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I WAS JUST THINKING: The Folgers commercial got it wrong. The best thing about waking up is going back to bed after you pee.

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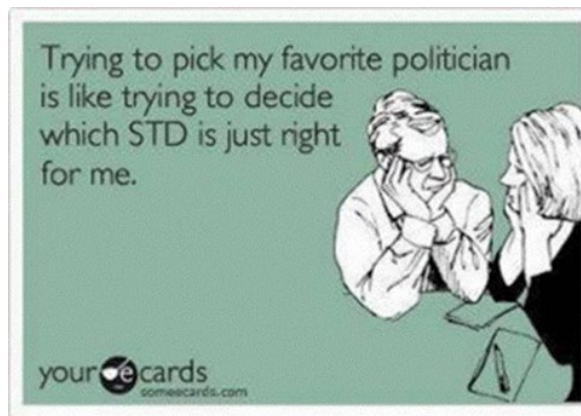
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EDITOR'S RANT



Well, its over. I am neither sad nor elated. I remain numb. After spending most of my adult life involved in some level of politics, I have lost much of my faith in the remains of the democratic process. I don't believe the voters are to

blame. Here in Alberta the polling stations welcomed record numbers of voters who obviously wanted to exercise their democratic right and responsibility. It is not a provincial problem, or a national problem. It is a disease that is killing democracy around the world and has been for a very long time. I like to recall my naiveite when I felt most politicians were honest and had their constituents' best interests as paramount and sacrosanct. Some of them were exactly that. I knew, and trusted and admired them. But more and more the real underlying political motivation has shifted to what is best for the party, best for getting re-elected and remaining in power. Certainly a good chunk of the elected officials, parties and bureaucrats have thought that way throughout history. But times have changed. It is now a given that party politics trumps (pun acknowledged)) the actual public good much or most of the time. This has created cavernous divisions between constituents, between friends and even families. It is

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most obvious south of our border, but we are just as **guilty**. guilty. We are just more polite.

I have known, respected, and befriended individuals who made politics a big part of their career. Our own Peter Elzinga is just one of those people. I do not recognize or trust many in the current crop of political people.

I am becoming convinced that our sick health care system cannot be rescued while bureaucrats and politicians who know nothing about the system are in charge. Their ignorance is understandable but stands in the way of finding workable solutions even when they don't bolster the party line or job security. It is time for actual experts on the ground to have a go at fixing the broken systems, not just in health care, but in so many, perhaps most of industries that are struggling. I know that one can view this as putting the fox in charge of the hen house, but the urban farmers who have never actually farmed have a woefully unimpressive track record.

Now, is it really a democratic political problem at all? The World Economic Forum's Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates, and a number of economic powerhouses are the fodder for all sorts of theories about what will really rule humanity's destiny in the not-too-distant future.

Between apparently semi-secret master plans and runaway Artificial Intelligence, Perhaps the first part of this rant is totally out of touch with reality and the illusion of democracy and power of the people is simply an outdated delusion.

On a lighter note... hold that hope. I can't think of one today. But the sun will definitely come up tomorrow.

JUNE'S BIRTHDAY BOYS

Again, records show that three of us were born in June:

Lawrence Zalasky (3rd); **Al Gordon** (27th); **Terry Bajer** (29th).

I imagine Al and Terry were lucky and missed getting the "Birthday Bumps" at school . Lawrence was probably not so lucky.

There is a myth that was once put to song about June babies all being beautiful.

We will neither confirm nor deny that ancient story, but our boys have certainly all had a few votes in the "cute" category over the years,

Enjoy your day, guys.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

WINDUP and INSTALLATION June 29th, 6:00PM

We will be gathering for an evening of fun and formality at the **Broadmoor Golf Club**. This is one of our high point meetings of the year. Don't miss it.

Please confirm with Rick Craddock richardcraddock@shaw.ca

GYRO GOLF TOURNAMENT July 23 starting at 10 AM

Please advise Gord Stewart ggs01@telus.net of your intent to play or join the group for lunch. Details will follow closer to game day.

