



Mountain Bears Democratic Club was founded in 2004. We are located in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. We hope to do our part to inform and educate the public and bring newcomers to the party by registering new Democrats. The Democratic Party believes that the American Dream should be within the reach of all people. We welcome and encourage people from all walks of life to join us in discussion and debate regardless of one's political affiliations.

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NEXT MEETING

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 25th**, at 6:30 pm in the Alpine Escrow conference room in Blue Jay.

Our Club's Online Presence

Our webpage: <https://mountainbearsdemocrats.org>

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-Bears-Democratic-Club-1464298517118574>

Community Sources of Information

Our Chamber of Commerce web page: <https://www.lakearrowheadchamber.com>

Arrowhead Lake Association web page: <https://www.ala-ca.org>

Local media:

- Mountain News newspaper: <http://www.mountain-news.com>
- Alpine Mountaineer newspaper: <https://thealpinemountaineer.com>
- Mountain Reporter digital newspaper: <http://mountainreporter.com>
- Lake Arrowhead News: <https://www.lakearrowheadnews.com>
- Lake Arrowhead 'Official Site': <http://www.lakearrowhead.com>

Sources of Legislative Information

Library of Congress: <https://www.congress.gov>

Issue Voter.org: <https://issuevoter.org/bills>

Govtrack: <https://www.govtrack.us>

California Democrats Online Presence

The party's web page: <https://www.cadem.org>

The party's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cadems>

National Democrats Online Presence

The national party's webpage: <https://democrats.org>

The national party's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/democrats>

Health Issues



California's Ecosystem

The beverage maker agreed to pay a fine of \$5 million after pleading guilty to two felony offenses earlier this month

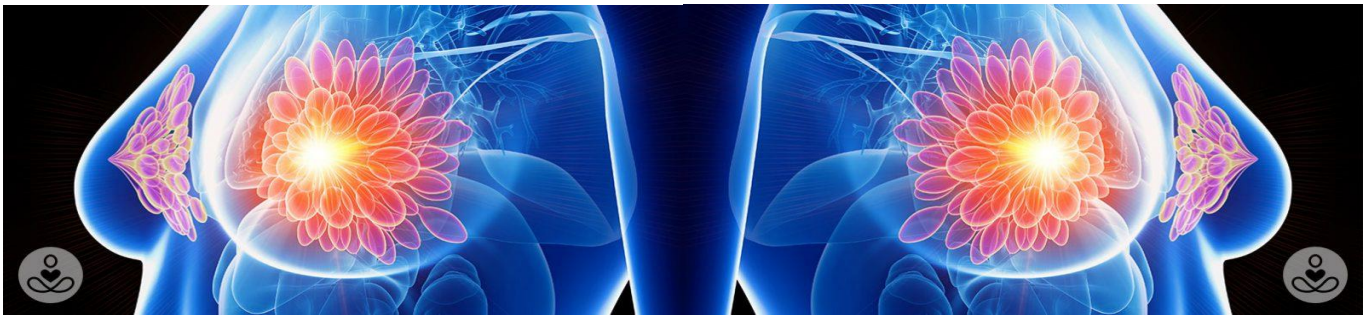
https://people.com/food/crystal-geyser-water-bottler-pleads-guilty-to-dumping-arsenic-into-californias-ecosystem/?utm_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR1HRsK6owIHOWVRUF8peUMxadf56XzViz0FOVVqp9n7-vVTdyurjnzThu4 2.9.20

Trump's Plan to Privatize Pork Inspections Called 'a Recipe for Disaster' as Consumer Safety Groups Sue USDA



Under the new regulations put forth by the [Trump administration](#), federal inspectors are no longer responsible for examining the animals before and after slaughter and will see a reduced role on the line.

https://www.ecowatch.com/usda-pork-inspection-2644808322.html?fbclid=IwAR3dTyprW7-b8IKZuBUmf9ecOL8hPH_kXXzInPeiaW4AOWI2klahzahcySY 2.9.20



