, in a mall, that was a first for me. The fall colors were just starting to turn, as we toured around the quiet town.

The next stop, a quick lunch in Memphis, TN. Beale Street was busy, with the spirit of the blues music in the air. Outside dining was the only option. Again, bars and restaurants were hopping with people, as horse-drawn carriages trotted around the classic town.

Not the same vibe in Nashville, TN, home of country music. We stayed on the 13th floor of a Hilton. We walked the town on a Sunday morning and had it practically to ourselves. Nashville offered a lot of museums, sporting events and concert venues; a lot to do, but there was no one there to do it.

Macon, GA was our next stop. We stayed in a Comfort Inn. We found a tasty restaurant called Ocmulgee Brewpub. The manager came out to visit with us and talk about our journey, and we asked about her take on the pandemic. She said the shutdown was difficult for that college town, but things were get-

ting back to the "new norm." Talk about Southern hospitality, everyone in that town was so kind, helpful, and friendly.

There were billboards throughout the Bible-Belt with eye-catching Christian messages ranging from pro-life, to depression, to zombies. Some of the most interesting were the hand painted, religious signs leaving Macon on I-75. When we crossed the Florida line, the billboards changed to ads for Ron Jon's, bars, and strippers. (Oh yeah! We know how to party in the Sunshine State!) Across the nation there were Trump supporter signs everywhere, with very few for Biden.

One more night on the road was spent in Naples, FL. I was surprised that few were wearing masks there. Naples was bustling. We spoke with a real estate agent who said people are leaving big cities in droves and there are currently more buyers than sellers in her area.

I'm happy to report, that after this trip, I'm alive and feeling fine. I had a little congestion and a cough, possibly from breathing the wildfire's smoke. I lost my sense of smell for about 5 days. Two of my friends in Cali tested positive for Covid. They too lost their sense of smell, had a slight cold, but have completely recovered. Badge lost her smell but is doing well. She drove back safely to Los Angeles solo. We followed the CDC guidelines, and everyone involved is healthy.

I am so grateful to have taken the Cross-Country Covid Covert Tour. Our nation's economy has really taken a toll in travel and tourism; I'd like to think that we helped some Thanks for riding along virtually!

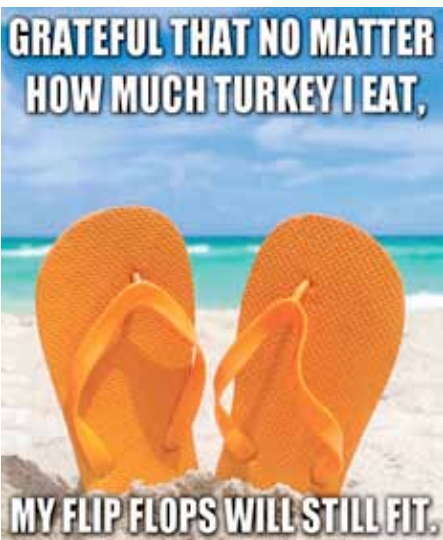


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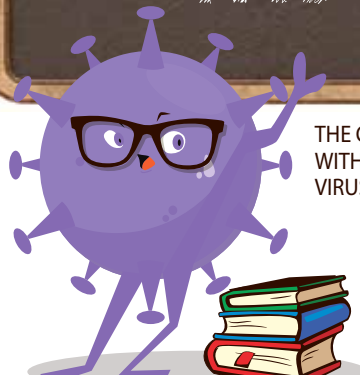


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- 1 In 2015, no one got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself in five years?"
- 2 It takes a rare skill to work from home & still be late for work.
- 3 The expression 'avoid it like the plague' needs to retire because people don't do that
- 4 They said if we stopped eating out, we'd lose weight. Quarantine determined that was a lie.
- 5 We thought dogs were hard to train. Humans don't know how to sit and stay either.
- 6 We realised that our only hobbies were going out to eat and drink, and spending money.