HORSE RACING FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH: The horses are waiting for us to throw our money at them at the **Airport Race Track** on **June 16th**. The plan is for the horses to do the running and we will do the eating at a fine dinner as we watch our dreams of big cash winnings erode into a desert of blasted hopes. Sounds like a really fun evening!

Races start at 6:15. Lloyd advises getting there by 5:30. He has set aside tables for Gyros.

Gyro District VIII Convention, Thursday, July 27-Sunday July 30

Deerfoot Inn & Casino Convention Centre, **Calgary**

Ken Baker, Convention Chairman, Calgary Gyro Club.

<http://www.calgarygyroclub.com>

Gyro International Gyro District VII Convention,

"Summer

Nights & Northern Lights" **August 23-27 Winnipeg**

<http://winnipeg.gyro.org/>

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Ted Ewanchuk: Ted has finally received the long awaited call from the bone and joint clinic. His surgery for total knee replacement is scheduled for June 13th. This is expected to have him laid up until at least September. Our positive thoughts are with you, Ted. They are also with Judi. We wish you a speedy recovery...but not too speedy. That kind of speed can set you back to December. The bulletin will keep you informed of Ted's progress. Tape a message on your good knee, Ted, saying, "My lawyer advised me to remind you that it is the other knee."



Scott Brisbin: I have been recovering from my May 19th colon surgery and am pleased to report that I am doing well. In fact, I am ahead of schedule, coming home after three days instead of the expected week, and have taken no pain medication since day six. But the really great news came an hour before I wrote this. The surgeon, Dr. Laffe, called with the lab results and informed me that I am now cancer-free. I am doing so well that my final check is in a month. My experience at the Royal Alex Hospital was a complete opposite to the nightmare we went through at the other hospital with Calli in January. Despite all that is so wrong with the state of our health care system, the staff at the RAH were, without exception, positive, caring, professional, and made me confident that I was receiving excellent care. They even read patient charts before administering medication and communicated with each other as well as me and my family! What a concept!

Thanks to my fellow Gyros for your encouraging messages and prayers. They were very much appreciated.

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm OK, but I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse.

"Oops!"

LAST MEETING AUCTION NIGHT

May 24th saw 30 Gyros, including District Lt. Governor, Dunc Mills, gathered at the GCCC to bolster the club's coffers and take home some great rewards for doing so.

As has been a long tradition, **Bill Carter** served as the Auctioneer, assisted by **Rick Craddock** and **Jim Malott**. Bill mixed business with banter and when the bidding became tense he kept things civil, but not overly so. Thanks to all who made this evening a traditionally fun as well as a profitable one. When Jim tallied things up at the end of the night we had raised \$3300.

