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I WAS JUST THINKING: I don't like to think before I speak. I like to be just as surprised as everyone else about what I say.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

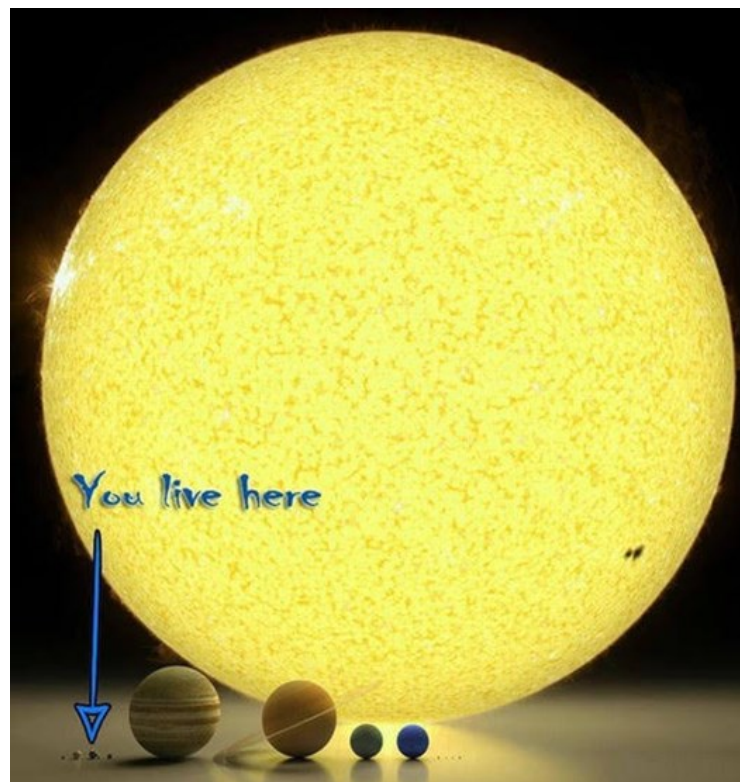
As much as it may surprise you, I was actually thinking today.

Sometimes it takes a major event to put our lives into perspective. The recent solar eclipse was one of those for me. True, it would have been more obvious if I had been at our cottage in Quebec where the eclipse was total and the sky was cloudless, and darkness descended for a time, but even here in Sherwood Park, I had the opportunity to view, through appropriate eye protection, the bite that the moon took out of the sun. The drama wasn't there but the feeling of how insignificant we are in the big picture was. Of course, if we expand that realization to grasp the reality that our solar system is just a spec in the universe, we can teeter around the concept that we are totally insignificant and question why we bother existing. That is when we need to step back and change our perspective. Instead of zooming out into inconceivable vastness of outer space, it can be useful to zoom in. We will then realize that we are immense and powerful to another increasingly diminutive population of creatures that are themselves giants in comparison to what makes up their world and so on. The field of Nano technology pales compared to even tinier particles that make up everything in existence.

We have always been curious and based on our limited understanding of our reality we have created a multitude of

Rant contd.

theories about what we and our environment are about as we search for meaning to it all. Some theories last a brief time while others last for centuries or even millennia. Our curiosity and our attempts to provide logical explanations for our existence seems, at least so far, to be a human characteristic. Our “science” based concepts, our religious beliefs, our approach to life, change over our species’ history. But so far, despite the fact that we get reminders of our insignificance in the grand scheme of things, I still need to believe that somehow, we do matter.



APRIL MEETINGS:

GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT:

On April 10th at the Headquarters

While I was enjoying my surprise birthday present with my grandson, Fitch (lower level seats at the Oiler game), **Ted Ewanchuk** served as reporter at the Guest speaker night and **Herb Zmurchuk** provided photographic evidence of the event.

28 Gyros (including Governor Dunc) attended the Gyro meeting at the Headquarters Restaurant on April 10 where our special guest was Brian Ilnicki, Executive Director of the Beaver Hills Biosphere. Brian has spent the past 25 years bringing people together to work on common priorities for achieving sustainability on the landscape. Working throughout the diverse landscapes of Alberta, Brian has partnered with individuals, organizations, and all levels of government to design and implement conservation and stewardship programs that benefit landowners, land managers and biodiversity.

