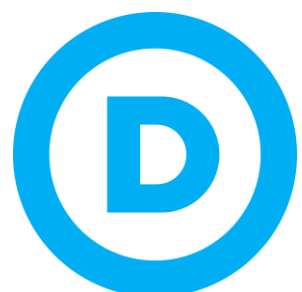
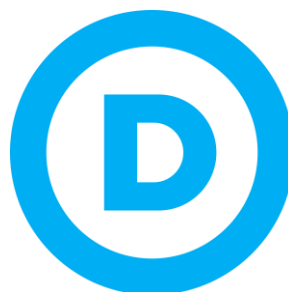
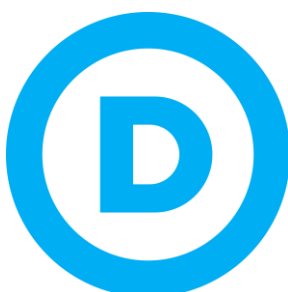
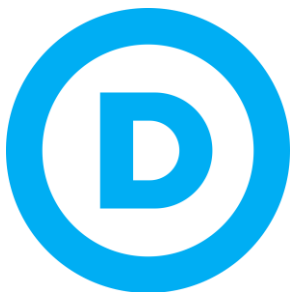


Mountain Bears Democratic Club March NEWSLETTER 2020



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, **March 24th**, 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

MEDICARE FOR ALL WOULD SAVE \$450 BILLION ANNUALLY WHILE PREVENTING 68,000 DEATHS, NEW STUDY SHOWS

The analysis, conducted by researchers at Yale University, the University of Florida and the University of Maryland, found that transitioning the U.S. to a single-payer health care system would actually save an estimated \$450 billion each year, with the average American family seeing about \$2,400 in annual savings. The research, which was published Saturday in the medical journal *The Lancet*, also found that Medicare for all would prevent about 68,000 unnecessary deaths per year.

https://www.newsweek.com/medicare-all-would-save-450-billion-annually-while-preventing-68000-deaths-new-study-shows-1487862?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR1XyN55mSdf5GjH_q1ekuU_1uuyI8E36UTVC43Da3Li-u7ZBQCqfv4IvuY#Echobox=1582063532 2.19.20

EDITOR'S NOTE: the intent of including multiple stories about the Coronavirus is to document its spread and how the media is covering it.

4 Deaths in Iran and More Cases on 3 Continents Fears of Coronavirus Pandemic Rise



Health officials called the surge in reported infections “very worrisome,” as cases soared in South Korea. Europe and North America reported a big uptick in infections.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/21/world/asia/china-coronavirus-iran.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage> 2.21.20

**IF IT'S THE
THOUGHT
THAT COUNTS**

**THEN I
SHOULD
PROBABLY
BE IN JAIL**

I'm going to to open a technical institute dedicated to teaching people how to defeat complicated locks and security features.

I think I'll call it: School Of Hard Locks".

Coronavirus Live Updates: U.S. Officials Warn Americans to Brace for Likely Outbreak

New outbreaks in Asia, Europe and the Middle East are renewing fears of a coming global pandemic, even as the spread in China appears to be slowing.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/25/world/asia/coronavirus-news.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage> 2.25.20



Coronavirus turns into political battle

Cities from Alabama to O.C. resist hosting quarantine sites.

The coronavirus has yet to become a major health threat in Orange County. But a proposal to eventually place some patients at a state-owned facility in Costa Mesa has sparked a political battle in which wary residents are speaking in conspiratorial, even apocalyptic terms.

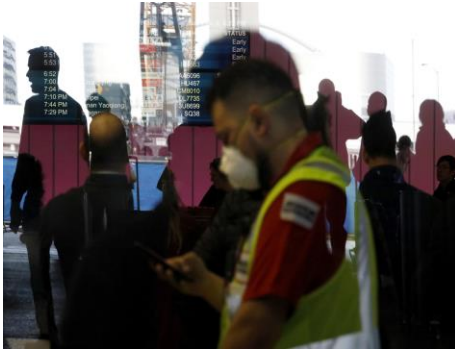
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Traveler is quarantined at base

Point Mugu naval facility could house more arrivals from LAX, officials say

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=cc2a4c30-d3cc-476c-a017-4034947409a0 2.26.20

I sent that 'Ancestry' site some information on my family tree. They sent back a packet of seeds and suggested that I just start over.



