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"Don't look back and ask Why? Look forward and ask, Why Not." ~ Neil Patel

Dirge without music

I am not resigned to the shutting away of loving hearts in the hard ground.

*So it is, and so it will be, for so it has been, time out of mind:
Into the darkness they go, the wise and the lovely. Crowned
With lilies and with laurel they go; but I am not resigned.*

*Lovers and thinkers, into the earth with you.
Be one with the dull, the indiscriminate dust.
A fragment of what you felt, of what you knew,
A formula, a phrase remains — but the best is lost.*

The answers quick and keen, the honest look, the laughter, the love,

They are gone. They are gone to feed the roses. Elegant and curled

Is the blossom. Fragrant is the blossom. I know. But I do not approve.

More precious was the light in your eyes than all the roses in the world.

*Down, down, down into the darkness of the grave
Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind;
Quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave.
I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned.*

~ Edna St. Vincent Millay



"Find the people that are like sunshine for you, kiddo, who make you bloom." ~ Lauren Beukes

Geography of a woman

BETWEEN 18 AND 22, A WOMAN IS LIKE AFRICA. Half discovered, half wild, fertile, and naturally Beautiful! **Between 23 and 30**, a woman is like the USA. Well-developed and open to trade, especially for someone of real value.

Between 31 and 35, a woman is like Spain. Very hot, relaxed, and convinced of her own beauty. **Between 36 and 40**, a woman is like Greece. Gently aging but still, a warm and desirable place to visit.

Between 41 and 50, a woman is like Great Britain. With a glorious and all-conquering past. Between 51 and 60, a woman is like France. She has been through war and vowed never again.

Between 61 and 70, a woman is like Canada. Self-preserving, but open to meeting new people. **After 70**, she becomes Tibet. Wildly beautiful, with a mysterious past and the wisdom of the ages. An adventurous spirit and a thirst for knowledge.

THE GEOGRAPHY OF A MAN:

Between 1 and 100, a man is like Iran and Russia. Ruled by a pair of nuts.

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." ~ Shirley Chisholm

Three's company

THREE SENIOR WOMEN WERE SITTING IN A cozy diner, having a chat. The first woman says, "I feel I'm getting really forgetful lately. This morning, I paused in the middle of the staircase, and couldn't remember if I was ascending or descending!"

"That's nothing," said the second woman. "Last week, I was lying on my bed and couldn't remember if I was trying to go to sleep or struggling to get out of bed."

"How unfortunate," said the third woman. "My memory's as good as ever, knock on wood!"

She then rapped the wooden table with her knuckles.

"Who's there?!" the third woman cried.

"What is freedom of expression?

Without the freedom to assault, it ceases to exist."

~ Salman Rushdie

LOL

Senior citizens have taken to texting with gusto, and they even have their own shortcuts

BFF: *Best Friend Fainted*

BYOT: *Bring Your Own Teeth*

CBM: *Covered by Medicare*

FWBB: *Friend with Beta-blockers*



SEVEN STATES OF WOMAN
You can learn a lot from Lydia!

LMDO: *Laughing My Dentures Out*

GGPBL: *Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low*

C911: *I Fell And I Can't Get Up!*

MCMXL: *It's my birthday!*

"Nobody goes to that restaurant anymore. It's always too crowded." ~ Rodney Dangerfield

Holy poptop

TWO NUNS WERE SHOPPING AT A 7-11 STORE.

As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other: "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?" The second nun answered: "Indeed it would, sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer, since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand."

"I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied. She picked up a six-pack and headed for the check-out. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer. "We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said. "Back at our nunnery, we call it a Catholic Shampoo." Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, placed them in the bag with the beer.

He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled and said: "The curlers are on the house."

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"Every time a person goes into a deli and orders a pastrami on white bread, somewhere a Jew dies."

~ Milton Berle

Fan me

I am a retired farmer. I now only grow personal crops and flowers, while also collecting autographs via the mail.

My grandkids in my opinion spend way too much time playing video games and being on their phones. Their parents do not think it's a problem, but I choose to act by introducing them to the wonderful world of collecting autographs. I successfully piqued their interest, and it gives them an activity to read and learn, instead of doing endless mind-numbing activities.

Thank you for your generosity and time. Please stay well.

