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I WAS JUST THINKING: I have reached the point in life when “One for the road” means peeing before I leave the house.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

Fellow Gyros Larry and Kathy Klaus, our daughter, Dallyce, and I were having brunch at the Headquarters Restaurant on Thanksgiving Monday. They had been away a lot and we had not seen each other for some time so were catching up on family news. The topics ranged wide and mostly brought smiles to our table but some crossed over into more serious territory beyond the aches and pains befitting our age. As we explored the current state of the world and where its' human population appears to be headed, we felt concern, not so much for ourselves but for the next generations – our children and grandchildren who are about to inherit the mess we seem to have created.

A few generations ago, before technological advances took off, our ancestors led much the same lives as their ancestors had. Things changed slowly at first, but the pace has been accelerating with each decade. The rate of that acceleration is rapidly increasing, thanks in large part to advances in things like the internet and all its variables. The rate can be alarming to those of us who recall simpler times. My grandmother was born under a covered wagon enroute to the newly deeded homestead in Southern Manitoba. She was the first white child born in that area. She witnessed, first hand, the hardships of homesteading, living in a “soddy” for four years as they built their house and cleared the land, sleeping under the table when it rained. She worked as a telegraph operator as a teen.

Rant contd.

She lived through horse and buggy times, graduated to automobiles, and witnessed via TV man's first landing on the moon. In her 99 years she saw a lot of change.

This is when the discussions turned to the THANKFUL part of Thanksgiving.

The Klaus's generation and mine, along with many of our members', saw one of the 20th century's world wars, the dawn of the nuclear age, the opportunity to enjoy some of the fruits of capitalism and raise our standard of living to unimaginable levels given where we started. True, there were hardships and sad stories, but overall Canadian middle class did pretty well. There were no wars on our soil, the depression was pretty much in recovery due to the distant war Second World War our elders were involved in. Our adolescent years were filled with optimism. We stored a lot of happy memories, and we agreed that we were perhaps the luckiest generation of all.

But technology kept advancing and accelerating. The internet was the biggest change for most of us. To begin with, we were in awe of the newfound ability to communicate. Some of us lagged a bit behind in keeping up with essential proficiency, but most of us accepted it as a positive advance. Things have changed, with words like "algorithms" becoming a reality and gradually influencing more and more of our lives. We are rapidly losing control. We have lost our privacy. We are losing our time to think before reacting. With newcomers such as artificial intelligence (AI) we are losing our ability to trust what is real. We expressed, during our brunch, concern over what awaits our children and grandchildren in this new world, even if we survive the current political situations that rage around the globe. Our young folks are bright, brave, and tech savvy. They hold the torch that gives us some cause for optimism.

As we head through the latter chapters of our own life stories, most of us who have survived this far, can look back and feel we were, in fact, one of the luckiest generations ever. That is worthy of a huge helping of Thanksgiving.



BOCCI NIGHT

On October 2nd Gyros from The Edmonton club and the Sherwood Park club gathered at the Italian Seniors Center for an evening of friendship, fine dining, and a battle for Bocce dominance. Attendance figures varied slightly from one source to another but there were approximately 30 Sherwood Park members, 10 Edmonton members and 4 guests in attendance. Guests were as follows: Rikke Dootjes brought **David McGillvery**; Paul Poirier brought **Blain Stewart**, Fred Schulte brought **Mike Long**; Scott Brisbin brought his friend, **Ian Leonard**.

The evening began at 5:00 with the first rounds of Bocce after various beverages were obtained. Then at 6:30, everyone gathered in the dining room for more beverages and banter awaiting the delicious meal that was served at 7:00. By 8:00 it was back to the Bocce lanes where teams suffered elimination until the final winners were decided. The winning team included Sherwood Park's **Terry Bajer** and **Erik Braun**, paired with Edmonton's **Fred Schulte** and his guest, Son-in-law **Mike Long**. They got to take home both trophies and the honour of paying to engrave their names on them.

A huge thanks goes to **Augi Annicchiarico** for organizing the entire event and **Sid Slade** for setting up the teams, collecting money and keeping track of the chaos.



Bocce Night contd.



FOUNDERS NIGHT EVENT

On Wednesday, October 16th, 20 Edmonton Gyros and ladies, including their president George Schuller and his wife, Karin Conradi, joined 52 Sherwood Park Gyros and ladies and 1 guest gathered at the Park's Broadmoor Country Club to celebrate Gyro's annual Founders' Night event. It began with an hour of refreshments and visiting followed by a fine buffet dinner capped with delicious roast beef.

