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Thanks to Ed Sauer and Sherry













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More at Mimi's



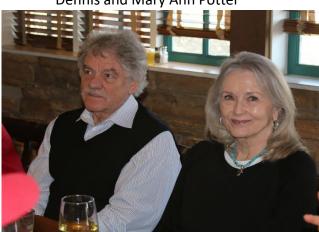
Sherry Jobe and Ed Sauer



Dennis and Mary Ann Potter



Fred Lachenmeyer, Jim and Jeannine Kontny



Craig and Laura Sowers



Ray and Grandson, Virgil Wood



Fred II and Laura Lachenmeyer



Trae and Yvonne Wood



Tom Windes and Gary Burns

Pres Says:







March 2022

We had a fantastic turnout for the Valentine's Day luncheon at Mimi's Café in February, thanks to Ed and Sherry for setting it up and providing the sweets!!

So far, we have received dues from about 30 members for 2022, just a reminder that we agreed to start collecting dues again and that it went up to \$25.00 per year. If you haven't paid, please send them in to the club's P.O. Box as soon as possible – After March 30th if you haven't paid your 2022 dues you will no longer receive the newsletter.

We are excited to announce that with the help of Nick Lester we now have our new website up and working. You can find it under www.Pajarito.Club or www.thunderbirdsnm.com. Check it out, its very easy to view on your phone, Nick added all of our old Newsletters back to 2016 along with lots of great club photos. Thanks Nick!!

Upcoming events:

Every Thursday: 7:30 AM Breakfast at Hello Deli

Rich Ford Car Show – March 5th 9am

Officers Meeting – Saturday March 5th at Rich Ford 11am

Stay safe – see you soon!!





Classic Car Show & Lunch

Fundraiser for Feed NM Kids

March 19, 2022 | 8:30am - 3:00pm



Classic Cars, Trucks, Oldies, & Hot Rods!

Philip & Sons Mechanic and Tire Service, Inc. 2501 Aziec Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM \$7107 For More Information cells Philip 505-264-9081

- · Lunch will be served
- · Raffle tickets for prizes
- Drop off food donations (suggested donation \$25-\$30)
 - O Items needed: Ramen Noodles, single serve Mac & Cheese, Beef Ravioli or SpaghettiOs with encatball (with pull top lids), Appleauce squeezes, single serve pack of Trail Mix or Pounuts.





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6TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 1 10AM - 2 PM

NEW MEXICO VETERANS MEMORIAL 1100 LOUISIANA BLVD SE ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Help us send our Veterans to Washington D.C.



REGISTRATION:
\$20 PER CAR
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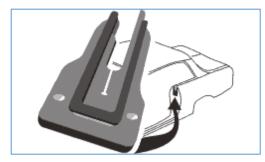
SPECTATORS ARE FREE!

Tech Tips

How to Replace your Lock Pillar Filler and Leading Edge Seals

Posted by Raeia Lail

A worn-out lock pillar filler and leading edge not only look bad but could also be responsible for the whistling noise caused by wind and gives water a way to get into your vehicle.



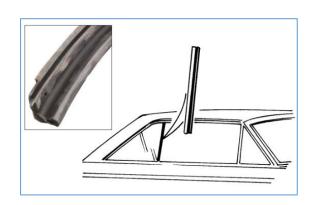
The lock pillar fillers are found on the inside of the doors. A door lock pillar seal, or U jamb seal, is the rubber part found where the rear quarter window meets the lock pillar. It serves as the access manager for the quarter window seals and a good lock pillar filler has a metal core that holds the screws in place and keeps the part sturdy. Without this piece water and dust will accumulate in the quarter panel; elements that will eventually lead to rust.

The leading edge is found on the quarter window where it meets up with the door window when the door is shut.

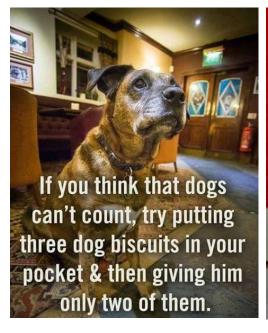
The leading edge, or quarter window leading edge, seals the rear quarter window to the side window when it is rolled-up and the door is closed.