A WORKER at LAX wears a mask as a precaution against coronavirus earlier this month at the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

POOR: when you have too much month at the end of your money

‘Community spread’ of virus feared in new case

Northern California patient could be first in U.S. without known ties to foreign travel.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is investigating what could be the first case of novel coronavirus in the United States involving a patient in California who neither recently traveled out of the country nor was in contact with someone who did.

<http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article/share.aspx?guid=c722dc0f-e45a-49ee-8e12-2229d209a253> 2.27.20



Japan to close schools nationwide to control spread of virus, AP reports



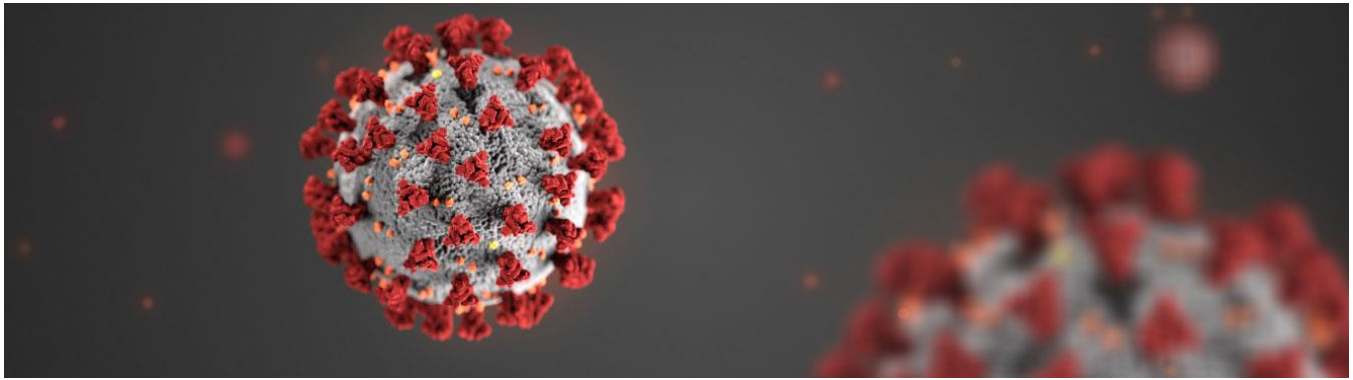
The measure affects 12.8 million students at 34,847 schools nationwide, the education ministry said.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/live-blog/coronavirus-updates-live-countries-prepare-outbreak-spreads-n1143556/ncrd1144016#liveBlogHeader> 2.28.02

Overheard in the grocery checkout line:

“My husband and I decided we don’t want to have children. We will be telling them tonight.”

Friend A: **Sorry I have bubonic plague...I can’t hang out tonight.**
Friend B: **awe, rats.**



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/> 3.1.20



**Consumers are loading up on supplies.
Is it necessary?**

Cleaning products, water and shelf-stable food are in demand, store managers say.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=4d4c8d9d-1b55-4302-9fc0-f2e24b5511a7 3.2.20



Matthew
@CrowsFault

CDC: To prevent coronavirus stay home, avoid physical contact and don't go into large crowds.

Introverts: I've been preparing for this moment my entire life.

[Vertaal Tweet](#)

21:31 · 28-02-2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)

Is that... is that the Fanta of the Opera?



The best prevention against the coronavirus is still washing your hands. Here's the proper way to do it

https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/28/health/how-to-wash-hands-coronavirus-trnd/index.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=fbCNN&utm_content=2020-02-28T14%3A00%3A04&utm_term=link&fbclid=IwAR0-SwCc95ZuPt_UrFVuOLP0z43UYmfMnaKozkM0zL4gOmVNbAJuGPdKU2A

3.3.20



West Coast bearing brunt of coronavirus

New COVID-19 cases in Northern California bring the total in the state to nearly 50.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=2d022cbb-fd63-4559-8449-7b0b346ed296 3.3.20

On the Mountain +

Giving homeowners assurance

Bill aims to force insurance companies to keep offering policies in wildfire zones. Insurance companies fleeing high-risk fire zones would have to stay put and even offer discounts if homeowners in those areas prepare for wildfires on a community-wide scale, under a new bill proposed in Sacramento on Tuesday.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=0024f756-d846-4cd8-bd2c-e1c722471fa6 2.19.20



Edison promises to do better

At times apologetic, promising to do better next time, Southern California Edison representatives met with mountain residents on Feb. 11 at Lake Gregory's San Moritz Lodge to talk about both the Thanksgiving and Dec. 26 storms that hammered the mountain, and Edison's response.

