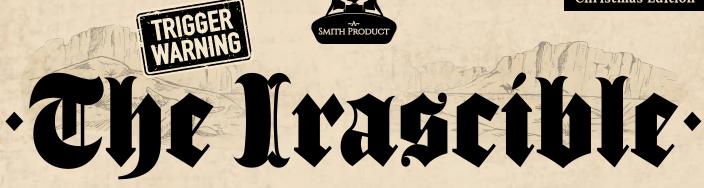
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STANDING ON THE VERGE OF GETTING IT ON

MAN DIES OF HEART ATTACK AFTER GETTING GP APPOINTMENT

Police are treating as suspicious the death of an otherwise healthy man who was pronounced dead after he died. Following a phone call to his local GP, the man suffered a massive coronary failure followed by a fatal, life changing heart attack.

Speaking out loud, Chief Inspector Slipper of the Yard said he was proceeding in a northerly direction when he was called to the scene at Dock Green Health Centre for People With Health Concerns and Illnesses.

He went on "I have a nose for this sort of thing and my belief is that the victim died of shock after he was told he could see the doctor in person. Apparently, he was told to expect a full and compassionate discussion around his symptoms. I believe this was all too much for him."

Speaking via Zoom, Dr. Dre said he regretted the incident, but he would be retiring soon as a result of the stress caused by patients turning up at the surgery, often with symptoms, and expecting a diagnosis followed by some sort of treatment.

Dr No is a James Bond Film.



Slipper of the Yard

BBC JOURNALISTS ACCUSED OF IMPARTIALITY

Readers of the Daily Mail stormed the switchboards of Any Answers last Saturday, to accuse the BBC of being impartial on important matters. Several elderly and retired headmasters called for Lyse Doucet to be sent back to where she came from, demanding that we hadn't fought the war against fascism only to have the truth beamed into our homes behind our backs.

Jermey Bowen, Kate Adie and Clive Myrie also came under fire from several demented pensioners for wearing flak helmets too often, and not being anywhere near where they were reporting on.



Jeremy Bowen on the Front Line in Ukraine

Reginald Knotweed of Cirencester (45), a retired GP, called in to say that he was sure the situation in the Levant could be solved by people doing National Service, instead of playing on their computers.

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR MISSING LANDLORD

Several months after reopening, the search continues for the missing landlord of the Farmers Boy in Shepley.

Locals, many of whom live in Shepley, recall seeing the landlord, known as Dan Ayscough-MacGowan, on the opening night, busy not introducing himself to anyone - but he hasn't been seen since.

One regular, Debbie Goggs (14) said "I like to have a rapport with landlords, but I don't even know Dan's first name".

She was backed up by barista Mike Sissons-Pell who said that whoever the landlord was, when they find him, he should be shot, and then sentenced to death.

Local charity auctioneer, Neil Duthie, said there was a lot to be considered, but he was going, going, going to try and solve the mystery.

Speaking from an Alp in France, Irascible European Affairs Editor Elide Booth, said "I don't believe in coincidences, but my brother is called Dan and he went missing once, so draw your own silly conclusions from that, why don't you!"



Debbie Goggs

WORKING TIRELESSLY, NIGHT AND DAY, RITCHIE SUMAC SINGLE-HANDEDLY HALVES INFLATION



A relieved Jeremy H*nt declared today that the irreparable damage done to the economy by Liz Truss was now all but fully repaired. Thanks solely to his decision to retain Jeremy H*nt as Chancellor, inflation was now just double the Bank Of England target, mortgages were merely crippling, and food inflation an almost piffling 10%.

In a joint statement H*nt and Sumac reassured absolutely no one when they denied the fall in inflation was down to the drop in fuel and energy prices or the cyclical nature of economic cycles.

Rachel Reeves was too busy copying her book from Wikipedia to comment, but had this to say "After 13 years of Tory rule, we have no more chance of mending broken Britain, stopping the boats, or raising productivity than the Girl Guides".

The Girl Guides were unavailable for comment.

Keanu Reeves is 59.

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LABOUR APPOINTS HESTON BLUMENTHAL TO SHADOW CABINET

Charisma by-pass survivor, Sir Kier Starmer has outdone Richie Sumac's astonishing appointment of Esther McVey by the surprise installation of Heston Blumenthal as chef without portfolio.

Blumenthal will start work as Common Decency Tsar immediately. The move took many commentators by surprise, including impartial BBC Political Editor Chris Mason, who was taken aback by the news saying "This news has taken me aback. It's the first time a TV Chef has been appointed to a Labour shadow cabinet, and that's just for starters".

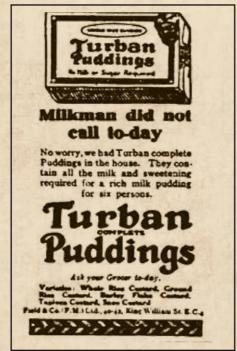
Heston, who identifies as a spatula, (pronouns knife, fork, spoon) will be responsible for a set of measures cunningly disguised as something else.

Speaking from the Fat Duck, over a plate of steak and kidney ice cream, he said "We all know UK PLC is skint so we will be fighting the next election under our new campaign slogan - Manners Cost Nothing. I will be making sure that Labour policies all pass the common decency test before we sit on the fence and refuse to state our position".









LAWYERS WORKING PROBOND FOR COVID ENQUIRY TO BE PAID MILLIONS



Speaking ahead of the televised Covid Enquiry, The Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice Group commented:

"If Baroness Hallett allows powerful institutions to run up the costs with expensive lawyers, in order to protect their reputations, then the inquiry would be a shocking waste of time and money."

Nevertheless, departments making key decisions during the pandemic have hired leading law firms, such as Norfolk and Chance and Pro Bono and Co, on multimillion-pound contracts.

The Department of Health and Social Care, has hired Kimchi Miso and Co on a £2.2m legal services contract, and the Cabinet Office has hired Pye and Peace LLP on a £7m "public inquiry response unit copartnering contract". It has also retained Cock Roach and Sons another law firm, on a £9.8m legal services deal.

The inquiry's own costs appear likely to exceed £100m.

(Some names have been changed in this article to protect innocent law firms).

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GB "NEWS" PRESENTER JOHN CLEESE DENIES FAWLTY TOWERS REBOOT IS DRIVEN BY CASH



Irascible old twat, and unfunny ex Python John Cleese, has denied his doomed reboot of Fawlty Towers is driven by greed. Speaking to his claimed 500 listeners during his Sunday Evening graveyard slot on GB news, Cleese testily challenged the view that the near perfect legacy of the original should be left alone. Cleese admitted he didn't imagine it would be aired on the BBC. Speaking for the BBC, Head of Woke Entertainment, Suzy Lamb (pronouns This, that, them) commented

"He is dead right there, luv".

Living comedy legends have queued up to beg the lanky curmudgeon not to squander what's left of his talent on a misguided and reactionary sequel, only to be asked whether they want a five minute argument or the full half hour.

Neil Oliver (62) was unavailable for comment.

LEE ANDERSON OPEN MOUTHED AT THE PRICE OF EGGS

Stories appearing in the red tops claiming that sympathy vacuum "30p Lee" Anderson is in actual fact not a rabid intolerant right wing bigot, but has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party, have been labelled fake news.

Lee, who is married to Pamela Anderson, is famous for telling parliament that meals can be cooked from scratch for as little as 30p.

The price of one egg at Tesco is currently .46 pence.



Lee and Pam in 2015



POETRY CORNER

Farewell Caramac

Farewell my sweet and beige friend

Nestle have brought your life to an end

As one of my favourite sweeties

You probably caused my diabetes

But if there is no coming back

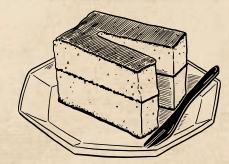
I will miss you, Caramac

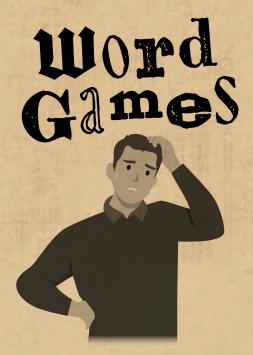
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RECIPE CORNER JOHNSON SPONGE PANTS

- O Take a big tub of lard
- 0 Mix it with a bag of custard
- O Remove any integrity
- O Season with Latin
- O Stuff anything that moves
- O Stir up the division and spread with lies
- O Hide in the fridge for a while
- O Dress with a crumpled suit
- O When the Johnson is ready remove from office and repeat the mistakes





- 1) What is the difference between a lived experience and an experience?
- 2) What exactly is the built environment? (clue: it might be just buildings)
- 3) What is the difference between a threat and an existential threat?
- 4) Why do people on Radio 4 now have to "unpack" questions?
- 5) How many times, on average, is the word "extraordinary" used on Radio 4 each day? Is it
 - a) Far too often
 - b) Every other word
 - c) Extraordinarily frequently

Answers: 1) None 2) Buildings 3) None 4) That's a lot to unpack 5) Far too often

Editors note: The Irascible has studiously avoided reference to the disaster in Gaza. The unspeakable barbarity of the Hamas attacks was surely bound to elicit an equally brutal retaliation. No reading of history can justify the actions of either side.