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' I WAS JUST THINKING: If only vegetables smelled as good as bacon.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

You may have noticed that December's bulletin was missing. It is now January and ancient history. The quick summary involved health issues, both family pets and my own. The pet history is that on Dec. 24th Dillyce and Scott's beloved 18 1/2 year old Shitzu, Goji, left us to join his brother in Puppy Heaven after a year-long battle with birthdays. The struggle has almost pre-occupied Dallyce's time and energy for many months. The second health issue found me being rushed by ambulance to hospital in Fort. Saskatchewan on Dec. 25th, unable to walk or comprehend much. Turns out I had been harbouring the famous "flu" for a while. Several IV saline bags plus some other stuff and they decided that that 12 hours in a hospital full of flu bugs was more dangerous than going home. I have been gradually recovering and hope to be able to attend Darts Night on the 13th.

That are the December News.

News further abroad is hard to keep up with. What country will be invaded today? Can we out-tariff our neighbours to the South? Why aren't our Sherwood Park residential streets receiving snow removal? Why can't we trust main stream news or non-mainstream news any more? Considering rational

Rant contd.

reaction to local, national, international issues and beyond, confusion seems to be the best descriptive term to fit the times.

I did find one piece under a googled “Meanwhile in Canada” heading that one point of view. I couldn’t find an equivalent piece assigned to “Meanwhile in America.”



Meanwhile in Canada

@MeanwhileinCanada@ohai.s...

Time zones are so confusing.
In Paris it's 12:00 pm
In Toronto it's 6:00 am
In Washington it's 1930's
Germany.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Birthday Boys celebrating the first ones in 2026 include:

Lawrence Zalasky (3rd); **Don Greig** (5th);

Augie Anniccharico (8th); **Gord Stewart** (8th); **Bruce Schelske** (13th)

Lead the club into the coming year with pride, guys.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Lawrence and Marg Zalasky were at an Oil Kings game on January 4th when he started to feel unwell. Perfect timing and quick action by attendants at the game got Lawrence to the Royal Alexandra Hospital where he had two stents put in his heart. He is full of praise for the care he received there. The report is that Lawrence is feeling much better and thanks

Garry Jones passed away with little warning on December 7th. His a copy of his obituary was sent to the membership on Monday Jan 5th by Ted Ewanchuk. Brenda thanked all those who have expressed their condolences in messages. Garry did not want a formal funeral. A family celebration of his life will occur in the Spring. RIP, Garry.

Marion Phillips, much loved part of the Gyro family for decades, passed away, on January 2nd. A celebration of her life was held at the Glenwood Funeral Home, 52356 RR 232, in Sherwood Park, on Sunday January 11th. She was much loved within the Gyro community and beyond and will be missed.

And then there was **Scott Brisbin**. Some of you may have noticed that there was no December Bulletin. There were a number of personal family reasons for the delay but I still planned to get something out before New Year. However, I began feeling progressively unwell in the week leading up the Christmas. Then on Dec. 25th the process accelerated and I got to experience my first ambulance ride since I was 10. I didn't remember either one. The ambulance and Fort Sask. Hospital staff were wonderful and after 3 litres of saline plus some other liquids I came around, my cognition began to return and it was determined I was very fortunate to have dodged the most nasty consequences of "the Flu. The hospital decided that would be safer leaving since the place was full of the nasty flu bugs and discharged me that night. I have been at home until this week and am now feeling pretty much recovered.

Miscellaneous item Bryan Mason has attended a couple of previous meetings and has expressed a desire to join the club. He has been a long time friend as well as my accountant for many years, I am giving advance notice that I will be sponsoring him in his upcoming application.

Were you a child of the '50's or '60's?

If not...read and learn

Lost Words and Phrases

Mergatroyd: Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly lady (maybe 75) said something to her son about driving a jalopy, and he looked at her quizzically and said, *"What the heck is a jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ... but not that old.*

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

Thank you to whomever dug up these old expressions that have become obsolete because of the march of technology.

These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right. *"Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley!"*

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley. And don't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill: not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers. Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, *"Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or "This is a fine kettle of fish!" we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone.*

Where have all those great phrases gone? Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has little liver pills.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too! So see ya later, alligator! Okeedokee!