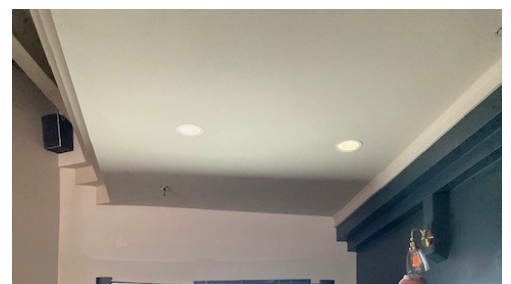
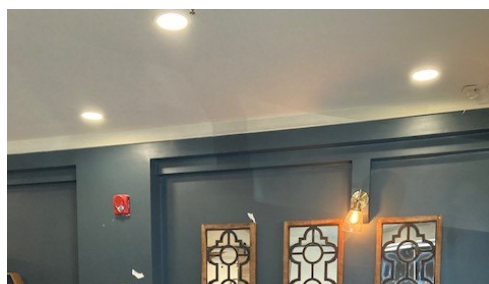
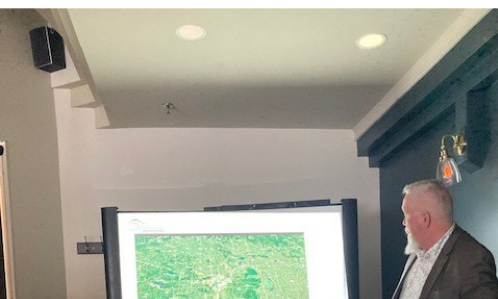
In the early 1970s, the United Nations established a project called Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB), which promotes sustainable development. A network of biosphere reserves exists to establish a working, balanced relationship between people and the natural world. The biosphere is sometimes thought of as one large ecosystem—a complex community of living and nonliving things functioning as a single unit.

Currently, there are 563 biosphere reserves all over the world. The Beaver Hills Biosphere is one of 13 in Canada. The Beaver Hills is well-known for the diverse wildlife that live within the region. Up to 48 mammals, 152 birds and 8 amphibians and reptiles have been reported in this distinct landscape. In addition, more than 13,000 people reside within the Biosphere. Seasonally, there are more than 365,000 visitors to the region.

This means that, across the Biosphere, humans and wildlife must live alongside one another. For everyone to get along, residents and visitors alike must understand that to 'live' with wildlife means to coexist with wildlife in an ethical, sustainable way. It can be hard to know where to begin, though. It starts with understanding what species call the Biosphere home. Learning what they need. And learning how we can all be responsible stewards of this special place people and wildlife call home.

Collecting data over the last couple years and consulting with experts and the public, the Biosphere has developed a plan to engage and educate the public on this vital issue. Engaging with different levels of government, Indigenous organizations and other NGOs, the Biosphere identified key species in the region and information on the human-wildlife interactions that take place, and created an outreach and communications plan to promote specific ways we can all live more effectively with these non-human residents. "The Biosphere's mandate isn't wildlife management. Our role is to make people aware of wildlife and integrate with the good work that other agencies are doing," says Brian. "The BHB is a connector, collating the work others are doing, and connecting residents and visitors to those resources."

Thanks to Ted, Herb and all who helped make this a most interesting evening.



Beaver Hills Biosphere guest Speaker night contd.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS special edition 1955-1960

When Gas was 40 cents a gallon (10 cents a liter)



MIXED BUFFET MEETING

On April April 24th Gyro's, spouses or girlfriends and other nearest and dearests congregated at the Yang Ming Buffet for a gastronomic delight. Our positive experience last year was not a one off. The food was fine, the quantities seemed unlimited and the variety surpassed our past experience.

In the process of making it a creative evening I added another item to my bucket list and then checked it off at the Yang Ming. I tried chicken feet! I think if I hadn't seen them there, they would never have made my bucket list. For those who didn't succumb to the desire to try them, the sauce made them palatable. The fact that they were 90% little bones did not.

Now for the bad news. I took my phone, I wrote myself a reminder note and then had so much fun visiting and sampling three platefuls of samples from the limitless menu that I it didn't dawn on me that I had yet to click a single picture until I was on the Anthony Henday. Those of you who were unable to make it will have to take my word for how fine the evening was. I wonder if I could create something convincing via AI.

