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@friebos The Giro goes through Peonis today. Hopefully, Sean Kelly will be commentating at that point. #Giro101 #bonifications

STOP THAT

**I can see where this
thread is going, and
frankly, it's far too silly.**

Royal Wedding Free Zone!

Please refrain from discussing the
Royal Wedding.

We're not interested in it,
let's talk about beer or the
weather instead - or
something more interesting...





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106km - **Avaglio** - 3rd category climb,
maximum 15%

142.5km - **Passo Duron** - 2nd category climb,
maximum 18%, average 9%

165.8km - **Selle Valcalda Ravascletto** - 3rd
category climb, average 7%, maximum 12%

186km - **Monte Zoncolan** - 1st category climb,
maximum of 22%, average 11.9%

Let me not to the marriage of true minds

Admit impediments. Cycling is not cycling

Which alters when it alteration finds,

Or bends with the remover to remove:

O, no! it is an ever-fixed effort

That looks on mountains and is never shaken;

It is the fight in every wandering break,

Whose worth's unknown, although its measure is taken.

Cycling is not Time's fool, though every second counts

Within its bending sickle's compass come;

Cycling alters not with steep gradients it mounts,

But it suffers even to the edge of doom.

If this be error and upon me proved,

I never writ, nor no man ever rode.

Let me not the the exceeding of 2000 micrograms
Admit culpability. Therapeutic limits are not limits
Which matter with races on the line.
No wins by the remover to remove|

SHAKESPEARE'S
TRAGEDY OF
ROMEO & JULIET



WITH PREFACE
GLOSSARY & BY
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M.A.

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LET me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove :
O, no! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken ;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come ;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

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"Stopping By The Woods On A Snowy Evening"

- By Donald J Trump

I've got a pretty good idea whose woods these are, believe me.

And let me tell you something, my people say he's a complete nobody.

This guy lives in the village. So what if he sees me stopping here?

I dare him to sue me! I dare him!

And by the way, this snow is pathetic.

These are by far, the least downy flakes ever!

I hear they had to import them from Canada.

I don't know. Maybe they did. Maybe they didn't. We're looking into it.

My horse – he's the most incredible horse, seriously,

I have the greatest, the classiest horses –

My horse doesn't even know what the hell we're doing here.

The horses love me though. They do.

They're always shaking their bells at me, it's very loving.

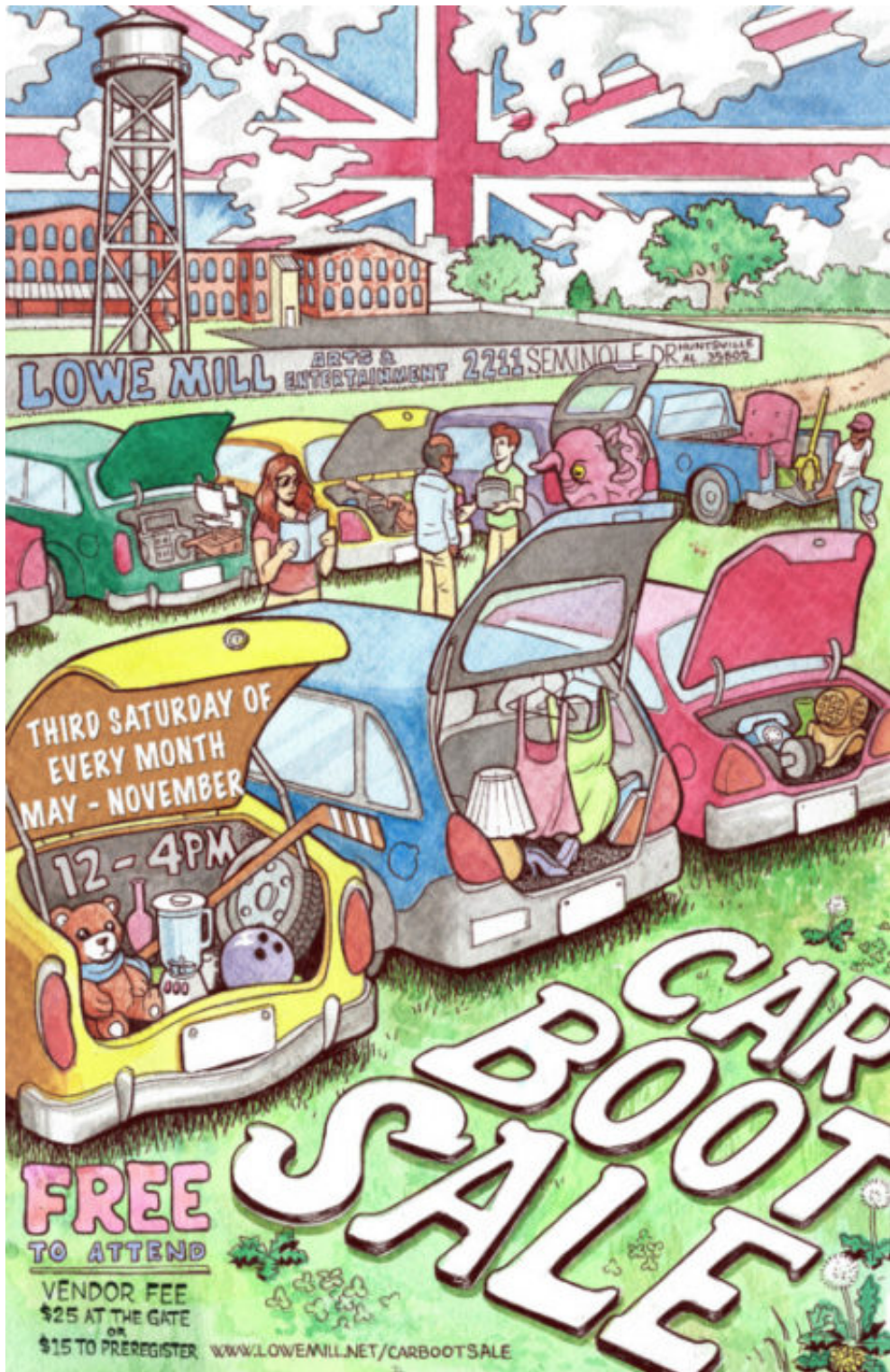
It's a beautiful thing.

