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I WAS JUST THINKING: At 12:01 AM on January 1st, for the first time ever, hindsight was actually 2020.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

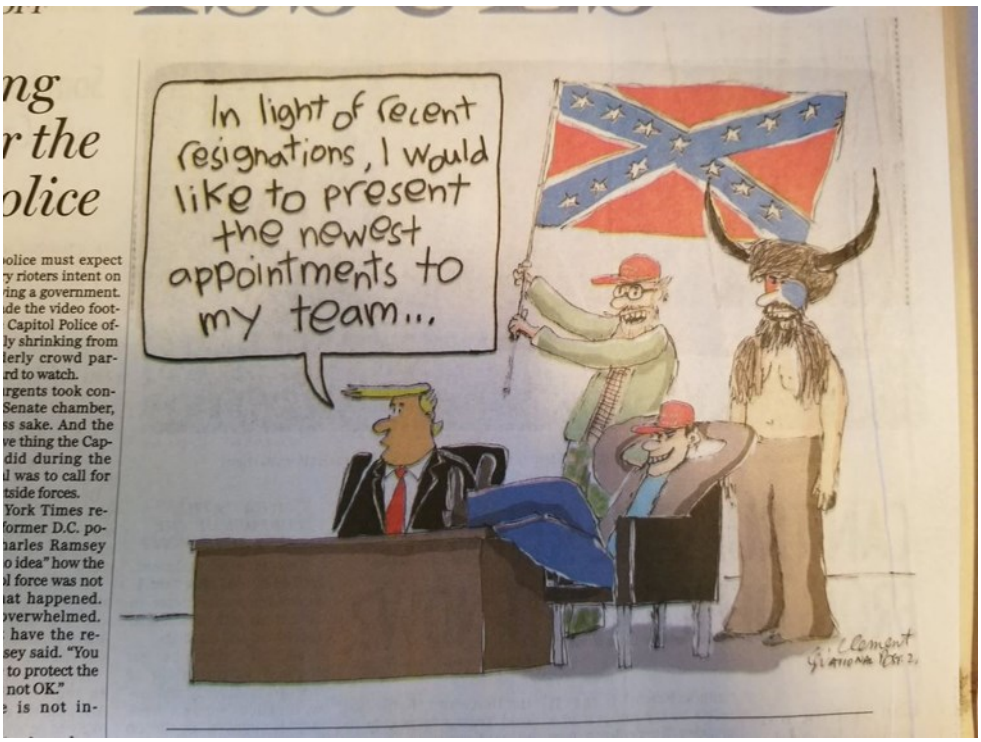
As I write this, it is January 7th. The news media was filled with disturbing images of the events occurring in and around the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The anarchy that erupted was not totally unexpected, given the bizarre behaviour of POTUS but it was still shocking, disheartening and testing one's faith in our species right to claim the top rung on the evolutionary ladder.

As I watch these events unfolding, I am filled with sadness for the United States and for our many dear friends and family who are Americans. Thoughts of the obvious decline in this once proud nation have crept into my head over the past four years but I fear the decline is deepening at a much more precipitous rate than I might have imagined. All democratic countries have an extreme left and extreme right political elements within their population but usually the moderate middle ground is occupied by a more reasoned majority. This model appears to be in jeopardy in America. Donald Trump has succeeded in dividing the nation into two camps. He has repeatedly challenged the middle with taunts of "You are either for us or against us," implying and in some cases even stating "There is no other option". He has not drained the swamp as promised. He had polluted it further and stirred it up to a level of irrational anger.

