

"God put me in a position to make a fool of myself, but no one expected me to take such glorious advantage."  
~ Dalton Trumbo



# PLANET APRIL FOOLISH

## PAINFUL

**A** guy and a girl meet at a bar, and they hit it off so well that they end up at the girl's place. A few drinks later, the guy takes off his shirt and then washes his hands. He then takes off his trousers and again washes his hands.

The girl has been watching him intently and says: "You must be a dentist." The guy, taken aback, says, "Yes I am. How did you figure that out?"

"Easy," she replies, "you keep washing your hands." Well, one thing leads to another and they make love. After it's over the girl says, "You must be a good dentist." The guy, flattered, says, "Sure, I'm a good dentist. How did you figure that out?"

The girl replies, "Didn't feel a thing."

"A Roman walks into a bar, holds up two fingers, and says, 'Five beers, please.'" ~ Jamie Alcroft



**SAY 'AHHHH!'**  
Five out of five dentists agree.

## WHY DO THE WRONG PEOPLE TRAVEL?

**A**ctual complaints received by **Thomas Cook Vacations** from dissatisfied customers include:

"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."

"We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."

"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price." "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room." "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow." "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."

"It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during siesta time – this should be banned."

"The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it." ~ Neil Degrasse Tyson

## ME AND MY \$HADOW

**T**he Italian newspaper **Leggo** reports that storeowners in Conegliano are now faced with the proposition of paying taxes on shadows if your awning casts shade on public property.

And even more breathtaking, according to Austrian native **Pater Tenebrarum** of **Acting Man**, "Where we have the so-called (put down the coffee) *air tax*... [so] if you have a shop sign that *occupies airspace*, you must pay a tax for it!



"In Vienna this is garnished additionally with the *subway levy*, which has to be paid regardless of whether one uses

the subway or not. In fact, I think there is no government on the planet more inventive with regard to taxes, levies and imposts of all sorts." **READ ON**

"Some people have no love for their fellow man. I hate people like that." ~ Tom Hensley

## AN OLD STORY

**R**obert, 85, a wealthy tycoon, marries his secretary Jane, a lovely 25-year-old; but since her new husband is much advanced in years and concerned that he may overexert himself on their wedding night, she arranges that they have separate bedrooms.

After the festivities, Jane prepares herself for the knock on the door which comes as expected. She opens the door, and there is her 85-year-old groom, ready for action; and sure enough, they consummate their union.

Then Robert takes leave of his new bride, but as she happily prepares for sleep, she hears another knock on her door. It's Robert again, and he's ready for more! Pleasantly

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surprised, Jane consents, and when the newlyweds are sated, Robert kisses his bride, bids her a fond goodnight and leaves once more.

She is ready to go to sleep again, but no, Robert is back, rapping on the bedroom door as fresh as a 25-year-old; and, once more they enjoy each other.

As Robert rises to leave, his young bride gushes, "I am thoroughly impressed that at your age you can perform so well and so often. Believe me, I've been with guys less than a third your age who were only good once. You are truly a great lover, Robert!"

Robert, oddly embarrassed, turns to Jane and says, "You mean I was here before?"

*"The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and Starbucks." ~ Tom Hensley*

## THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGE-KA-CHING

**T**he Recording Industry Association of America reports that streaming generated \$1.87 billion last year, while CD sales fell to \$1.85 billion, which now accounts for 27 percent of total revenues. With digital music accounting for 65 percent of revenues, one might



predict the demise of all physical formats, yet there remains a dark horse because the report also demonstrates that vinyl sales are up 50 percent since 2013.

And streaming music is also threatening terrestrial car radio which is being edged out by Sirius XM and Pandora, so in the next five years, more than 60 percent of all U.S. vehicles will include technology for streaming on the road. And there's hamburger all over the highway in Mystic, Connecticut. **MORE ON IT**

*"The world is changed not by the self-regarding, but by men and women prepared to make fools of themselves."  
~ P.D. James*

## WHERE THERE'S A WILL

**A** well-to-do woman visits her attorney regarding a minor change in her will. When they're done, she asks how much she owes for his services. "Oh, there's no charge," he tells her. "It was a minor matter that took just a few minutes. Really, there's no charge."

