

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK



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I WAS JUST THINKING:

**A cold seat in a public restroom is unpleasant.
A warm seat in a public restroom is worse.**

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EDITOR'S RANT:

As we Canadians watch with a mixture of amusement and horror the political extravaganza unfolding South of us, we may be in for a mini-version of some of that drama here at home. There is a tug-of-war between parties here that may or may not result in an election earlier than the original plan predicted. Again, we can view this potential scenario with mixed emotions. It is our country, so it should have a bigger impact on our quality of life and peace of mind. However, whatever happens in the US in November will have a major influence here at home.

There are causes for concerns no matter which party comes out the winner. If Harris pulls it off, we will all be anxious to see if she can actually act on her promises while keeping fiscal checks in control. Can she perform her hoped for miracle and start the healing, unifying the two sides, so sharply divided now that many feel the future of America's survival may be at stake? If Trump is true to his pattern and predictions, the Right will call "Foul" having already been setting the stage for such a possibility. The divisions will remain or intensify and the possibility of civil war that is being increasingly expressed may become a tragic reality.

On the other hand, if Trump emerges as the victor, the end result may be the same. The right has more, but certainly not all the guns. If he can hold the violence to a manageable stalemate, the country may not suffer as badly, economically,

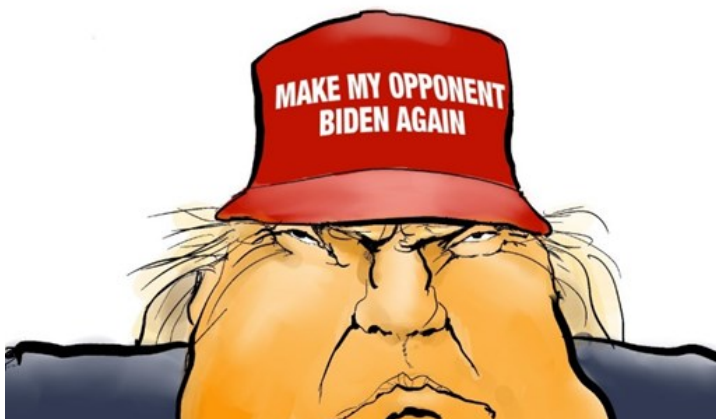
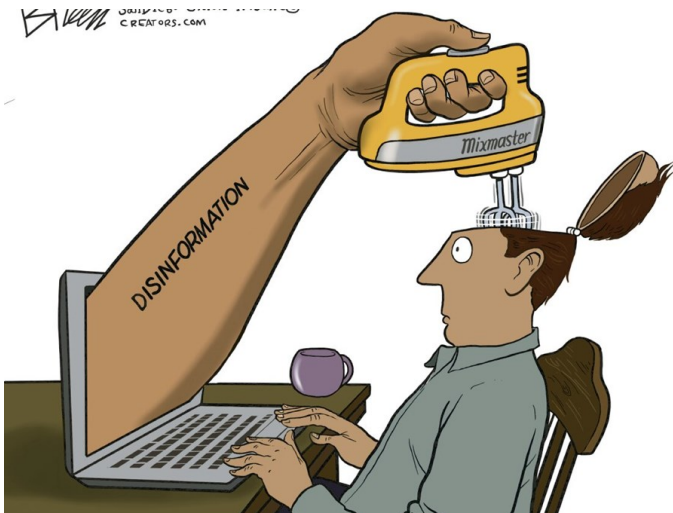
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as the Left predicts. There will be a new reality as immigrant depopulation promised takes hold. Foreign relations will see America with new friends and new “used-to-be” friends. Time starting in November and beyond will be watched closely around the world.

This election, to quote Mr. Trump and agreed to by both parties, “will be the “most important election in the country’s history”. Well, it will certainly be important and riveting.



“JUST WON THIS AWARD. IT'S A MAJOR AWARD, BETTER THAN THE NOBEL OR EVEN THE DORAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. EVERYBODY'S SAYING IT.”



