

JUST THE FACTS - 2026.9.26

for Baby Boomers

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personal finance, nostalgia, music memories, and uplifting stories*

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USA

Odd Laws & Fun Trivia

CLICK this out if fun triva grabs ya!: [30 facts you didn't know about the United States of America - Expatica USA](#)

A law in some states requires pickles to bounce to be considered pickles.

It's illegal for donkeys to sleep in bathtubs in certain states.

Kansas is scientifically flatter than a pancake, according to a 2003 study.

Hawaii has the only royal palace in the U.S. ('Iolani Palace).



INTERNATIONAL

MEXICO

The Mayans and Aztecs (nomadic people indigenous to Mexico: existed between 12th and 15th century) resided in Mexico some 13,000 years ago.

The Aztecs sacrificed about 250,000 people, or about 1% of their population, each year. They did this to please their gods. The sacrifices were usually slaves or prisoners.

During the pre-Columbian era, highly developed Indian cultures populated the region.

Between 1846 and 1848, Mexico fought a war with the U.S. and eventually lost it. As an after effect of the war, Mexico lost half of its territory to the U.S. The war is known as The Mexican–American War, the Mexican War, the U.S.–Mexican War, or the U.S.–Mexico War.



HEALTH / WELLNESS

Forgetfulness or Dementia?

Feature	Forgetfulness	Dementia
Frequency	Occasional	Persistent
Impact on daily life	Minimal, independence intact	Significant, daily functioning impaired
Awareness	Usually aware	Often unaware
Progression	Stable or slow	Gradual and worsening
Memory type affected	Minor details, retrievable	Recent events, critical information, often irretrievable
Associated symptoms	None	Confusion, disorientation, personality changes, difficulty with tasks

FINANCES



CRYPTOCURRENCY. 2nd in a Series

Click to read about it in layman's terms: [What Is Cryptocurrency? A Plain-English Guide for Beginners \(2026\)](#)

Cryptocurrency is decentralized digital money that runs on blockchain technology, allowing people to send, receive, and store value online without a bank or government controlling it. Bitcoin (launched in 2009) and Ethereum are the most widely used examples.

What Cryptocurrency Is

- Cryptocurrency (“crypto”) is **digital-only money** secured by cryptography.
- It operates on **blockchains**, which are public, tamper-resistant ledgers maintained by thousands of computers worldwide.
- No bank or government controls it — this **decentralization** is a core feature.

How It Works

- When you send crypto, the transaction is broadcast to a network.
- **Miners** (Bitcoin) or **validators** (Ethereum) confirm transactions using complex math.
- Confirmed transactions are added to a “block,” forming a permanent chain — the **blockchain**.

- **What You Can Do With It**

- Send money globally in minutes.
- Invest or hold as a store of value (e.g., Bitcoin).
- Use in decentralized apps (DeFi) for lending, borrowing, or trading.
- Pay merchants that accept crypto.

Advice from a financial professional is highly recommended. That’s not me!



MUSIC

Listen/YouTube: [America the Beautiful \(Lyrics\)](#)

The lyrics of "America the Beautiful" were written by Katharine Lee Bates, an English professor at Wellesley College, during a summer teaching trip to Colorado Springs in 1893. Bates was inspired by the majestic view from the summit of Pikes Peak, the wheat fields of Kansas, and the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. She described seeing a "sea-like expanse of fertile country" under "ample skies," which inspired the opening lines of her poem.

The melody most commonly associated with the poem was composed by Samuel A. Ward in 1882. Ward, a church organist and choirmaster in Newark, New Jersey, originally wrote the tune, called "Materna", for the hymn "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem." The combination of Bates's poem and Ward's melody was first published together in 1910 under the title "America the Beautiful". Ward passed away in 1903, unaware of the enduring popularity his music would achieve.



BACK THEN . . .





Cub Scouts and Brownies: The First Taste of Independence

For many Baby Boomers, Cub Scouts and Brownies were our first real steps into the world beyond home — a place where we learned responsibility, teamwork, and just a little bit of mischief.

We remember the smell of those blue Cub Scout uniforms, the feel of the neckerchief slide, and the pride of earning our first badges. Pack meetings were loud, chaotic, and full of energy — but they were also where we learned how to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Brownies had their own magic. The brown dresses, the beanies, the little felt badges carefully sewn on by moms who wanted everything just right. Brownies taught kindness, helpfulness, and the joy of doing something for others — whether it was visiting a nursing home, planting flowers, or helping a neighbor.

For many Boomers, these groups were the first time we ventured out without mom or dad hovering nearby. We learned how to tie knots, build campfires, sing songs, and treat people with respect. And maybe most importantly, we learned that friendship could be found anywhere — even in a church basement on a Tuesday afternoon.

Cub Scouts and Brownies weren't just activities. They were the beginning of who we became.

PEARLS OF WISDOM



If you think you have no faults, that just makes one more.
The problem with nothing to do is, you can't stop and rest.