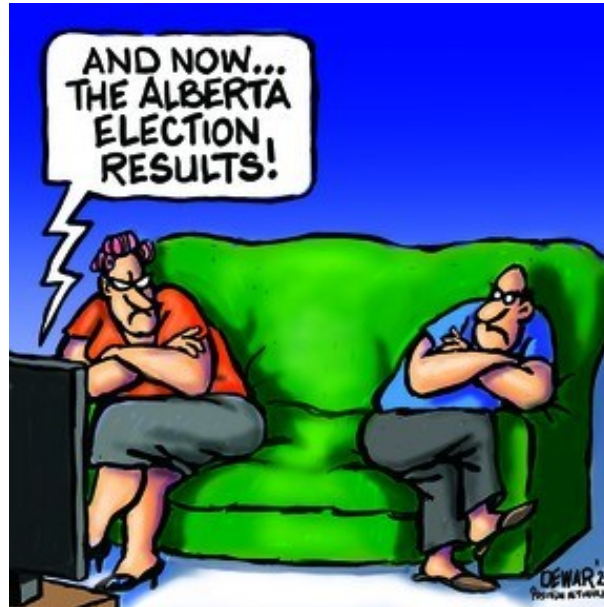
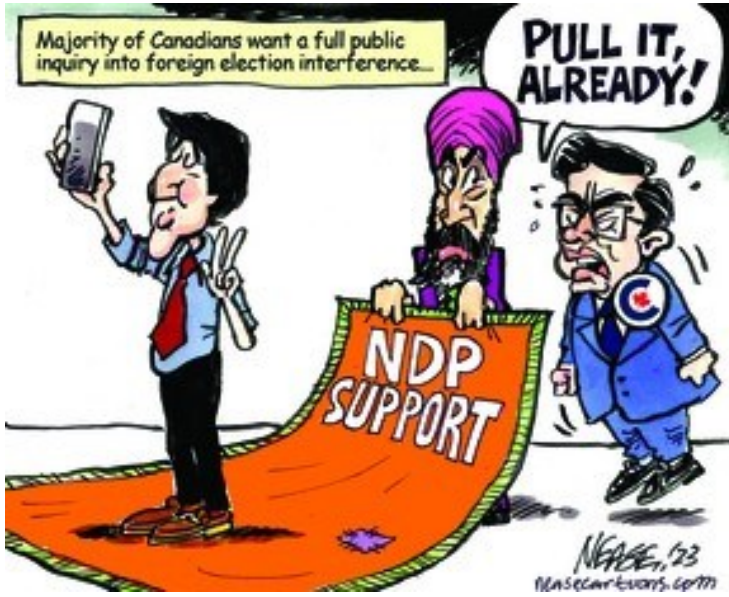
Thanks obviously go out to our soon to be laid up, **Ted Ewanchuk**, for helping keep the evening's objective on track and uppermost in the members' minds and to **Herb Zmuechuk** for the photo documentation. Kudos to all who contributed in so many ways.



AUCTION NIGHT contd.



MEANWHILE IN CANADA



MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA



WOKE FOLK

**Get some roosters
for eggs...&
Raise some bulls
for milk...
Then you'll see that
gender matters.
Especially at
milking time.**



Apparently it's no longer politically-correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so:

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Ghurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a South African, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian went to a night club.

The bouncer said, "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai.

**Why don't the
99% of us who
aren't
offended by
everything
quit catering
to the 1% who
are**

**Being white
doesnt make
you a racist and
being black
doesnt make
you a slave
being an idiot
however comes
in both colors**

A Woke-sensitive blonde joke:

I called Delta Airlines and asked, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The agent replies, "Just a minute."

"Thank you," I said , and hung up.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Most kids today won't understand the joy of playing with the telephone cord



Better question...who can remember their current phone number? You don't have to. It's right there with everything else on the planet on your cel phone!



SIGNS OF OUR TIMES (Sadly)



AGING GRACELESSLY

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE
GETTING OLD
WHEN A RECLINER
AND A HEATING
PAD IS YOUR IDEA
OF A HOT DATE**

Lying about
my age is
easier now
that I have
trouble
remembering
what it is.

**Being twenty in the
seventies was much
more fun than being
seventy in the
twenties.**

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get."
– *Robert Orben*

"Old age is when you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings, and you hope it isn't for you."

"I have successfully completed the thirty-year transition from wanting to stay up late to just wanting to go to bed."

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest.
You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down."
– *t.s. elliot*

"I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."
– *Bob Hope*

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me—they're cramming for their final exam."
– *George Carlin*