After dinner, the traditional history of Gyro started by the three founders, Paul Schwan, Gus Handerson and Ed Kagy. They started Gyro in Cleveland on June 24, 1912, but was not incorporated until October 21, 1914, with rapid growth in the USA and Canada through World War 1 and into the post-war era. It covered much of the USA and arrived in Canada. The Edmonton Club was chartered on July 29, 1921. The Sherwood Park Club was chartered on October 4, 1975. There is now even a Gyro chapter in Japan. The history of how Gyro's objectives evolved over time was reviewed, ending as the Gyro we know today.

Following that part of the program, our guest speaker, Sherwood Park's RCMP Constable **Kristin Appleton** was joined by Constables **Kristan Henry** and **Michael Alfred**.

The topic of their presentation could be summarized as "SCAM ALERT".

For the next 45 minutes they educated us about the variety of scams that are growing at an alarming rate with many of them being primarily directed at seniors and young people. Sophistication has advanced at an ever accelerating rate, particularly with technology such as AI and more sophisticated phishing techniques. After describing what to look out for and recognizing possible scam attempts, the trio then advised us on how to react, including not yielding to the temptation to respond and what to do if you yield anyway. We were given coordinates, including police, government agencies and private services, that we can contact if we suspect or realize we have been targeted by scammers. They are included in the photos that follow. Constable Appleton stayed throughout the rest of the meeting to answer personal questions and hand out material.

Edmonton president George Schuller gave a presentation on behalf of the Edmonton club before the evening wound up.

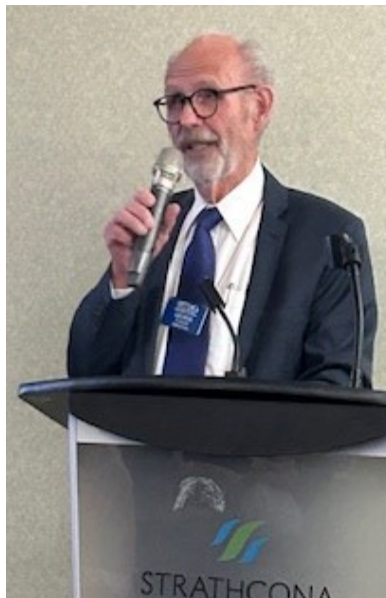
The consensus was that it was not only a very enjoyable evening but an extremely informative and timely one. Our thanks go out to all the participants and especially the RCMP Constables for generously and enthusiastically giving their time.



FOUNDERS NIGHT contd.



Playground No. 1 Patricia Park



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
 Club-Charter No. 18, July 29, 1921

PETITION

We, the undersigned being the entire membership of an organization in the city of EDMONTON, which organization has adopted a constitution in substantial accord with the uniform Gyro Constitution, approved by the Executive Council of the International Association of Gyro Clubs, a copy of which Constitution as well as of the by-laws under which said organization will operate, properly certified to by the President and Secretary of said organization is hereto attached, do hereby respectfully petition the Executive Council of the International Association of Gyro Clubs to grant said organization a charter as a Gyro Club under the name of "Gyro Club of Edmonton", and accompany this petition with the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars in part payment of the first annual membership dues for said club.

We, the undersigned, F. R. Henry and H. E. Fuller do hereby certify that we are the duly elected and qualified President and Secretary, respectively 1st April 1921

Founders' Night contd.



Identify Theft and Fraud Victim Assistance Guide

RCMP (see Scams and Fraud)		www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre	1-888-495-8501	www.antifraudcentre.ca
Service Canada (see Personal Documents)	1-800-822-8232	www.servicecanada.ca
Service Alberta	780-310-0000	www.servicealberta.ca
Passport Canada	1-800-567-6868	www.canada.ca/passport
Canada Post	1-800-267-1177	www.canadapost.ca
Bills	(contact your bank/credit & debit card/utility/phone service providers)	
Equifax Canada	1-800-455-7166	www.equifax.com
TransUnion Canada	1-800-663-9980	www.transunion.ca

Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada



VICTIM SERVICES File #: _____

If you are a victim of crime you can expect to be treated with courtesy, compassion and respect. **Victim Services Units** are staffed with trained, caring people who offer information, assistance and support during the police investigation and throughout the criminal justice process.

Programs available include:

- Court preparation and accompaniment
- Victim Impact Statement
- Financial Benefits
- Requesting Restitution

Please contact **Strathcona County Victim Services** at
(780) 449-0153 for further information.

**It's been months since I bought the book,
"How To Scam People On Line".
It still hasn't arrived.**

AGING GYROS

November Birthday Boys number four way horse race.

Roger Delveaux (12th) claims the "win"

Barry Thomlinson (19th) pays for "place".

Richard Craddock (23rd) pays for "show"

Garry Jones brings up the rear in this race on the **29th**.

