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I WAS JUST THINKING: My New Year's Resolution list does not include getting down to my original weight, and I'm OK with that. After all, 7 lb. 6 oz is just not realistic.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

I read a quote today that struck a chord with me. "People were created to be loved. Things were created to be used. The reason why the world is in chaos is because things are being loved and people are being used." Who knows if this thought holds any kind of key as to how we turn around the mess mankind has created! One thing is for certain- 2016 highlighted the sorry state of affairs that typifies our times. I know & history tells us we are perpetually doing this to ourselves and we never seem to be able to learn from the horrors we create! That should not stop us from trying to do better. Supposedly we are intelligent beings — perhaps even the most intelligent beings on earth! We CAN find ways to get along! We might start by telling the truth at least most of the time; let a bit of empathy creep into our thought processes; recognize at least something lovable about our fellow travelers in this life; try to understand how that lovable characteristic, no matter how miniscule it may seem, should be treasured more than any object that we currently hold in higher regard. If this sounds like a throwback to our hippy youth or is a bit too socialistic for your taste, I hasten to add that I admit to being a bit of a political junkie but with a philosophy that is pretty centrist and mindful of the dangers of straying too far to the right or the left. I just don't like where the extremes can take us. 2016 may go down in history as showing another spike on the "hate graph". Time will tell if it is a spike or the beginning of a painful trend. There have been other peaks (Hitler's Nazis come to mind) when hate seemed to typify the era. I do hope we are not headed for another peak but rather that we succeed in finding a valley of peace and love.

(Rant continued)

Friends and family are what people anchor to when the worlds' waters get rough. 2016 was pretty choppy for many folk. I have a feeling that the political weather won't be calming the waves any time soon. My family has been stellar this year in their support for each other. Friends, like those we have in Gyro, are also a treasure to be cherished. Perhaps if we can all turn our attention further afield we might make a difference this year. I do wish you all a peaceful, productive New Year, filled with warmth and happiness.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Fellow Gyros

Thanks to the Gyro Club of Sherwood Park, District VIII and Gyro International for the recently received Merit Award. Special thanks to those who sponsored it.

It is indeed nice to receive an award for doing something I get a great deal of pleasure out of anyway.

One of the reasons mentioned for getting the award was the number of trips we have taken to Portugal with Gyros and spouses who purchased the trip at our Gyro auction. There was some trepidation on our part before we put this auction item up the first time but it all disappeared after the first expedition (Ken & Jean Wall). We knew we liked Portugal and we knew what we liked about Portugal but of course we could not know what others would like about it. I truly believe we got as much out of these trips as our guests. Every single couple that went to Portugal with us enriched our lives and we became better friends because of the trip. You have created a lot of good memories. Thank you all for buying the trip and for having fun with us.

The Merit Award is the "icing on the cake".

Yours in Gyro

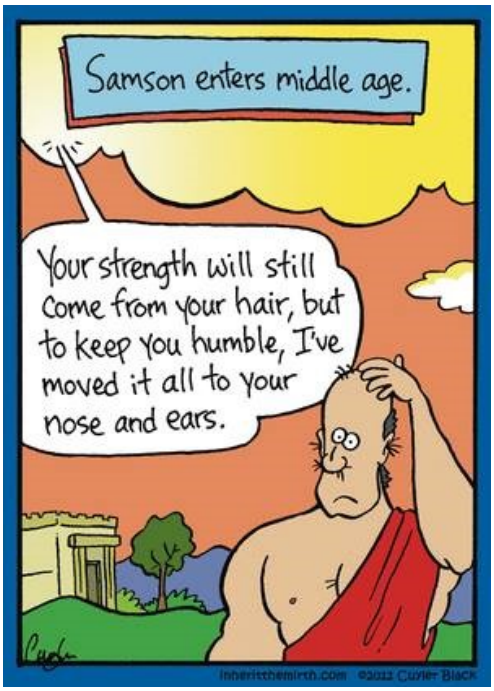
Jim Malott

AGING GYROS:

The following fellows are watching their odometers turn another click this month:

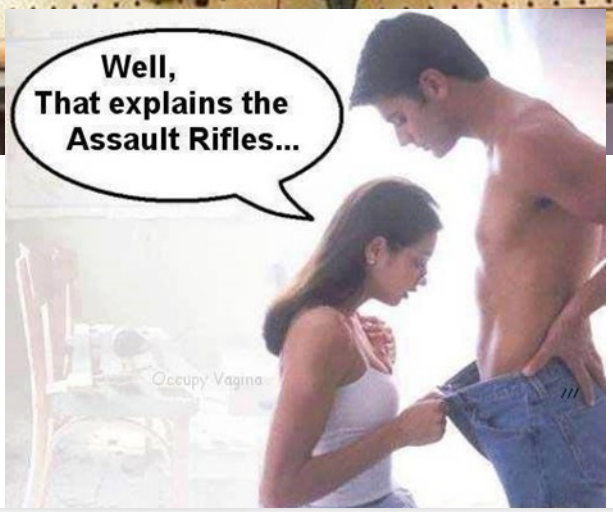
Don Greig (5th); **Augie Annicciarico** (8th); **Gord Stewart** (8th);
Richard Dickinson (10th); **Bruce Schelske** (13th). You all look like you have a few good kilometers left on you but it might be good to get a safety check and certification.

Enjoy your special day, guys!



ARMED AND DANGEROUS

You can always rely on "assault Plunger when sh..t hits the fan



What is the smallest caliber you trust to protect yourself?

The Beretta Jetfire:

I remember one time while hiking with my girlfriend in northern Alberta and out of nowhere came this huge brown bear charging us and was she mad. We must have been near one of her cubs. Anyway, if I had not had my little Jetfire I would not be here today.

Just one shot to my girlfriend's knee cap was all it took . . . . . the bear got her and I was able to escape by just walking at a brisk pace.

It's one of the best pistols in my collection...

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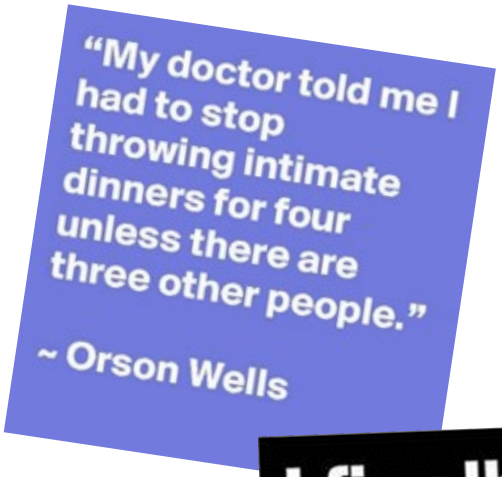
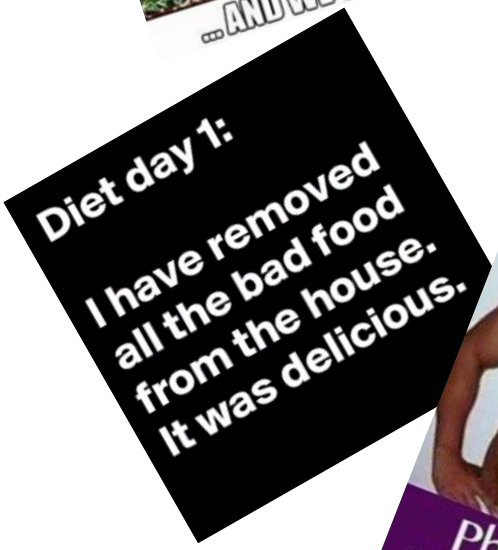
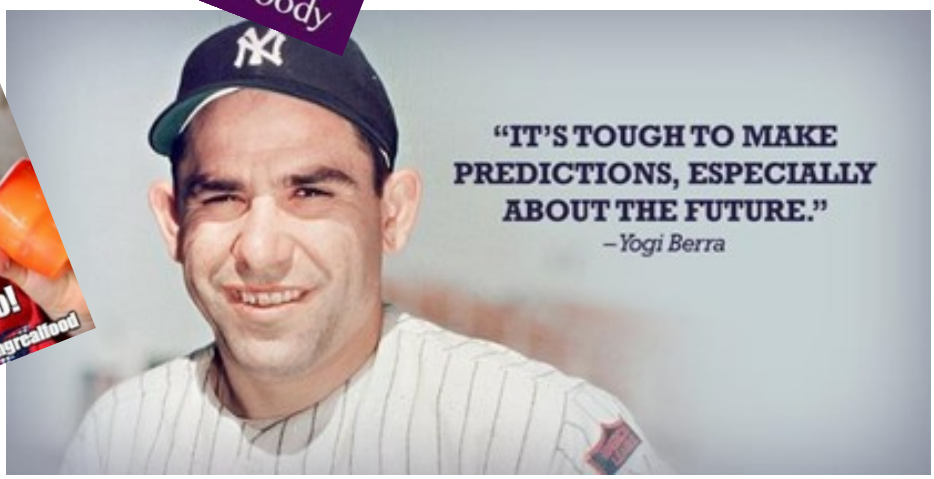
"Ideally, this reform would go through Congress, but their best idea was including a small note with every gun that reads, 'Please don't use for bad stuff.'"

