

Uncertain Times

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“The Anniversary Edition”

Lifting the lid on Coronavirus

6th May from our Psychology Reporter Phantom

What people are buying on-line during the pandemic

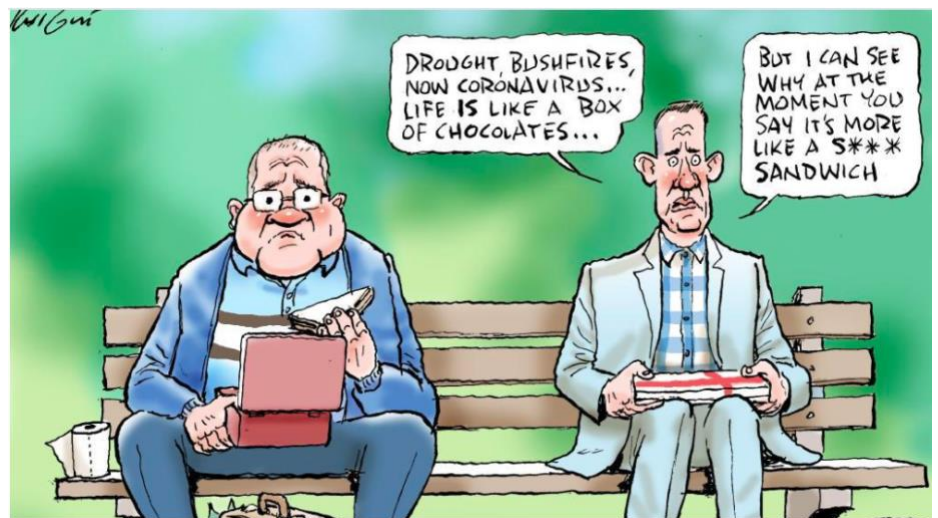
After the shops closed, people turned to on-line shopping in droves and a recent report into what they're buying indicates that many will emerge from the pandemic fitter, more talented and with impeccable skin.

According to the stats, there have been different phases of buying: The first was health-related products - vitamins, hand sanitisers and face masks.

The second was pantry preparation - groceries, toilet paper plus all the panic buying. Next, getting ready for quarantine saw a huge growth in home technology and home office goods. Then came the restricted living phase, so people bought sporting equipment, dumbbells, puzzles, and board games.

Sales of sleepwear, bras and undies jumped between 100 and 400 per cent, while beauty products jumped 200 per cent. Both Myer and David Jones reported a boost for audio visual and entertainment products, along with home appliances such as bread makers, kettles, toasters and coffee machines as more people substituted their takeaway coffees with home brewed cups. And those who've been pining for beer caused on-line searches for home brewing kits to almost triple.

Interestingly, toys caused the greatest jump for any single category at Myer, up 475 per cent with a particular demand for Lego, board games and jigsaw puzzles. Piano sales are up a massive 226



per cent and, believe it or not, weed has gone through the roof but that's another story for another time.

There you have it folks!!

A Reminder

From Phantom:



Uncertain Times Page 2 Uncle Animule's Advice Column:

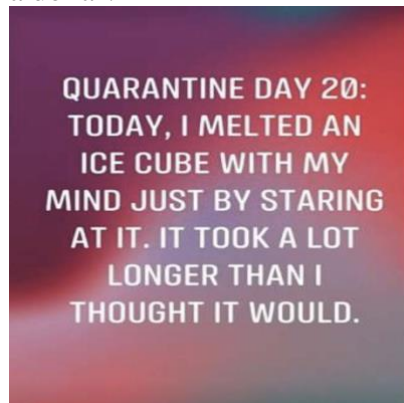
The best advice from our favourite!

Uncle Animule sent in these little gems over the weeks. You may have seen them elsewhere but they always will bring a smile to your face – unless the sentiments are true, real and depressing for you.

I will be glad to see the end of the virus :



2020 planner from Gumtree for a dollar!



Actually this is true some insurance companies have given discount/rebates on car insurance. [I am told. Ed.]

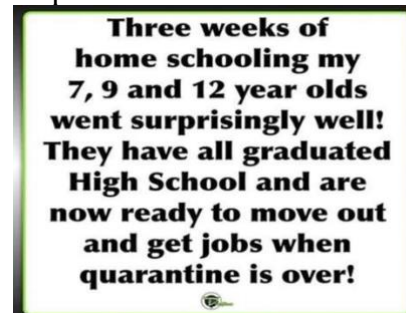


The cat always wins in our household! We don't play poker – we play **chicken**. The first to blink loses. Try this game with **your** cat! You can

play it for hours. They never lose!



So that's where D Cell got her inspiration?



I wonder if that means that the kiddly-winks have to move out of home because they are earning an income?



Poor Sparky.

How true was this! Someone said they picked up an unused

QUICK FACT
Today I found out...