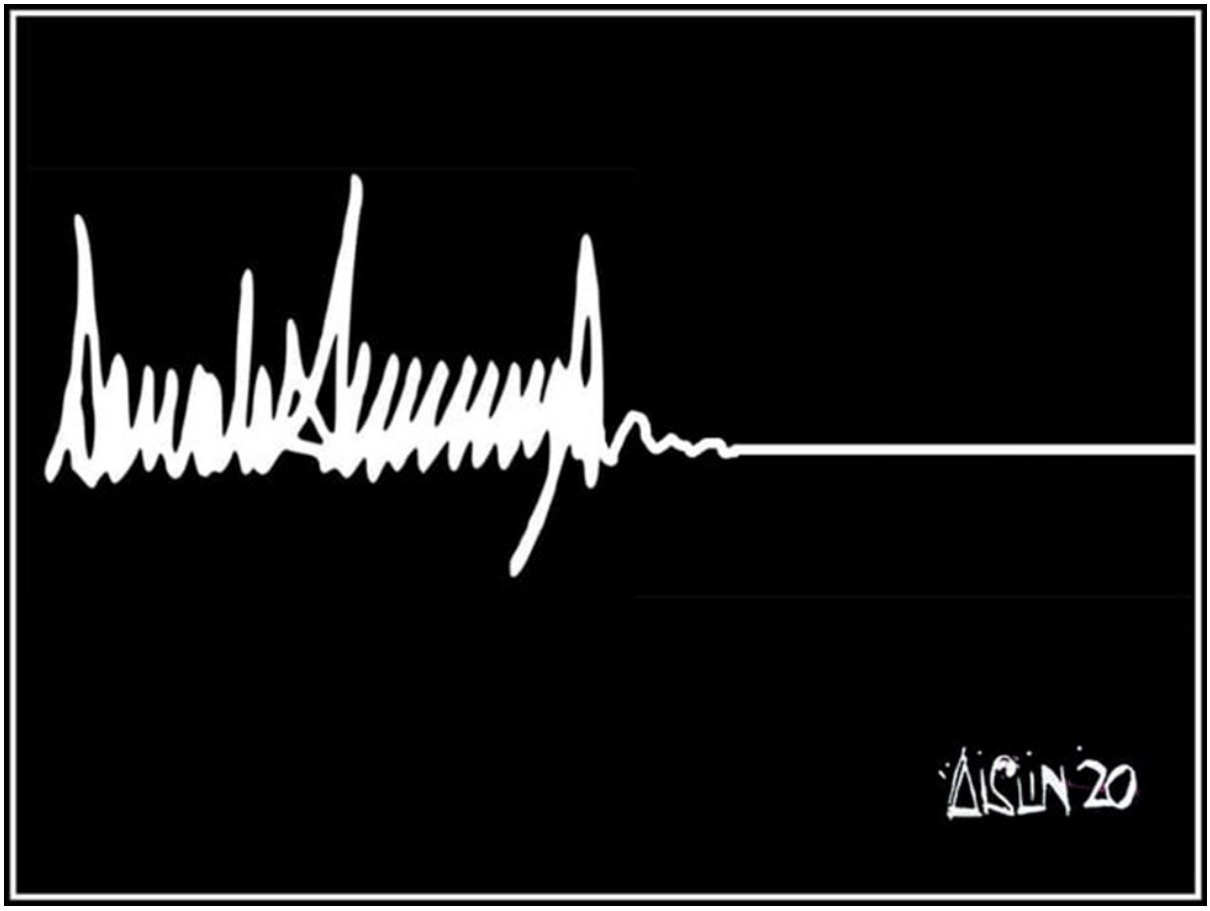
Rant contd.

Several questions have come to me in whispers over the past four years crescendoing to a scream this week. The American Empire has appeared to be in decline like all others before it. It rose faster than it's predecessors and its decline might be expected to be more rapid partly because everything seems to be accelerated in this age of IT and AI. About two centuries may its life expectancy from beginning to end. It is hanging on to the title of "World Super Power" not by way of its leadership, but merely because of its massive military. The international respect it deservedly established over the past century has been lost, perhaps irretrievably, by its more recent insular approach to the world. But there are voices of sane repute starting to mention "Civil War" more and more these days. Such an event would not guarantee birthing a stronger nation. There is a good chance it would do so much damage that by the time America was able to rebuild its economy, vision, and its soul the rest of the world would have moved on. China, is already less than a decade (some authorities say less than half that) from a chance at claiming number one world leader status. A second American civil war would accelerate that achievement as the only serious barrier would have been removed.

I know. I need to take a happy pill. I am just hoping that my worst concerns are unfounded and that getting these thoughts down on my screen will help me to move on to sunnier thoughts. If that doesn't do the trick, does anyone have a spare happy pill they're not using?



THE WEEK THAT WUZ IN AMURKA



On 16 December 2020, Montreal Gazette editorial cartoonist Terry "Aislin" Mosher said it all with a single line: DJT's sharpie signature... Flatlining. WE CAN ONLY HOPE.

