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I WAS JUST THINKING: Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me. From now on I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.

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EDITOR'S RANT:

If it weren't for Fathers Day a lot of us would "get no respect" at all. In our day, fathers were the college student's wallet. We were the one who had to live with the challenge that we could beat up the other kid's dad. We used to be relegated to the "father's room" outside the delivery area of the maternity ward, chain smoking and left in ignorance until we were handed our offspring in a blanket by some nurse who watched to make sure we didn't drop it and then quickly took it back to its mother's side. We were so busy working to put bread o the table that we all too often missed out on equally sharing the parenting role with our spouses.

Times have changed. Today we may actually be our kids' wallet long after college. Moving back home after college seems to be de rigueur these days. Threats of violence between neighbourhood adults is frowned upon now. Fathers are not only invited in to witness the birth but are cutting the cord. Recording the whole event up close and personal and broadcasting the whole show on the internet is deemed acceptable by many of the parenting generation. With two income families now a necessity for most, fathers don't get to take time off for golf, boy's nights out or even Gyro. They both "work". Long gone are the days of Mom's staying home and "just looking after the kids and the house". That kind of thinking just doesn't cut it any more. This generation of fathers are expected and privileged to participate equally in in the parental duties. Parenting has become a more or less equal

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partnership at last. Sure, we are genetically inferior when it comes to parenting by instinct. But males who do make the effort contribute in ways that are also unique to our gender. I am sure their kids are the better for it. We now live in an era when kids can have a single parent, or be lucky to have a Mom and a Dad or two Moms or two Dads. Whatever the hand they have been dealt, the strength comes from the amount of love there is in the cards.

**A father is a guy who has
snapshots in his wallet**



where his money use to be.

Happy Father's Day to
someone who inexplicably
loves signing his name in
each of his text
messages.



somee cards

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

This is a very special Father's Day for your editor. I still have the love of my life and the mother of our children and will join her, alive and pretty well, in Quebec in a couple of days. We almost lost her last Saturday night when she was in a horrific car accident near our cottage in la Belle Provence's Eastern Townships. She had driven there to attend a local friend's funeral. She never made it to the service. On Saturday afternoon in pouring rain she left the road, hit a power pole, flipped the car and rolled it over an embankment. Seeing pictures of the Jeep Cherokee she was driving it is hard not to believe in miracles. The vehicle was completely demolished and she emerged, aided by some paramedics, without a scratch. She did suffer a nasty concussion but is recovering well and looking forward to relaxing and recuperating along our favourite shoreline on the Quebec/Vermont border. Thanks for the positive vibes and wishes from those of you did get news of the accident, special thanks to our family and friends who rallied when their help was needed most, and my infinite gratitude goes to the guardian angel who was with Calli in the Jeep last Saturday. According to my ace H&W reporter, the rest of us had a pretty good couple of weeks!

Late news.....Apparently **Jeannie Carter** has a health challenge under investigation. Details will emerge over the next week or two. We are all sending our most positive energy your way, Jeannie.





NEXT MEETING: Year End Windup/Installation Sat. June 18th

Unfortunately, the Brisbins will not be able to join you at the windup/installation this year. The report on the fesivities will be in the next bulletin as well, of course, on the web site. The report's scope will depend on those of you who do attend and contribute as wingding reporters. That includes you photographers. You know who you are. If you don't, ask someone if they know who you are!

NEXT EVENT: MYSTERY GOLF June 8th

Early on the morning of June 8th 19 golfers learned they were headed to Barrhead to lick the links there. There were no fires. Nobody was struck by lightning. The only tragedies were on the score cards. There were prizes...all in all a great day. Thanks to **Gord Stewart** and **Jack Beattie**.

International Convention—July 11th to 17th, 2016

RED Lake (Mackenzie Island) Ontario. That's right—Ontario, CANADA! WE can finance our entire trip in Canadian dollars! American participants have to pay for part of their gas bill in US dollars. Pity our poor American brothers and sisters.

Mark your summer calendar NOW!

