

SENIORS' ROUNDUP

Local and Worldwide Items of Interest

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Editorial: Democracy v. Representation - Just thinking!

There has been considerable debate in recent times around the validity and impact of Maori Wards on local Councils in New Zealand. I was just thinking that if we accept the democratic ideology that we are one people who encompass the principle of 'one vote for all', then perhaps a specific seat for a specific ethnic identity could easily be construed as being at best, undemocratic and at worst racist.

I am not against diversity on Councils and local Boards of Control nor do I have any issues with a Maori perspective being brought to the table. However, what I do question is the given opportunity to align any one person with a specific seat on Local Body Councils based on race.

In addition to Maori, there are many other groups in society, ethnic or otherwise that would be delighted to have the luxury of specific representation.

We (well, most of us anyway!) take pride and gratitude in the fact that we live in a democratic society. The broadly accepted definition of which is "Pertaining to or characterised by the principle of political or social equality for all".

At the 2023 General Election in New Zealand the voter turnout over all was 77.51% representing 2,858,896 of eligible voters. The total of enrolled eligible voters was 3,688,292 giving us a figure of those who did not vote of 829,396 (Statistics NZ).

Of course what we don't know is the number of eligible voters who, for whatever reason were not enrolled.

Given that the reported cost of this election was \$229 million based on what the Electoral Commission received from the Government, there are two questions to be considered if we apply similar scenarios to local body elections.

Firstly, was this value in terms of tax-payer's dollars and secondly, did the voter outcome represent equality in terms of proportionality on Local Bodies?

While elections are about numbers, decisions are all about democracy and democracy at the end of the day, is all about numbers. The representative mix on Local Bodies as with central government, is decided principally on the views and aspirations put forward by the budding candidates.

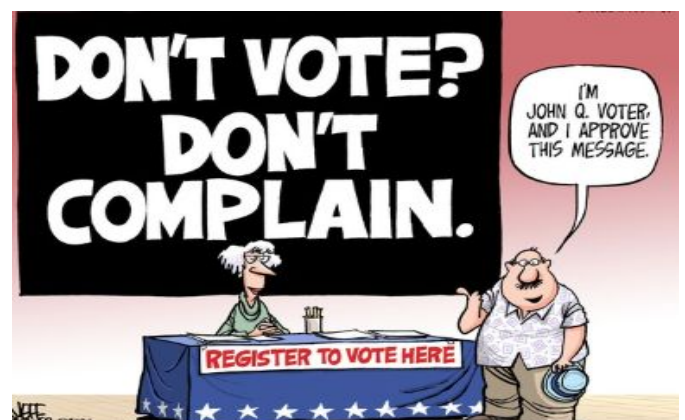
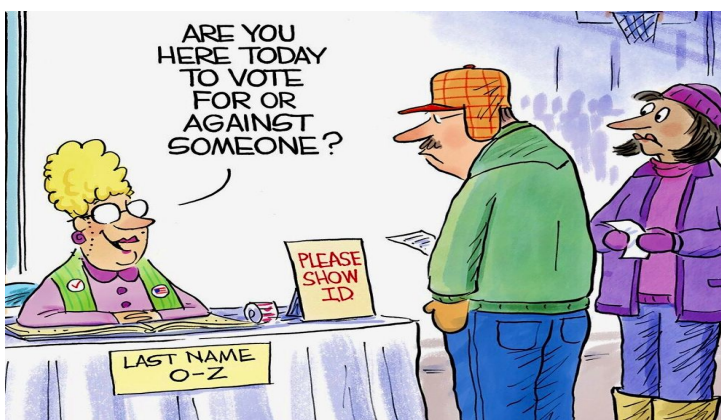


I guess the questions we are faced with are - do we vote based on ethnicity or do we vote influenced by the principles, the policies and the candidates desire and ability to advance, develop and lift progress for all constituents? The key word here has to be "constituents" regardless of race, creed or political persuasion.

I recall that many years ago, following an election for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, there was criticism based on what some people perceived as being an imbalance on the Council between the interests of Europeans and the interests of Maori. It came to pass that only one third of the eligible Maori voters had actually voted. The consensus was that if all the eligible Maori voters had in fact exercised their right to vote, they may well have ended up with a majority representing Maori interests on the Council.

While the moral of this story may be obvious, I believe it also applies to local Council elections resulting in a more than fair representation without the need to have special Wards created. As with the old adage - 'It is not sufficient to be fair, you must be seen to be fair!' Do we truly value the principles of democracy in our society? Just thinking!

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Who Said Cops Don't Have a Sense of Humour?