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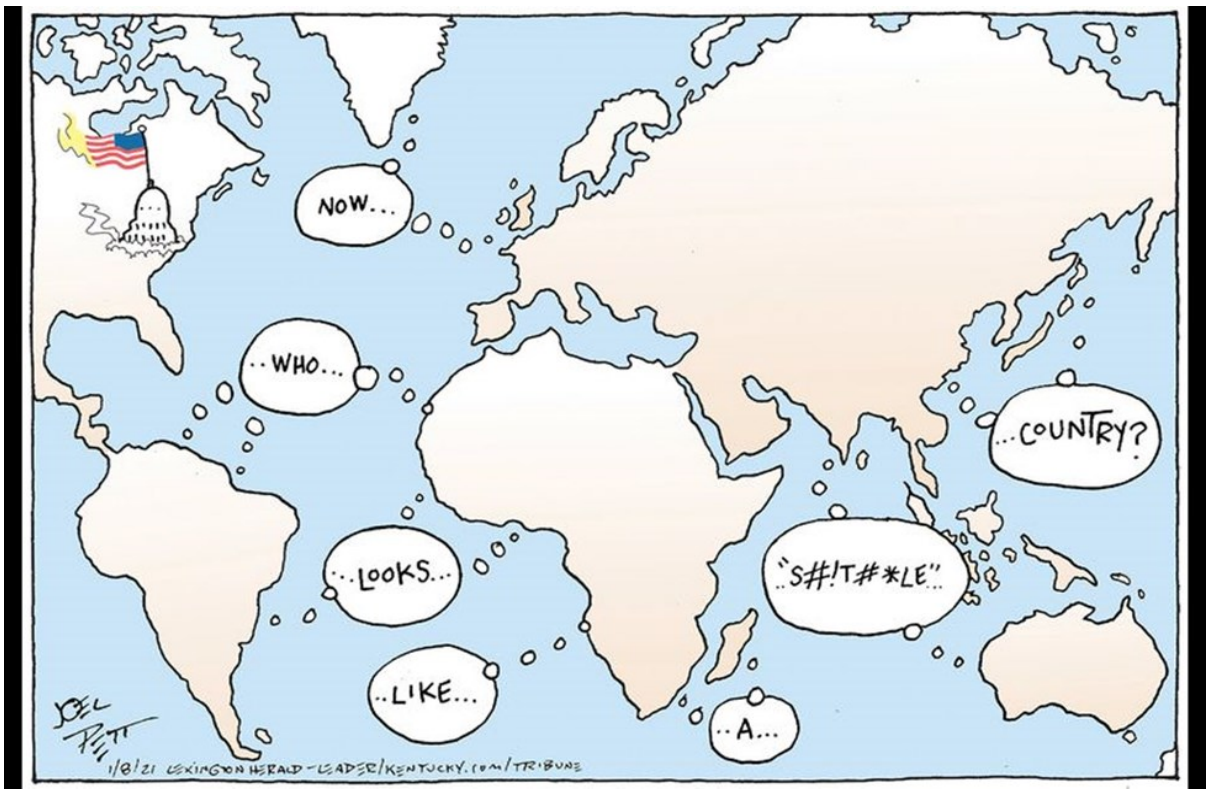


Respect for a great nation at an all time low as America's President hears the echo of his own words

GYRO MEETINGS

A **ZOOM MEETING** took place Wednesday, January 13th, with 30 members participating. The first, and only order of formal business was the induction into the club of our newest member, Nester Slipchuk. District VIII governor, Derm Jackman, read the riot act and the oath which formalized Nester's official membership and he was welcomed into Gyro with a virtual round of applause. Ray Davis advised that the websight has and click on now changed to the international one for better security. Go to sherwoodpark.gyro.org and click on Park Piunts Bulletin on the upper left. Ray also advised that he is organizing and collating the members' autobiographies and will post them as a separate item on the website. He would like to include a photo of each member to include with their bio.

President Ewanchuk then changed the course of the meeting and each participant gave us a summary of how they spent their Covid Christmas. There was a common theme that went something like "had a Zoom/Skype/Facetime call with the kids and grandkids, cooked a turkey/ham/tortierre/chicken etc. for "just the two of us". Some did driveway drop-offs of presents with local family. The meeting and visits came to an abrupt end after 90 minutes as the first Oilers hockey game of the season was about to start.

A closing question was asked to Peter Elzinga about the guest speaker for the next Zoom meeting to be held on February 10th. The guest speaker will be Sheldon Croome, CEO of

Possible Non-Local Meetings:

International Convention August 4-8 Winnipeg MB

District VIII Convention (may be moved to September?) Calgary, AB

2020 was like looking both ways before crossing the street and then being hit by an airplane

HEALTH AND WELFARE

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

Jan Bradley - on Thursday the 7th, Jan had cataract surgery on both eyes. She is resting at home with Keith providing bedside care by instilling the necessary drops (28) into her eyes.