WINDUP GOLF July 5th:

I OK guys. This date is coming up fast. If you haven't registered with the main men, **Rusty Climie**, **Keith Bradley** and **Peter Sachatsky** you had better do it NOW. The course is Belvedere Golf and Country Club. Tee off time is Noon. You still have time to follow through the 18 holes of Belvedere Golf and Country Club starting at noon. I hear there are prizes!

SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS



**Parenting:
Eating the last
three cookies
because you
have four
children.**

Nicole Leigh Shaw
NinjaMomBlog.com

REGIONAL ROWDINESS HITS FAIRMONT

Gyros from all around Region VIII descended on the community of Fairmont, BC to meet, greet, kick up their heels and even do a little bit of business. Encouraged by the anonymity that being enveloped by mountains can bring, inhibitions gave way to bizarre behaviour and shenanigans. Seven couples from our club attended and, true to tradition, they showed no sense of shame. Our folks entertained with a skit written and directed by **Kathy Klaus**. It had a western theme including chair and cow roping demos. **Rikke Dootjes** was the MC at the banquet and now has a summer supply of freshly caught fruit. **Jim Copeland** received a Merrit's Award for his outstanding work on the District VIII website. Our club won the Best Bulletin award so Sherwood Park's presence was evident throughout the gathering.

Pictorial documentation says it all.



It's Our Day Dads



Asked my husband how everything was going,
he sends me this...



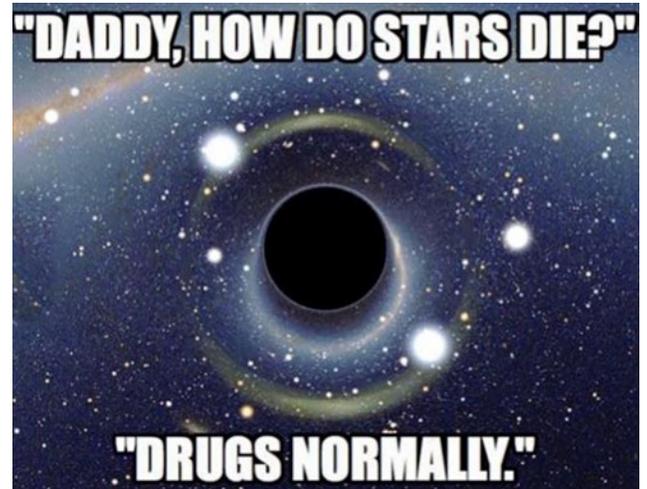
* BEGIN VOICEMAIL *

"Hey, it's me. Listen: I just read the funniest email ever. Stay where you are. I'm printing it out and driving it over to your house"
- My Dad.

IDIOTIC, BRILLIANT, IMPRACTICAL BUT COOL (Fathers day is coming up!)



Scottish manor or NRA's original club house?

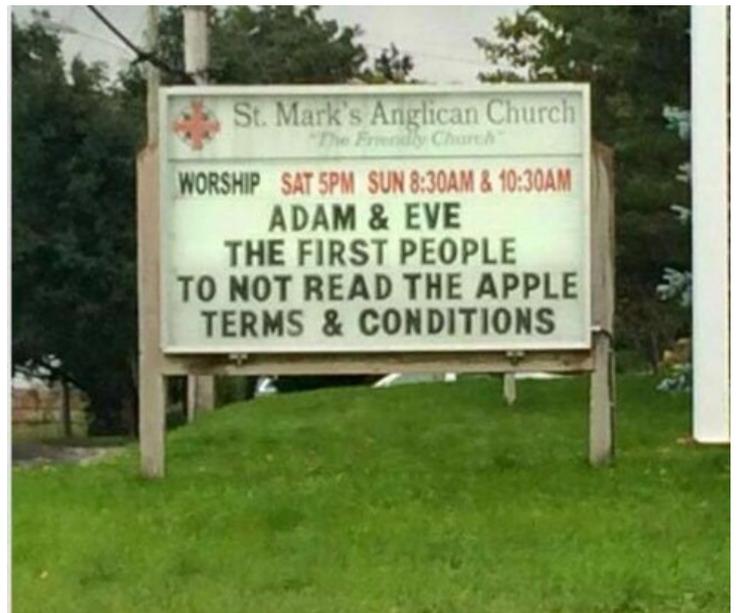


So the lads have set up a new smoker....brilliant!

