

# The (Presumably) Complete

## 4N6 Funnies

Part Two, Not The Early Episodes

2021-2023

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#101 Does Fluffy have a paradigm?

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

The coach from Bile Duct says her dog died this morning, but she'll still be here to judge tomorrow.

The coach or the dog?

She wasn't clear about that.

Same difference.

Bonus comic, original version of 101 replaced because, I dunno, maybe it was a little over the top.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

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The coach or the grandmother?

She wasn't clear about that.

Same difference.

#102 Once again, based on a true story...

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

The coach from Bile Duct HS just texted me again.

She's protesting that we fined her for not judging the last round. She says she was distracted by a rodent running around the house.

Wait a minute. There's an update. Turns out it was the family hamster. Unfortunately, there's nothing in the live doc about relieving fines for rogue hamsters.

Wait a minute. Another update. The hamster died.

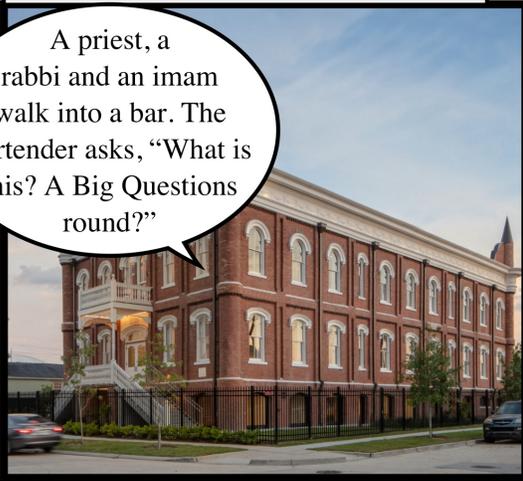
I'm updating the live doc now.

#103 Wocka, wocka!

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

A priest, a  
rabbi and an imam  
walk into a bar. The  
bartender asks, "What is  
this? A Big Questions  
round?"



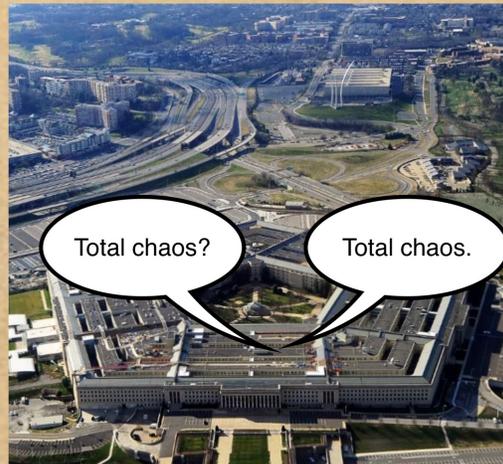
Is that the  
whole joke?



#104 On the other hand, tournament emails are finally down to a manageable number.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



## #105 We put the fun in fungible.

(Resolved: Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms.)

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



One nice thing about this crypto topic is that I've learned a lot about NFTs.



I'm putting the very first case I ever wrote up for sale. After all, it only exists digitally, and if anything was ever non-fungible, it was that case.



I am asking people to pay in real money, though. I mean, I wasn't born yesterday.

## #106 When the judge leaves the room without entering a decision...

Tab room, desperate, digs up phone number of delinquent judge. "Hello, this is the tab room. You didn't enter your ballot for the last round."

"Oh. Sorry."

"Tell me the winner and the points and I'll enter it for you."

"Uh..."

"Do you remember who won? Pro or con?"

"It might have been the con. Or the pro."

"Which team was which?"

"The pro was the guys, I think. The con was the girls."

"Okay, got it."

"It could have been the other way around, though."

"Ooooookay... Points for each person?"

"They should all get 30s."

"30s for everybody. Right. And the winner?"

"The girls. Definitely the girls."

"On the con."

"Right. Or maybe on the pro."

"It was the girls, either on the con or on the pro."

"Unless it was the guys."

"Unless it was the guys. Got it. Thank you."

Tabber hangs up phone and turns to partner. "Oy! It was either the pro or the con or the guys or the girls. 30s for everybody."

"Double bye?"

"Double bye."

"And the judge?"

"Is there a 'Drop Off a Cliff' button?"

"I'll put in a request with the tabroom help desk."

"Excellent." Pause. "Is there a saloon around here somewhere? I need a drink."

"There's definitely a button for that on tabroom."

"Somehow I thought there would be."

#107 Forget it, Jake. It's Bile Duct.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

The coach from Bile Duct claims she didn't pay her fees because she was praying all week.

Praying?

Father Robert from Holy Mother of Mercy paid his fees, and I'll bet he was praying more than she was.

Well, yes, but, he paid in VatiCoin.

Okay. He wins prayer *and* topicality.

# #108 WalMars? Elon's Comet? The iPhobos?

(Resolved: The appropriation of outer space by private entities is unjust.)

## 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN LD LAND

What are the odds that anybody is actually going to debate the Jan-Feb LD resolution?

The appropriation of outer space? Not a chance.

But it's the TOC topic.

Even less likely there. I mean, the last time an LDer debated the topic at TOC was back in the early 2000s.

I've heard about that.

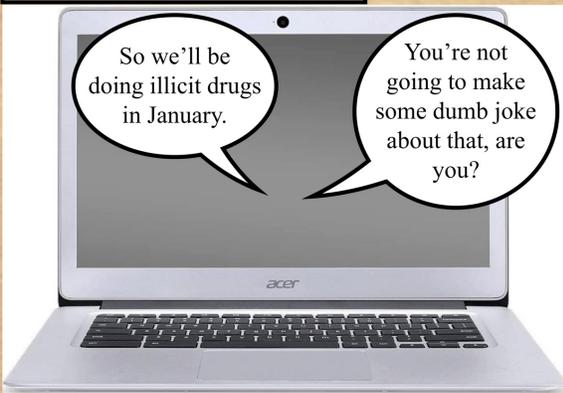
Yeah. Some kid from Bile Duct. They immediately shipped him off to Public Forum. He was never heard from again.

#109 Is it February yet?

(Resolved: The United States federal government should legalize all illicit drugs.)

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



# #110 Humpty Dumpty Strikes Again!

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

The coach from Bile Duct wants the octos round off next Sunday for a family emergency.



What are you doing?

I'm going on Amazon to buy her a dictionary.



#111 To boldly sell where no one has sold before.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



Sir, our democracy is crumbling, racism is rampant throughout the country, disease is shaking us at our very core, and global warming is a very real existential threat.



What of it, Mandrake?



And while all of this is going on, our LDers are debating the appropriation of space?



We don't choose the topics, Mandrake. We just publish them.



But we create the topics, sir, don't we?



You want Elon Musk to own the moon, Mandrake???

#112 Meanwhile, the dog ate their homework.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

I tried to get into the round to judge, but the wifi in my house wasn't working.