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Wednesday, September 4th thirty Gyros and two guests attended the AGM held at the Headquarters Restaurant, armed with copies of budgets, past present and forecast, as well as summaries of other topics to be discussed. After an hour of socializing and enjoying our chosen meals the people with the answers to our questions took over the meeting. Information was put forth, clarifications were made, opinions were exchanged and votes were held.

After a call to order and the traditional toasts, etc., Ted Ewanchuk introduced his guest, **Paul Poirier**. Paul also attended the Bocci Lawn Party at the Kleebaums. He is in the process of becoming a member. Another “guest” in attendance was former and long-time member, **Alan Bleiken**. Alan’s commitment to caring for his wife, Kay for the past couple of years necessitated his regrettable resignation last year. Kay is now in a Long Term Care Facility and Alan feels he can now return to Gyro. We have a hearty welcome to both these “guests” and can say with certainty that they will be valuable additions to our ranks.

Ray Davis obtained approval for the 2023AGM minutes.

Ted Ewanchuk drew attention to the printed copies of the 2023-24 Financial Statement, and the 2024-25 Budget.

Lawrence Zalasky led the discussion of on the Schedule of Meetings as well as the format for the 2025 Auction Night. After some discussion, it was decided by vote that the Auction would remain a members only function rather than a mixed function for the time being.

Ted Ewanchuk then retook the floor and discussed proposed restructuring of the International Gyro to increase the organization’s efficiency. The vote was 23 for and 3 against.

Ted also reminded us of the District Convention to be held next June in the form of a seven day **Alaskan Cruise**. Prices are quite reasonable and can be all inclusive. However, our opportunities to book are not going to last for months. We need to decide our plan fairly soon. I know that it is easy to postpone when one doesn’t know the realities one will face next June. Most will go as couples. Those of us who can’t do that and need to share a room have different challenge. Personally, I have been toying with the idea of attending but need to find a room-mate.

All in all, it was congenial and productive AGM, thanks to

. GYRO CLUB OF SHERWOOD PARK 2024-2025 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| 04 Sep 24 | Mem | | AGM | Headquarters | | Don Greig | | Ted Ewanchuk |
| 18 Sep 24 | Mem | | Horseshoes | South Cooking Lake | | Bernie Kropp | | Sid Slade |
| 02 Oct 24 | SP/Edmo | | Bocce | Indoors | | | | |
| | Mem | Italian Center | Augie Annicchiarico | | | Sid Slade | | |
| 16 Oct 24 | SP/Edmo | | Founders Night & Speaker RCMP/Scams | | | | | |
| | Mixed | Broadmoor Club | | Don Greig | | | | Ted Ewanchuk |
| Nov 01-03 | Mem | FYI | Curl-a-Rama/Calgary Club | | Canmore | | | Ray Davis |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 07 Nov 24 | Mem | | Billiards | Caffeys | | Paul West | | Sid Slade |
| 21 Nov 24 | Mem | | Cribbage | Crooked M Pub | | Bill Austin | | Sid Slade |
| 04 Dec 24 | Mem | | 5 Pin Bowling | SP Lanes | | Garry Jones | | Sid Slade |
| 21 Dec 24 | Mixed | | Presidents Xmas Party | Broadmoor | | Don Greig | | Nes- |
| | | | | | | | | tor Slipchuk |
| 09 Jan 25 | Mem | | Darts | Crooked M Pub | | Ian Bannatyne | | Terry Bajer |
| 22 Jan 25 | Mem | | Speaker | Headquarters | | Nestor Slipchuk | | Ted Ewanchuk |
| 15 ?? Feb 25 | Mem | | Dinner and Hockey Game | Crusaders | | | | Blair Gallant |
| | | L Zalasky | | | | | | |
| 05 Mar 25 | Mem | | Poker | Headquarters | | John Williams | | G Kleebaum |
| 19 Mar 25 | Mem | | Tour (TBA) | TBA | | Ken Lesniak | | TBD |
| 04 Apr 25 | Mixed | | Speaker Senior Home Care | Broadmoor | | | | L Zalasky |
| | | Gallant | | | | | | B |
| 18 Apr 25 | Mixed | | Dinner | Yang Ming Buffet | | Rick Craddock | | R Delveaux |
| 07 May 25 | Mem | | Elections | Headquarters | | Nestor Slipchuk | | Art Merrick |
| 21 May 25 | ?? | | Auction Smilies | | | George Ward | | Jim Malott |
| 03-10 Jun 25 | ***** | FYI | International & Districts Alaskan Cruise Convention | | | | | ***** |
| 04 Jun 25 | Mem | | River Hawks Baseball | Date Depends on Schedule | | Al Gordon | | Milt Lanes |
| 19 Jun 25 | Mixed | | Windup & Installation | Broadmoor | | Art Merrick | | Don Greig |