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Hmmm....the house salad looks good



PICS TO PONDER:



DO YOU REMEMBER?

On TV and Radio

Science Drama To Debut Sept. 15

By JOSEPH T. SULLIVAN
Herald TV-Radio Editor

HOLLYWOOD—Science fiction, with the exception of *Lost in Space* and a few episodes on *The Twilight Zone*, has failed miserably on television.

The overall fault, if one can risk generalization, is twofold. Writers have concentrated on the gimmicks in the storyline rather than the characters and the viewing public, despite the dawn of the space age several years ago, doesn't seem ready to accept the reality of "way out there."

Even when writers have translated the proven works of science fiction into television terms popular appeal has been severely limited. Science fiction plays on the Broadway stage have also met with the same general critical disaster.

"*Star Trek*," an hour-long NBC drama, which will debut Thursday, Sept. 15, at 8:30 p. m., hopes to reverse the failure.

Produced by Norway Productions in association with Desilu and the network itself, the locale is billed as the "completely self-contained U.S.S. Enterprise," a space ship and crew entrusted with the mission of cruising around the galaxy investigating various forms of "alien life forms and social systems."

The premise is wide open, offering countless possibilities for dramatic situations provided, of course, viewers can accept, as previously stated, the basic reality of "way out there."

The strongest reason they may is Gene Roddenberry, creator and producer of the series. A tall, lumbering ex-cop from the southland, he has a strong background of achievement.

In 1959 he was the winner of the Writers Guild of America Award and his television writing and producing credits include *Dragnet*, *The Dick Powell Show*, *The Lieutenant*, and *Have Gun Will Travel*. Several episodes on these shows provided some of TV's best scripts.

"What we have is authentic drama," Roddenberry said, "that just happens to take place in outer-space."

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It also has two able young actors, William Shatner as the captain of the space ship and Leonard Nimoy as the chief science officer; also, Grace Lee Whitney as the female executive officer, a honey-haired actress getting her first television series role



GENE RODDENBERRY GRACE WHITNEY WILLIAM SHATNER

after a sketchy career of bit parts in films and understudy status on the stage.

Roddenberry also said that a future script of the series will be written by Ray Bradbury, one of the giants of the science and fantasy fiction genre.

It was, in fact, Bradbury's "Martian Chronicles" that paved a significant road to the realization that the genre is merely a setting for a writer to tackle some of the most basic dramatic themes of all time.

A short story in that collection, for example, described what happened to a small southern town when its Negro residents suddenly upped and left for another planet via rocket ship. It was one of the best analysis of America's racial problem one could read.

If *Star Trek* will not back off social issues and commentary, if its characters are strong and believable and if one sees a minimum of light panels that always seem to keep blazing on TV space ships, the series will have a better than even chance of succeeding.

