

I WAS JUST THINKING: Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp which no decent human being would eat?

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EDITOR'S RANT:

As I looked out my window this morning and saw even more snow than I saw when I went to bed, a "poem" from my youth crossed my mind.

'Spring has sprung, The grass has riz. I wonder where the girlies is.

That white awakening doesn't make my banishing of negativity thoughts any easier, Gunshots at a Trump/Press banquet, peace negotiator heading home without even meeting, attending a funeral of a long time friend, the radio warning of a possible financial crisis not seen since the thirties... Sundays are supposed to pick up our spirits!

But there is "good news". The Blue Jays won again last night. There is "hope". The Oilers play tonight.

Positivity is my quest. Ignoring the weather, where would you rather live right now? Europe? Latin America? Asia? Antarctica? America? Things will get warmer. The grass will grow. The girls will come out to pick the flowers. The geese will defecate on my neighbour's driveway and ignore mine. These are all examples of "hope" and that is something to build on.

In retrospect, evidence of positivity at the personal level notes that I haven't lost any hearing aides this year and only one pair

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of glasses. Unfortunately, I have not lost any weight, That is on the agenda for 2026. I am using an exciting therapy device called BrainTap. It has showed observable and measurable improvement in my post-stroke memory and general performance in less than three weeks. The extent or limits (if any) of this adventure tilt me toward positivity.

I realize that having started this Rant with samples of negative influences on our lives, I have tried to turn the tables by taking a more personal approach. It is my hope that the optimism I am squeezing out of the real world these days will become a reality on at least some fronts.

Sorry. That's the best I can do. Suggestions for more positive points of view are most welcome.

ELECTION NIGHT May 6th

Our next meeting is the club's annual Election Night on Wednesday, May 6th. The meeting will get underway at 5:00 PM at Headquarters, 101 Granada Blvd. in Sherwood Park. To prepare for the meeting Headquarters needs the number attending. Please contact Don Greive directly at; donandcory@gmail.com whether you will or will not attend **by Friday, May 1st.**

GYRO AUCTION May 20th

SMILIES in Sherwood Park will be the site for this event. A buffet dinner (cost covered by the club)

As in past years we look forward to your donations of auction items. Group dinners and golf rounds are always popular, but creativity is not discouraged. We will also have tables set up for silent auction items.

Please notify Ted Ewanchuk directly (tewanchu@shaw.ca) of your donations plans. It will also be key to notify Smilies of our numbers for the buffet by May 13th.