Bill Carter - nothing new to report from the last bulletin. Bill is continuing with his immunotherapy. He of course is staying close to home except for his treatment at the Cross.

Bruce and Gayla Copeland - both Bruce and Gayla are doing well after their required isolation from Covid although Bruce is experiencing tiredness in his legs. Other than that they stay close to home and only go out for groceries or an occasional walk.

Al Gordon - on Thursday the 7th Al was out walking their newly adopted dog Sierra. Unfortunately for Al he slipped on some ice, fell and broke a rib. He is convalescing at home and is trying very hard not to laugh or cough.

Carol Lesniak - no change with Carol since the last bulletin. She and Ken stayed home during the holidays but did Facetime with their family.

Judy Taylor - Judy tires easily and is in some pain. She has a walker so that she can move about the house. Art provides great care and under Judys supervision he cooks the meals.

Dawn and John Williams - Christmas eve day Dawn was released to Johns care from the Royal Alex after 7 1/2 weeks in hospital. The hospital was not able to get Dawn mobile and John was afraid of Dawn contracting the virus. She is now home and moving about with the aid of a walker and is gradually gaining strength. John is still waiting to hear when he can have surgery on his thumb.

Note: A positive addendum to Don's report - I spoke with Bill Carter and he indicated that his medical team is very impressed with his positive reaction to the immunotherapy. There are no new tumors and the existing ones seem to be decreasing in size. We are all cheering for you, your oncologist and the immunotherapy, Bill.

SB

PERFECT PANDEMIC PRECIPITATED PLANS TO PASS THE TIME

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH COURSES (part 2)

EC-6 1000 Other Uses for Vacuum Cleaners

EC-7 How to Convert a Wheelchair into a Dune Buggy

H-202 Creative Tooth Decay

H-204 Exorcism and Acne

H-205 The Joys of Hypochondria

H-210 High Fiber Sex

H-220 Biofeedback and How to Stop It

H-302 Skate yourself to Regularity

H-404 Optional Body Functions

H-406 Understanding Nudity

H-408 Tap Dance Your Way to Social Ridicule

H-410 Self-actualization Through Macrame

C-102 Needlecraft for Junkies

C-105 Cuticle Crafts

C-110 Gifts for the Senile

C-606 Bonsai Your Pet

E-405 Cultivating Viruses in Your Refrigerator

E-406 Sinus Drainage at Home

E-410 The Repair and Maintenance of Your Virginity

E-411 Christianity and the Art of Recreational Vehicle Maintenance

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH COURSE ENROLLMENRT FORM

*NAME*_____ *JOB TITLE*_____

*ADDRESS*_____ *PHONE NUMBER* _____

**Note: as promised in the last bulletin edition, this course offering will be limited to 2 parts*

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Take The...

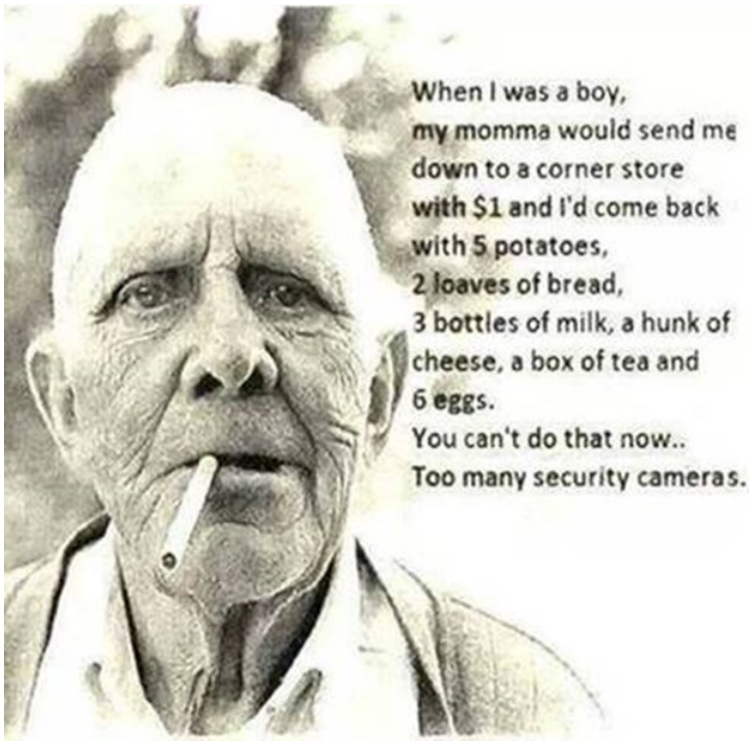
Older then Dirt Quiz

Do you remember?