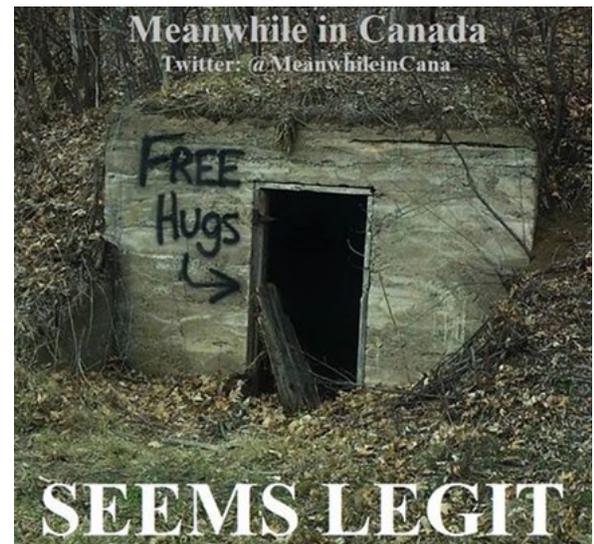
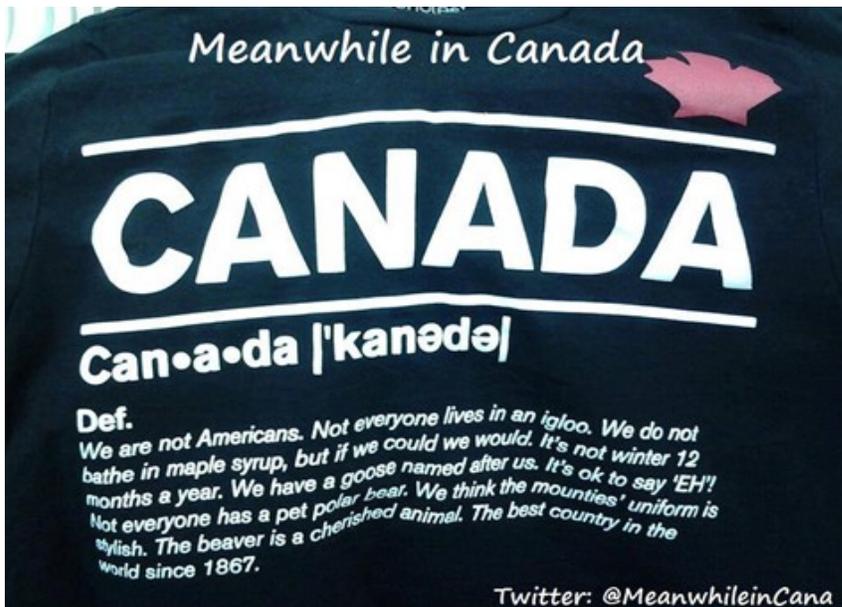
The devoted science fiction audience in the country alone could guarantee it. The science fiction market, as any S-F publisher will tell you, is still substantial.

And that's understatement.

Besides, if the series does settle for the banal it can never hope to defeat its competition in the ratings which includes no less, in its time slot, than *Tammy Grimes*, *My Three Sons*, *Bewitched*, and the beginning of the *Thursday Night Movie*.

Blast-off, anyone?

