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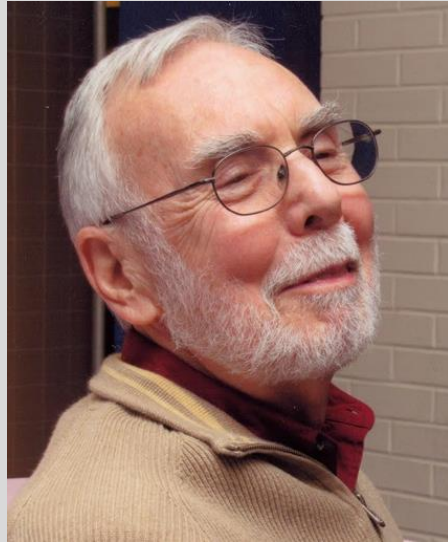
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Robert Weber

May 18, 1939
to
March 5, 2024

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you that my father, Bob Weber, passed away on March 5th. Dad almost made to 85, which he would have been on May 18th.

He had a full and wonderful life and is survived by his loving wife Judith and his children and grandchildren.

Eric Weber

With the Weber family in our hearts.



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Today in History: March 21, Martin Luther King Jr. leads civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery



On March 21, 1965, civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their third, successful march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.



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Solar eclipses result from a fantastic celestial coincidence of scale and distance



The relatively small size of the Moon and its shadow make eclipses truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. On average, total solar eclipses are visible somewhere on Earth once every few years. But from any one location on Earth, it is roughly 375 years between solar eclipses.



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Scientists Grow Elephant Stem Cells in Key Step Toward Woolly Mammoth 'De-Extinction'



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Scientists from a company attempting to “resurrect” the woolly mammoth have achieved a key breakthrough in their work—for the first time, they have turned Asian elephant cells into stem cells, which can develop into any type of tissue.

Newsweek



What is hard to fathom is mammoths were walking the earth while humanity was building the pyramids. When you tell people that, it sounds crazy—even the pyramids have a mythical quality to them—and opens their eyes to the true timeline.

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President's Message

Our return to face-to-face meetings at Keller Williams has suffered a setback. The construction that was supposed to happen in January and February has not started yet, supposedly this month, and will last 4 months, not 2. Expecting delays, it's basically not going to be done until the Fall. So our search for another venue has resumed, reluctantly.

I continue to get the regular scam text about my USPS package not being deliverable. It's the exact same message every time, except for the website. And they keep coming up with weirder and weirder sounding website names. They probably keep getting shut down by the authorities and create new domains over and over again. Don't fall for it, or any other unexpected text or phone call, no matter how legitimate looking or legitimate sounding they may be. It can (supposedly) come from Netflix, Amazon, Citi, Chase, Norton, McAfee, the Geek Squad, and many many more. Be vigilant.

Now that my (former) landline number is on Google Voice, I keep getting texts sent to it. Most are scams, some are simply ads. Which means that they keep blasting texts to ANY number, in the hope of reaching someone. Given that I had that number with Verizon for the past 27 years, you can imagine how many text messages I have "missed". I am so glad I missed them.

Dr. Pierre Darmon

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Lockdowns and face masks really did help to control covid-19



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Doctors hope surgery at Massachusetts General will pave way for other similar procedures, as thousands die every year waiting for organ transplants.

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Bill Nye explains what makes this eclipse 'spectacular'



Science educator Bill Nye encourages everyone to watch Monday's total solar eclipse, a celestial event visible across the country.

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Bill Nye breaks down the simple science of a solar eclipse.



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Canva Free vs. Canva Pro: Is It Worth Upgrading to Pro?



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Canva has taken the design world by storm in recent years and for a good reason. It's an intuitive platform that makes design accessible to everyone, even those of us who may not consider ourselves to be all that creative.

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10 Pieces to See at the Louvre Museum



Map of Human Migration out of Africa



Hillel's quandary: "If I am not for myself, who will be? ... If I am only for myself, what am I?"

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Is it possible to heal the damage we have already done to the Earth?



Sometimes it may seem that humans have altered the Earth beyond repair. But our planet is an incredible system in which energy, water, carbon and so much else flows and nurtures life. It is about 4.5 billion years old and has been through enormous changes.

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Jacob O'Neal is a graphic designer, 3D artist, and creator of Animagraffs, animated infographics that explain how everyday things work.

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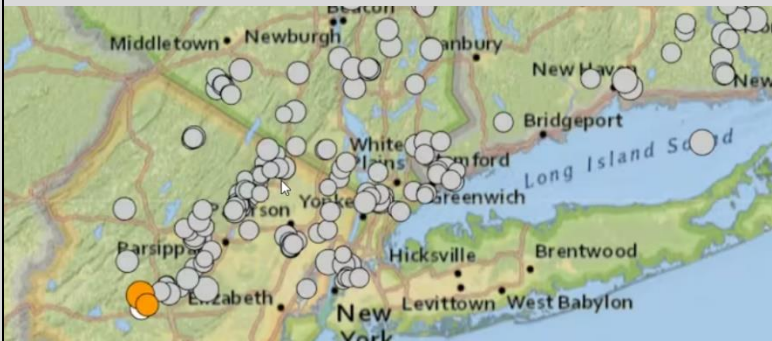
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What causes earthquakes in the Northeast, like the magnitude 4.8 that shook New Jersey? A geoscientist explains



It's rare to feel earthquakes in the U.S. Northeast, so the magnitude 4.8 earthquake in New Jersey that shook buildings in New York City and was felt from Maryland to Boston on April 5, 2024, drew a lot of questions. It was one of the strongest earthquakes on record in New Jersey, though there were few reports of damage. A smaller, magnitude 3.8 earthquake and several other smaller aftershocks rattled the region a few hours later. We asked geoscientist Gary Solar to explain what causes earthquakes in this region.

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Taiwan earthquake: How the island's two-decade preparation saved it

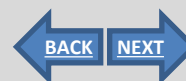


The fact that this city has survived largely unscathed has sparked immediate discussion of how and why. Just over a year ago, we saw earthquakes of about the same magnitudes striking Turkey and Syria, causing the deaths of more than 50,000 people. These countries, of course, had far fewer resources. But when a much smaller 6.7 magnitude quake hit the city of Christchurch in New Zealand in 2011, almost the entire city center was flattened.

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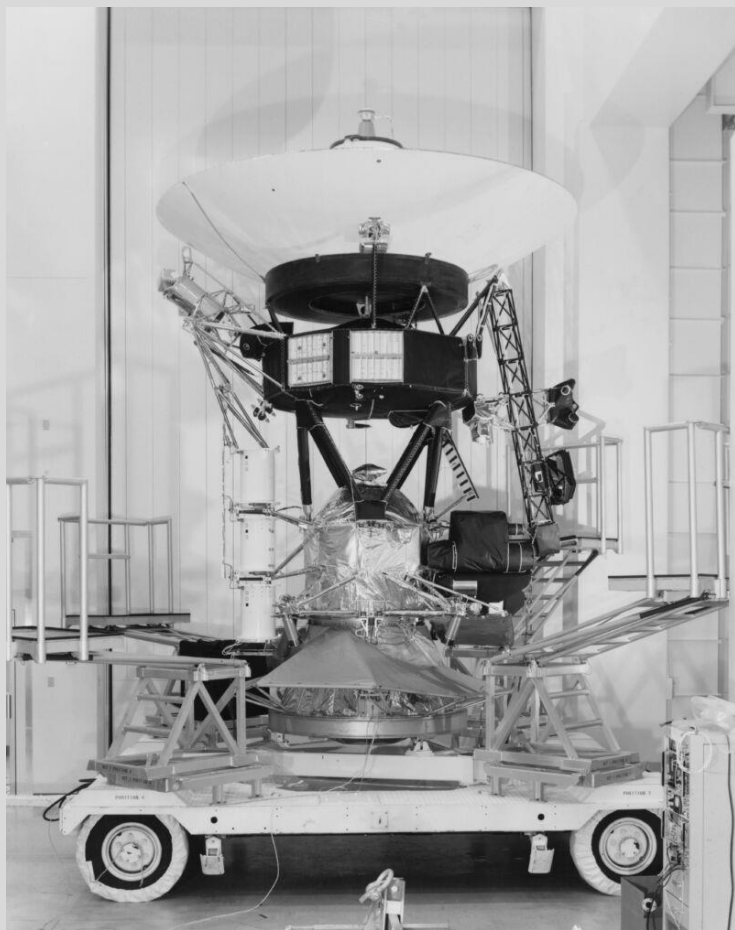
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NASA knows what knocked Voyager 1 offline, but it will take a while to fix.



Engineers have determined why NASA's Voyager 1 probe has been transmitting gibberish for nearly five months, raising hopes of recovering humanity's most distant spacecraft.

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AI Chatbots Are Here to Stay. Learn How They Can Work for You.



These chatbots are based on a large language model, or LLM, a type of AI neural network that uses deep learning (it tries to simulate the human brain) to work with an enormous set of data to perform a variety of natural language processing tasks.

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Supercomputer

A supercomputer is a type of computer with a high level of performance as compared to a general-purpose computer. The performance of a supercomputer is commonly measured in floating-point operations per second (FLOPS) instead of million instructions per second (MIPS). Since 2017, supercomputers have existed, which can perform over 10^{17} FLOPS (a hundred quadrillion FLOPS, 100 petaFLOPS or 100 PFLOPS).[3] For comparison, a desktop computer has performance in the range of hundreds of gigaFLOPS (10^{11}) to tens of teraFLOPS (10^{13}).[4][5] Since November 2017, all of the world's fastest 500 supercomputers run on Linux-based operating systems.[6] Additional research is being conducted in the United States, the European Union, Taiwan, Japan, and China to build faster, more powerful and technologically superior exascale supercomputers.[7]



The IBM Blue Gene/P supercomputer "Intrepid" at Argonne National Laboratory runs 164,000 processor cores

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Supercomputers play an important role in the field of computational science, and are used for a wide range of computationally intensive tasks in various fields, including quantum mechanics, weather forecasting, climate research, oil and gas exploration, molecular modeling (computing the structures and properties of chemical compounds, biological macromolecules, polymers, and crystals), and physical simulations (such as simulations of the early moments of the universe, airplane and spacecraft aerodynamics, the detonation of nuclear weapons, and nuclear fusion). They have been essential in the field of cryptanalysis.[8]

Supercomputers were introduced in the 1960s, and for several decades the fastest was made by Seymour Cray at Control Data Corporation (CDC), Cray Research and subsequent companies bearing his name or monogram. The first such machines were highly tuned conventional designs that ran more quickly than their more general-purpose contemporaries. Through the decade, increasing amounts of parallelism were added, with one to four processors being typical. In the 1970s, vector processors operating on large arrays of data came to dominate. A notable example is the highly successful Cray-1 of 1976. Vector computers remained the dominant design into the 1990s. From then until today, massively parallel supercomputers with tens of thousands of off-the-shelf processors became the norm.[9][10]



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A Cray-1 preserved at the
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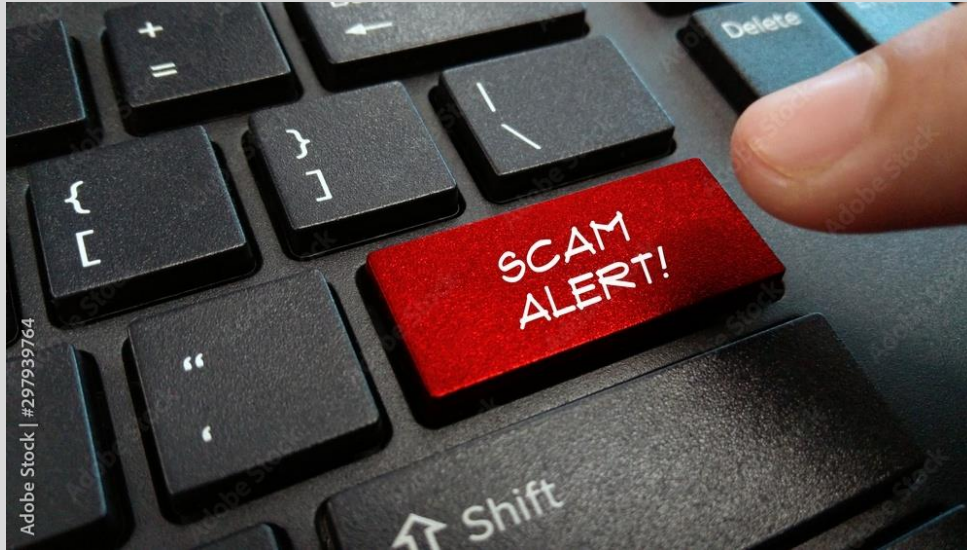
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Best scam EVER!



Using Alexa, Amazon's virtual voice assistant, she commanded it to play dog's barking.

A 13-year-old girl saved herself and a toddler from a monkey attack in UP's Basti district. She used Alexa, Amazon's virtual assistant, to make barking sounds, scaring the monkey away.

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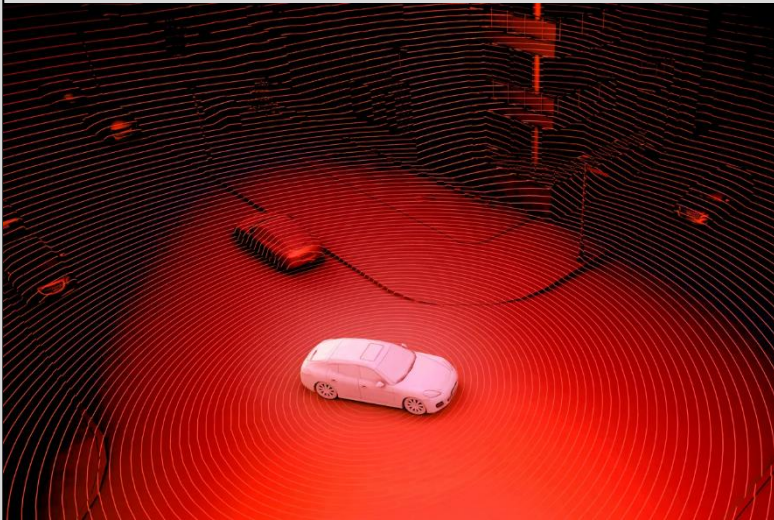
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How Your New Car Tracks You



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YOUR CAR KNOWS a lot about you. Over the past decade, vehicles have become increasingly connected and their ability to record data about us has shot up. Cars can track where you're traveling to and from, record every press on the accelerator as well as your seatbelt settings, and gather biometric information about you. Some of this data is sold by the murky data-broker industry.

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Is your car spying on you?
This is what one woman
said happened to her



Subaru Dogs - Stolen Parking



Your car is secretly spying on you and driving your insurance rates through the roof: report



Drivers of cars manufactured by General Motors, Honda and other popular brands say that their insurance rates went up after the companies sent data about their driving behavior to issuers without their knowledge.

Kenn Dahl, 65, is a Seattle-area businessman who told The New York Times that his car insurance costs soared by 21% in 2022 after GM's OnStar Smart Driver computerized system installed in his Chevy Bolt collected information about the particulars of his driving habits.

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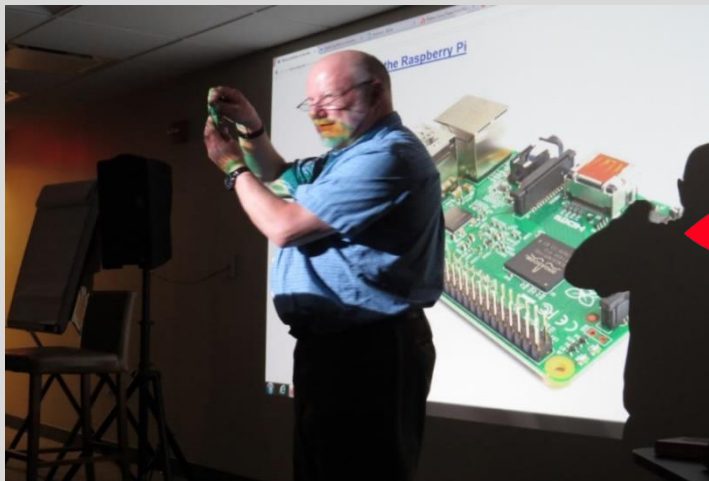


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ALL WORKSHOPS ARE ONLINE

TechEdConnectSM has workshops for everyone who uses a computing device. Some workshops have a formal classroom-type approach; others are informal meetings where ideas and problems are discussed. Below is a list of the various workshops and the leaders.

PHOTO & VIDEO EDITING Jim Iscaro

Learn to take pictures off your phone or camera, save them in an organized manner, back them up, and select the best. We then edit them so they look like the picture we wanted to take. We'll use an easy photo editor that is available in Windows and Mac and we will cover apps on Android and iOS devices.

TECHNOLOGY Anthony Tedesco

Meeting starts with discussions on any related area of technology attendees feel interested in. Followed by a presentation on a different technology topic each month.

NAVIGATING WINDOWS (*Alternating months*) Pierre Darmon

Q&A to address questions on Windows, from printing to device drivers, from changing default apps to addressing performance issues, and much more.

THE CURIOUS LION John Moore

What to do if a light does not light. What to do when your hair dryer will not turn on. How to map the circuits in your breaker panel. How to hook up a generator if you don't want to hire an electrician. How a 208-volt circuit differs from a 120-volt circuit. Bring your questions to find answers.

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UPGRADE & REPAIR Jonathan Hauff

We cover hardware and software. The good, fun, and bad stuff. Sessions feature adding to your PC (cameras, phones, mass storage, backups) and upgrades; error messages; stubborn installations; dreaded “blue screens of death,” conflicts, and buggy programs, virus/spyware/identity issues and how to understand and solve them all!

DIGITAL CAMERAS Allan and Heather Turnbull

Do you want to know about the symbols and buttons on your camera? Do you want to know how to take a decent picture, download your pictures to your computer, and send them by email? Bring your digital camera and manual. We show you how to use it in a relaxed, informal, and hands-on environment.

ALL THINGS MOBILE

A roundtable discussion of Android and Apple devices. Share your phone and tablet experiences, apps, and favorite websites. We’ll learn together. You don’t need a device; we’ll share ours with you. Open to all levels.

OFFICE SUITES George Hauss

Ah, you think you are an expert and don't have to come to George Hauss' workshop? In fact, George has been piling in the tips and tricks that make MS Office, LibreOffice, OpenOffice, and even the Mac Office Suite (iWork) much quicker and easier to use. Bring your own shortcuts to share. Put this workshop on your calendar and learn what you think you already know.

APPLE FOR BEGINNERS (*Alternating months*) Pierre Darmon

This workshop is geared for beginners. It is conducted as a Q&A for the most part. We cover all things Apple, from the Mac to the iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, AirTags, and their relationship.

CULTURAL TECHNOLOGY David Lerner

Recent discussions on archaeology, gorgeous stained glass windows, World War II history, ships from the classical age. David Lerner shares his many interests with us and holds our attention throughout his workshop.

EXPLORING SOFTWARE Pierre Darmon

A different topic each month. Topics span from computer security to the paperless office to Chromebooks and printers, just to name a few.

PEEKING INTO WINDOWS (Formerly **BEGINNER WINDOWS**) Mark Lindemann

For those new to Windows or who recently bought their first computer, this workshop is for you.

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Westchester PC-Renew Gary Feiman or Jimmy Lamake at 914-297-8490 email to WPCRenew@TechEdConnect.org. Learn to rehab computers and help our community at the same time. This is a hands-on workshop that refurbishes computers. No experience is necessary; we will teach you. We show you how to check out and install hardware and operating systems. Then all computers are given to nonprofit organizations in our community.

WPC-Renew is continuing to meet online and has also resumed in person workshops.

Since its creation WPC-Renew has refurbished approximately 1,600 computers and provided them free of charge to deserving people and organizations.

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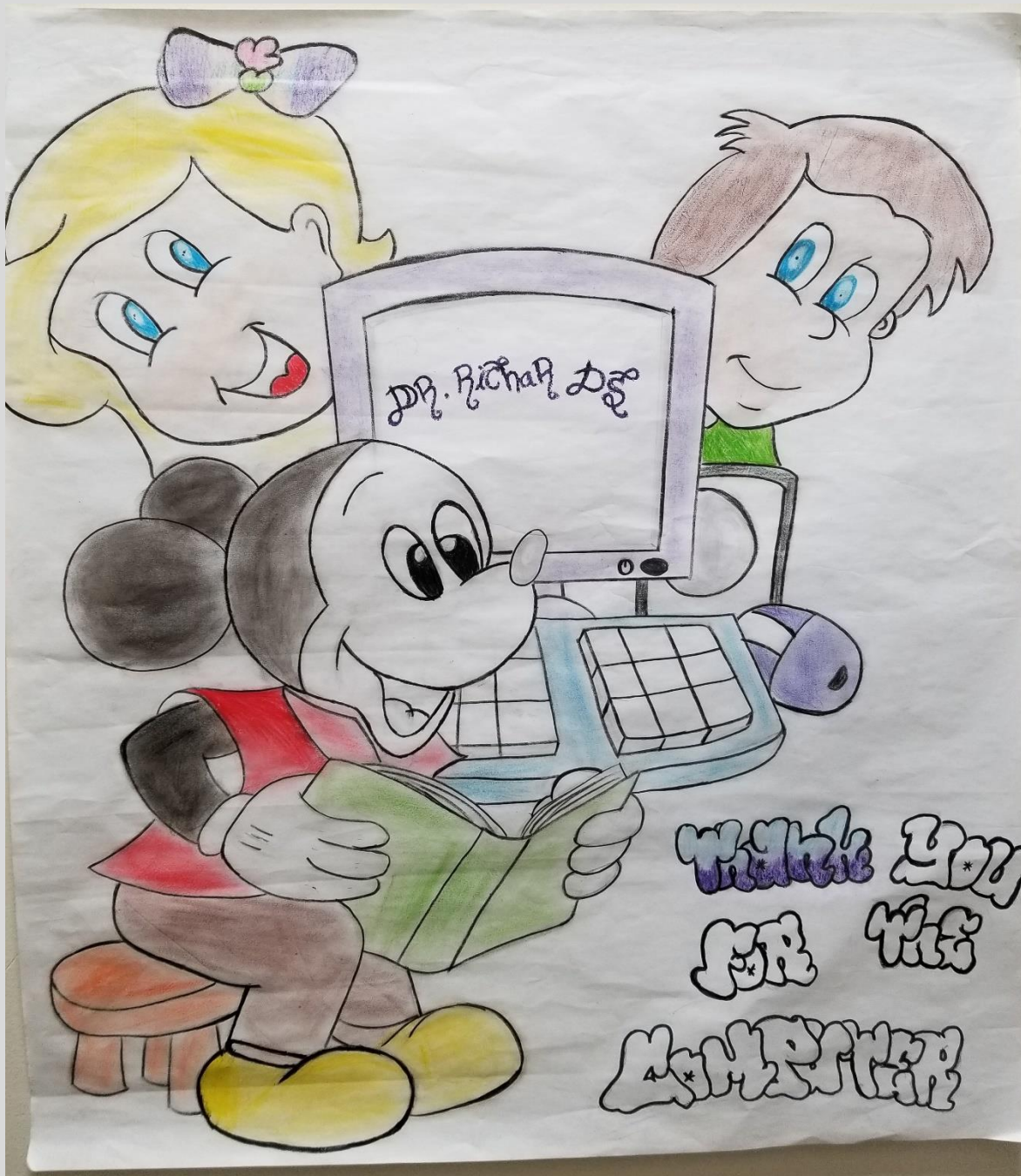


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Dr. Richard, a member of WPC-Renew sets up the computers in the cottages at Children's Village.

The kids all think the dozens computers come from her.

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The Best Insults In History



Winston Churchill

The extremely witty and much-loved British Prime Minister Winston Churchill tops the list with his verbal spat with Lady Astor. The conservative dame forever admonished Churchill for his cigars and alcohol habits, and Churchill was not one to take the insults lying down. Of their famous squabbles, the most memorable is when Astor commented, "If you were my husband, I'd poison your tea." Churchill replied, "Madame, if you were my wife, I'd drink it."

Gandhi

His vocalization of non-violence doesn't mean Gandhi wasn't lethal with his wit. One such incident was when Gandhi traveled to London and a reporter asked him what he thought of Western civilization. Gandhi replied with this scathing remark: "I think it would be a good idea."



Abraham Lincoln

During a debate, the popular but not so attractive Abraham Lincoln was accused of being two-faced. Lincoln's rebuttal proved more self-effacing than insulting, but people still felt the sting around the room. He retorted: "If I had two faces, do you think I'd be wearing this one?"

Babe Ruth

In the 1920s, the prolific Yankee batsman Babe Ruth was having such a great run that he soon scored a \$80,000 salary. But when the financial crisis hit home in the early 1930s, Yankees officials asked Ruth to slash his pay by \$5000—a request Ruth declined. At a later press conference an intrepid reporter commented that Ruth had a higher salary than current President Hoover and received a cutting remark: "Maybe so," Ruth retaliated, "but I had a better year than he did."

John Wilkes

When unconcerned with being diplomatically correct, politicians spew the best insults of all time. Such was the case between the 18th century political rivals, John Montagu and John Wilkes. During one of their verbal sparring matches, Montagu spat at Wilkes and said, "Upon my soul, Wilkes, I don't know whether you'll die upon the gallows, or of syphilis." Wilkes retorted, "That will depend, my Lord, on whether I embrace your principles, or your mistress."

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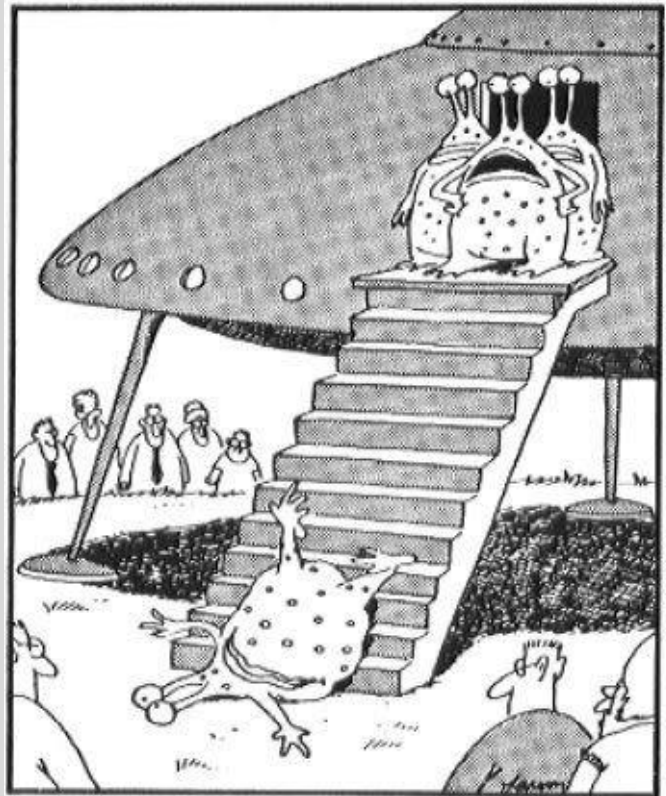
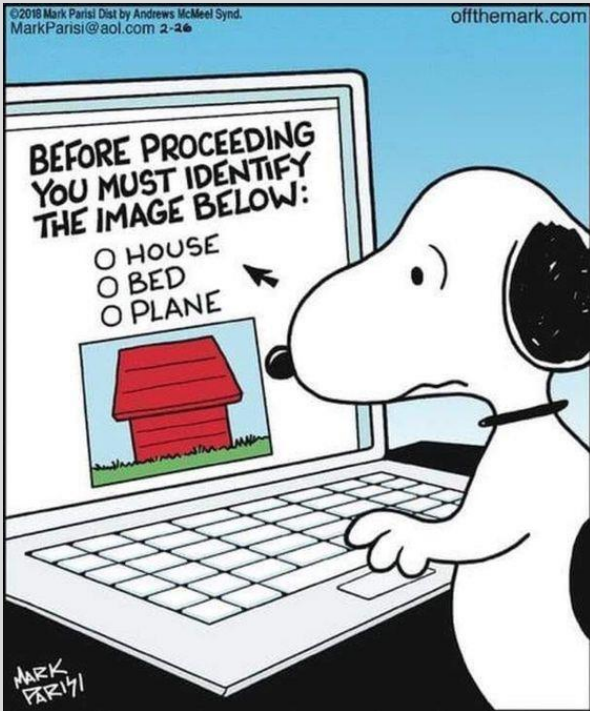


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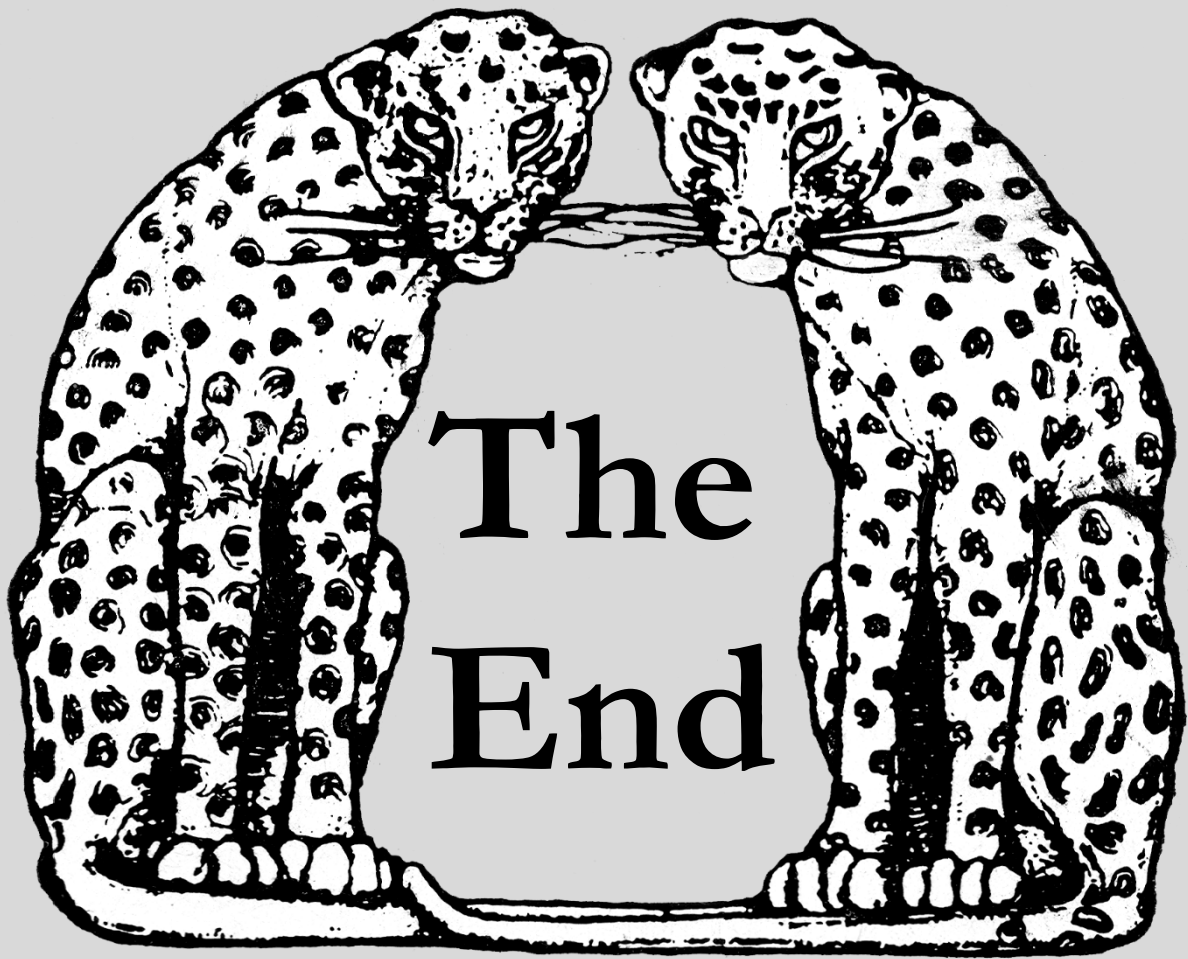
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