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QUOTE OF THE DAY BY JOHN KERRY IN REACTION TO CONGRESSMAN, THOMAS MASSIE (R)KY FORCING 216 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO RETURN TO DC TO VOTE ON THE COVID 19 RESCUE PLAN:

“MASSIE SHOULD BE QUARANTINED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF HIS MASSIVE STUPIDITY.” IN A CLOSE SECOND PLACE FINISH A DEMOCRATIC AIDE SAID, “SHINGLES AND LICE ARE MORE POPULAR THAN MR. MASSIE.”

NOT IN OUR TOWN:

FOR THOSE OF US FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE COUNTRY HOMES, WHETHER THEY BE IN THE HAMPTONS, UPSTATE NY, TEXAS, THE CAROLINAS- WHEREVER- WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MOST WELCOME DURING THE SEASON AS MAJOR DRIVERS OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. UNFORTUNATELY, NO LONGER. “STAY AWAY” SIGNS AREN’T POSTED, BUT THE RECEPTIONS

BY THE LOCALS COULDN'T BE MORE FROSTY, AS IF TO SAY, "YOU COME OUT HERE FROM THE CITY, BRING YOUR DAMN COVID 19 AND CLEAN OUT THE SHELVES OF OUR DOLLAR GENERALS- DON'T COME OUT HERE AND IF YOU ARE ALREADY HERE- GO AWAY."

SCARY INSURANCE FORECAST FOR 2021:

SO VERY MANY PEOPLE ARE ON THE CUSP JUST TRYING TO MAKE TODAY'S MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. WITH COVID 19 HOSPITALIZATIONS COSTING UP TO \$72,000, THE HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY IS LOOKING DOWN THE SAME BARRELL AS PROPERTY INSURERS AFTER A HURRICANE. PREMIUMS ARE EXPECTED TO RISE AS MUCH AS 40% NEXT YEAR, AN UNTENABLE INCREASE FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.

GOVERNMENT \$2 TRILLION RESCUE PACKAGE:

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING? MARRIED COUPLES WITH NO CHILDREN EARNING \$150,000 OR LESS WOULD RECEIVE A TOTAL OF \$2,400. AFTER THAT THERE WOULD BE A

DECREASING SCALE OF PAYMENTS GOING ALL THE WAY UP TO COUPLES MAKING \$198,000. LET'S GET REAL, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF MARRIED COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN MAKING \$150,000 NEED \$2,400 ? I'M SUGGESTING TO MY CONGRESSMAN THAT SOME MECHANICS BE PUT IN PLACE WHERE RECIPIENTS CAN VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN FAVOR OF DISTRIBUTION TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM.

FLORIDA GOVERNOR, DE SANTIS- PULEEZ!

HEY, I THINK HE'S TRYIN HIS BEST, BUT YESTERDAY WAS OVER THE TOP AS HE BANNED ALL TENNIS AND GOLF AT PRIVATE CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. HARD TO IMAGINE A MORE SOCIAL DISTANCING SPORT THAN TENNIS- EXCEPT, OF COURSE, IF A COUPLE OF THOSE NASTY PARTICLES GOT ON A TENNIS BALL. I WOULD ONLY SUGGEST THAT A COUPLE OF MY RIFLE, 45 MILE AN HOUR, SERVES WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE LITTLE BUGGERS.

AND, GOLF, REALLY- ONLY ONE BALL PER PLAYER, WALK THE COURSE OR ONE RIDER PER CART- CARRY YOUR OWN BAG TO YOUR

CAR. DON'T UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC. IN ADDITION, NOW THAT ALL FLORIDA PARKS ARE CLOSED, I'M IN DANGER OF BEING STOPPED BY THE POLICE IF I'M WALKING ON THE STREET MORE THAN HALF MILE FROM HOME.