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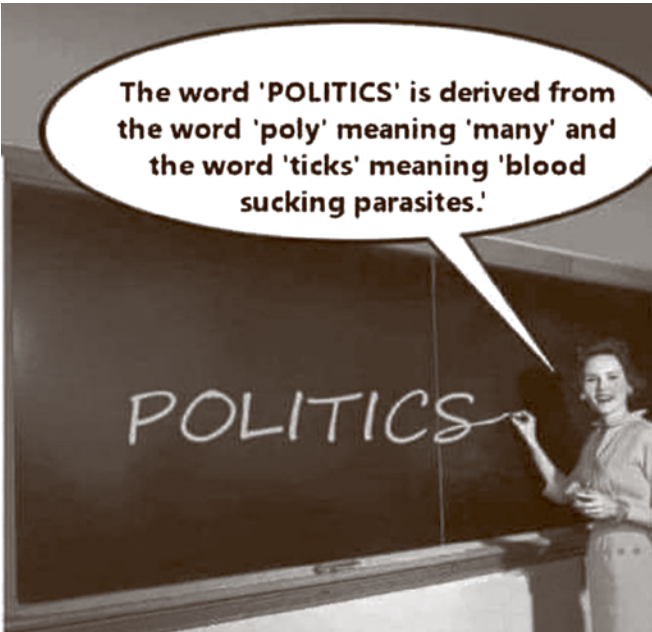
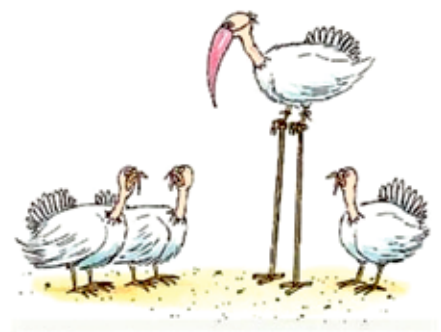
Coco'Nut' Funnies

An angel visited a woman and told her she must give up smoking, drinking and sex. The woman said she would try her best.

The angel visited the woman a week later to see how she was getting on. "Not bad" said the woman, "I've given up smoking and drinking but then I bent over to look in the freezer, my boyfriend caught sight of my long slender legs in high heels, he pulled up my skirt and 'had his way with me' right then and there."

"They don't like that in Heaven," said the angel.

The woman replied, "They're not crazy about it in Costco either!"



A man boarded an airplane and took his seat. As he settled in, he glanced up and saw a beautiful woman boarding the plane. He soon realized she was heading straight towards his seat. As fate would have it, she took the seat right beside his.

Eager to strike up a conversation he blurted out, "Business trip or pleasure?"

She turned, smiled and said, "Business. I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniacs of America Convention in Boston."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs. Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?"

"Lecturer," she responded. "I use information that I have learned from my personal experiences to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality."

"Really?" he said. "And what kind of myths are there?"

"Well," she explained, "One popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed of all men, when in fact it is the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait. Another popular myth is that Frenchmen are the best lovers, when actually it is men of Jewish descent who are the best. I have also discovered that the lover with absolutely the best stamina is the Southern Redneck."

Suddenly the woman became a little uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said, "I shouldn't really be discussing all of this with you. I don't even know your name!"

"Tonto," the man said, "Tonto Goldstein, but my friends call me Bubba."

I've just released my own fragrance.
Nobody in the car seemed to like it.

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An attractive blonde arrived at the casino and bet \$20,000 on a single roll of the dice:

She said. "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude."

With that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and yelled. "Come on, baby, your Mummy needs new clothes!"

As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed...

"YES! YES! I WON, I WON!"

She hugged each of the dealers and then picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed.

The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded.

Finally, one of them asked. "What did she roll?"

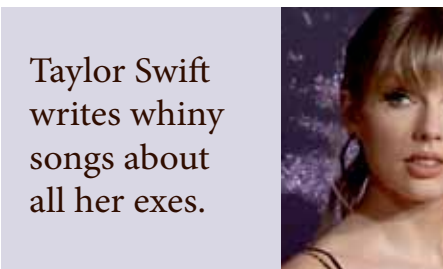
The other answered. "I don't know -I thought you were watching."



"Last month they were lobotomizing pumpkins. Now they're shoving bread up a turkey's ass. This planet has issues, Bert."

If you or a loved one watched the 2020 Presidential Debate, you may be entitled to compensation
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2021 prediction:
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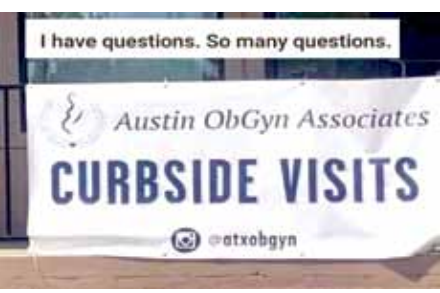


And there you have it.
The defining difference between Boomers and Millennials.