Duct tape is composed of three layers. The top layer is a plastic, polyethylene; the middle layer is a fabric mesh; the bottom layer is a rubber-based, pressure sensitive adhesive. It was originally manufactured simply by pressing these three layers together and was named "Duck Tape", not "Duct Tape". May 11, 2011

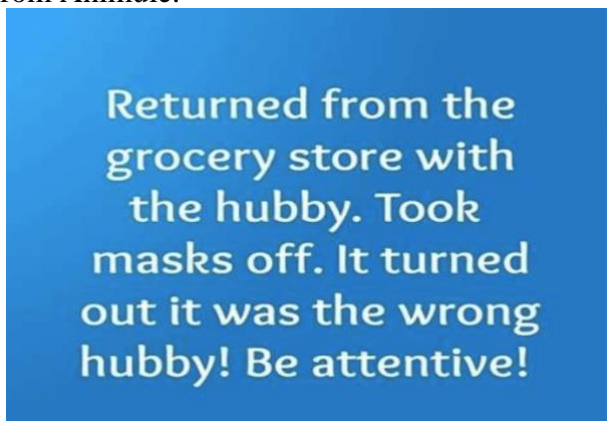
What Duct Tape is Made Of - Today I Found Out
<https://www.todayifoundout.com/index.php/2011/05/what-duct-tape-...>

More from Uncle Animule next week.....

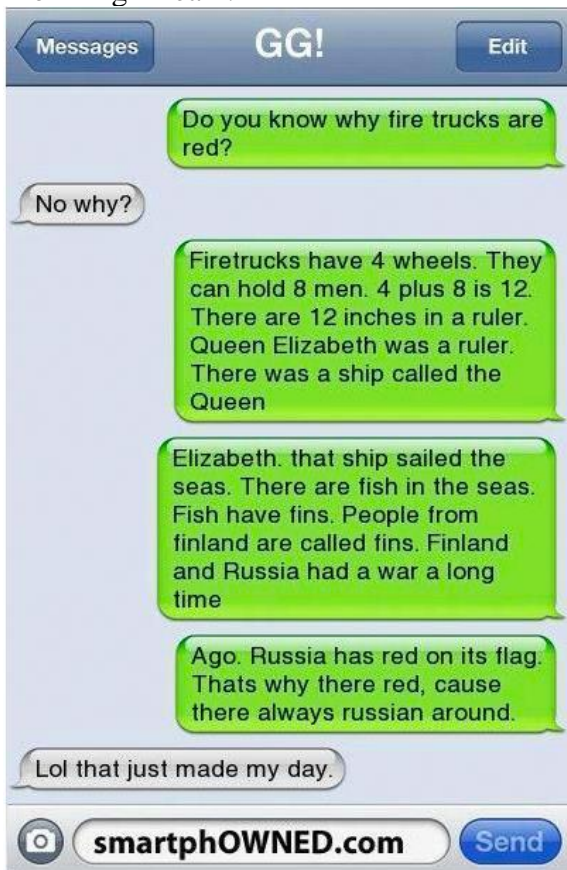
Uncertain Times Page 3 More from Uncle Trump!

More Public Health Advice:

From Animule:



From High Beam:



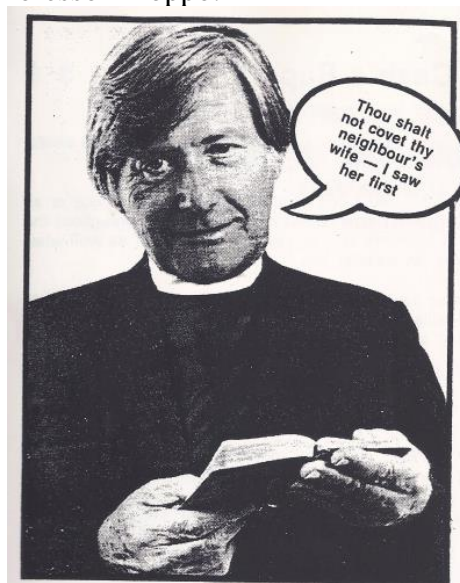
Thanks High Beam!

Great Truths That Little Children Have Learned (Animule again!!)

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.

Religion

From Professor Troppo:



And now from Professor Trump.



And to remind you..... of last week's offering:



Editorial

I hope that it is NOT more of the same this week. Lockdowns, bad news, statistics on who has copped what etc etc. I myself, me, am getting sick of COVID hitting the news first. When are we going to get a juicy affair, or a volcano blowing off its top in the Philippines?

This week's offering is a bit out of the ordinary and the ho hum. Sort of an intellectual smattering of interesting gumph.

We have had seven intrepid reporters contributing their plagiarized wares. But I will print everything and anything.

The **Uncertain Times** would grind to uncertain halt if it wasn't for these wonderful souls keeping the good ship afloat. A bit like galley slaves. For those less initiated – galley slaves are not cooks or wives slaving away in the kitchen!!

Ed.

Legal Shite

May 3rd From Our Legal Reporter 15 Me Nuts

Bizarre death

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science, AAFS, President Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death. Here is the story: On March 23, 1994 the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to that effect, indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window which killed him instantly.

Neither the shooter nor the descender was aware that a safety net had been installed just below at the eighth floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned. "Ordinarily," Dr. Mills continued, "a person who sets out to commit suicide and ultimately succeeds,

even though the mechanism might not be what he intended, is still defined as committing suicide."

That Mr. Opus was shot on the way to certain death, but probably would not have been successful because of the safety net, caused the medical examiner to feel that he had a homicide on his hands. The room on the ninth floor, whence the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun. The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger he completely missed his wife and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject A but kills subject B in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject B. When confronted with the murder charge the old man and his wife were both adamant. They both said they thought the shotgun was unloaded. The old man said it was his long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist. Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son had actually murdered himself so the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

More next week..... [But not Legal Shite]