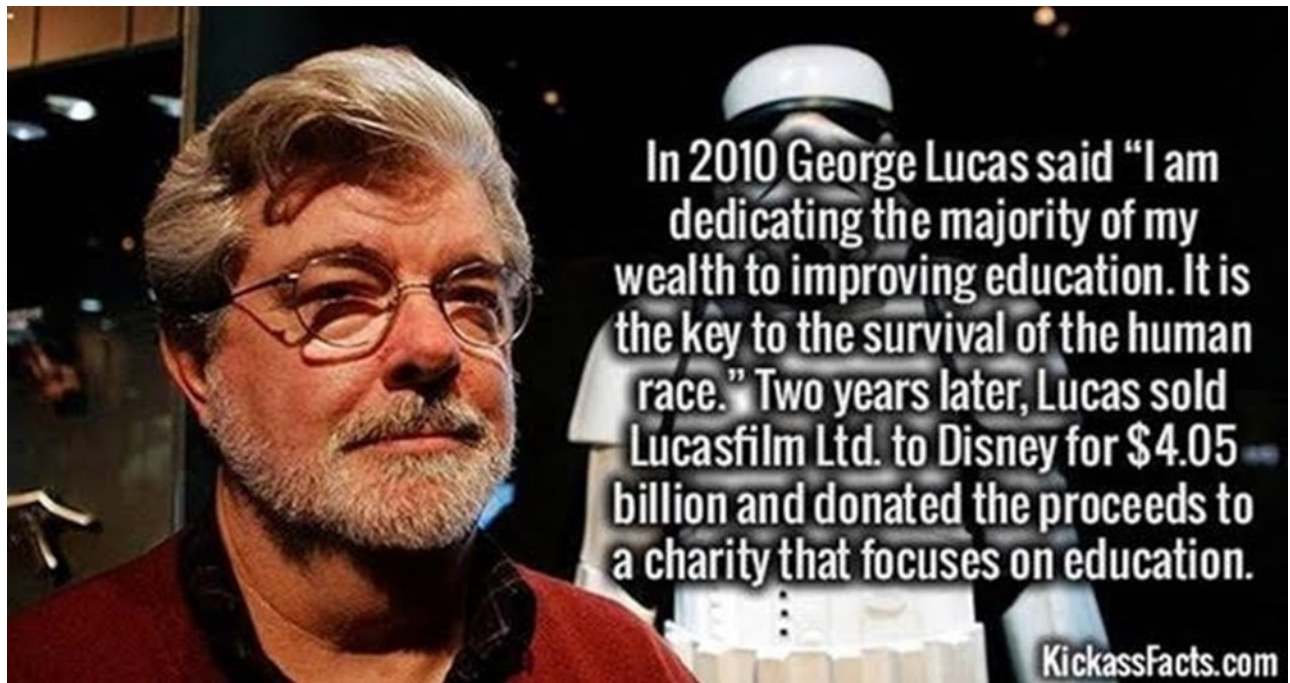
"I'm 59 and people call me middle-aged. How many 118-year-old men do you know?"
– *Barry Cryer*

"Getting older. I used to be able to run a 4-minute mile, bench press 380 pounds, and tell the truth."
– *Conan O'Brien*