"But I insist," she says. "I took your time, I want to pay."

After several rounds of "there's no charge" and "I insist"

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## I'LL PASS

Please enter your new password.

USER: cabbage

Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.

USER: boiled cabbage

Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

USER: 1 boiled cabbage

Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

USER: 50bloodyboiledcabbages

Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.

USER: 50BLOODYboiledcabbages

Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

USER: 50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow!

Sorry, the password cannot contain exclamation marks.

USER: ReallyPissedOff50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAss

IfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow

Sorry, that password is already in use

he finally says, "Well okay, make it one hundred dollars." She reaches into her purse, pulls out a hundred dollar bill, places it on his desk and leaves.

The lawyer is about to put the c-note away, when he notices that it doesn't feel right. He squeezes the bill between his fingers and discovers that his client has mistakenly left him TWO one hundred dollar bills.

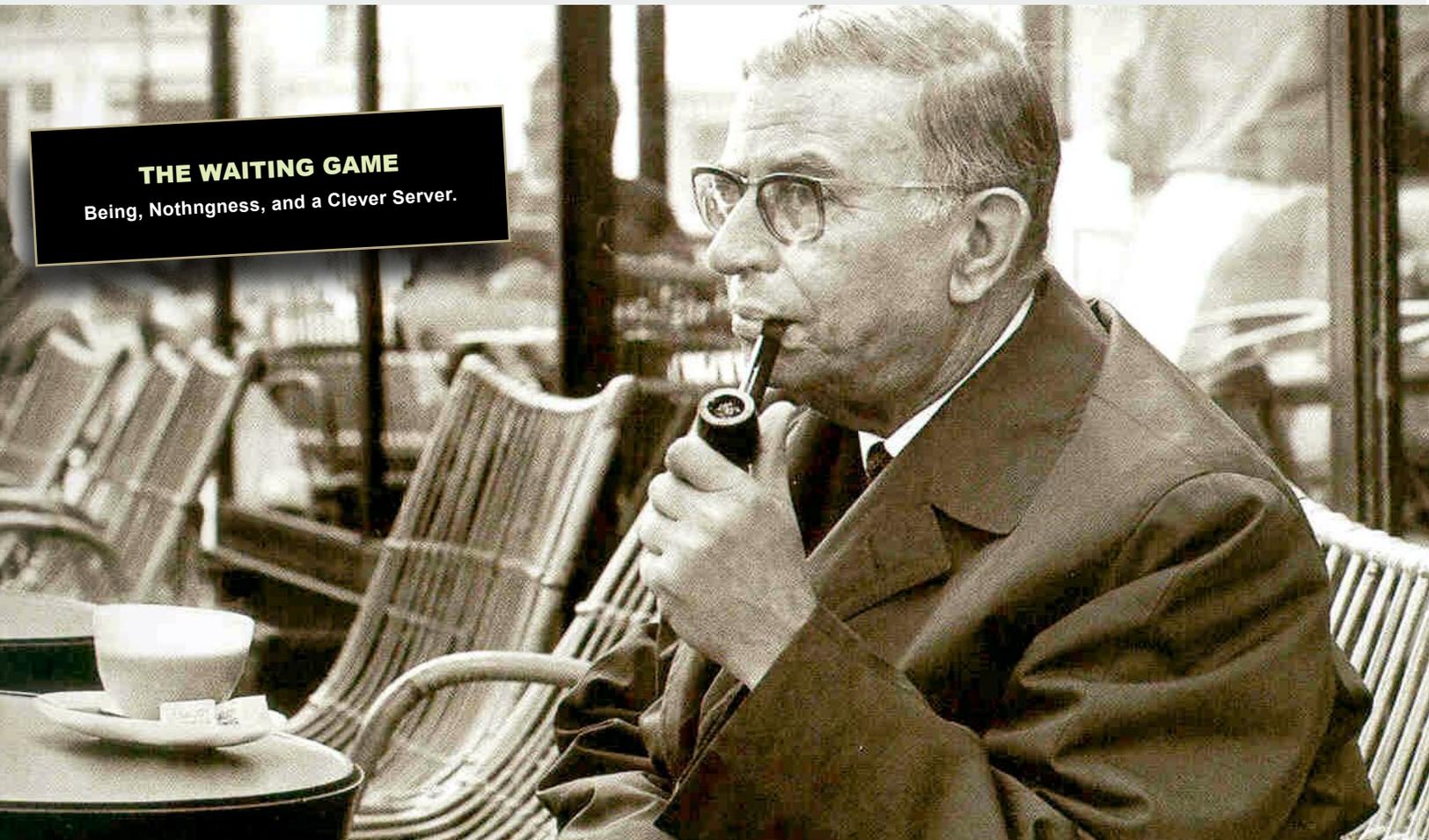
Now he's faced with an ethical dilemma – should he tell his partner?