OH NO! IT'S RESOLUTION TIME AGAIN!







I don't mean to brag but... I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes ...

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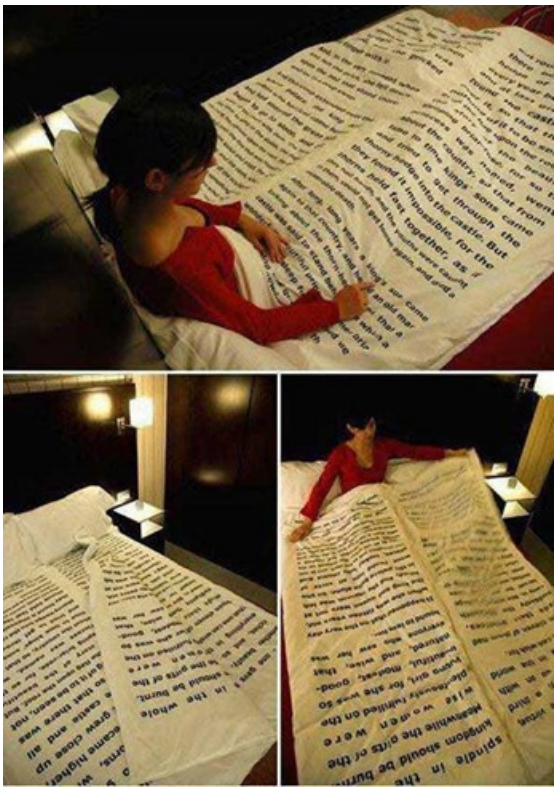