Traditional summer Bocci Social afternoon date and location and any additional events

To be determined

AGM contd.



HORSESHOE EVENT

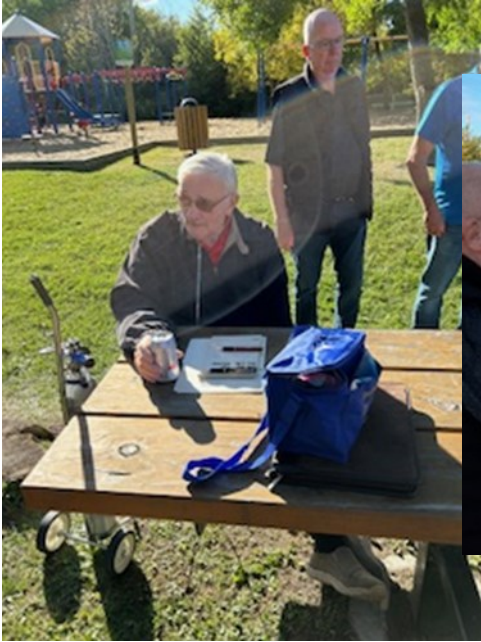
September 18th saw the earliest start time for a Gyro “athletic” event in recent memory, probably because of the more seasonal Fall weather predicted. There ere 27 who showed up to test their skills at hurling iron. The weather took a turn from the forecast and treated us to sunshine and warm temperatures. The Beer, Pizza (served at 5:00) and Gyro friendship made for a great afternoon.

When the last shoe was chucked, the winning A team of **Lloyd Wilson** and **Bernie Kropp**. B SIDE (“runners up”?) were **Dorne Hunt** and **Bruce Schelske**. A huge thanks again goes to **Sid Slade** for keeping order and track with the new format.

Dunc Mills was selling Edmonton Club Hockey Pool tickets and got a solid number of



Horseshoe Day Pics contd.



“A” Winners: Lloyd Wilson and Bernie Kropp

“B” Winners: Dorne Hunt and Bruce Schelski

KID'S KOMEDY



"Grandpa, if you give me 1 dollar, I'll tell you who sleeps with Grandma when you're not home..."

"Here, I'll give you 2 dollars, who is it?"
"Me...!"

Mick Jagger with his 7-year-old son this week at the Olympics.



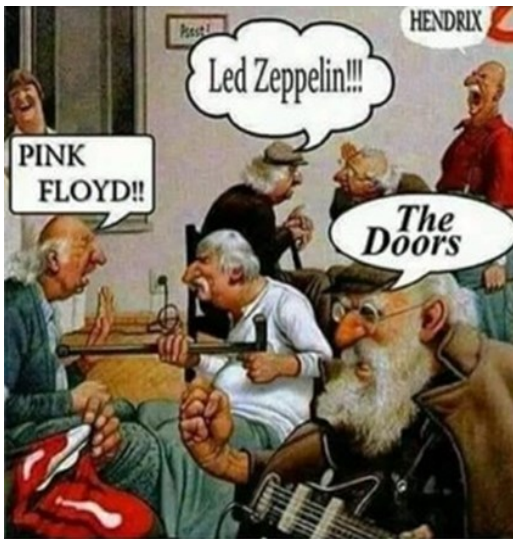
When your mother has REALLY had enough of your sh*t!



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AGING GRACELESSLY



One day you're young, the next day you're sitting at the edge of your bed like this..



