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I WAS JUST THINKING: If money is the root of all evil, why do they ask for it at church?

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EDITOR'S RANT

I had hoped that after 55 years of professional practice and the politics related to it, that I would be able to smile as I pass the baton on the professions' next generation that followed. However, old habits die hard.

I was sent a BC government memorandum that was sent out to healthcare professionals last week. I can't ever recall a document quite as undemocratic, even draconian, as this one from a government within Canada.

I would never have dreamed that the exodus of Alberta's healthcare practitioners to BC could have been stopped, but despite Premier Smith's lack of effort, that day may be approaching. There is a growing rebellion by health care professionals in BC against this legislation. I hope it is not too late. If it is, then I fear that our healthcare system in this country is not sick or broken, it is doomed.

To further summarize the summary of the BC Health Professions and Occupations Act, the following are the highlights (or lowlights).:

In November 2022 the NDP government in BC passed HPOA after a motion to close debate. Most healthcare professionals were unaware of what had happened until this Spring. As the process of creating the regulations to accompany this bill continue, and are expected to take another year before the actual effect is felt, a groundswell of opposing reaction is

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building up as fears are dawning on those affected (both professional and public).

The fears include but are not limited to:

1. All BC practitioners must now follow health guidelines set by political appointees for their patients or risk penalties including loss of license to practice.
2. Non-compliance with Ministry therapeutic guidelines may result in fines up to \$200,000 or \$500,000 (corporations) and incarceration up to 6 months or 2 years.
3. Anonymous complaints to the Colleges can result in summary suspension of licensure to practice before the complaint is investigated.
4. Appointees chosen by politicians may now enter a healthcare practice, seize patient records, and restrict access to that facility without a warrant or court order.
5. Refusal to accept all Ministry mandated vaccines and therapies will likely result in de-licensure.
6. College advisory boards will now consist of government appointees only.
7. All “self-regulatory” healthcare professions in BC will be governed entirely by politicians and their agents, using appointees selected by the Ministry of Health.
8. The Cabinet and the Minister of Health can adopt as law in BC any regulations, codes, standards or rules enacted in foreign jurisdictions or international bodies.
9. The new Health Professions and Occupations Act requires further elucidation of undefined terms used in the Act, such as “false or misleading information”, which may be defined by appointees at their discretion, lacking consultation with health professionals. Self governing health care professions will fade into history.

Imagine, for example, having your license to practice pulled or put in jeopardy by a single **anonymous** complaint, before the complaint is even investigated!

This action by the BC government is unmatched anywhere in the free and democratic world and the process whereby it was passed violated its own constitution. Nonetheless, this war on their healthcare professionals is proceeding. I suspect that the wave of doctors, nurses and other professionals that have been leaving Alberta and other jurisdictions will be greatly affected now. I worry, however, that it may actually be precedent setting and move further afield. In my opinion, it is the worst possible approach to trying to revive a sick, perhaps terminal health care system in this country. To totally shut out the practitioners and the professions from all decision-making and replace them with bureaucrats who have never seen a patient or practiced a day in their lives is insane. The opposite approach would show much more promise. Eliminate as much of the civil servant, politician, and career bureaucrat from the formula and those who understand that healthcare involves “caring for people’s health” and not just numerical bean counting and bottom lines.

Dozens of healthcare professions, my own included, are in danger of becoming civil servants. If that was BC’s intent, then they should have been open about it, banned private practice and hospital clinicians, and put every one of them on a salary with no “union privileges”.

Am I shocked and upset? You bet.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

GYRO GOLF TOURNAMENT July 12th starting at 10 AM

Your editor even got the date wrong in the last bulletin. Here is a direct message from Gord Stewart, the man in charge of the Golf Tournament:

This year the Golf Tournament will be on Wed. 12 July at 10 AM at Legends, followed by a meal, a short meeting and prizes.

As well as Low Gross, 2nd Low Gros, Low Net and 2nd Low Net, there will be Team Prizes for the Team 1,2 3 Low Net Scores.