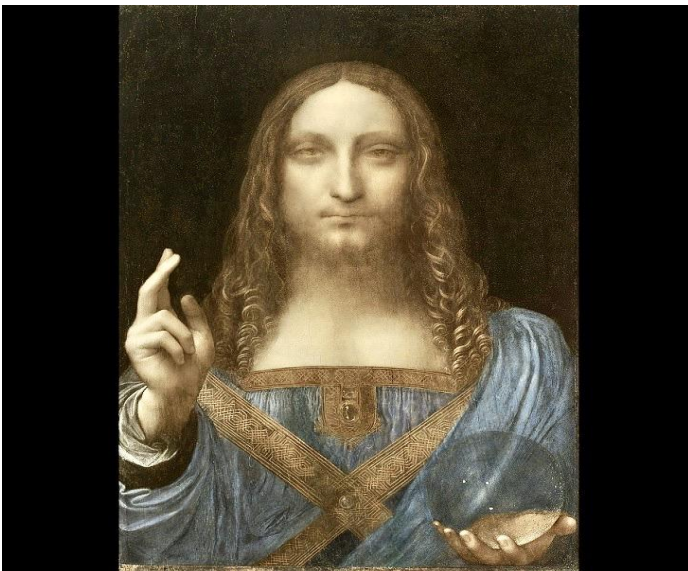


**Asked if she had been drinking, the driver said -
"Yes officer, I had two bottles this morning!"**



Looks like another high-speed pursuit!

Two of The Most Expensive Paintings in The World:



Salvator Mundi, by Leonardo Da Vinci -

This painting sold for an eye watering \$450.3 million. The painting depicts a near angelic Jesus Christ making a cross sign with his fingers while holding a crystal sphere. Experts have determined that the painting is legitimate and in 2017, at an auction at Christie's in New York this painting was purchased for a record price on behalf of Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism.



Interchange, by Willem De Kooning -

Paul Cezanne's masterpiece went down one step on the ladder in 2015 when this stunning work of art was sold for a staggering \$300 million. As one of the first abstract landscapes painted by De Kooning, the painting holds considerable significance in art history. It was sold to Kenneth C. Griffin Foundation.

Cat Shenanigans:





Slicing tomatoes -

Using a bread knife to slice tomatoes will let you cut them really thin without the juices spilling all over the cutting board.



Cutting, slicing or dicing onions -

If you place a burning candle near your chopping board when cutting onions it will eliminate your urge to cry.

Two of The Most Unusual Trees in The World:



Boab Prison Tree -

This so-called 1,500-year-old prison tree is just a large hollow boab located south of Derby in Western Australia. It earned its name for being used in the 1890s as a holding cell for Aboriginal prisoners on their way to Derby for sentencing. There is no evidence to support this story though. The tree is impressive with a girth of 15 m and is a popular tourist attraction.



Pennantia Baylisiana Tree -

Although this tree may not look that unusual it is in fact known as the world's rarest tree. It is a critically endangered tree and currently only one specimen of it exists in the Three Kings Islands of New Zealand where it has been since 1945. There were a number of these trees but the only one remaining is a female making their reproduction limited.

As Kids See It:



**"Can you believe I got a 'C' in English?
and I was doing so good."**



**"Why is an A or B better than a C or D?
Aren't all letters equal in the eyes of God?"**

The Life And Times of Lofty Blomfield:

Meynell Strathmore Blomfield (also known as **Lofty**) was born in Wellington in 1908. He was a New Zealand professional wrestler also known by another ring name of Walter Browning.

After leaving school with only two years secondary education, Blomfield hoped to become a jockey but he grew too big and travelled around the country eventually becoming a taxi driver.

Lofty was a very good rugby player representing Auckland, Gisborne and Nelson provinces. In 1929 he quit his burgeoning rugby career so he could compete in amateur wrestling and in 1930 won both the Auckland and New Zealand heavyweight titles. He became the New Zealander who could take on all comers and in the process invented and perfected his own specialised hold, the octopus clamp from which only the very best of his opponents could devise an escape.



Blomfield demonstrates his Octopus Clamp

Lofty Blomfield continued wrestling until the outbreak of the Second World War when he joined the army. He served in the Middle East and in New Zealand and following his discharge continued his wrestling career. He finally retired in 1949 having wrestled five world champions during his time in the ring in New Zealand.



Sgt. Major Loft Blomfield

His wrestling career took him to the United States and Canada for bouts against world record title holders. At home he had sell out crowds, especially when he beat the Canadian Earl McCready who was regarded as the finest wrestler to have visited New Zealand. He retired in 1949, having beaten three world title holders and drawing with two.

Of his 490 bouts in New Zealand, he won 385.

Professional Wrestler



Lofty Blomfield 1908-1971

Blomfield became a successful hotelier in the years following his retirement as publican of the Whangarei Hotel. He sponsored countless athletic groups in Whangarei and Northland especially Inter-house rugby and the Northland Trotting Club. He also became involved in numerous charity fundraisers especially those involving mentally handicapped children. He served as President of IHC (Intellectually Handicapped Children's Association) and later founded the Blomfield Special School and Resource Centre in Whangarei.



The famous fundraising 'penny pile' on the bar of the Whangarei Hotel

Lofty Blomfield was inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame in 1990 (posthumously) and died at the age of 62 in 1971.