The idea is to die young... as late as possible.

Iv been asked to join a swingers club, but I'm a little nervous. What if I'm not good enough? I haven't been on a swing since I was nine.

I LAUGHED SO HARD TEARS RAN DOWN MY LEG!

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

High school reunion

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back when?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

Put the elderly in Prison

We should place the elderly in prison because

- They will get a shower every day,
- Video surveillance in case of problems,
- 3 meals a day, access to a library, computers, Tv, gym, doctors on-site, and free medication if needed.

WELSH Bible

Put criminals in care homes and they'll get

- Cold meals, lights out at 7pm,
- two showers a week, live in a smaller room and pay rent at £2,000 a month!!

It's pretty sad that we treat prisoners better than the elderly.

PONDERING ENVIRONMENT

Doesn't become electric until it's Charged. Without Fossil fuels it's Worthless..
Sorry, reality....



Coal fired electric cars

Helping liberals pretend they're solving a make believe crisis.



This is a Lithium leach field. This is what your Electric Car batteries are made of. It is so neuro-toxic that a bird landing on this stuff dies in minutes. Take a guess what it does to your nervous system?
Pat yourself on the back for saving the environment.

MYTH



TREES PRODUCE MOST OF THE OXYGEN ON EARTH.

FACT



OCEANS PRODUCE MORE OXYGEN THAN ALL THE TREES.

Around 28 percent of the Earth's oxygen is produced by trees. More than 70 percent of oxygen is produced by marine plants.

That did not take long... Not long at all



Traffic backs up at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge toll plaza along Interstate 80 in Oakland, Calif., on July 25, 2019. Glenn Sullivan/Getty Images

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA **PREMIUM**

With Its Power Grid Under Pressure, California Asks Residents to Avoid Charging Electric Vehicles

AGING GYROS

October is definitely Fall. The Halloween merchandise had been in stores for three months now and Christmas stuff has been in Costco since August. The Easter Bunny chocolate is probably months away now.

And yet we only seem to have two in our midst that can take advantage of all this merchandising when it's fresh during their birthday month.

John Williams claims the October **16th** honour.

Milt Lanes has to wait until the **27th**. Enjoy, fellas. Don't eat all the seasonal trash at once (or even in three days!)



HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Dorne Hunt has discontinued his chemotherapy treatment that began on June 17th. He is awaiting a planned alternative. His challenges certainly did not prevent him from being on the winners list at Horseshoe Day! We are all in your corner, Dorne.

