

# THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK



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**I WAS JUST THINKING: The correct spelling of the word SCHOOL, not SCHOOL. Some people put the second O before the first O which is very wrong.**

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## EDITOR'S RANT:

.For those of you who read the first part of this Rant topic in the last Bulletin edition, you may recall that I expressed concern about the apparent lack of control of this technological phenomenon called Artificial Intelligence, or AI. Over the decades, what started as an interesting project concept that had potential to those able to see it, AI has expanded in capability, potential, and impact at an accelerating rate that is astonishing to the vast majority of the human population. What began as an interesting quirk for those in the know, now is influencing all our lives in ways we couldn't have even imagined just a few years ago.

In the previous Rant, I touched on a couple of examples of the negative potential that AI presents. I promised to flip the coin and note some of the positives it can bring us.

Although politics is, unfortunately, inextricably a bedfellow in fields such as health care, education, social justice and world peace, it is difficult to simply focus on the positive potentials of AI when the negatives are rampant and growing.

The vastly expanding data that the health care system will be able to access will save countless lives and improve the quality of a significant portion of our population. AI can provide a huge impact on the time consuming duties of charting that take up so much valuable time for health care practitioners, freeing them to spend that time actually providing active care for human patients. AI is already expanding capabilities with

## Rant contd.

advances in instrumentation and quick access to vital information. On the other side of the coin, Big Pharma and Corporate interests are and will continue to try and control what knowledge is useful to their bottom line or “image” and attempt to sublimate that which doesn’t serve their purposes.

Education has much to gain by expanding knowledge. Isn’t that what education is supposed to do? Again, AI can and is being used to help educators keep up to date with advances in their field. There are even AI created “students” to help new teachers hone their skills before moving on to the classroom. And yet there are ever increasing forces intent on limiting that knowledge available to educators and students to fit a particular political perspective. Irresponsible or politically motivated misuse of AI represents a growing danger. AI can influence what knowledge is allowed and what isn’t. Banning books has never led to a progressive period in mankind’s journey and politics or religion have always been behind this suffocation of knowledge.

It is a pretty common theme to want world peace, yet we seem to be again teetering on the brink of losing hope for that objective. AI can determine understanding of the complex factors that influence our chances of survival in this quest. Coincidentally, and probably dominantly, AI can also spread so much false information that the goal disappears, awash in misinformation, sometimes referred to in the industry as “Hallucination”.

I promised a more positive second part to my rant. I am certainly aware of the huge potential for good that AI can provide. Unfortunately, the jury is still out, in my mind, as to which side will ultimately win this battle for our future.

When I read this to my dog, Jak, he didn’t recoil in horror. In fact, he didn’t seem to care. Perhaps there is a canine lesson for us all. When I figure out what it is, I will revisit this topic.

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*Since I typed out the AI piece above, the free world has taken a dramatic turn on its ear. But for a stroke of luck an historic assassination could have widened, perhaps irreparably, the sharp divide that threatens to tear our southern neighbours apart. Time will tell whether the rhetoric that brought things this point will cool down and issues will dominate discussions rather than inflammatory exaggerations and attacks that persist even now. Emotions are raw, “facts” are changing by the hour and day. If this temperature of the “discussions” can’t be cooled, it s going to be a long four months until November and then, depending on the current odds-makers’ accuracy, America, Canada and the world are in for a lot of pain and periods of reactionary irrationality. I am not siding with one party being all right or all wrong, but my hope, regardless of the outcome in November, is that we all survive the next four years.*

I wrote this post-script because I had just this amount of space left on the page.



# KID'S KOMEDY

Some Cabbage Patch babies to cheer you up! GOOD... See more



**F**

I can't unsee "Captain Tiny Arm" and his baby sidekick "Mega Hand"



**T**



**W**



I'm always surprised when heavily tattooed couples have a baby and it comes out blank.



In the space below please write any overall comments about this course or instructor not covered above.

If I had one hour to live, I'd spend it in this class because it feels like an eternity.