1. Blackjack chewing gum and Teaberry.
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water.
3. Candy cigarettes.
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles.
5. Coffee shops or diners with table-side jukeboxes.
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers.
7. Party lines on the telephone.
8. Newsreels before the movie.
9. P.F. Flyers.
10. Butch wax.
11. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (There were only three channels, if you were lucky).
12. Peashooters.
13. Howdy Doody.
14. 45 RPM records.
15. S&H green stamps.
16. Hi-fi's.
17. Metal ice trays with lever.

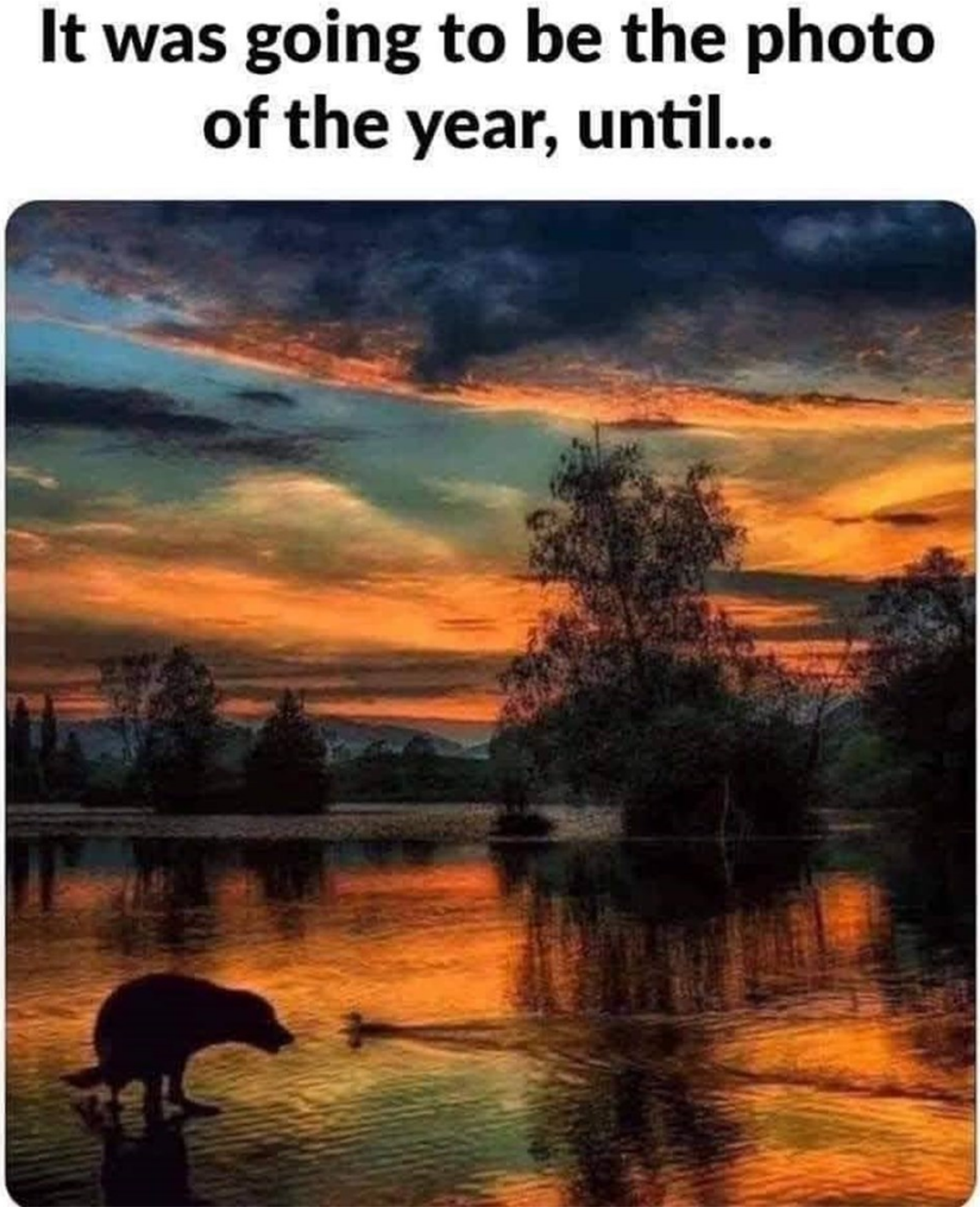
You have to SHARE
if you remember 4 or more!