We are the children of the fabulous golden 50's. No one will ever have that opportunity again...we were given one of our most precious gifts: living in the peaceful and comfortable times created for us by the *"greatest generation"*, rest their souls!

GIDDY GASTRONOMY

Me washing \$200 worth of groceries in ~~2022~~ 2025



I had this delicious omlette this morning. I seasoned the eggs with sugar, oil and chocolate, and threw in a little flour for texture.

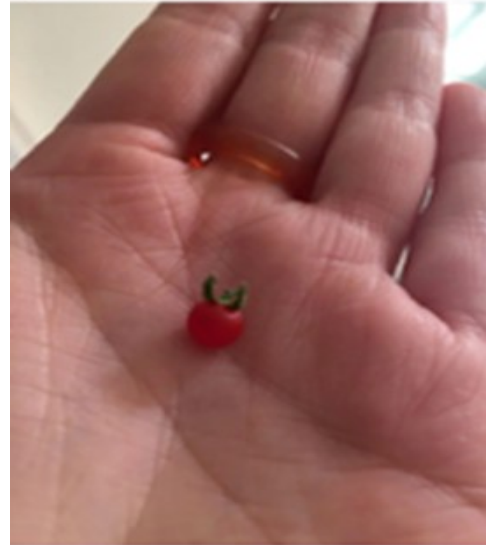


The Diet Fork



Available in Fine Stores Everywhere!

I'm thinking...tomato soup and pico de gallo; freeze the rest



Tomato soup recipe for beginners

The best way to start the day!



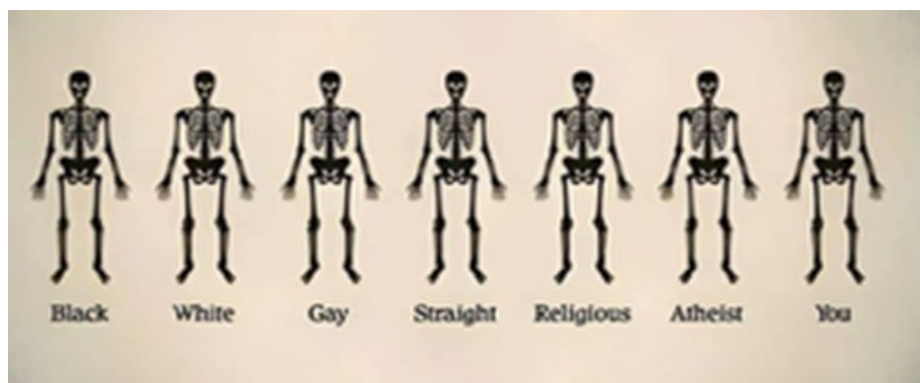
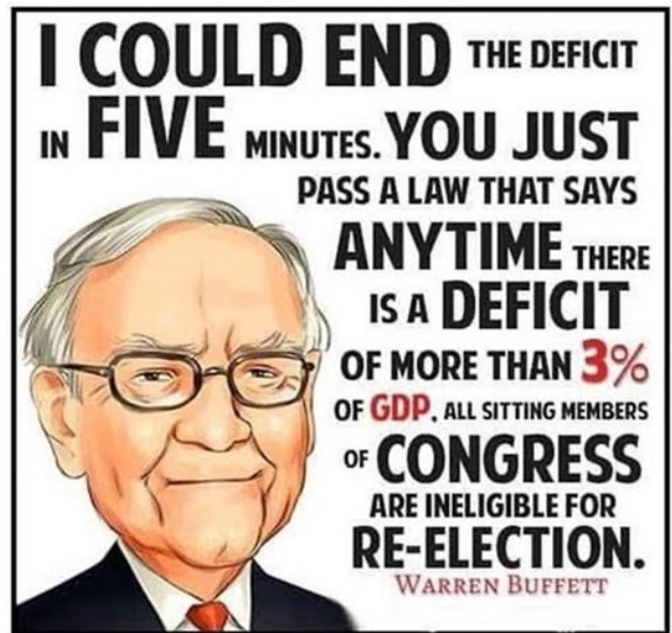
Buttons don't work

If you put a potato in the microwave and push pizza, it still comes out as a potato. Why label the buttons if they dont work.