AGING GRACELESSLY



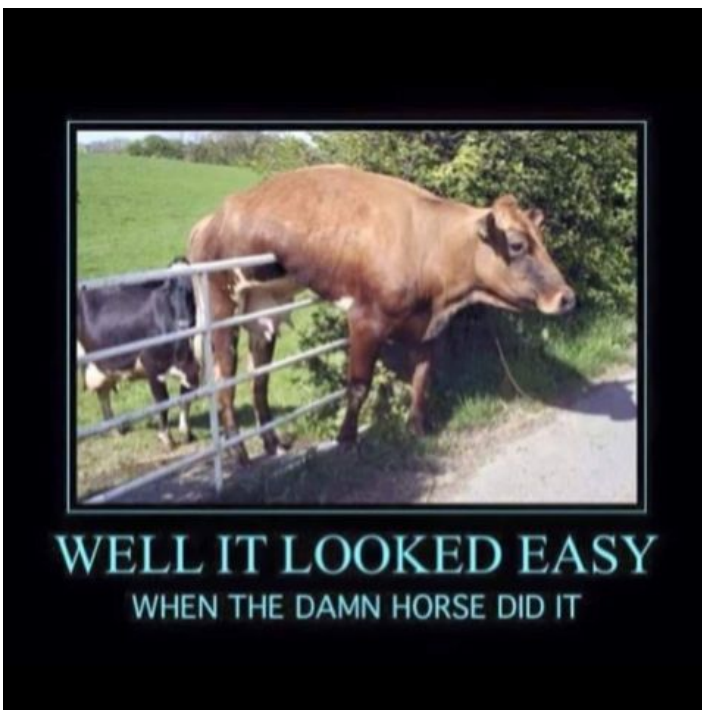
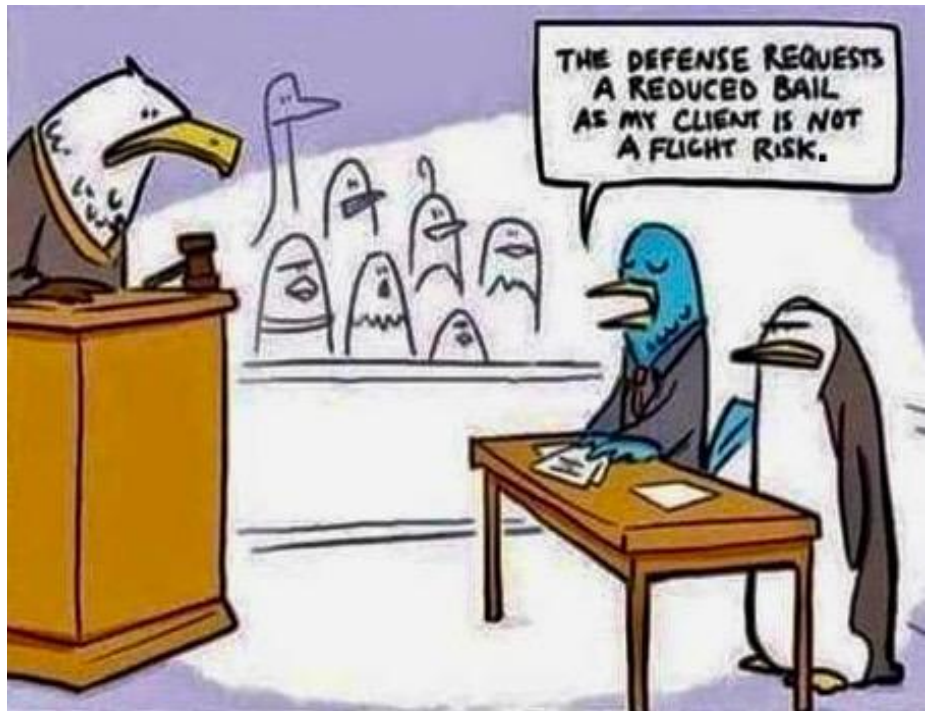
Things you learn if you live long enough

I choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."

It's fine to eat a test grape in the produce section, but you take one bite of rotisserie chicken and it's all, "Sir, you need to leave!"

I love bacon. Sometimes I eat it twice a day. It takes my mind off the terrible chest pains I keep getting.

ANIMAL INSTINCTS



MAY BIRTHDAYS

There are five Gyros who claim to have birthdays in May. We will take them at their word and offer our congratulations.

The lucky Men of May include:

Jim Malott (5th); **George Ward** (8th); **Nestor Slipchuk**(9th);
Lloyd Wilson (15th); **Paul West** (24th)

Taking another punish risk, May you all have a May Day parade around your home to celebrate your special day.

I know. Somebody May come over and punch me if I don't quit this!

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Rita Malott is back in Sherwood Park and started immunotherapy on April 17th with the first of six weekly treatments for her bladder cancer. We are all cheering for you, Rita, and confident that the treatment is 100% successful.

Don Greig, Jan Bradley and Barry Pratt advised me that **Jean Roberts** passed away on April 9th. **Jean and her husband, Jim**, were instrumental in the formation of our club 50 years ago. Jim was our club's second president and then moved to Vancouver. However, he went on the serve Gyro as District IV Governor and Gyro International President in 2006-2007. He was made an Honourary Member of our Sherwood Park club in 2006 at that year's International Convernition in Calgary. A chapter of our history closes. Our sympathy goes to the Roberts family.