Me being escorted out of the
all you can eat Chinese buffet.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ELECTION NIGHT May 8th

It's that time of year again when we choose our leadership for the 2024/25 season. The meeting is pivotal in how our club will thrive and grow in the coming year. That means that we all need to mark down the night and make our ideas and desires known to the chosen hierarchy. Don Greig will be the go-to guy for this evening, aided by Nestor Slipchuk. Current news from Don is that we have three Gyros who have agreed to let their names stand for nomination: **Art Merrick** for Vice President; **Blair Gallant** and **Lawrence Zalasky**, both for two year terms as directors. The evening will be much more exciting and entertaining if we have more than the minimum required number of nominees. Let's offer a friendly challenge to these three. Then campaign chairmen can show us their creativity. Let Don Greig know you are up for increasing the fun potential on Election Night.

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AUCTION NIGHT May 22nd

You should all be notifying Ted Ewanchuk tewanchu@shaw.ca to inform him of the item (s) you are donating for the auction, if you have not already done so. This provides the club with the primary bulk of its income for the year. If we come up short, our club has to cut back on the number or type of events. We hope the opposite will occur and help us bring in more new members to share the fun and friendship with us.

DISTRICT VIII SUMMER CELEBRATION CONVENTION JUNE 19th-21st Lacombe, AB

As you have heard several times from District VIII Governor, Dunc Mills, this meeting is coming up quickly. Lacombe offers the friendliness of a smaller community, good golf, shopping, dining, etc. and a chance to meet old Gyro friends and make new ones.

Book your hotel at www.wyndhamhotels.com/travelodge/lacombe-alberta

or phone:(403)782-7826

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 2nd-6th

The big meeting will be held in NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario. It should be a bang up party. Time is running out to firm up your plans to take in this major Gyro event, so don't put it off. **ACT NOW!**

AGING GYROS

I got a new “updated” Birthday list from the International Gyro Website via Ray Davis. It came in alphabetical order rather than the calendar order I had become used to. It made me aware of some eccentricities such as the fact that of our 44 listed members there are no May Birthdays showing up until member #32, **Jim Malott** (5th). He is then joined by **George Ward** (8th), **Nestor Slipchuk** (9th), **Lloyd Wilson** (15th) and **Paul West** (24th). Hope your birthday month brings full-on Spring, gentlemen. Enjoy the beginning of a warm summer.



HEALTH AND WELFARE:

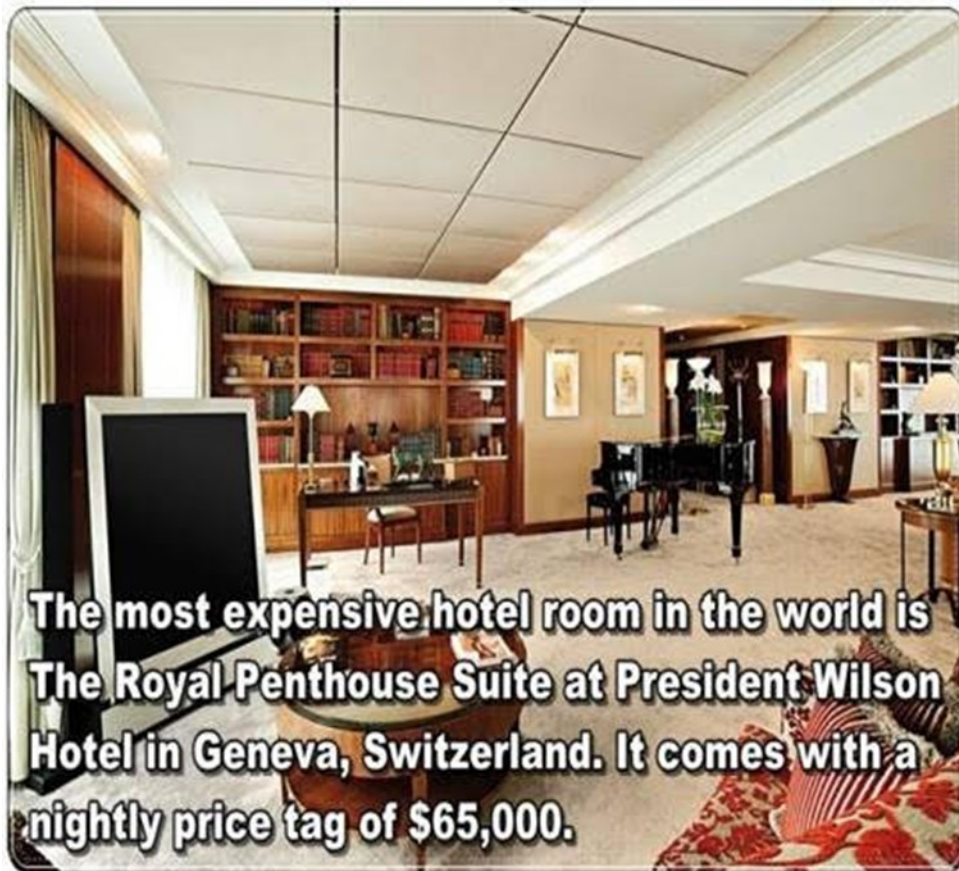
The headline for Health and Welfare news this issue centers around **Dorne Hunt**. He went into hospital on April 16th for colon surgery. Since he had been symptom-free the news after a routine colonoscopy that he needed the surgery to deal with small spot that turned out to be cancerous, was quite a shock to Dorne and his family.

