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Tom's Thoughts >>>

Winter or Summer Olympics?

The 2022 Winter Olympics are starting now. So, are you a Summer or Winter Olympics person?

I've always liked the Winter games better. Maybe because they are on TV when the weather is crappy. Especially 'back in the day' when there was only network television. Having sports to watch on the weekends after football season was awesome.

Thinking back a bit, I can remember some great performances and names. How about 1980 when USA beat the Soviets at Lake Placid, 'Miracle on Ice'? Then there is Peggy Fleming, Dorothy Hamill, Scott Hamilton, Franz Klammer, Picabo Street, Lindsey Vonn, and who can forget ABC Broadcaster Jim McKay!

Course, speaking of Jim McKay, who can forget: "Spanning the globe to bring you the constant variety of sports... the thrill of victory... and the agony of defeat... the human drama of athletic competition... This is ABC's Wide World of Sports!"

Til March Madness!
Tom

Ground Hog Day 101

Most of us know the story of Groundhog Day. On Feb. 2, the legend goes, a groundhog that comes up out of its burrow to check the weather will go back inside if it sees its shadow, and winter will continue for six more weeks. But if the sky is cloudy and it casts no shadow, the harsh winter weather is over.

Punxsutawney, Pa., hosts the best-known Groundhog Day event, featuring "Punxsutawney Phil" (who gained fame in the 1993 film *Groundhog Day*), but other towns in Pennsylvania and Maryland hold similar celebrations.

Where does the legend come from? It may have origins in ancient European beliefs involving a badger or a bear as a weather forecaster, as well as the pagan festival Imbolc, whose traditions point to a bear or a serpent as a herald of good or bad weather. In the United States, Groundhog Day can be traced back to 1841, when a Pennsylvania shopkeeper wrote in his diary that that Candlemas day (Feb. 2) was the day on which, "according to the Germans, the groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

So keep an eye out for the groundhog's report, and dress appropriately.



Watch Out >>>

Computer Scams

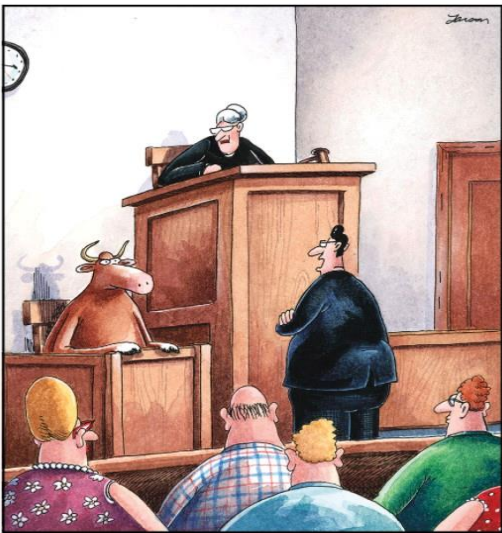
If you spend any time online, you've probably been the target of a phishing attack. This is when a scammer pretends to be from a reputable company to get you to reveal personal information they can use. Phishing is a technique that's often deployed through emails, web site pop-ups, and even mobile apps. Here are some common phishing scams:

- **File Sharing & DocuSign:** Phony requests to access files in Dropbox and DocuSign accounts are on the rise, tricking workers into clicking on dangerous links.
- **The Mobile Phish:** Scammers distribute fake mobile apps that gathers your personal information in the background or send text messages containing dangerous links.
- **Surveys:** You get a request to take a survey for a social issue you may care about. When you click that link, you could be getting infected with malware.
- **The Urgent Email Attachment:** Phishing emails try to trick you into downloading a dangerous attachment giving a bad actor access to your computer. Such emails ask you to download attachments confirming a package delivery, trip itinerary, or prize.

Ask yourself these questions to avoid being a victim:

Is this asking for too much information? Be wary of anyone who asks for more information than they need	Am I on the web page I think I'm on? Phishers forge websites to trick you into entering your login details.
Do I know you? Check to see if you recognize the sender's name and email address.	Is it too good to be true? Avoid "free" offers or deals that sound too good to be true.
Is that a legitimate link? Hover over it to see if the URL address looks legitimate, before clicking.	Is my security software active and up to date? Always use security software to protect your devices and information.

Source: McAfee



"Look. We know *how* you did it—*how* is no longer the question. What we now want to know is *why*. ... Why now, brown cow?"

Tips >>>

Work/Life Balance

Having a Productive Balance

Too many people make work their main priority in life, neglecting everything else including their own well-being. It is vital to have a healthy balance between work and life to both be productive and be physically and mentally well.

It is important to keep in mind that it will never be possible to have a completely perfect balance between work and life. Avoid trying to create an ideal timetable and just try to be as flexible as possible and maintain a timetable that is as practical as you can without trying to control everything.