Dorne Hunt had a misunderstanding with a dog leash. The resultant fall left him with a broken kneecap. He is in a full leg brace to keep his leg immobile and has crutches to walk when necessary. Dorne will have more scans in the next week or so but the prognosis appears to be that he is unlikely to need surgery. The empathetic comment here would be that "We feel your pain, Dorne", but fortunately, that is impossible. Here's to a remarkably recovery!

MEN

“ Wife said, "Our new neighbours are so in love. He kisses her, strokes her hair and hugs her. Why don't you do that?" I said, "Because I don't know her that well yet" ”



SHIRTS I OWN: 219
SHIRTS I WEAR: 6
SHIRTS I'M WILLING TO GET RID OF: 0

You can tell a lot about a woman by her hands. For instance, if they're around your throat she's probably slightly upset.



Sometimes I shock myself with the smart stuff I say & do. Then, there are times when I try to get out of the car with my seatbelt on

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS

**Walmart Is Opening
Dental Offices In
Some Of Its Stores.
There Will Be An
Express Lane For
People With 12 Teeth
Or Less.**

Just flipped our microwave on
it's side, and he absolutely loves it



**I NEVER CALLED
YOU STUPID, BUT
WHEN I ASKED YOU
TO SPELL "ORANGE"
AND YOU ASKED ME
THE FRUIT OR COLOR
IT KINDA CAUGHT
ME OFF GUARD.**

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GYRETTE GIGGLES

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

Despite the old saying, "Don't take your troubles to bed," many women still sleep with their husbands.

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Marriage is when one person handles the flights, passports, bags, hotel bookings, rental car & itinerary

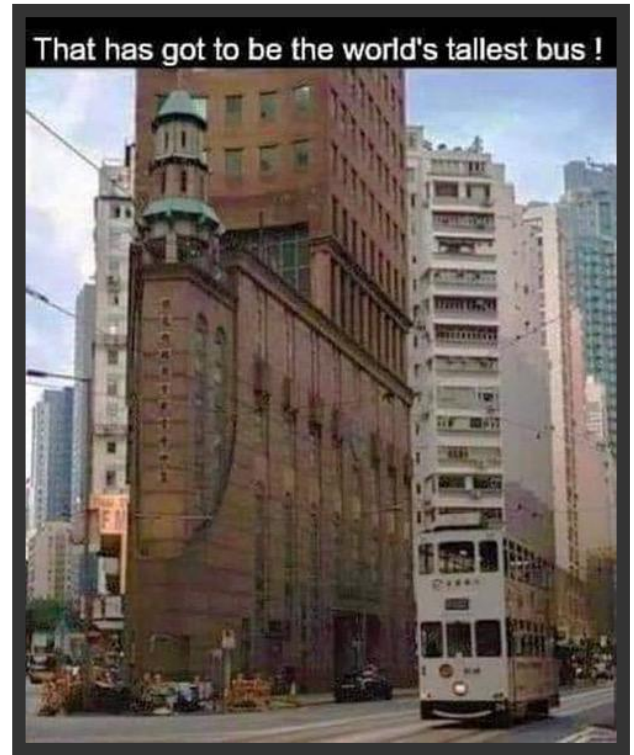
...and the other one asks, "Where are we going again?"

When a woman asks you to guess her age, it's like deciding whether to cut the blue, red, or green wire to diffuse a bomb.

