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I WAS JUST THINKING: You never appreciate what you have 'til it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.

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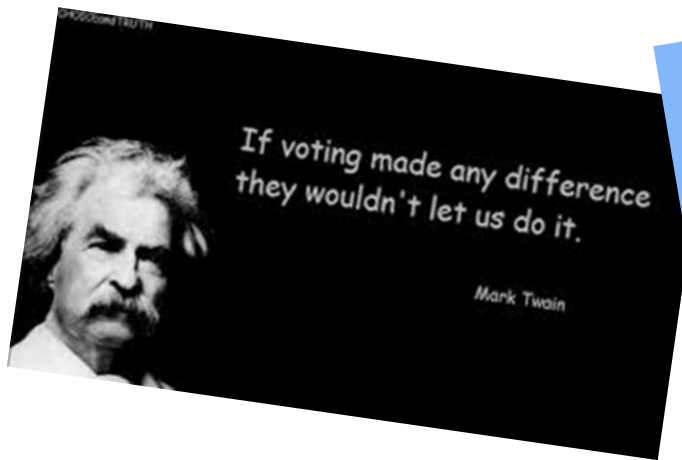
EDITOR'S RANT:

I just listened to the CBC radio show, "Sunday Edition", hosted by Michael Enright in which the first hour was a discussion by three Canadian teens. Granted, it was no doubt triggered by the Greta Thunburg speech at the UN and again in Montreal calling for immediate, decisive and dramatic action on the climate change crisis. But there was something equally impressive to me as I listened. These were not radical, uninformed or flighty "youngsters". They all spoke extremely well, probably with more clarity and confidence than any of the adults that followed them on various topics throughout the rest of the show. One young man had been a volunteer and activist for the Conservative Party at the Ontario and Federal level for several years. He quit both parties this year. None of them had particular faith in any representatives of our political party system. Although the lines are not as rancorous as those drawn south of the border, party lines are preventing any real cooperation in an effort to meet the public good. Democracy is yielding to the party formula. Political parties are prepared to dig in and do whatever it takes to prevent progress if it means that another party might have a good point. The only real winners are the politicians and the lobbyists who fund them regardless of the political stripe we look at. In the US, the

Rant cont'd.

division has torn families apart, fuelled irrational hate and paralyzed the nation. Canadians have a reputation of being more polite but may be in danger of heading down the same dark hole. Democracy, as Churchill once said, "is the worst form of government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time". We seem to be trying to demote its status. The responsibility of politicians in a democracy is to carry out the will of the majority of the people. With no party appearing to command the respect of much more than 1/3 of the people, there had better be some earnest efforts to build consensus rather than constant confrontation and feeding of gluttonous political egos. Our future as a nation, a civilization and a species all depend on somebody getting some common sense and putting their party in the back seat. There is little hope of that happening in this election or with the current system.

Those three bright, rational young people I heard this morning could indicate a light at the end of the dark tunnel we find ourselves in today. I just hope the tunnel isn't too long.



I am not a
"glass half full"
type of person.

I am a
"where did I put my glass?"
kind of person.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

I was dis heartened to learn of the "Guess Who's Coming To Nibble"'s demise. It had been a long standing tradition that was quintessentially Gyro. It gave Gyro couples as well as singles, the chance to get to know each other in a more personal environment than they could at a large gathering, and it spread the club's social bonds beyond their closest of Gyro friends. Sadly, the attendance at these events had been dwindling in recent years. That has been a mystery to me. I have never participated in a GWCTN event, as a guest or as a host, that was not an extremely enjoyable way to spend an evening. I understand that times and priorities change, and that if nobody wants to continue with it there is no point in carrying on. That doesn't mean I can't feel sad at the loss of this Gyro tradition. Huge thanks need to go out to Anne Ward and all her predecessors who took on the responsibility to organize these gatherings. Perhaps our Gyrettes can come up with something else to fill the hole that has been left.

Thanks, too, to the editor for allowing me a personal comment in something less than a rant!

Scott

Dear Scott

Just wanted to report on an auction item that the Gordon's, Hunt's and Greig's hosted. The successful bidders on a dinner were the Merrick's, William's and Lesniak's. It was great to see both Dawn Williams and Carol Lesniak enjoying Gyro hospitality. A fun time was had by all.