Then we lost electricity.



Then my phone battery died.



Do I still have to pay the fine?



#113 The food in the judges' lounge sucks, and there's not much of it.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

This judge missed a round and got fined. He says he never got any of the texts we sent.

Hmmm...

Wait a minute. Now he's saying we send too many texts and he doesn't like their nasty tone. He says if we don't remove the fine, he'll go to our equity person and file a complaint.

He's going to complain about the tone of the messages he never received?

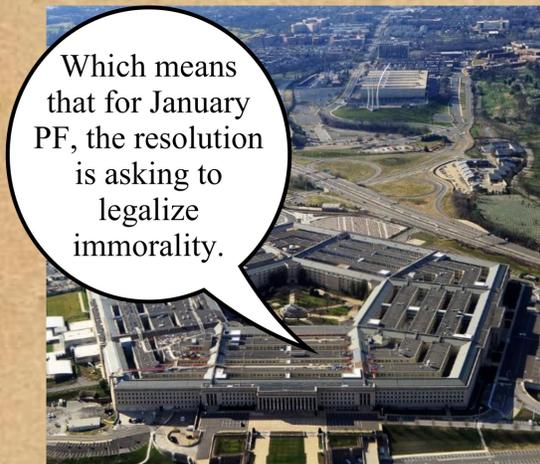
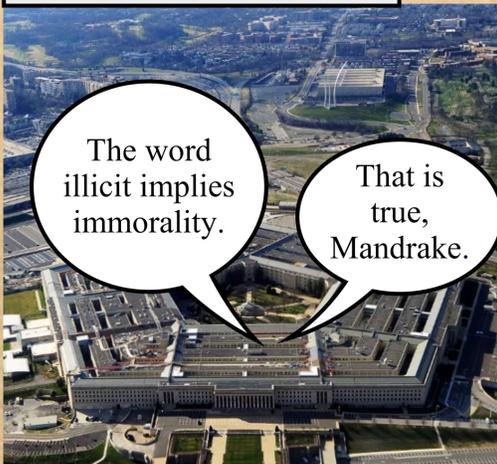
Apparently.

Hmmm...

#114 Okay. Not so cunning.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



# QUICKIES

HOW DOES  
SOMEBODY BUTT-  
DELETE AN ENTIRE  
TOURNAMENT?



WHY  
DIDN'T I  
READ THE LIVE  
DOC?



THAT'S  
OUR PF  
JUDGE?

WE NEED TO  
PAY MORE  
ATTENTION TO  
PARADIGMS.

#116 Not to mention that the damned thing is constantly expanding.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN LD LAND



You know, "outer space" is a little on the large size.



Beyond, let's say, just the moon or Mars?



Exactly. At the very least, outer space means the whole galaxy. Not to mention other galaxies. Apparently we're talking private entities appropriating the entire universe.



You've got to love a resolution with clear cut boundaries.

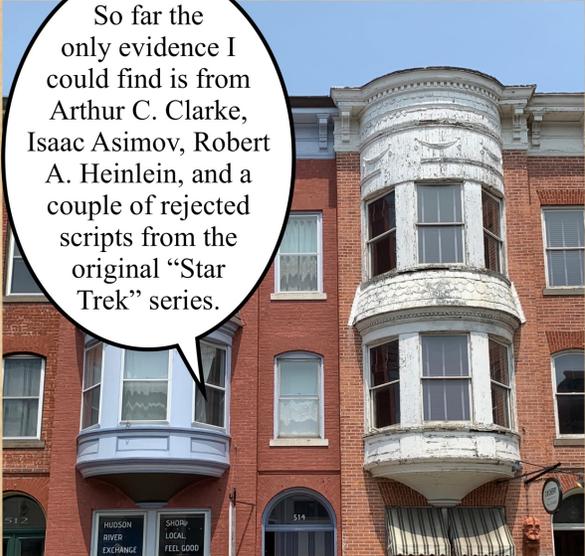
#117 "Beam me a Coke, Scottie."

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN LD LAND



The way I understand the resolution, we're arguing for or against a privatized Galactic Empire.



So far the only evidence I could find is from Arthur C. Clarke, Isaac Asimov, Robert A. Heinlein, and a couple of rejected scripts from the original "Star Trek" series.



I wonder if it's too late to switch to Declamation.

#118 Use the Schwartz, Luke.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN LD LAND

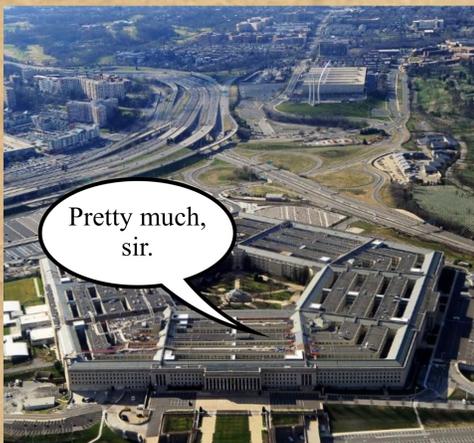
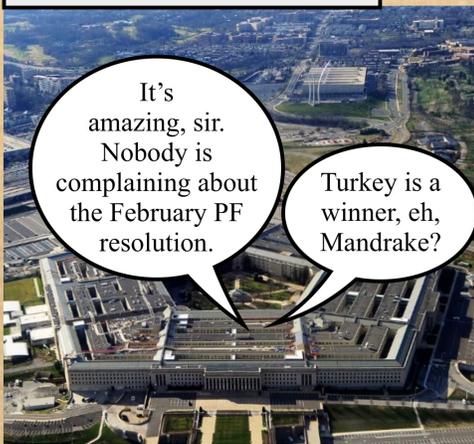


# #119 Once every twelve hours...

(Resolved: On balance, Turkey's membership is beneficial to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.)

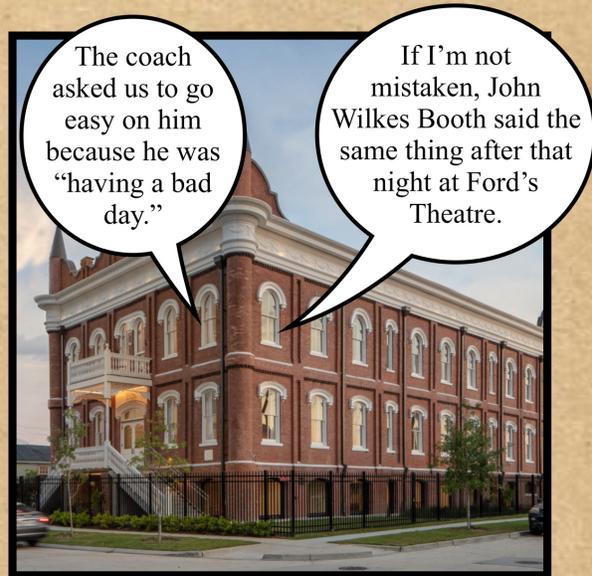
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Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