Send a gift

Hmmmm

8. The deal of a life-time:



TRAVEL TRIVIA

For those of s planning on leaving home this winter

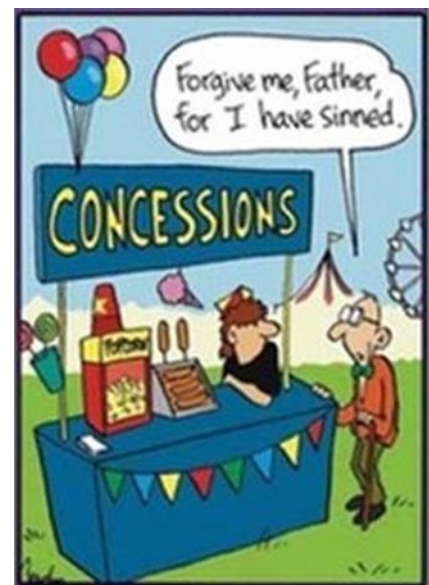


GIGGLES AND GUFFAWS

I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes (he is 92). We decided to grab a bite at the food court. I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colors: green, red, orange, and blue. My dad kept staring at him. The teenager would look and find him staring every time. When the teenager had had enough, he sarcastically asked, 'What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life? Knowing my Dad, I quickly swallowed my food so that I would not choke on his response, knowing he would have a good one, and in classic style he did not bat an eye in his response.

"Got drunk once, and had sex with a peacock. I was just wondering if you were my son."

It's really tough for lumberjacks to get a ride to work.



You laugh because I'm different. I laugh cause I just farted!

Cool Funny Quotes.com

A human fart can be louder than a trombone.

I discovered this at my daughter's school concert.



(FIRST DAY AS A PILOT...)

CONTROL

TOWER: Can you give me your position?

ME: I'm next to a cloud that looks like a lion.

CONTROL

TOWER: Can you be more specific?

ME: Simba.

I think one of those Charmin toilet paper bears was walking around my neighborhood this morning.



MEN



In an attempt to reduce the cleaning cost, Amsterdam airport installed a picture of a fly in the urinals, so that men can aim at it and avoid splashing the Urine. It worked!

Now that's a million dollar idea!



He doesn't like to sit in the back,

So sometimes I let him sit up front with the dog.

"There are three kinds of men. The one that learns... [See more](#)



There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves

WILL ROGERS

Men, if you are over 50, leave the young girls alone and find a woman who understands the signs of a stroke

DARTS

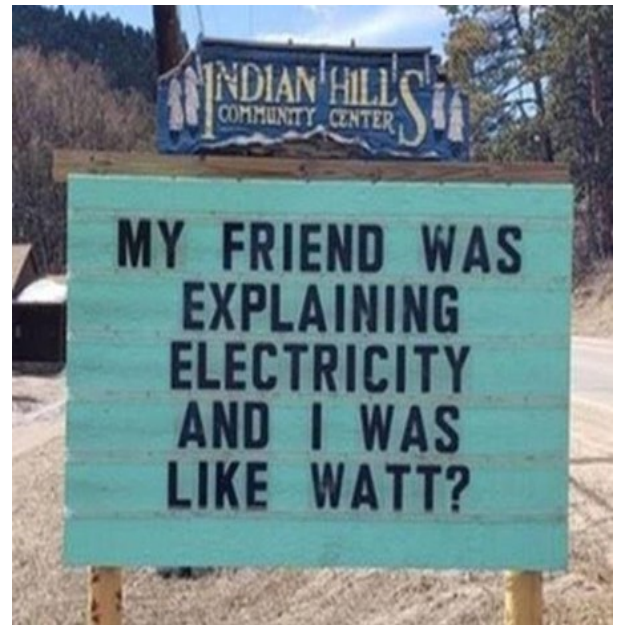
On January 13th, 22 Gyros and guests gathered at the Crooked Mouth Pub in Sherwood Park, for some moderte beverage consumption, dining and typical Gyro friendship prior to launching the main event of the evening. Hurling weighted pointy objects in the direction of a target affixed to the wall can arouse the competitive instinct in some members, while generating horrific imaginary images in others who's primary goal is to hit the wall and not a fellow competitor. Yours truly falls in to the latter category.