Gardeners!
A friend suggested horse manure on my strawberries. I am not doing that again.
I am going back to whipped cream.

"VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE BASICALLY MODERN SEANCES. 'ELIZABETH, ARE YOU HERE?' 'MAKE A SOUND IF YOU CAN HEAR US.' 'IS ANYONE ELSE WITH YOU?' 'WE CAN'T SEEN YOU, CAN YOU SEE US?' "

Be sure to bring up politics at Thanksgiving this year, to save on Christmas gifts.



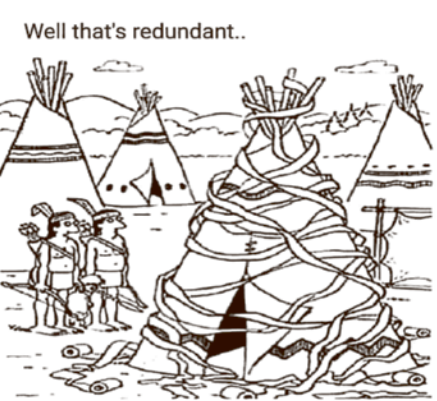
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Everyone is complaining about people already having their Christmas tree up.
I'm already drunk for St. Patrick's day.



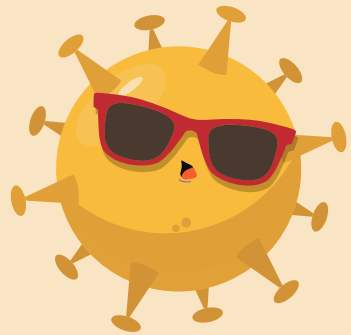
I'm really getting into the Thanksgiving spirit
I've given the bird to lots of people in the last week or so.



The madness now has its own lexicon...

Coronacoaster

The ups and downs of your mood during the pandemic. You're loving lockdown one minute but suddenly weepy with anxiety the next. It truly is "an emotional coronacoaster".



Quarantinis

Experimental cocktails mixed from whatever random ingredients you have left in the house. The boozy equivalent of a store cupboard supper. Southern Comfort and Ribena quarantini with a glacé cherry garnish, anyone? These are sipped at "locktail hour", ie. wine o'clock during lockdown, which seems to be creeping earlier with each passing week.

Coronials

As opposed to millennials, this refers to the future generation of babies conceived or born during coronavirus quarantine. They might also become known as "Generation C" or, more spookily, "Children of the Quarn."

Furlough Merlot

Wine consumed in an attempt to relieve the frustration of not working. Also known as "bored-eaux" or "cabernet tedium".

Coronoverdose

An overdose of bad news from consuming too much media during a time of crisis. Can result in a panicdem.

The Elephant in the Zoom

The glaring issue during a videoconferencing call that nobody feels they should mention. E.g. one participant has dramatically put on weight, suddenly sprouted terrible facial hair or has a worryingly messy house visible in the background.

Quentin Quarantino

An attention-seeker using their time in lockdown to make amateur films which they're convinced are funnier and cleverer than they actually are.

Covidiot

One who ignores public health advice or behaves with reckless disregard for the safety of others can be said to display "covidiotcy" or be "covidiotic". Also called a "lockclown" or even a "Wuhan-ker".

Goutbreak

The sudden fear that you've consumed so much wine, cheese, home-made cake and Easter chocolate in lockdown that your ankles are swelling up like a medieval king's.

Antisocial Distancing

Using health precautions as an excuse for snubbing neighbours and generally ignoring people you find irritating.

Coughin' dodger

Someone so alarmed by an innocuous splutter or throat-clear that they back away in terror.

Mask-ara

Extra make-up applied to "make one's eyes pop" before venturing out in public wearing a face mask.

Covid-10

The 10lbs in weight that we're all gaining from comfort-eating and comfort-drinking. Also known as "fattening the curve."

Thanksgiving Explained

To our non-American friends:

We know Thanksgiving's a little confusing, so we'll try to break it down for you. Today is the day we celebrate the freeing of the United States from the reign of terror of Lord Gobble, a 50-foot tall turkey/Sasquatch hybrid who demanded human sacrifices every November. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln rode his eagle-gryphon into battle, singlehandedly slaying Lord Gobble and freeing us from our blood oath to our fearsome tyrant.

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Seniors' Pandemic Poem from New Zealand

Special thanks to Margo Arnold for sending it to us.

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I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,

Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!



So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
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