

THE IDES OF TRUMP

In observance of the Ides of March, let's all mail President Donald Trump a postcard that publicly expresses our opposition to his policies. Bury the White House post office in postcards informing Donald that he's fired. No alternative facts will explain away our record-breaking, officially verifiable, warehouse-filling flood of fury. So sharpen your wit, unsheathe your writing implements, and see if your sincerest ill wishes can pierce Donald's famously thin skin. Take a picture of your postcard and post it on social media tagged with #TheIdesOfTrump! Spread the word! They can't build a wall high enough to stop the mail. Mail your postcard to President Donald Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500.

SKIP THE WILD BOAR

Residual radioactive fallout (cesium-137) from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant meltdown has been found in the false truffles favored by wild boar foraging in European forests. (Source: EarthWeek.com, Feb. 26)

ROAD HOGS RULE

You won't like hearing this, but it turns out that those road hogs who pass you and squeeze in front at a

traffic merge actually help speed the flow of cars past an obstruction or congestion. Yes, traffic engineers who have studied “zipper merges” (see Wall Street Journal, Jan. 11) say that selfish drivers who blast straight ahead and merge at the last second keep things moving faster than the nice, polite people who move over to the slow lane at the first sign of a lane closure. These so-called “Minnesota nice” drivers actually slow things down. Too bad. I can remember a time here in California and Hawaii when it was expected that you should let other drivers go in front of you. But times have changed, and not for the better.

LOCK ‘EM UP!

Yondr is a locking neoprene pouch that increasing numbers of concert and event venues around the country are using to check people’s cell phones when they enter the premises. It seems to be the only way that performers can avoid having audiences distract and annoy them with cellular ringtones and inane chatter during the performance. When the show’s over, you get your phone back as you leave. Sounds like a good idea to me.

WONDERING & WONDERING

Peter Loeb saw a sign saying “This Door Alarmed” and wondered how a door could feel a human emotion. He

also wondered how something could be “pre-approved -- was it approved before it was approved? I get so confused.” I told Peter I was born pre-confused. I feel the same way about “self-storage units.” Peter asked, “How is that different from a plain old storage unit?” See what happens when two editors get together!

BURNOUT

It happens in start-ups and even in more traditional workplaces: burnout and stress. People who try too hard to get ahead or even to top themselves in job performance are now being referred to as “work martyrs.”

SWAMI SEZ

“If I had a penny for every time I thought about you, I would be much too rich to give you a second thought.”
(Perry Prosdokian)

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