https://thealpinemountaineer.com/edison-promises-to-do-better/?fbclid=IwAR3GPjCv3EwDrjp8_f6_ZdradvWcuRYc0ly3uKPt6hnt_uj5-KWCI0LFLz8 2.20.20

Rim Recreation and Parks considers tax hike

The district is considering whether they want to put the increase on November's general election ballot. They would be asking for an increase in this assessment, which, as proposed, would also include an automatic cost of living percentage instead of a flat fee assessment as they now have

<https://thealpinemountaineer.com/rim-recreation-and-parks-considers-tax-hike/?fbclid=IwAR0a93A4ijIK8d9c08N5bJzQkMdPrhNtuuL1dWk0-o1WTID7IQm6VMITUGc> 2.20.20



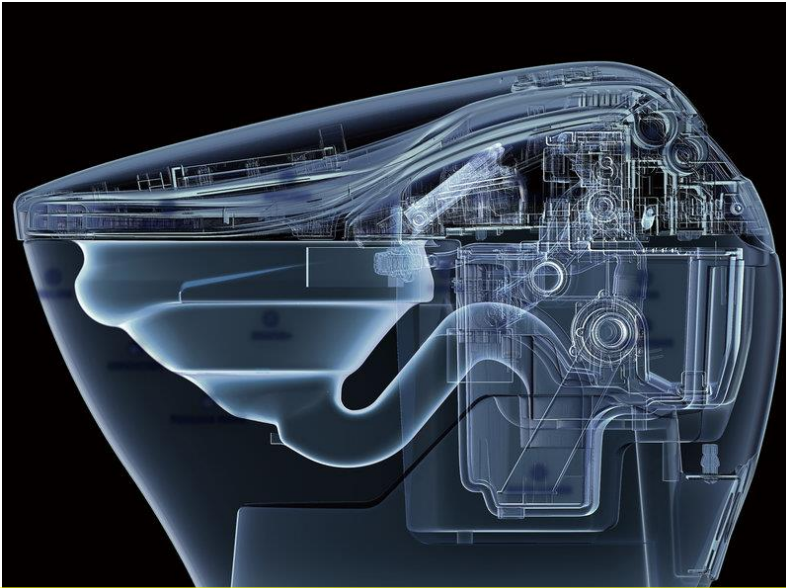
God's country? Church development near Lake Arrowhead spawns years-long environmental fight

"It's hard not to be inspired looking out at this view," Hugh Bialecki said as he gazed in the direction of a tall white cross. It was erected in a sun-dappled forest of pine and oak trees, but he peered past it, south over the San Bernardino Valley.

<https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/environment/2020/02/28/church-woods-expansion-opposed-sierra-club-and-others/4865777002/> 3.2.20



Why America Is Losing The Toilet Race



“Our toilets are stuck in the age of dirty coal mines and the horse and buggy. They basically have one feature: flush... Why can't we have high-tech toilets too?”

Me making a new password:
Me: beefstew
Computer: sorry, password not stroganoff

Japanese toilets are marvels of technological innovation. They have integrated bidets, which squirt water to clean your private parts. They have dryers and heated seats. They use water efficiently, clean themselves and deodorize the air, so bathrooms actually smell good. They have white noise machines, so you can fill your stall with the sound of rain for relaxation and privacy. Some even have built-in night lights and music players. It's all customizable and controlled by electronic buttons on a panel next to your seat. https://www.npr.org/sections/money/2020/02/25/808791622/why-america-is-losing-the-toilet-race?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR1yJEmF6W0ltRikV3CgLgkTiS8dX_6rP9TvjlA7kPqiZeJ-WAERfZb7FAg&fbclid=IwAR0fa2FNP0dhfiqrU6sAJmQ5DXm0cd8P7TKKiD-RisTcicjQmiQ95clpZQ&fbclid=IwAR0kJek604NUf9JzxcvroDnGJLQ5n_bqMyrVEAt-I0KD9iQ_rO1NKKWJFOM&fbclid=IwAR3exxf2GKfllzyeymO-0-JFsxeZU1aXGndoaz9t6_ckQ4xIA1hpftT4Q7U 2.26.20



