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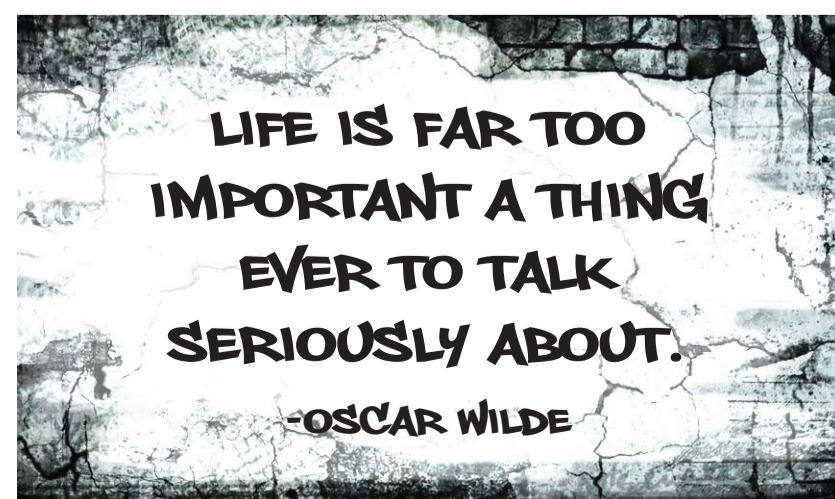
I love animals. And among those, I love dogs and horse the most. I also love cats. But there is a very distinct difference between a dog and a cat. As someone said, 'A dog looks at you and says, 'He must be looking after me.' A cat looks at you and says, 'I must be God because he is looking after me.' Dogs are beautiful, responsive, and completely unconditional in their love for you. A dog will love you whether you are good or evil, beautiful, or ugly, rich, or poor. For a dog, you are the centre of his life, and he/she will stick with you to the end. That is the only thing about dogs that I totally, and completely hate. That they die. There is nothing more tragic than that. Ask me. I suffered that over and over until the day I decided that I would not keep a dog again.

Effective Communication
In my early years, 1968 - 1977, when I was at school and college, I had the good fortune of meeting one of the greatest dog breeders and trainers in the world, Nawab Nazir Yar Jung. He was an icon in the world of International Dog Shows and Field Trials. When I expressed my love



Author with Nawab Nazir Yar Jung.

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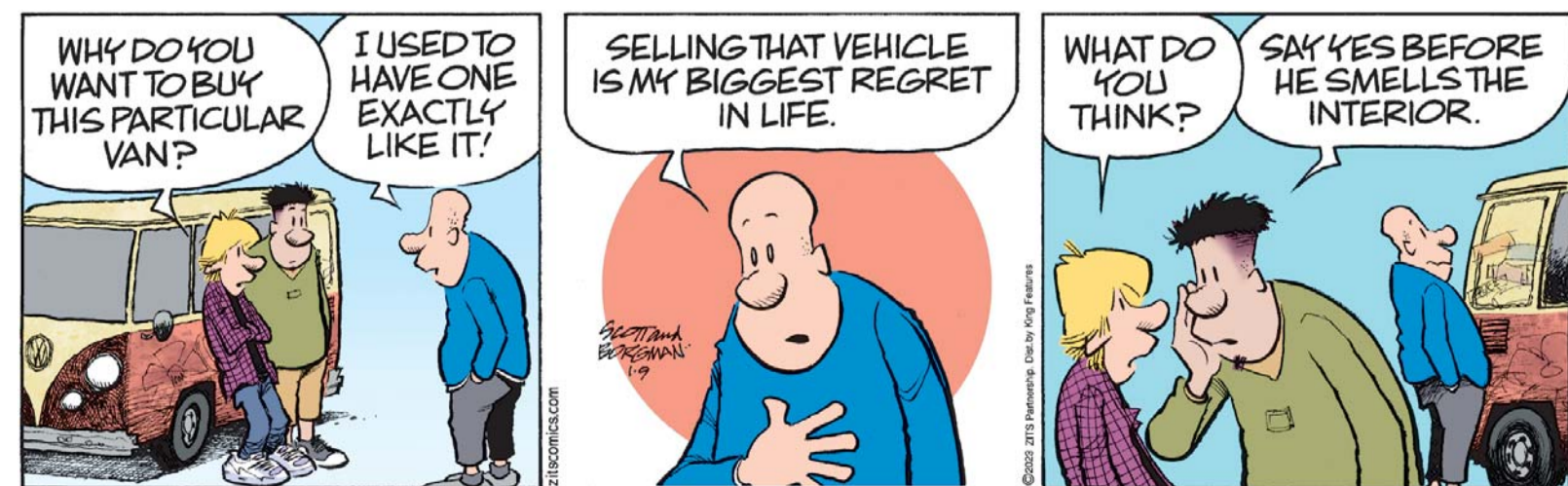


