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FACTS AND QUOTES

TIT FOR TAT

Whilst the tariff threats and wars rage on, we now have the pendulum swinging again with the race divide.

Reverse apartheid is rife in South Africa (SA), but it all has to stop. Can we not just be people?! No, probably not until each individual takes responsibility for their own lives by refusing to be a victim!

UKRAINE IS A 'GOLD' MINE

Ukraine's diverse geological zones make it a top 10 global supplier of mineral resources, holding around 5% of the world's total.

It is a key potential supplier of rare earth metals, including titanium (7% of the world's reserves), lithium, beryllium, manganese, gallium, uranium, zirconium, graphite (20% of global resources), apatite, fluorite, nickel, and high quality iron ore. It is one of few countries that mine titanium ores, crucial for the aerospace, medical, automotive and marine industries.

It also has one of Europe's largest confirmed lithium reserves (estimated at 500,000 tons), vital for batteries, ceramics, and glass. Ukraine is the world's fifth largest gallium producer, essential for semiconductors and LEDs, and has been a major producer of neon gas, supplying 90% of the highly purified, semiconductor grade neon for the US chip industry.

Ukraine also holds significant reserves of copper (fourth in Europe), lead (fifth), zinc (sixth), and silver (ninth). The country also ranks among the top 10 globally for minerals, including bromine, magnesium metal, manganese, peat, pig iron and kaolin, among others.

And all this plus its agricultural prowess given the abundance of fertile lands.

Now you know why Russia and the United States (US) are interested!

References: Wikipedia AND:
<https://www.weforum.org/stories/2024/07/the-future-of-critical-raw-materials-how-ukraine-plays-a-strategic-role-in-global-supply-chains/Jul 9, 2024>

"A man who fears suffering, is already suffering from what he fears." – Michel de Montaigne.

"The past is never dead. It's not even past." – William Faulkner.

"The herd instinct among forecasters makes sheep look like independent thinkers." - Edgar Fiedler.

"America innovates, China imitates, and Europe regulates." - David McWilliams.

"There is only one thing you should not waste in life, and that's life itself." – Virginia Woolf.

"Haste makes some people waste a lot of other people's time." – Miami Herald, 23 March 1915, page 11.

"The atom bomb is a paper tiger." – Mao Zedong.

"Your own self-realisation is the greatest service you can render the world." – Ramana Maharishi.

"Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells in the soul." — Democritus, lived circa 400 BCE in Greece.

BRAINTEASERS

What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?

What single digit appears most often between and including the numbers 1 and 1000?

DID YOU KNOW?

Stamford Raffles founded Singapore in 1819 as a trading port for Britain.

Did you know a jockey once won a race after he had died?

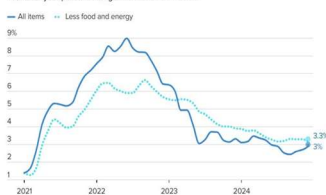
He suffered a heart attack in the middle of the race in 1923.

Egypt is classified as the oldest country in the world, dating back to 3100 BCE.

INFLATION SPIKES...AGAIN!

Eish! Trumphenomics could add even more fuel to this fire despite some of his actions serving the world more than not.

U.S. consumer price index
Year-over-year percent change | Jan. 2021–Jan. 2025



Source: US Bureau of Labour Statistics (data as of 12 Feb 2025)

The US CPI accelerated a seasonally adjusted 0.3% for January, taking the annual inflation rate to 3% and core inflation rate to 3.3%. These numbers came in a day after Fed Chair Jerome Powell indicated the central bank could be on hold for a while when it comes to interest rates, as it evaluates progress on inflation and as President Trump continues plans to levy tariffs against imports.

But war resolutions should improve worldwide inflation if successful. This opens up lower cost oil exports from Russia, which will help control inflation, and mineral exports from the Ukraine (quid pro quo for weapons from the US).

THE THREE Cs

Corrupt, Confused and Cornered!

This appears to be where the African National Conglomerate

(ANC) stands, and it does not know which way to turn.

Having been bed partners with Russia for so long, the US now cozying up to Putin leaves the ANC with a conundrum. They despise the West and need Russia. Interesting times ahead!

CRYPTO –FUTURE OR FAD?

When Bitcoin was launched, the general rhetoric, especially from the traditional investment industry was that it would not endure – it was a fad! Then other cryptos emerged such as Ether (from Ethereum), Stable Coin, Ripple and XRP.

To date, the only crypto intended to be a currency is Bitcoin. With limited supply (21 million), and a robust system entrenched in blockchain technology, it seems one of the few, if not the only possible long-term survivor.

Whilst there are far more reasons to use it than not, most of the population that it is intended for, which is the general man-in-the-street, do not understand it enough to realise its usefulness.

It probably will remain in existence but continue to be very volatile until either understanding its utility improves, or the coin is recognised as a legal form of tender by the reserve banks.

WORDCRAFT

Lypophrenia:

A vague sadness without a clear reason.

Griffonage:

Illegible handwriting.

Crapulous:

Feeling ill after eating or drinking too much. And, apparently the abbreviation of the word does not come from this.

Pulchritudinous:

Physically beautiful.

Here is an attempt at a sentence to include all of these:

“Whilst trying to decipher her griffonage but feeling decidedly crapulous and far from being pulchritudinous after last night’s party, a waive of lypophrenia permeated her being.”

YIKES!! Can you imagine communicating like that. Not lekka, Boet.

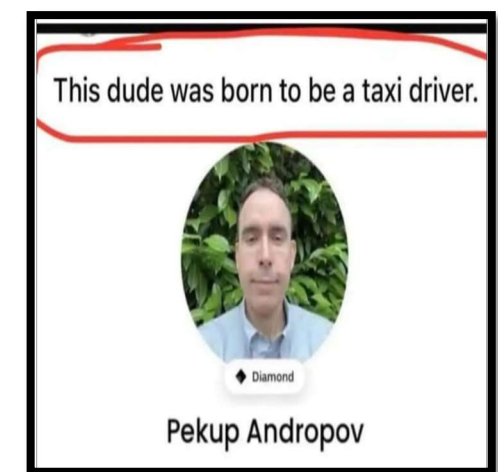
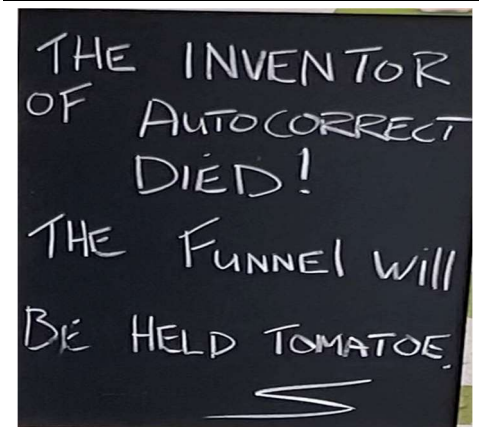
LAST LAUGH

What do you call a Spaniard whose car has been stolen?

Carlos. 😊

What do you call a Spaniard with no shins whose car has been stolen?

Tony Carlos. 😊



Whether this is his name or not, it is funny.