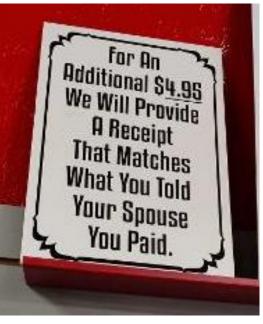
Replacing these parts is easy and can be done at home with only a screwdriver and a bottle of soapy water.

It is best to change the seals on both doors at the same time since they will probably both be equally worn. These parts are almost always sold



in pairs so this also saves you from searching for individual parts later. The fillers go by other names including lock pillar seals or just filler seals. The quarter window seals are also called leading edge.







A Bird For The Prince by Onyx Conklin

In the Kingdom of Richland, lived a king and gueen Who had a spoiled prince, who was to turn eighteen They bought him everything his little heart could desire Why in the world wouldn't they, he was to be the sire He owned stables full of horses, ponds full of fish Every holiday brought treasures, anything he'd ever wish One night he had a dream of the strangest little bird He knew if he found this rare bird, he'd be admired in all the world The next day the kingdom was put on urgent and full alert No one must eat, no one must rest, until someone found this bird A fortune would await the person who delivered the prince's present The kingdom turned out every sparrow, robin, canary, and pheasant They brought in flamingos, parrots, and pigeons Ushered in eagles, vultures, and penguins They raided farms for chickens, roosters and ducks Even with buzzards, bluebirds, and cardinals, they simply had no luck From the Amazon to the Everglades, every continent was searched But the Prince declined them all, none of them resembled his bird Till one day a visitor entered into the palace gate He'd heard about the prince's bird, and knew this must be fate He was a poor, sick man, not a dollar to his name A humble man who required neither riches, palaces, nor fame But he had one possession that even money couldn't afford A bird that was rare, a bird that was colorful, a bird called Ford The man spoke in the king's court, his voice humble and kind You won't find feathers, or a beak, on this old bird of mine My bird is like nothing you've ever seen before Not an ostrich, a peacock, nor a raven waits for you beyond that door The king, gueen and prince were summoned outside When the prince emerged from the doors, delight met his eyes For there in front of him was the bird of his dream It had been plucked right from his thoughts, or so it would seem It was shiny, and white no feathers but fins The Prince said with excitement as if on needles and pins "You will have treasures beyond all you could want and more Please tell me, what is the name of this classy little bird?" No payment require I, for I am sick and I am old But when you drive my Thunderbird, I want a story told That riches cannot buy friendship, family, or faith. Not a dime to my name but I'm richer than you today Rich young ruler, your life has many days ahead Give away all you have, and you'll live long after you're dead. I hand you these keys as they were once handed to me And hope that someday you'll pass them on with great humility. The man turned and walked away until he was nowhere else in sight All that remained in his place was a bright ray of light And to this day, the Prince, now a king rides humbly through the town Giving away his riches, with his windows rolled down The lesson was not lost on the Prince and it shouldn't be lost on us either That our legacies live on, long after we leave here Who was this man? No one can really say But the lessons he left live on with the king and all of us today.













Comments made in the year 1957

- "Ill tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- * "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric.
 They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

Mercedes-Benz 300 SL "Gullwing" Tops RM Sotheby's Scottsdale at \$6.825 Million

By Matt Litwin on Jan 28th, 2022 at 9:00 am

RM Sotheby's stacked the deck with dozens of stellar and significant automobiles, and the creme de la creme was this 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL 'Alloy' "Gullwing" that realized \$6,825.000.







2 Person Thunderbird Predecessor?



It was late in the 1940's when the Nash-Kelvinator Corp looked at producing a two-seater sports car, much like its English competitors. This generated to a joint work by Nash CEO George Mason and English Racing king, Donald Healey. These two me on the RMS Queen Elizabeth amid their shared interest in photography. The result was the first two-seater sports car offered by an American company. It was offered with coupe and soft top versions plus a 3-speed transmission with overdrive and disc brakes all around. The pair souped up a Nash V8 engine and designed a new body. The manufacturing process was elaborate with Nash shipping engines to England which were then placed in Healey assembled bodies. The initial marketing campaign included giving the first one to singing star Petula Clark.

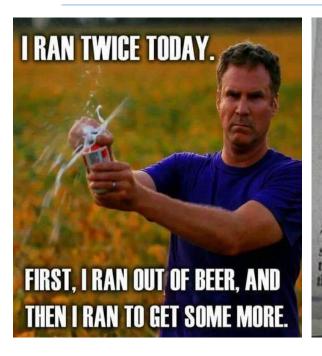
Automotive Thoughts

WINDOWS VS FORD

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on. At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated: 'If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.'