I wish we could say "better luck next time, Garry, but it depends on new entries in the race!

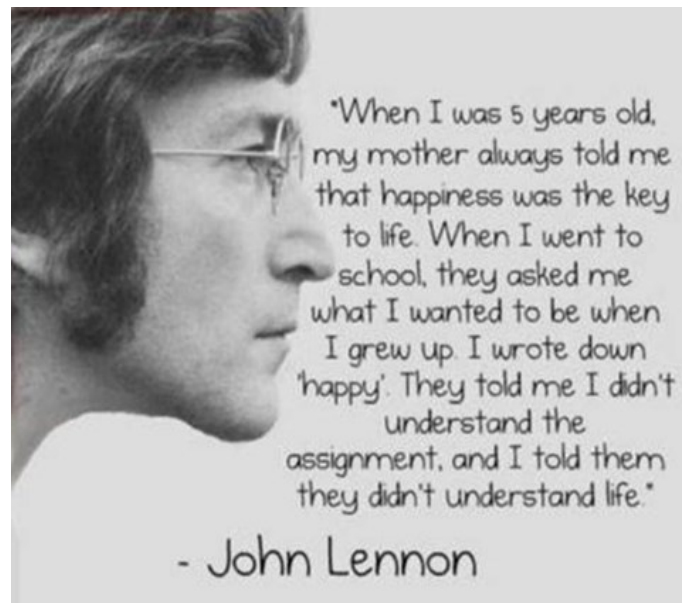
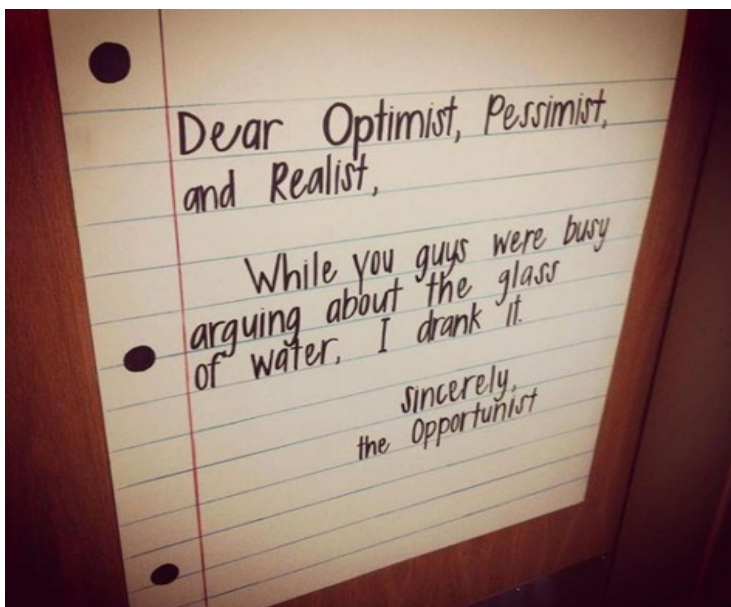
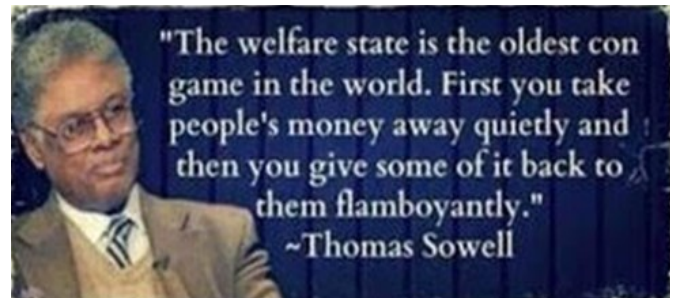
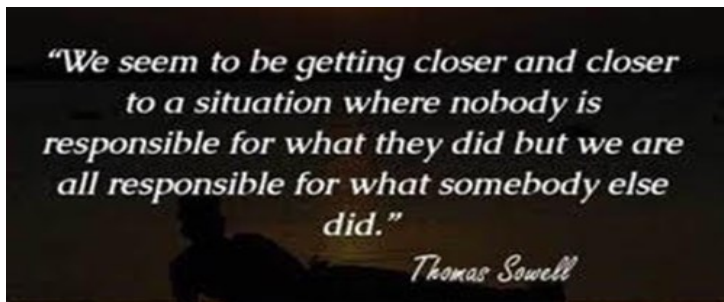


HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Rita Malott's wait for surgery to remove a kidney due to a tumor finally ended when she had the surgery on Tuesday, October 8th. She is now in recovery mode and we all hold her in our hearts and send continued positivity her way.

Sad News via Don Greig: Former member, **John de Munnik** passed away suddenly on Friday, October 11th. He was a funny guy and was missed by members when he left the club. May he rest in peace.

