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I WAS JUST THINKING: If paying a cashier a living wage will make prices go up, why doesn't replacing cashiers with self check-outs make prices go down?

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EDITOR'S RANT:

Is the world becoming more and more confusing or are we just being fed too much partial information that doesn't tell the rest of the story? As I listen to the news or read the op-eds that are all too often passing for actual news, I become increasingly confused. There was a time when I actually believed that the mainstream media were a reliable source of information upon which I could confidently base an opinion. Oh how I miss the old Paul Harvey pieces... "and now...for the REST of the story".

Now I feel I am only getting one opinionated version of the truth. If I want to really gain even a semblance of understanding I must comb through various sources, searching for as many differing points of views and perspectives as I can before forming an opinion. It is exhausting. If it isn't, then I either remain in ignorant bliss or frustrating confusion.

The recent strike of city employees was averted at the last second with a contract that seemed to me to fall short of what they should have received in terms of the length of the contract extending beyond 2024, given that the city had left them without a contract for 6 years. By looking further at interviews of the union heads it became apparent that things weren't that simple. To try and extend the agreement by proceeding with the strike risked the probability of back-to-work legislation and going back to square one.

On the provincial scene, an example of inconsistency, be it the media interpreting or the government's imprecise information

Rant contd.

media interpreting or the government imprecise information about their decisions, it was interesting to see that once the moratorium on the development of our province's renewable resources (wind, solar and geothermal) was lifted recently, there seems to be a potentially costly delay in clarifying details for the new plan. Developers in those fields have been waiting, most patiently, for the second shoe to drop. Word has it that some are already considering moving their investment dollars elsewhere. It is important that the renewable power initiatives are made to feel welcome and vital. Location restrictions is a major concern. Obviously, we don't want pristine beauty being contaminated by windmills in the Rocky Mountains or restricting solar energy projects to the far north, but neither do we want to make restrictions that will significantly endanger our province's status as a leader in these fields in Canada and beyond. Delays in announcing details after taking seven months to investigate, study and develop policy detail is, at least to me, something we can't afford.

On the federal scene, the Liberal government, or at least our Prime Minister, is famous for talking out of both sides of his brain. To tell leaders of other friendly countries that he is unwilling to listen to their pleas for buying bountiful natural gas from Canada, stating that there is really no market or future for natural gas, a more carbon friendly alternative to oil in the short term (short being a couple of decades), means he is either not understanding what is at stake for our country's and the world's economies as we transition from coal and oil, or he is worshiping at the feet of his maniacal Environment Minister who would destroy this country while the major polluters watch in astonished amusement.

Globally we are witnessing tragedy on too many sites to count. Politics, religion, and greed seem to be so ingrained in the human psyche that, individually and collectively, they are determined to seal our doom.

I know. I promised to keep things positive at least for the first few rants. I am just confused. I suspect I should just stop reading and watching the news. Ignorant bliss could keep me happy until my time comes. Fat chance of that happening. I'm too curious. I hope I don't have to wait too long or dig too deep to find out "the rest of the story".



MARCH MEETINGS:

POKER NIGHT March 6

Headquarters Restaurant was the scene of some semi-serious Gyro gambling involving 26 Gyros, 21 players and 2 winners. That's right, two winners. .

It was a fun evening with everyone eating what they wanted from the restaurant menu, with plenty of time for socializing before the cards came out. By the end of the evening, Gary Kleebaum and Lloyd Wilson emerged in a tied triumph and shared pot of \$210.

Barry Thomlinson was formally inducted into the club by District VIII Governor Dunc Mills.

Dunc also updated us on the latest plans for the upcoming District convention and other information that Governors are supposed to remind us of. Many thanks to Al Gordon and his crew who kept honesty and order throughout the evening.



