

Rockgrinders Gazette



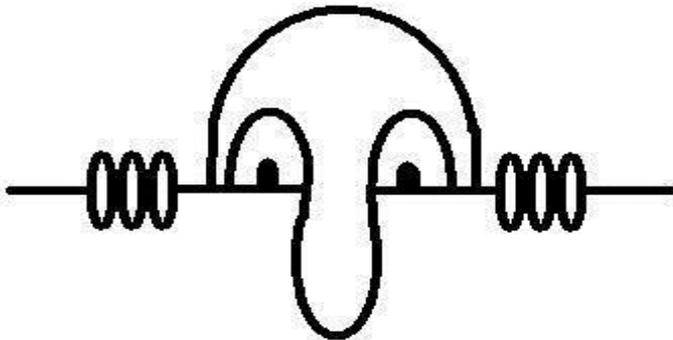
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July 2020 – Ruby

The “No News” newsletter



Wot. No news?

That’s right. NO NEWS. I’ve heard from no-one, checked emails, scanned texts. Turned off the TV. Still NO NEWS.

They say “No News is Good News”. But I thought ... “mmmmmm What do you put in a No News Newsletter?”

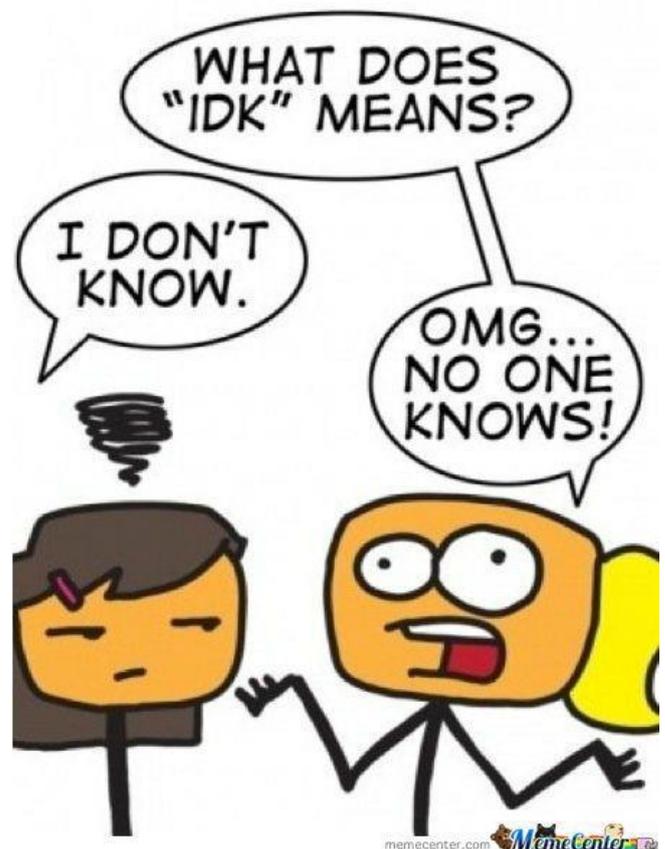
And then I thought ... Aaahhhhhh FAKE NEWS ... but I got none of that either. Soooo, I found some bits and pieces to fill up some space before our regular features such as the Birthdays of our members born in July (without which this newsletter might never have eventuated), and the What’s On section (without which we might never know just what events are likely to be NOT ON).

Now I’m getting the feeling you might be thinking I’m being a just a *liiiiittle* bit cynical or maybe just a

tad Covid Crazy. (I’m thinking it’s the latter.) And, no doubt some of you are getting this way too.

But seriously **Maybe no news is good news** ... and you are all well, staying safe and happily at home creating all sorts of wonderful, crazy and interesting things that we can all marvel over once this Covid thing dissipates, which it will. Eventually. I hope. And of course, best wishes for a happy birthday and many happy returns to all those having birthdays in July.

Read on If your game!



<https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/226728162464151847/>

Clever Student

The following is an actual question given on a University of Arizona chemistry midterm, and an actual answer turned in by a student.

Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed) or some variant. One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving, which is unlikely. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving.

As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell.

With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially.

Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added. This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Maria during my Freshman year that, 'It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you,' and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct.....

...leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting 'Oh my God.'

THIS STUDENT RECEIVED AN A+.

20 Most Profound Things People Thought Of In The Shower

1. The object of golf is to play the least amount of golf.
2. The sinking of the Titanic must have been a miracle to the lobsters in the kitchen.
3. Instead of all the prequel and sequel movies coming out, they should start making equels - films shot in the same time period as the original film, but from an entirely different perspective.
4. X88B88 looks like the word "voodoo" reflecting off of itself.
5. April Fools Day is the one day of the year that people critically evaluate news articles before accepting them as true.
6. Websites should post their password requirements on their login pages so I can remember WTF I needed to do to my normal password to make it work on their site.
7. Now that cellphones are becoming more and more waterproof, pretty soon it will be okay to push people into pools again.

8. I used hola unblocker to watch Argo on the Canadian Netflix. I was an American who had to pretend to be Canadian to watch a movie about Americans who have to pretend to be Canadians making a movie.
9. Maybe 'Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?' isn't a show that displays how stupid grown adults can be, but rather, a show that depicts how much useless information we teach grade schoolers that won't be retained or applicable later in life.
10. Last night my friend asked to use a USB port to charge his cigarette, but I was using it to charge my book. The future is stupid.
11. When Sweden is playing Denmark, it is SWE-DEN. The remaining letters, not used, is DEN-MARK.
12. "Go to bed, you'll feel better in the morning" is the human version of "Did you turn it off and turn it back on again?"
13. In the future, imagine how many Go-Pros will be found in snow mountains containing the last moments of people's lives.
14. We should have a holiday called Space Day, where lights are to be shut off for at least an hour at night to reduce light pollution, so we can see the galaxy.
15. Your shadow is a confirmation that light has traveled nearly 93 million miles unobstructed, only to be deprived of reaching the ground in the final few feet thanks to you.
16. Senior citizen discounts should just round dollar amounts down so we don't have to wait in line behind them while they dig for change.
17. I have never once hit the space bar while watching a YouTube video with the intention of scrolling halfway down the page
18. Since smart watches can now read your pulse, there should be a feature that erases your browser history if your heart stops beating.
19. Waterboarding at Guantanamo Bay sounds super rad if you dont know what either of those things are.
20. The person who would proof read Hitler's speeches was literally a grammar Nazi.

Weird facts



There's a sport called 'Extreme Ironing' where people go to remote places and iron their clothes.

Photo courtesy of Phil Shaw / wikimedia

@factswieird



Researchers taught African grey parrots to buy food using tokens, then paired them up, giving one parrot ten tokens and the other zero. Without being rewarded, parrots would give some tokens to their broke partners so that everyone could eat.

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weird-facts.org

WE ARE NOT FRIGHTENED ENOUGH TO EAT TOFO YET



The doctors are mad as Hell and they aren't going to take it anymore! No one knows what they want though. 🤔



The awkward moment when you thought they tested with a nasal swab.



It's called fashion Brenda look it up



So for season 2... I mean the second wave... can we switch quarantine partners or are we stuck with the same ones from season 1? 🤔

October 2050: John opened the last roll of toilet paper brought by his parents in 2020.



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July Birthdays (Ruby)

Shireen Alaboody
 Amanda Hanson
 Shane Russell
 Gary Davies
 Amanda Duncan
 Janet Klepatzki
 Rachel Barnes
 Lil Klepser
 Mike Robertson
 Melva Bleeker

Ruby

A ruby is a pink to blood-red coloured gemstone, a variety of the mineral corundum (aluminium oxide). Other varieties of gem-quality corundum are called sapphires. Ruby is one of the traditional cardinal gems, together with amethyst, sapphire, emerald, and diamond.[3] The word ruby comes from ruber, Latin for red. The colour of a ruby is due to the element chromium.

Some gemstones that are popularly or historically called rubies, such as the Black Prince's Ruby in the British Imperial State Crown, are actually spinels. These were once known as "Balas rubies".



The quality of a ruby is determined by its colour, cut, and clarity, which, along with carat weight, affect its value. The brightest and most valuable shade of red called blood-red or pigeon blood, commands a large premium over other rubies of similar quality. After colour follows clarity: similar to diamonds, a clear stone will command a premium, but a ruby without any needle-like rutile inclusions may indicate that the stone has been treated. Ruby is the traditional birthstone for July and is usually pinker than garnet, although some rhodolite garnets have a similar pinkish hue to most rubies. The world's most valuable ruby is the Sunrise Ruby. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruby>

Healing properties of Ruby ♥ Integrity ♥ Devotion ♥ Happiness ♥ Healing ♥ Courage ♥ Passion ♥ Enthusiasm ♥ Generosity ♥ Inspiration ♥ Prosperity ♥ High Energy ♥ Power and Leadership

Ruby encourages passion and a zest for life. It improves motivation and setting of realistic goals. Balances the heart and instils confidence. Ruby encourages joy, spontaneity, laughter and courage. It promotes positive dreams and stimulates the pineal gland. Aids in retaining wealth and passion. Ruby encourages removal of negative energies from your path. It overcomes exhaustion and lethargy and imparts potency and vigour. Calms hyperactivity.

Ruby detoxifies the body, blood and lymphatic system. It treats fevers, infectious disease and restricted blood flow. Ruby stimulates the adrenals, kidneys, reproductive organs and spleen.

<https://www.charmsoflight.com/ruby-healing-properties>



What's On or Not On???

Events are generally from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW <http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events/>
 Other contributions or back issue requests may be made to ctownlapidaryclub.editor@gmail.com.
 Alternately, download back issues from the Club's website.
 We are grateful for any and all submissions.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
<i>Please note</i> all events are subject to rules relating to Covid-19 pandemic.		
Sat 26 and Sunday 2 September 2020	Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW GEMKHANA 2020	Enquiries Competition Schedule and more details on their GEMKHANA page
Saturday 7 November 2020	Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival Time: Sat – 9 am – 4 pm Sun – 9 am to 2.30 pm Entry: Adults \$3, children under 12 free	Venue: Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto Enquiries: John (02) 42675618
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November 2020	Newcastle Lapidary Gem & Jewellery Fair Time: 9am to 3pm	Venue: PCYC Newcastle , Cnr of Young and Melbourne Streets, Broadmeadow NSW Enquiries and more info: Newcastle Lapidary Facebook page Phone: (02) 4952 9611
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November 2020	Canberra Lapidary Club Inc Gemcraft & Mineral Show	Venue: Exhibition Park (EPIC) – Mallee Pavilion For more information: Click on link to view Flyer Email: canberrallapidary@gmail.com or Phone: 02 6260 5322 (Workshop)

Take care, stay safe and keep well!

PS If any of **YOU** have any **NEWS**, or would like something mentioned in the next Newsletter, send me an email at ctownlapidaryclub.editor@gmail.com otherwise, expect another NO NEWS newsletter in a few weeks.

**Sometimes I wonder if all of this is happening because
I didn't forward that message to
10 other people!**