SAGE SAYINGS

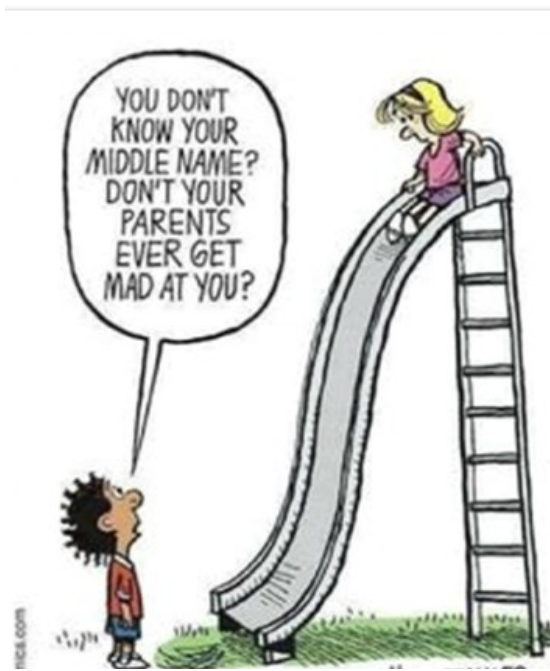


KID'S KOMEDY

HO SI DO I KID
CLO I O I KID
CLO I O I KID



DI E U I I D I E I
M I D I I D I E I



W H O I
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Finally.. a kid figured out, why he continued to sit there..



HO I M A R R I Y I ?
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PONDERING ENVIRONMENT

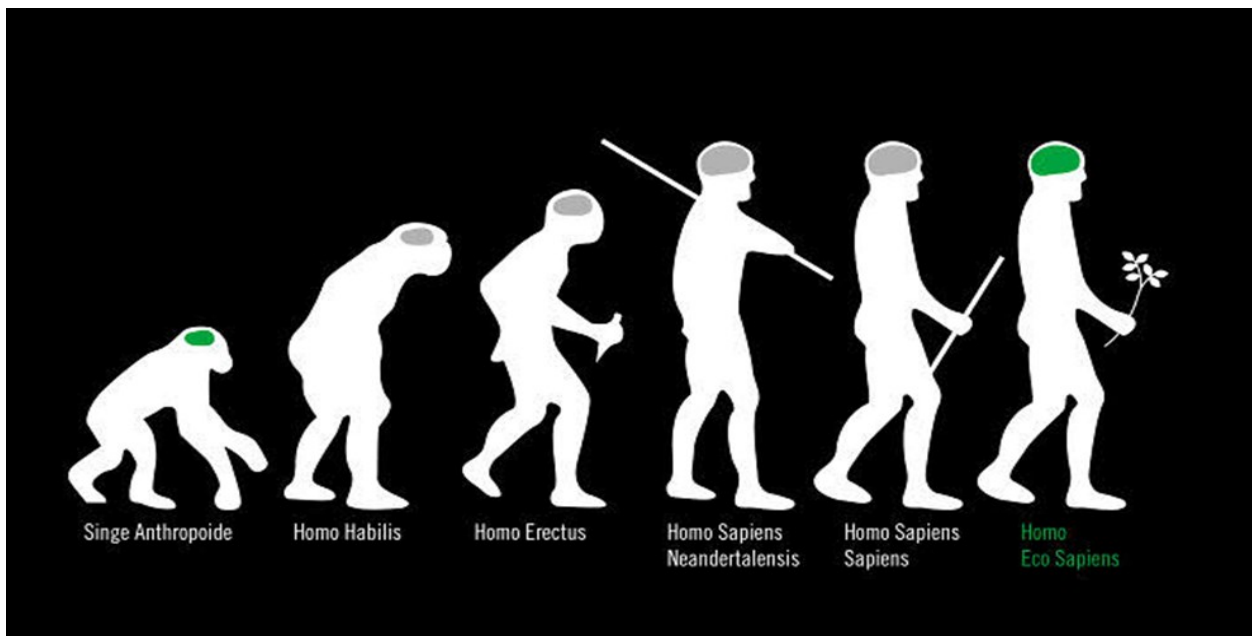
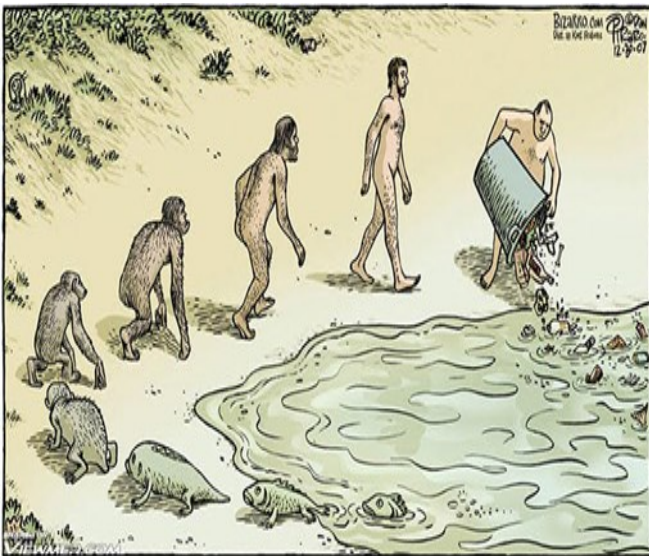