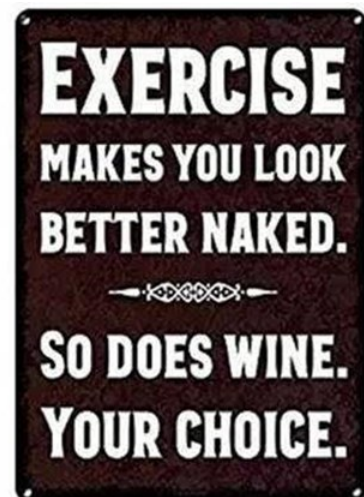
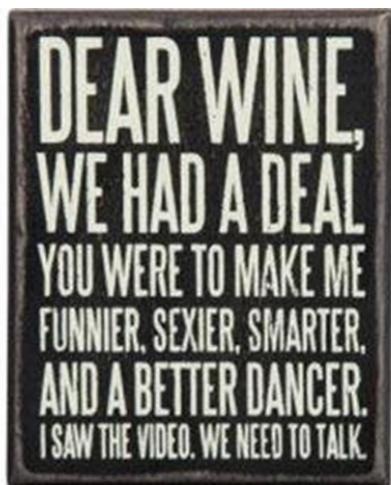
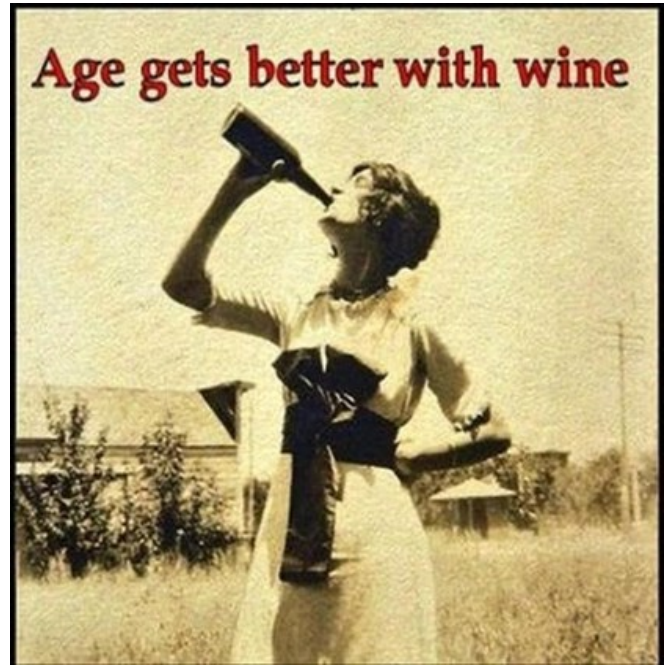
. As I mentioned in the last bulletin, after experiencing an increasing series of health problems, I flew to Montreal on July 20th where our son, Dave, met me and we drove to our cottages on Fitch Bay. I visited with all the friends and relatives on the other side of the bay the next day and then cloistered myself for 3 days with no human interaction as I decompressed. I had not realized how close I was to burning out. I spent the next 10 days getting some sun and writing. I came home revitalized and more positive than I have for a long time. Many have commented on the "new" me since I arrived home.

Rita Malott is awaiting kidney surgery. We will keep you in our thoughts, Rita, and look forward to a fine outcome..

Sad news came from **George Huybregts** came via president Don that George had informed him he was giving up his membership in the club. His other commitments had made it impossible for him to participate at the level he had hoped for. We are all sorry to see him go and wish him well.

We are, however, aware of at least three potential new members this Fall.

BEVERAGE BANTER



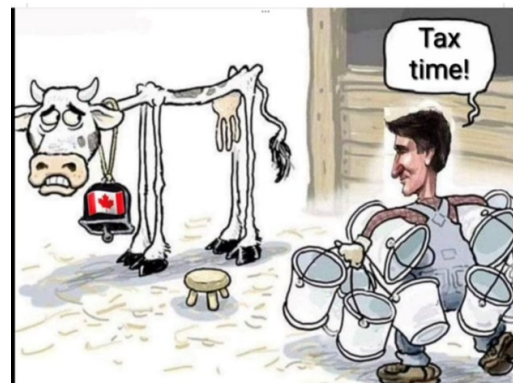
MEANWHILE IN CANADA

The difference between animals and humans?

The animals would never allow the dumbest of the herd to lead them!

Meanwhile in Canada
@MeanwhileinCana

Love at first sight.



PERSONALS:

Here is a thought about a new feature for the bulletin, in addition to but not instead of H&W, Birthdays, etc. If you have a thought or a message you would like to pass along to the membership, this is your vehicle.

Ray Davis: Just had an enjoyable golf game at River Ridge with **Jim Malott** and wanted to express my pleasure in the event. Would ask you to publish this in our next bulletin please.

Allan Bleiken: Ray Davis and President Don received an email from Allan this morning asking to be reinstated as a member of our club; needless to say it has been accepted and Allan will once again be amongst his friends.

Allan's information is as follows:

Phone: (780) 467-7976

email: allan.bleiken@telus.net

Home address: #19 201 Bothwell Dr. Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2C8

NEXT MEETING BOCCE October 2nd

Joint Sherwood Park/Edmonton Club event

Italian Canadian Seniors Association

9111-110 Avenue (just West of Commonwealth Stadium)