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GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents are special people
with wisdom and pride.

They are always offering love and kindness
and are always there to guide.

They often make you feel
so confident and strong.

Their arms are always open
no matter what you did wrong.

They try to help out
in every way that they can.

They love all their grandchildren
the same whether you're a child, woman or man.

They are always there to listen
and to lend a helping hand.

They show you respect
and they try to understand.

They give their love, devotion and so much more,
that's easy to see.

Grandparents,
what perfect examples
of the kind of person that we should be.

~By Stacy Smith~



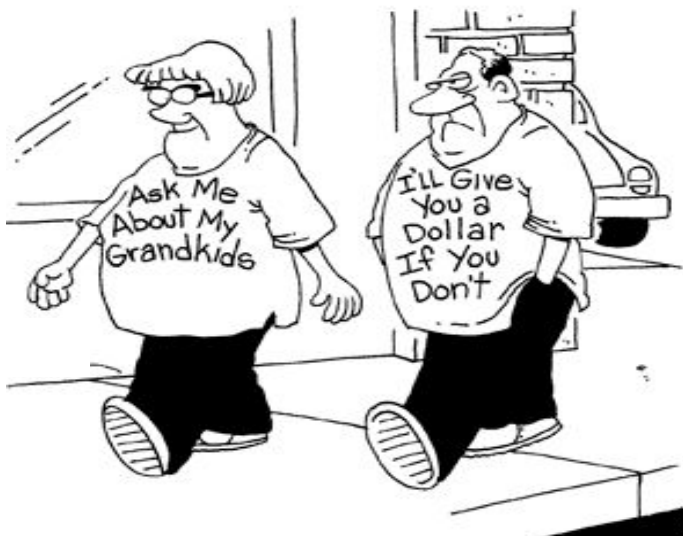
"Can you pretend you're Grandma just once and give us what we want?"



"Grandma sent us new wallets and said that you had something for us to fill 'em up with!"



"Grandma and I are going for a walk, and I'll bring her back here safely."



"No, your grandfather did not hit me over the head with a club and drag me off to his cave."

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A Good News Story to Offset The Doom And Gloom:

These 'showbiz' whales have found a new home after a life in captivity. Two 12-year old showbiz beluga whales who had spent most of their lives in captivity entertaining humans at an aquarium in Shanghai, China, have finally found a new home in Iceland. The Beluga whale is an Arctic and subarctic marine mammal, extremely sociable and they normally live and hunt together in pods.

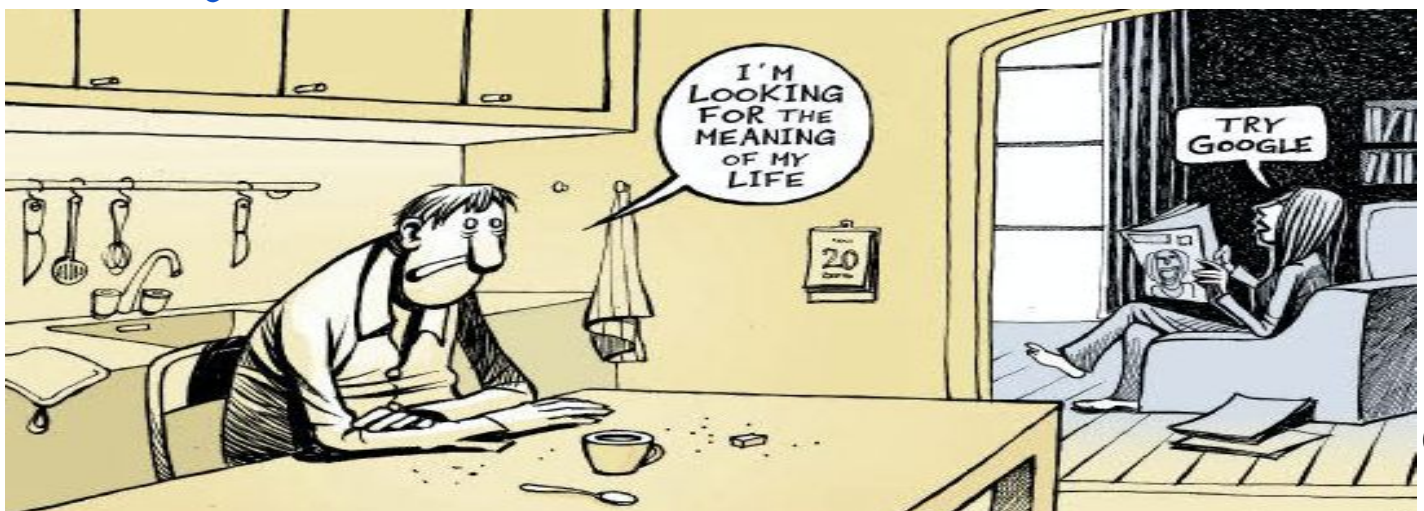
The operation to save the whales was led by the conservation charity Sea Life Trust and was six years in the making.