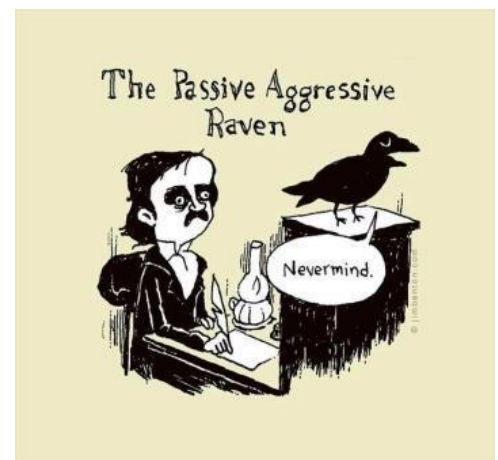
A bad way to break the ice

Short-Term-Rental Landlords Plead Their Case Before ALA Board



Short-Term-Rental (STR) landlords packed Arrowhead Lake Association's (ALA) Burnt Mill Beach Club to present their opinions. "If I cannot guarantee access to Lake Arrowhead to my Short-Term-Renters, I'm out of business," was a common theme presented to the ALA Board of Directors by the part-time ...

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_d5741b68-5988-11ea-af2d-4b19d278b0ce.html?fbclid=IwAR219v2gzvBpy8UacdiAdJLwMUH19h72uDM3FVYDqBGOTJ8ScSR_2a85A-k 2.28.20



U.S. House Democrats launch probe into Nestle water bottling

U.S. House Democrats are seeking documents about Nestle Waters North America operations in Michigan and other states as part of a new Congressional oversight investigation launched this week into bottled water industry practices.

https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2020/03/house-democrats-launch-probe-into-nestle-water-bottling.html?fbclid=IwAR0w3Jt3moRnDL0O5N5RoM6ovnjSQvUI0gbVzy4zHL6yxSCFO0XjPt2m_zk 3.6.2

National Politics



U.S. presidents: The quiz

The shortest commander in chief? The one who liked ketchup on cottage cheese? The lone bachelor? Our celebration of presidential eccentricities and trivia.

https://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=a6063fe-9f3f-4339-870f-3aa2990031d8 2.17.20



Court rules Florida must let felons vote

Federal appeals panel blocks effort to bar ex-convicts with unpaid fines or fees from registering.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=1d6a1c75-7bf0-43ef-985b-168808001e57 02.20.20

I want to grow my own food ... but I can't find bacon seeds.

If you think education is costly, try ignorance.

Boy Scouts files for Chap. 11

Organization seeks bankruptcy protection as more accusers file sexual abuse lawsuits.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=e81e61a3-22fe-41f8-b7cf-d416bb45aac3 2.18.20



Supreme Court allows transgender military ban to be enforced

The court ruled 5-4 to stay two district court orders that blocked the new policy, with the court's liberal wing dissenting. The justices said they are waiting for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to weigh in.

<https://thehill.com/regulation/court-battles/426377-supreme-court-allows-transgender-military-ban-to-be-enforced?fbclid=IwAR3yVqIGtc3oWPU0Bw9p1KmAKt-GnbRq9LyI981kvobog-NUH9JKvYiUqQo> 2.25.20

I have a new theory on inertia, but it doesn't seem to be gaining momentum.

Voter Suppression Is Warping Democracy

Voter suppression almost certainly helped Donald Trump win the presidency. Multiple academic studies and court rulings indicate that racially biased election laws, such as voter-ID legislation in places like Wisconsin, favored Republican candidates in 2016.

https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/07/poll-prri-voter-suppression/565355/?fbclid=IwAR3tHcfcBBKd6r56J5fuSUEBOvLKgDGu-QrIk_GQA7ivvKZ4qt5fMTvFVMQ 3.5.20

I got a pet newt and I named him tiny ... because he's my newt.

Supreme Court denies Mexican family's damages claim for cross-border shooting

A deeply divided Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the family of a Mexican teen shot and killed by a U.S. Border Patrol agent cannot seek damages because of the border that was between them.

https://news.yahoo.com/supreme-court-denies-mexican-familys-152319989.html?_fsg=RmNTWSLZKOVkW5bAbaY53A-- 2.25.20

Supreme Court refuses to hear Arizona challenge to California tax law

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear Arizona's "extraordinarily aggressive" application of a tax against thousands of out-of-state companies, including as many as 13,000 in Arizona.

https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2020/02/24/supreme-court-refuses-to-hear-arizona-challenge-to-california-tax-law/?fbclid=IwAR0CZ8qREDt2Y7_SoDkt3ohALBVXq6TxzC8BJQbJT55IXZGhI4V8gxPDCOs 2.25.20

I was going to make a belt out of watches, until I realized it would be a waist of time.