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating: If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

- 1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash......twice a day.
- 2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- 3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
- 4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
- 5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive but would run on only five percent of the roads
- 6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation' warning light.
- 7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.
- 8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- 9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car
- 10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off.





Wanted from Outside New Mexico:

Wanted: 15" Roadster, Mc Lean or similar spoke wheels. '56 or '57 Thunderbird used Back seat upholstery with good logo preferably Red, Black or Peacock. Going to be used on old 50's dealership settae. Contact: Les Gray Cell: 214-808-4318 (call or text) Email: boxcars@ont.com

Wanted: We are trying to locate another Video 8 camera to play tapes from years ago. If someone has one they would be willing to sell, we would be interested. Contact: Sidney and Julie Thompson sidney@sbthompsonconstruction.com 512-847-5479]

Wanted: I am looking for engine for 66 Thunderbird (390 engine)...prefer to buy a used engine with good condition or rebuilt one. Thanks Ken Park Jongmae@att.net (714)801-6421 cell

Wanted: 1957 thunderbird parts needed 1. Headlight surrounds. 2. Vent door for right fender. 3. Dash stainless piece that goes up under the speedo housing. 4. Restorable manual seat with tracks. 5. Taillights 6. Top stainless piece for grill 7. Lights for front bumper, and bumper brackets for front. 8. Stainless around windshield, in and out 9. Good soft top assy - maybe not quite ready yet. I have the mounting bracket for the bottom that attaches to the floor. 10. Gas filler door 11. Heater controls. 12. Wind wings 13. Tach 14. The black piece on the right side that has the blower fan. 15. Any of the vent housings that go under the tops of the inside of the front fenders. Fibre glass or metal okay. I understand there are 5 pieces? 16. Any of the reproduction chrome parts you might have left over, like the name tags, hash marks, door handles, in or out. In chrome pieces or stainless pieces, I am looking for new, or like new parts, or parts than can easily be restored. Small chrome parts that are pitted I have to pass on, as they are available new in perfect condition. I can be reached at 512-375-9657, or at jim.seacoastfm@gmail.com

For Sale Out of Town:

Have: Brand new Bra Kit for a Retro Bird to prevent travel road dings on the Front of the car. \$100.00 Contact: Marian Herbst Cell: 817-705-5925 Email: marian.herbst@yahoo.com

For Sale Locally:

A disassembled 312 'short block' for sale. (no heads or intake manifold). Block date code - January of '58 It's a 0.060 over block that could be bored to the next oversize, main bearing & rear seal caps, good crankshaft, rods w/ pistons, '55/'57 T-Bird style crank pulley, oil pan and timing cover, includes the existing cam, lifters, timing chain & gears, fuel pump eccentric and misc bolts. Total \$400 Dennis Potter (505) 259-9012 or dapnmmap@comcast.net















Tech Tips

RADIO FACE PLATE by Scott Mc Gilvray Photos by Tim Chaput

A lot of T-Birders would like to improve the appearance of their heater face plate (#18550) but are apprehensive about removing it from the dash. This method allows removal of the face without disturbing the control lines attached to the back. Don't get me wrong it's still not easy but it is well worth the effort. Looking at the assembly from the rear you see that there are two bolts holding the mounting clips in place. Remove these two bolts and two more bolt heads appear behind them. These two bolts (screws in some cases) hold the face to the housing.





The knobs come off first by removing these two bolts this allows the face assembly to be removed from the front. The chrome face is bradded to the bulb holder portion of the housing. File down or carefully grind off the nubs of the peened over pins that hold the face to the housing, at the four corners.

Notice that there is a brass plate backing up the plastic lens, this defuses the light so don't throw it away. It is now time for re-assembly and this is the same

whether or not you are using the original face plate cleaned and polished, a new chrome face plate or a re-chromed face plate. Trial fit the bulb holder housing to the face plate. See how far the tabs go down over the mounting pins. The face plates are designed to be peened over in place. Some face plates may do this well but I don't trust any of them. When drawing up the mounting bolts and clips it puts pressure on the face and they often come apart. To insure a strong connection the four posts should be drilled, taped and screwed together. Drill down into the center of the pins no more than 5/16 of an inch maximum. The proper drill bit is a #43 (.089") drill. Using a bottom tap, tap the holes with a #4-40 tap. Tap should be available separately from a good hardware store, no need to buy a whole set unless you don't have or can't improvise a tap handle. Editor's note: A good hobby store that carries HO or N gauge trains will carry the screws, drills and taps.