POKER NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



DISTILLERY TOUR March 20th

Twenty eight Gyros made their way to a rural property South East of Leduc to enjoy a meal, some fellowship and then learn more than any of us ever knew about the distillery field and this particular one called RigHand Distillery. It missed being the first in Alberta by just three hours when distilleries were legalized here a few years ago. It has a n fascinating and exciting history. In its third year it was chosen to be the official whisky of the House of Commons over a great many competitors. We learned what delineates bad whisky from good whisky and what it takes to make outstanding whisky. The distillery can produce about 80 different alcoholic beverages. After an hour long talk by the owner, Geoff Stewart, we got to try samples from a multitude of choices and many of us purchased bottles based on those samples and our newly gained knowledge. Frankly, I went with moderate expectations for the evening, at best. I left wanting to tell others that they should enjoy the same experience that we did. Speaking with other attendees over the past week they all seemed to share my enthusiasm.



While the others drank, ate and visited, Gary and Sid were in a world of their own.



Your editor just hung around waiting for the tour to begin

Distillery Tour contd.



Owner, Geoff Stewart, gave us a short but fascinating course in the Distillery business.



Our host also has a degree in Fine Arts and enjoys things like Chain Saw sculpturing in his "spare time"

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

GUEST SPEAKER April 10th

Our guest speaker will be Ryan Llnicli. His topic will be the Beaver Hills Biosphere, where he is the executive director. It achieved global recognition when was officially designated as a biosphere by UNESCO on March 16, 2016.

Ken Lesniak is the man who made arrangements for the event, invited this fascinating guest and will introduce him.

The scene will be The Headquarters Restaurant in Sherwood Park, beginning at 5:30 PM. After our meal, we will be treated to Brian's wisdom interesting and important site located so close to home.

BUFFET DINNER April 24th

This will be a mixed event, so bring that special someone or come alone and eat twice as much. It will be held at the Yang Min Buffet

Those who attended this event last year will remember that the variety and quality of the offerings were exceptional.

Ted Ewanchuk is the on-to go-to guy for this one, so please let him know your plans (yay or nay) to attend as well as how many guests.

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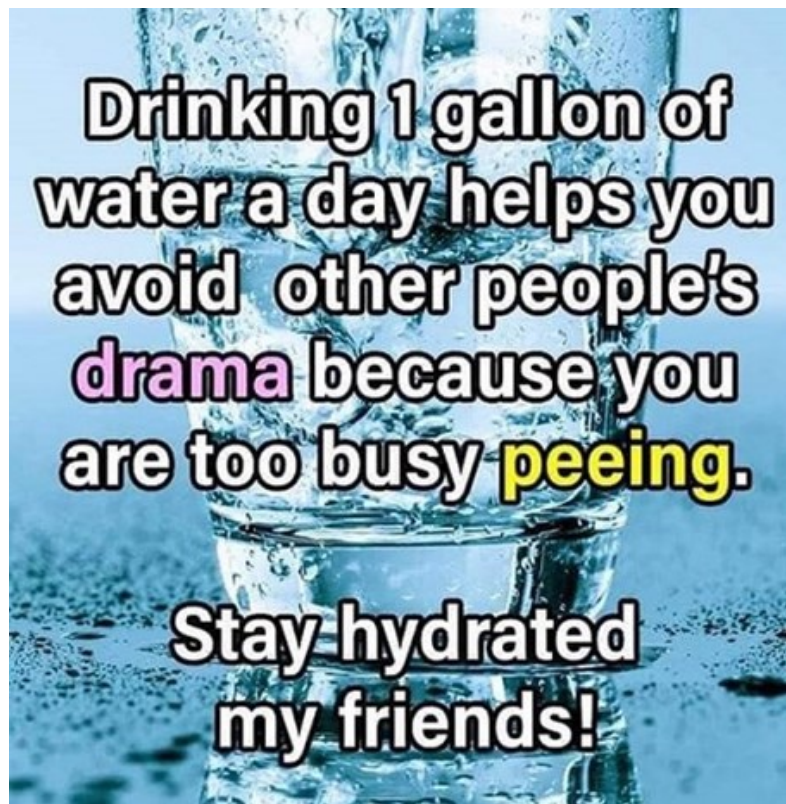
AGING GYROS

April-born Gyros seem to be dwindling with the passing of Peter Elzinga and Les Bellan. My records show that **Jeff Malott** (4th) and **Scott Brisbin** ...me (9th) are the only April babies remaining. Does that make us an endangered species? We had better start looking for new members who were born in April or our kind may be doomed to extinction. How's that for positive, Happy Birthday tone to this segment?