Don Greig

LAST MEETING—Bocce Night, October 2nd

The tradition continued with an evening of indoor Bocce at the Italian Canadian Seniors Centre. As always a fine five course meal (does wine count as a course?) was interspersed with teams vying for the big money on the Bocce courts. This was an interclub meeting shared by the Edmonton and Sherwood Park clubs. Thirty one Sherwood Park members and seventeen Edmonton members participated. When the dust settled, the A Side winners were **Ray Davis, Lloyd Wilson, Milt Lane and David Burnett**. B Side winners were **Barry Walker, Roger Russell, Erik Braun and Al Bleiken**. Grazi mille to **Mike Matie, Keith Bradley** and **Augie Annicchiarico** for organizing the event and keeping the violence to a minimum.



A - side "Gordon Rennie Trophy" winners



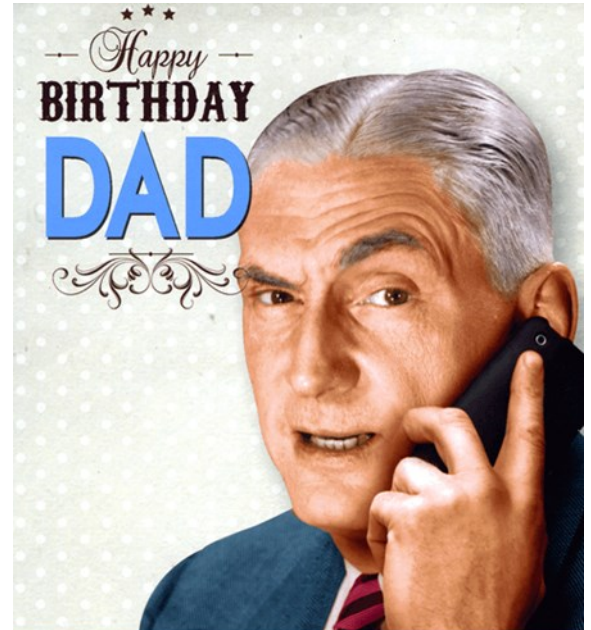
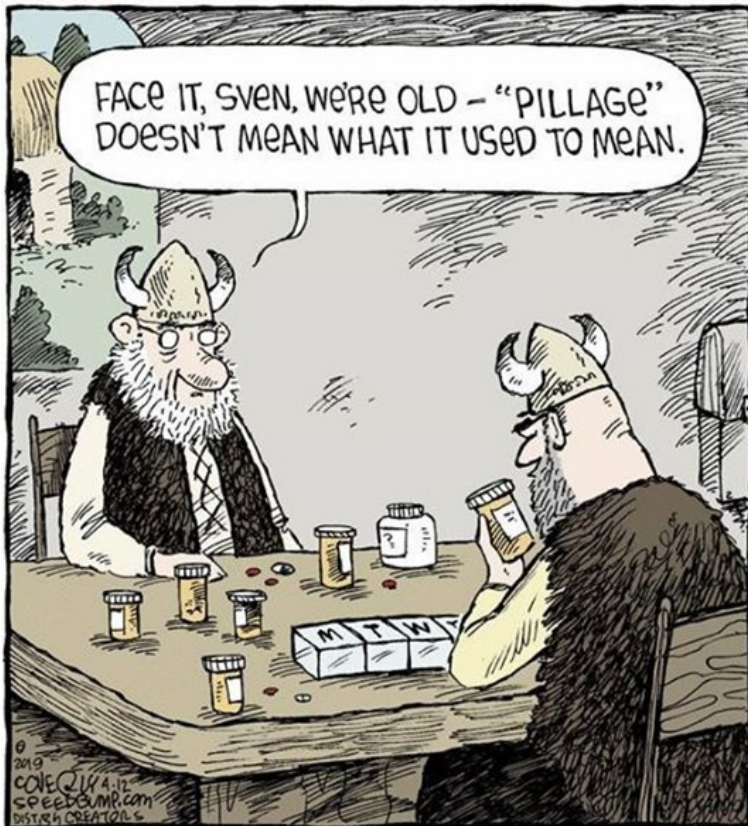
A -side "WH Wilson Trophy" winners

AGING GYROS

Two of us are featured in our birthday greeting segment this month. October's celebrants are **Ken Lesniak** (15th) and **John Williams** (16th). Nice to see your mum's beat the Halloween gun by a couple of weeks so you could have two special days in one month.

Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there.

It was the bathroom, but still....



Dad hadn't yet managed to make a call on his new smartphone, but he had got 17 photos of his left ear!

NEXT MEETING : FOUNDERS NIGHT October 16th

Founders Night is coming up on the 16th at the Belvedere Golf and Country Club. This is a mixed event and a jointly held meeting by our club and the Edmonton club. There is going to be an induction of a new member to the Edmonton club and a guest speaker, Dr. Jasneet Parmar, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Clinical Coordinator, Genetics, UGME, University of Alberta. She will enlighten us on a topic more and more of us are now, or will be encountering soon, either on the providing or the receiving end— They work under the titles "Caregivers Alberta, & Caregiving 101, which is (Caring for the Caregivers).

Of course there will be fine food, fun and fellowship. October 10th is the deadline to let Ted

AND THE MEETING AFTER THAT: Cribbage November 13th

We are back at the GCCC for our annual attempt to humble Lloyd Wilson. Sharpen up your simple arithmetic skills (no calculators allowed, so don't invite your grandchildren) and let Dorne Hunt or Don Greig know of your intent to attend (or not).

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

H&W reporter Don Greig sent in the following report:

Paul West is having prostate surgery on Oct.4th at the Royal Alex with a maximum stay of 2 days. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him at future meetings. Better yet phone him next week to see how he is doing.

Les Bellan is now home after a few weeks at the Cross Cancer Clinic. From my trusted source (Milt Lanes) he still has to go back to the Cross for treatments. He has home care set up now as Pat is not able to provide the care he requires. Give him a call and find out what he takes in his "Tim's" and go for a visit. I know he would appreciate a visit if it fits in with his schedule.

Keep those positive vibes going the Carter way! Jeannie Carter had a medical issue that she had ignored for too long and required a hospital visit for a few days. She is now home and getting stronger every day. Bill is becoming more independent and during Jeannie's hospital visit, he had his son , Bob and daughter Janet to help.

Roger Delveaux reports a curling injury has put him on the injury reserve list at his local club. His back is the issue. Fortunately he still has his teeth.. It's a rough sport! Let this be a warning beacon for those of you still willing to risk Curlarama.

CURLARAMA November 1-3.

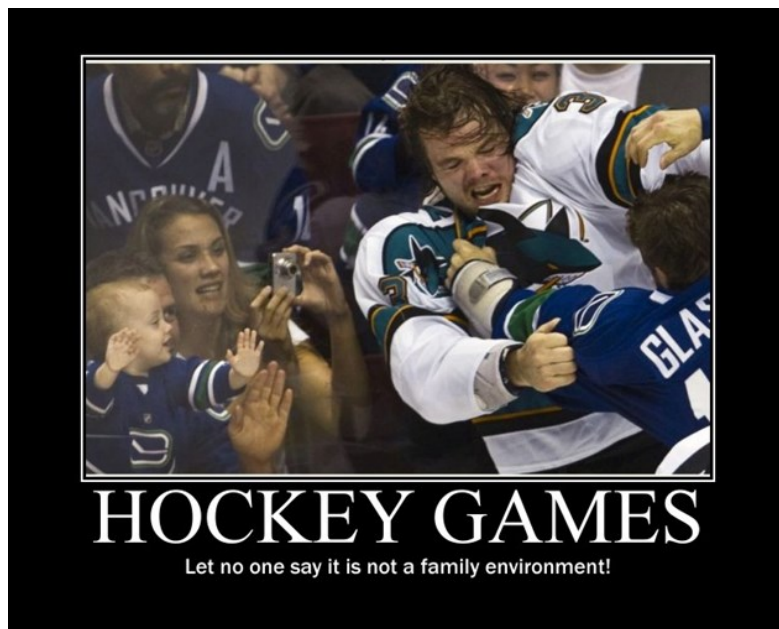
Final notice: **Bill Austin** and **Lloyd Wilson** have done a fine recruitment job for this exciting, unfunded event. Funded or not, it is a bargain at any price and is being held in Canmore this year. If you have been procrastinating, give one of them a call and see if they can fit you in. You'll be glad you did.