"99 percent of the world's lovers are not with their first choice. That's what makes the jukebox play."  
~ Willie Nelson

"I am a big fans of you from China. I like you in 2009. My favourite is your perfect performance and mature charm. I carzy all of you." ~ Fan from Jin Ti sport shop east of An Ning St., Shan Xai

## WE GET LETTERS

**T**homas Healy, the editor of *Branches*, was so forward as to forward me the following earthshaking announcement: "Months after reaching its crowdfunding goal on Indiegogo.com, the **Couples Vibrator 'Slaphappy'** is now available on its own website, **Slaphappy.com**. This follows inventor **Brian Sloan's** successful launch of his



**THE WAITING GAME**  
Being, Nothngness, and a Clever Server.

## L'ÊTRE ET LE NÉANT

**J**ean Paul Sartre is sitting at a French café, revising his draft of *Being and Nothingness*. He says to the waitress, "I'd like a cup of coffee, please, but no cream."

"I'm sorry, Monsieur," says the waitress, "But we're out of cream. How about no milk?"

How many surrealists does it take to screw in a light bulb? A fish. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

Blowjob Machine, the **Autoblow 2.**"

And another Planeteer writes to tell me that his newly retired male urologist was replaced by a female intern, fresh out of medical school.

"I met with her yesterday," he writes, "and she's absolutely drop-dead gorgeous as well as undeniably sexy. But when she told me that I must stop masturbating, I had to ask why..."

'Because,' she answered, 'I'm trying to examine you.'

*"He who seeks rest finds boredom. He who seeks work finds rest."*  
~ Dylan Thomas

## LOST IN TRANSLATION

Pine Bush High School in upstate New York has apologized for reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** in Arabic, in response to complaints from Jewish parents and residents who lost relatives in Afghanistan.

The district said the school's foreign language department had arranged to have the pledge recited in different tongues for **National Foreign Language Week**, "to promote the fact that those who speak a language other than English still pledge to salute this great country."

In a statement posted on the district's website, officials

# PLANETCLICK MESSAGES

**THE FUNWAY  
ZIMMERMAN  
GLUTIN'  
GOIN' DOWN  
GOIN'  
HENRY  
DAN**

apologized "to any students, staff or community members who found this activity disrespectful." The New York chapter of **The Council on American Islamic Relations** questioned the school's justification for an apology.

Could someone please translate what this all means? I'm a polyglot and my head is spinning from all this doubletalk...

*"Sometimes it's worse to win a fight than to lose."* ~ Billie Holiday

## BOOMERS ON THE BENCH

I am collaborating with the brilliant **Jamie Alcroft** of **Mack and Jamie** (right in photo) to produce a weekly web series that will present our take on freshly broken news as interpreted by two old farts reading from a local newspaper.

We hope to post a new episode every Thursday and welcome your reactions and input – even though we'll probably ignore them. **GO HERE FOR A TASTE**

*Too much information is not the curse of our modern world. The problem is ideology.* ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts



## MESSAGEES

**Keith Hebble, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Victor Kopcewich, Ian Ruskin, H. Lee Kagan, Melinda Peterson, Kelly Hollis,** and a special callout to musician **Tom Hensley**, who while on tour with Neil Diamond still manages to distribute his *Arch Angel Post-Bugle Intelligencer*, which helps fill my pages with worldly wit.

*"Fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly; ham gotta come on whole wheat or rye."*  
~ Tom Hensley

**"The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark."** ~ Thomas Paine

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