BABY BLUES



By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

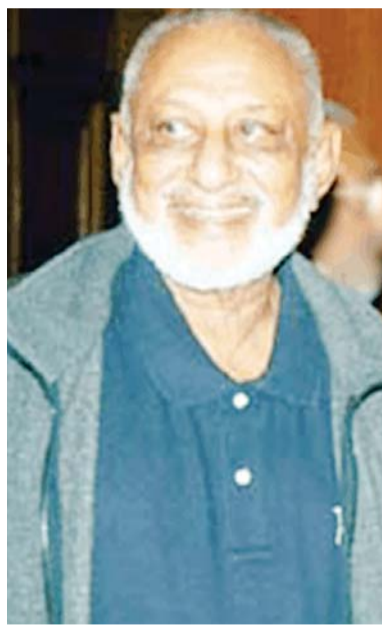
ZITS



By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman



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#ANIMAL LOVE

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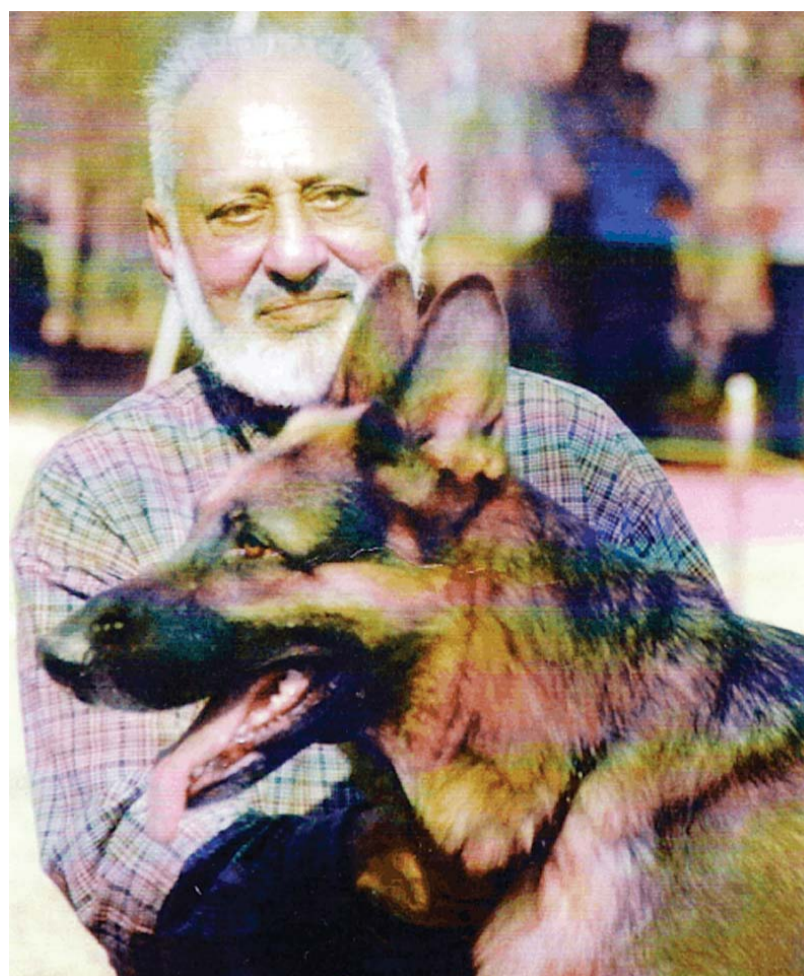
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I realized that training dogs was equally if not more about training myself in how to communicate effectively. It was hands-on experiential learning in being intensely aware of myself, my posture, facial expression, tone of voice, mood, and overall disposition. I learnt all this training dogs, but over the decades since then this helped me in communication, public speaking, negotiating, and coaching people across three continents. All this and more, I learned from my dogs and applied successfully in some very difficult situations in my life and work. It is this special capacity of the human to learn something in one situation and apply it in a totally unrelated situation that sets us apart from animals. Animals also learn, but they can't conceptualize and so their learning is very topical. Ours is applicable across

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Nawab Nazir Yar Jung with one of his dogs at a dog show.



