

The things they say...

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MISCELLANY

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I warned him about it, he reckoned he could stop any time....

My son's been asking for a pet spider for his birthday, so I went to our pet shop – and they were £70 each! I can get one cheaper off the web.

Statistically, six out of seven dwarves are not happy.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said: "I want something shiny that goes from 0-70 in about three seconds". I bought her a weighing machine.

I got some new aftershave today that smells like breadcrumbs. The birds love it!

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RAC van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself: "That guy's heading for a breakdown."

A man is sitting at home on the veranda with his wife and he says: "I love you."

She asks: "Is that you or the beer talking?"

He replies: "It's me.... talking to the beer."

Names and addresses supplied

PASSPORT PROBLEMS

Each year, more than 274,000 people lose their passports. Around 40 per cent of them are in their twenties, with approximately 10,000 of those lost while on a night out in a bar or club – about the same number that are accidentally thrown out with the rubbish. The more unusual reasons given for losing a passport include:

- taxi attacked by gunman on way to airport (Brazil);
- placed on a fire with clothes;
- lost while in prison;
- put in bin by infant daughter;
- drunk boyfriend (now ex) destroyed it;

YOUR DIY STRESS TEST



I am not sure exactly how it works, but this is amazingly accurate and has been used in a case study on stress levels.

This picture shows two identical dolphins jumping out of the sea. A closely monitored, scientific study revealed that, in spite of the fact that the dolphins are exactly the same, people under stress would find differences between the two. The more differences they find the more stress they are experiencing.

Look at the photograph and if you find more than one or two differences you may want to take a holiday.

John Caton

- fell out of bag while snowboarding on a mountain;
- last seen in the pocket of a coat donated to tramp;
- wallet was stolen at a children's party with passports inside;
- passports were stored in safe – thieves stole safe from villa (Turkey).

Identity and Passport Service

AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

To avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables, get someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.

A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives - you'll be too afraid to cough.

You only need two tools in life: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

Name and address supplied

60 YEARS OF THE NHS

Caller: "Hello, I'd like some information on a patient, Mrs Tiptree. She was admitted last week

with chest pains and I just want to know if her condition has deteriorated, stabilised or improved."

Caller is connected to the ward.
Nurse: "Hello, ward P. How can I help?"

Caller: "I would just like some information on a patient, Mrs Tiptree. I was wondering if her condition had deteriorated, stabilised or improved."

Nurse: "I'll just check her notes. I'm pleased to say that Mrs Tiptree's condition has improved. She has regained her appetite, her temperature has steadied and after some routine checks tonight, she should be well enough to go home tomorrow."

Caller: "Oh that's wonderful news, I'm so happy. Thank you ever so much."

Nurse: "You seem very relieved, are you a close friend or relative?"
Caller: "No, I'm Mrs Tiptree. Nobody tells you anything at all in here!"

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QUERY TO MEN'S HELPLINE

"Hi, I really need your advice on a serious problem. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs: if the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up; she goes out with the girls a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home but I usually fall asleep. Anyway last night about midnight I hid in the shed behind the boat. When she came home she got out of someone's car

buttoning her blouse. It was at that moment crouched behind the boat that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard engine mounting bracket. Is that something I can weld or do I need to replace it?"

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PHILOSOPHICAL THOUGHTS

One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him...is he still wrong?

Is there another word for synonym?

Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do practice?

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

George Carlin (1937-2008), American stand-up comedian