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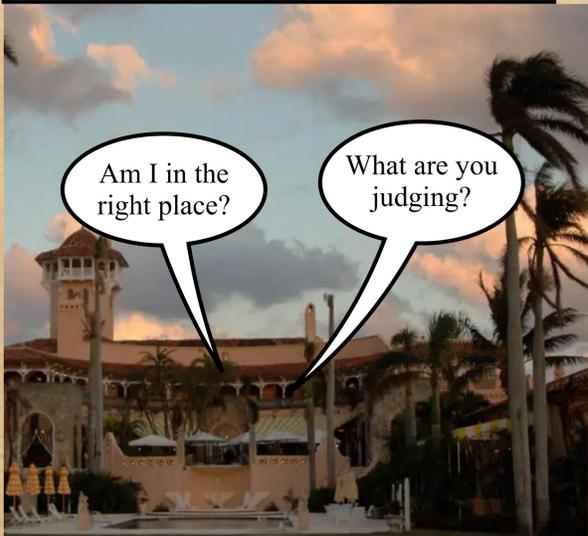
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



#121 Why does no one ever volunteer to run the judges' lounge?

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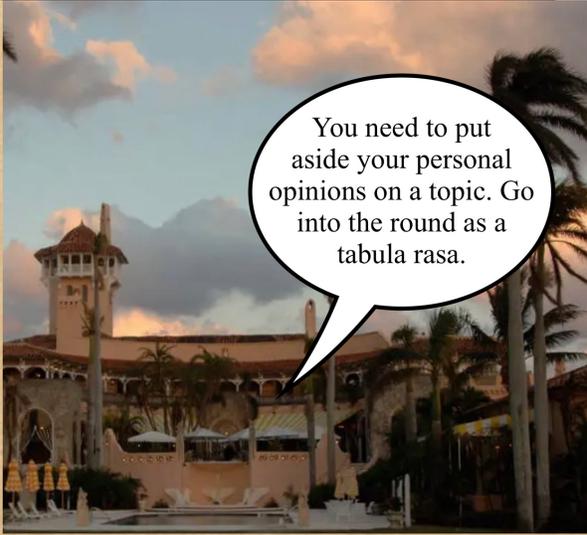
MEANWHILE, IN THE PF JUDGES' LOUNGE...



#122 No damned high school kid is going to tell ME how to vote!

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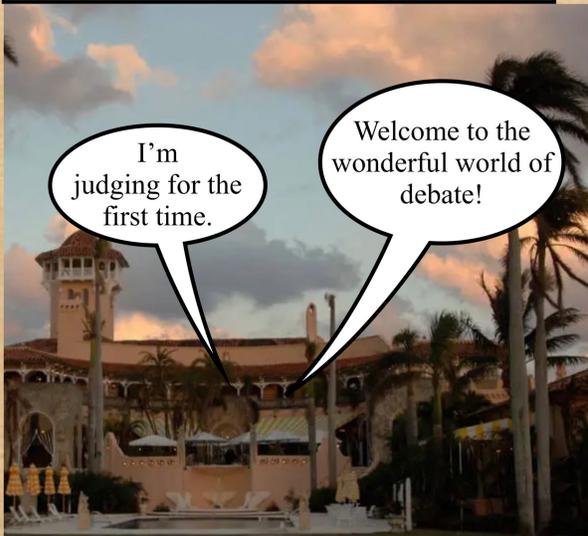
IN THE PF JUDGES' LOUNGE...



#123 I understand there's some openings over at the tropical fish club.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN THE PF JUDGES' LOUNGE...



# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



#125 Why parent judges hide in the basement.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

The first-time parent judge in room 11 doesn't know what to do.

What happened?

The pro team started with a trigger warning about salacious, meretricious and occasionally gratuitous mayhem not suited for the feeble of mind or the faint of spirit, then proceeded to barrel through a catalogue of salacious, meretricious and occasionally gratuitous mayhem exactly as they had warned.

The con responded by going all in with a theory argument against trigger warnings in general and trigger warnings about salacious, meretricious and occasionally gratuitous mayhem not suited for the feeble of mind or the faint of spirit in particular. They completely ignored the catalogue of salacious, meretricious and occasionally gratuitous mayhem.

Leaving the poor judge totally confused. What are you going to recommend?

They should do what any experienced judge would do.

Flip a coin?

Exactly.

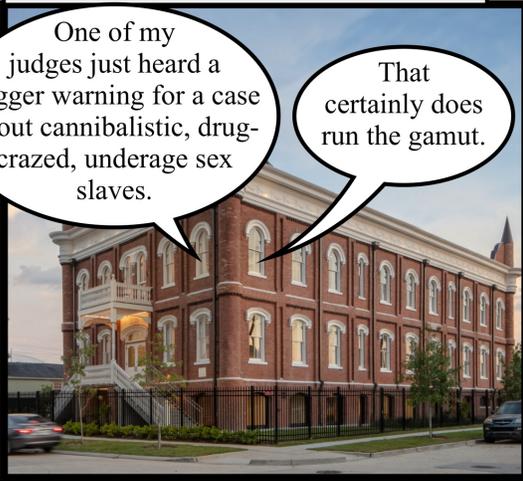
#126 As the cannibal said when he ate the clown...

# 4N6 FUNNIES

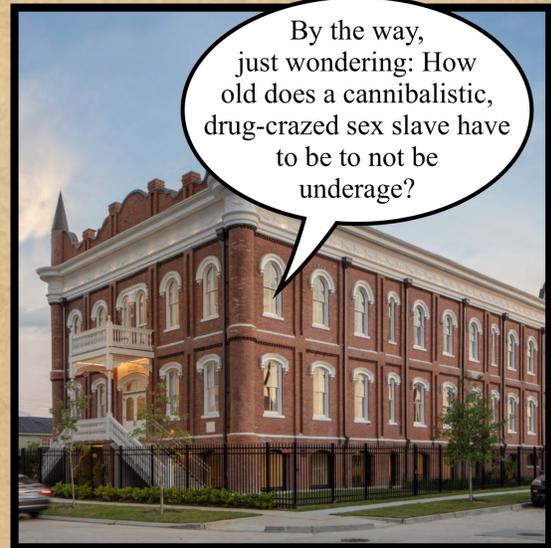
IN THE TABROOM...

One of my judges just heard a trigger warning for a case about cannibalistic, drug-crazed, underage sex slaves.

That certainly does run the gamut.