At the end of the evening honorary member Dunc Mills edged out guest Bryan Mason for the trophy. The glory and the bragging rights. He could not convince Bryan to take the trophy but they both received a bottle of wine.

A huge "Thankyou" goes to **Ian Bannatyne** and **Terry Bajer** for organizing the event and keeping injuries to a minimum.



SIGNS OF OUR TIMES



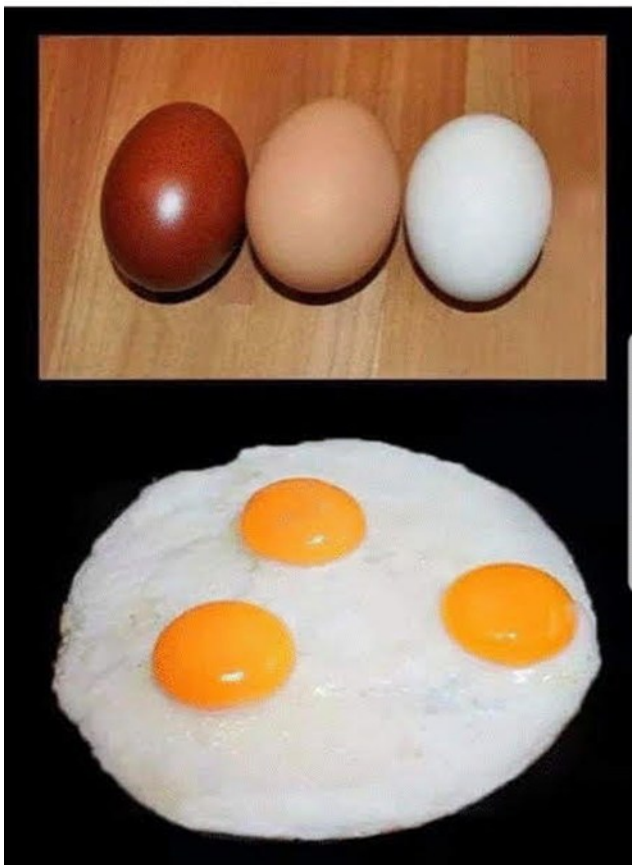
New apartments going up in Portland....



WOK FOLK



Racism explained for dummies



**Being white
doesnt make
you a racist and
being black
doesnt make
you a slave
being an idiot
however comes
in both colors**

A Woke-sensitive blonde joke:
I called Delta Airlines and asked, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The agent replies, "Just a minute."

COMPUTER CONFUSION



The father of this little girl says he brought her a cat to forget about the phone, but this is what happened.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

taken of miners at the end of their shift during the Gilded Age before they were unionized. Somewhere there were people at the top of the company who felt there was nothing wrong with this picture. This Labor Day remember the blood, sweat, and tears that those before us paid to give the working class the basic rights we enjoy today. Not AI



Even the window washers wore suits to work 100 years ago!



Once upon a time, this is how we bought shoes.



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Your present small-screen set is your best reason for a look-see at RCA Victor's new BIG-SCREEN Television.

You'll enjoy big, life-size pictures . . . and see them clearer, sharper than ever before! RCA Victor's 1953 television line is *bigger* and *better* than ever—with 23 exciting new models . . . 5 big new advances!

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Now's the time to trade in your small-screen "veteran," while RCA Victor dealers can show you the 1953 sets. Remember, RCA Victor prices still start as low as \$199.95! Ask about RCA Victor Factory-Service Contracts, too . . . available *only* to RCA Victor owners.

See the RCA Victor Show starring Dennis Day over NBC Television, Friday, 7:00 p.m., EST.

