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I WAS JUST THINKING: I'm glad I learned about parallelograms instead of how to do taxes. It's really come in handy this parallelogram season.

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The Club's Grand Poobahs:

President: **Ken Lesniak**

Vice President: **Rick Craddock**

Past President: **Art Merrick**

Treasurer: **Erik Braun**

Secretary: **John Williams**

Registrar: **Dorne Hunt**

Directors: **Herb Zmurchuk, Garry Jones, George Ward, Paul West**

EDITOR'S RANT: -Guess Who's Coming To Nibble-

There were only 9 couples who signed up to participate in this semi-annual evening that has long been symbolic of the essence of Gyro. It provides a special opportunity to nurture the friendships that Gyro spawns and the fact that participation has been on the decline in the past two or three years is disturbing. Has the club started to loose its cohesiveness? Are we too busy to include Gyro friendship events in our calendars? This has been a unique tradition that has helped bind and nourish Gyro friendships on a more one to one (6 on six or 8 on 8, actually) scenario rarely seen in other groups. It will be a shame and a detriment to the club if it withers and dies. It seems like a motherhood issue but however obvious, it appears it is one that needs to be to be raised.

Now this is obviously an opportunity for a segue to another current topic—Motherhood. Most of the mothers of our generation are now grandmothers—a coveted position in our society whereby one reaps the pleasures of dealing with offspring's offspring without the full time and exhausting responsibility that went with motherhood. Grandchildren keep us as active as we want to be and when we reach our activity limit we simply return them to their parents and take a nap, play bridge or live our own lives uninterrupted until we rebuild our stamina sufficiently to re-enter the fray. Not all of us are blessed with this opportunity.

Rant cont'd.

Some had no children of their own—an essential ingredient in the grandparent recipe. Others bore children who themselves have not had children—also a key to grandparenthood. And in even greater numbers, there are those who are grandparents with limited occasions to enjoy their status. Access to the daily lives of our loved ones is usually inversely proportional to the number of kilometers that separate us. Celebration of motherhood is officially encapsulated in one day each year. This year it is May 13th. Regardless of where the other gender fits in the flow chart of motherhood, I know all of you fellow gyros join me is wishing all of you mothers out there a well deserved Happy Mothers Day.

LAST MEETING : THE AUCTION

On May 2nd the GCCC was the scene of an extraordinary event. Thirty three Gyros supplemented the club's income to the tune of $6,430 as they bid on a series of items and events that had been offered up by their fellow club members. This figure represented a $700 jump from last year. In the absence of traditional auctioneer, Bill Carter, who was undergoing a surgical procedure, **Jim Copeland** stepped up to the plate. He did a fine job, in some cases even sinking lower than Bill has in the past, interspersing calls for bids with groaner jokes and humour of questionable taste. Where would we be without the internet as a research tool? Huge thanks go to the **two Jims** - **Copeland and Mallot** (who handled the finances) and to **Al Gordon** who has spent several months preparing for the event.

A new twist this year was the opportunity to win enough money to pay for your purchases. Gyros put in a $20 bill to enter the elimination draw overseen by **Dorne Hunt**. "Winners" began receiving $20, then $50, and eventually the final remaining names that had avoided elimination were identified. **Ted Ewanchuk** pocketed $125, and **John Williams** came out the big winner with $400.

viously not a Gyro!

MORE AUCTION PICS

150 bid. Do I hear 175?

Pay up time

AND THE MEETING AFTER THAT: Elections May 16th

This meeting is not only key to the success of our club, but an opportunity to have some great fun. The serious part is selecting leadership to guide us through the coming year. We need to elect a Vice-President to replace Rick Craddock, who will be assuming the presidency, and two new board members who will replace Herb Zmurchuk and George Ward. I urge all members to give very serious thought to throwing your hat in the ring. The duties are not onerous and can even be carried out by sun tanned Snowbirds! If you would prefer to postpone your obligation or are suffering from GMAFBD (Give Me A Friggin' Break Disorder) from having been in the ring too often, you can still let your name stand and run a campaign that lacks even a shred of credibility. That way you won't get elected but you will have contributed to the fun of the evening and given token support to democracy. Surely you can find a campaign manager who will skillfully ensure the electoral outcome you want….just no Russians, please and stay off Facebook. When **Art Merrick** calls to twist your arm, do us all a favour and say "you betcha" even if you aren't from Minnesota. Then show up at the GCCC on the 16th and entertain us. It'll be fun.

HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT:

The latest from the Carter household is that Bill's procedure went well, they feel they got all the tumor, and although he will take some time to recover he is on that journey. You are definitely in our thoughts and prayers, Bill.

Jan Bradley has had a set back and has returned to the hospital. However, Keith reports she hopes to be home before long to have another crack at Keith's unique culinary acumen.

Judy Taylor continues on a very positive track trotting (or at least walking fast) around the track at the rec centre.

We all celebrate with the Copelands. Eleanor had her 6 month check recently and has been declared "cancer free" ! Woo! Woo!

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO NIBBLE May 5th

The nine couples referred to in the rant were cut to eight at the last minute when Ann Ward called to say her brother-in-law had suddenly passed away on Friday and the funeral was out of town on Saturday. So **Al and Kay Bleiken**, **Bernie and Brenda Kropp**, **Jim and Rita Malott** arrived at the **Brisbin's** door around 7:30 Saturday evening bearing delicious nibbles and libations. It was an beautiful evening that dictated no indoor activities so we spent our entire time together on our upper deck discussing a wide range of topics. Some brought consensus to the group and a few did not—a perfect mix. Throughout the event there was warmth and laughter. We even expanded our ranks. Our home inson the Broadmore Golf Course and as we were settling into our second round of beverages a couple of young golfers, appearing somewhat fatigued and a bit bewildered, staggered below us. Al hollered greeting got a cheerful reply and then asked how many holes in one they had gotten so far. "None" came the response followed by "Grandma! What are you doing there?!" The Kropp's 12 year old grandson, Calder and his friend, Hayden, had become lost and had pretty much given up after about 13 holes. They were trying to find their way back to the club house and were heading in the wrong direction. We invited the young charmers up for a visit, a drink (water) and a few games of pinball before they got a ride home. We were all impressed with the boys who, we discovered, share many interests and a classroom with our grandson, Will.

By 10:30 we had drunk all the wine, beer and cocktails, eaten all the great appetizers were ready to top off the evening with fresh baked apple crisp and mountains of fresh whipped, zero calorie whipped cream. Everyone except for Scott and Calli were on their way home well before midnight. The Brisbins stayed put because they had nowhere else to go. A big "Thank you!" to **Ann Ward** for organizing the event. She looks forward to a much improved participation number for the **October 6th** GWCTN. Plan NOW!

Scott and Calli Brisbin

More GWCTN:

We had three lovely couples surprise us Saturday night: **Jim and Eleanor Copeland**; **Judy Taylor and Art Merrick**; **Nora and Richard Craddock**. We ate some delicious appetizers and enjoyed great conversation for a while and then played a game of Slang Teasers. Jim Copeland won with some very creative definitions. We ended the evening with coffee and cake and more interesting topics to discuss until it was later than is good for us old folks. We really enjoyed our evening.

Andrea and Erik Braun

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GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

HOME OF BRENDA & BERNIE KROPP

#40, 23033 WYE ROAD

SUNDAY JULY 22,2018 @ 4:00

CONTACT:bkropp@berjagroup.com or (780)467-9886

Milt Lanes miltg@shaw.ca or (780)467-4789

what to bring:

your own refreshments

lawn chair

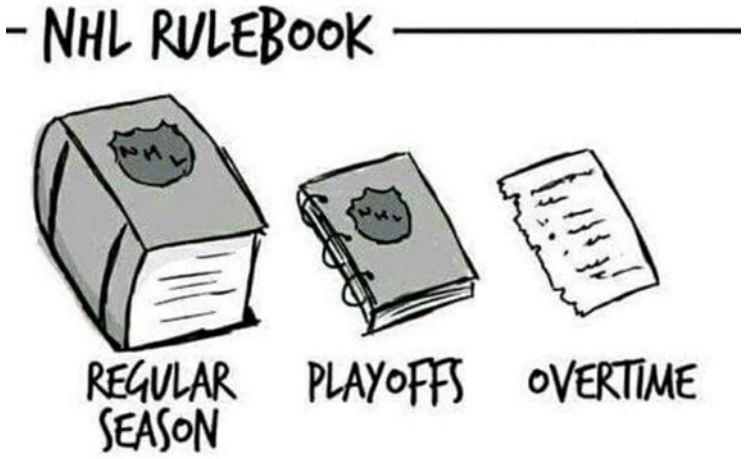
your choice of: appetizer, salad or desert (we will try to balance equal numbers of each)