The screws are number 4's so the tap is a #4-40. Meaning it's a number 4 screw with 40 threads per inch. The shortest screws I could find were ¼" in length and they were still too long, cut them off with a screw cutter part of your wire stripper. Editor's note: If the plastic face plate is scratched, it would be a good time to invest in a new plastic heater face plate #18619. You can pick up a new one from many of the parts houses for about \$12.00.









Other Inputs

So beautiful!!!!

A father told his daughter, "Congrats on your graduation. I bought you a car a while back. I want you to have it now." Before I give it to you, take it to a car dealer in the city and sell it. See how much they offer."

The girl came back to her father and said: "They offered me \$10,000 dollars because it looks very old" Father said: "Ok, now take it to the pawn shop".

The girl returns to her father and said: "The pawn shop offered \$1,000 dollars because it's a very

old car and a lot of work done".

The father told her to join a passionate car club with experts and show them the car. The girl drove to the passionate car club. She returned to her father after a few hours and told him, "Some people in the club offered me \$100,000 dollars because its a rare car that's in good condition."



Then the father said, "I wanted to let you know that you are not worth anything if you are not in the right place. Your value is worth far more than rubies. Know your worth and know where you are valued.

A diamond doesn't shine on the bottom of a cave. That's the Father's heart for you.

I am swift as a gazelle. An old one. With arthritis. Run over by a Land Rover. 8 days ago.



MOTHER IN LAW
CAME FOR DINNER
AND SAID "WHY DOES
YOUR DOG KEEP
LOOKING AT ME"

I SAID "IT'S BECAUSE
YOU'RE USING HIS
PLATE"



Who packed your Parachute?

Charles Plumb was a US A Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese

prison.

He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience! One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, 'You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down! 'How in the world did you know that?' asked Plumb. 'I packed your parachute,' the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, 'I guess it worked!' Plumb assured him, 'It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today. Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, 'I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back



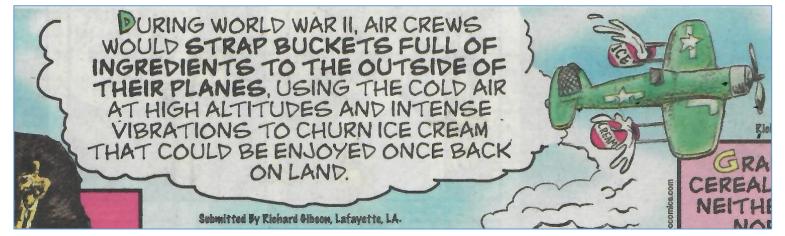
and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.' Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, 'Who's packing your parachute?' Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

I am sending you this as my way of thanking you for your part in packing my parachute. And I hope you will send it on to those who have helped pack yours! Sometimes, we wonder why friends keep forwarding jokes to us without writing a word. Maybe this could explain it! When you are very busy, but still want to keep in touch, guess what you do - you forward jokes. And to let you know that you are still remembered, you are still important, you are still loved, you are still cared for, guess what you get? A forwarded joke. So, my friend, next time when you get a joke, don't think that you've been sent just another forwarded joke, but that you've been thought of today and your friend on the other end of your computer wanted to send you a smile, just helping you pack your parachute.





Grandmothers vs Grandfathers

"Have you ever wondered what the difference is between Grandmothers and Grandfathers? Well, here it is:

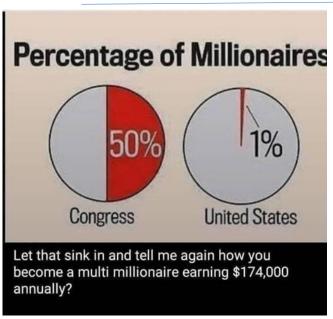
There was this loving grandfather who always made a special effort to spend time with his son's family on weekends. Every Saturday morning he would take his 5-year-old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some quality time -- pancakes, ice cream, candy-- just him and his granddaughter.

One particular Saturday, however, he had a terrible cold and could not get out of bed. He knew his granddaughter always looked forward to their drives and would be very disappointed.

