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# Another Month of Nothing



When the most exciting experience for an entire month is trying out a new brand of ketchup, you know something is wrong. With so little input, there is very little output.

May of 2020 will always go down in my memory as the month of absolute nothing. It's the closest I have come to complete boredom. You may wonder why I say almost? I was connected. Family on video. Staff (work) on video and in the hallways, when I decided to go into work, and computers.

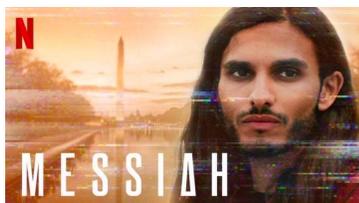
I spent a lot of personal time learning how to code python, learn Swift 5 for Apple devices, database work, practicing my sax, reading books, sleeping, and ordering from Chili's - once they finally opened again in the last week of May (for delivery only).

But the only time I really left my apartment - especially during the full lockdown - was going to the supermarket with Brent. For some reason, there were two random jars of Miracle Whip in one of the aisles. Brent was picking out some twinkies from the freezers (no, I didn't know they still make twinkies and no, I didn't get any).

As for the banana ketchup? Blech! I've eaten a lot of things before, but take my advice and don't use this kind of ketchup. Someone mashed up a few blackened bananas and added them to the ketchup bowl. Makes no sense. Why? I cannot unring this bell for myself but I can save the rest of you from the experience. Leave it on the shelf if you ever see it. I doubt you will. Companies try out wild combinations to hit different international markets. In the US, Heinz has several different ones. I say stick with tomato.



Who would've thought that I would spend any time watching shows on Netflix that are B-listed. It's like going through the local Blockbuster store and choosing a flick just because you made the trip. That happened several times back in the day with Q. The same happened that summer in Maine, with the Ellsworth local video store. But, that being said, you **HAVE TO WATCH THIS SHOW** to the END. It's worth it. You won't believe the connections, the planning, and the final statement. Wow.



This mini-series is another worthwhile bit of your time. I have always wondered why a writer hasn't written a movie or book (that I know of) that breaches the subject of the messiah.

I was impressed with this story but I'd like to see more. Yes, it's controversial and thought provoking. Isn't that what religion is? Bring it on. Let's try some more controversy. What would it be like? What would HE be like? How far would he get with our world?





**I found this snake on my coiled up on my desktop computer in the tech office. Some kind of joke perhaps?**

Hah. It was simply an AR (augmented reality) program tinkered by some relatively bored Google employees. Made for some fun in our online classrooms though. I helped a few teachers with other animal videos in their classrooms that the kids really loved.

Yes, helping staff all day is part of the job. It's getting old. When staff don't come into work for a month or so, they forget: how to login, their passwords, the difference between wireless and wired, and how to solve a lot of the basic daily mini-annoyances they usually fix without any help from IT.

It all goes out the window when staff are away for extended periods of time. The rule of thumb for me is.... breathe in, breathe out. It's normal more than ever. Gently

explain the way through the solution. No matter what, things won't go back to normal. Everything will change anyway. That is the golden rule for tech anyway. Now, it's just more pronounced than ever.

I went into work almost everyday for the first half of May 2020. Why? The apartment was driving me crazy. It was Ramadan so few people would even go to work, if any. Once Ramadan was finished - the last week of May - we went into FULL LOCKDOWN again? Why? WTF? The rest of the world is relaxing. Not us! UGH.



**Crazy! Long-haired Goyo?**

Why not. I am going to see how long I can grow it before someone says something at work. I've seen quite a few hippies at work over the years so I'm not worried.

I'll most likely get sick of the longer hair before anyone else. I'd like to make it past CovidCation and get my hair braided somewhere outside of the kingdom. Maybe even get some extensions put in?

I can't wait. Trying to keep this mop styled is certainly driving me nuts. I've never had to purchase so many hair products before!



**The Grassy Quad Returns after almost a Year of Neglect!**

First, the workers tore up our shared lawn in May of 2019. Since then, we've had sand and trash in the middle.

Suddenly, easier this month, an army of workers from the Indian sub-continent showed up and rolled out an entire quad of Egyptian grass sod.

Finally, a sprinkler dude, someone who only aims and times sprinklers on this island, comes to our quad and sets up the sprinkler system. Wallah!!



**Perhaps the Most Ambitious Member of our Entire District...**

Yes, I'd say Paul is the winner of the "Most Ambitious" award for the CovidCation period of 2020.

Paul decided Tuesdays (our hump day since we work Sun-Thr) would be a day of creativity. He warned me early on that Katherine and I wouldn't be taking part. We have worked a lot together prior and Paul wanted other staff more involved. Cool. Anyway, Tuesdays became a total Creativity Mindset Day in the middle of the school week. Awesomeness!!

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# Empenadas en la Cocina

COCINANDO CON GOYO EN LA CASA DE GOYO



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THE STAPLE FOOD OF MANY COUNTRIES  
IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA...  
ESPECIALY VENEZUELA!

### TIME FOR ME TO INITIATE OPERATION EMPANADA DE QUESO!

This was my first time attempting to cook empanadas.  
I have eaten a lot of empanadas de queso o carne over  
the years. This is a first.



The fan above the stove doesn't even work. I found that out after my oil started smoking. Just shy of passing out from Smoke inhalation, two empanadas de queso were born.

**"Goyo-penadas"** or is that a borderline gross phrase? They looked and Tasted Delicious. I'll have to keep making these! I'll tell you how it went, in the next issue.