I called for an update on the 24th. Dorne was asleep but Barb updated me. Dorne had come home on the the19th (earlier than many) but had a setback and ended up back in the hospital again that night. He returned home on the 23rd and is now embarking on his road to recovery. We all wish you a speedy one, Dorne.

I can send along a special, personal load of empathy, since I went through the same procedure earlier this year.



TRAVEL TRIVIA



The most expensive hotel room in the world is The Royal Penthouse Suite at President Wilson Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland. It comes with a nightly price tag of \$65,000.



Las Vegas, Nevada has the most hotel rooms of any city in any country in the world.

TIS THE SEASON

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It's time to wave
goodbye to winter.
Guess what
finger I'll
be using?



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I just realized why this
month is called May

..... WIND-LIGIOUS

It may rain,
it may snow,
it may be 70 degrees,
it may be 20 degrees.
I may have wine later.



THIS IS MY FIRST
TIME DONATING.

THINK OF ALL THE
PANCAKES YOU'LL
BE GIVING LIFE TO.



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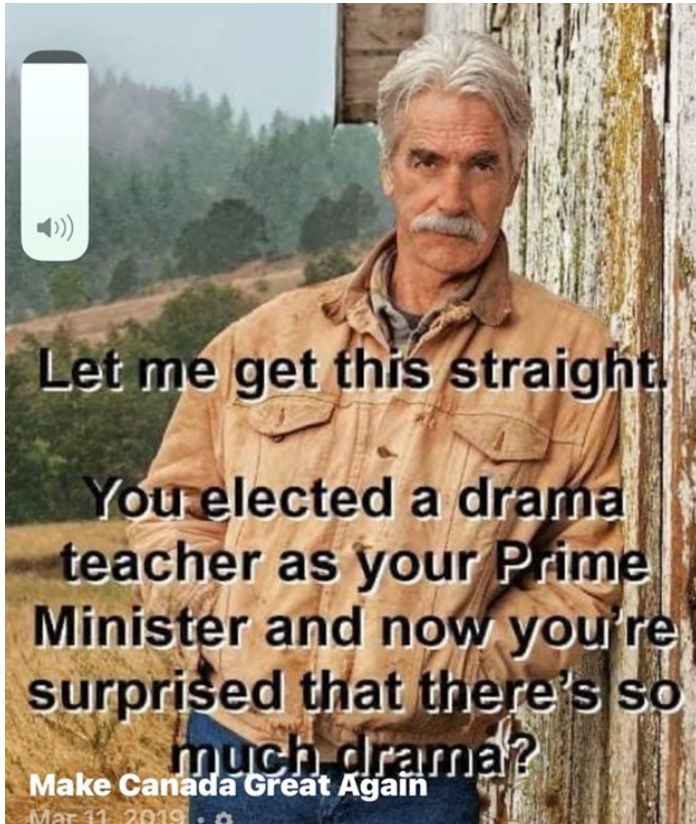
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**TIME TO GET OUT THE
7-PIECE PATIO SET**

MEANWHILE IN CANADA



My fellow Canadians. It's almost that time of year again. Take cover!! Beware the return of the Cobra Chickens.