Luckily, his wife came to the rescue and said that she would take their granddaughter for her weekly drive and breakfast. When they returned, the little girl anxiously ran upstairs to see her grandfather who was still in bed. "Well, did you enjoy your ride with grandma?" he asked "Not really, PaPa, it was boring. We didn't see a single asshole, piece of shit, horse's ass, tree hugger, socialist left-wing prick, blind bastard, dipshit, or son of a bitch anywhere we went!

We just drove around and Grandma smiled at everyone she saw. I really didn't have any fun."

Almost brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?









A gas station on Brovarsky Prospect in Kyiv, Ukraine, 1979

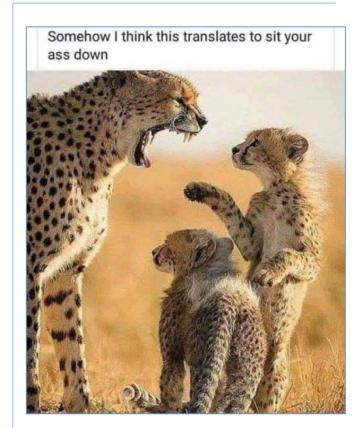


The 1958 'Sir Vival.'

Designed by Walter C. Jerome of Worcester, Ma. this unique two-section vehicle was made to protect its driver and three passengers from death or injury on the highway. The designer believed that, in case of a collision, the engine compartment would take most of the brunt and leave the passengers safe. Its standout features included a two-piece engine and cab, along with a driver turret. Unfortunately, only one Sir Vival was ever made, and it remains in the care of Bellingham Auto Sales in Bellingham, Massachusetts, even today!



Philadelphia Electric Co. street light maintenance vehicle, 1910



Some History

It was the first day of Bible class and the teacher wanted to get an ides of just what the kids already knew. She decided to start with Easter. She asked little Jimmy if he knew what Easter was and why we celebrated it. He said that the Easter Bunny brought candy and hid eggs. She then asked little Rosy and she said that was when she got to wear her pretty new dress and hat and went to dinner at gramma's house. She then asked little Billy. He said, "Well, it kind of starts on Friday because that was the day they killed Jesus". She urged him on and he continued, "they brought him to a cave and rolled a big rock in front of the door so no one could steal him", The bible teacher was impressed with how much he knew and she then asked, "Do you know what happened on Easter?" Little Billy nodded his head and he went on, "Jesus got up and went to the door and pushed real hard to move the rock.". "Then what,?" the teacher asked, "Well, said little Billy," Jesus walked out of the cave. He saw his shadow and we had six more weeks of winter."

More History

One night, an 87-year-old woman came home from Bingo to find her 92-year-old husband in bed with another woman. She became violent and ended up pushing him off the balcony of their 20th floor apartment, killing him instantly.

Brought before the court, on the charge of murder, she was asked if she had anything to say in her defense. 'Your Honor,' she began coolly, 'I figured that at 92, if he could screw, he could fly.'



"You can't get rich in politics unless you're a crook." -- Harry S. Truman

In The Wisdom Of Solomon

Two women in a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat.

The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, "Let the ugly one take the seat"

Both women stood for the rest of the journey

Argument done!

Let us all take a moment to pray for peace in Ukraine











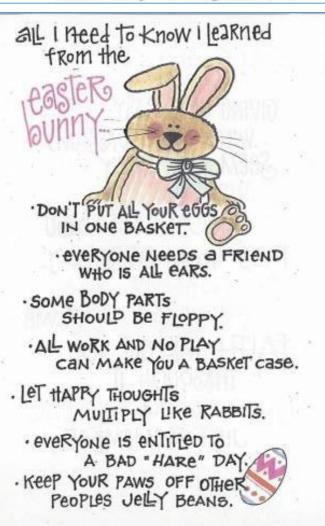






"Is the lady coming back, sir?"





A gas powered van, towing a diesel generator, charging an electric car.

The future is stupid...



Electric car charging station powered by diesel generator.

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Kids exploring ancient ruins



If A Fence
Around The
Capital Seems
Like A Good Idea
But Not On The
US Border
You're A Special
Kind Of Stupid

FOUND CAT. Cream color. Well cared for. No collar/ tags. Doubt it's chipped. Can't keep it because my dog seems afraid of it.