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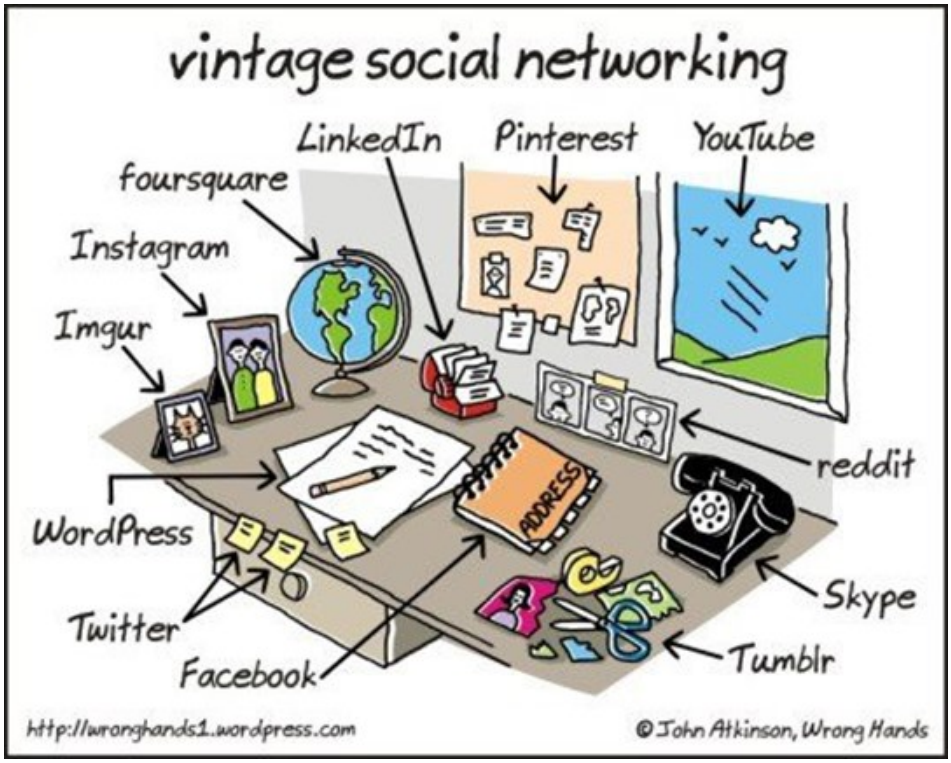
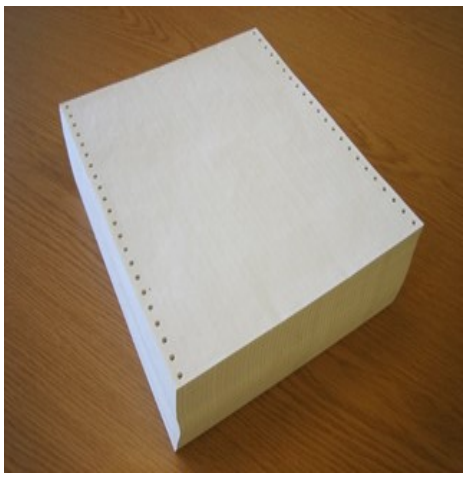




FIRST MEETING OF 2017—8-BALL, January 18th

Have you been practicing? Here's an idea...lets all grease whatever hair we have left and comb it back in a "duck tail". Clothing styles are now just like the early sixties. We could spend a retro night back in our yute and be home before 9:00.

Call or e-mail Dorne Hunt (780) 464 0255 or dorne@shaw.ca. He is the 8-ball organizer Let him know your plans.

AND THE MEETING AFTER THAT—DARTS, February 1st

Back at the GCCC the pointy feathered things will be flying. It's a fine way to start the month off. Just remember what your mother said. "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye." Then we will have to spend the rest of the evening looking for it.

Herb Zmerchuk will take your reservations for this night of olde English debauchery.

(780) 464 7440 or zmerchuk@hotmail.com

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Bill and Jeanie Carter**, especially during this holiday season. They are both battling the "Big C"

Rae Graham continues to move pretty slowly but he is moving and has no plans to challenge any rabbits to a race anyway.

NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM THE GRAND CHIEF POOBAH (aka District VIII Governor John Hodgson)

The 2017 International Interim Convention will be held in San Diego. The dates are January 30 to February 3 and it is not too late to register for the convention. You should have seen a recent email message from international President Dana Davidson promoting the convention. Details are also available on the International website (www.international.gyro.ws).