# WINDUP AND OFFICER INSTALLATION

As briefly noted in the last bulletin, the **Broadmoor Country Club** was the scene of the Sherwood Park Gyro Club's annual Windup and Installation on June 27th. As reported the evening was a smashing success, with Gyro friendship mixed with a changing of the guard and a delicious meal. Unfortunately, illness skuttled my plans to attend, and so I am relying on second hand reporting and photographic evidence to back up the stories.

**Ted Ewanchuk** was kind enough to take time from his vacation to fill me in on the details.

**Herb Zmurchuk** provided the photography.

55 Gyros and Gyrettes, including International 2nd Vice President Dunc Mills attended the event. Rikke Dootjes also brought a special guest.

**Sid Slade**, as a Past District Governor, installed our **Ted Ewanchuk** as club Treasurer and 2nd year Director. Ted, in turn in his role as District Governor, installed **Blair Gallant** and **Lawrence Zelasky** as 1st year Directors, **Sid Slade** as 2nd year Director, **Art Merrick** as Vice President, **Nestor Slipchuk** as Past President, and **Don Greig** as President for the year 2024/2025. (Confused yet? Score cards and programs not available. Ed. )

**Gordon Stewart** and **Paul West** received Certificates of Appreciation as past Directors now that their terms have been completed.

**Ray Davis** was unable to attend but his role as secretary was noted.

Following the Officer installation, **Dunc Mills** updated attendees on the **International Convention** in Niagara Falls where he was elected **2nd Vice President**.

**Ted Ewanchuk** spoke briefly about his trips to Wallace for their Gyro Days, and to Nelson for their 100th Anniversary celebration. He also spoke about the recent District VIII in Lacomb which was a great success.

As a footnote: Although not an elected position, **Scott Brisbin** has advised the new Executive that he is willing to continue to offer his services as Bulletin Editor for the coming year.

Thanks, Ted.



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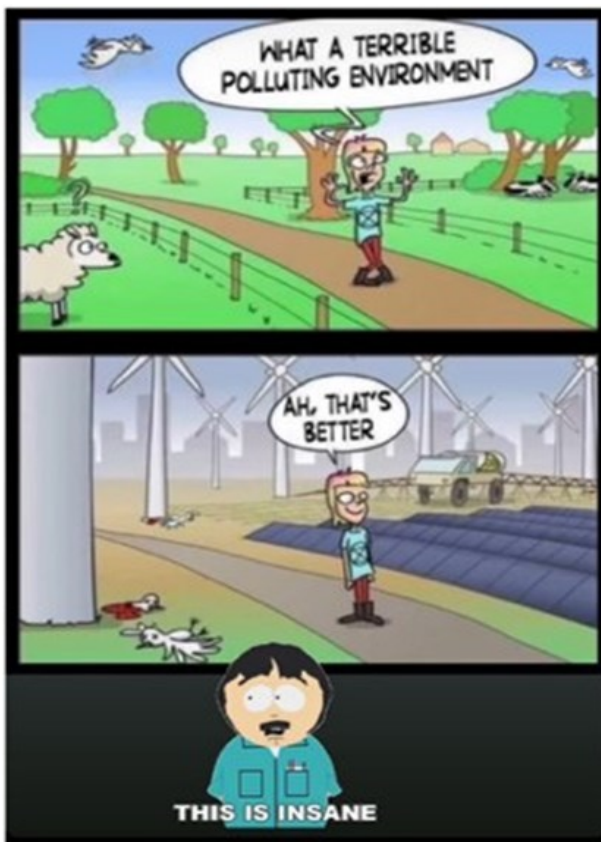


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# PONDERING ENVIRONMENT



# GOLF DAY

On July 3rd sixteen golfers, including one guest, and six more non-golfers showed up at Legends golf course. Due to heavy rains leading up to the “tournament” only one 9 hole segment was allowing carts. Given the accumulation of birthdays gathered there for the day, an “executive” decision was made to shorten the tournament to a 9 hole one.

When the final putt was made, **Bruce Shelske** was the Low Gross winner, shooting a 38, and pocketed \$50 and the trophy that goes with that honour. 2nd Low Gross honour went to **Al Gordon** who narrowly escaped having to haul the trophy home and pay to have his name engraved on it by shooting a 39.