The whales named Little Grey and Little White, each weighing about 900 kg, travelled 9,656 km by land, sea and even by air to a sea sanctuary in a bay in Iceland Heimaey Island. Here, they will be allowed to acclimatise to the natural environment before being finally released in to a larger open-water sanctuary located in the Westman Islands off Iceland's southern coast.



The Meaning of Life:

When all else fails!

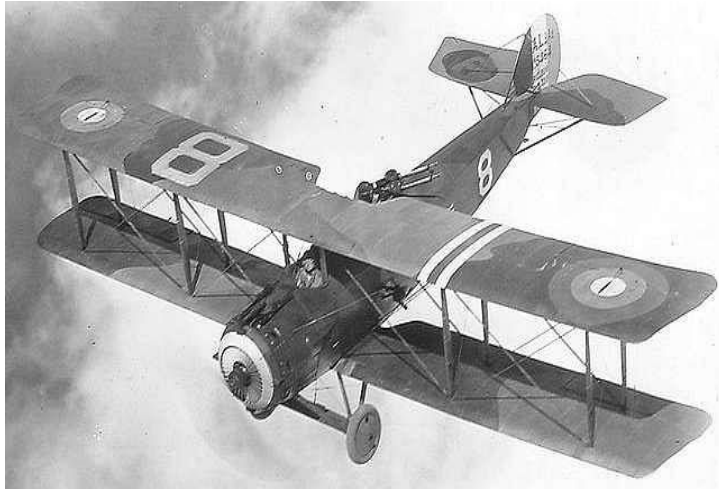


Who Needs Patience When You've Got a Cell Phone:

Thank God I don't live in my Granny's day
where there weren't any cell phones on which to play.
I can't imagine just what I would do,
with those minutes of waste that I would accrue!
For now there isn't a moment to spare,
I can text while I put on my underwear!
From the moment I wake until the moment I sleep,
I won't have to be bored - I can Chat, Post and Tweet!
I can Skype on the road while driving to work,
or get on the train to watch Miley Cyrus twerk.
On lunch break I'll sort through my email's spam,
and post pictures of what I ate on Instagram!
Sitting on the toilet's no longer a bore,
I've got Candy Crush and lots and lots more.
So productive am I that it makes my head spin,
but at least I don't have to wait idly for din (dinner).
My partner and I Facebook in our seats,
while we wait for the waitress to bring us out treats.
The couple at the next table are doing the same,
so I assure you, we are perfectly sane!
And then while we eat we check our phones,
in response to the number of notification tones!
But alas, it appears that my battery is draining,
only 7.7 percent is remaining.
But just one more selfie before it quits,
I wonder how many "likes" it will get?!As I plug my phone in, I think of poor granny,
who lived in a time before cell phones were any.
At work, or at home, or out on a date -
I'm so glad I don't have to be bored while I wait!
And with that thought, I turn down the sheets,
put on my jammies and de-sock my feet.
As I and my partner snuggle in bed,
visions of interesting things dance in my head.
If only me cell phone wasn't dead ...



Stealth Aircraft From Around The World:



The **Salmson 2** WW1 aircraft was a French reconnaissance aircraft produced in 1916. It was the main reconnaissance aircraft of the French army during 1918 and was also used by the American Expeditionary Force. The plane had a crew of two separated by open-air cockpits.



The **Northrop B-2 Spirit** was developed as a heavy stealth bomber to replace the B-52 fleet used by the United States since 1951. The aircraft became operational in 1993. It is one of the most expensive aircraft the U.S. Air-Force has costing about \$2 billion and has a range of over 11,000 km.

Inventions Designed to Help Our Wildlife:



Tunnels under railway tracks for turtles - Train wheels were doing so much harm to little turtles in Japan that the West Japan Railway installed these little tunnels for protection.



Helping crabs migrate in Australia - Christmas Island is the site of tremendous activity as millions of crabs migrate there annually. The authorities have installed these to protect them.

Bob Hope Comments on Stealth Aircraft:



The stealth bomber is supposed to be a big deal. It flies in undetected, bombs, then flies away. Hell, I've been doing that all my life.

— Bob Hope —

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A Brief History of Tea Bags:

Tea bags were only invented at the beginning of the 19th century. For thousands of years before that, tea was only available in loose-leaf, powdered or compressed form.

In 1908, a tea merchant was looking for a less expensive way to package tea for his customers and beyond wrapping his loose tea in silk pouches. However customers had no idea that they were supposed to unwrap the bag before brewing the tea.

They simply placed the pouch directly into hot water instead of removing the loose leaves as the merchant had intended. Thus the tea bag was born.

In the years that followed, the popularity of tea bags kept increasing and today they are popular all over the world.



Two Reasons Why We Should Not Skip Breakfast:



It gives us sharper focus -

Being hungry can be a great destruction for us especially if we haven't eaten anything all morning. Hunger can have a negative effect on classes, meetings and work activities.