THE GOOD 'OL HOCKEY GAME

(Another season, another reason to make the playoffs)



Tim Campbell

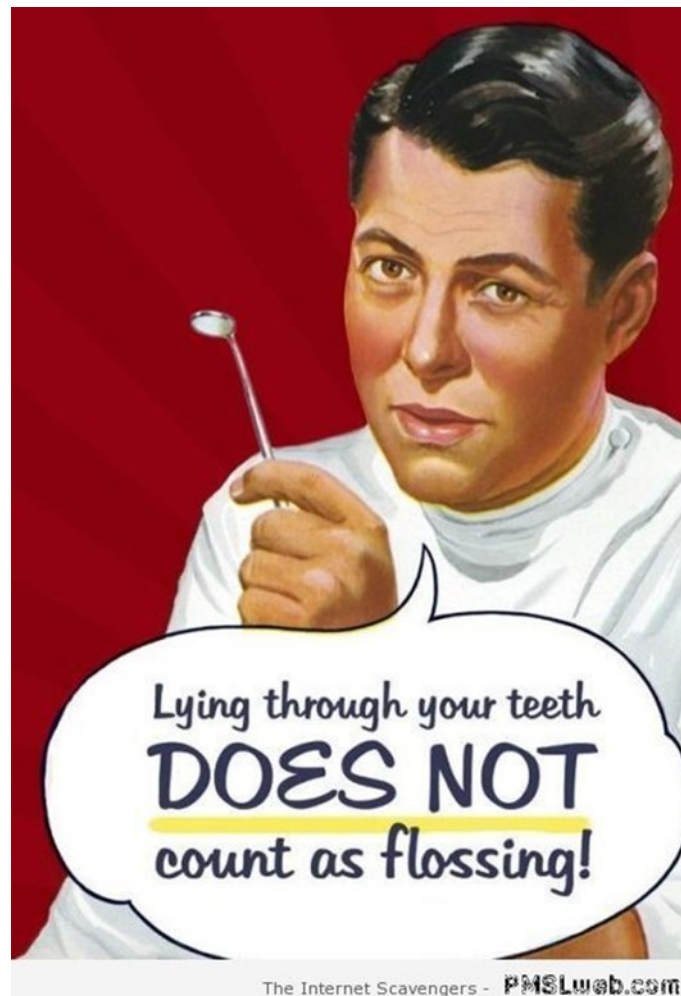


HOCKEY GAMES

Let no one say it is not a family environment!



Hmmm...

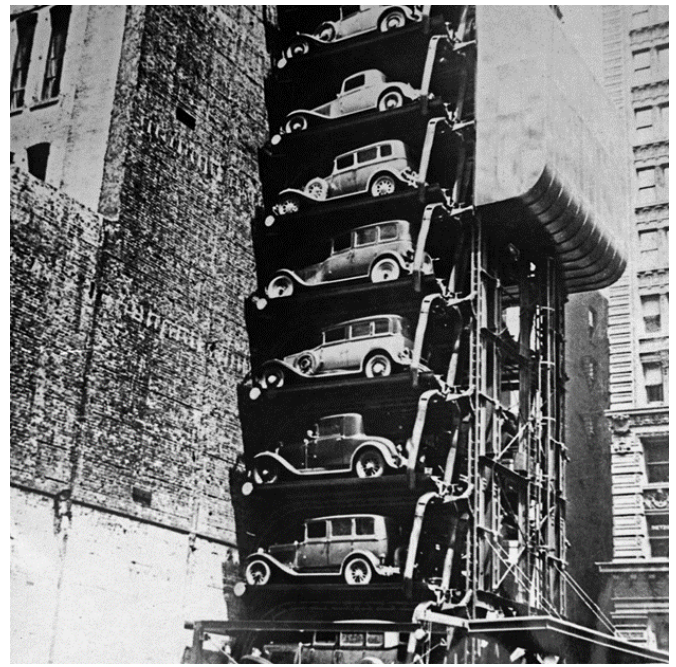


I wonder if politicians have actually had this gem pointed out by their dentist

COOL PICS FROM THE PAST



Mount Rushmore in the 1920's before the carving began



1920's vertical parking New York City



First international match at Wimbledon 1883



Testing football helmets in 1912

GYRETTE GIGGLES

Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers is that true?

Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



**During labor,
the pain is so
great that a
woman...**

**can almost
imagine what a
man feels like
when he has a cold.**



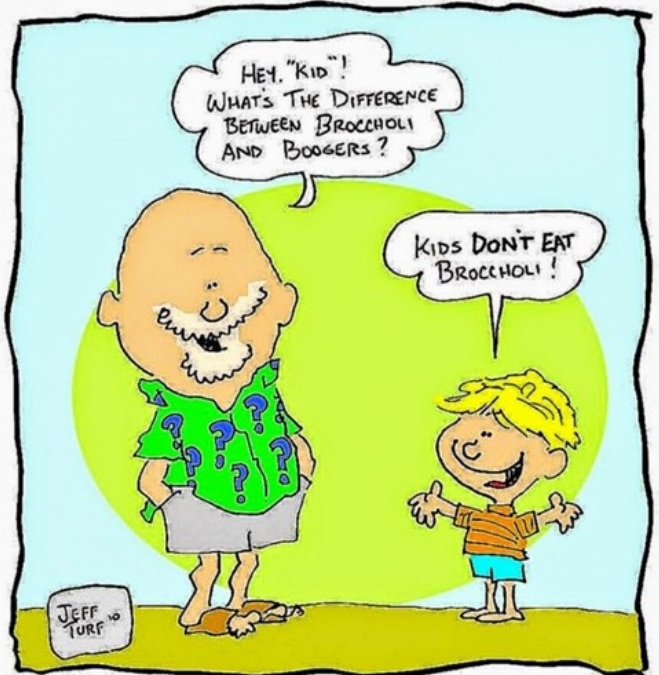
SUMMER FOOD FUNNIES

7 months into legalizing marijuana and this is where we are



Tom's family receives the horrible news.

I am no cook. But I can follow the directions. Which said to let the bird chill in the sink for a few hours.



EYE SEE

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By Dan Gibson



This dog you gave me only has one ear, and really bad breath!

DAY 12 WITHOUT CHOCOLATE

Lost hearing in my left eye

off the mark.com

by Mark Parisi



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...if you're going to skip rope with your grandchildren you should wear a bra.

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS (1955 version)



I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

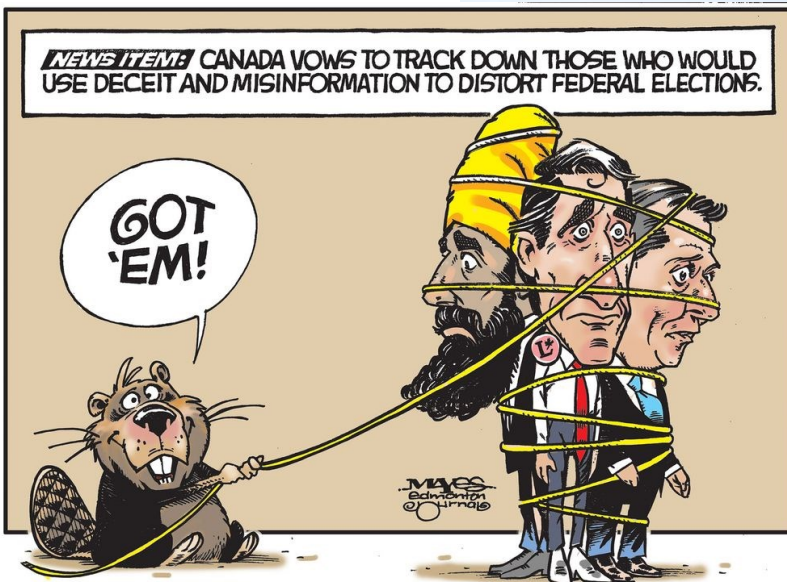
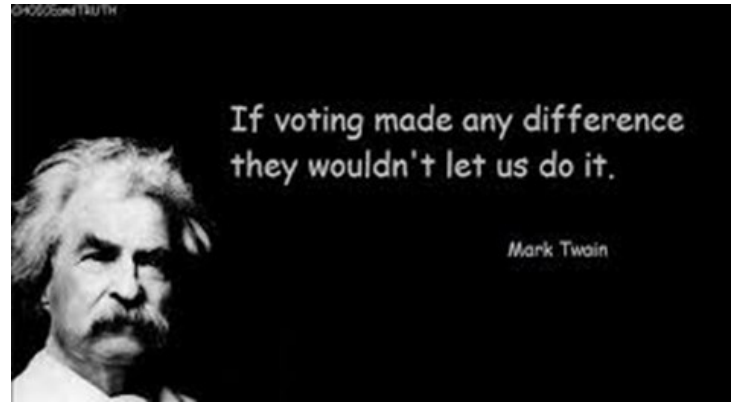