U.S. Supreme Court turns away religious bias claim against Walgreens

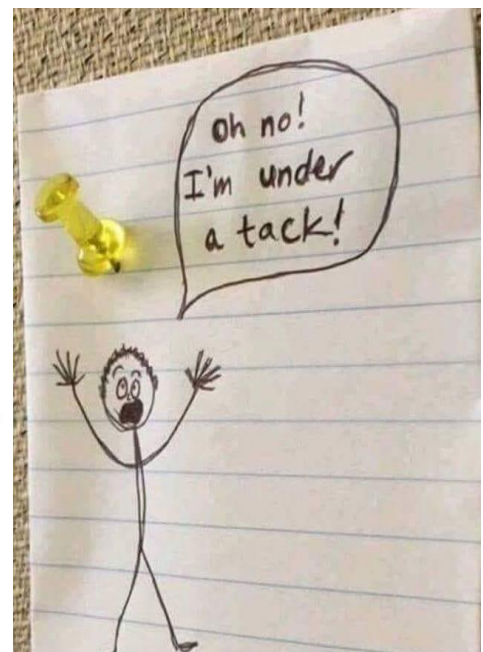
The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday handed a victory to Walgreens, turning away an appeal by a fired former Florida employee of the pharmacy chain who asked not to work on Saturdays for religious reasons as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-walgreens-idUSKCN2011P5?utm_campaign=trueAnthem:%20Trending%20Content&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR0BusOeaCpAFGzXt2KJpLgI4RL7SKMd00SwcGVsrxvuuKXb4n7IBx0r7WE 2.25.



“They knew they were going to hurt people, and they planned to make money off of it. It is that simple,” Randles said. “There were a lot of documents in which they privately acknowledged the harm they’re causing.”

https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/missouri-farmer-wins-265-million-verdict-against-monsanto?utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=sierramag&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR3TbKoV8F37mlyte0vFQs0TLP0cuEBM9YhoPoLJUkVqf7JATyLDsGx6uFw 3.5.20



Club News

**Its never too late to join our club
and its always the right time to invite
someone else to join!**

State Politics



Apology for WWII mass incarceration

Assembly resolution spells out injustices inflicted by state on Japanese Americans. It mentions the California Alien Land Law of 1913, which made land ownership for Japanese immigrants illegal, and a 1943 joint resolution by the Assembly and state Senate that called for the forfeiture of U.S. citizenship by residents who also were citizens of Japan. It calls out U.S. Army Gen. John L. DeWitt for telling California politicians shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack that “the Japanese in this country have more [arms and ammunition] in their possession than our own armed forces,” in persuading them to round up Japanese Americans.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=874fa3b2-7e78-42b4-a47d-abfd0aa2186d 2.18.20

I was once kidnapped by a pack of mimes...they did unspeakable acts on me.

What did the drummer call his twin daughters? Anna one, Anna two...



Newsom to add his own plan to solve housing

The governor's idea would bypass cities and counties. Critics see it as 'another cook in the kitchen.'

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=ad6d3f45-0024-41d4-b61d-1274a7003e26 2.19.20

California spends nearly \$300 million on helicopters that can drop water on wildfires at night

SACRAMENTO - Facing wildfires of epic proportions, California's firefighting agency is acquiring nearly \$300 million worth of new weapons: a dozen high-powered helicopters equipped to drop water on flaming woodlands and fields in darkness, manned by pilots wearing night vision goggles.

https://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/10710913-181/california-spends-nearly-300-million?utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+Trending+Content&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3Zvejd2V4UPNoaryXDifrWyDZ83aMQisldir9QqYcu-S4JJFhPHs14_xE 2.21.20



Charter to pay millions over internet speed offers

A three-year investigation into deceptive advertising practices by the former Time Warner Cable has resulted in an \$18.8-million settlement — the largest ever in a consumer protection action brought by the Los Angeles County district attorney.