Once you start to think about food or your stomach starts to rumble your craving becomes greater.

When you have a satisfying breakfast, you are providing your brain with enough power to function properly which will aid concentration.



A good breakfast reduces crankiness -

Not having breakfast is the reason why so many people complain about their mornings. By skipping the most important meal of the day, you are likely to feel more cranky, grumpy and unmotivated for the day ahead.

This will affect your performance during your morning tasks and also your social interactions.

A good breakfast each morning will be beneficial to yourself and those around you.

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The Flight and Plight of The Pegasus:

The year was 1970. On the 8th of October a United States Lockheed C121 Super Constellation with a crew of 12 ran into a storm and was forced to crash land in extremely bad weather conditions. Prior to the departure from Christchurch the crew was informed that weather conditions at McMurdo Sound station were favourable. Unfortunately, these conditions deteriorated in flight and the crew were unable to locate the runway.

A Memorial at McMurdo Sound

A decision had to be made by the pilots in mid-air whether or not it would be safe to continue or turn the plane around and go back to New Zealand. The visibility became zero and the crew were unable to locate the runway. Instead of returning to Christchurch the captain decided to make a go-around but during the second attempt he misjudged his altitude and came in too low.



The Pegasus Super Constellation on the tarmac at Christchurch

The right main gear struck a snowbank and was torn off. The aircraft then ricocheted up from the impact and its right wing dug into the snow and was detached. As the aircraft slid, parts and debris were flung everywhere with the plane eventually spinning around before coming to a rest. Fortunately the fuselage remained intact and no fire erupted. Amazingly, all 80 occupants of the aircraft survived and were later rescued but the aircraft was completely destroyed.

With strong winds and extreme cold, passengers, many of whom were not dressed for snow conditions stayed inside the aircraft. Help took several hours due to limited visibility. The badly damaged aircraft was beyond repair and its location made it too difficult to recover parts and fittings. The crash site and ice runway was renamed Pegasus Field but closed in 2014 because of excess summer melt.



The Pegasus as she lies in the snow at McMurdo Sound

After being with her all evening the man couldn't take another minute with his blind date.

Earlier, he had secretly arranged to have a friend call him on the phone so he would have an excuse to leave his date should he not be happy.

When he returned to the table after having taken the call, he lowered his eyes, put on a grim expression and said: "I have some bad news. My grandfather just died."

"Thank heavens." his date responded.

"If your hadn't, mine would have to!"



Manshiyat Naser, Egypt

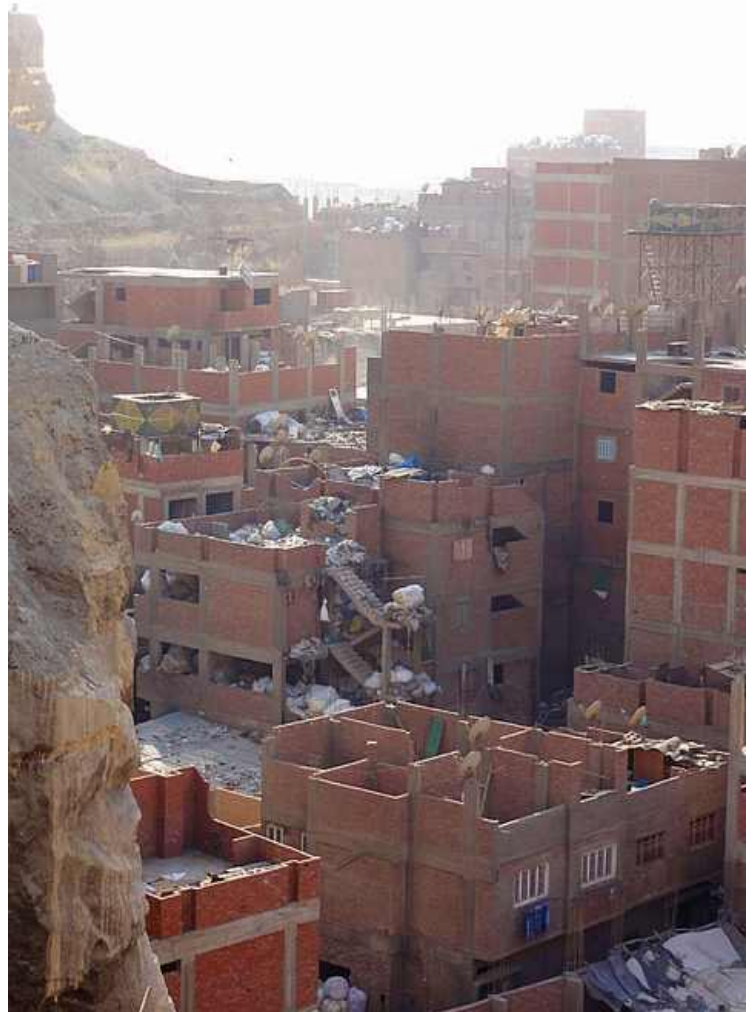
One of The Strangest Cities in The World:

On the outskirts of Cairo, a city of more than 18 million people with no organised rubbish removal system, is the world's largest garbage town., Manshiyat Naser, better known as the Garbage City. It was established as a slum settlement in 1976 and is literally covered in rubbish. As a result, The people of Manshiyat have become the unofficial garbage collectors for Cairo and have been given the name "Zabbaleen" (Arabic for garbage people)

When the municipal government of Cairo hired a private company to dispose of its rubbish in 2003, the people of Manshiyat found themselves in a competition of "who's going to get the trash?"

