

Italian wife seeks justice

Sick of her husbands philandering and after a blazing row threatening divorce, an Italian wife storms out of di casa, climbed into the auto, hurtled down the drive but screeched to a halt as she notices a frog in the middle of la strada.

She leaped out of the car to move it aside.

“Oh, molti grazie” said the frog “For your kindness, I’ll grant you tre wishes”

“There’s uno condition however,” the frog continued “whatever you choose your husband will get ten times more.”

As her primo request the woman said she wanted to be the most beautiful woman in the world. The frog reminded her that her husband would become a veritable Adonis, to whom all women would flock.

“No problemo” said the woman

As her secondo request the woman said she wanted to be the richest woman in the world. The frog reminded her that her husband would be ten times richer.

“Multo bene” said the woman

“And for your final wish” said the frog

“I’d like mild heart attack!” came the reply!

Lost in the translation

In Bavaria recently, two tall trees were growing in the woods. A small tree began to grow between them. One tree said to the other: “Is that a son of a beech or a son of a birch?” The other said he could not tell.

Just then a woodpecker landed on the sapling. The tall tree said, “Woodpecker, you’re a tree expert. Can you tell if that is a son of a beech or a son of a birch?”

The woodpecker took a taste of the small tree. He replied, “Neither. That, my friends, is the best piece of ash I have ever put my pecker in.”

Scotlands reputation

One cold December day, a European tourist in Scotland decided to find out if the natives were as tight as he had heard.

He stopped at a farm cottage, told the farmer’s wife he was freezing to death, and was invited to come in and warm himself at the hearth.

Once inside the house, he complained of being thirsty. The woman handed him an enormous white crockery mug filled with milk. After taking a big swig, the impulsive guest exclaimed, “This is sweet and fresh ... you are most generous!”

She replied modestly, “It’s nothing. My family wouldn’t drink that milk because we found a dead rat in it.”

Sick to his stomach, the tourist clapped both hands over his mouth, allowing the huge mug to fall to the floor and shatter on the stone.

The Scotswoman grabbed her broom, raised it high in the air, brought it down on the visitor’s head, and hollered,

“Get out, you ungrateful pig! I take you in my home, I let you share my fire, I give you milk to drink ... and now you repay my kindness by breaking the children’s potty!”

Brussels....The Committee for the Reduction of Redundancy and the Antiproliferation of Repetition has decided not to meet until they have their first meeting and thus will not be meeting until the first time.

Their Pre-meeting Statement wanted to make this clear before they had their first meeting, so that it would not be un/or confusing.

So their first meeting will actually be their first meeting and they will not have a meeting before the first meeting.

This should avoid having people show up for their first meeting before it is held, since to do so would be confusing to those who did so and this is what they want to avoid by reducing the confusion and lessening the repetition.



Culture Capital of Europe

The idea of a European City of Culture was put forward in 1984 by Melina Mercouri, then Greek culture minister. The first city to be known as European City of Culture was Athens in 1985. This was followed by Florence in 1986. Then it was Amsterdam in 1987; Berlin 1988; Paris '89; Glasgow '90; Dublin 91; Madrid '92; Antwerp '93; Lisbon '94; Luxembourg '95; Copenhagen '96; Thessaloniki '97; Stockholm '98; Weimar '99.

In 2000, to mark the Millennium, the honour was shared by nine cities: Bergen, Prague, Krakow, Avignon, Bologna, Reykjavik, Helsinki, Santiago de Compostelo and Brussels. In 2001 the honour went to Porto and Rotterdam; 2002, Bruges and Salamanca. In 2003, it is Graz. In 2004, it will be Lille and Genova.

The E.U., which oversees the honour, is ending a system whereby several cities a year can hold the title City of Culture. Designating a single Capital of Culture - hence the name change - falls to the Irish Republic in 2005, the Netherlands in 2006 and Luxembourg in 2007. Then in 2008 it will be a city from the United Kingdom... Liverpool..... Well these are the jokes pages!