in the event of weather issues we will move to the garage

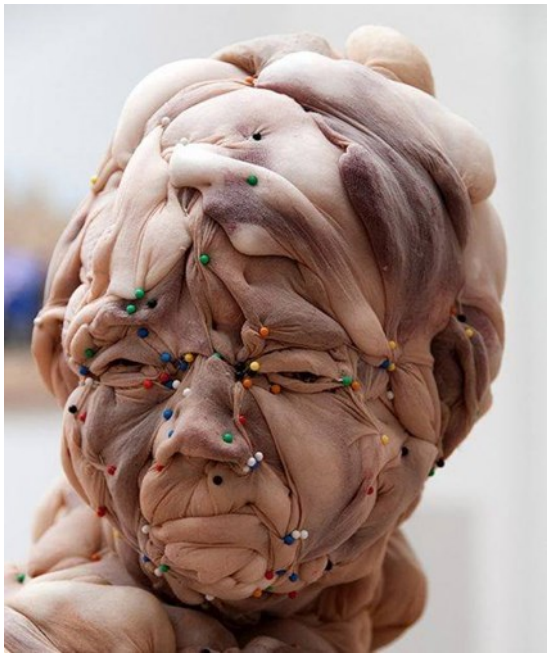
please let Milt or Bernie know if you can attend in order to obtain a "headcount" for the food we are providing. Let us know what you hope to bring so we can have equal numbers of each. There will be a charge in the range of $10.00/couple to cover costs

Hmmm...

***In 2014, police in the United States killed 1,100 people. During that same year, police in Canada killed 14 people, police in China killed 12 people and police in Germany didn't kill anyone at all.**



***Right now, more than 200 million people around the planet are officially considered to be unemployed. Meanwhile, approximately 20 percent of the garbage that goes into our landfills is food.**



Cabbage Patch Dolls grow old too

***The amount of cement that China used from 2011 to 2013 was greater than the total amount of cement that the United States used during the entire 20th century.**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

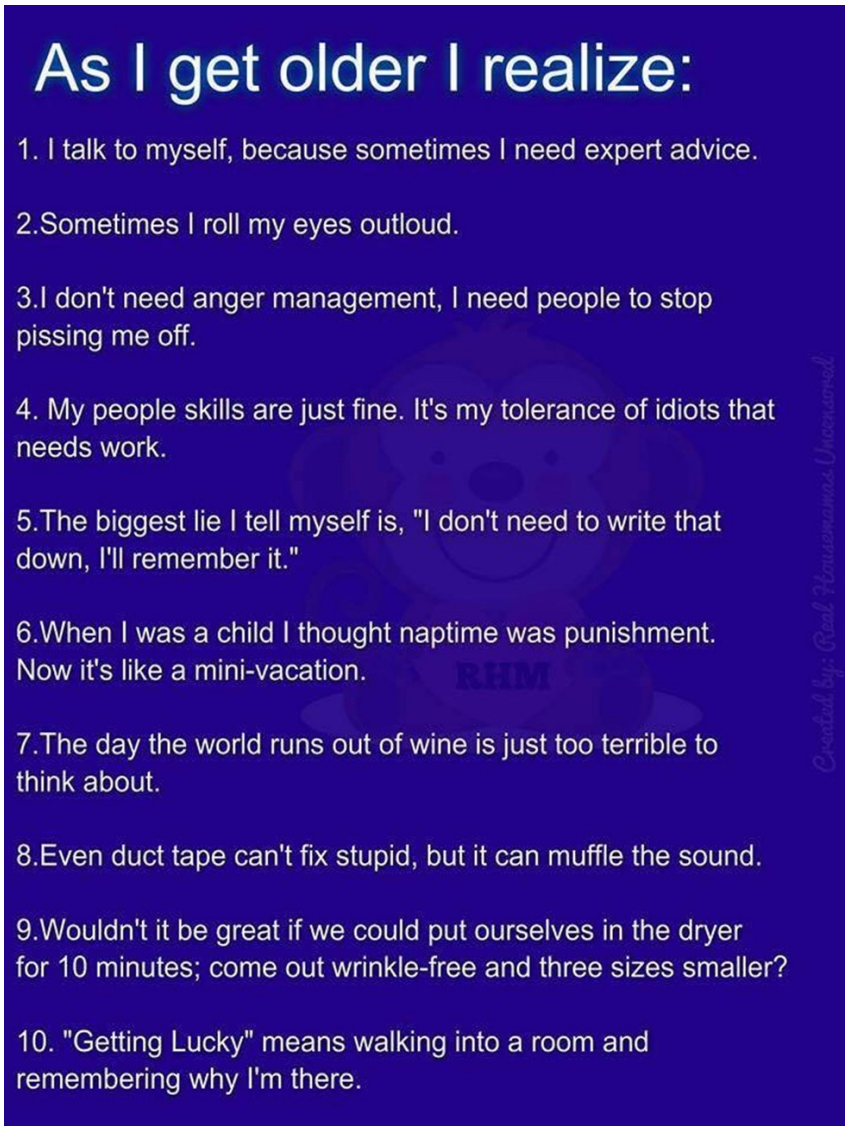
Dear Scott,
I screwed up! I did not see the specific date for the Gordon/Hunt/Greig function on Sept.8 when bought it and will be in China on that date. If anyone wants to buy it I will give them a discount. Could you put a short note in the bulletin for me telling anyone interested to get ahold of me.