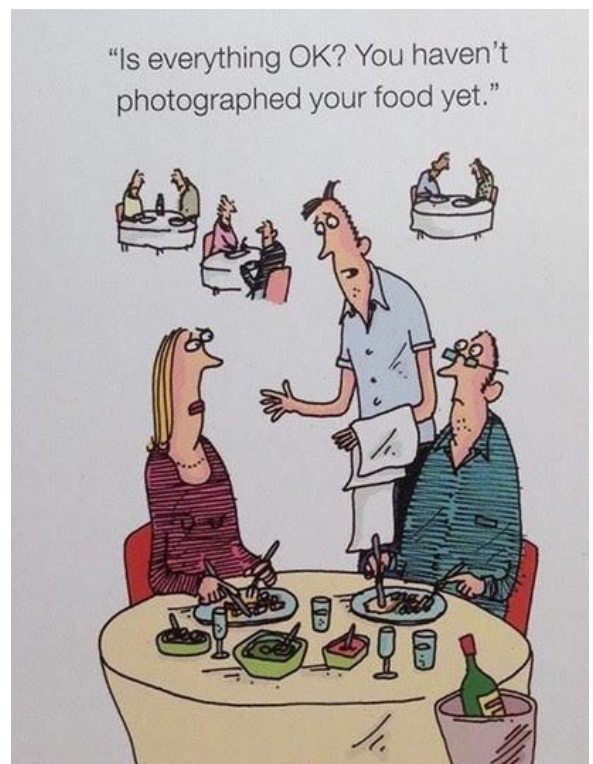
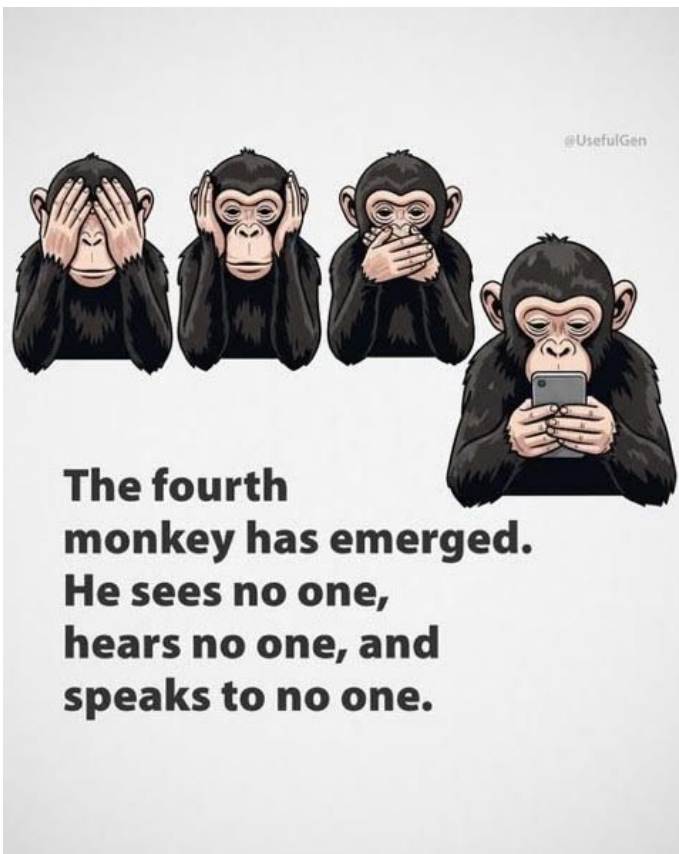
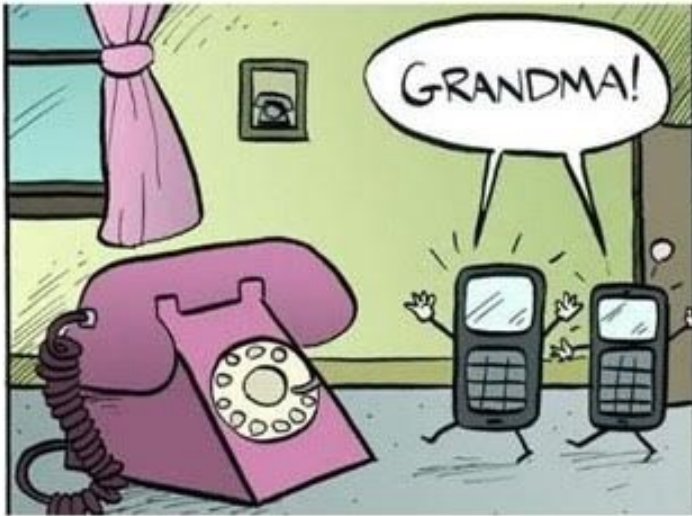
NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD.
THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF
THAT HASN'T EVEN
HAPPENED YET.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