Ames start at 5:30 PM Try to be there by 5:15

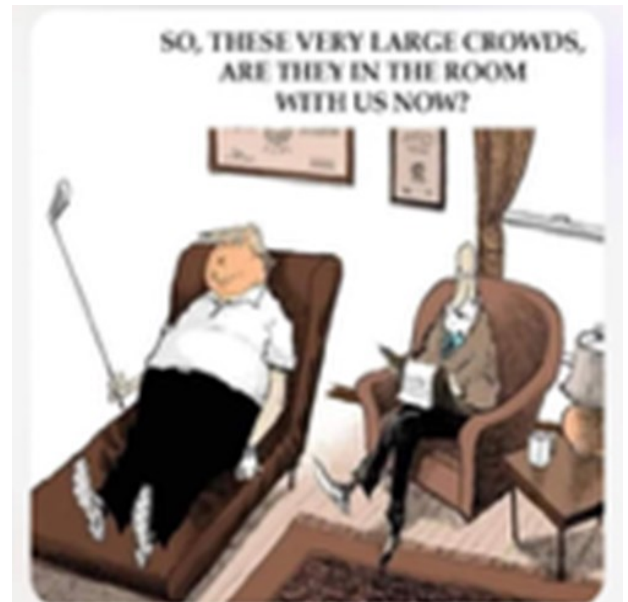
Cash bar

Cost \$30 per person

This is a premium start to the season. Great food, interclub fellowship and competitive fun.

MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA

Take Your Child To Work Day.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Kids today won't know what these are.



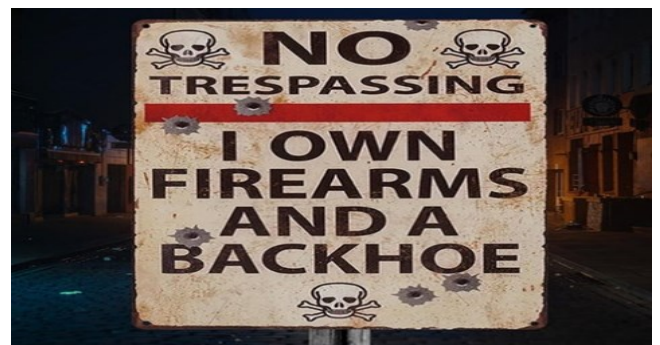
The construction of the Chateau Lacombe, 1965.



This was Las Vegas in 1947..



SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



GIDDY GASTRONOMY

Filet Minion



Finally settling down to my vegan, gluten free, soy free, antibiotics free, raw, non GMO, organic, fat free, low carb meal!



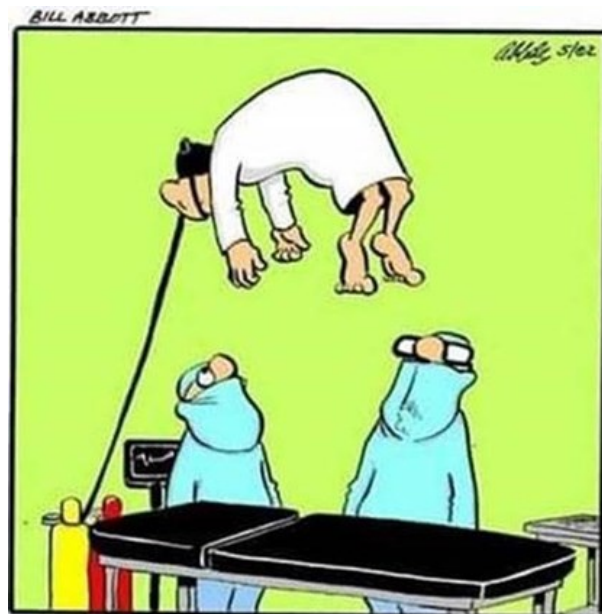
**THANK GOD I
DON'T HAVE
TO HUNT FOR
MY FOOD,
I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHERE
TACOS LIVE...**



**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.**

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH IN 2024

Who said hard work doesn't pay off...
90 day transformation...



"Mental note, the yellow tank is helium."

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME



GYRETTE GIGGLES



They are cute and seem harmless. But, they are loud, incredibly expensive to keep, and absolutely untrainable. The other is a kangaroo. I don't really know much about kangaroos.



When you give up trying to fold your fitted sheet.