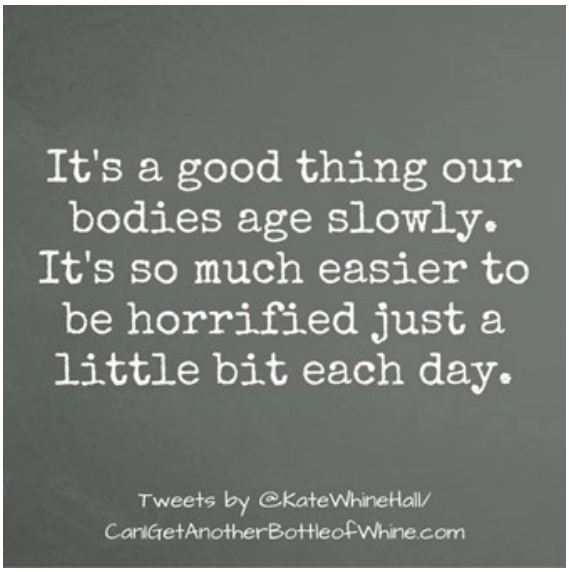
Bernie Kropp

AGING GYROS:

The following SPG's were their mothers' May babies at one time long, long ago:

Jim Malott (5th); **George Ward** (8th); **Lloyd Wilson** (15th). Party like it's 1952, guys… Mum would not have been pleased if alcohol was involved!





DO YOU REMEMBER? (THOSE WERE THE DAYS, I GUESS)

1969

The original "Extra large Double Double"

How many remember the guy who stood on the Corner of 101st and Jasper calling out "Let me offer you a testimony of what Jesssuss did." He has long since passed but we don't see these street corner evangelists any more.

Natalie Wood—Anyone else have a crush on her way back in the day?