Sometimes I find Canadian stereotypes a bit annoying, then I remember we literally drizzle maple syrup on fresh snow and eat it with a stick.



Meanwhile in Canada
@MeanwhileinCana

American: The easy way to remember how many feet are in a mile is to think 5 tomatoes - sounds like 5280

Canadian: The easy way to know how many metres are in a kilometre is 1000 - because we live in the 21st century.

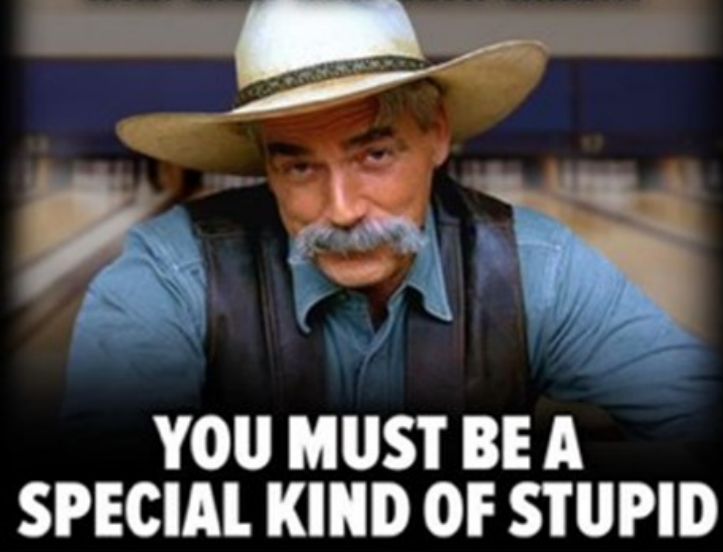
A big Canadian "Sorry" to our American friends

MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA

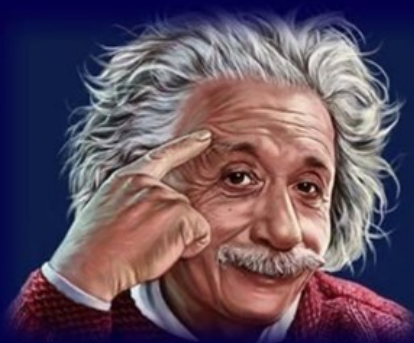


BIDEN
FOR
~~**X**~~**PRESIDENT**

If you are buying a bible from a guy who had an affair with a porn star while his wife was at home with their new born child...



So, You want to see the tax returns of a Billionaire who became a Politician?



A smart person would want to see the tax returns of Politicians who became Millionaires!

JFK AND EISENHOWER



When real Democrats and Republicans were running our country; we didn't hate each other. We didn't vote for parties. We voted for ideas that came from both parties that made us better as country.

We didn't label ideas or parties as racist, sexist or un-American.

We did what we thought was best for
" WE THE PEOPLE "

And accepted the winner as a united country!!!

THOSE WERE THE DAYS



The construction of the Chateau Lacombe, 1965.



Young couple buying gas in the early 1920's



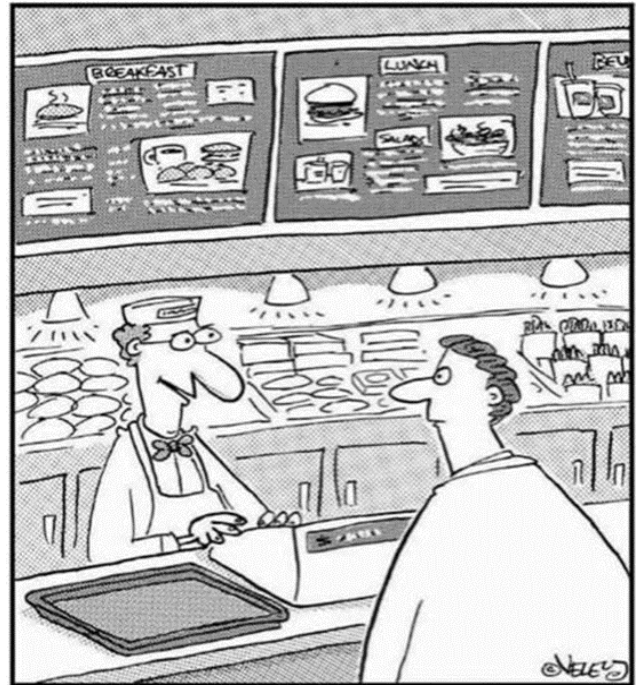
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This was Las Vegas in 1947..