HEALTH AND WELFARE:

It appears that the Sherwood Park Gyro Club is in good health and not on welfare, unless some of us are keeping their status secret from Don Greig or me.



TRAVEL TRIVIA

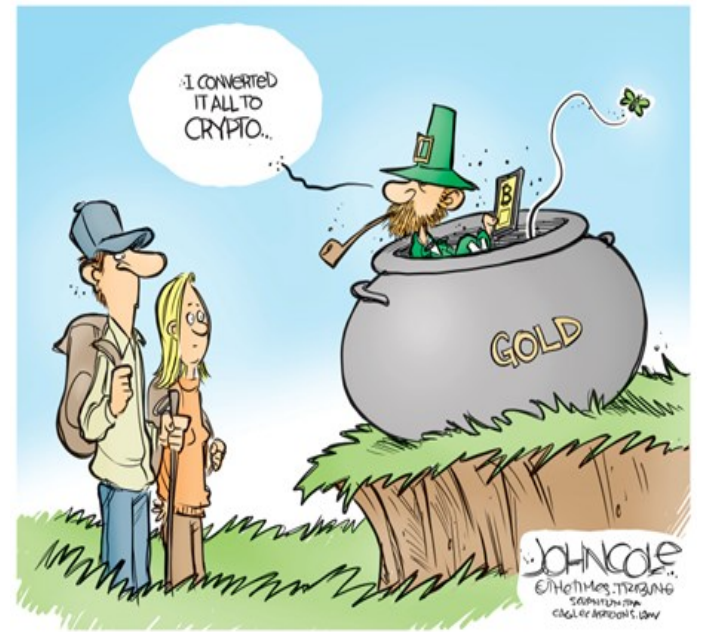


There are 61,000 people in the air over the United States at any given moment of any given day.



The shortest airline flight that you can buy tickets for lasts just 2 minutes and runs from the Scottish island of Westray to Papa Westray.

'TIS THE SEASON (March version)



MEANWHILE IN CANADA

This will reveal your all-time favorite movie. I did it in my head, then on paper and finally on a calculator just to confirm my mathematical calculations. Each time I got the same answer, and sure enough, it IS my very favorite movie... EVER!

DO NOT cheat. DO YOUR math, THEN compare the results on the list of movies at the bottom.

You will be AMAZED at how scary true and accurate this test is:

1. Pick a number from 1-9.
2. Multiply that number by 3.
3. Add 3.
4. Multiply by 3 again.
5. Your total will be a two digit number. Add the first and second digits together to find your favorite movie (of all time) in the list of 17 movies below:

Movie List:

1. Gone With the Wind
2. E.T.
3. Blazing Saddles
4. Star Wars
5. Forrest Gump
6. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
7. Jaws
8. Grease
9. The Justin Trudeau Farewell Speech
10. Casablanca
11. Jurassic Park
12. Shrek
13. Pirates of the Caribbean
14. Titanic
15. Raiders of the Lost Ark
17. Mrs. Doubtfire

NOW, ISN'T THAT SOMETHING?

MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA



MEANWHILE IN AUSTRALIA



Meanwhile In



AUSTRALIA

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

The Oldest Musicians still Touring, Recording and Kicking

WILLIE NELSON 90
JOHN MAYALL 90
FRANKIE VALLI 89
HERB ALPERT 88
BUDDY GUY 87
RINGO STARR 83
CLIFF RICHARD 83
TOM JONES 83
DIONNE WARWICK 83
SMOKEY ROBINSON 83
BOB DYLAN 82
JOHN MCLAUGHLIN 82
PAUL SIMON 82
ANDY SUMMER 81
BRIAN WILSON 81
PAUL MCCARTNEY 81
CAETANO VELOSO 81
ROGER WATERS 80