Total Eclipse of the Heart—sung by Bonnie Tyler, Stevie Nicks or Meatloaf 1983

MEANWHILE IN CANADA

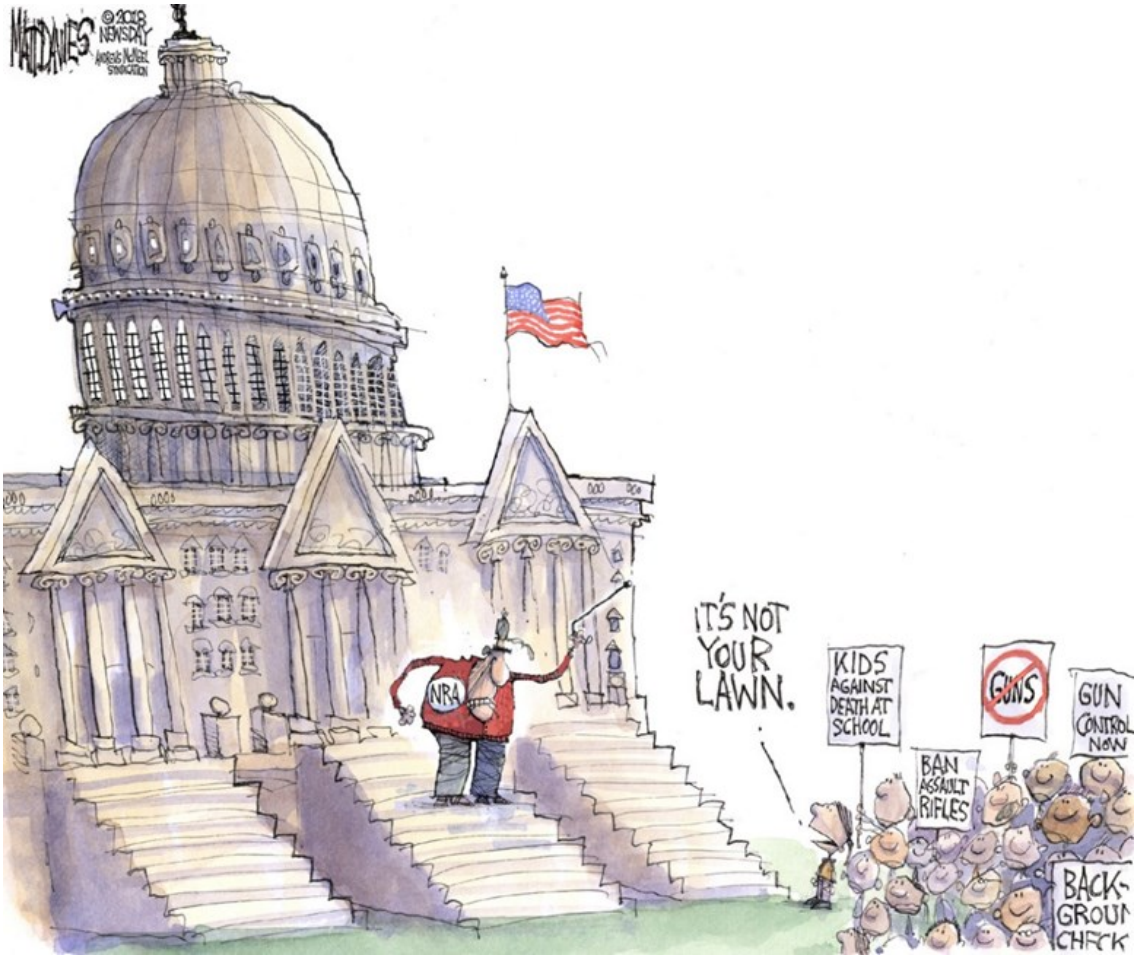
Vintage Canadian delivery truck

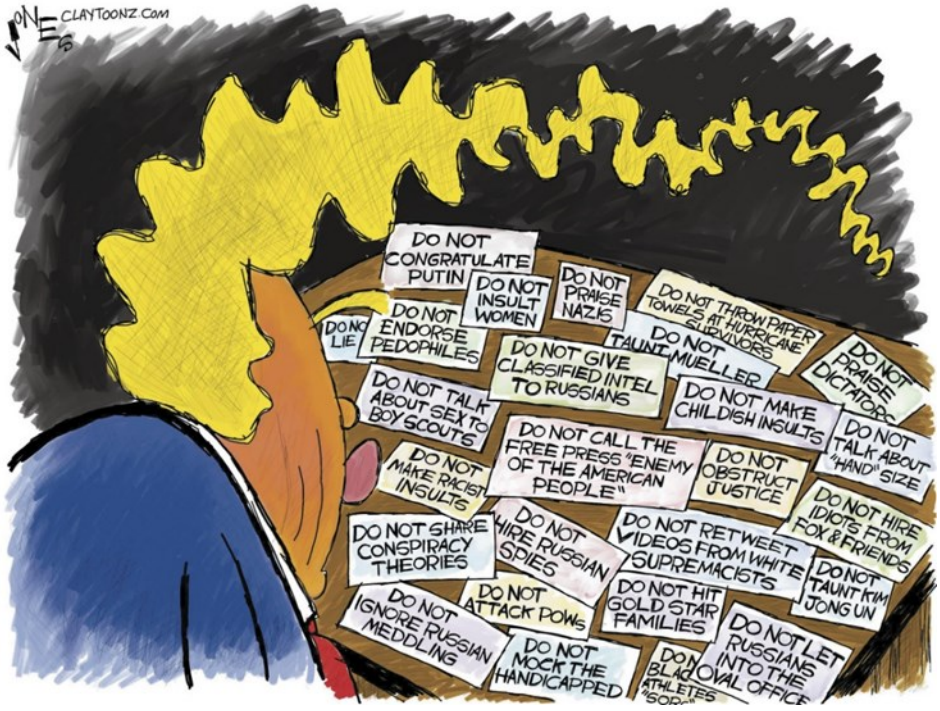
Meanwhile NOT in Canada

Meanwhile in Australia—Billabong trouble

Meanwhile in Japan—Excedrin Headache # 136

SOUTH OF THE BORDER, DOWN WASHINGTON WAY





UPCOMING MEETINGS DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

GYRO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Abbey Resort, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. June 25-29, 2018

DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION, Nelson, B.C. June 7-10, 2018

Convention Hotel: Prestige Lakeside Resort, Gyro rates: $140/night plus tax-City side and $160/ night-Lake side.