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being the best in the world at it. And to be the best, it is essential to be passionate about what you do. I sincerely believe that it is impossible to excel in something that you do only half-heartedly or because you are forced to. It is impossible to be the best in the world in anything that you are not passionate about and which adds value and not of how much money you make or what rank you have. Interestingly, it is when the work feels worthless that people get overly concerned about titles, money, and perquisites. That is why I tell my clients who talk about compensation as an issue in employee retention, "Money problems are not money problems, even when they are money problems." Most people complain about the compensation when they are unspirited about their work. The biggest proof of this are the many people in missionary and charitable activities who work all hours for next to nothing and are very happy doing their jobs. Happiness is therefore more about intangible rewards than about the tangible ones. That's why I say, 'If it can't make you cry, it can't make you work.'

Intangible Rewards

My learning is that if you are in a situation where you find yourself doing something that you have no passion for; then it is essential to do one of two things: Either kindly a

passion for this activity by learning more about it and seeing how it is valuable or leave and find something that you do feel passionate about. It makes no sense to do something that you have no love for. Happiness is the result of doing something that is worthwhile, and which adds value and not of how much money you make or what rank you have. Interestingly, it is when the work feels worthless that people get overly concerned about titles, money, and perquisites. That is why I tell my clients who talk about compensation as an issue in employee retention, "Money problems are not money problems, even when they are money problems." Most people complain about the compensation when they are unspirited about their work. The biggest proof of this are the many people in missionary and charitable activities who work all hours for next to nothing and are very happy doing their jobs. Happiness is therefore more about intangible rewards than about the tangible ones. That's why I say, 'If it can't make you cry, it can't make you work.'

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World Wildlife Day

Even though we might like to think so sometimes, humans aren't the only living things on Earth. In fact, we're far outnumbered by other living things, from animals and plants to fungi and bacteria. Wildlife isn't just something that we passively observe; it's part of our world, and something we need to care for. World Wildlife Day is your chance to celebrate all wildlife, from the smallest insect to blue whales. No matter what you love about wildlife, you can spend the day taking action to help protect it.

#TECH-HACKS

See Deleted Messages on WhatsApp & Instagram



If the "This message was deleted" text causes you an itch whenever you see it, these two methods to recover deleted texts can help scratch that.

There was a time when you had second thoughts about a text you just sent, absolutely nothing could be done about it. Then came the delete message and unsend options, changing the world forever. If you reminisce about those bygone days often, then you'd be pleased to know that deleted messages are still recoverable, at least if you're using an Android.

There are two ways to do that on the OS, which we have listed below.

Using Notification History

The first method exploits a feature Google itself has integrated into Android. Notification history stores your recent notifications even after dismissal. When toggled on, swiping away any message immediately sends it to the Notification History tab, wherein you can find it easily. Getting to the Notification History tab involves going through the same steps across most Android devices.

- Open the Settings app, navigate to Notifications, then open Notification History
- Enable Notification History
- Now any deleted messages from both WhatsApp and Instagram will show up here

Just note that a deleted message will only be kept in this tab for 24 hours, after which it'll be permanently deleted.

Using WAMR

WAMR is a nifty tool for recovering deleted messages on not just WhatsApp and Instagram, but on just about every chat app there is. And unlike Notification History which forgets your treasured deleted messages in just 24 hours, WAMR goes the extra mile in storing them permanently. To get started with it, follow the steps below.

- Download WAMR from the Google Play Store
- Open the app and grant it the necessary permissions like notification access
- Select the apps you wish to save logs for
- After the setup is complete, you'll be taken to the page where deleted messages will start appearing
- Tap on the hamburger menu on the top left to switch between apps



#PROVIDENCE

Certified Birth



Can a surrogacy contract with retrospective effect be drawn?



Dr. Shri Gopal Kabra
Veteran Doctor & Voracious writer on medical affairs

They have everything in life that they wish for, except a child of their own. Unitary family, husband and wife both well educated, both well placed, well off, loving and caring. They are more than happy with their vocations, yet, in spite of being busy and contented there is an intense sense of emptiness in their life.