It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.



I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

MEANWHILE IN CANADA



Meanwhile NOT in Canada



Spotted in Los Angeles

A computer has calculated the 'average face' for various locations around the world...



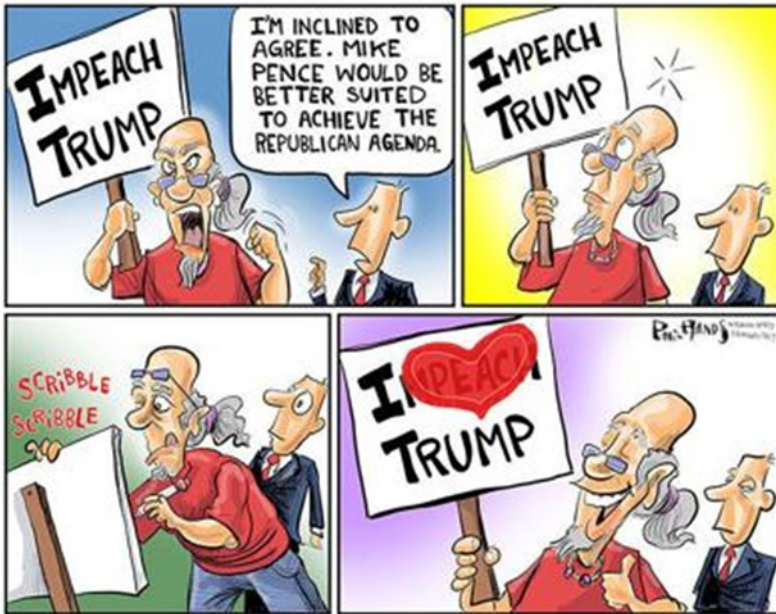
Americans will measure with anything but the metric system