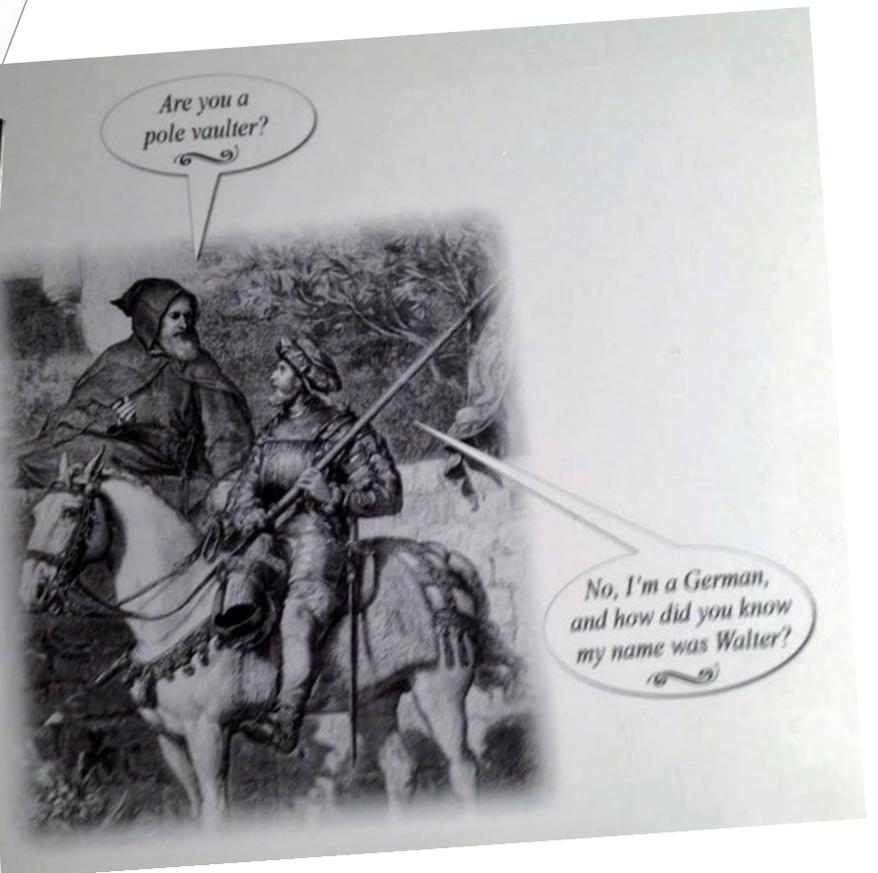
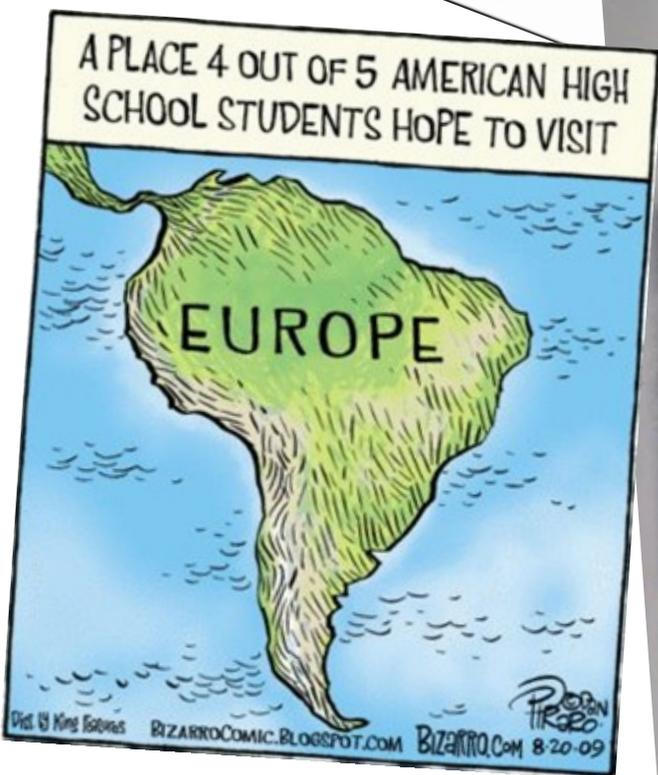
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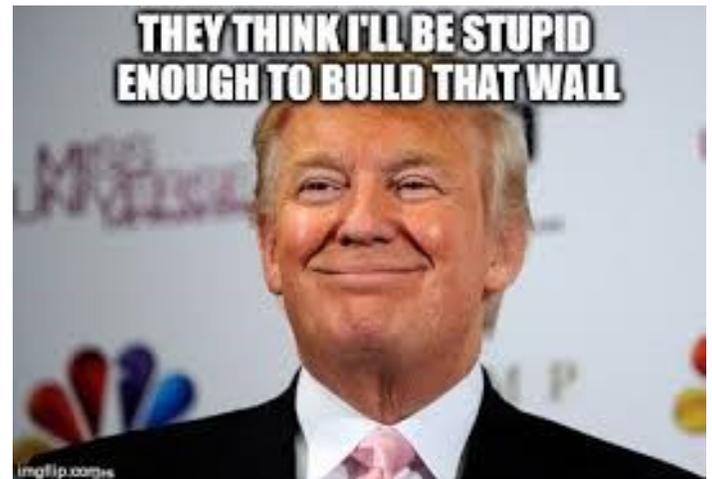
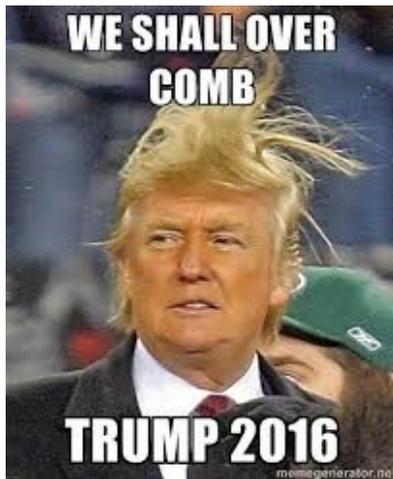
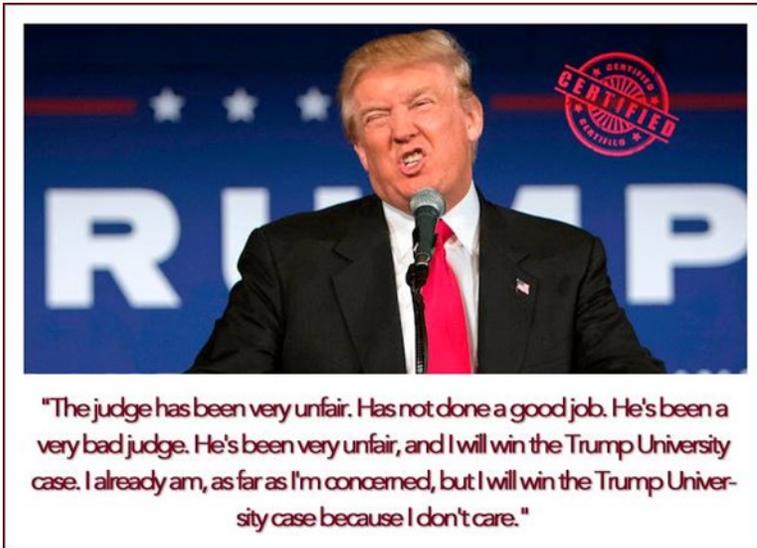
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North Korean officers... Could be easily defeated with a **giant magnet**...