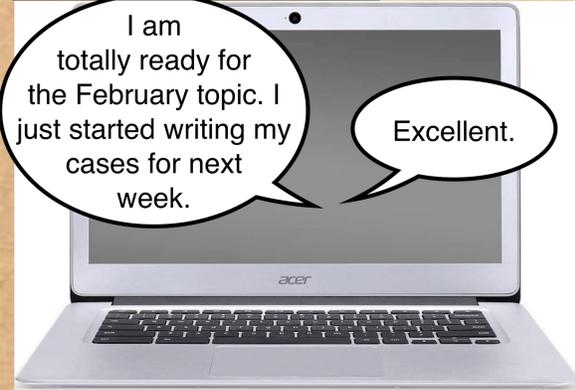
By the way, just wondering: How old does a cannibalistic, drug-crazed sex slave have to be to not be underage?



#127 Well, they are both food related.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



# #128 Viva Las Vegan!

(Resolved: In the United States, the benefits of increasing organic agriculture outweigh the harms.)

## 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...

The harms of organic agriculture? Seriously? Like what? Not enough tuna genes spliced into the bananas?

Good morning to you too, Mandrake.

Too many animals not cannibalizing each other at the food trough? Not enough Twinkies on the supermarket shelves? Not enough chemicals in the baby food? Too many aging hippies at the farmers' markets?

That's enough, Mandrake. Why don't you take a minute and cool off?



Good point about the aging hippies, though.

#129 Not counting Fox Newz, of course.

(Resolved: In a democracy, a free press ought to prioritize objectivity over advocacy.)

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



Every single reputable source everywhere claims that the purpose of a free press in a democracy is to protect the people by presenting the truth.



Pretty much by definition, a free press must prioritize objectivity. Free press has nothing whatsoever to do with advocacy.

I think you're missing the point, Mandrake.



There's a point?

Yes, indeed. You see, we have a cunning plan.



You know how some people say that there's a bias toward the negative in LD? This ought to put an end to that one.

#130 We had to debate five miles uphill in the snow. Both ways.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, at the Golden Age Retirement Home for Decrepid Debate Coaches



# 4N6 FUNNIES

At the Golden Age Retirement Home for Deceit Debate Coaches

When I first started tabbing, we only had whole speaker points.

Right. 30 was excellent, 29 very good, 28 good, 27 so-so, 26 not great, and 25 was go join the tropical fish club.

Nowadays they have tenths of a point, from 25 to 30.

51 different possibilities. The human mind is simply incapable of such distinctions.

Tell that to the college judges.

You mean the ones who can distinguish perfectly well between a 27.2 and a 27.3?

#132 Breaking (Fake) News!

## Special Advisory from the NSDA Regarding Speaker Points, 2/7/22

*In an effort to get all debate judges on the same page, we suggest the following guidelines.*

### Use 10ths of points

**29.5-30:** We will be using some of the DNA we collected during your last covid test to repopulate the earth with your clones after global warming decimates most of the planet. You are the human race's last, best hope.

**29.1-29.4:** You are the Beyonce of debate. Or maybe the Elvis of debate. Or the Japhet McDermott, this kid I went to grammar school with who had a really great voice until one day he just didn't anymore.

**28.8-29.0:** You made me almost want to pay attention to what you were saying.

**28.3-28.7:** You were okay, but you could improve. Also, you might want to run the correct resolution next time.

**27.8-28.2:** You left something to be desired. This something was elusive, ineffable, evanescent—in other words, a little less than pellucid. *Capisce?*

**27.3-27.7:** Have you been listening to Joe Rogan podcasts? Neil Young would not approve.

**27.0-27.2:** You missed a number of important points throughout the round, and your mother dresses you funny.

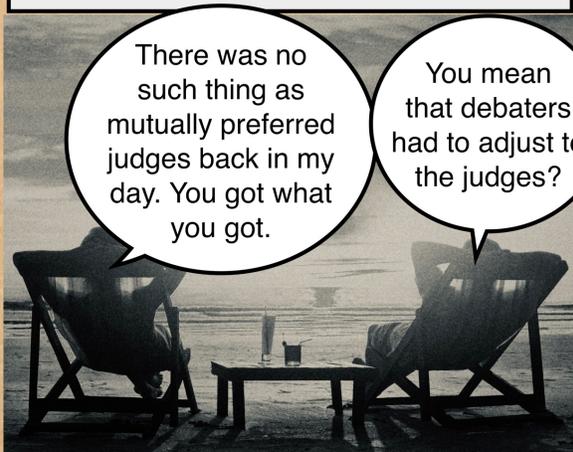
**26.0-26.9:** You were totally unprepared. I would have put a fork in you, but you simply weren't done.

**Below 26:** You were offensive, ignorant, rude, or tried to cheat. While this makes you an excellent candidate for Congress, it is not advisable at debate tournaments.

#133 We would just stuff them with donuts, hand them a pen, and point them toward the rooms.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

At the Golden Age Retirement Home for Deceit Debate Coaches



#134 Hello! My name is...something or other.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

At the Golden Age Retirement Home for Decepit Debate Coaches



#135 "If you knew Time as well as I do," said the Hatter, "you wouldn't talk about wasting it. It's him."

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

I can't check in my team on tabroom.com.

What time did check-in end?

3:00.

What time is it now?

3:45.

Do you see the problem here?

#136 I say it's spinach, and I say the hell with it.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...

I've been working on my Con case against organic farming.

So far I have evidence from Marjorie Taylor Greene, Bernie Madoff, Elizabeth Holmes, Elon Musk, the National Alliance for the Preservation of High Fructose Corn Syrup, and Dow Chemical.

Mostly I think I'm going to run Twinkies versus Brussel sprouts.

If that doesn't convince them, nothing will.

## #137 Why tabbers prefer to work apart.



### Overheard in the tab room\*

“I wish I had a nickel for every time you’ve brought up frozen Finnish penises...”

“I’ve never been to any karaoke, gay or otherwise. “

“The guy running the judge lounge had to leave because of mice in the coconut sugar.”

“One of the virtual speech judges appears to be naked.”

“You deleted WHAT???”

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\* All guaranteed genuine and verbatim, although perhaps slightly edited one way or the other, following the NSDA rules on PF paraphrasing. Caesar’s wife we ain’t.

#138 We never did find out what continent he was logging in from.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

Last week we had a judge secretly double-entered under two different names judging both LD and PF.