Low Net, shooting a net 34, went to **Bernie Kropp** He also received \$50 and a trophy for his efforts. **Rick Craddock**, also shooting a 34, grabbed \$25 in cash.

The winning Par Points Team with 48 par points was the team that included **Roger Delveaux, Bernie Kropp, Ian Bannatyne, and Jim Mallot.**

A BIG thankyou goes out to organizer, **Gord Stewart, Sid Slade** who kept track of handicaps and scoring, **Rikke Dootjes** for his photography skills, and the **weather man** who allowed the abbreviated tournament to take place.





# More Golf Day





# CARS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Thanks, everyone, for your concern. First off, I'm ok, but I was a bit shaken up, though.

For those of you who aren't aware, I was robbed at a Shell gas station not far from my home last night. After my hands stopped trembling, I managed to call the police.

They were quick to respond and calmed me down because my blood pressure went through the roof!

My money is gone, however.

The police asked me if I knew who did it, and I told them, "Yes, it was pump number 2."



This is what irony means. You buy an electric car to save the planet and a tree kills it!



**78% of batteries for electric cars are made in China, understand yet!!!**  
🤔🤔🤔🤔



# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## **BOCCI: Wednesday, August 14th**

**Gary Kleebaum** reminds us that our annual **Challenge the Weatherman August mixed event** will take place on Wednesday, August 14th at the Kleebaum estate. We are advised to bring lawn seating, mosquito repellent, and alcoholic beverages. A “simple meal” will be provided. He would like us to respond regarding a) our plans to attend and b) any Bocci balls you might have lying around.

If the weatherman wins, perhaps we can persuade Gary and Carol to let us roll the balls around in the basement. Creativity sometimes wins the day. Sometimes it loses the day.

**The red hat has been replaced  
by the ear diaper**



# AGING GYROS

First off, my apologies to Al Gordon who pointed out that Terry Bajer was not the lone June Baby. Al is younger than my records showed. The birthday list I got from International posts Al as being born on January 7, 1949. In fact, the accurate date was supposed to be June 7, 1949. You staved off senility by another 5 months, Al. Would it be so simple for us all.



July birthday boys noted on the ACCURATE list (I hope), include: **Sid Slade** (15th); **Bill Austin** (18th); **Gary Kleebaum** (24th).

Here's to summer finally arriving in earnest by the time your special days arrive. June was a bit of a bust!

The timing of these bulletins is a bit askew. I will also wish the August birthday boys a great milestone now rather than who half of them are already recovering from celebrations.

**Ian Bannatyne** (5th); **Dorne Hunt** (9th); **John Evans** (10th); **Bernie Kropp** (16th); **Nestor Chomik** (24th);

## HEALTH AND WELFARE:

**Dorne Hunt** began his chemotherapy treatment on June 17th. We are pulling for you, Dorne, confident in a positive outcome.

**Allan and Kay Bleiken:** Although they have had to resign as one of your much loved Gyro/Gyrette couples due to Kay's deteriorating health, some of us have remained in fairly close contact with them. Kay is now in a Care Facility. She and Allan remain in a positive frame of mind and remain optimistic that their situation can turn around. Kay still has her sense of humour and cognition and is countering her physical challenges. I know you will all join me in cheering them on in this challenging stage of their lives and send positive vibes to bolster their own.