Please let me know if you want to Play or just join us for the Meeting/Meal (which will be around 2:30 to 3:00 PM).

Players, please advise if you prefer to play from the White or Red Tees. Also provide your HCI or your best recent score or scores.

I have reserved 7 tee times. If we have room, guests are welcome. Guests will be included on a first come basis.

Please reply ASAP. Gordon Stewart ggs01@telus.net 780-918-1975

OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS:

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 reports that he is home, with little pain now and doing physio like he is supposed to. He is optimistic that it will not be too long before he can start driving. However, his surgeon will make that decision for him.

Peter Elzinga reports that his non-aggressive MDS cancer has progressed to a more aggressive Leukemia. He is awaiting the results from a bone marrow biopsy. In the meantime, he reports to be in good spirits.



We entered you in the annual Limbo contest there in September, Ted. Let your physio in on the deadline.

AGING GYROS

July was a very popular month for future Gyro babies. You had the luck to have your birthday parties during the summer when you weren't obligated to have to invite the classmate you never got along with to your big day.

You were as far from the Christmas gift conflict as you could get. It hardly ever snowed, unless you were in Calgary. It was the best time to have a birthday.

The lucky Gyros who qualified included: **Sid Slade** (15th); **Bill Austin** (18th); **Gary Kleebaum** (24th); **Rick LeMieux** (24th).. You can afford to invite all your Gyro BFF's to your party if you only put nickels in the cake.



LAST MEETING: WINDUP

On THURSDAY, June 28th the club's windup event took place at the Broadmoor Golf Club.

Fifty-five GYROS, Gyrettes and guests gathered to savour a superior buffet meal, honour incoming and outgoing board officers and simply enjoy each other's company.

District VIII *Lieutenant* Governor, **Dunc Mills** was present to swear in the new and returning board and to give us an update on some of his LG activities. In return he was provided with a fine bottle of wine. He promised some new strategies are in the works for recruiting new members. Along with the swearing ins, Dunk and outgoing President **Bruce Copeland** took a special moment to single out the contributions of one officer, **Erik Braun**, who is stepping down as the club's treasurer after over a decade of service in that capacity. Erik accepted a specific certificate of honour for his contributions keeping track of the club's finances.

As our club has become more and more a seniors friendship organization over the years, the room and the parking lot showed no signs of any Gyro presence by the time our collective bedtime curfew of 9:00 o'clock rolled around. That would have been unthinkable several decades ago but is now a welcome reality.

SHERWOOD PARK GYRO OFFICERS 2023

Your new leadership team is as follows:

President: Nestor Slipchuk

Vice President (Pres. Elect): Don Greig

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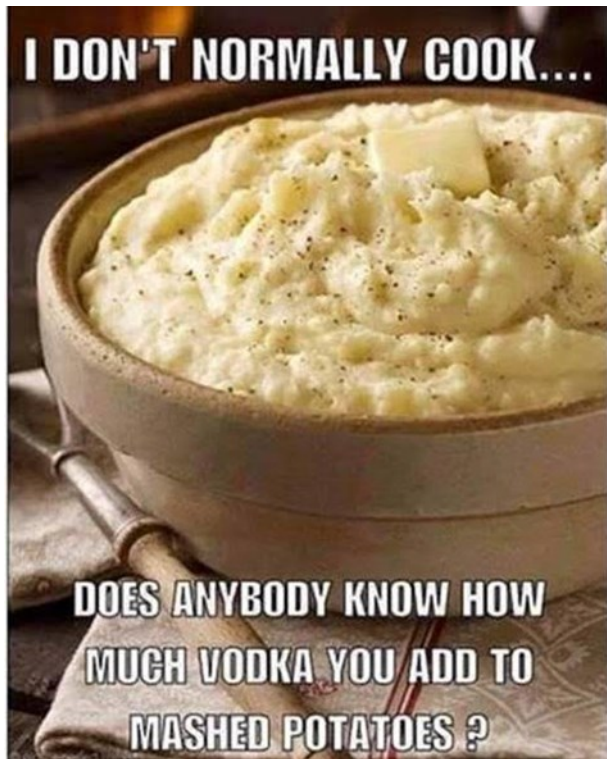
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The new executive was installed to officially take over July 1st. The club is very fortunate to have such dedicated members who have stepped up to keep Sherwood Park Gyro on a steady and positive course.