@Stuff



ANXIETY MEDICINE

In these uncertain times it is easy to let your anxiety start to creep up . Perhaps while we are in various forms of lock-down, some images from our amazing world will help remind us that regardless of how things may look right now, we are indeed so lucky to be inhabiting this beautiful planet.



Hmmm..

A whoopee cushion filled with gravy adds a hilarious new dimension to a rather tiresome practical joke.
WHOOPEE CUSHION
JUST FOR JOKES AND FUN
www.facebook.com/daily.jokes247

Why Aren't I-Phone Chargers Called "Apple Juice?"

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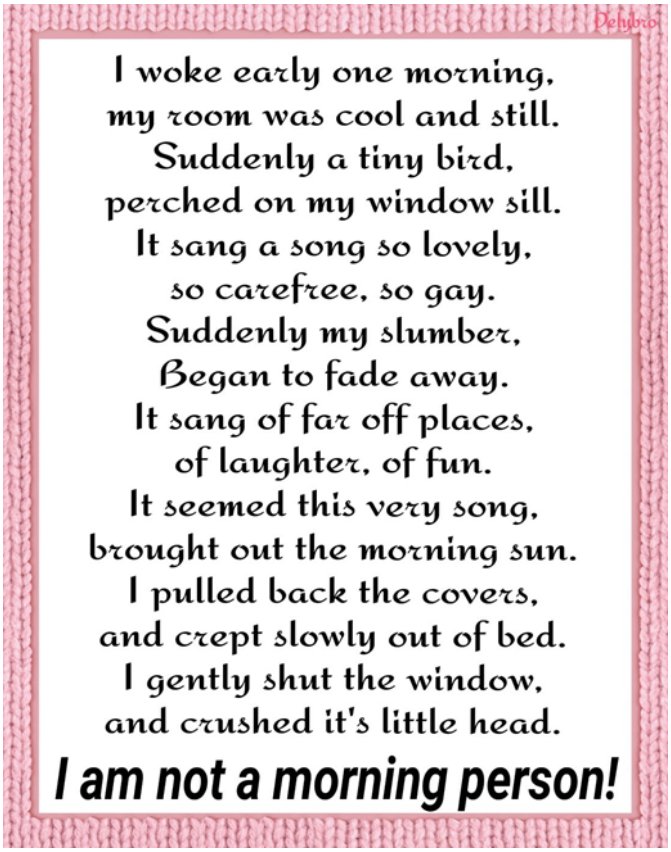
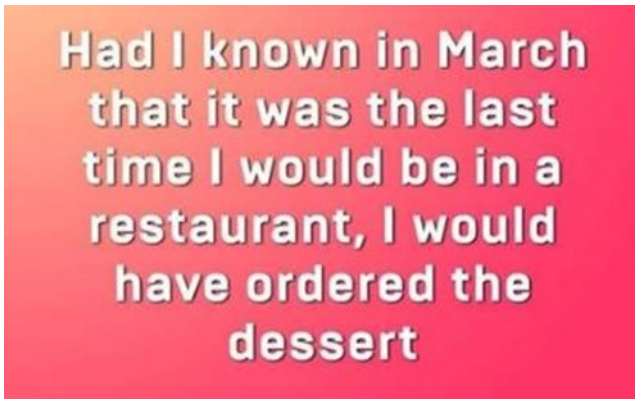
Notice how they named all the cows traditionally girl names. There is a deep connection between misogyny and consuming animals.
4 Awards
Yeah, I don't know about her but I don't want to eat yoghurt from a "male" cow...

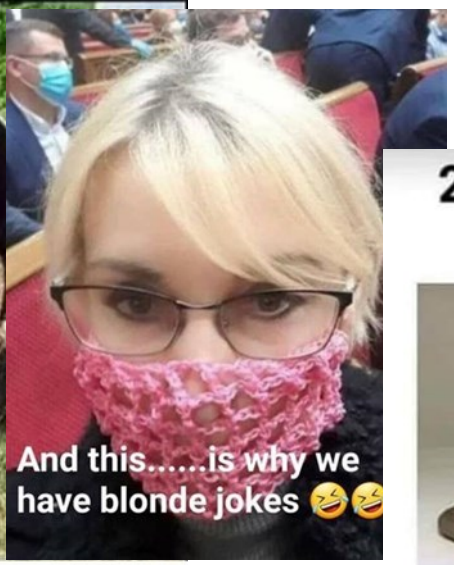

I woke early one morning,
my room was cool and still.
Suddenly a tiny bird,
perched on my window sill.
It sang a song so lovely,
so carefree, so gay.
Suddenly my slumber,
Began to fade away.
It sang of far off places,
of laughter, of fun.
It seemed this very song,
brought out the morning sun.
I pulled back the covers,
and crept slowly out of bed.
I gently shut the window,
and crushed it's little head.
I am not a morning person!