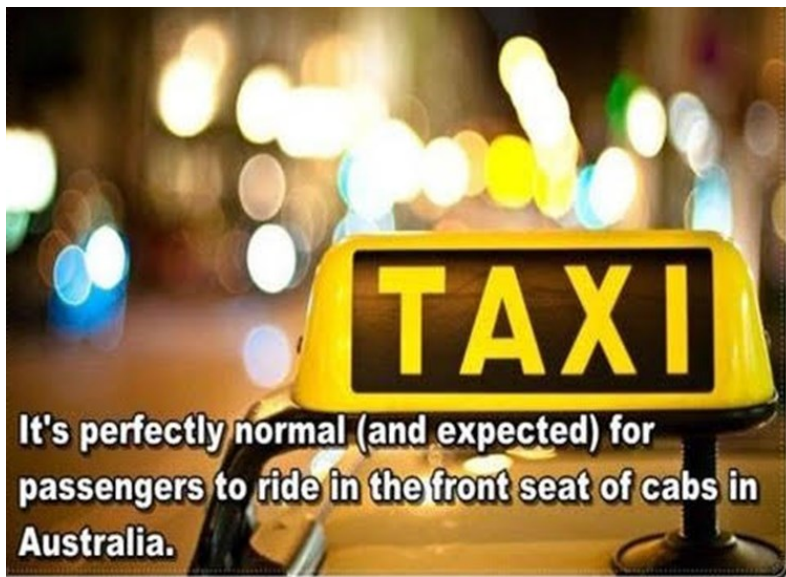
July 1st: Your Editor has not been in the best shape over the past week or so. My health visibly deteriorated over the past four days, At one point I had to use a cane to get from my bed to the kitchen. I was in increasing pain in my back, elevating headaches and loss of strength in the extreme. Mobility was hazardous. Yesterday I ended up in the ER for 12 hours. My tests were all promising, by my midnight release I was relatively pain free and feeling significantly better. The THEORY is that I probably passed a kidney stone. Fun times. Time will tell, but I am certainly in not shape yet to go out and party. I am bummed



# TRAVEL TRIVIA



Towel animal left by the hotel staff





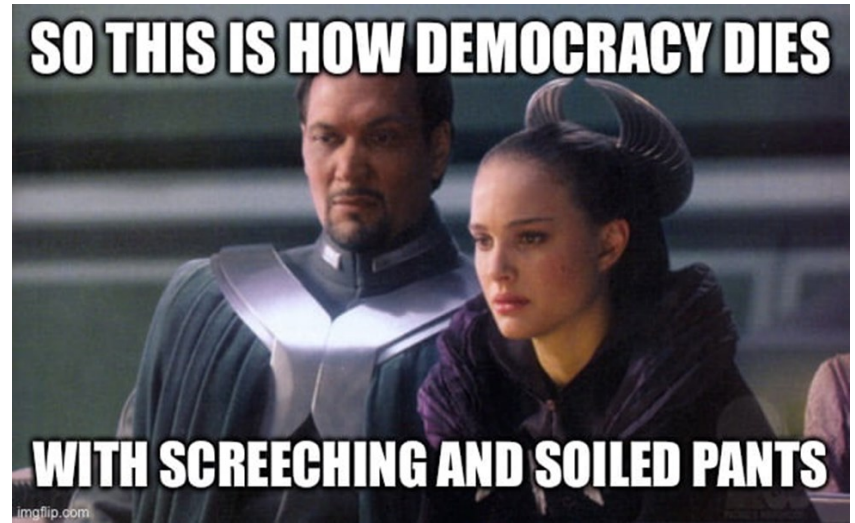
# MEANWHILE IN CANADA

Truck with an interesting decal on it was spotted in the GTA.