Researchers Treat HER2-Positive Breast Cancer Without Chemo

HER2-positive breast cancer is a type of aggressive cancer marked by uncontrolled production of breast cells. About 20% of women and men diagnosed with breast cancer have HER2-positive cancer, specifically.

https://theheartysoul.com/her2-positive-breast-cancer-treatment/?fbclid=IwAR2I7Xg_KuL2suOkw9RfmgXmTSLg3bWOQGdJ3hopprKlv3Uy_tNednMF3zw 2.11.20

Countries/regions affected



Confirmed cases in North America



Coronavirus' true mortality rate is a statistical mystery

To solve it, scientists must know infection totals — and that's not easy

Of all the questions scientists hope to answer about the new coronavirus sweeping across the globe, the most pressing is this: How deadly is it?

The only way to know is to figure out how many people have been infected — and that's the real challenge.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=505957ba-a548-4bbd-9721-47b736ff0428 2.13.20

Virus stokes fear at air base

Workers at March Air Reserve Base and their families have been verbally attacked in person and on social media by people fearing their proximity to the 195 Americans under quarantine at the base.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=244926d5-d203-4046-b993-7aade9f3a597 2.11.20

In Asia, epidemic prompts hoarding

Shoppers, fearing the coronavirus crisis will worsen, clear shelves of staple goods.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=041ac0b3-7623-48d0-94ce-e535da65f66c 2.13.20



China fires officials as infections soar

Beijing steps up efforts at damage control as virus cases increase by 15,152 overnight. Political officials were fired and infection cases skyrocketed in China on Thursday, reminding a nation stuck at home and scientists watching worldwide just how little is known about the coronavirus outbreak that has infected more than 64,000 and killed more than 1,400 people.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=b09eb5f3-0c7c-45af-b999-d0573906d4d4 2.14.20

On the Mountain +



Feds plan program to relocate homeless

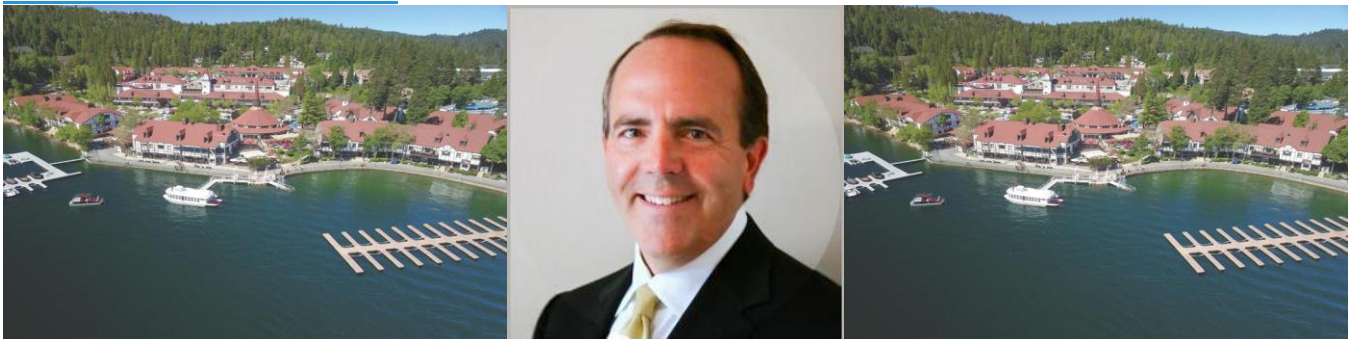
Representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino County Fire and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department disclosed their intention to launch a program that would relocate homeless individuals away from the San Bernardino National Forest at a combined Crestline and Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council meeting, held Jan. 23 at Crestline's San Moritz Lodge.

https://thealpinemountaineer.com/feds-plan-program-to-relocate-homeless/?fbclid=IwAR18wxDtZPgjYh5Lr8uO_WCSrS-Wy7iMobj1I5Ila1oeVIK98SkIfaCY6FA
2.14.20

Another drought on the horizon?