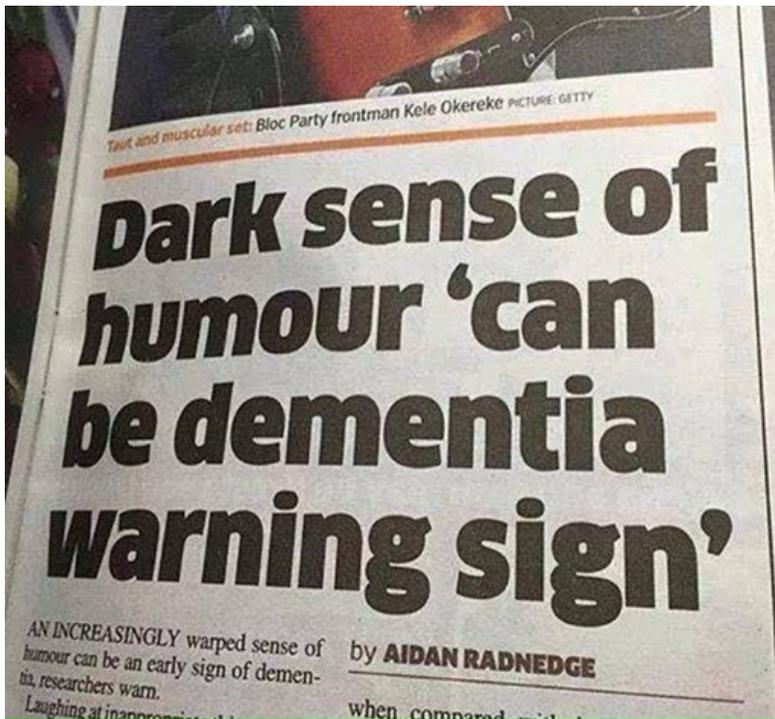
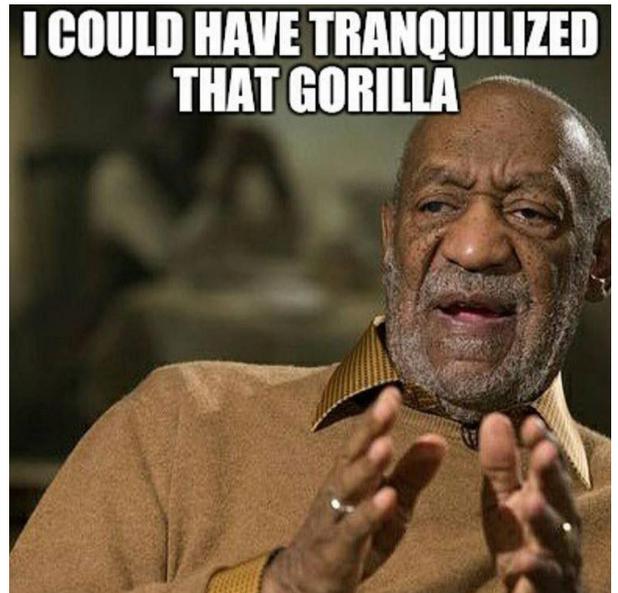
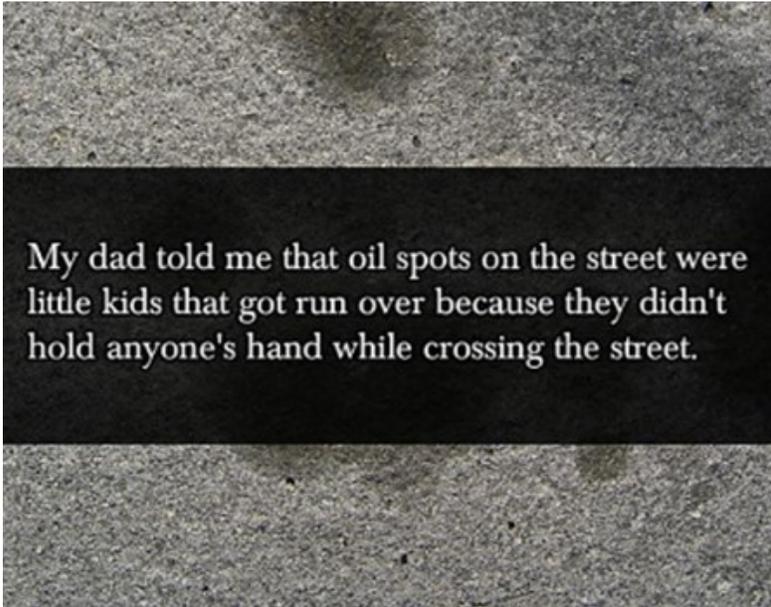