The area is home to about 60,000 Zabbaleen whose livelihood revolves around the collection and recycling of Cairo's city rubbish. Manshiyat lacks infrastructure and many areas have no running water, sewerage system or electricity.

Many residents are born into the trash trade and have a strong sense of pride in their work with families working together to earn a living. Every morning at dawn they start their daily journey to Cairo in horse-drawn carts and trucks to collect rubbish from the city's apartments and businesses. By lunchtime they are back with all members of the family including grandparents sorting it. They recycle more than 80% of the rubbish they collect.



Travel Tales:



The Beauty of The Netherlands:

Captivating vistas that spark the imagination



In The Kitchen:

Hints to help clean dishes



Use Coca-Cola to clean dirty dishes -

While Coca-Cola isn't that good for your health or your teeth, it is a very effective cleaning agent. Just soak any pots that have scorch marks or burn stains in Coca-Cola and they will practically vanish overnight.



The cleansing power of lemon -

Researchers tell us that lemons can be a great cleaning aid. For tough-to-remove stains and heavy grease build up, lemon juice has similar cleansing properties to vinegar. A wedge of lemon in your dishwasher before starting the cycle will also help.

Parenting Ain't What it Used to Be:



"Dress it up all you want -
It's still an invasion of privacy!"

The 37th America's Cup:

A spectacle to behold

Despite advanced technology and extreme innovations along with corresponding design concepts, the AC75 sailing boats in the 37th America's Cup contest require skill and ability more than ever. Sure, gone are the ropes and pulleys but the critical decision making, the ability to read the weather, read the water conditions and work as a team remains absolutely critical to the successful sailing of these magnificent craft. The continuing dramas on the water will make for an exciting event. Given the size, the weight and the complexity of these boats the margin for error has decreased considerably over the years culminating in a skill level far in excess of that required in the past.



TNZ Winning the America's cup in 1995



TNZ sailing off Barcelona in 2024



The 37th America's Cup currently being contested in Barcelona, will without doubt be the largest event in the history of the cup.

With their foiling monohulls, the AC75s can reach speeds in excess of 50 knots in a range of sea conditions that would previously be postponed or even cancelled racing.

Exceeding to my overwhelming bias, I have to say that the appearance of the New Zealand boat at the 37th America's Cup contest presents a magnificent spectacle of colour as it sails on the waters of Barcelona. In addition to the boats stand out appearance, its proven speed and the ability of a very experienced crew it will provide for a thrilling finale against an opponent yet to be determined. But as they allude in sport as in many other endeavours. "It's not over until It's over"

The old saying, "Watching yachts race is like watching paint dry" is certainly not the case with the current fleet of AC75s. They are able to attain speeds in a range of sea conditions that would never have been possible in previous competitions. The highly sophisticated, technical and, above all else, the real time unobstructed viewing via television coupled with incredible graphics, much of which has been developed in New Zealand is unprecedented.

No doubt aerospace technology involving advanced aerodynamics and the development of super lightweight materials will continue to evolve to meet man's insatiable quest for speed.

Sports You May Have Never Heard Of:



Tuna Tossing -

This sport began in South Australia in the small fishing community of Port Lincoln. It was inspired by the local fishermen who would toss fish into their trucks with force and started being used as a way to spice up their local festival. The winner is the person who managed to throw a 10 kg fish the furthest. These days the competition has changed somewhat with the participants using rubber fish of equal size and weight instead of the live specimens.



Wife Carrying -

Despite initial reaction, this sport enjoys global appeal. The game has its origins in Finland where local women were commonly abducted. The *World Wife Carrying Championship* has teams competing from Australia, Germany, Great Britain, Estonia, Ireland and the United States. In the United States, competitors need to first win their State Championship to qualify.

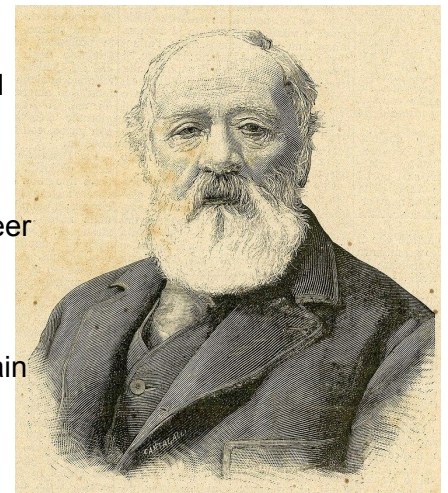
A Forgotten Hero of Science:

History books often highlight the famous figures of science but for every Newton or Einstein (even Ernest Rutherford), there are others who worked tirelessly over the years making vital contributions that often go unrecognized.