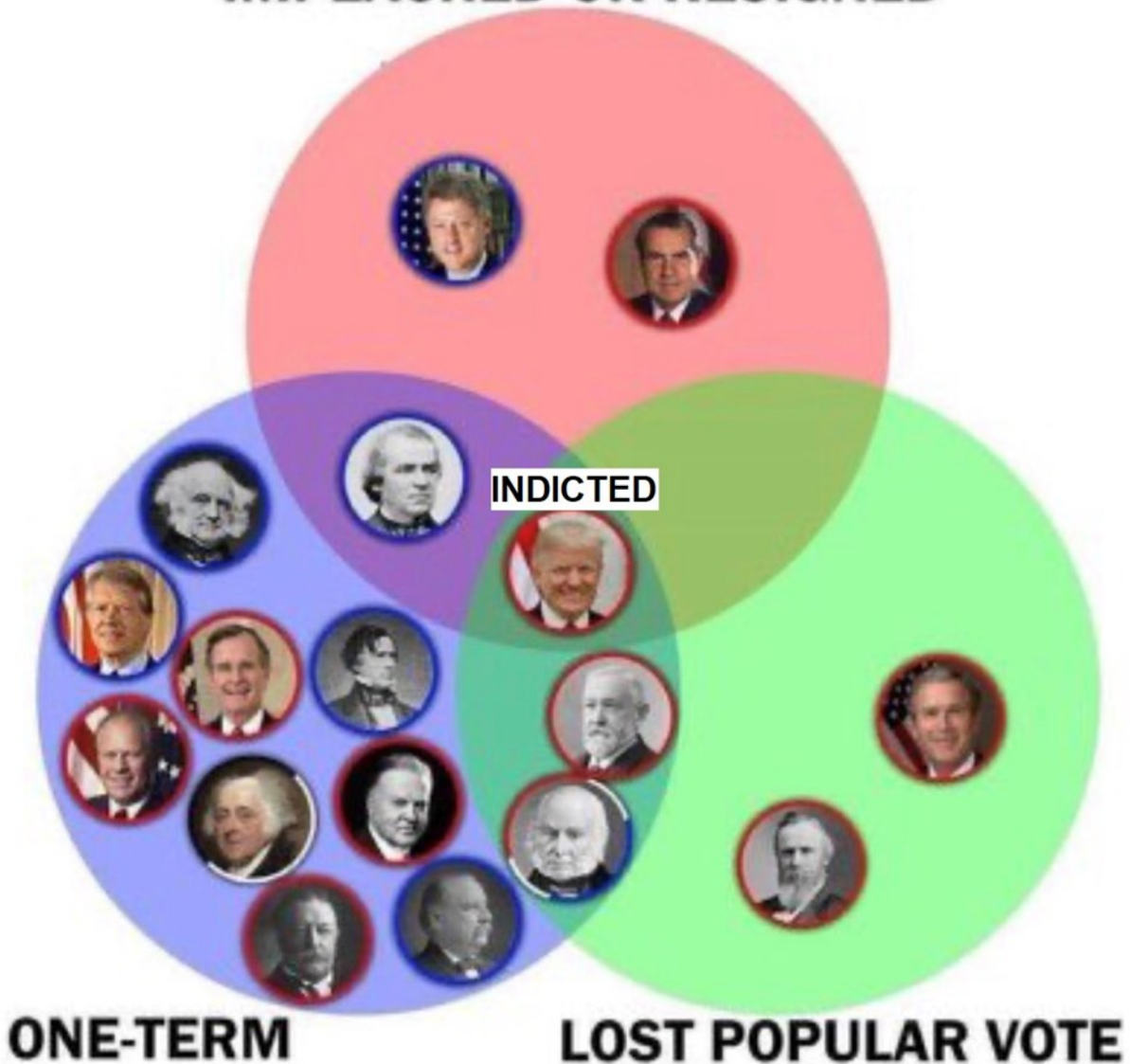




# MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA—Just too Easy!!



## IMPEACHED OR RESIGNED





# THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Here's a little weekly Alberta history for you! 99 years ago back in 1925 Ralph 'Slim' Moorhouse drove a team of 36 horses pulling 10 wagons full of grain from his ranch southeast of Calgary! He made the trek to be part of the Calgary Stampede that year. YaHoo and have a great day! 🇨🇦



Yet another old skill that has been lost over the years.

This is how us "BABY BOOMERS" traveled....😂😂😂





# SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

"Greatest" septic truck ever.