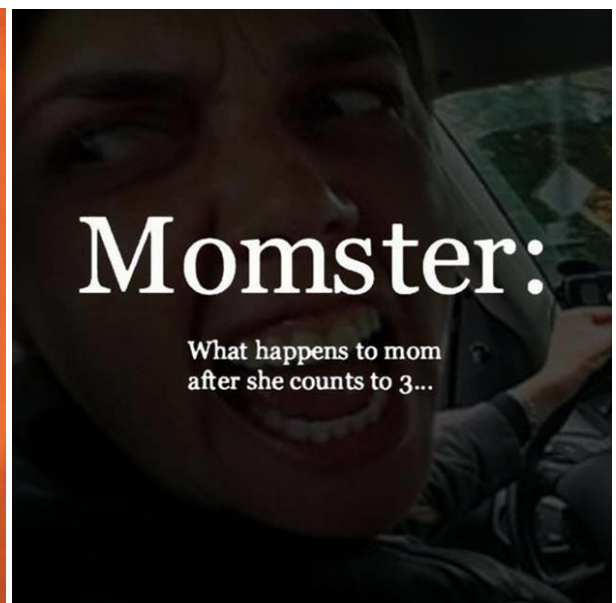
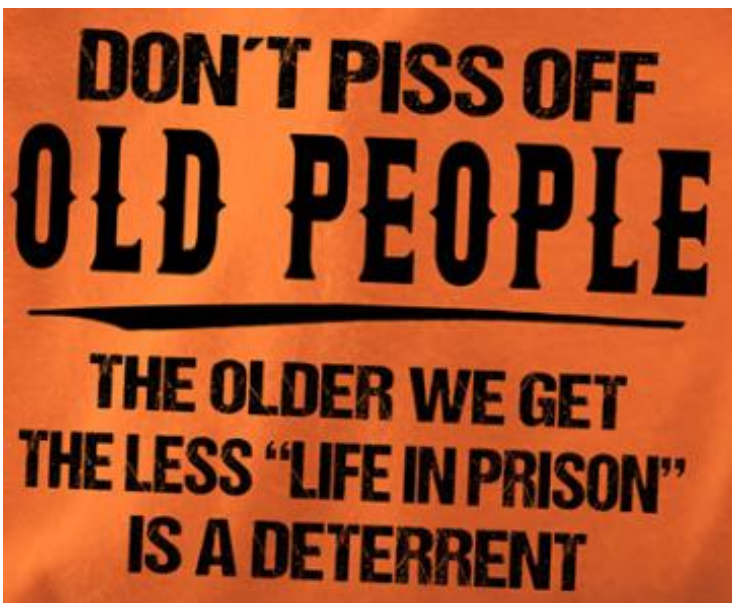
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NEW BILL WOULD GIVE NEARLY EVERY CALIFORNIAN \$1,000 A MONTH, SIMILAR TO ANDREW YANG'S FREEDOM DIVIDEND PLAN

A proposed California law would [provide](#) most adults in the state with a universal basic income (UBI) of \$1,000 per month, similar to the proposed plan of former presidential candidate Andrew Yang.

https://www.newsweek.com/new-bill-would-give-nearly-every-californian-1000-month-similar-andrew-yangs-freedom-dividend-1488547?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR36IuvMo_N5gnQF_jmxHEdoA8jM4bVLo5xqx1goX1V5o9L2T-BELeANjbY#Echobox=1582336934 2.21.20