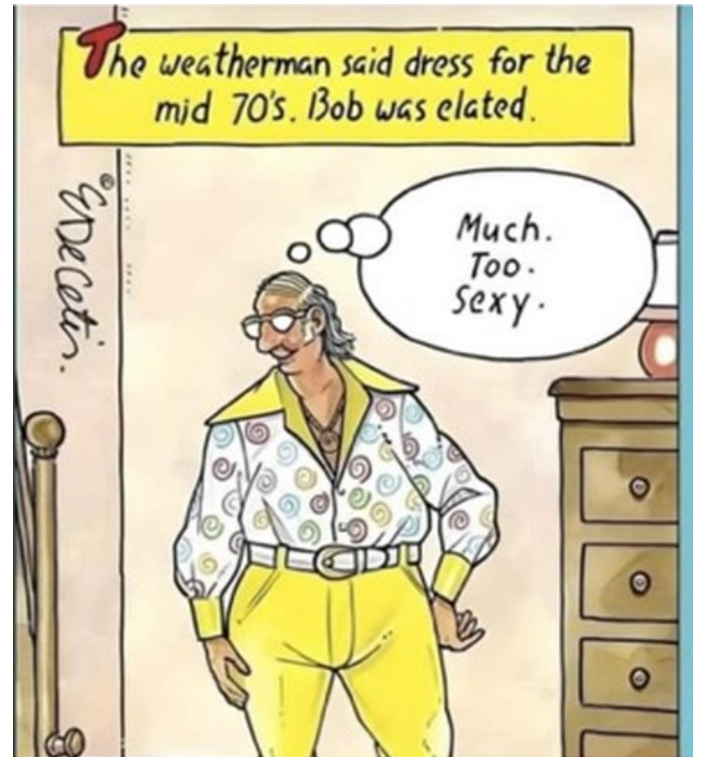
SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



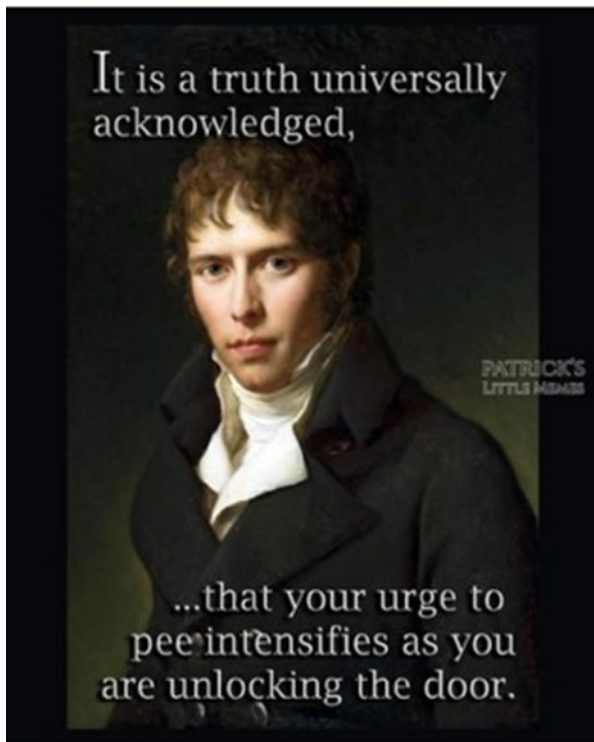
"And finally, sir, would you like your burger flipped by a Ph.D. in Philosophy, History or English Literature?"



AGING GRACELESLY



From The Book of Common Knowledge.

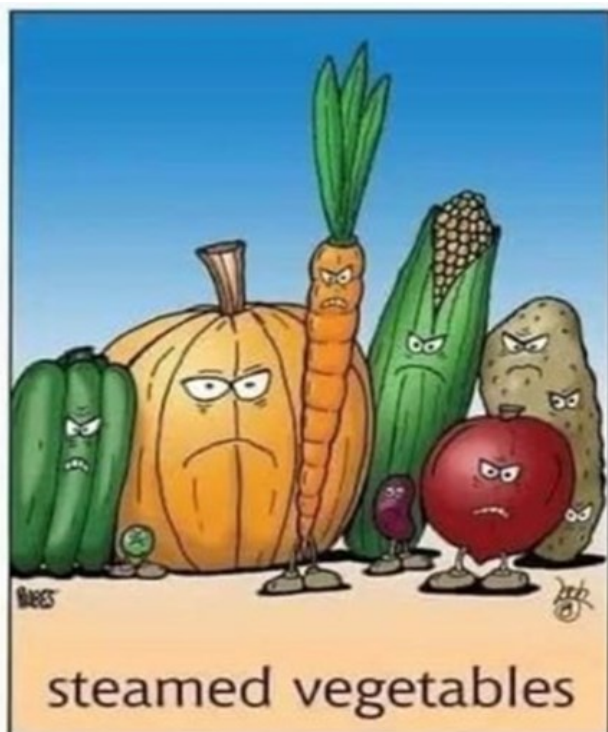


GIDDY GASTRONOMY

I was told to be creative suddenly I became jobless.



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.



VEGAN CHICKEN



BEVERAGE BANTER

I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars but I really think it's the Vodka



From that day on, Kevin never touched alcohol again



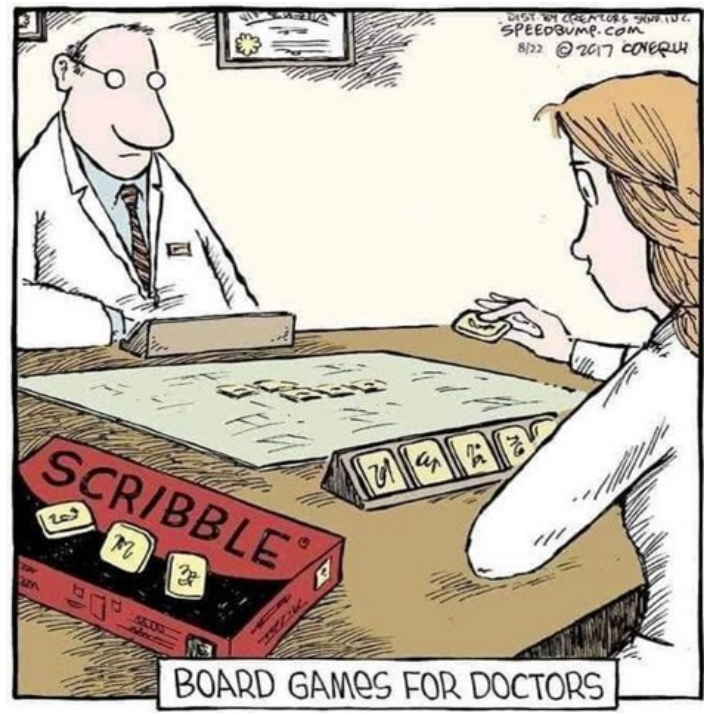
Always make sure your loved ones are buckled up.



THINKING ABOUT HEALTH IN 2024



The moment Tillie realized that the fly she's been chasing around the kitchen for the last half hour is actually just an eye floater.



GYRETTE GIGGLES



For those of you that don't want Alexa or Siri listening in on your conversation, they are making a male version...it doesn't listen to anything.



They're cute and look harmless but they are loud, incredibly expensive to keep, and absolutely untrainable! The other one is a kangaroo. I don't know anything about kangaroos...



KID'S KOMEDY

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"I hope you haven't got gravy all over your shoes."



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Not all princesses need saving.



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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



Hmmmm....

OKAY FINE! I'LL GO CAMPING..



Water Park owners are confused How is 25000 Litre water added in the morning becomes 25300 litres in the evening



Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.

ANIMAL INSTINCTS




Did your human break a treat in half and try to pass it off as a whole treat?

You may be entitled to compensation.