GYRETTE GIGGLES (Men who lack supervision dept.)

COVID REWIND—Looking back on 2020

(Before We Bury it)





Day 72 of social isolation and it's looking like Las Vegas in my house:

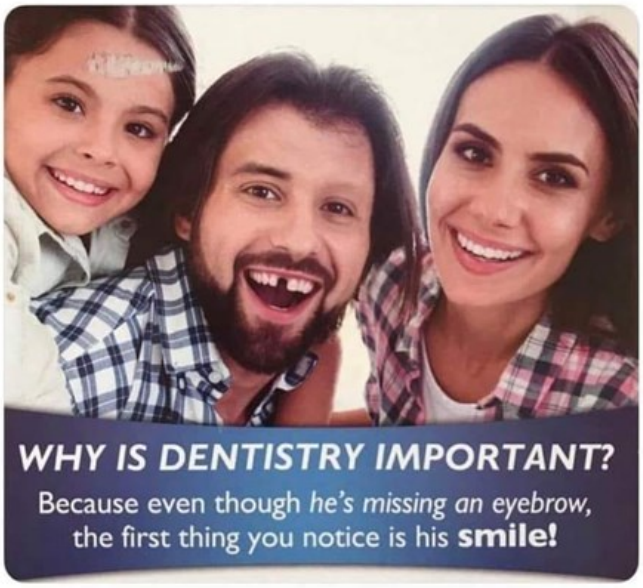
We're losing money by the minute.

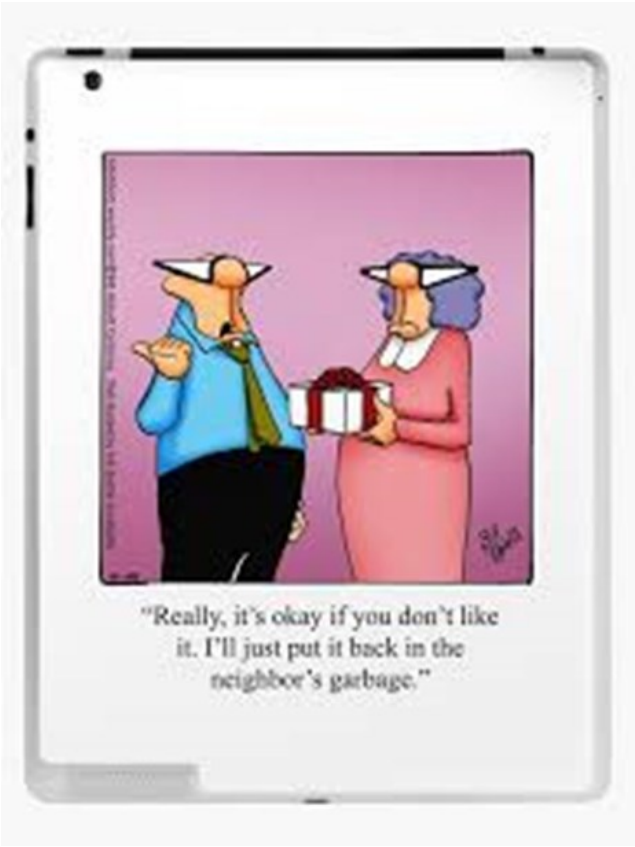
Cocktails are acceptable at any hour.

Nobody knows what time it is.