THE DONALD PAGE BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS MORE COVERAGE THAN DT !



There, don't you feel more informed , fulfilled and stimulated now?

Hmmmm...



Uh Oh!....

Naturally, the common people don't want war, neither in Russia nor in England nor in America, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger.

It works the same way in every country.

—Hermann Goering during the Nuremberg Trials

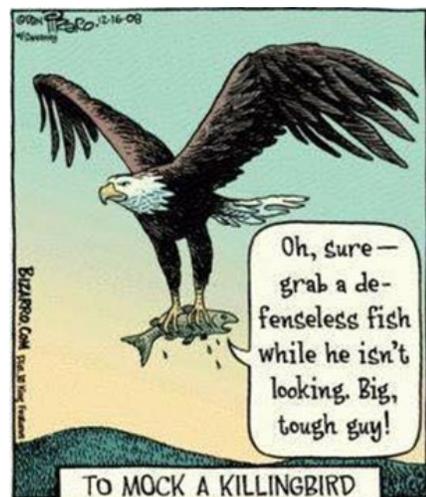
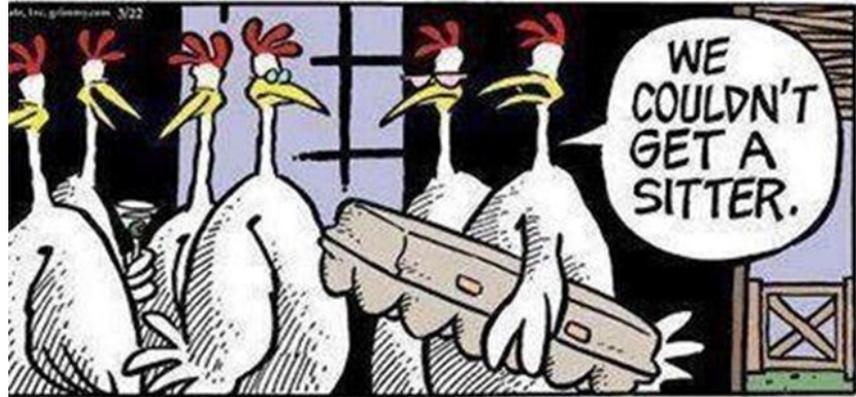
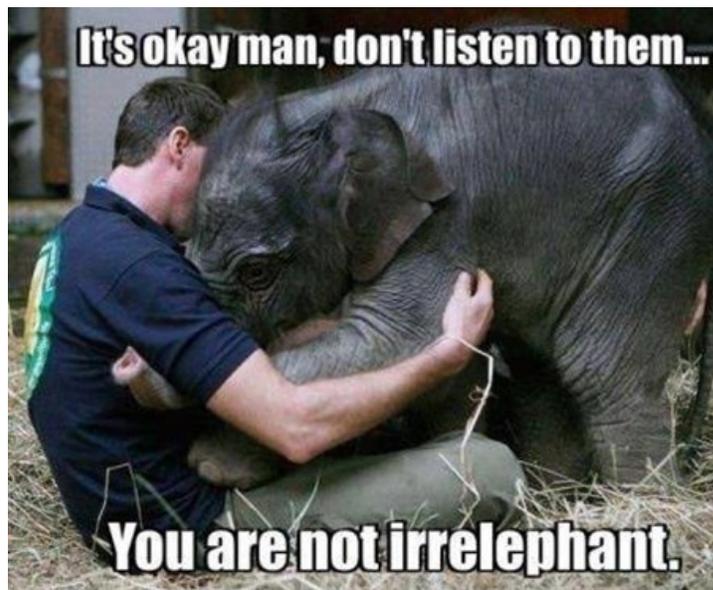