While everyone needs to work in order to purchase vital goods and services, there is no need to be limited to the one profession, and those who do not enjoy their work will be much less content than those who do. Try to find a job you love in order to avoid work becoming a boring burden.

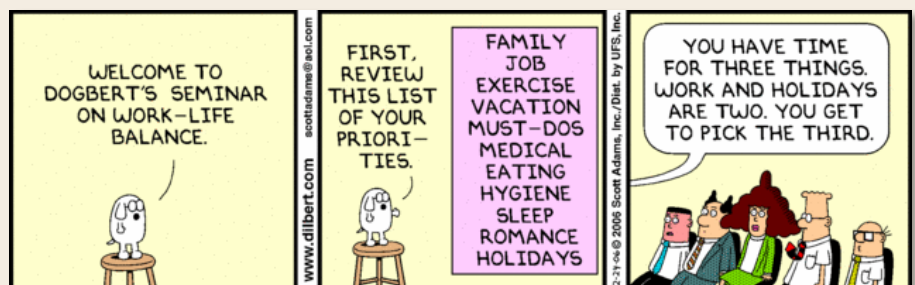
Joke of the Month

A man goes in for a job interview. The manager asks him, "What do you think is your worst quality?"

The man says, "I'm probably too honest."

"That's not a bad thing," the manager says. "I think being honest is a good quality."

The man replies, "I don't care about what you think!"





2021-2022 Stallion Auctions

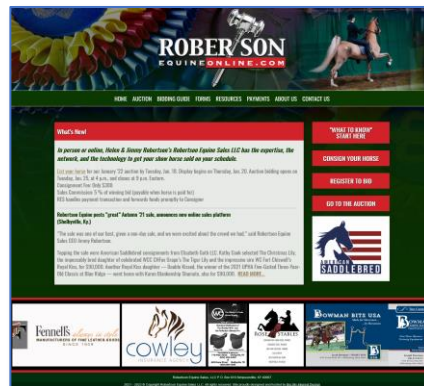
Check out StallionAuctionsOnline.com for the most up to date list! List updated 1/31/22.

Auction	Begin	End
Valley Girls Bar. Racing Incent.	1/2/22	2/5/22
National Stock Horse Assn	11/22/21	2/7/22
Texas Quarter Horse (Barrels)	1/14/22	2/14/22
Triple Crown 100 Stallion Incentive	1/1/22	2/15/22
Women's Pro. Rodeo Assn.	2/15/22	3/15/22
Utah Reined Cow Horse	1/18/22	2/19/22
Alberta Reined Cow Horse Assn	12/15/21	3/15/22
Heritage Days Classic	10/8/21	Buy Now!
Southern Cutting Futurity	11/1/21	Buy Now!
National Youth Cutting Horse	11/15/21	Buy Now!
Cascade Cow Cutters	12/1/21	Buy Now!
Cowboy State Stallion Incent.	12/1/21	Buy Now!
Texas Quarter Horse (Race)	12/2/21	Buy Now!
QH Racing Assn. of Indiana	12/10/21	Buy Now!
National Reined Cow Horse Assn	12/11/21	Buy Now!
Utah QH Racing Assn.	12/11/21	Buy Now!
OK. QH Racing	12/16/21	Buy Now!
Louisiana QH Breeders Assn.	12/17/21	Buy Now!
Los Alamitos RTCA	12/18/21	Buy Now!
Colorado Classic Stallion Incent.	1/1/22	Buy Now!
Arizona QH Racing Assn.	1/1/22	Buy Now!
Western States CHA	1/1/22	Buy Now!
Pacific Coast Cutting Horse	1/5/22	Buy Now!

New Customers Spotlight – Welcome!



Devils Crown Quarter Horses
DevilsCrownQuarterHorses.com
Fairfield, Montana



Robertson Equine Online Auction
RobertsonEquineOnline.com
Simpsonville, Kentucky

Work is Not a Laughing Matter.

- Nothing ruins a Friday more than realizing it's actually Tuesday.
- There's a new trend in our office; everyone is putting names on their food. I noticed it today, while I was eating a sandwich named Jason.
- A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.
- The only thing worse than seeing something done wrong is seeing it done wrong slowly.
- The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action.
- I don't mind coming to work, it's the eight hour wait to go home I can't stand.
- All I ask is a chance to prove money can't make me happy.

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Featured Customer Redesign – AllAroundCowboyChurch.com



Gloria and Sonny Rice have been customers since 2008 when we built the Sonny Rice Cutting Horses website. In 2017, we built All Around Cowboy Church's website. Sonny is the founder and pastor for the Church. Not only that, Sonny is also a member of 'The Swingin On Band' that keeps the tradition of swing music alive for generations. Check out SwinginOnBand.com!

Well, it was time to upgrade and Gloria took advantage of a Newsletter Discount. Now they have a dynamic site with the church's live feed on the home page each Sunday. This allows Sonny and Gloria to get His message out to the whole world! Thank you for your trust, Sonny and Gloria!

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