Registration Fee: $450/couple, single $225

Convention Link: http://nelson.gyro.ws/CONVENTION.html
Nelson Contact: Dave Brown davelinbrown@shaw.ca

Beautiful Nelson, BC

Please note Keith Bradley's letter on page 2

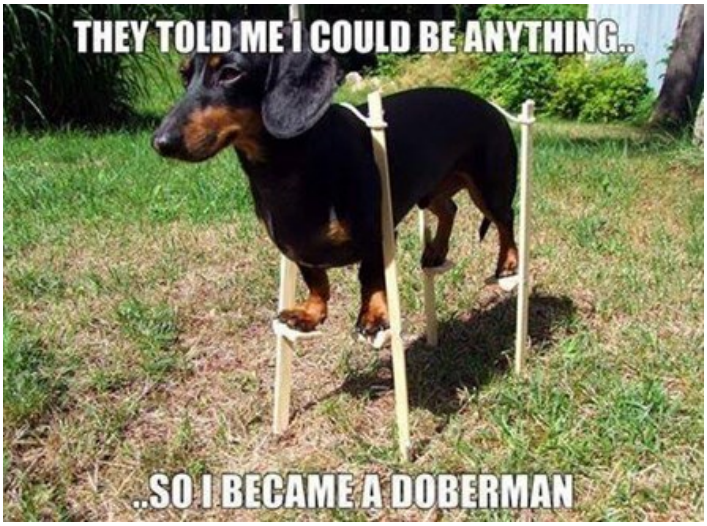
HISTORY AS WE NEVER SAW IT

Mark the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address with this recently discovered photograph of the President, captured moments after giving his dedicatory remarks that Thursday afternoon 150 years ago.

You see how smart they were, to make their photos 3D while they had the chance? Not done these days. This can be freeviewed by crossing your eyes

On a more serious note…..Burlesque dancer, Zorita walking her pet snake, 1937

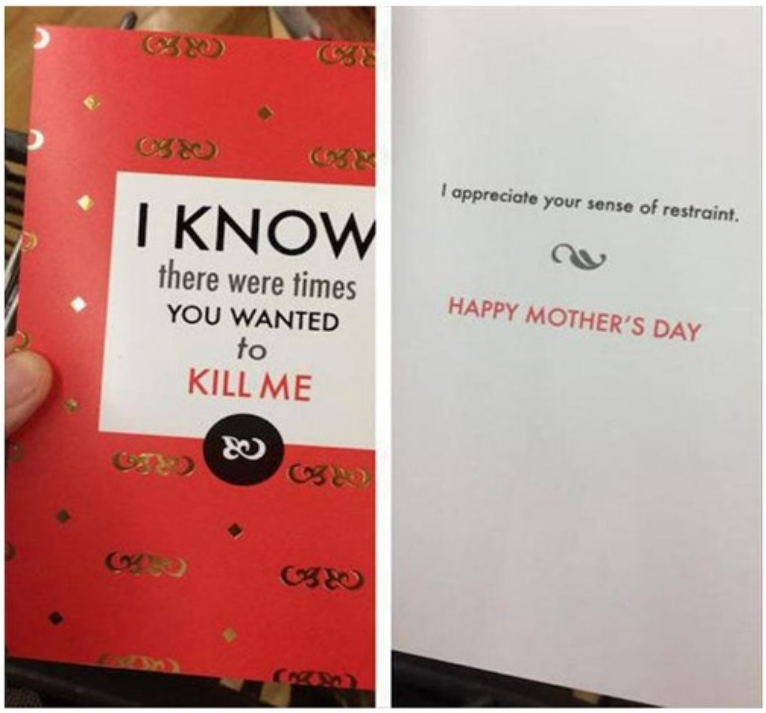
ANIMAL INSTINKS



When sheephearders have a sense of humor

(“Their” spelling error, not mine! Is it the sheep or the sheepherders who can’t spell?)

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS



Look how instinctively, the mother croc carries the baby in its mouth. Nature is beautiful.

A POTPOURRI OF PICS

Elon Musk unveils the semi-electric truck

(compare to the cool truck on the Only In Canada page)

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GYRO FRIENDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

AND THE LAST WORD….

My Mom's favourite answer when we questioned her decisions

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