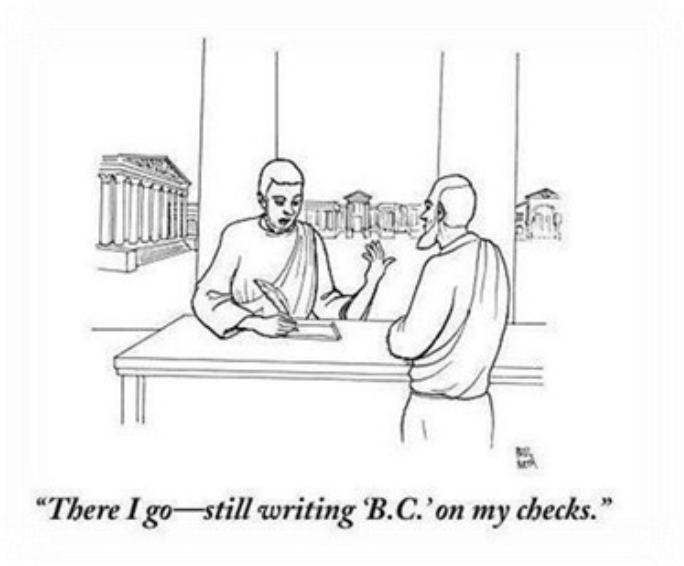
The International Annual Convention will be held in Vancouver from June 9 to 13. Please plan to attend and support the Stampede City Club's **Dale Woodroffe's installation as International President.** Again, full details are available on the International website. This is immediately followed by District VIII's annual convention in Wallace , Idaho on June 14-18.

CANADIAN FACTIODS:

The US/Canada border is the longest international border in the world and it lacks military defense.....so far.

Large parts of Canada have less gravity than the rest of Earth. The phenomenon was discovered in the 1960s. Could it be because of all those air heads in Ottawa?

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS



Due to a power outage, the house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3-yr old girl to hold a flashlight high over her Mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby.. Little Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his feet and spanked him on his bottom And he began to cry. The paramedic then asked the wide-eyed 3-yr old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. She quickly respondec 'He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place, spank him again!'

MEANWHILE IN CANADA

Mom, what's a Canadian?

It's an unarmed North American with health insurance, sweetheart.

Moses in Canada

Meanwhile NOT in Canada

"Look, John, it's the only treatment your HMO approves and you know how clean a dog's tongue is ..."

THE DONALD PAGE BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS MORE COVERAGE THAN DT!

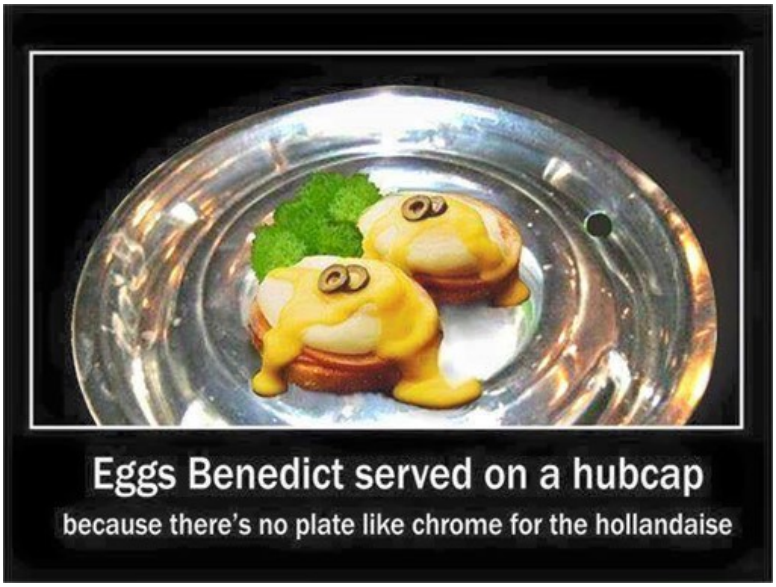
HE'S SO EASY TO MOCK, BUT IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS WE'LL HAVE TO START SHOWING SOME RESPECT…. WE HOPE

ANIMAL INSTINKS

Equal photo-opportunity for the boys

Why Germany never wins the Iditarod

INGENUITY RUN AMUCK



FINALLY FOUND OUT WHY
RIPPED JEANS ARE SO TRENDY

Your Gyro Friendship thought of the week:

FRIENDS BRING HAPPINESS INTO YOUR LIFE.

BEST FRIENDS BRING COFFEE

AND THE LAST WORD….

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