PHUNNY PHOTOS

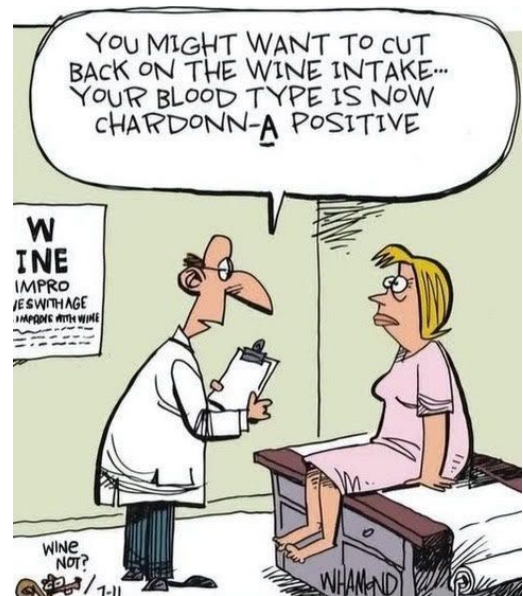


COMPUTER CONFUSION



BEVERAGE BANTER

ME: 'Hello. Is this the helpline for alcoholics?'
'Yes, it is'
ME: 'How do I make a Mojito?'



I keep trying to make protein shakes but they keep coming out as margaritas.

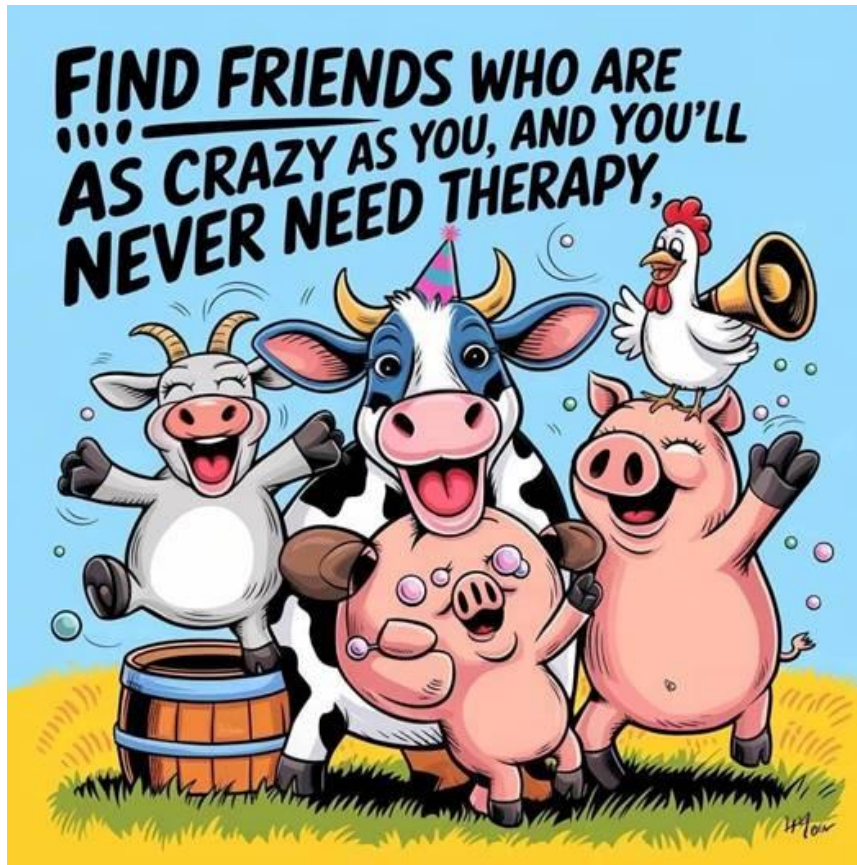
MY ANXIETY MEDICINE

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

Not my idea of maxin'and relaxin but to each his own.....



GYRO FRIENDSHIP PICTURE OF THE WEEK



AND THE LAST WORD....