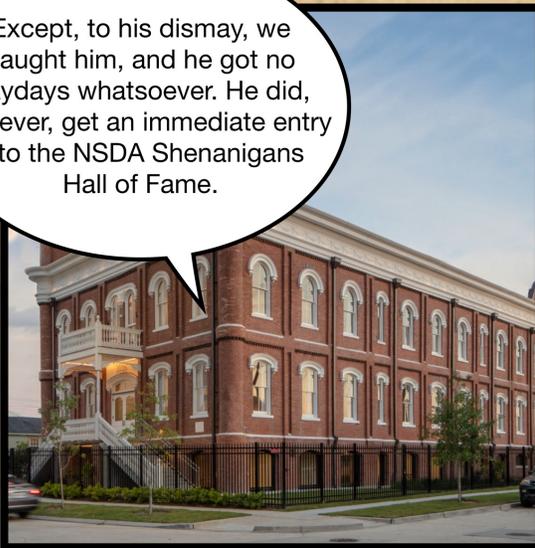
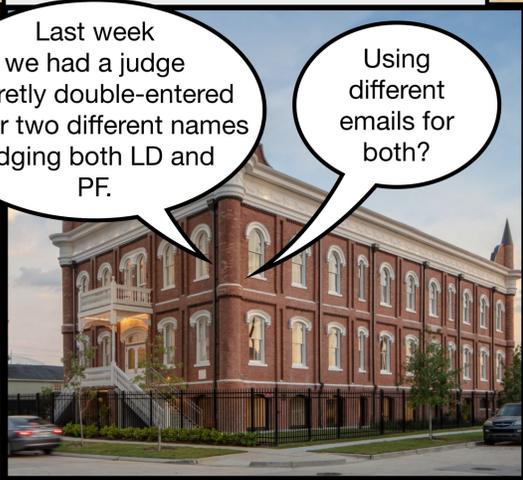
Using different emails for both?

Right. Meanwhile, he was double-entered under two *other* different names at yet another tournament. Theoretically he was earning four judging fees in one weekend.

Quite the busy fellow.

Except, to his dismay, we caught him, and he got no paydays whatsoever. He did, however, get an immediate entry into the NSDA Shenanigans Hall of Fame.

Under all four names.



#139 Can you define obligation in such a way that it doesn't mean I actually have to do something?

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...



#140 "You have quite the head on your shoulders, Mr. Bentham... Uh... Wait a minute..."

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, at the Golden Age Retirement Home for Deceit Debate Coaches

LD research wasn't exactly the same in the early days.



One kid made up a book called *Edible Philosophy*, and then randomly inserted made-up quotes from the made-up book into all of his cases.



He made it to TOC three years in a row.



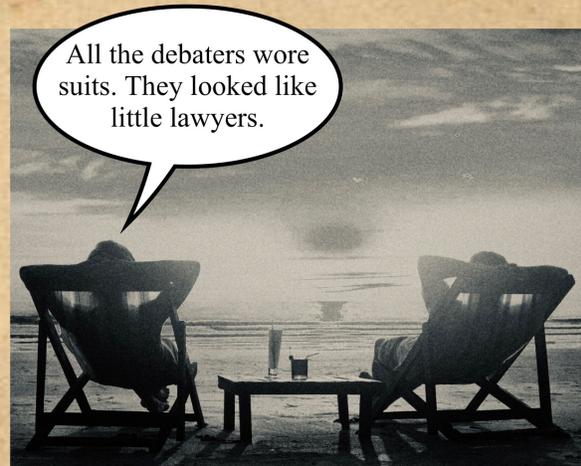
He also always wore stolen bowling shoes.



#141 Your grandmother dresses you funny.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

At the Golden Age Retirement Home for Decepit Debate Coaches



#142 If it weren't for shenanigans, we wouldn't have any nanigans at all.

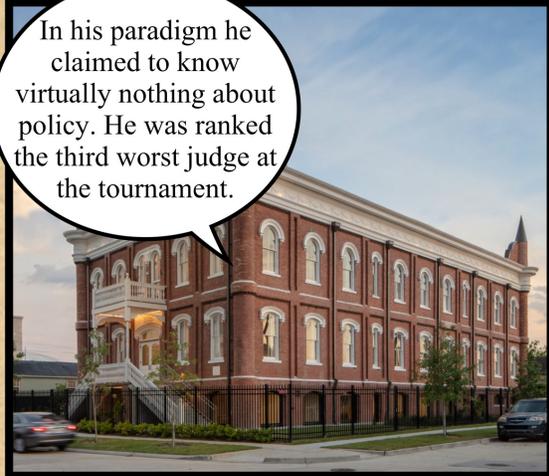
# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

Last week we had to toss a high school LDer who was judging varsity policy at a bid tournament.



In his paradigm he claimed to know virtually nothing about policy. He was ranked the third worst judge at the tournament.



Which means that two people who do this all the time and theoretically know what they're doing were ranked even lower.



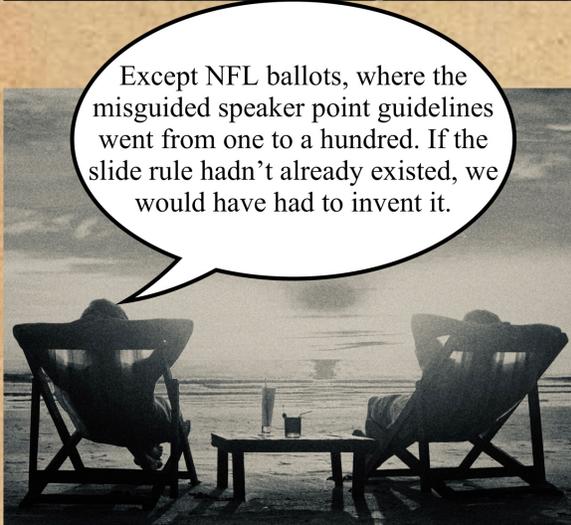
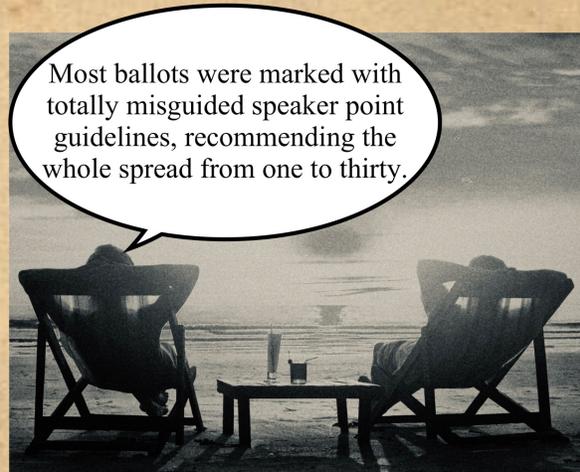
It makes you wonder.



#143 Pete Rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, at the Golden Age Retirement Home for Decrepid Debate Coaches



#144 What's another word for Thesaurus?

# 4N6 FUNNIES



#145 Nice rain forest ya got here. Be a shame if somethin' happened to it.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, at the Golden Age Retirement Home for Deceprit Debate Coaches



#146 I'd RTFM it there were an FM to R.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

AT THE TABROOM.COM LABORATORY



Are you going to issue documentation for the new updates, Master?

Documentation?  
*Documentation???*  
Does the sun issue documentation for the rising of the dawn, Igor?



Does a mother issue documentation for her newborn's first breath, Igor?



Does the vast empty void issue documentation when it explodes into a new universe, Igor?