MEDICAL MOMENTS

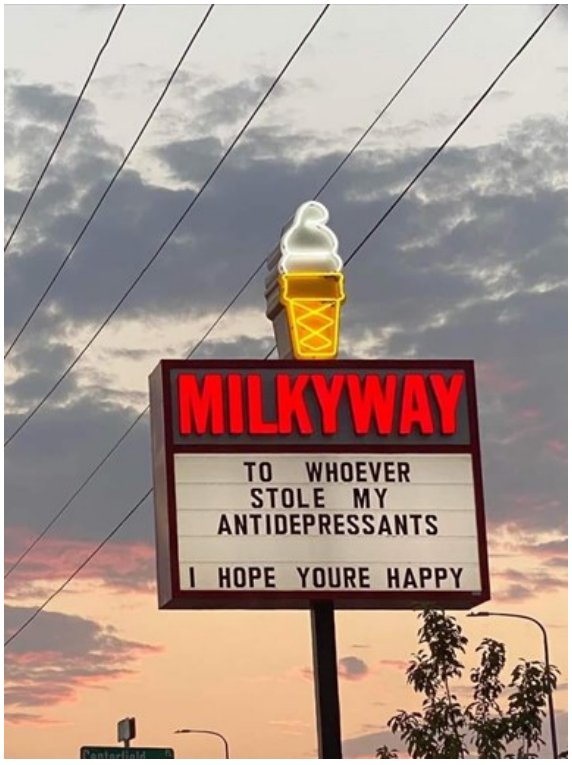
This ad from a dental company. 😆





COVID COMEDY

SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



MEANWHILE IN CANADA

u ok canada

We are slowly trying to distance ourselves from the US...piece by piece.

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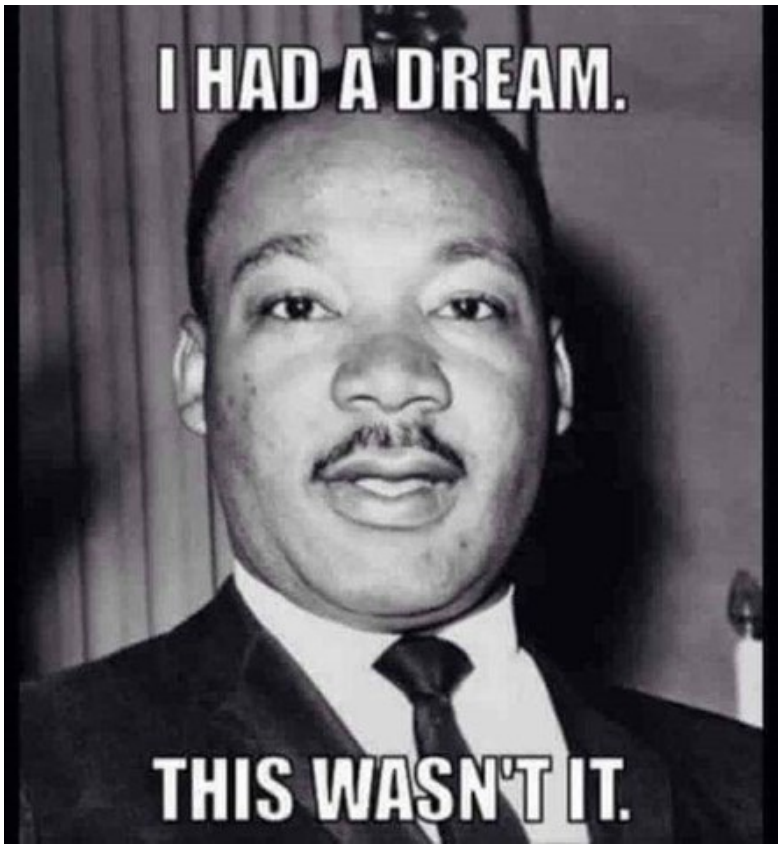
1,006,199 notes Dec 5th, 2017 boredpanda.com

MEANWHLE NOT IN CANADA



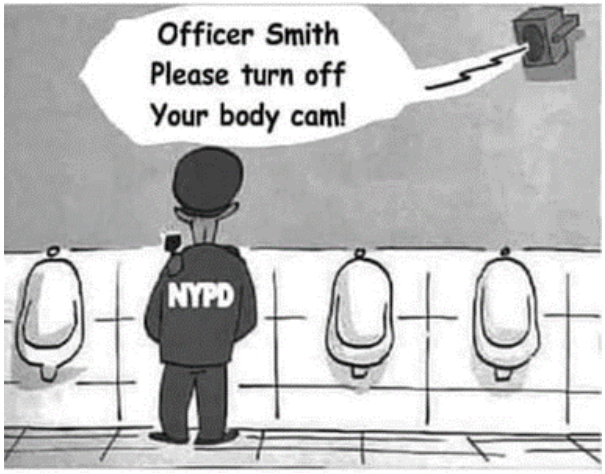
SOUTH OF THE BORDER, DOWN WASHINGTON WAY

January 6, 2021

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

Apparently, it's only appropiate to say "Look at you! You got so big!" to children. Adults tend to get offended.

If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



ANIMAL INSTINKS

GYRO FRIENDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Obviously does not apply to Gyros

AND THE LAST WORD….

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