79 ROD STEWART
79 ROBERT LAMM
78 NEIL YOUNG
78 JOHN FOGERTY
78 DEBBIE HARRY
78 IAN GILLAN
78 ERIC CLAPTON
78 DOLLY PARTON
78 ROBBIE KRIEGER
78 PETE TOWNSHEND
78 BETTE MIDLER
78 ROBERT FRIPP
77 BARRY GIBB
77 PATTI SMITH
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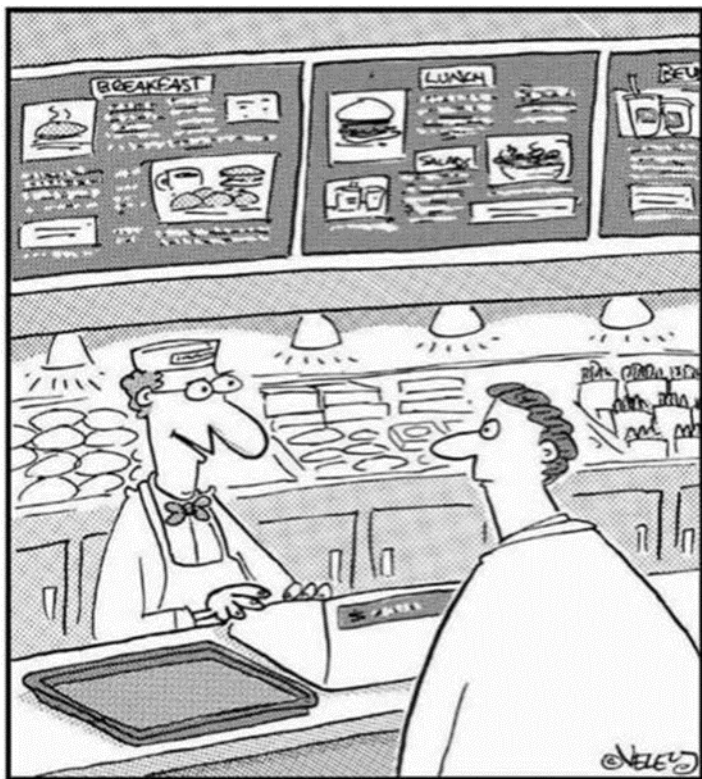
Banff, Alberta around 1890



Fill her up!!



SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



"And finally, sir, would you like your burger flipped by a Ph.D. in Philosophy, History or English Literature?"



AGING GRACELESSLY



"I think youngsters need to start thinking about what kind of world



they are going to leave for me and Keith Richards" - Willie Nelson

BEST EVER SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

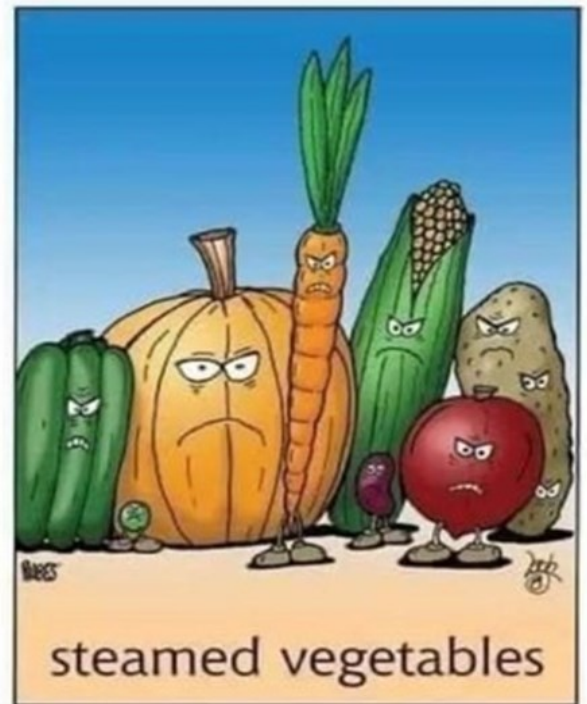
He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh.....