High-pressure ridge over eastern Pacific has kept wet weather at bay

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=d6879211-5112-4cfc-9d98-6f92fdbf3083 2.15.20



Meet Arrowhead Village's New Owner: Jay Kerner

Mountain residents and small business owners may be pleased to hear that the Lake Arrowhead Village is now under new management.

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_a50c7a56-4e84-11ea-8fc5-4b26f09557ad.html?fbclid=IwAR1aYd-oTIfalh8c8XN4aW14KLd2-e0CifbQqIB-6pECTDIceGYJCZXINIlw 2.16.20

National Politics



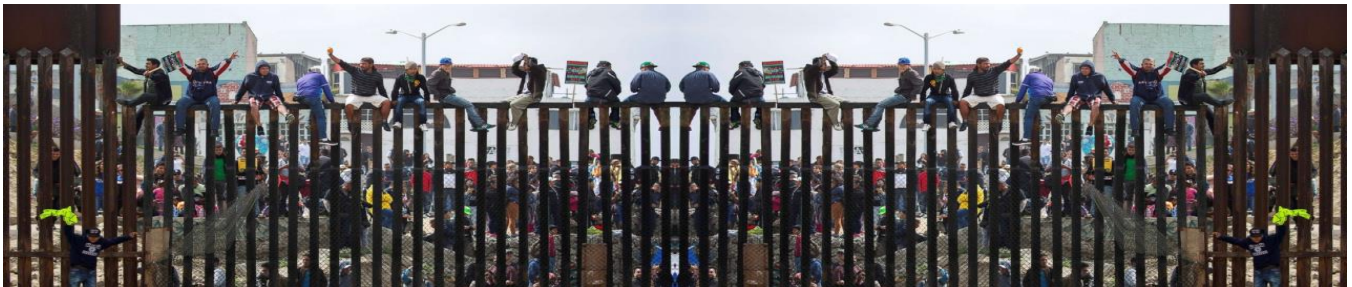
Washington's Farewell Address

A cool speech by a cool dude:
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/washing.asp

Unborn Child Support Act would allow mothers to collect child support payments from the father while still pregnant

Should child support payments start from birth or conception?

<https://govtrackinsider.com/unborn-child-support-act-would-allow-mothers-to-collect-child-support-payments-from-the-father-bc06c37ab273> 2.16.20



Brilliant New \$5.34 Ladder Defeats Not So Brilliant \$2.5 Billion Trump Fever Dream

Trump has proposed spending another \$3.8 billion for his "beautiful" and "impregnable" border wall - the estimated \$21.7 billion one that Mexico was gonna pay for, that so far has seen just 100 miles refurbished, that he once claimed couldn't be climbed by world-class climbers...

https://www.commondreams.org/further/2020/02/14/brilliant-new-534-ladder-defeats-not-so-brilliant-25-billion-trump-fever-dream?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR0vsSeZczxKYaZneNbS96KCagQ271tyObRPcXMPKunNZKTh1HeYrXCJy4Q 2.16.20

The Electoral College's Racist Origins

More than two centuries after it was designed to empower southern white voters, the system continues to do just that.

https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/11/electoral-college-racist-origins/601918/?fbclid=IwAR33Y61_cNT0nOR_xyxTcl1kKuoYGI7Ev6kf6WC_QioyHz_cbTnllLUzhl 2.13.20



Resignations roil Justice Department

After four prosecutors quit Roger Stone's case over sentencing, agency fights claims it bent to Trump's will. Top Justice Department officials came under fire Wednesday for jettisoning a [recommendation by career prosecutors](#) that Roger Stone, a longtime confidante of President Trump, receive a stiff prison sentence.

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HOW MANY LOWES COULD ROB
LOWE ROB IF ROB LOWE COULD
ROB LOWES?



Do you know why Ireland's
capital city is so large?

Because it's Dublin every year.

WARNING

There is an email going around
offering processed pork, gelatin
and salt in a can.

If you get this email, do not
open it. It's spam.