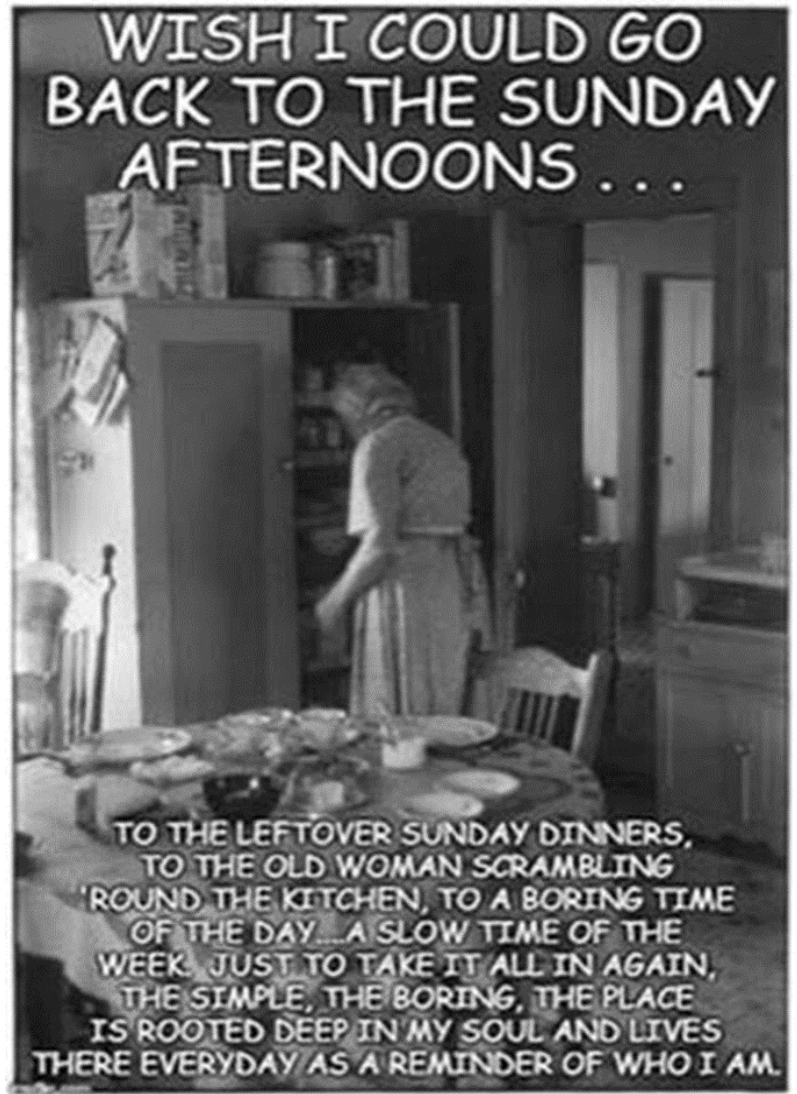
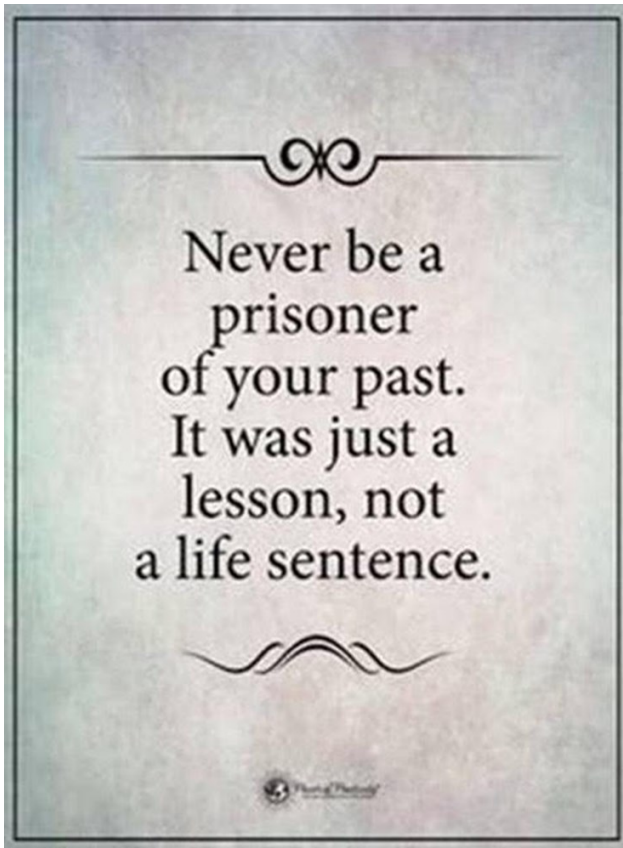
"Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does."
J. Norman Collier

"You know you are getting old when everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work."
– *Hy Gardner*

TRUTH BEATS FICTION, and that's the truth (Do you hear that, politicians?)



POSITIVE THOUGHTS



GYRETTE GIGGLES

Very Short Story Man driving down road. Woman driving up same road. They pass each other.

Woman yells out window, PIG!

Man yells out window, BITCH!

Man rounds next curve.

Man crashes into a HUGE PIG in middle of road and dies. Thought

For the Day: **If men would just listen**



Barbie didn't give me a poor body image. Barbie taught me you can't reattach a head once it's removed from the body.

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.