EVERY YEAR MORE PEOPLE BUY

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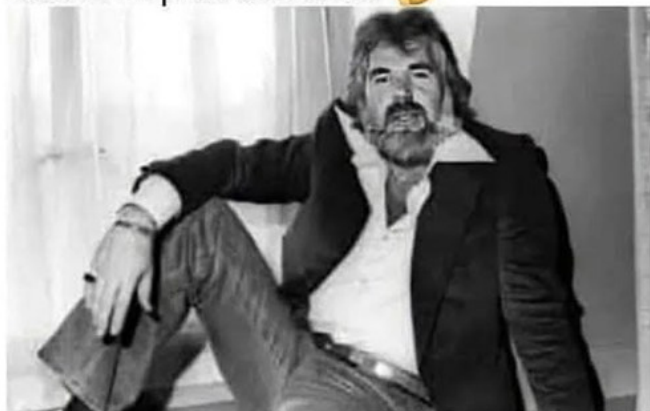
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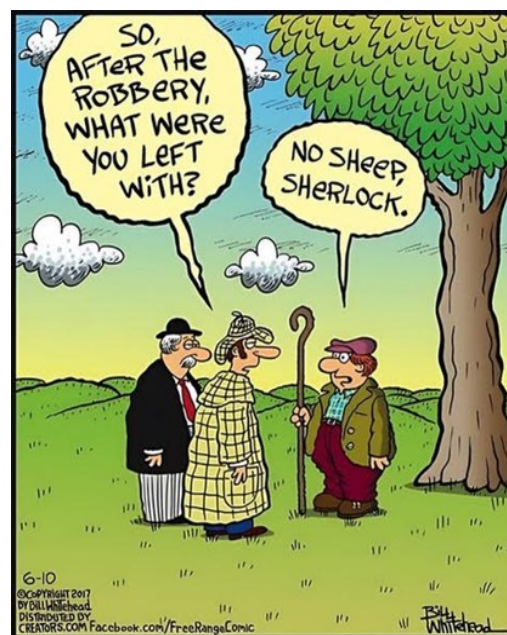
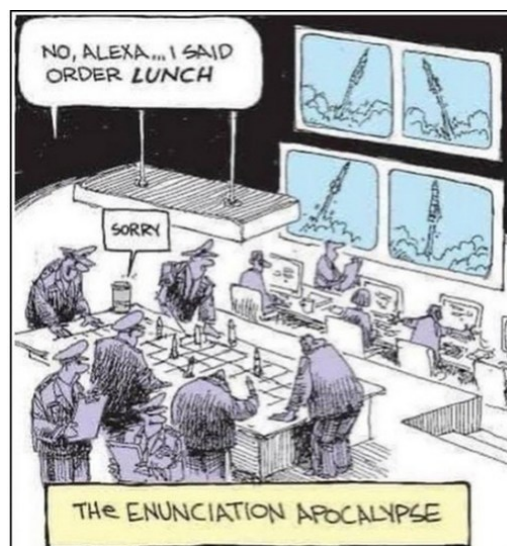
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LINGUISTIC LUNACY

We never did find out why Lucille left him with four hundred children and a cop in the field 🤔



She just texted me and said I can still smell your COLON on my pillow ,, and this is why spelling matters



AGING GRACELESSLY

I'm at the age where
my mind firmly
believes I'm 29, my
humor suggests I'm 12,
and my body possibly
died in the civil war.

**I am swift as a
gazelle. An old one.
With arthritis. Run
over by a land rover.
Seven days ago.**

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2026 when...

- 1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.**
- 2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.**
- 3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.**
- 4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.**
- 5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.**
- 6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...**
- 7. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen**
- 8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic, and you turn around to go and get it!**
- 10. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee**

COOL PICS

That moment when you realize there is only one person in this photo



It took me awhile to see it so if you don't see it the f... See more

I was like "what happened to her legs?" Then realized it's a damn bag of popcorn. 🍿🍿🍿



10. Tell us, is this a beach?



[u/Shlongong / reddit.com](#)

Nah, just a crusty base-board.

MY 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

**Now THAT is worth waking up
for... 🔥🔥🔥🔥**



ANIMAL INSTINCTS



GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD....

To everyone who received a book from me for Christmas:

They're due back at the library on Friday.

Thank You.