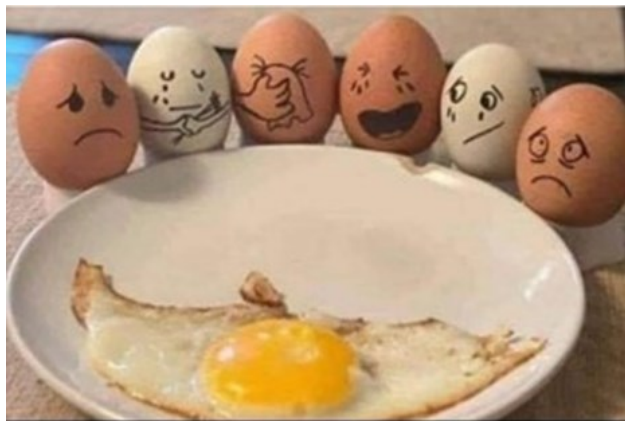


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# GIDDY GASTRONOMY

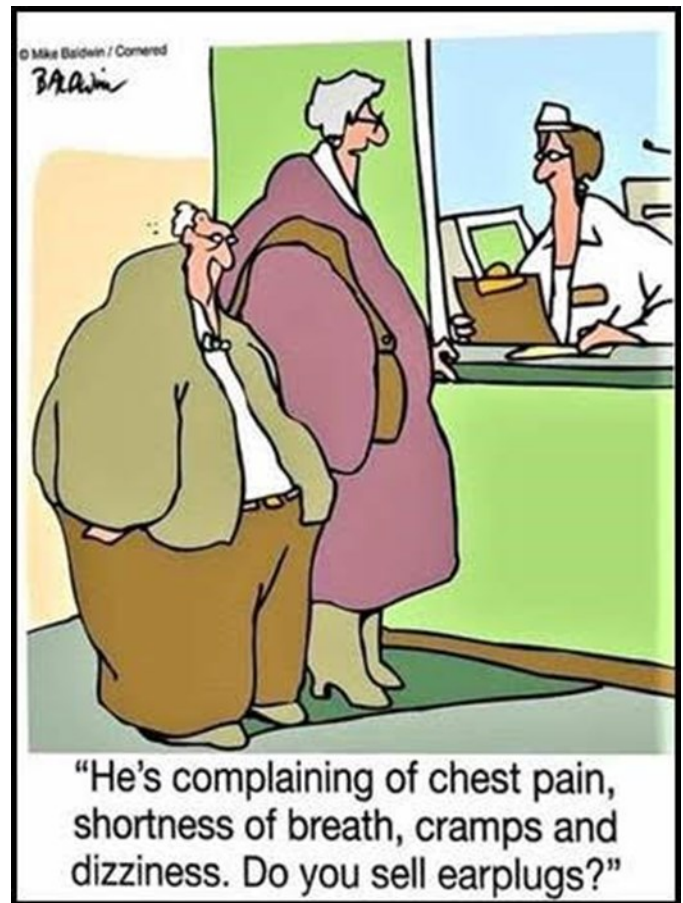
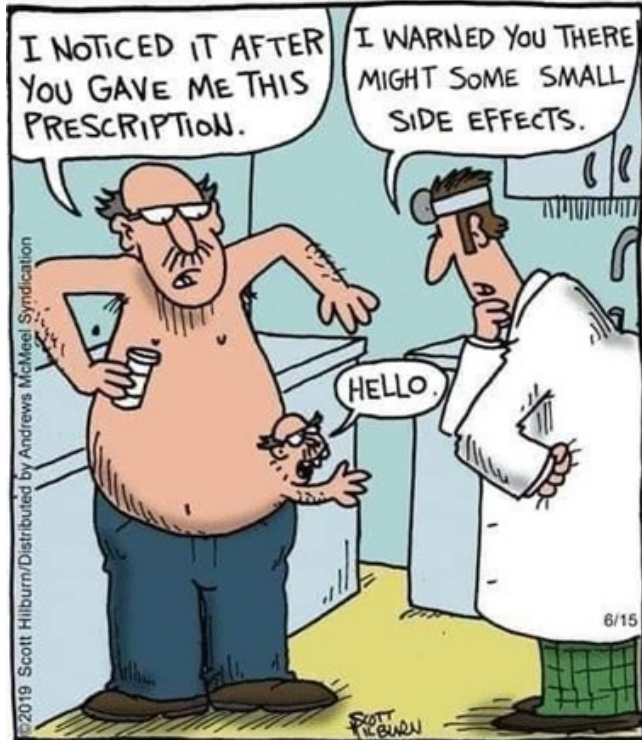


He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.





# THINKING ABOUT HEALTH



**Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.**

**Every few days it would be smart to put your jeans on to make sure they still fit**

**Pajamas and sweats will have you believe all is well**



# GYRETTE GIGGLES

An elderly man thinking his wife was losing her hearing went about 20' behind her and asked "Can you hear me sweetheart?" No reply. Moved to 10' and inquired again. No reply. 5' and not a word. A few inches behind ear, he asked "Can you hear me now honey"? His wife said "For the fourth time, yes."