Let me tell you something, these woods are an embarrassment.

They're not dark. They're not deep. They're nothing. They're for losers.

And I cannot wait to sue this guy.

I cannot wait to sue this guy.



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After many close calls with distracted drivers the Queen is rocking the hi-viz and wearing a helmet.



**Essay coming
through**





So many things are going on in the world today, and only a few of them are happening in Friulia. Friulia is the province where the Giro passes today, arriving somewhere in the Friulian Alps. Several Giros ago, perhaps in 2012, and for more than one Giro, I wrote extensively on the Friulian language and region, along with many of the other languages of Italy. Some of you were fascinated, some were tortured, I am sure. In any case, I refer you to those archives to read about the Friulian language.

Friulia is both a place and a mindset, in some ways, as it comprises the majority of the Italian province which is officially called Friuli-Venezia Giulia, and has its capital at Trieste, east of the Adriatic. Despite its name, it does not include Venice, but instead that part of the name refers to the plain part of the region, what we call in English the Julian March. Its capital, Trieste, is the only one of the four subdivisions of the province which is not Friulian, and lays in that plain along the sea. We avoid the plain places today, to ascend through the Friulian part of the Alps, there along the Slovenian border.

The Slovenian language has had much influence, through history, on the Friulian language. While Trieste is nestled into Croatia, practically the rest of the province borders Slovenia, and shares mountain valleys, so there was much interchange over the centuries with peoples of that language. Venetian is also spoken along the coast.

Near the departure today, there was an ancient factory where tapestries were woven, long since closed. Still, the area is known for tapestries. Tokaj or Tokay grapes and hence wine is also native to the area, and after a lengthy court case (as court cases tend to be in Italy), a few years ago it became a protected denomination. So only wines brewed in Friulia may call themselves okay. Well, brewed is not the right word, tokay? This area was also much disputed in the First World War. It is kind of amazing how these remote, mountainous regions are considered unimportant until countries fight one another.

Today, the ascent will be one of those Giro classics, found sometimes also in the Vuelta. The last few miles are a mountain path, which cannot be driven on by the team busses or trucks. It is said the path can only be used by motorcycles and bicycles. I believe we are looking for a finish in which the riders are strung out down the mountain (not the Justified kind of strung out, of course), which will be safer, but if the peloton arrives as a peloton, all bets are off.

Enjoy the Giro

Enjoy the Day.