Antonio Meucci was an Italian inventor credited with developing an early version of the telephone. Born in 1808 in Florence, Italy, he began his career as a stage technician before moving to the United States in 1850. At his home in New York, Meucci designed and built the "teletrofono", a device intended to carry voice signals through electrical cables.

Sadly, Meucci, struggled with financial difficulties and was not able to obtain a patent for his invention.

Despite his important contribution, Meucci's work in the field of communication technology is largely overlooked, with Alexander Graham Bell, who later patented the telephone, being more widely recognised.



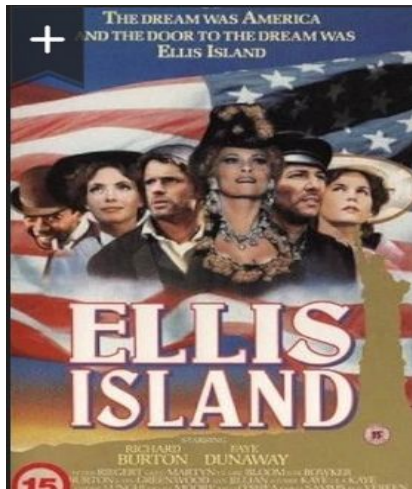
Antonio Meucci 1808-1889

Window on America:



Ellis Island - Entry to America:

The recent mini-series on TV, *Ellis Island*, tells the story of the lives and struggles of some of the countless immigrants who arrived on Ellis Island during the 19th century in search of the American Dream. The series starring Faye Dunaway and Richard Burton, is well worth viewing and by all accounts depicts a factual account of the way it was for the fortunate and the not so fortunate.



During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, large numbers of people from northern and western Europe travelled in overcrowded ships to immigrate to the United States of America.

They arrived to escape famine and religious discrimination with the dream of buying land and cashing in on the Gold Rush. Although Ellis Island had been open since 1892, arrivals at the immigration station didn't reach peak capacity until the beginning of 1900. From 1900 until 1915, more than 15 million immigrants came to the United States with an increasing number from non-English speaking countries.

It is estimated that close to 40 percent of current U.S. citizens can trace at least one ancestor back to *Ellis Island*. Nearly every day for over two decades (1900-1924), the Registry Room more commonly known as 'the Great Hall' was filled with new arrivals waiting to be inspected by Immigration Officers. On many days, over 5,000 people would be processed in the Great Hall.



The 'Great Hall' at Ellis Island



Thousands of immigrants came from Ireland where a potato blight had contributed to widespread famine. Others came from Europe, including Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Greece. Many left their homeland to escape political oppression and poverty which was the driving force behind the thousands of Italians wanting to enter the United States. Non-Europeans from Syria, Turkey and Armenia were also entering the country in large numbers seeking economic opportunity.



Inspection of immigrants at Ellis Island

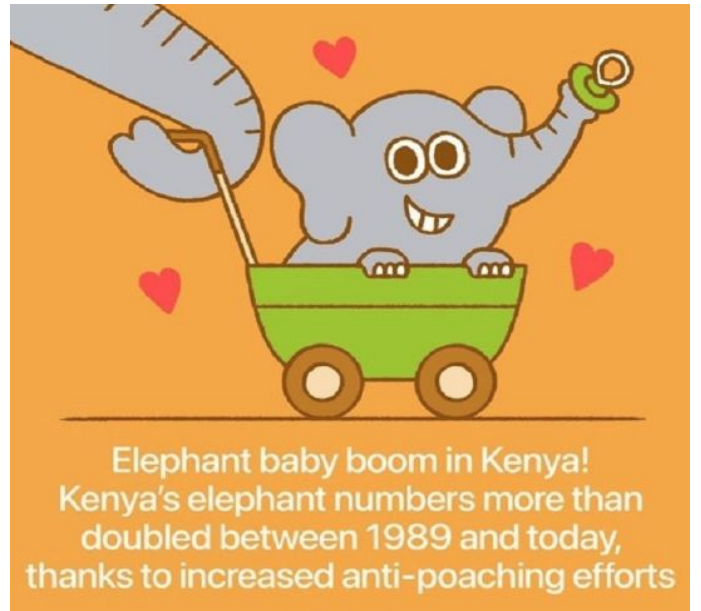
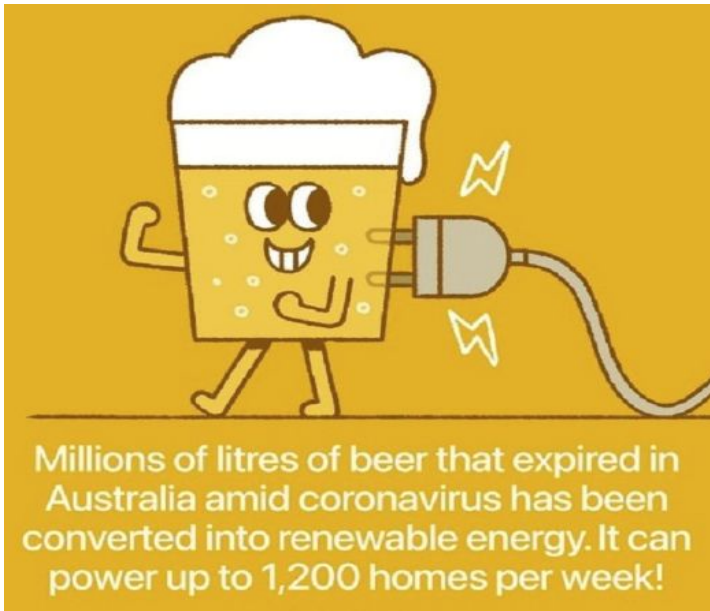
The outbreak of World War 1 in 1914 eventually slowed the flow of immigrants into the country. In the 1920s, limits on immigration were introduced along with a quota system that restricted entry to two percent of the total number of people of each nationality in America.