Scientists and engineers at The University of Texas have created an enzyme variant that can break down plastics in just a matter of hours or days. This discovery could help solve one of the biggest environmental problems in the world right now.

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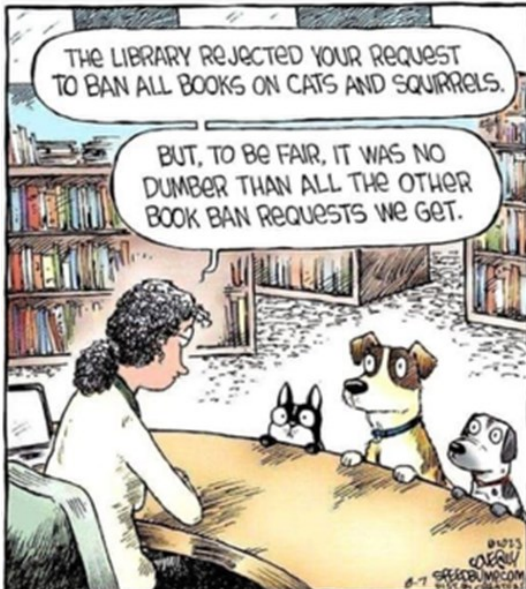
Recycle, Reuse and Repurpose! - Join
Mark Whitworth · 17h · 🌐

if it works



WOK FOLK

Banned Book Week starts today!



Yes. Yes, that's right. It's 2024.



MEANWHILE IN CANADA

Both of these characters are famous actors. One even pretended to lead a country.



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND STYLE



Did You Know Saskatchewan Makes Most of the World's Lentils?

Mmmm, Lentils! Whether home or travelling abroad, order some lentil soup and odds are you're getting a little taste of home. Canada is the largest exporter of green lentils in the world - about 15 million metric tonnes annually, with 95% of it coming from Saskatchewan.



AFTER THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR DURING WWII, CANADA DECLARED WAR ON JAPAN BEFORE THE U.S. DID.



CANADA CONSUMES MORE MACARONI AND CHEESE THAN ANY OTHER NATION IN THE WORLD.

IN CANADA, MEXICO, INDIA, RUSSIA AND ISRAEL, BANK NOTES HAVE BRAILLE-LIKE MARKINGS ON THEM FOR THE BLIND.



CANADA HAS MORE LAKES THAN THE REST OF THE WORLD'S LAKES COMBINED.

MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA



I can't help myself but...
To all my friends who have cats, dogs and horses please please don't eat them!



THE PET HARRIS AND TRUMP SHOULD BE DISCUSSING..



Meanwhile in Australia It's almost summer! Seeking shade before Christmas heat

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Introducing the legendary trio –
The Fonz, Potsie, and Ralph
from the timeless TV series
Happy Days!



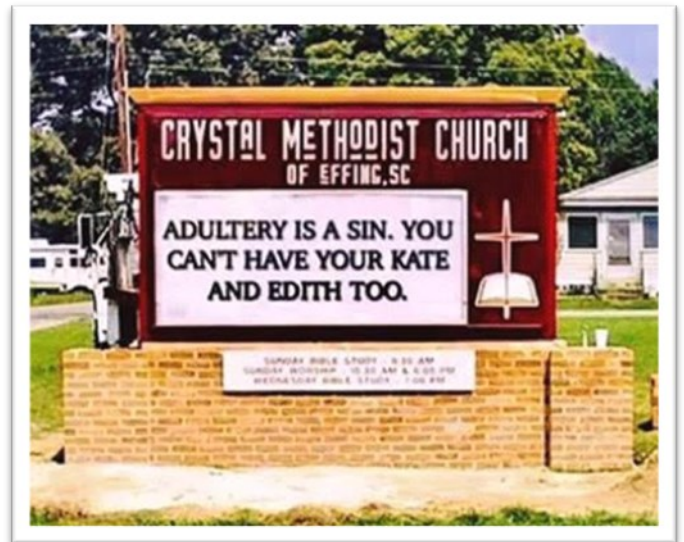
When Halloween was simple...
... See more



Early 1900's fireman suit for the
fireman to get closer... See more



SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



GIDDY GASTRONOMY

Please be chicken... please be chicken....