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GIDDY GASTRONOMY



The four elements of nature

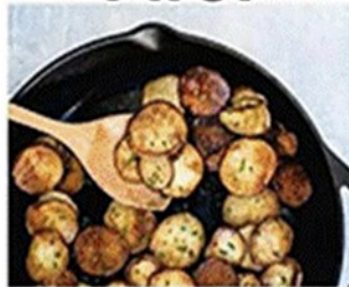
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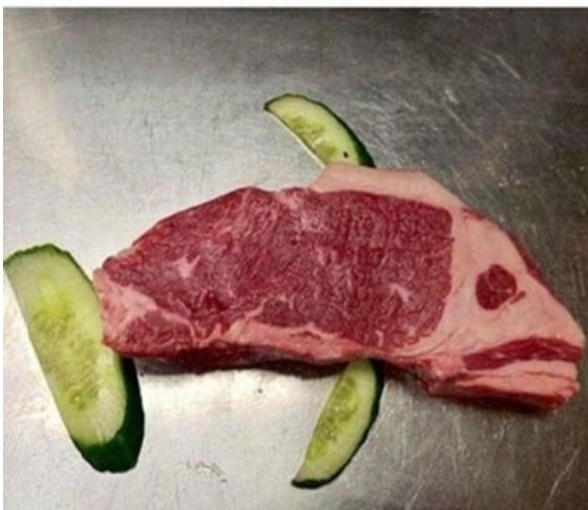
Fire:



Air:



The doctor said I need to eat more fish. . . 😄😂😂



Every year billions of innocent potatoes are ripped from their families and brutally abused. But no more! Scientists at ASDA revealed today that they have now created mashed potato made entirely from plants.



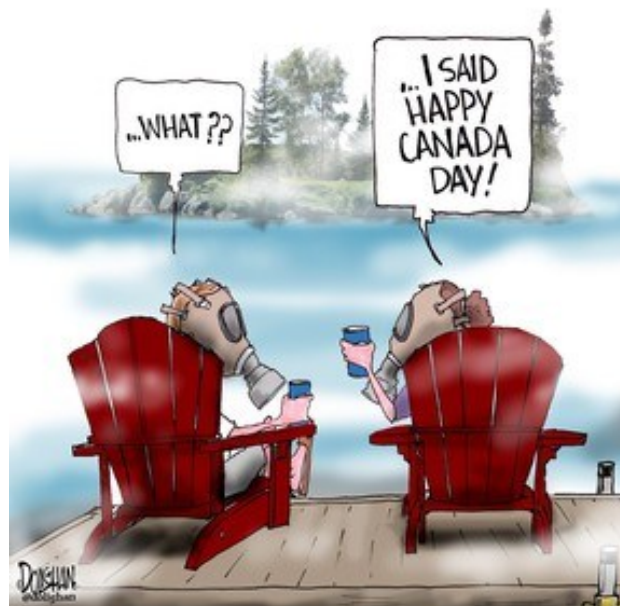
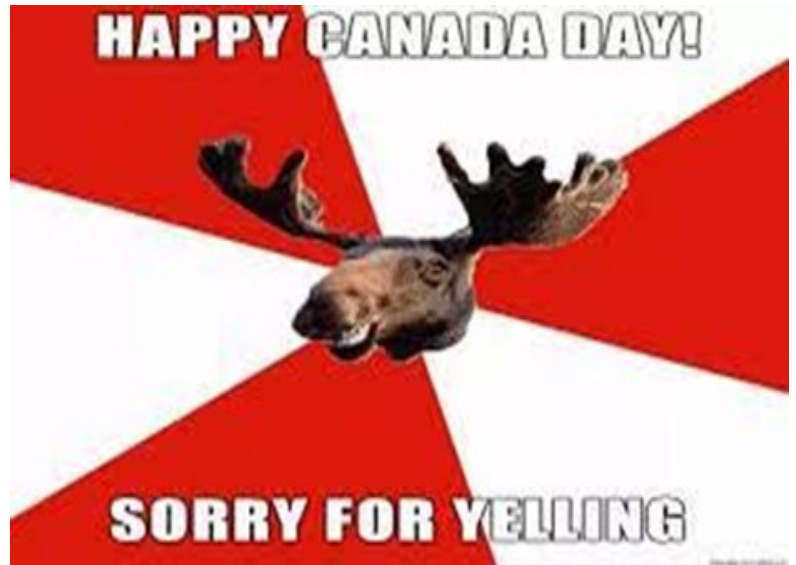
CANAJUN CELEBRASHUNS THIS MONTH



Happy Canada Day to a country with a majestic national animal.



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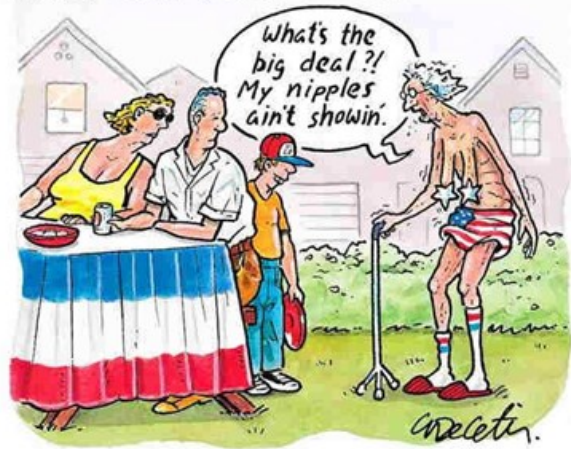


MURKIN CELUBRAISHUNS THIS MONTH

FLORIDA TODAY
PAPER



The annual Fourth of July block party takes an ugly turn when former Rockette Alma "Pixie" Pitzer arrives.



Crabby Road

6-30-09

A 4th of July planning tip: this year throw veggie burgers on the grill ... and next year, someone else will host the cookout.



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MEANWHILE IN CANADA



Beaver fine art



Did you hear about the guy with a map of Canada tattooed on his butt?

Every time he sits down, Quebec separates.



...or is it Alberta, maybe?

MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA



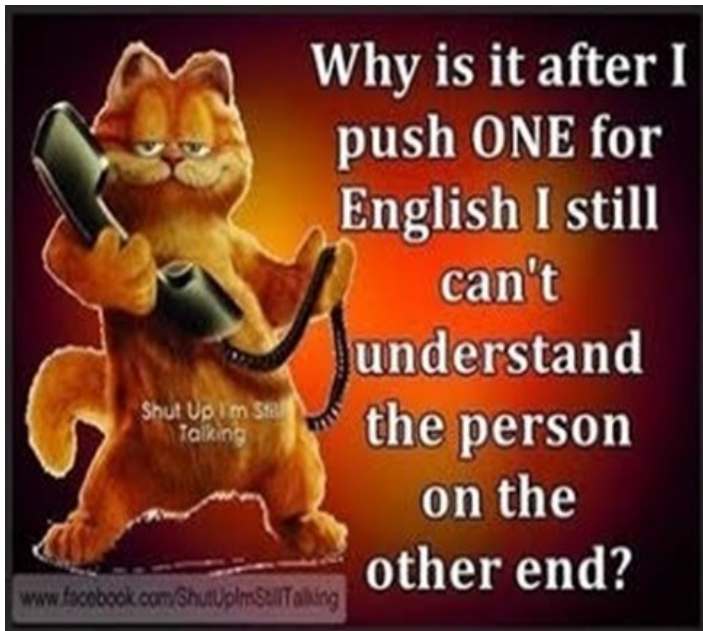
Cricket fan support in the UK



WOKE FOLK



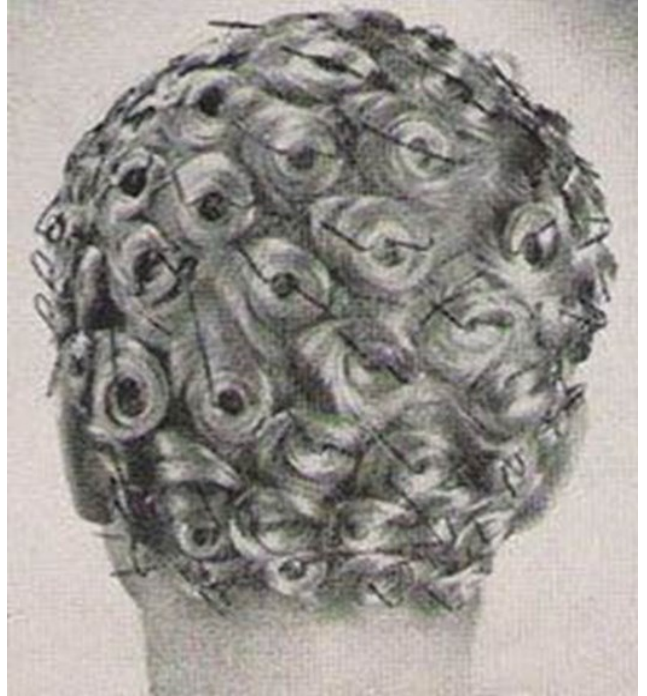
OK. I'm sorry. I was wrong to discriminate and do a blonde joke but the redheads would have killed me.



Thank God California banned plastic straws



THOSE WERE THE DAYS



SIGNS OF OUR TIMES (Sadly)



Maybe not the best abbreviation for "ASSORTED"



AGING GRACELESSLY

**I AM SO OLD THAT,
WHEN I WAS A KID,
WE ACTUALLY HAD
TO WIN TO GET A
TROPHY!**

**Things that used to hurt
my back:**

- Jumping off of garages**
- Crashing my bike**
- Falling out of a tree**
- Diving in the shallow end**
- Contact sports**

**Things that hurt my back
now:**

- Sneezing**
- Washing the dishes**
- Brushing my teeth**
- Tying my shoes**
- Rolling over in bed**

My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.

I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.

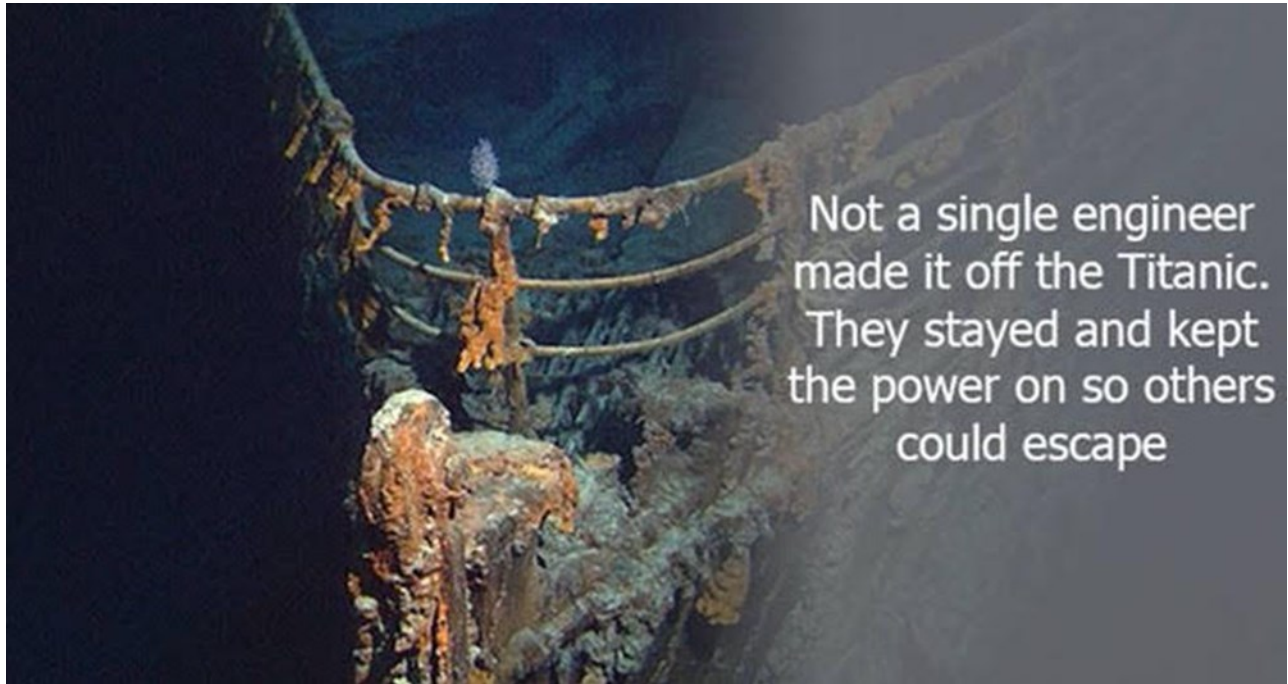
**I just ordered
a life alert
bracelet so if
I get a life, I'll
be notified
immediately.**

**Just before I die,
I am going to
swallow a bag
of popcorn
kernels.**

**My cremation is
going to be epic!**

TRUTH BEATS FICTION, and that's the truth

(Do you hear that, politicians?)



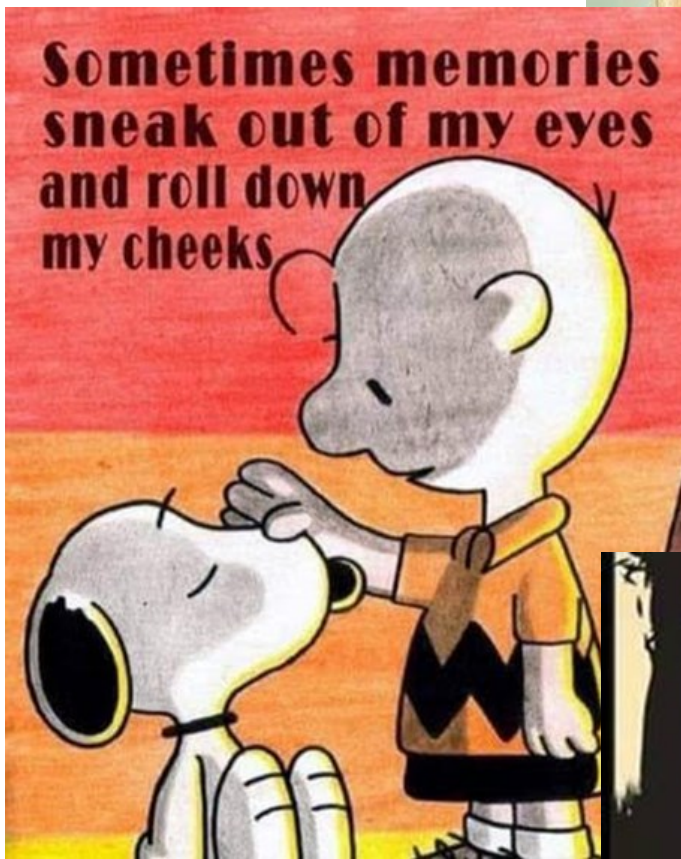
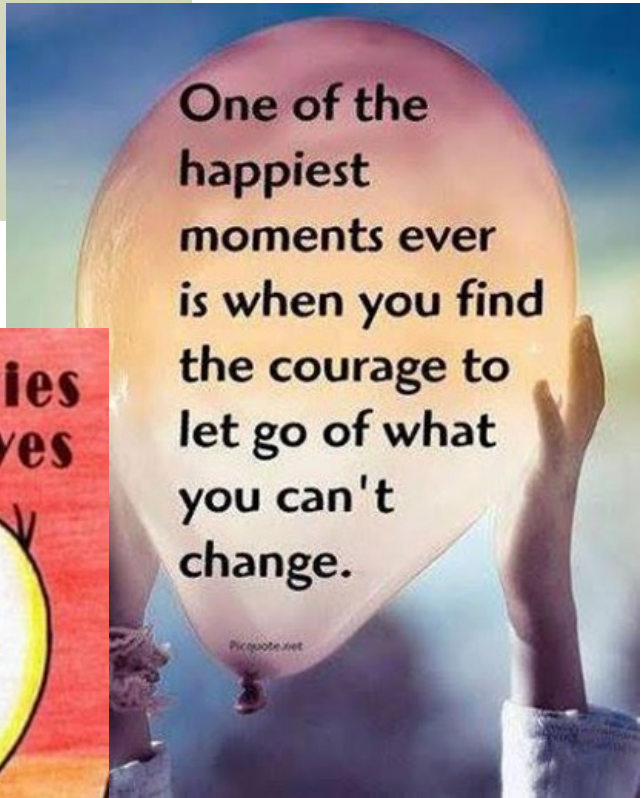
Not a single engineer made it off the Titanic. They stayed and kept the power on so others could escape



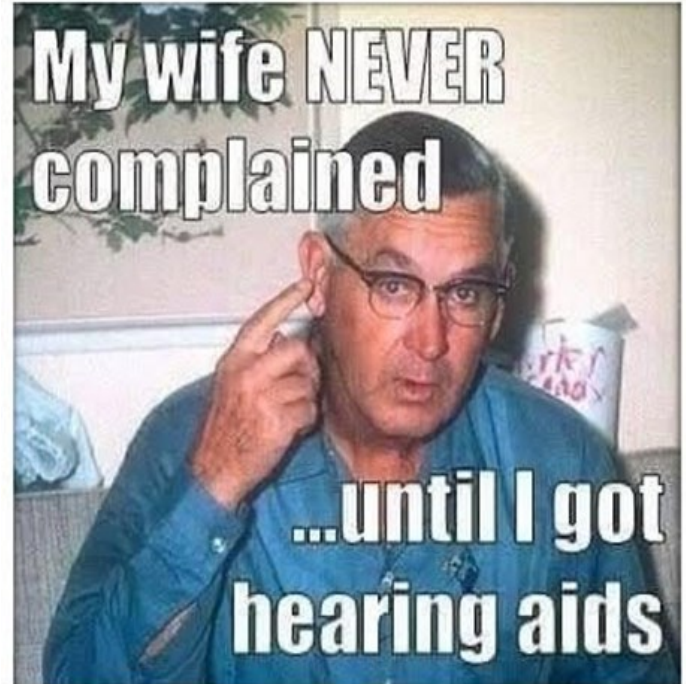
After 9/11, 1600 people died in automobile accidents, after they switched their travel plans from flying to driving

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POSITIVE THOUGHTS



GYRETTE GIGGLES



One big difference between men and women is that if a woman says "Smell this", it usually smells nice.



Never leave kids alone with Dad 😊

Once I went to a party with my husband, full of people he knew (from work) but I didn't. A guy came up to us, turned to me and said "You must be his wife." I turned to my husband and said "You have a WIFE?" Should've seen the guy's face!

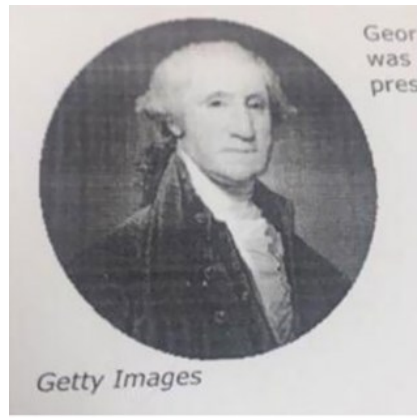


KID'S KOMEDY

**H
O
W**

Words of the week
 Directions: Write as many words with the same pattern - **uck**.

truck	luck
bu <u>ck</u>	du <u>ck</u>
tu <u>ck</u>	mu <u>ck</u>
f word	
ya <u>ck</u>	
stu <u>ck</u>	



ReadWorks

5. A) Who was America's first president?
 America's first president was

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**I
D
E**

2. 1 fire 4. 1 ler
3 heat 2 me
2 gas 3 nec

C. Write these words in **alphabetical order**.

1. take aekt
 value aeluv
 use esu
 2. royal alory
 queen
 prince

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180 carrot seeds

Name each angle.