ULTIMATE CURE FOR SMART ASS BEHAVIOR:

SO THIS GUY IN NEW JERSEY IS OUT SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES. HE GOT VERY CLOSE TO A WORKER WHO WAS DOING A FOOD DISPLAY. SHE ASKED HIM TO STEP BACK FOR FOOD SAFETY REASONS. HIS RESPONSE WAS TO LAUGH, STEP CLOSER TO HER, COUGH AND TELL HER HE WAS INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS. THOSE NO FUN GUYS IN BLUE SHOWED UP AND ARRESTED HIM FOR MAKING A TERRORIST THREAT, A FELONY CHARGE FOR WHICH HE COULD FACE SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON AND A \$26,000 FINE.

UKRAINE CORRUPTION:

REMEMBER THE FLAP THIS LAST YEAR ABOUT WITHHOLDING FUNDS FROM UKRAINE. WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE

ADMINISTRATION CONTESTED FUNDS WERE HELD UP BECAUSE OF ONGOING CONCERN ABOUT CORRUPTION IN UKRAINE. BTW, ONE POINT THAT NEVER SEEMS TO GET MENTIONED WAS THAT THE CONGRESS MANDATED THESE FUNDS HAD TO BE TRANSFERRED NO LATER THAN 9/30/19. THEY WERE SENT CONSIDERABLY IN ADVANCE OF THE MANDATED DATE. WELL GUESS WHAT? THE BOOGY MAN IS BACK AGAIN. UKRAINE IS AWAITING AN INFUSION OF \$5.5 BILLION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, BUT DOUBTS ABOUT PRESIDENT ZELENSKY'S CLOSE TIES TO OLIGARCHS OF DOUBTFUL REPUTATION ARE BRINGING BACK THE ONGOING CORRUPTION CONCERNS.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

REAL ID DRIVER'S LICENSES: EVERYONE WAS REQUIRED TO GET A NEW SECURE DRIVER'S LICENSE BY 10/1/20. FAILING TO DO SO MEANT THAT, UNLESS YOU HAD A PASSPORT YOU COULD NOT BOARD A PLANE AFTER THAT DATE. NOW, BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS, THE FINAL DATE HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO 10/1/21.

JET BLUE: IN A NICE GESTURE, JET BLUE HAS STATED THAT FOR FLIGHT PURCHASES FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN 2/27 AND 5/31/20, IF YOU HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS, YOU CAN PUT THE TICKETS IN THEIR TRAVEL BANK AT NO COST, FOR 18 MONTHS.

DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BAGS VS PERMANENT SHOPPING BAGS:

SO, I READ THAT THE LOBBYISTS BACKING THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY ARE FIGHTING TO UNDO LEGISLATION IN MANY STATES WHERE USING SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS IS BANNED. THEY ARE ALSO FIGHTING SIMILAR PENDING LEGISLATION IN MANY OTHER STATES. THE GREAT NEW ARGUMENT OF THE LOBBYISTS IS THAT, EVEN THOUGH DISPOSABLES WILL EXIST IN LAND FILLS FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS, BY DISCARDING THEM WE ARE GETTING RID OF GERMS. THE CONTENTION BEING THAT THE PERMANENT SHOPPING BAGS ARE MAGNETS FOR EVERY GERM IMAGINABLE, INCLUDING COVID 19. WOW! DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

I'M A LATE CONVERT TO THE PERMANENT BAGS, BUT AM NOW THE PROUD OWNER OF THREE HANDSOME PUBLIX (OUR FLORIDA GROCERY CHAIN) BAGS. NO HEALTH ISSUES TO SPEAK OF SINCE THESE DISEASE LADEN BAGS HAVE COME TO OUR DWELLING.

ON TOP OF THAT, UNDERSTAND THAT THESE BAGS ARE THINGS OF BEAUTY, BORDERING ON HAUT COUTRE, AND, THEY ARE MADE TO LAST FOREVER. THINK OF THEM BEING SIMILAR TO A POOR MAN'S PATEK PHILLIPE, "YOU NEVER ACTUALLY OWN A PUBLIX SHOPPING BAG, YOU MERELY LOOK AFTER IT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION"

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