IF MY KIDS KNEW  
THERE WAS A  
LIGHT IN THE  
OVEN, THEY'D  
LEAVE THAT ONE  
ON TOO.

I ORIGINALLY HID THE RING IN THE LASAGNA, BUT THE DOG ATE IT SO I HAD TO WAIT A FEW DAYS TO TRY THIS AGAIN...



Me: Bathroom is cleaned.  
Wife: Thank you.  
Me: Why do we keep the toilet brush in the shower?  
Wife: What?  
Me: Why is the toilet brush in the shower?  
Wife: What the hell are you talking about?  
Me: The puffy thing with the handle.  
Wife: MY LOOFAH?!  
Me: You named the toilet brush?

**I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT TODAY, WHEN I CAME HOME AND WAS TOLD BY MY WIFE THAT MY 5-YEAR-OLD SON WASN'T ACTUALLY MINE...**

**SHE SAYS THAT I NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION WHEN PICKING HIM UP FROM SCHOOL.**



I've had enough... you go walk the dog every night, not once have you taken me in all the years we've been married!!!

You could have told me long before... I had no idea you also wanted to pee outside!!!



# 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

Bryce Canyon • Utah 



# Hmmmm....



Barber: What do you want?  
Him: Just a plain cut  
Barber: Say no more





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

Gyros and Gyrettes gathered from near and far to soak up some early summer sunshine, renew old friendships and make new ones. All reports are that it was a great gathering. Congratulations for your term as District Governor, Dunc Mills. We feel you are like kin. You attended so many of Sherwood Park's events and always kept us informed of District news as well as entertaining us with your quick wit and public speaking skills.

The new District Governor is our own Ted Ewanchuk. Ted is no stranger to service in Gyro, having held most positions at the club level before expanding to the District field. We are confident that you will do us all proud once again, Ted.

Thanks to Brenda Kropp, we were supplied with some photographic evidence of the affair.



# ANIMAL INSTINCTS

my dog got a haircut and now it looks like he gave up drinking.

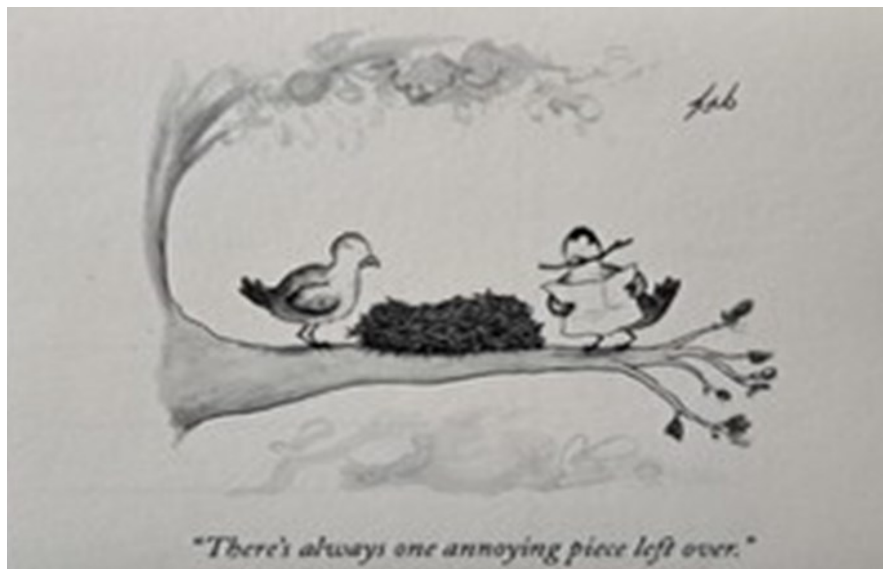


**Looks in-bread to me** 😂

A symbol of wealth amongst the pigeon community



**I Think I'm Overfeeding My Hummingbirds**





# SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

When the client says can you do it cheaper...



If you think you're having a bad day, remember the woman standing behind 3 mannequins. 🤔🤔



# GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



# AND THE LAST WORD....