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Spread of propaganda by white supremacists soars

Report says that the rhetoric increasingly stresses ‘patriotism’ to conceal the hate. Incidents of white supremacist propaganda distributed across the nation jumped by more than 120% between 2018 and last year, according to the Anti-Defamation League, making 2019 the second straight year that the circulation of propaganda has more than doubled.

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A photograph of a group of Riverside teenagers posing with a Nazi symbol in front of a Confederate flag that began circulating on social media last week has prompted backlash from students and parents. The photo shows eight Martin Luther King High School students — some smiling — with a Confederate flag and a Trump 2020 banner.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=fbb598e7-b35b-4f48-b45b-82ce5c68d242 2.13.20

Anatomy of a Fake News Scandal

Inside the web of conspiracy theorists, Russian operatives, Trump campaigners and Twitter bots who manufactured the 'news' that Hillary Clinton ran a pizza-restaurant child-sex ring

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/anatomy-of-a-fake-news-scandal-125877/> 2.14.20



Club News

In the month of February our club had members that hosted Chris Bubser, democratic candidate for the eighth congressional district, and held a 'Postcard Party' where members created colorful, personal messages to local registered members of our party encouraging them to vote in the primary on March 3rd.

Its never too late to join our club!

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State Politics

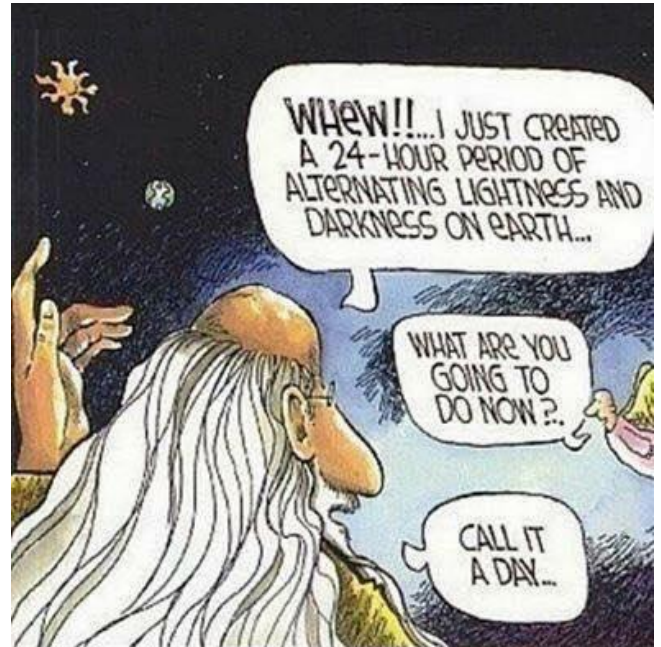
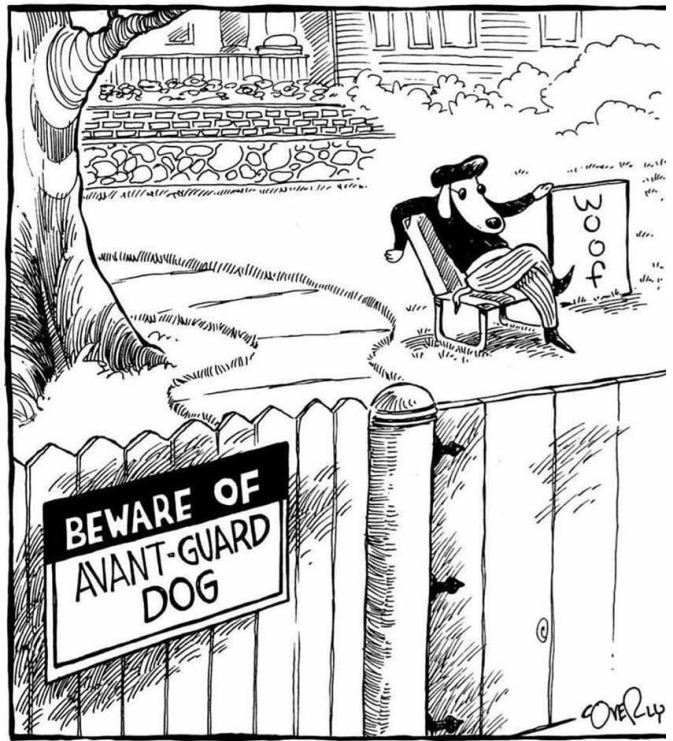
Lacey dismisses 66,000 pot convictions in L.A. County