My wife is blaming me for ruining her Birthday
That's ridiculous, I didn't even know it was her Birthday

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow, she's been leaving jewellery catalogues all over the house, so I've bought her a magazine rack.

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

**Experience the serenity of
silence.**



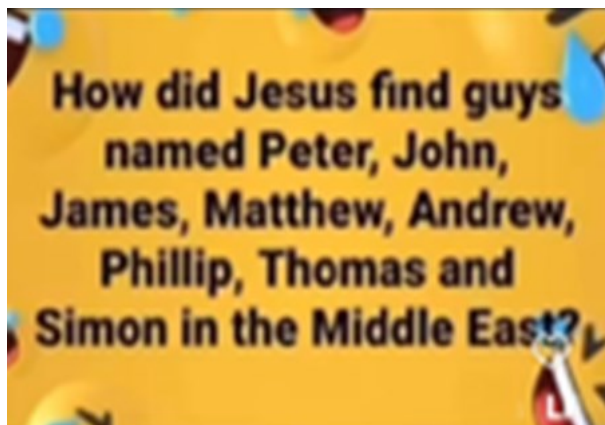
Hmmmm....



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

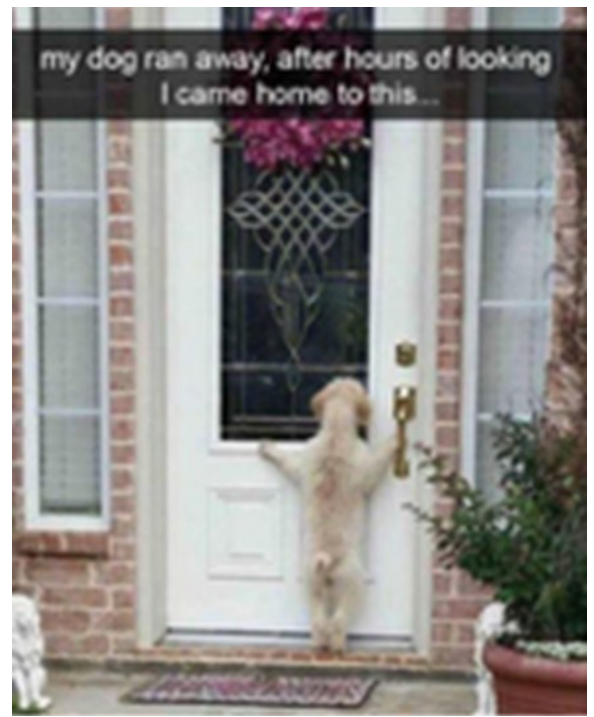


Subway Entrance in Frankfurt, Germany 🇩🇪

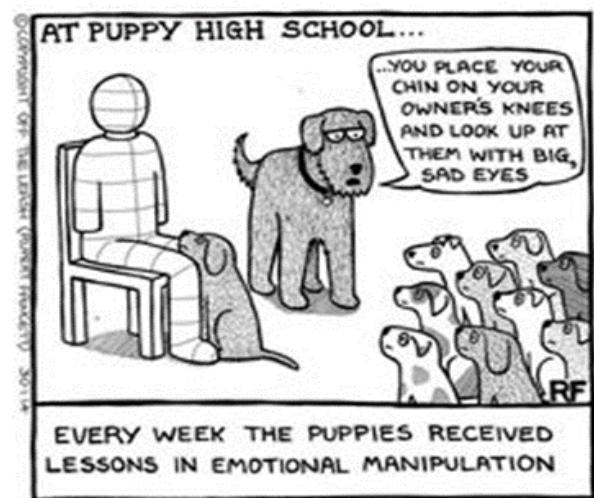


ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Since I bought this toy for my dog...
no more salesmen,
break-ins, or friends popping in
unannounced.
Just peace & quiet.



And they told me he wouldn't be
to big...



SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS



It's really embarrassing when guests visit my house and my dog sniffs their crotch. Especially since he's a chihuahua and I have to lift him up.

GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD....

Some days
I amaze myself.
Other days, I put my
keys in the fridge.