KID'S KOMEDY

HOW DID YOU FIND IT? WHO

A teacher is explaining biology to her third grade students. She says, "Human beings are the only creatures that stutter." A little girl raises her hand, saying, "I once had a kitty cat that stuttered." The teacher, knowing how precious some of these stories could become, asked the girl to describe the incident.

"Well," she began, "I was in the back yard with my kitty, and the Rottweiler that lives next door got a running start and before we knew it, he jumped over the fence into our yard!"

The teacher exclaimed, "That must've been scary!"

The little girl said, "It sure was. My kitty raised her back, went 'Sssss, Sssss, Sssss'. And before she could say 'Shit,' the Rottweiler ate her!"

The teacher had to leave the room.

A little girl asked her brother "What is love?"



He replied: "Love is when you steal my chocolate from my lunch bag everyday... and I still hide it in the same place."

I asked my five year old daughter what she wanted for her birthday.

"I want unicorns, rainbows and fairies," she giggled.

LSD it is then.

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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.



What an impressive scene. Most of us are drawn to the detail and depth captured here. For the rest of you who see beer, you may have a problem.



Hmmmm....

When you realize that
1970 and 2022 are as
far apart as 1970 and
1918 I'm just
going to need a
minute

Courage is knowing it might
hurt, and doing it anyway.

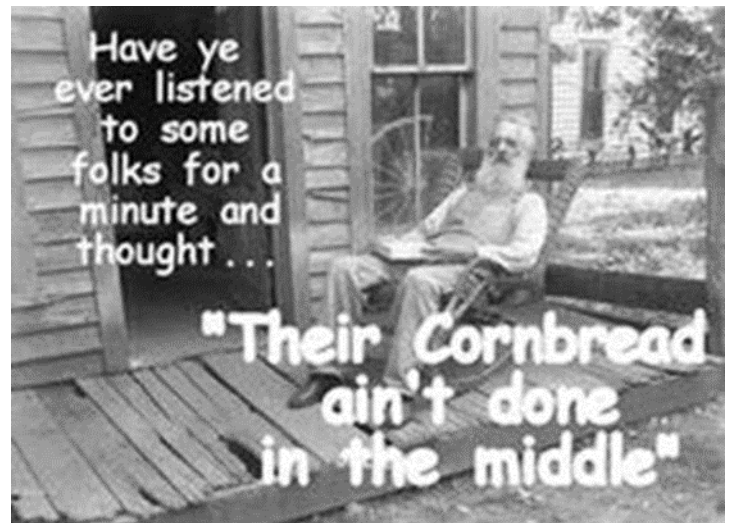
Stupidity is the same.

And that's why life is hard.

Deep thought of today:

When you clean out a
vacuum cleaner.

You become a vacuum
cleaner.