District attorney's move is a major step in a national effort to undo harsh effects of a long-running drug war. Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey on Thursday announced that she had secured the dismissal of 66,000 marijuana convictions in Los Angeles County, marking a major step in a growing national effort to undo the harsh effects of a decades-long drug war.

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Pun Pages





It probably took a good year or two to make this table...



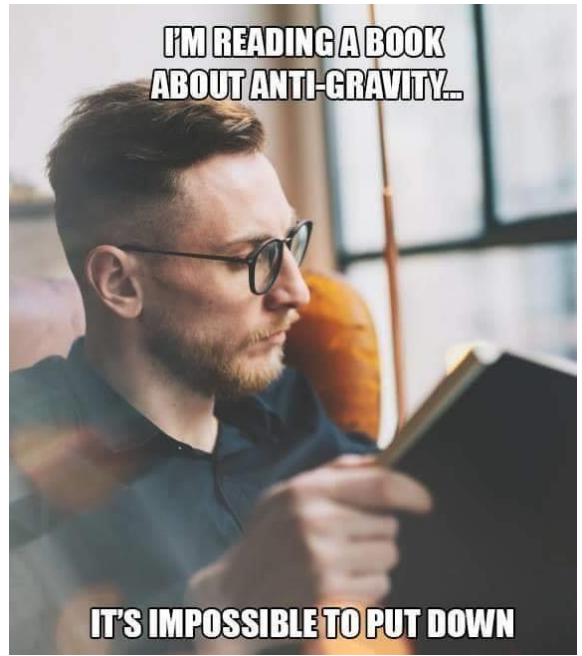
My bucket list: 4 drumsticks, 2 wings, one breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, 2 biscuits, coleslaw.

A bicycle can't stand alone;



it's just two tired.

**I'M READING A BOOK
ABOUT ANTI-GRAVITY...**



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT DOWN



worst Photographer in the World



Bill Murray
@BillMurray

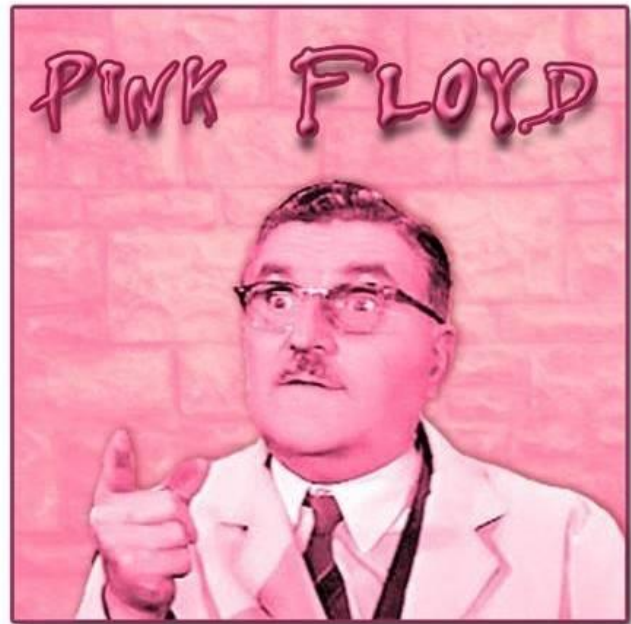
We should legalize cannabis in all 50 states, use the taxes to repair roads & highways & call it operation pothole.

Why are all the states jealous of Nevada?