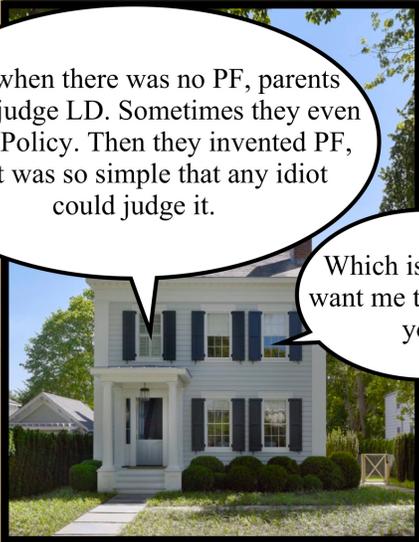
No documentation?

The word shall never cross your lips again.

#147 Prince Myshkin, you have a ballot.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

*Meanwhile, in some random suburban household.*



Back when there was no PF, parents used to judge LD. Sometimes they even judged Policy. Then they invented PF, and it was so simple that any idiot could judge it.

Which is why you want me to judge for you.



Exactly.

The parents-as-idiots thing is not your most convincing argument.



Actually, it works for everyone except parent judges.



Sigh.

#148 Yes, dear.

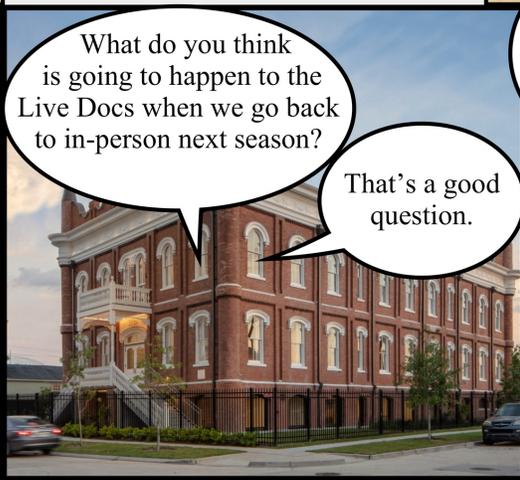
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*In some random suburban household.*



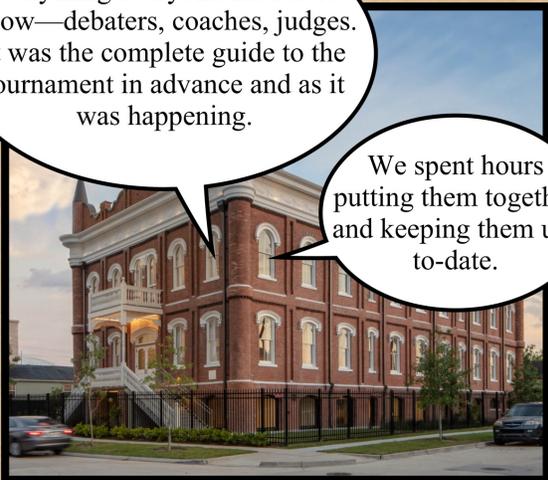
# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



That's a good question.

The Live Doc had everything everyone needed to know—debaters, coaches, judges. It was the complete guide to the tournament in advance and as it was happening.



#150 Whoda thunkit?

# 4N6 FUNNIES

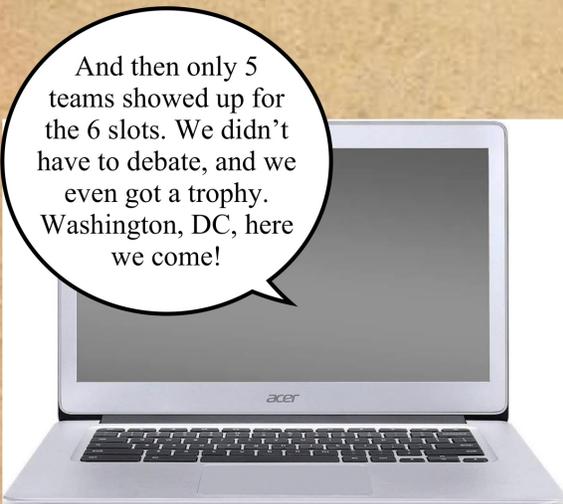
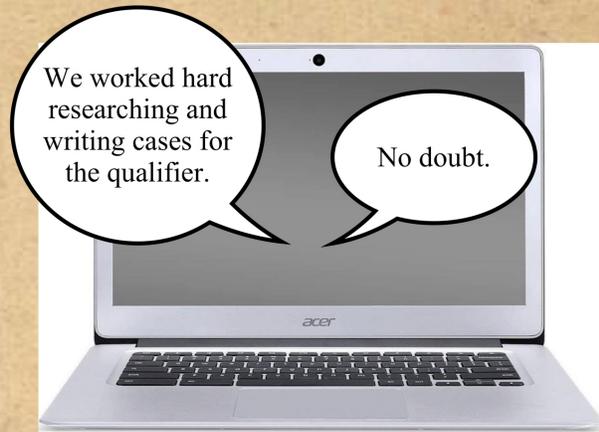
MEANWHILE, IN LD LAND



#151 Into the valley of death rode the 500.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN PF LAND...

CatNats will be my first time debating in person.

A couple of things are really different from virtual. When the judges are in the room with you, you can see their every reaction.

I'm used to looking at a vague image on the computer screen.

Not in real life. If they look bored, you're losing them. If they're busy taking notes, you're on the right track. So the first thing is, you've got to play the judges like a violin.

What's the second thing different from virtual debate?

You've got to wear pants.

#153 Or, please pass the remote.

# 4N6 FUNNIES



#154 "Istanbul was Concatenation / Now it's Istanbul not Concatenation..."

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

At virtual tournaments Bile Duct HS puts in different judges, all untrained parents, for every single round.

Oy.

They've got 17 entries. Over three days, that's a minimum of 80 different judges. The coach sends me their info in an Excel spreadsheet complete with pivot tables, array formulas, and half a dozen nested IFs.

Even more oy.

The first time next season one of these parents has to judge an entire double-flighted tournament in person they'll probably keel over in the middle of round 3.

If they make it that far.

The debate world will be a better place for it.

#155 I have seen the City upon the Hill. I think it was Scranton.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...



#156 News Flash: Elon Musk has just bought TOC outright for \$44 billion.  
(Rumor has it that \$43 billion would have been more than enough.)

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN LD LAND

How was the TOC?

Unbelievable. It was all trigger warnings and evidence challenges and identity wars and kritiks against everything from the number of rounds to the judges' haircuts.

The coaches were at each other's throats like drunk parents at a Little League game. There were more protests than there were rounds.

And that was just Original Oratory.

#157 Red alert!!!

# 4N6 FUNNIES

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#158 We're back.

# SCENES FROM CATNAPS!



EVERYONE WAS MASKED FOR THE WHOLE TOURNAMENT.