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

GIDDY GASTRONOMY



VEGAN CHICKEN



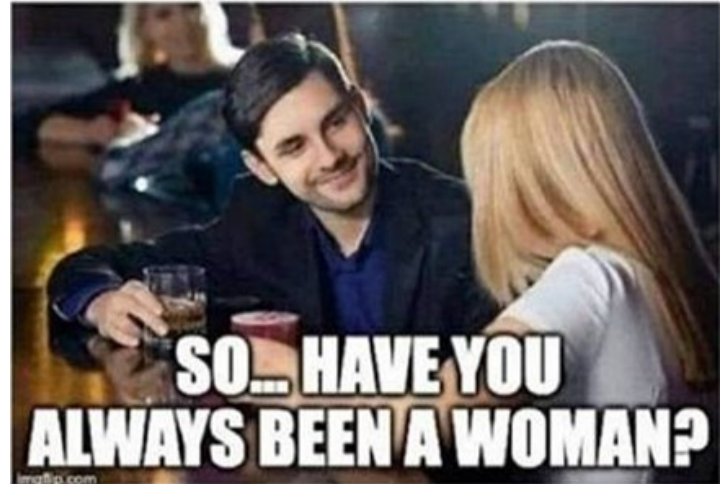
By replacing your morning coffee with green tea, you can lose up to 87% of what little joy you still have left in your life.

WOKE FOLK



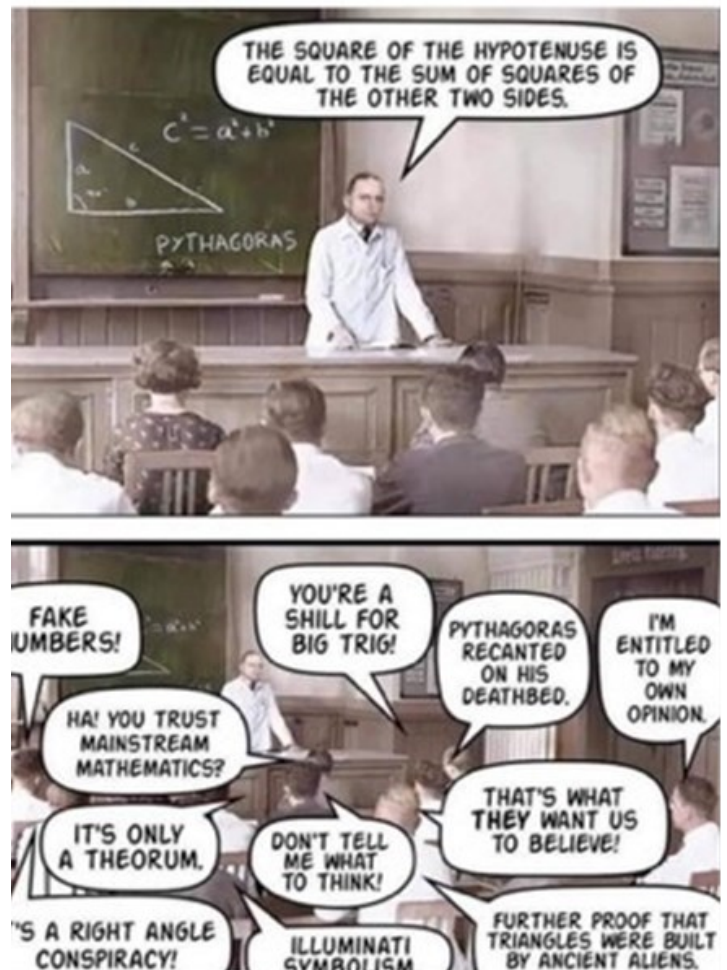
"This is called 'Reclining Nude.'
I don't think the children should
be looking at it."

DATING IN 2022:



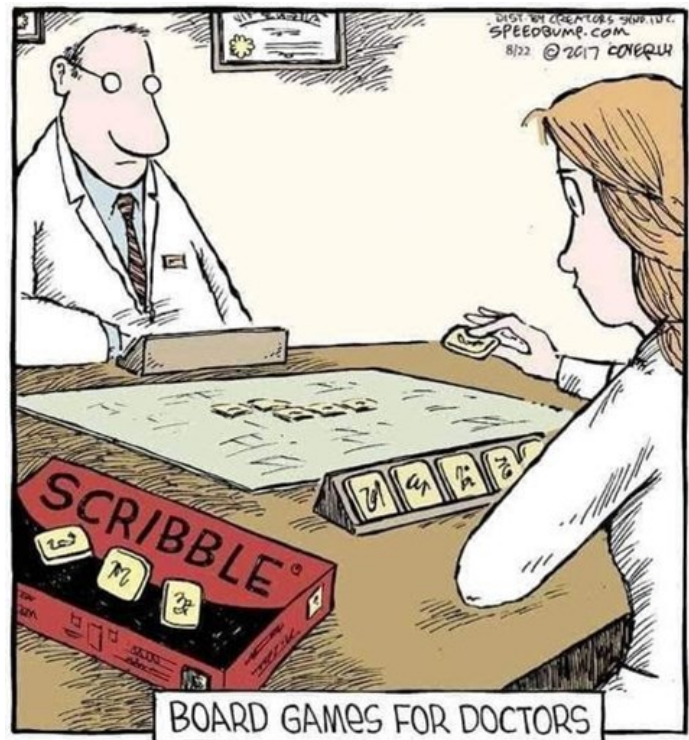
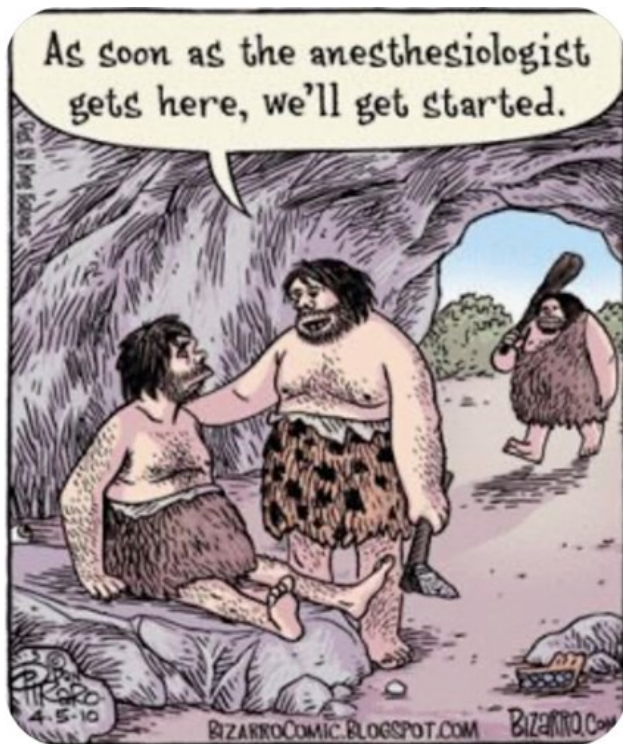
If wealth was the inevitable result of hard work and enterprise, every woman in Africa would be a millionaire"

~ George Monbiot



THINKING ABOUT HEALTH IN 2024

**Dad, you must get home now!
I can't Son, I'm in the hospital.
Mom's trying to sell your
motorcycle!**



GYRETTE GIGGLES

MEN SAY WOMEN SHOULD
COME WITH
INSTRUCTIONS...WHAT'S
THE POINT OF THAT? HAVE
YOU EVER SEEN A MAN
ACTUALLY READ THE
INSTRUCTIONS?

HUSBAND:

I want you to have this
bracelet. It belonged to my
Grandmother.

WIFE:

Why does it say,
"Do not resuscitate?"

Nobody told me
that when you
get a husband
the ears are sold
separately.

🇮🇪 IF YOU MARRY AN IRISH GIRL 🇮🇪

The first man married a woman from Italy. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The second man married a woman from Poland. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table.

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The third man married a girl from Ireland. He ordered her to keep the house clean, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. He still has some difficulty when he pees.....;)



KID'S KOMEDY

HOW



MIDDLE



"SO, THESE THREE LITTLE MICE ARE BLIND AND THE FARMER'S WIFE COMES ALONG AND CUTS OFF THEIR TAILS WITH A CARVING KNIFE!? WHO WRITES THIS STUFF, STEPHEN KING?"

ARRRY!

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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 states of armed combat, political strife and major health issues, some images from our amazing world will help

Found in India, 5000 years old, made from a single rock...



Hmmmm....