It's the NV of America

SONNY AND CHAIR



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Doctor said I may have Tom Jones syndrome.. I said OMG!! Is this common ?? Doctor said "it's not unusual 🎵"

A girl came up to me and said she recognised me from her vegetarian restaurant.

I was a bit confused. I'd never met herbivore.



I CALLED MY SCHOOL-TIME FRIEND,
HE SAID HE WAS WORKING ON A SPECIAL PROJECT
'AQUA-THERMAL TREATMENT OF CERAMICS,
ALUMINIUM AND STEEL UNDER A
CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT'.

I WAS IMPRESSED. LATER I REALIZED THAT IDIOT
WAS WASHING UTENSILS IN WARM WATER,
UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF HIS WIFE.



**English is a beautiful
language**

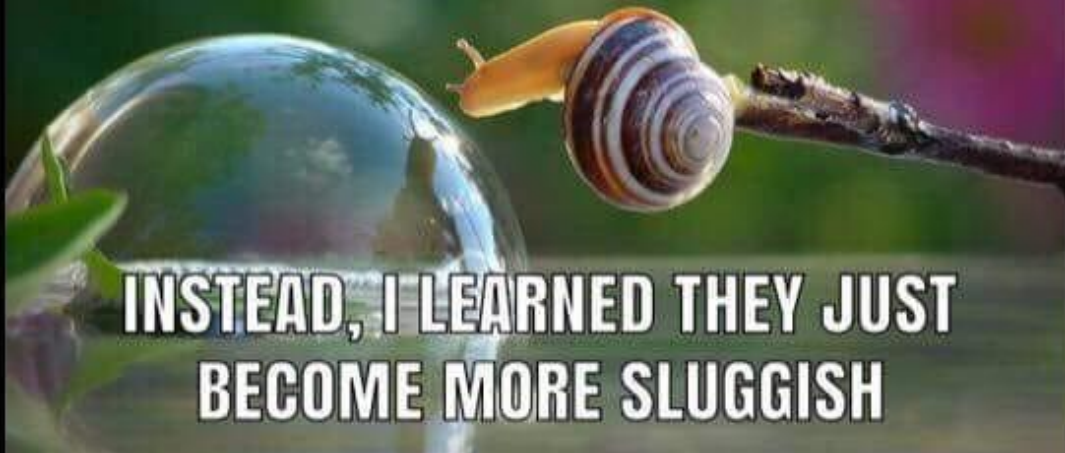
In case you didn't know, Yoda's last name is "Layheehoo"



