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Comment

Road Kill

A modern society would be shocked, if every day, folk were cruelly sacrificed on the altar of some god, as the Incas did when they cut out the beating hearts of their victims, to offer to their sun god.

Yet, every day four or five Australians are slaughtered on our roads, sacrifice to our more

abstract gods of speed and intoxication. Many more are maimed or crippled for the rest of their lives. Many are young children.

Since records were first kept in 1925, there have been a shocking 171,000 deaths in Australia, enough people to populate the cities of Darwin and Launceston.

It is plain that most road casualties are not really accidents so much as the inevitable result of poor traffic mechanisms and inadequate road vehicle design, but the overwhelmingly significant factor must be inappropriate speed.

It seems that we allow ourselves to drive faster than our roads and vehicles have developed and perhaps beyond the capacity of most of us to drive efficiently and safely.

A slight reduction in road casualties over recent years is doubtless due to the substantial reduction in speed enforced by the use of electronic monitors such as the successful Multanova camera system.

There has been a call to reduce speeds to as low as thirty kilometres per hour in built up areas to further reduce the accident rate. It is worth trying, but the reaction suggests that there is need for education to counter vehement and illogical opposition. There is a larrikin view that we have a right to speed, no matter the cost in terms of suffering and loss of life, and that speed detectors are mainly a means of raising revenue for government coffers.

Unfortunately, this warped and negative perspective has apparently been adopted by significant sections of the media. Radio stations and the leading tabloid in my state daily advertise speed camera locations, as if the finances of larrikin speedsters are more important to them than the lives of their victims. I have seen leading articles and even an editorial supporting this warped view, as if some tabloid journalists are miffed that they don't have emergency vehicle rights to speed to their television sets and computers to gather news! Let's get Australia on track to reduce road trauma.#

Wordsworth

equates seems to have found commercial favour in advertising the unit price of products, when equals is clearly intended. Given that most people understand the meaning of =, it would be more economical to use the symbol than the word.

signage is a recent popular elaboration of signs.

News & Views

Joker

Jim's aphorisms

It's better to have writers' cramp than writers' block.

Writers' block is when your literary bent up and went.

One man's luck is another man's good planning.

If at first you don't succeed, suck something else.

If at first you don't succeed, read the instructions.

You don't need to plan ahead if you've already got one.

Barbecues are not all beer and skilletts.

American philosophy-- what you seize is what you gets.

Irish integrity: "When I give my word I keep it."

AA philosophy: "He who has a taste has lost."

Smokers last gasp, all butt done for.

Self esteem is the easiest esteem to get.

One swallow does not make a decent feed.

Half a loaf is better than no rest at all.

The best laid plans of mice and men are wrecked by taxes.

Democracy is a system whereby subjects may elect their own masters.

It is more blessed expensive to give than to receive.

You're not likely to be lachrymose if you lack remorse.

When people become incensed, do they smell nice?

A gift horse can sometimes turn out to be a white elephant.

Religious zealots approve of only testical tube babies.

There's many a slap twixt the knee and the lap.

He spent most of his life behind bars, serving drinks to customers.

Lawyer was called to the bar. His cocktails were ready.

He who laughs last didn't get the joke.

I started with nothing but now I've lost the lot.

In Pittsburg there's a porn shop where the pawn shop used to be.

Ladies have clean minds because they are always changing them.

The wages of sin is woe: another day, another dolour.

The road to wealth is paved with good inventions.

When a man divorces his wife he must pay her alismoney.

I stole a kiss but she made me give it back.

Pessimists say every silver lining has a dark cloud.

Some people are good-for-nothing; others are bad for something.

I'm not good-for-nothing; I expect a reward for it.

Commercial TV could often do with a good serial killer.

Politicians stand for election to get a seat in parliament then lie a lot.

Now is the time for all food men to come to the aid of the portly.

Propaganda is lies in sheeps' clothing.

Protocol in Parliament - "The honourable member is a stranger to the truth."

Corporate crooks tend to invest in guilt-edged securities.

DYSLEXICS OF THE WORLD --UNTIE!!

The past is history, the future is mystery.

No-one wins a war: one side loses less than the other.

Only the young dye good.

At the works party, the engineer was sizing up the girls with a sly drool.

Are prisoners allowed to use cell phones?

Will things be all right when there's nothing left?

Middle age is the period between agile and fragile.

Old age is the time when milestones become mill stones.

Why would wise men travel a thousand miles to look at a baby?

What can a new baby do with gold, frankincense and myrrh?

Opera is divas and dandy dudes in dressy duds doing duels and dull duets.

contributed by Jim Cornish

The chicken rules

The Bear bellows "If I roar the forest is afraid."

The Lion snarls : "If I roar, the whole jungle is shivering with fear."

Squawks the chicken: "Big deal, I only have to cough and the entire planet sh*ts itself".

Reformed English

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5- year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expektd to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubl

or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.

If zis mad you smil, pleas pas on to oza pepl.#

Net Anon

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