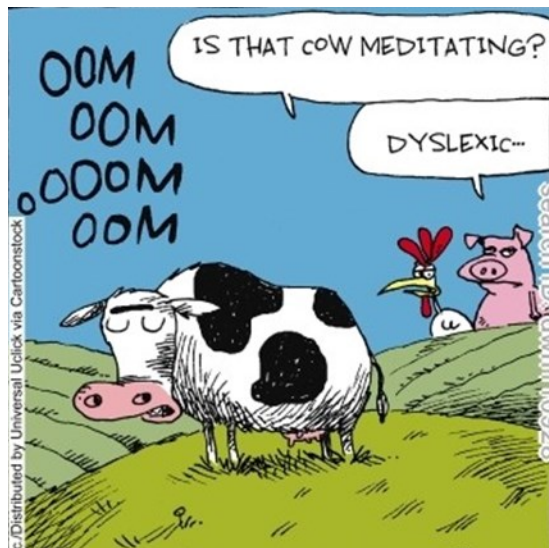
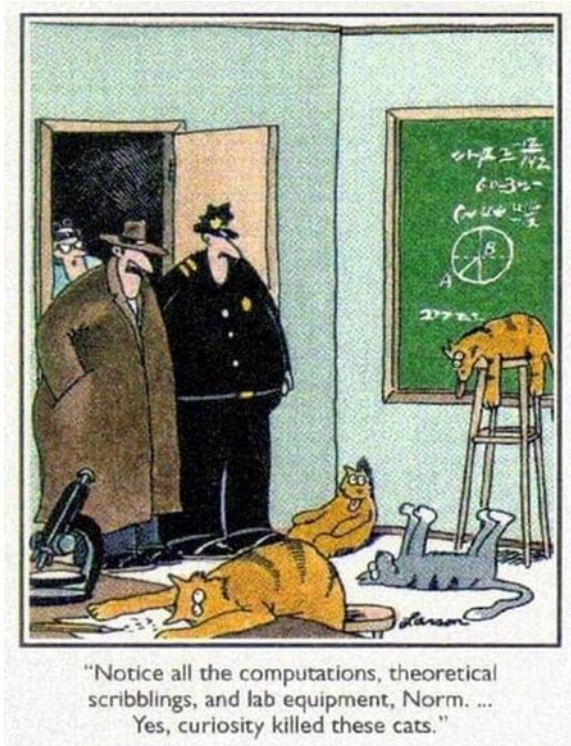
How?



Mind-blowing



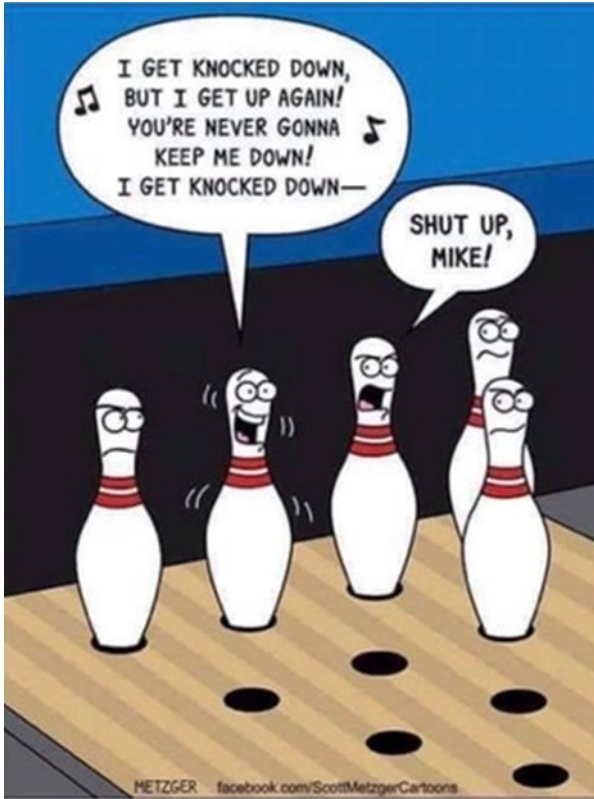
ANIMAL INSTINCTS



NEVER LEAVE HOME WITHOUT A KISS, A HUG AND AN 'I LOVE YOU!' THEN REMOVE THE DOG HAIR FROM YOUR MOUTH AS YOU WALK TO THE CAR.



SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS



Hair's to ya, mate



GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Good friends are like quilts, they age with you
and yet, they never lose their warmth.
Take good care of them.



AND THE LAST WORD....

That hour we lost
was the one I was
going to use to get
my life together