CONGRESS TAB WAS ESPECIALLY EAGER TO PLEASE.



THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR VERIFIED ALL THE RESULTS PERSONALLY. AND INFALLIBLY.

#159 Ora pro nobis.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



#160 In which the hat is tipped to the Met's anthology of fashion.

# MORE SCENES FROM CATNAPS!



THINGS WERE FINE IN PF TAB UNTIL MISS DOUGHERTY HAD HER SEIZURE.



MRS. DEVEREUX FELT THAT THIS YEAR'S JUDGE LOUNGE MARTINIS WERE NOT UP TO SNUFF.



THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ADVANCING TEAMS WAS A TAD MORE LIVELY THAN IN PAST YEARS.

#161 Perhaps they came from a land of ice and snow...

(Resolved: Radicalism is preferable to incrementalism to achieve social justice.)

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN LD LAND



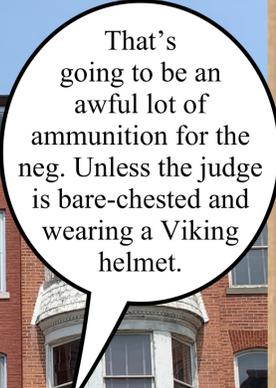
If you support the aff on the LD topic at nationals, you pretty much have to support the January 6 uprising.



No way.



Yes way. If that isn't radicalism, I don't know what is.



That's going to be an awful lot of ammunition for the neg. Unless the judge is bare-chested and wearing a Viking helmet.

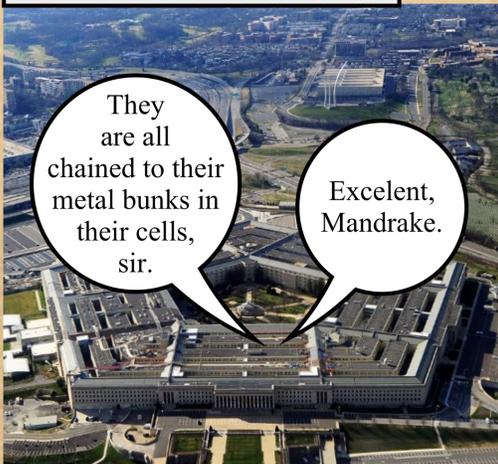


Which could happen. I mean, it is the NSDA.

#162 We need volunteers: you, you, you and you.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



#163 Alice sighed wearily. 'I think you might do something better with the time,' she said...

# 4N6 FUNNIES

At NSDA HQ...



## #164 A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

### **Presenting the topic areas for the 2022-23 school year**

#### **Lincoln Douglas**

Resolved: In the US, doing nothing about gun violence should take precedence over doing nothing about climate change.

Resolved: The teaching of theories should be banned in grades K-12. Except gravity, although even that one is questionable.

Resolved: Teachers who actively attempt to convert straight kindergarteners into LGBTQ+ members should have their own members cut off, unless they actually *want* their own members cut off, in which case they should be stuck with the members God gave them, and they should use them accordingly.

Resolved: Universal healthcare in the US would turn us into a bunch of commie rats.

Resolved: The United States should legalize the sale and trade of new and used human organs at flea markets and swap meats.

Resolved: Germline genetic engineering in humans sounds really creepy.

Resolved: Asia is a pain in the ass.

Resolved: Justice requires open borders for human migration, except in Texas, which no one in their right mind would want to migrate to in the first place.

Resolved: The European Union has an obligation to accept refugees that the US wouldn't give the time of day to.

Resolved: In the United States, public K-12 schools ought to institute ankle-bracelet tracking.

Resolved: The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to be term-limited. Especially Samuel Alito.

Resolved: It is unethical for individuals to consume the meat of non-human animals. Human animals, on the other hand, are perfectly acceptable.

Resolved: Detergent is a morally just function of punishment.

## **Public Forum**

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its investment in high-speed rail, or hell, even low-speed rail, since apparently it's impossible to fly anywhere anymore.

Resolved: The United States should substantially increase transition of domestic base metals into gold.

Resolved: If you've ever even heard of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue you know more than we do.

Resolved: Asia is a pain in the ass, even for PFers.

Resolved: In the United States, Ultra-Millionaires should have to pay at least some taxes, except for Elon Musk, who should just shut up already.

Resolved: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) should formally recognize the National Unity Government (NUG) as the legitimate government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which I know you've all been holding your breath over.

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should establish global standards for parent judging.

Resolved: If the LDers can get rid of Alito, the PFers ought to be able to get rid of Coney Barrett.

#165 Oh the sun shines bright...

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

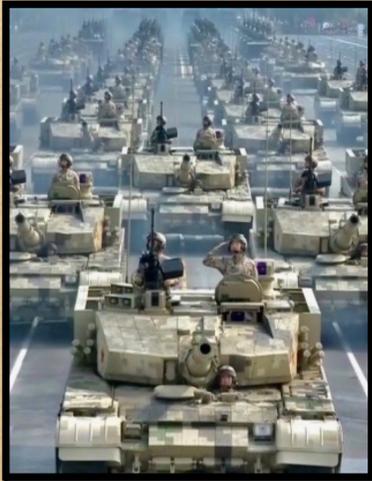


#166 An early look at next season's yearbook.

(News item: "Teachers in Ohio can now carry firearms on school grounds under a new law that went into effect Monday.")

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN OHIO...



THE TEACHERS ARRIVE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.



MR. RICKLAND'S ALGEBRA CLASS NEVER WAS AN EASY A.



MS. KRUPKE PLANS ON KEEPING THE LIBRARY UP-TO-DATE.

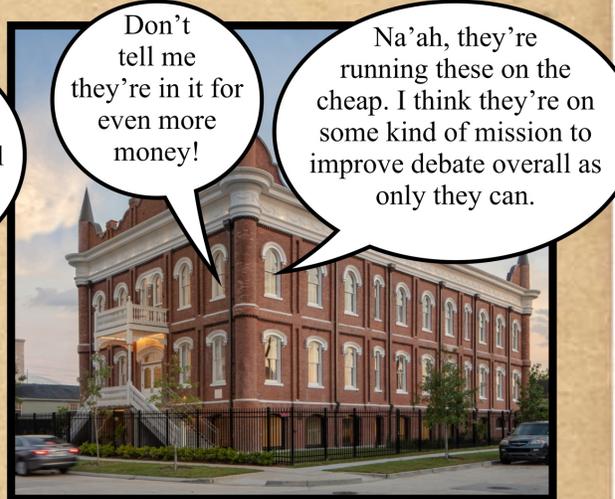


MRS. CAMPBELL'S HOME EC CLASS IS ALWAYS POPULAR.

#167 Their Pre-K division draws the country's best 4-year-olds.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



#168 First it was Russia and Ukraine, then it was...