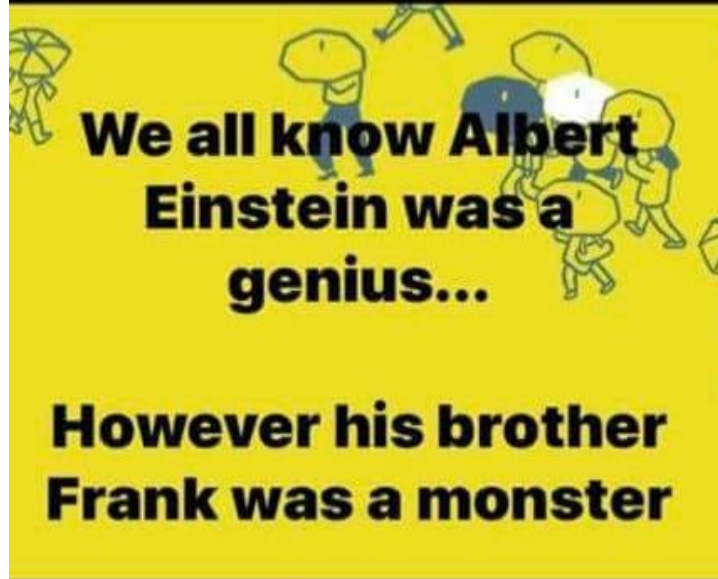
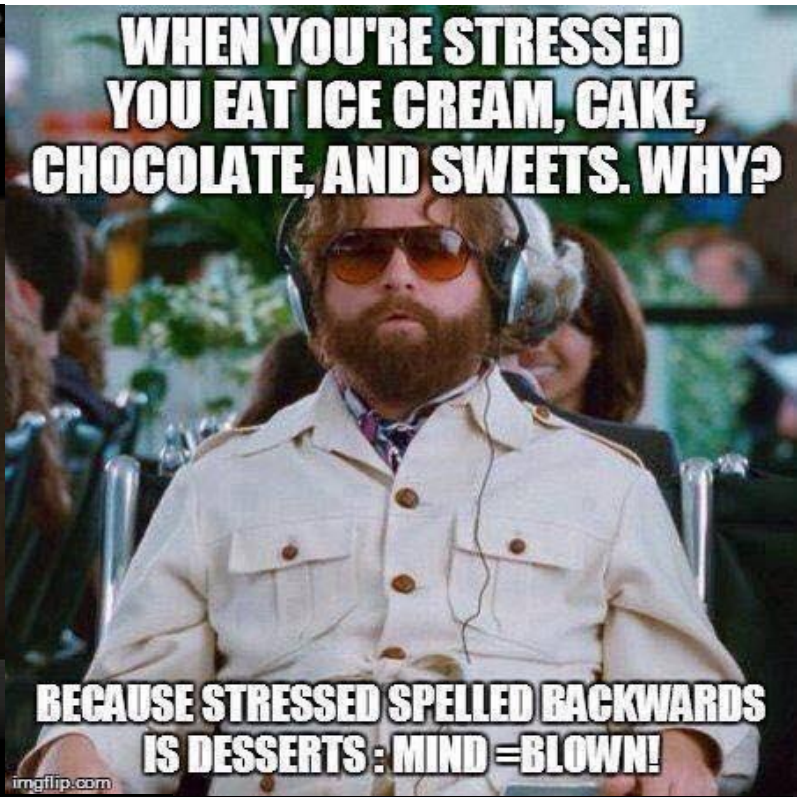
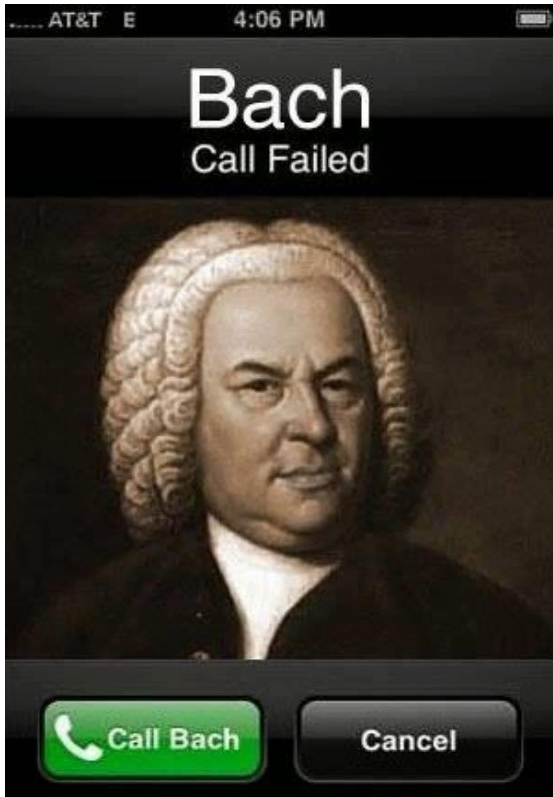
HOW TO WRITE GOOD

1. Avoid Alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. They're old hat.
4. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Writers should never generalize.
- Seven: Be consistent!
8. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
9. Who needs rhetorical questions?
10. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

**AS A KID, I THOUGHT SNAILS WOULD
MOVE FASTER IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE
TO CARRY THEIR SHELLS**



**INSTEAD, I LEARNED THEY JUST
BECOME MORE SLUGGISH**



Do you, Karen, take David the Optometrist to be your lawfully wedded husband, for better or worse? Better... or worse? Better... or worse?