

# THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK



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**I WAS JUST THINKING:** In case of a tornado, I am going to fill my pockets with wieners so the rescue dogs will find me first.

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## The Club's Grand Poobahs:

President: **Nestor Slipchuk**

Vice President: **Don Greig**

Past President: **Bruce Copeland**

Treasurer: **Ted Ewanchuk**

Secretary: **Ray Davis**

Club. Admin. **Ray Davis**

Registrar: **Dorne Hunt**

Directors: **Gordon Stewart; Paul West; Sid Slade; Ted Ewanchuk**

Bulletin Editor: **Scott Brisbin**

Webmaster: **Ray Davis**

## EDITOR'S RANT

The long awaited report by Alberta's UCP was the hot topic this week. It seems to have attracted attention across the country. I have not read the report in detail but the highlights certainly shine a light on Alberta/Ottawa differences of opinion. There are certainly peaks and pitfalls yet to be explored on both sides of the argument that will be sure to ensue, but the obvious headline that smacks us all is that Alberta has been a contributor to the CPP to the tune of over 50 percent of the fund's annual revenue. It does strikes me as unfair that a province that has 15 percent of the country's population (excluding Quebec which already has its own plan) contributes over half of the wealth of the fund.

Certainly, there will be disputes about the actual figure but I suspect the general number is not dramatically off. Albertans certainly do not contribute a mere 15 percent.

Quebec, the one province that has opted out of the CPP happens to be the other province that has contemplated separation on a larger scale. Coincidence? I wonder.

This leaves my thoughts to wander and imagine, as Danielle Smith's do, what we could do with 334 Billion dollars if we started our own APP. My tiny mind doesn't really think in billions but I know it is a lot. We are in for a serious fight, I suspect. The feds hired Former Governor General, David Johnson, to try and sort out another sticky issue. He was forced to give up, partly due to accusations of conflict of

## Rant contd.

close ties to the Trudeaus.

I have had some experience within my own profession in finding solutions to opposing parts of this country threatening to break up our national organization, as well as on an international scale. I was appointed as a one person commission to our keep our national body together. Two years of work, negotiation and multiple trips to the drawing board resulted, after heated debate, in unanimous approval by all provinces by the end of the day at a meeting in Montreal. Perhaps I should offer my services to the opposing parties as a one person commission. I have no personal ties with either side. For a tiny fraction of what is at stake, (a billion dollars wouldn't even be missed!) I could offer my efforts and experience to come up with a resolution leading to everyone's satisfaction.

On September 1st, 1905  
Alberta allowed Canada to join it.

You're welcome.



# HEALTH AND WELFARE

**Peter Elzinga** and I had a phone conversation this week. Although he has up and down days, I sensed I found him on an “Up” day. His voice and his outlook were strong. He is still in the process of finding the right dosage for his treatment but feels he is on the right track. His resignation from the club was a sad one for us all but we understand his thought process. We remain hopeful for a full turnaround in the future, Peter.

**Allan Bleiken** also had to make the difficult decision to resign since he is now in full time, constant care of Kaye. Her motor skills and cognition make it hazardous to move around the house without someone to make sure she is safe. Our best to Kaye and Allan from all your Gyro friends.

They are no less enthusiastic about Gyro and their Gyro friends and boyj Peter and Allan will be kept on the mailing list. They are still Gyros at heart and always will be.

## AGING GYROS

Summer is over and October is almost here. This issue should be out before any October babies are receiving retrospective greetings.

**Len Lesniak** (15th), **John Williams** (16th) and **Milt Lanes**(27th) are the birthday boys this month. Enjoy your special day, lads.

May it be snow free and full of family and joy.



## NEXT MEETING: Italian Bocce October 4th

We are pleased to return to the **Italian Canadian Senior's Association 9111-110 Ave.**

It will be a joint meeting Edmonton Gyro Club and Sherwood Park Gyro Club.

Doors open 5:30pm, games start as soon as enough members are present to form 6 teams.

Dinner will be at approximately 7:00 PM. Sherwood Park member surcharge of \$25. Cash bar.

## FOUNDERS NIGHT October 17th

This evening will be held at the Derrick Club. Nestor Slipchuk and Don Greig are our men behind the scenes on this one. More information will follow shortly.

# SUMMER EVENTS:

Unless you skipped the rant, you will already know that due to “technical difficulties” I was unable to access any of the information forwarded to me over the past couple of months. Rather than trying to retrieve it yet again, I was going to assume that it was now old news and would start fresh with the next bulletin. However Some news and pics have now drifted in so I will include them here.

## GOLF July 12th

Bruce Schelske was the winner of this event. Unfortunately, all other information was deleted by Google and supplementary information at this late date is now lost in the foggy memories of advanced age. There are photos but no corroborating evidence of who won what.



# OUTDOOR BOCCE August 10th

Gary Kleebaum hosted the annual outdoor Bocce afternoon at his acreage again this year. Approximately 40 hungry, thirsty would-be bocce ball hurlers attended. It appears nobody is admitting to have generated photographic evidence of the summer event, but reports indicate a great time was had by all. President Nestor Slipchuk reported being on the winning team but that was the extent of the details reported.

# HORSESHOE September 20th:

28 of us attended this year's Horseshoe event. It was held back at its former traditional site in South Cooking Lake. Beer, Pop and Pizza were what kept us going until the winners were declared. **Ray Davis** and guest, **Barrie Thomlinson** edged out runners up, **Dorne Hunt** and **Jim Mallot** in the final match. It was a great afternoon with the weather cooperating. Thanks go to **Bernie Kropp** and **Sid Slade** for keeping us all in line, fed, and watered. The size of the prize bottles reflected our budget conscious organizers!

Special note: **Ted Ewanchuk** volunteered yet again while we gathered, this time to be our new treasurer. Thanks, Ted, for your continued, much appreciated support. Thanks also to **Erik Braun**, who served in this capacity for many years.

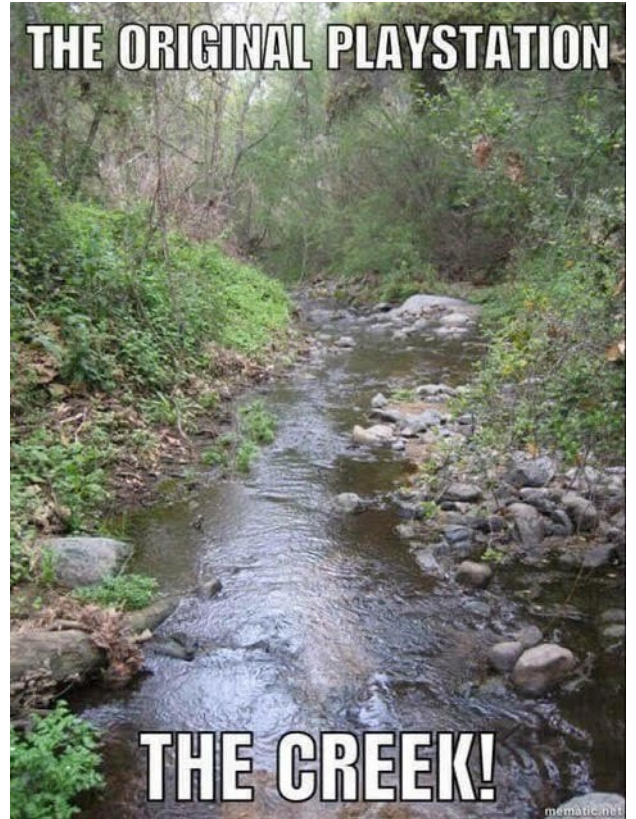


# COMPUTER CONFUSION

20 years later and  
all of these things  
fit in your pocket.



THE ORIGINAL PLAYSTATION



THE CREEK!

AS A KID, I USED TO  
WATCH THE WIZARD OF  
OZ AND WONDER HOW  
SOMEONE COULD TALK  
IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE A  
BRAIN. THEN I GOT  
SOCIAL MEDIA.

The oldest computer  
can be traced back to  
Adam and Eve.

Surprise! Surprise!

It was an Apple.

But with extremely  
limited memory.

Just 1 byte.

Then everything  
crashed.



# MEANWHILE IN CANADA



CANADIAN  
BEE



US  
BEE



Most Canadians are nice because we secretly perform a ceremony during each full moon that puts all our nastiness into the geese.



Every Canadian Toolbox Includes

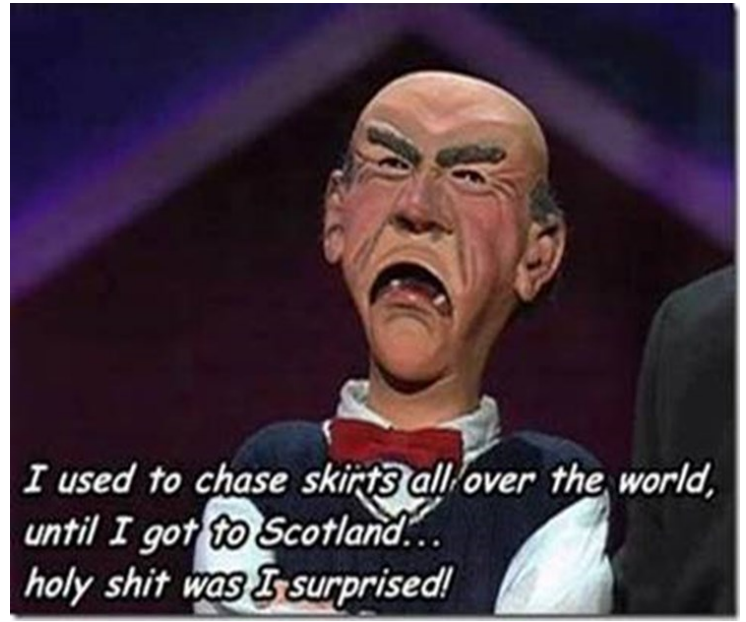
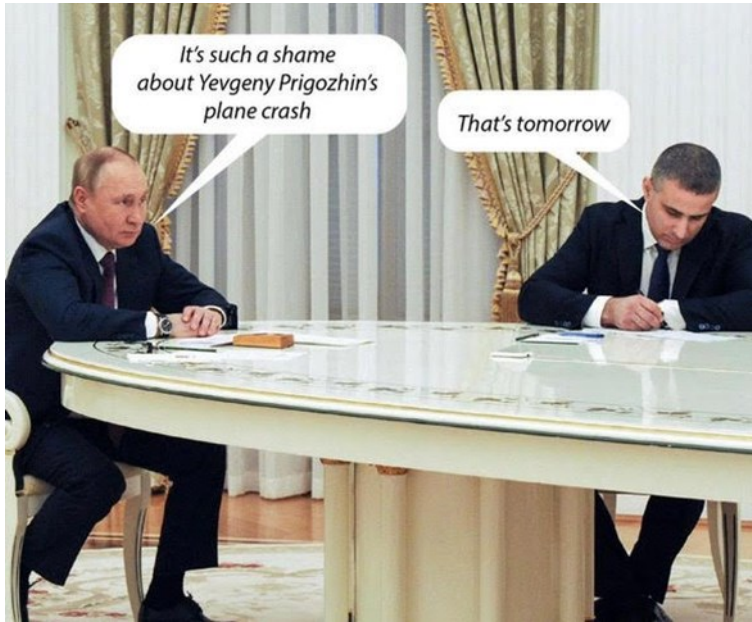
a Robertson screwdriver



and a Flathead screwdriver



# MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA





# THOSE WERE THE DAYS



# SIGNS OF OUR TIMES - Deep South Version



MEANWHILE



IN ARKANSAS



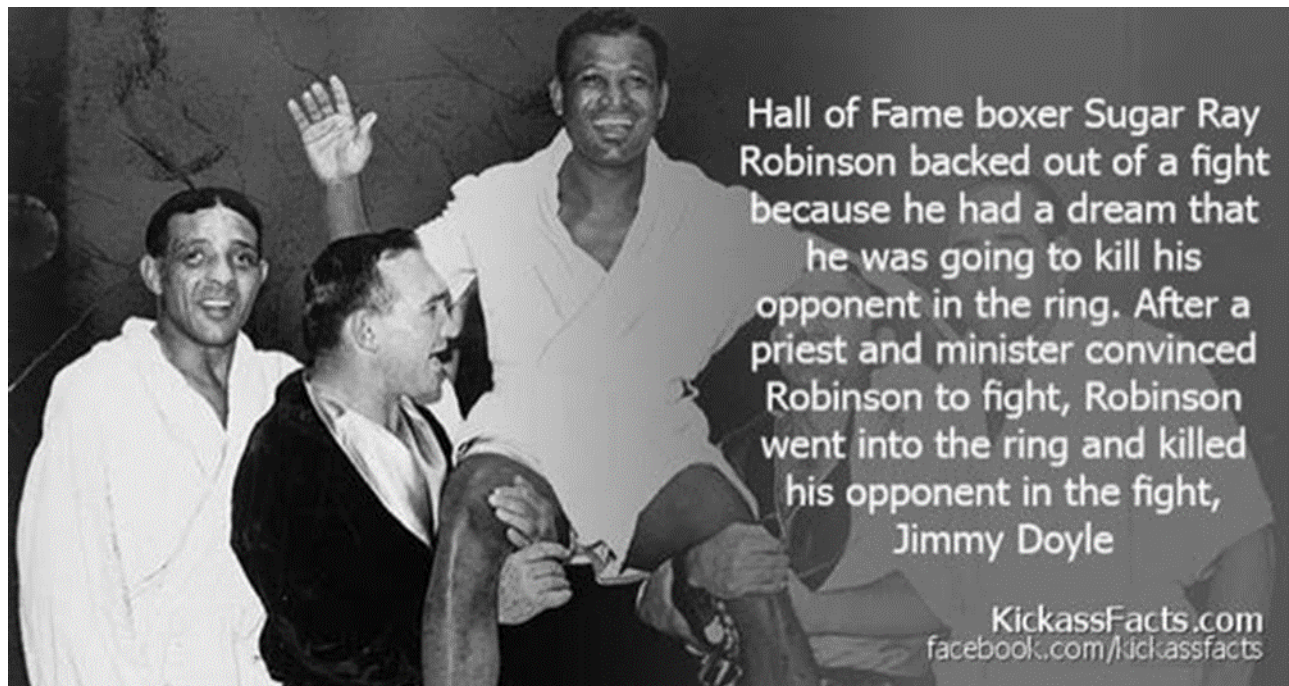
# AGING GRACELESLY

## Courtesy of Bill Carter:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.
11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
13. I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.
14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

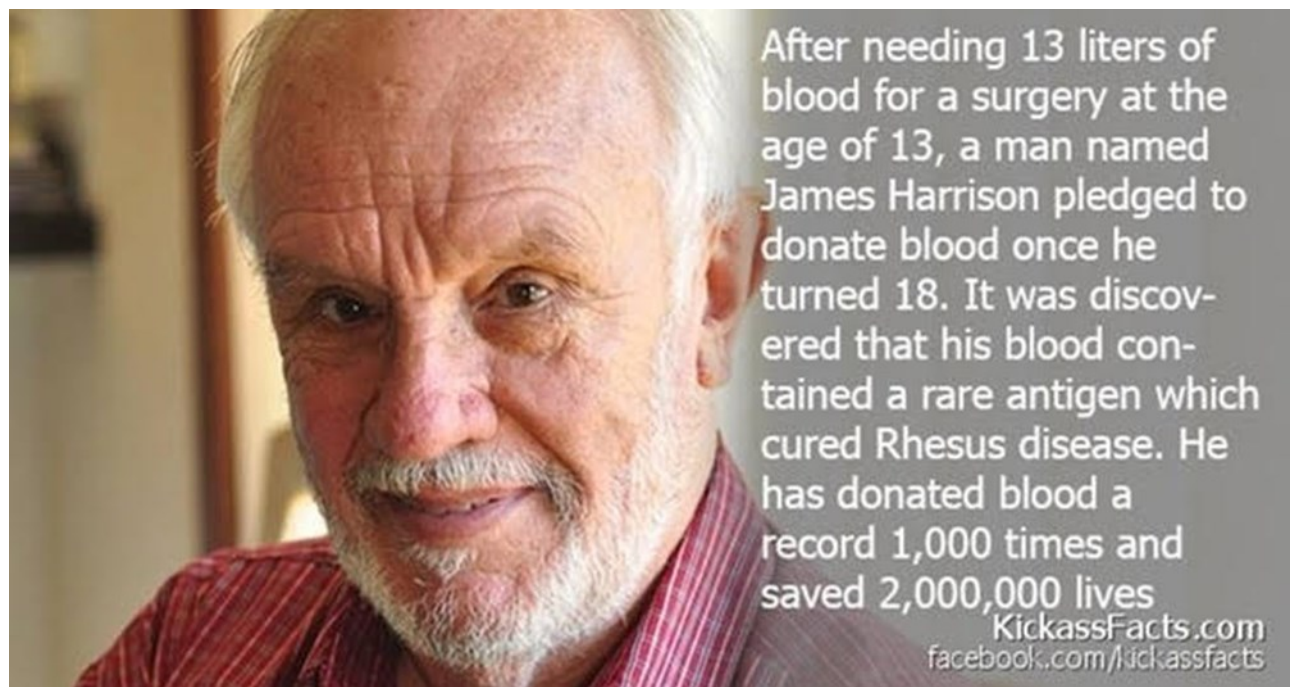
# TRUTH BEATS FICTION, and that's the truth

(Do you hear that, politicians?)



Hall of Fame boxer Sugar Ray Robinson backed out of a fight because he had a dream that he was going to kill his opponent in the ring. After a priest and minister convinced Robinson to fight, Robinson went into the ring and killed his opponent in the fight, Jimmy Doyle

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After needing 13 liters of blood for a surgery at the age of 13, a man named James Harrison pledged to donate blood once he turned 18. It was discovered that his blood contained a rare antigen which cured Rhesus disease. He has donated blood a record 1,000 times and saved 2,000,000 lives

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# DID YOU KNOW?



**Did you know the Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 shoe?**



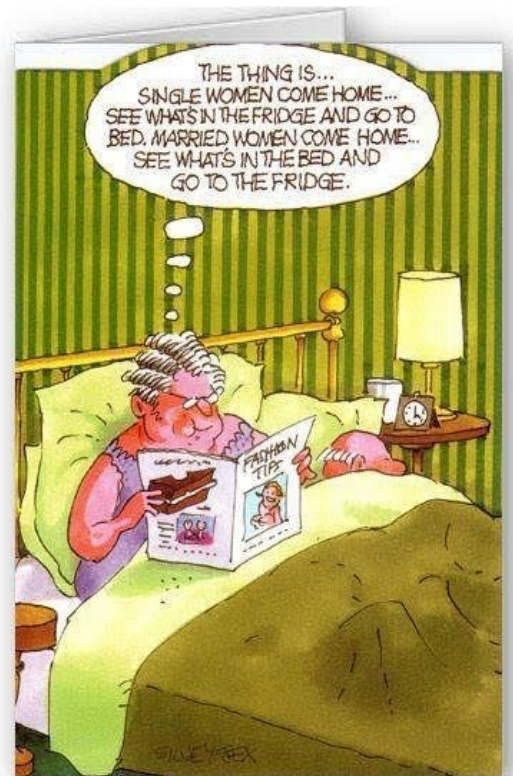
**Did you know McDonald's once created bubblegum-flavored broccoli?**

# GYRETTE GIGGLES



Apparently there are 2 types of flu. The harmless one that women and children get, and the "near death" version that men get.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... She hugged me.



# KID'S KOMEDY

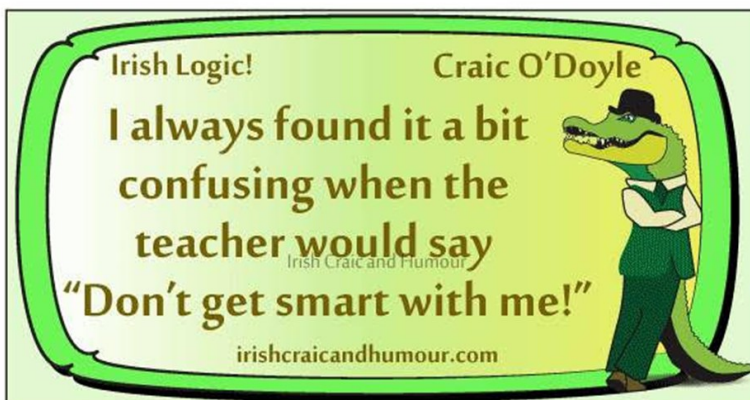
The kids won't move back home if **they** can't find it.



I Asked For Art For My New Apartment This Christmas. May I Present "Butterflies", A Painting From My Nieces Made Entirely With Their Butt Cheeks. Lovely



Get a baby gate they said, it'll keep them safe it said.... 🤔😂



# 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.



**Mushrooms Growing On Dead Leaf On Almost Perfect Alignment**



# **Hmmmm....**

**George Carlin quotes:**

**Atheism is a non-profit organization.**

**Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?**

**The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.**

**Could it be that all those trick-or-treaters wearing sheets aren't going as ghosts, but as mattresses?**

**If a mute swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?**

**If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong?**

**If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?**

**Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?**

**If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?**

**If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?**

**How do blind people know when they are done wiping?**

**What was the best thing before sliced bread?**

**To be intoxicated is to feel sophisticated, but not be able to say it.**

**Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.**

**Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.**

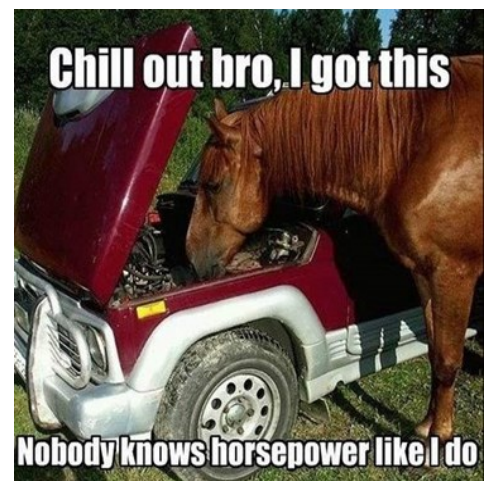
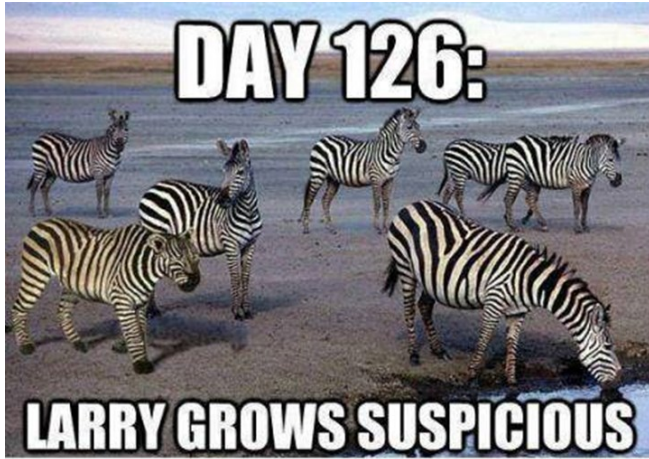
**Women like silent men, they think they're listening.**

**Men are from Earth, women are from Earth. Deal with it.**

**Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?**

**If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest have to drown too?**

# ANIMAL INSTINCTS



# BEVERAGE BANTER

**Stop posting your  
problems on  
facebook and start  
drinking alcohol like  
the rest of us**

Did you know that  
14 muscles are  
activated when  
opening a bottle  
of wine? Fitness  
is my passion 🤘

**The doctor said I have to  
cut out drinking.**



# SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

The Newfoundland Department of Employment believed a boat owner wasn't paying proper wages to his help. An agent was sent to the fishing village of Burin to investigate the boat owner.

**GOVT AGENT:** *"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them".*

**Boat Owner:** *"Well, there's Clarence, my hired hand. He's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.*

*Then there's the mentally challenged guy.*

*He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of the work around here.*

*He makes about \$10 per week, and pays his own room and board.*

*I buy him a bottle of Lamb's rum and a dozen Moosehead every Saturday night so he can cope with life.*

*Also, he gets to sleep with my wife occasionally".*

**GOVT AGENT:** *"That's the guy I want to talk to - the mentally challenged one".*

**Boat Owner:** *"That'll be me. What'd you want to know?"*



# GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



## AND THE LAST WORD....

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**FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE  
WHO WORE A MASK  
WHILE DRIVING ALONE**



**THE NEW OUTDOOR SEATBELT  
IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

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