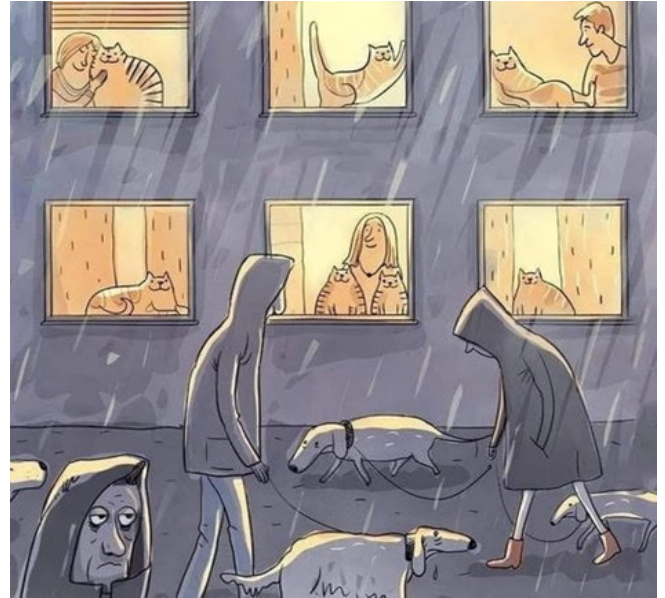


The distance it takes for
me to forget a number
between 1 and 10

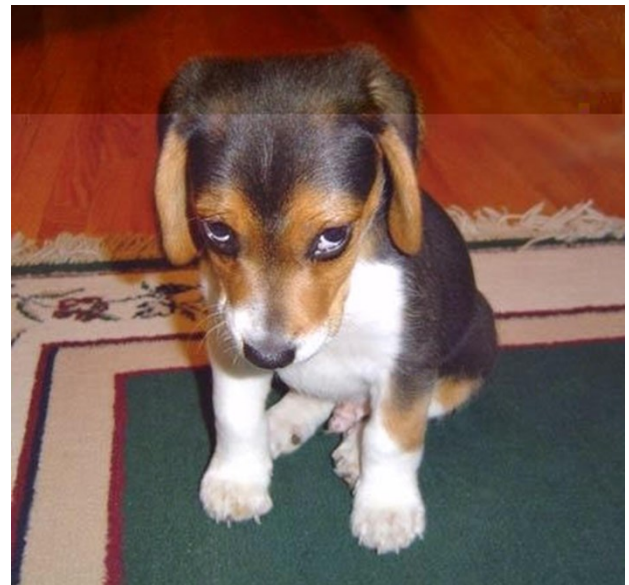


If your students know
your political
affiliation you have
failed as a teacher.
Teachers are there to
help students think
for themselves not
think like you.

ANIMAL INSTINCTS



This is what a helping hand looks like...



This is what sorry looks like



This is what tired looks like



This is what a bad mood looks like

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

The firefighter was asked why he laughed while saving this old woman...

He said that the elderly woman said to him: "You reminded me of my wedding night.." 😂😂😂



"I've combined a laxative and alphabet soup. I call it 'Letter Rip'."

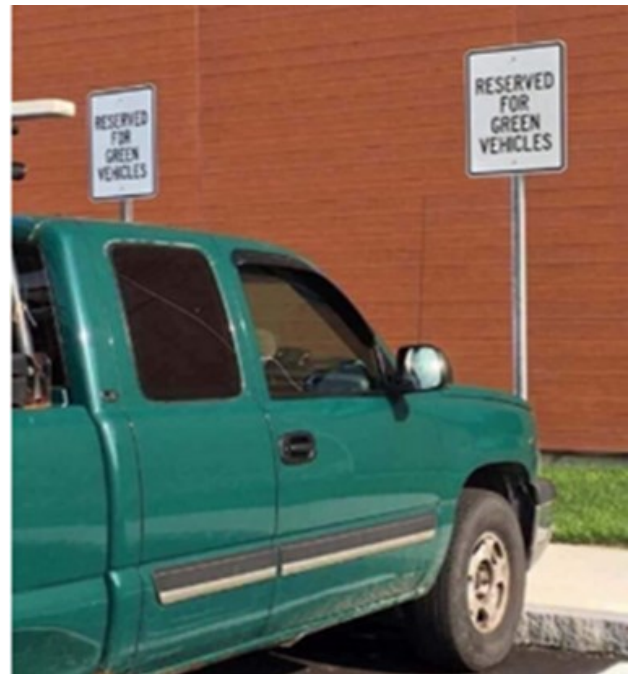
I'm in Home Depot and some little kid called me an old fart....

So if you're missing your kid...he's in the red LG dryer...isle 17

I HAD A BLAST AT THE STORE TODAY. I ASKED THE YOUNG CHECKOUT GIRL IF THESE WERE FRONT OR BACK LEGS



SHE DIDN'T KNOW AND SAID I'LL GO ASK. WHEN SHE GOT BACK SHE SAID, "NOT" FUNNY.



GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Unexpected friendships are the best ones

AND THE LAST WORD....

MiC's Helpful Dashboard Light Guide

			
winking robot	flex abs	circles are awesome!	owl sighting
			
yellow submarine	crying genie	why do I have a gas car?	giant lollipop

Interpretive Prep Sheet for your upcoming summer road trips