"Watch out! One of your peas is moving."



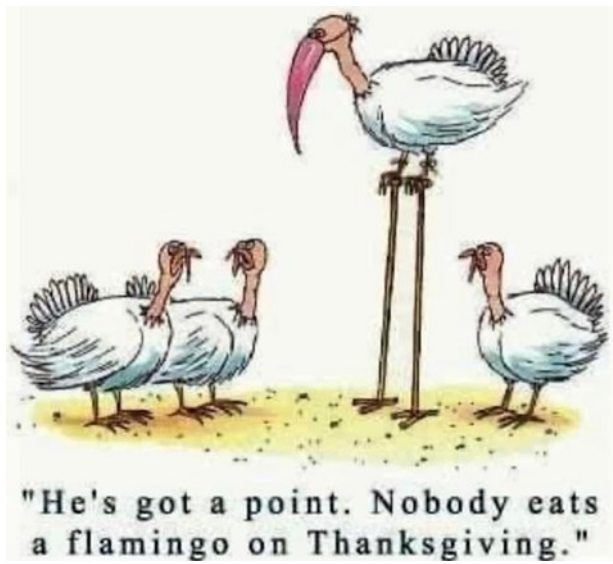
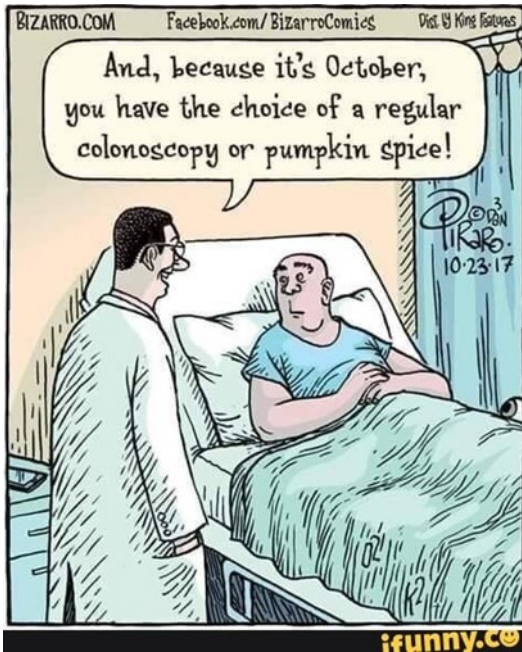
"I said, hamburger with fries."



It'll soon be Halloween so time to prepare some yummy treats for the neighbourhood kids. Try dipping Brussels sprouts in chocolate for them.



SEASONAL SILLIES

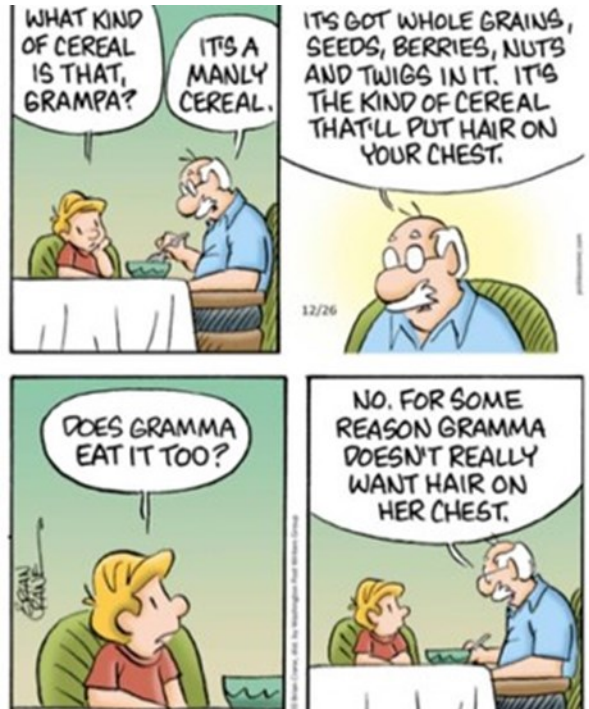


GYRETTE GIGGLES

Wedding vows should include...
"Do you promise to always help him find his stuff that is right in front of him" because you will be doing that forever.