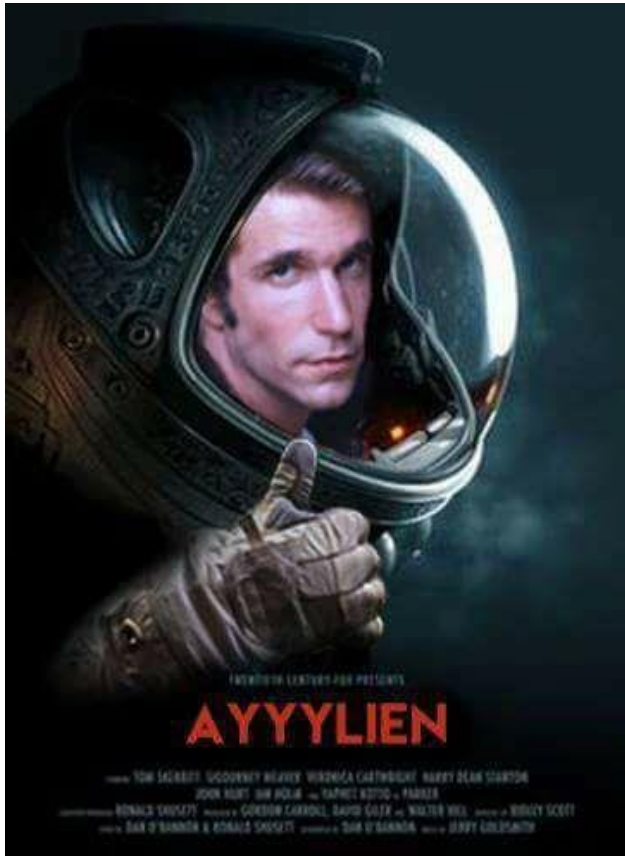


Vandals hit party HQ in Orange

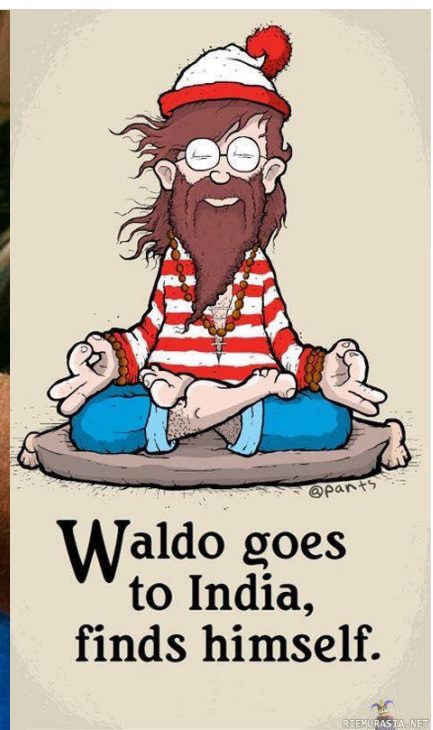
Democrats' office is targeted with white nationalist stickers and placards.

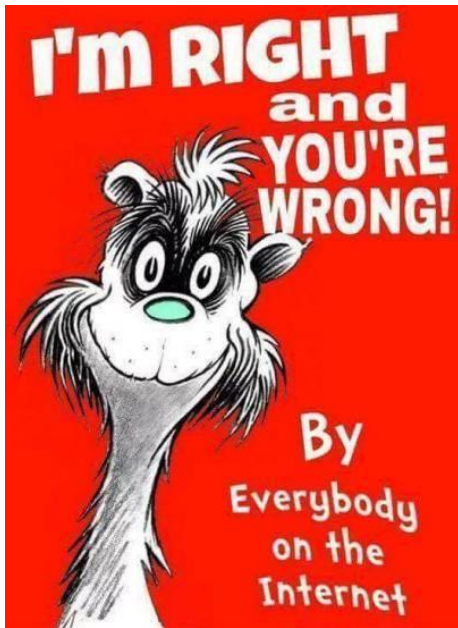
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Pun Pages

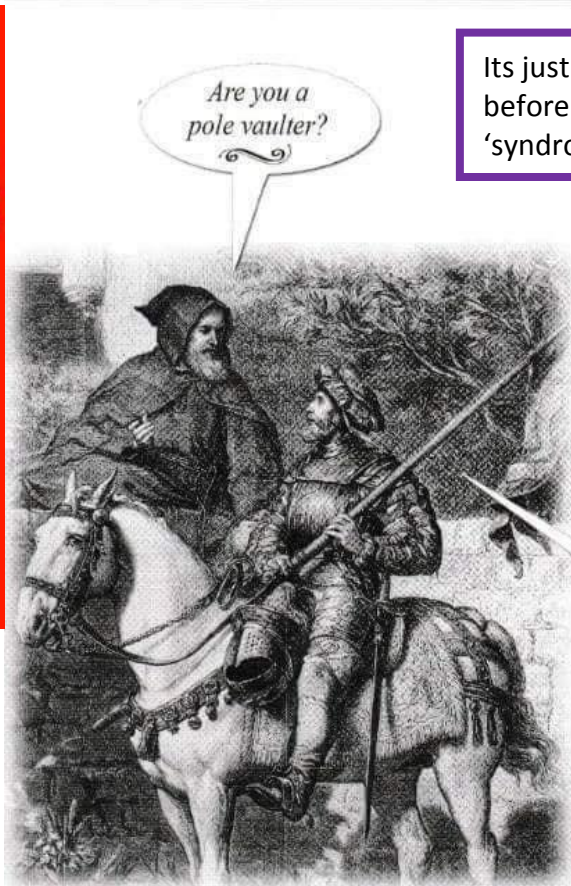


I tried to catch some fog but I mist.





Can we start the weekend over again?
I wasn't ready...