Her uterine tubes are blocked. She knows she cannot normally conceive. She has waited long enough for a chance miracle to happen. In vitro fertilization and surrogate pregnancy are not acceptable to them. They are keen to adopt a child. She was very happy when her younger sister, who already had a boy and a girl child, conceived for the third time. It was an unwanted pregnancy, a case of contraceptive failure. For the sake of her elder sister she agreed to continue the pregnancy, even though her husband was not in favour continuing it. Unfortunately, the hopes of her elder sister were dashed when she miscarried in spite of all the medical help provided. Her elder sister is an obstetrician practicing in a small town down south. Her husband and she run a nursing home. A couple came to her nursing home. The lady was 24 weeks pregnant. They did not want the child. They just could not afford to have one. Medical termination at the stage of pregnancy was not permitted, they knew it. Ultrasonography and other tests were conducted. There was no congenital anomaly or birth defect. The child was absolutely normal with excellent foetal wellbeing assessment. There was no alternative but to continue the preg-

nancy. After due deliberation the couple agreed to continue the pregnancy and to finally come for delivery to the nursing home. The lady doctor was surprised when they proposed that after delivery they will abandon the child in the nursing home and disappear. However, they did not want their child to be sent to an orphanage. Number of infertile couples keen for a child must be in contact with you, please give the child to a decent couple, they pleaded. They were prepared to execute any legal document for the purpose.

The lady doctor was sympathetic to the couple. However, she knew this would not be legally possible. A doctor cannot place, well off, loving and caring. They are more than happy with their vocations, yet, in spite of being busy and contented there is an intense sense of emptiness in their life. Her uterine tubes are blocked. She knows she cannot normally conceive. She has waited long enough for a chance miracle to happen. In vitro fertilization and surrogate pregnancy are not acceptable to them. They are keen to adopt a child. She was very happy when her younger sister, who already had a boy and a girl child, conceived for the third time. It was an unwanted pregnancy, a case of contraceptive failure. For the sake of her elder sister she agreed to continue the pregnancy, even though her husband was not in favour continuing it. Unfortunately, the hopes of her elder sister were dashed when she miscarried in spite of all the medical help provided. Her elder sister is an obstetrician practicing in a small town down south. Her husband and she run a nursing home. A couple came to her nursing home. The lady was 24 weeks pregnant. They did not want the child. They just could not afford to have one. Medical termination at the stage of pregnancy was not permitted, they knew it. Ultrasonography and other tests were conducted. There was no congenital anomaly or birth defect. The child was absolutely normal with excellent foetal wellbeing assessment. There was no alternative but to continue the preg-

not give an abandoned child in adoption. Adoption of an orphan child is legally a very tortuous process. She remembered her younger sister and asked her to come immediately with her husband. They were appraised of the pregnant lady's wish to give the abandoned child to a decent couple for adoption. They gladly agreed. For them it was a god sent blessing. They even proposed to bear all the expenses that the lady would incur in coming to the nursing home to deliver and before that all expenses incurred for care and comfort of the pregnant mother.

The lady doctor discreetly contacted a lawyer. Under the existing surrogacy provisions, she was told, a surrogacy contract in this case is not feasible. In surrogacy contract the surrogate mother agrees to conceive after, and in pursuance of,

the contract and not vice versa. Besides, the option of surrogacy was not acceptable to the couple. Had it been acceptable she could have easily arranged it. The lady had a normally functioning ovary producing ova, and her husband, normal sperms. Fertilized in vitro the conceptus would have been their biological offspring. They would have been biological parents. In present case the child was not their biological offspring. Even though now surrogate contract is permitted for non-biological conceptus, the contract to agree to adopt such child after birth, and agreement to waive off parental right by the biological parents, must precede conception by surro-

logical parents agrees to relinquish their parental rights and assign them to adopting parents against a consideration. The lady doctor asks her sister to come to the nursing home and get registered as regular patient. In the 'ante natal' check-up conducted and documented, she is shown as 24 weeks pregnant with expected date of delivery being same as the real pregnant lady. While preparing the file she is happy to note that not only the two couples matched phenotypically in appearance but even their blood groups matched. The significance of this did not escape her notice. Finally, when the pregnant lady comes to deliver, the couple is told about the assumed

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name of the patient and the husband under which she is being admitted. She is admitted under the name of her sister. Her sister also arrives and checks in a hotel. After delivery the child is sent to another care facility's neonatal intensive care unit. The lady is discharged from the nursing home. The sister is sent to the other unit with all the documents to take possession of 'her' child. The couple flies back with the child with a regular birth certificate and regular birth documents in their name.