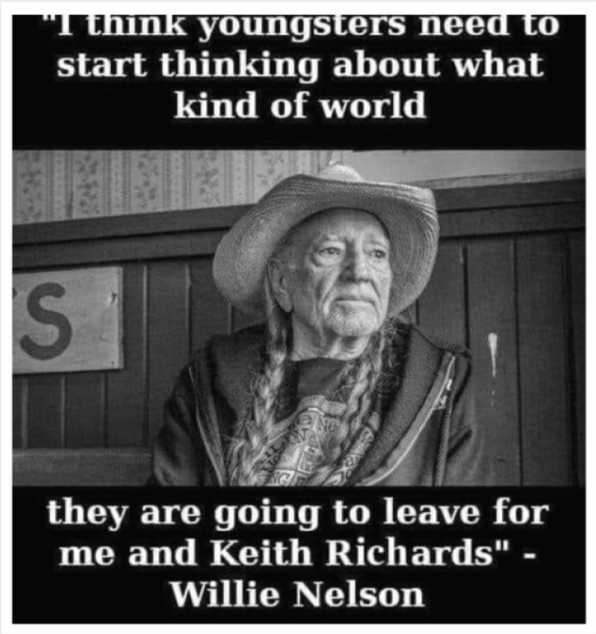
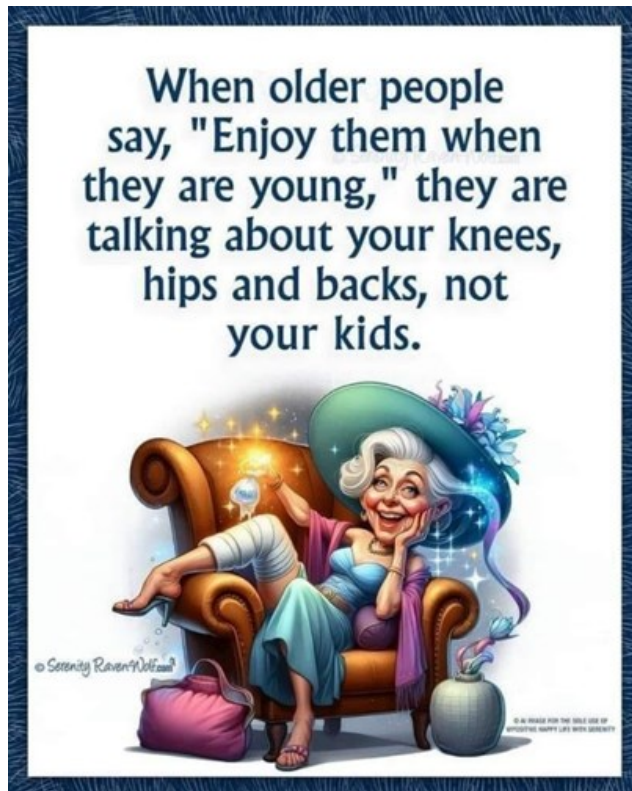
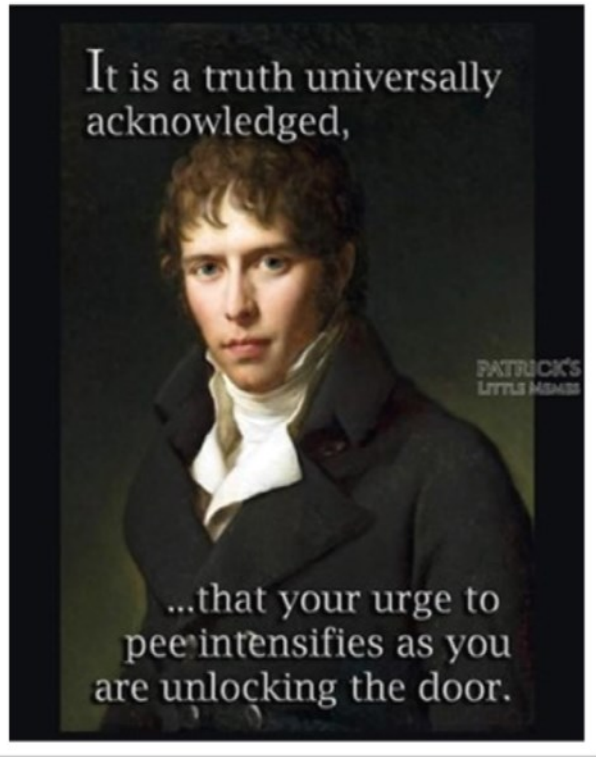
MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT TO MY CHILDREN: BEING OF SOUND MIND I SPENT ALL OF MY MONEY. YOUR INHERITANCE IS IN MY CRAFT ROOM. LOVE, MOM



AGING GRACELESSLY



From The Book of Common Knowledge.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN YOU AND YOUR TEETH DON'T SLEEP TOGETHER ANYMORE



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

Sunrise on Fitch Bay

by Ken Cang



This is a photo taken by a family friend, Ken Cang, who is a professional photographer. It is a view of our shore along Fitch Bay, where our family have spent our summers for the majority of our lives. Our property is situated on the right shore starting about 300 feet past the island. Beyond us is a kilometers long Fish and Game preserve.