By 1954, Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants first commenced their dream and their contribution to a diverse and prosperous America closed its doors. It's no secret that the USA is a country built on immigration. However, the diversity and the sheer numbers of people that were processed through Ellis Island was staggering. The island was named after Manhattan merchant Samuel Ellis who owned it in the 1770s. In 1808 the state of New York sold it to the federal government. Ellis Island was reopened to sightseers in 1976 by the National Park Service.

Window on New Zealand:



And Now For Some Good News! In the deepest gloom we can find a sliver of hope



The Joys of Decimal Currency:



"I didn't think I liked decimals, but then they started putting dollar signs in front."



"Of course we have to learn decimals. How else will we be able to compare bank interest rates?"

The Day Our Currency Changed:

The Decimal Currency Act came into effect on 10 July 1967 and New Zealand abandoned pounds, shillings and pence and adopted decimal currency. The move, as radical as it was, was quickly accepted by New Zealanders despite the fact that the economy was facing major challenges at the time.

British coins were the official currency of New Zealand from 1870. Distinctive New Zealand coins were introduced in 1933 using the same weights, sizes and denominations as British coins. By 1935 British coins were no longer legal tender, making New Zealand the last self-governing dominion of the British Commonwealth to introduce its own coinage.

The first call for decimalisation came in 1908 and the idea gained momentum during the 1930s. During the 1950s, Labour submitted a series of private member's bills about decimalisation to Parliament while in opposition. The Decimal Currency Act 1964 was a National Government bill which announced that New Zealand would switch to decimal currency in 1967.

All existing bank notes were destroyed by the Reserve Bank as they came to hand. Twenty seven million new bank notes and 165 million new coins would be required. The new money was valued at \$129 million which is roughly equivalent to nine hundred sixty-one million two hundred thousand dollars in 2024.



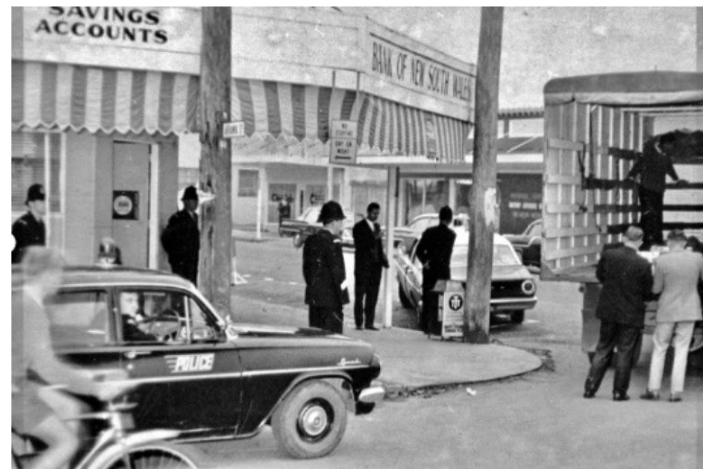
Old banknotes being destroyed at the Reserve Bank



Police keeping a watchful eye on decimal currency being unloaded from the Athenic in October 1966



The Banks were closed from Wednesday 5 July to give staff time to convert their records. The physical side of distributing the many cases of decimal currency required was carried out by Army personnel under the watchful eye of police at every location. Although details in this regard were never made public, the word sood got around and the various transfers attracted much public interest.



There was a big police presence at all banks

The distribution of the new currency was the largest operation of its kind in New Zealand history. \$120 million of currency weighing 730 tons was sent to about 600 bank branches around the country by plane, ferry, truck and rail between April and June 1967. The exercise was dubbed 'Operation Overlander'. Everything went off without a hitch and not a cent was lost!



However, there were one or two that found the conversion! difficult!

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Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