THINK ABOUT IT



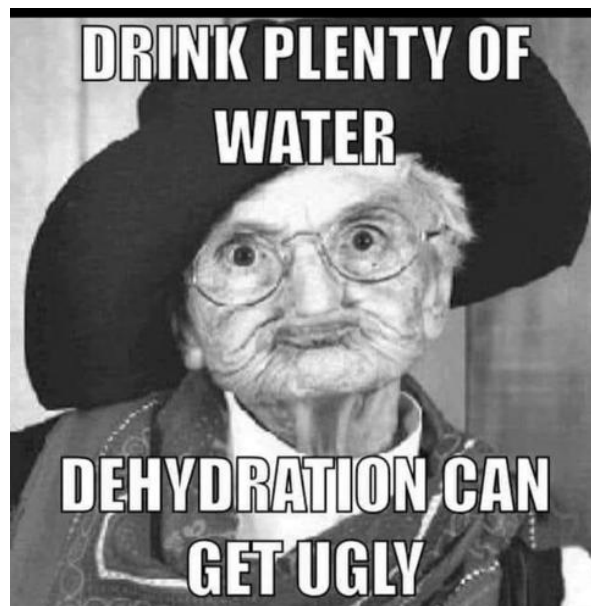
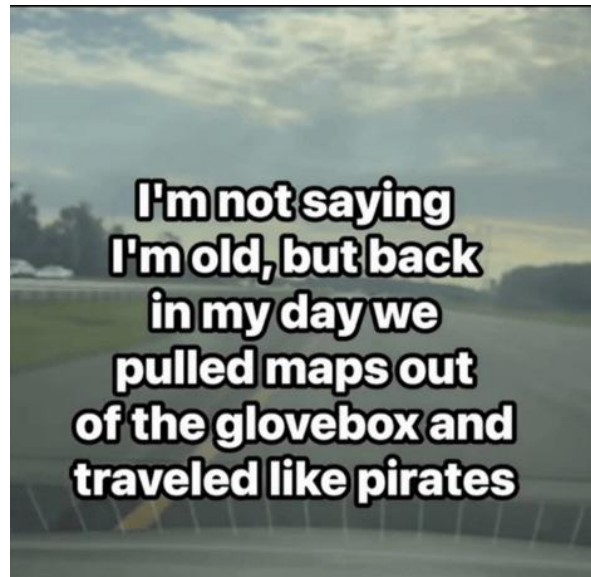
**SOMEDAY, I WILL ONLY EXIST
IN MY GRANDCHILDREN'S
MEMORIES. MY GREATEST
MISSION IS TO LEAVE BEHIND
A LEGACY OF LOVE SO
STRONG THAT EVEN WHEN I'M
GONE, THEY WILL STILL FEEL
ME IN EVERY HEARTBEAT,
EVERY SMILE, EVERY GENTLE
MOMENT OF THEIR LIVES.**

CORNY JOKES

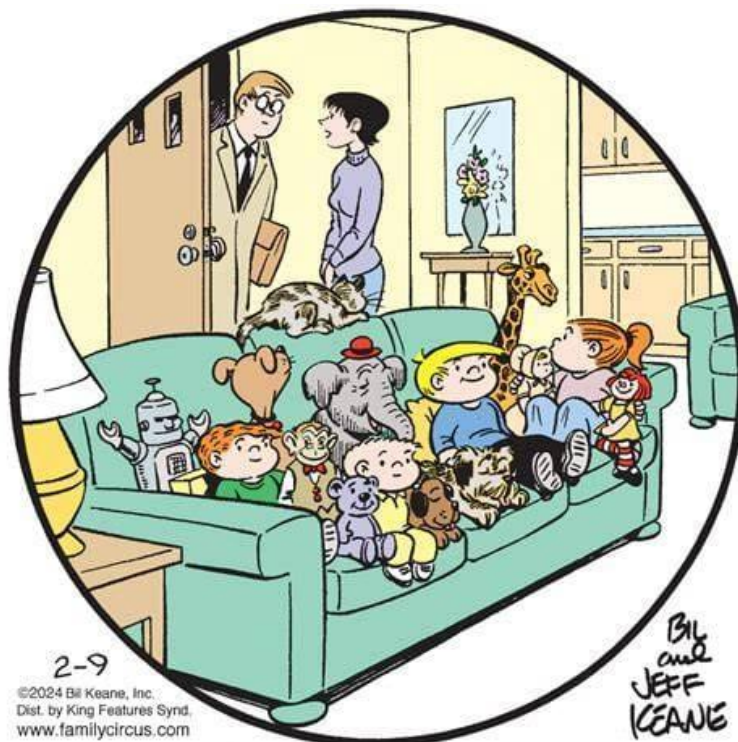


Why was the stadium so cool?
Because it was filled with fans.
What kind of key opens a banana?
A monkey.

MEMES



COMICS



“The new couch came.”





Popeye napping with a Crocodile (Popeye the Sailor Man - "Pitchin' Woo at the Zoo")

Hello 😊 hope I made you smile
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NEWSLETTER FOR BABY BOOMERS

This is for Baby Boomers (and anyone else who wants to join us!).

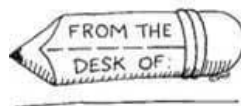
"Baby Boomers" normally refer to folks born 1946 to 1964.

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

Personal notes and responses are welcome: opaskipper@yahoo.com

WHY I DO THIS NEWSLETTER

I miss Walter Cronkite, Huntley & Brinkley, and those years of plain and simple news reporting. This is for the approximate 70 million Baby Boomers in the USA. Just the facts and fun things . . . the best we can muster!



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MIND MASTERY

**The World Owes You Nothing.
Nature provides opportunities,
not guarantees. Entitlement is
the death of growth. Take what
comes and make it better.**

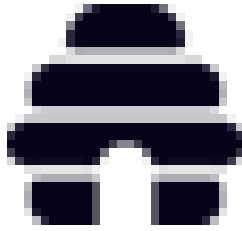
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