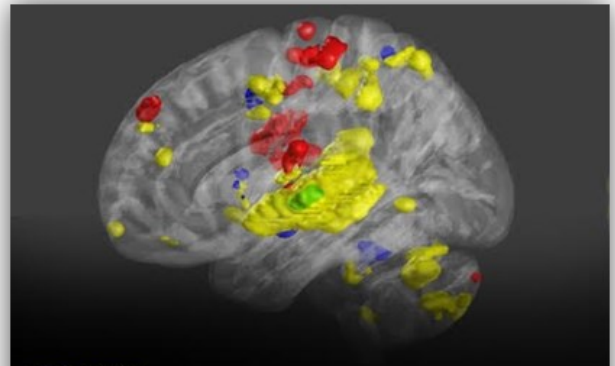
As close to heaven as we can imagine.

Hmmmm....



DID YOU KNOW?

On Friday, April 13th in 2029, an asteroid more than 1000 feet wide will pass by Earth closer than the moon and will easily be observed with the naked eyes.



FACT POINT

Listening to music uses all your brain, one of the very few activities that do such a thing.

Beautiful Poem from Spike Milligan.



Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner,
And someone saw me grin,
When he smiled I realised,
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
Then realised it's worth,
A single smile just like mine,
Could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected.

Spike Milligan

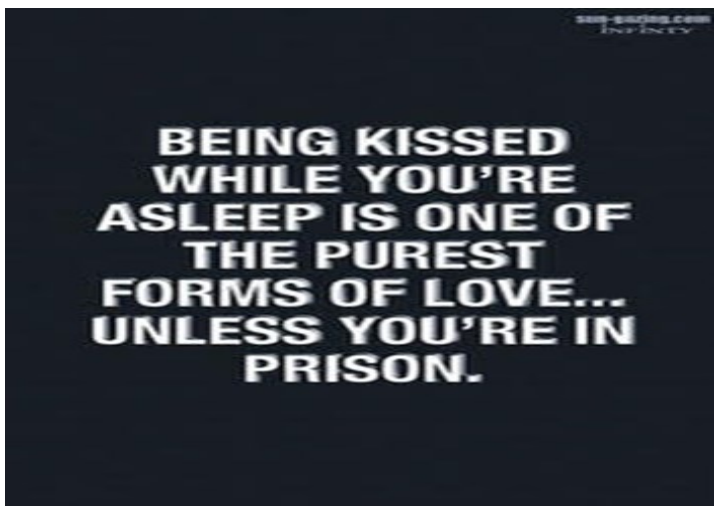
SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS



Two days until payday...



Mom: "Leave the darn sign in the kitchen where it belongs!"



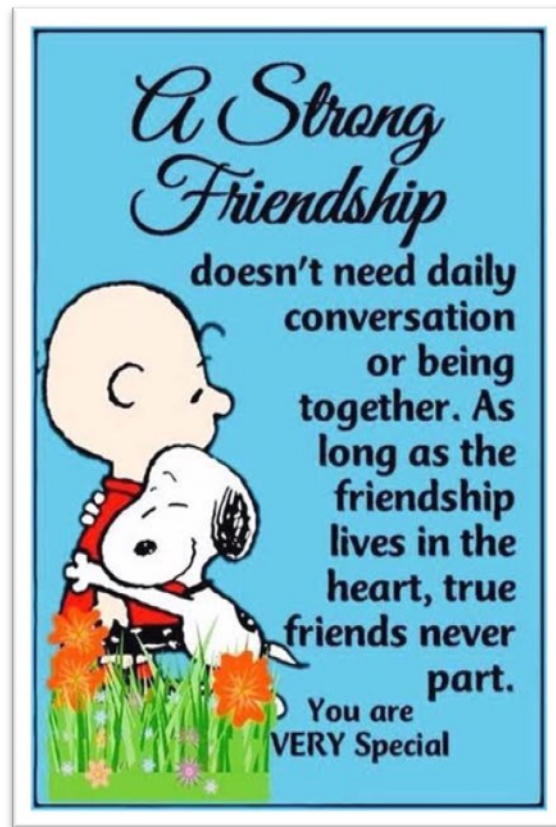
ANIMAL INSTINCTS



"So you're little Bobbie; well, Rex here has been going on and on about you for the last 50 years."



GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD....

My ducks may not be in a row, but at least they're having fun. Your ducks probably hate you for making them line up like that.