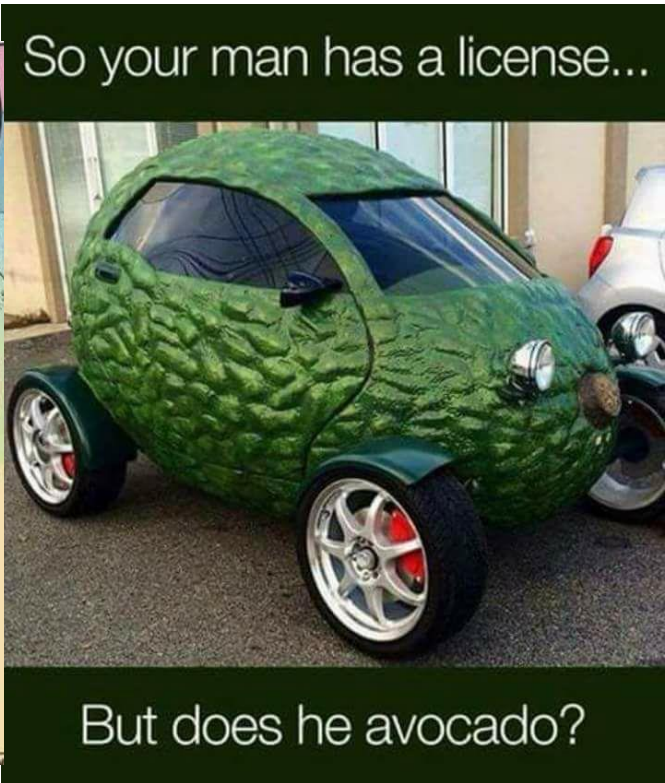
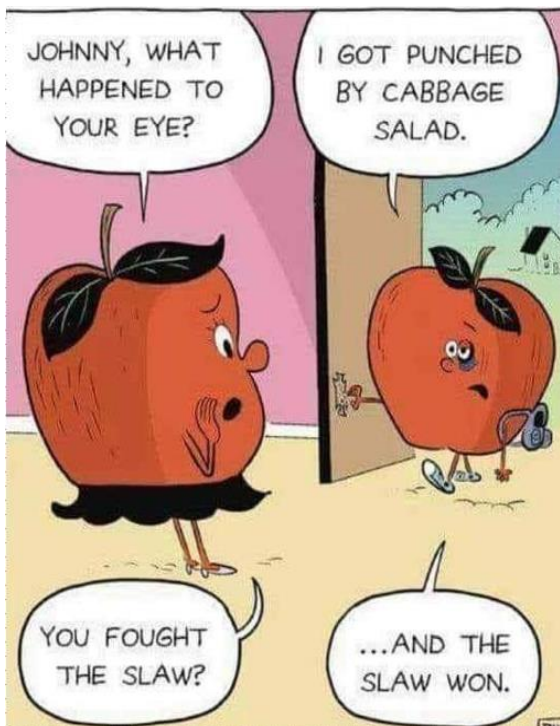


Are you a pole vaulter?

Its just a matter of time before they add the word 'syndrome' after my name.

No, I'm a German, and how did you know my name was Walter?

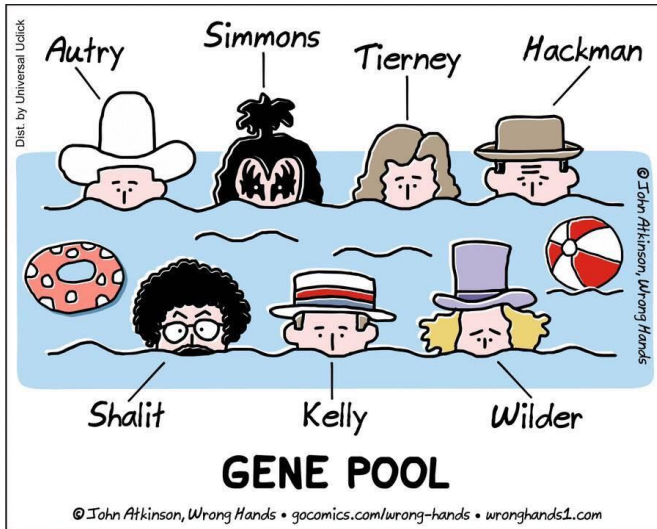
Did you know that beekeepers have famously attractive eyes ? Every single one of them . I don't know the science behind it , but studies show beauty is in the eye of the bee holder .



So your man has a license...

But does he avocado?

An average person farts 13 times a day. I'm finally above average at something!



Wanted: Someone to climb into this hole in the library for us.
 Job requirements:
 -limber
 -trusting
 -has not read The Cask of Amontillado by Edgar Allan Poe



Which state has the smallest soft drinks?
 - MINISODA

The Mountain Bears are a politically and socially active group of local democrats who want to stay informed, encourage voter turnout, and promote Democratic Party values while sponsoring or participating in community activities for the mutual well-being of all the mountain residents.