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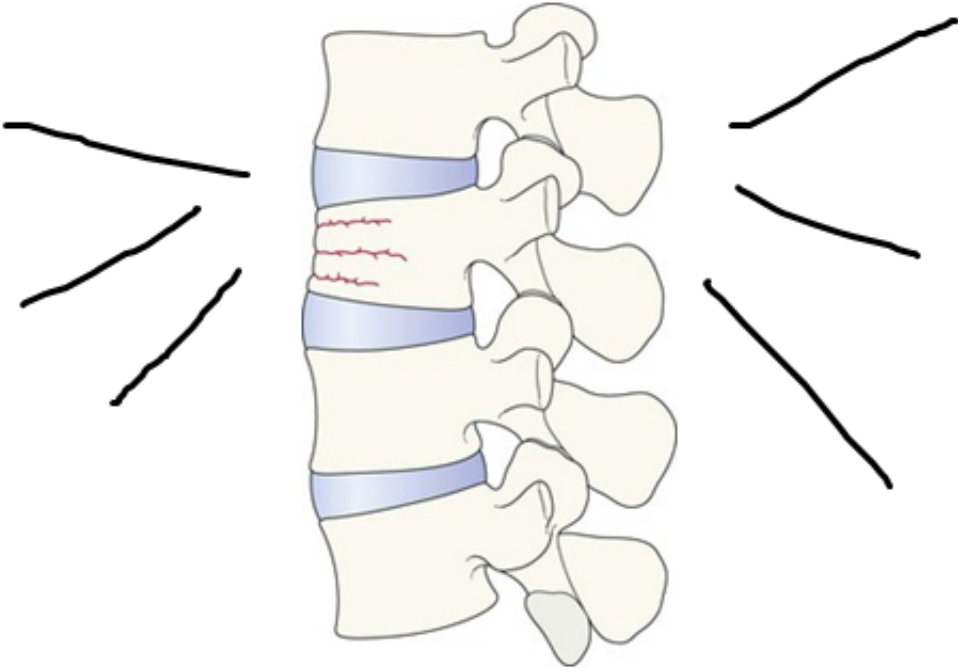
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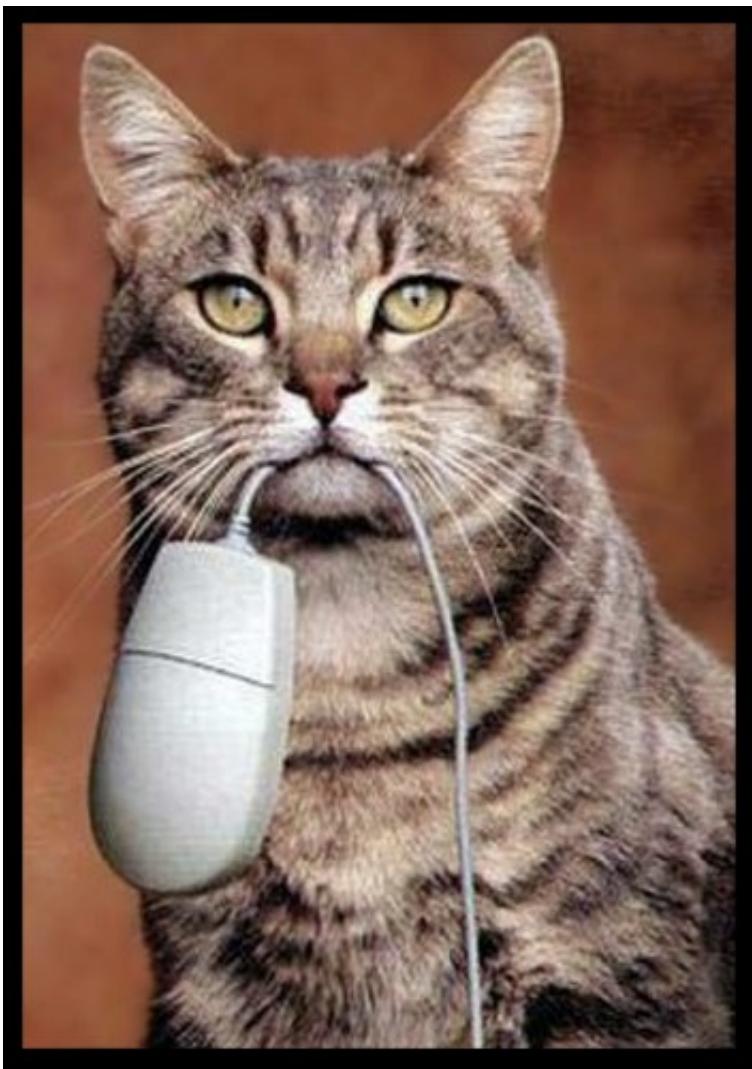




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Here is the top-ten for the stage:

- 1 Chris Froome (GBr) Team Sky 5:25:31
- 2 Simon Yates (GBr) Mitchelton-Scott 0:00:06
- 3 Domenico Pozzovivo (Ita) Bahrain-Merida 0:00:23
- 4 Miguel Angel Lopez (Col) Astana Pro Team 0:00:25
- 5 Tom Dumoulin (Ned) Team Sunweb 0:00:37
- 6 Thibaut Pinot (Fra) Groupama-FDJ 0:00:42
- 7 Wout Poels (Ned) Team Sky 0:01
- 8 Sébastien Reichenbach (Swi) Groupama-FDJ 0:01
- 9 Pello Bilbao (Spa) Astana Pro Team 0:01
- 10 Michael Woods (Can) EF Education First-Drapac p/b Cannondale 0:01

General classification after stage 14

- 1 Simon Yates (GBr) Mitchelton-Scott 61:19:51
- 2 Tom Dumoulin (Ned) Team Sunweb 0:01:24
- 3 Domenico Pozzovivo (Ita) Bahrain-Merida 0:01:37
- 4 Thibaut Pinot (Fra) Groupama-FDJ 0:01:46
- 5 Chris Froome (GBr) Team Sky 0:03:10
- 6 Miguel Angel Lopez (Col) Astana Pro Team 0:03:42
- 7 Richard Carapaz (Ecu) Movistar Team 0:03:56
- 8 George Bennett (NZI) LottoNL-Jumbo 0:04:04
- 9 Pello Bilbao (Spa) Astana Pro Team 0:04:29
- 10 Patrick Konrad (Aut) Bora-Hansgrohe 0:04:43