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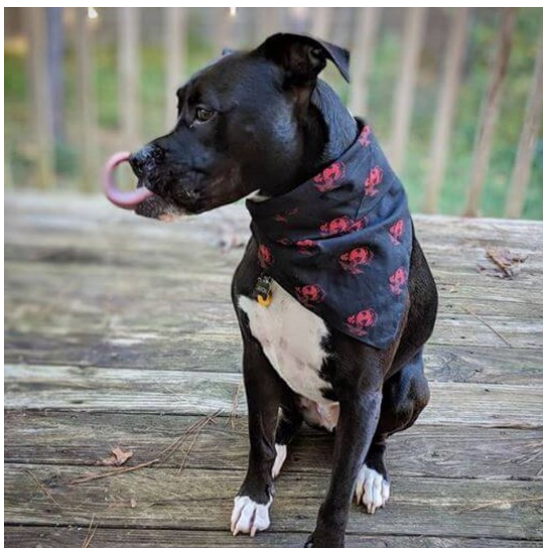
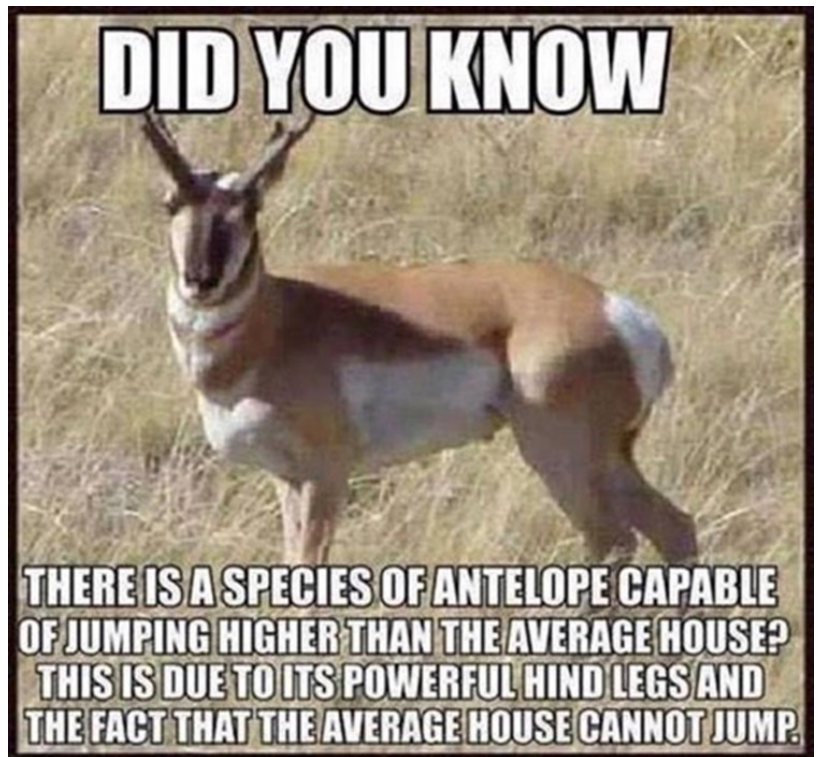
A sinkhole roughly the size of six to seven washing machines has closed the northbound lanes of State Line Road near 100th Street in Kansas City, Missouri.
bit.ly/2YAEWaJ



SOUTH OF THE BORDER, DOWN WASHINGTON



ANIMAL INSTINKS



Can you touch your nose with your tongue?

Gretz and I can.



SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

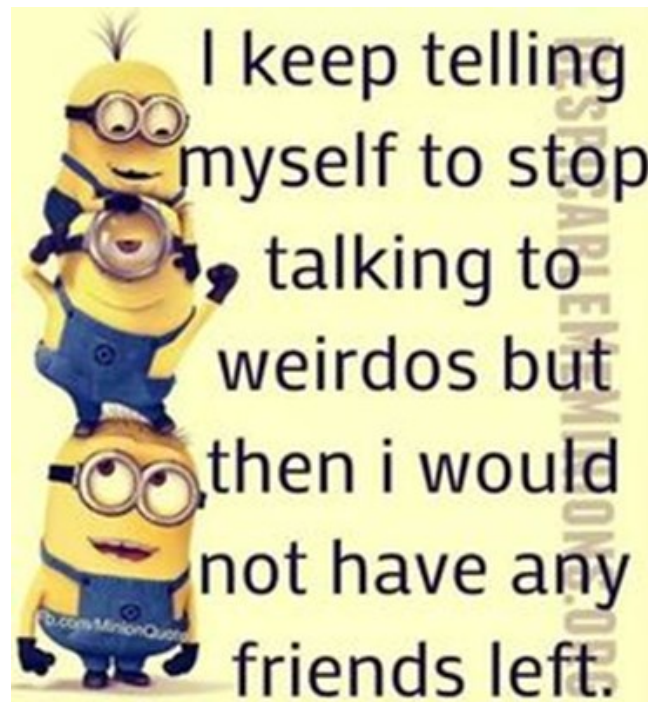
We know this started in the toilet



I NEVER WISH DEATH
UPON ANYBODY WHO
WRONGS ME. I WISH
SUDDEN, EXPLOSIVE
DIARRHOEA WHILE ON A
DATE, WITH FREQUENT
SNEEZES



GYRO FRIENDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD...