100

Sally Bob Olivia

At least Sally felt she was cute.

**I
W**

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.



Iconic Dolomite Mountains in Italy at dawn



Leaping Dolphins

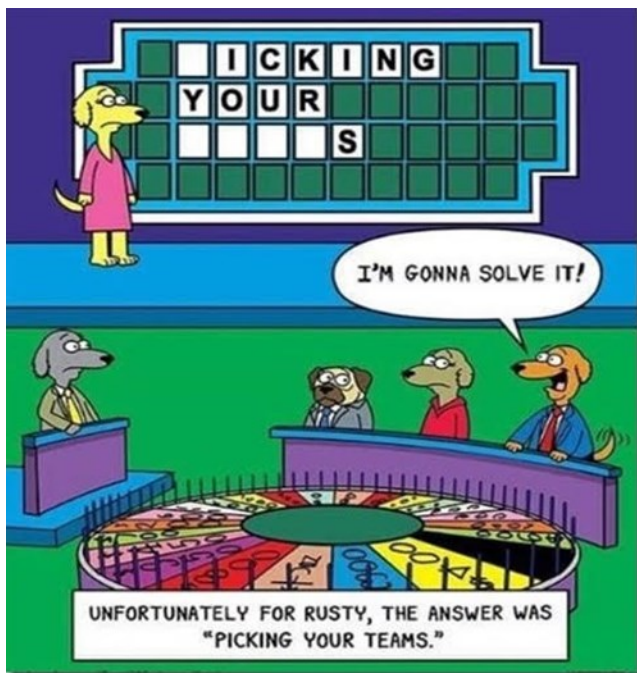
Hmmmm....



I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled, knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

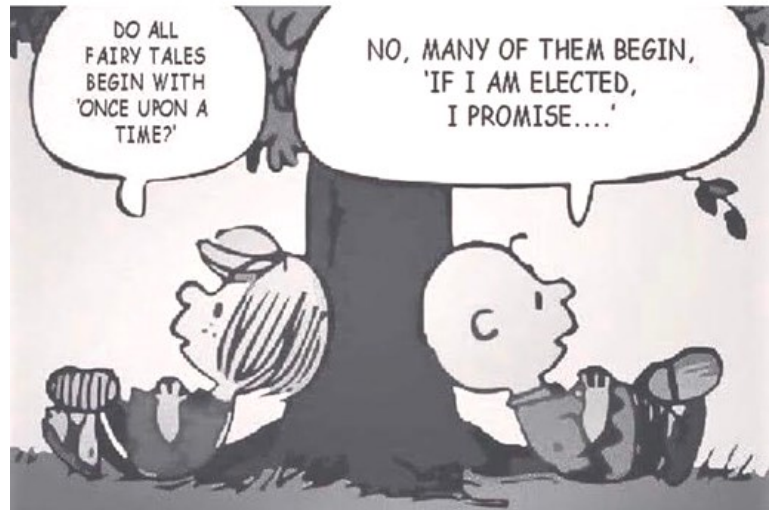


ANIMAL INSTINCTS



SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

**You know how they
throw the ball into the
crowd after they win
the game? That's not
allowed in bowling.
I know that now.**



**BEING A MAN MEANS DOING
WHAT I WANT WHEN I WANT
AND NOT HAVING TO ANSWER
TO...**

**SHE'S COMING!!!
TO BE CONTINUED...**

**My two favorite hobbies are smoking
weed and rescuing stray dogs**



**You look
really
funny
doing
that with
your
head...**

Life is short.

Smile while you still have teeth.

GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD....