FIDO BONA ESQ
Pawfirm Owner

Our attorneys have seven times the experience chasing down treats owed. Paw us today to schedule a consultation

HOUND, WOLFE & CHASE
Attorneys at Paw

 biggest-gaudiest-patronuses

Excellent Reasons to give pets Boring Human Names:

1. To see how long it takes co-workers to realize you're talking about a pet and not a significant other ("Dave and I were watching a movie in bed the other nite")
- 1b. or about a kid ("Maria's not allowed to eat raisins, she's allergic")
2. You can use them as an excuse ("Taylor hates it when I get home late")
3. Eventually you get to say things like "Jennifer got stuck between the wall and the refrigerator *again*"

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

I went to a restaurant. it was full. There was no place to sit and the wait was over thirty minutes. I took out my cell phone, placed it to my ear, and said loudly, "Hey, get over here! She's here with someone else!" Six couples got up and quickly left.

Dating Coach: so you tried flirting?

Me: sure, I gave *him*'the look'

Dating Coach: show me

I bite my lip seductively

Dating Coach: have you considered biting the bottom lip?

SAD NEWS! I BROKE UP WITH MY GIRLFRIEND LORAINE. SHE FOUND OUT I WAS SEEING ANOTHER GIRL, CLAIRE LEE. GOOD NEWS THOUGH! I CAN SEE CLAIRE LEE NOW, LORAINE IS GONE!



ah yes i was looking for a soap dispenser labeled "ketchup" with a picture of grapes

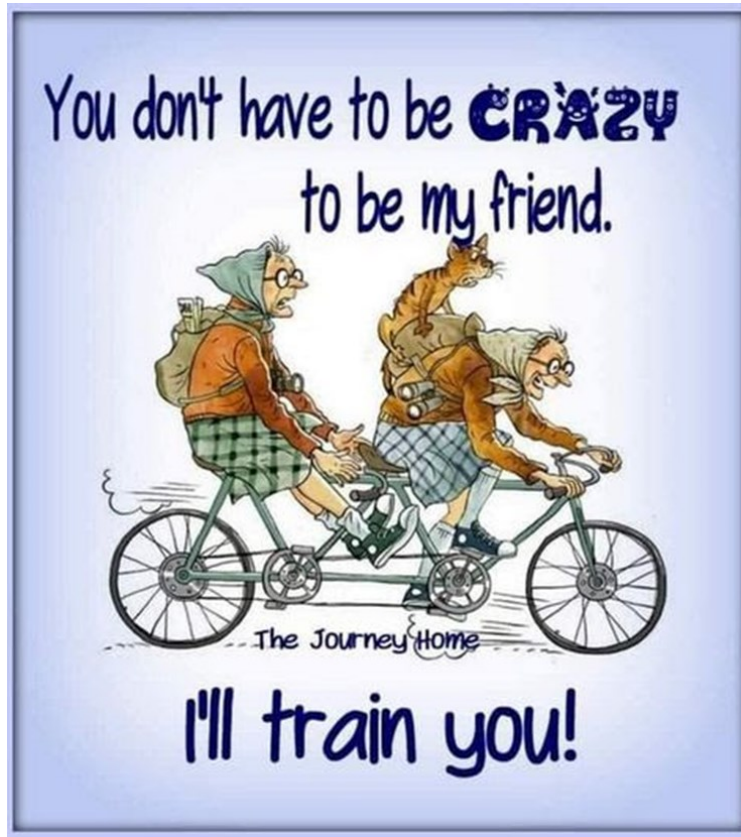
FIRST RULE OF CLEANING WHILE LISTENING TO MUSIC THE TOILET BRUSH IS NEVER THE MICROPHONE...NEVER



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I really want this bottle in my bathroom. I'd place it next to matching decorative soaps and towels as if it seems like it fits, but I'll actually fill the thing up with ketchup. So when I have guests over and they decide to use the bathroom, they will see this bottle and have a moment of cognitive dissonance, "This [Soap Bottle] in the [Bathroom] is labelled [Ketchup], so surely it must dispense [Soap] instead of [Ketchup] despite the label saying [Ketchup] right?" and then let them have a moment of realization followed by abject horror as they pump viscous ketchup all over their hands instead of soap

GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD....

