

JAY'S STRAIGHT TALK

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MASTERING THE SKILLS
INVOLVED HERE WITHOUT
A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING
OF WHO'S GOING TO BE
IMPRESSED*



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I had an interesting experience this week. I got a call from the producers of a new movie titled "Call Me Artie," that is going to film in Atlanta, wanting to tour a "smart" house. It stars Bette Midler and Billy Crystal, and it's about grandparents from California who come to Atlanta to keep the grandchildren, while the parents go on a business trip. The grandchildren create all sorts of havoc with the "smart" controls, and of course, the grandparents haven't a clue how to operate things. My house is a "smart" house with the exception of its owner, so I showed them around. Anyway, I've always considered Artie Isaac, comically, a cross between Woody Allen and Billy Crystal, so the title of the movie fascinates me...and makes me think of our Artie...but I digress...Jay

For this week's humor; it's true:

NOW I understand!

The English language has some wonderfully anthropomorphic collective nouns for the various groups of animals.

We are all familiar with a Herd of cows, a Flock of chickens, a School of fish, and a Gaggle of geese.

However, less widely known is a Pride of lions, a Murder of crows (as well as their cousins the rooks and ravens), an Exaltation of doves and, presumably because they look so wise, a Parliament of owls.

Now consider a group of Baboons. They are the loudest, most dangerous, most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and least intelligent of all primates. And what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons?

Believe it or not a Congress!

I guess that pretty much explains the things that come out of Washington !