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ANIMAL INSTINKS

Do you have a minute to talk about our lord and saviour Edgar Allan Poe?



OPPORTUNITY 101

You think it means ★★★ **It means** ★★★

10 COMMONLY MISUNDERSTOOD WORDS IN ENGLISH

1. ENORMITY
enormous in size (enormousness) VS monstrous evil, excessive wickedness, outrageousness

2. NONPLUSED
unaffected, unimpressed VS bewildered, extremely puzzled, at a loss

3. BEMUSED
mildly amused VS to be bewildered, confused, engrossed in thought

4. REDUNDANT
"useless" or "unable to perform its function" VS beyond what is necessary or natural, needlessly wordy or repetitive

5. PLETHORA
to have a lot of something, many VS superabundance, an excess (has transitioned from a negative to positive connotation over time)

6. UNIQUE
unusual, extraordinary (often used with very/ rather/ quite) VS the only one of its kind, unparalleled

7. FULSOME
abundant (praise) VS offensively flattering or insincere

8. NOISOME
noisy VS obnoxious, harmful, offensive to senses

9. IRONIC
any kind of amusing coincidence VS the opposite (outcome) of what was expected, contrary to expectation

10. LITERALLY
it's an intensifier, used to emphasize a point; synonym for really or actually; often used in place of "figuratively" VS in a literal manner; word for word

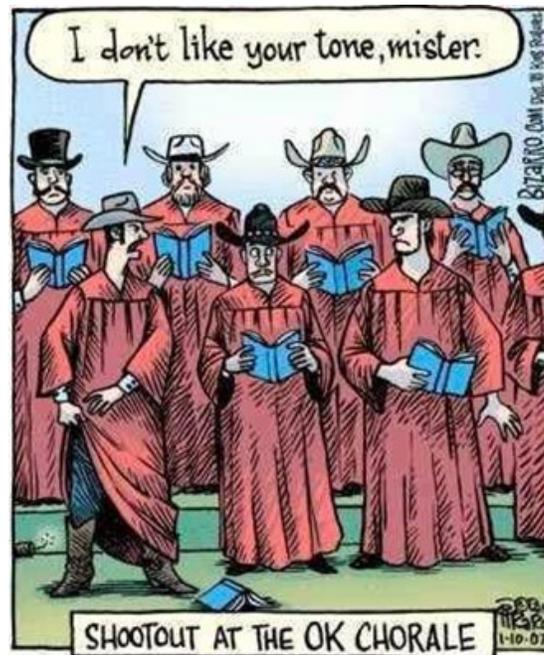
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NOW, DON'T YOU FEEL MORE SMARTER AND LESS DUMBER?

YOU'RE WELCOME

Your Gyro Friendship thought of the week:



One last picture from the Gyro friendly weekend in Fairmont

And the last word:

