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# **JUST THE FACTS for Baby Boomers**

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**a free weekly newsletter for Baby Boomers featuring news, health, personal finance,  
nostalgia, music memories, and uplifting stories.**

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Robert Ripley, an American cartoonist and entrepreneur, known for the Ripley's believe It or Not! newspaper panel series was born in California. At the age of 32, he made his first trip around the world. In 1929, he (through his cartoon) said, “**Believe It or Not, America has no national anthem.**” And soon after two years, after a law signed by the then President Herbert Hoover, “The Star-Spangled Banner” was adopted as the national anthem of the U.S.

Did you know that the United States has the world's largest coal reserves (estimates around 250 billion tons)? However, note that China is the world's biggest consumer and producer of coal.



## AFRICA

- The deadliest animal in all of Africa is the hippo.

## CHILI

- Chile is the longest country in the world from north to south at 2,653 miles.
- Ferdinand Magellan was the first European to set foot on what is now Chile. He visited the land in 1520 during his attempt to circumnavigate the globe.
- Monte Verde is the oldest-known site of human habitation in the Americas. The widely accepted date for early occupation at Monte Verde is 16,500 B.C.
- Chile is the world's fifth-largest wine exporter, with 100 wineries.



## HEALTH / WELLNESS

For Baby Boomers, staying hydrated is essential because aging changes the body's ability to sense thirst, regulate fluids, and maintain optimal function. [The Importance of Staying Hydrated - 55+ Life.](#)



## FINANCES

A candid look at rising costs, healthcare burdens, and how to calculate your “burn rate.” Link: <https://www.kiplinger.com/retirement/retirement-planning/boomer-retirement-reality-check-what-you-can-do>



## DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS

Would you like to help those in need but really don't know how to go about doing it? Here are some ideas: [13 Ways to Help People in Need: Steps You Can Take Today](#)



## MUSIC

Toby Keith and Clint Eastwood were sharing a golf cart in 2017 at Eastwood's charity tournament in Pebble Beach, California. While riding in the cart Eastwood shared with Toby he'd be starting work on a new film in a couple days, *The Mule*, which would also mark Eastwood's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. Toby asked Clint, "how do you keep going"? Clint replied, "I just get up every morning and go out. And I don't let the 'old man' in." Toby Keith said to himself, "I'm going to write that". The song is at the end of the movie. [Toby Keith - Don't Let the Old Man In](#)



## BACK THEN . . .

On July 20, 1969, during NASA's Apollo 11 mission, Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the Moon, uttering the now-iconic words: "*That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind*" For the full story: [The phrase, "That's one small step for man."](#)

## PEARLS OF WISDOM

God's work is done by imperfect people.

Time waits for no man, but it does for a 39-year-old woman.

## CORNY JOKES



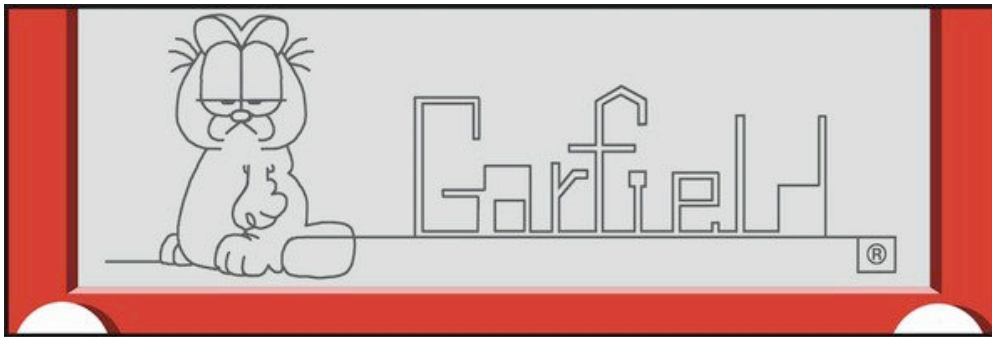
**Why did the computer go to therapy?**  
It had too many bytes of emotional baggage.  
**Why did the orange stop halfway across the road?**  
It ran out of juice.

**SMILING**

**whoever has my  
voodoo doll, can you  
take some stuffing out  
the stomach part?**

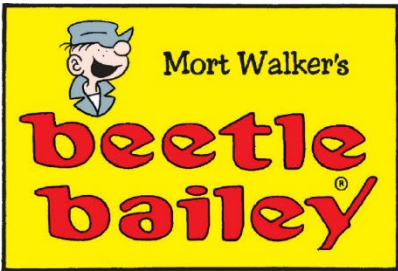


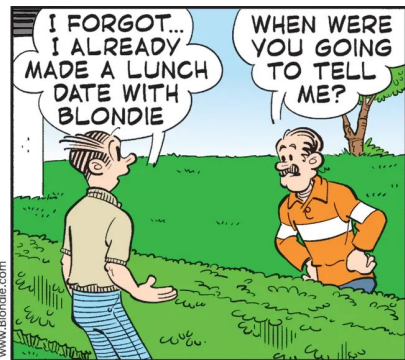
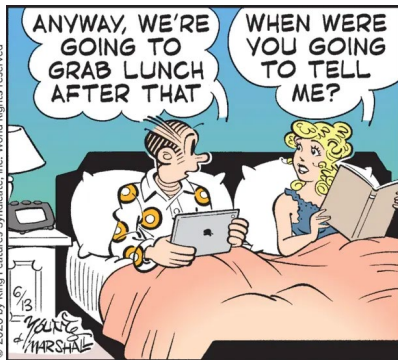
Apple just  
announced the new  
airpods will  
translate languages  
in real time.  
Nail salons are  
about to be lit.





Charlie Brown





Hello 😊 hope I made you smile  
😊





## NEWSLETTER FOR BABY BOOMERS

*This is for Baby Boomers (and anyone else who wants to join us!). “Baby Boomers” normally refers to folks born 1946 to 1964.*

*The intent of this newsletter is to be connotatively neutral, fact informative, with some attempt at amusement.*

*Any personal notes/responses are welcome!*

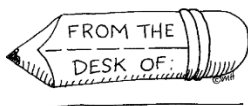
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*If you know someone who might like our BABY BOOMER newsletter, please give them my email address: [opaskipper@yahoo.com](mailto:opaskipper@yahoo.com).*

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## WHY I DO THIS NEWSLETTER

I miss Walter Cronkite, Huntley & Brinkley and those years of plain and simple factual news reporting. This is for the approximate 70 million BABY BOOMERS of the USA . . . JUST THE FACTS and FUN THINGS, the best we can muster.



## Skip Parker News

Giving me something to do in retirement! 😊

Assistance from ChatGPT and CoPilot AI



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Nature provides opportunities,  
not guarantees. Entitlement is  
the death of growth. Take what  
comes and make it better.**

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