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ballplayers will make the opening day rosters of 30 major league baseball teams later this week, a total of 750 big league ballplayers. Coming into the 2017 pro baseball season, 18,593 men have appeared in at least 1 game at the major league level (source: Major League Baseball).

HOMER - In an episode from season # 6 of "The Simpsons" (aired in 1995), daughter Lisa spoke to her mom Marge using her phone's video chat capability, a technology that was actually created in 2010 (source: Time).

JUST TOO LARGE - 43% of American adults that have health insurance coverage in force today "have difficulty affording their deductible" (source: Kaiser Family Foundation).

As we get closer to warmer weather, we will be heading back to the beaches and lakes. We are reminded of our feathered friends who scavenge opportunistically along our coastlines. You may have seen this before, because Sam the Seagull is quite the celebrity, not for being a seagull, but for his comedic roll in committing crime in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Sam, a seagull, became a shoplifter by wandering into a convenience store and helping himself to a bag of chips. He has now become so popular for doing this that locals have started paying for each bag of chips that he steals. The shop assistant that works at the store said, "Everyone is amazed by the seagull. For some reason he only takes one particular kind of chips." Once he gets the chips outside, he rips the bag open and shares the chips with other birds. He has become quite clever at finding the right time to make his move. He waits until there are no customers around and the shop assistant is behind the counter, so he can make a clean get away. The owner of the shop has now decided to keep the door closed to try and deter Sam but Sam still finds ways to get his beloved chips. Customers have taken pity on Sam's chip habit so they have started donating money to keep him well fed. He has become so popular that you will find him on YouTube® and he even has Facebook® pages dedicated to him.

I hope you enjoyed this story as much as I did; it puts a smile on my face each time I come across those mischievous seagulls.

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