"To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men." ~ A. Lincoln

Do you read me?

“DEAR JOHN, THIS IS ALAN NEXT DOOR. I AM sorry buddy, but I have a confession to make to you. I've been riddled with guilt these past few months and have been trying to pluck up the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling you in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing.

"The truth is, I have been sharing your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, probably more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently, but that's no

excuse I know. The temptation was just too much. I can no longer live with the guilt, and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me. I promise that it won't happen again. Please come up with a fee for usage, and I'll pay you. Regards, Alan."

John, feeling insulted and betrayed, grabbed his gun, stomped next door and shot his neighbor dead. He returned home, poured himself a stiff drink and went out into the garden for some fresh air. He took out his phone and saw he had a subsequent message from his neighbor. It read:

"Hi John, this is Alan next door again. Sorry about the slight typo on my last text. I expect you worked it out anyway, but as I'm sure you noticed, my smart phone's Autocorrect feature changed 'Wi-Fi' to 'Wife.' Technology hey??

"Hope you saw the funny side of that. Regards, Alan."

"A Freudian slip is when you say one thing and mean your mother." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

Say what?

FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF THE PREVIOUS week, Larry knew he was going to have a very big problem with his hearing, so he decides to go to the revival meeting to see if the preacher there could give him a hand with it.

When he arrives, Larry sits down quietly and waits until the preacher asks the congregation if anyone needs his assistance through prayer. The old man raises his hand, and the preacher motions for him to come over and queue up with the other people who are in need of some divine assistance.

He patiently waits his turn, until he's up next. The preacher asks him: "Larry, what do you want me to pray about for you?"

"Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing," he replies. The

preacher puts one finger in Larry's ear and places his other hand on top of Larry's head. He prays for what seems like an eternity, totally committed to ensuring Larry doesn't have any further problems with his hearing.

After he prayed for him sufficiently, the preacher removed his hands, stood back and asked, "Larry, how is your hearing now?"

"I don't know, Reverend, it's not until next Wednesday."

"A person doesn't know how much he has to be thankful for until he has to pay taxes on it." ~ Ann Landers



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"Don't be so humble - you are not that great." ~ **Golda Meir**

Life after death

A NEWSPAPER REPORTER WAS INTERVIEWING an 80-year-old lady who was marrying for the fourth time. He asked if she wouldn't mind talking about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She smiled and said, "My first husband was a banker, then I married a circus ringmaster, and next was a preacher. Now, in my eighties, I am marrying a funeral director."

The reporter was surprised at the variety and asked - why men with such diverse careers? She explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"

"The truth may sometimes hurt, but the lies are in bed with collective death."
~ **Jonathan Lethem**

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You don't say

A TRUCK LOADED WITH THOUSANDS OF copies of Roget's *Thesaurus* crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, flummoxed, speechless, perplexed, and gob-smacked.

Meanwhile, those waiting for the shipment were at a loss for words.

"A liberal is a man too broad-minded to take his own side in a quarrel." ~ **Robert Frost**

All is well

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.

*Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me and if you want to, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,
Let it be spoken without effect,
Without the trace of a shadow on it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
There is unbroken continuity.*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you,
For an interval,
Somewhere very near,
Just around the corner.
All is well.*

~ **Henry Scott-Holland**

Distributing

Sevan Minasian, Bill Bowles, Michael Sheehan, Don Snyder, Ed O'Hare, *The Upworthiest*, *The Week* and *Baba-Mail*, *The Curmudgeon* in *Funny Times* and *The Café 50s News*.

Then, thanks to the **Seneca Audio Awards** for my nomination as best supporting actor for my long-running role as Detective Polehaus on **Adventures in Odyssey**. **CLICK FOR PODCAST EPISODE**

And Attention Seekers! I will be flying up to Whidbey Island end of this month to record characters for to record characters for a six-part audio adaptation of **Treasure Island**, produced by **David Ossman** and **Judith Walcutt**, written and directed by **Orson Ossman** and starring our dear friend **John Goodman** as Long John Silver – with me as his Parrot! More about it in the next orbit! SQUAWK!!

"Whatever you do, give 100 percent.
Unless you're donating blood." ~ **Bill Murray**

"And those who were seen dancing were thought insane by those who did not hear the music." ~ **Friedrich Nietzsche**

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