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

Every weekend on the calendar is already filled. Are these new TOC tournaments going to compete with established tournaments?

At least one of them is.



Talk about filling a much needed gap...



#169 A metaphor is like a simile?

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...



#170 All that money's got to come from somewhere.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

Hybrid tournaments are crazy. You have to have physical spaces for everyone, even if they're not there, because one of them *might* be there.

So you need both physical and virtual rooms for every individual round?

Exactly. Everyone who's not there has to be in a physical room pretending they are there.

I take it you're against hybrids.

The only point of a hybrid I can see is that some people don't have to wear pants.

On the positive side, they can use the pants money they save to pay for the TOC.

#171 Advantages all around, if you don't mind knobby knees.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...



#172 We had to debate uphill in both directions.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

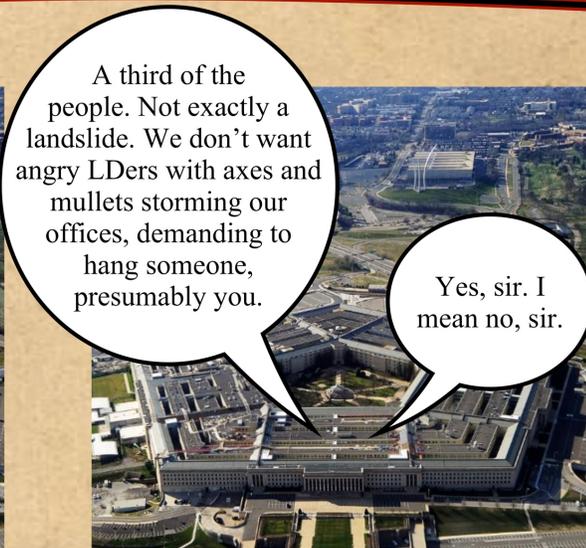
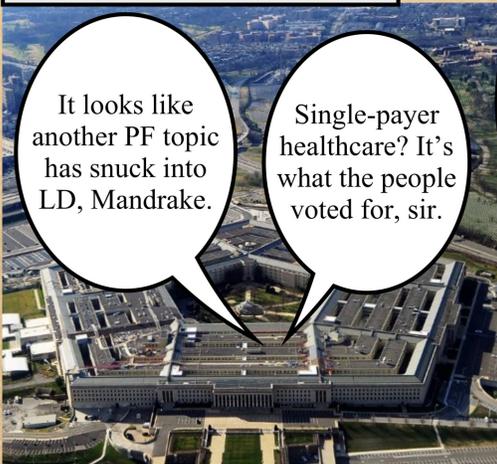
Meanwhile, at the Golden Age Retirement Home for Deceprit Debate Coaches



#173 And apparently Extempers are now doing their pieces in iambic pentameter.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



# #174 There's always high-speed bumper cars...

(Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its investment in high-speed rail.)

## 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...

My cousin  
has electric  
trains.

I went over there  
and ran them at high  
speed. They flew off the  
tracks and crashed onto  
the floor.

I think I've got  
my con for  
September-  
October.

#175 Sing out, Louise!

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



#176 In which the hatches are battened down.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...

I am completely vaccinated against every known strain of Covid.

What about monkey pox?

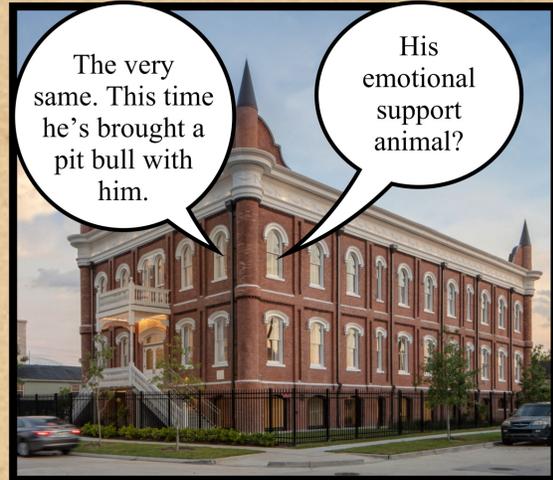
No vaccine, but I've sworn off all contact with monkeys, mental and physical. I am totally ready for in-person debating.

All I need now is a Pro case.

#177 Pass me that comfort mosquito.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



#178 It's been a long time since those wheels went round and round.

# 4N6 FUNNIES



#178 Oh the weather outside is frightful...

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

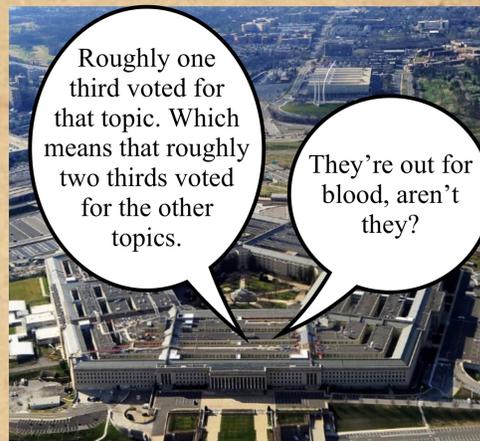
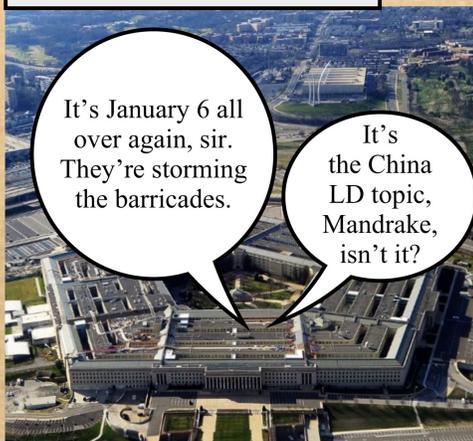


# #179 Did someone release the kraken?

(Resolved: The People's Republic of China ought to prioritize environmental protection over economic growth.)

## 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...

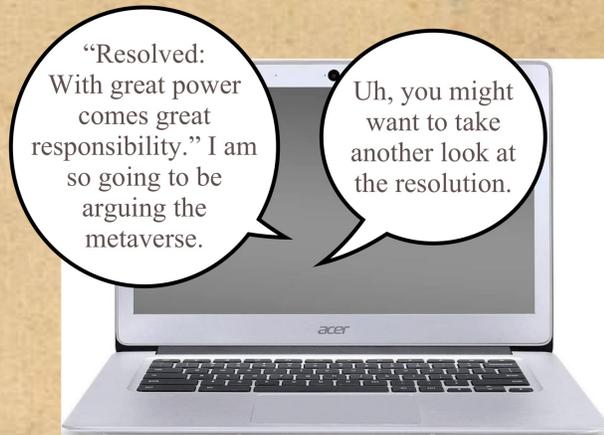
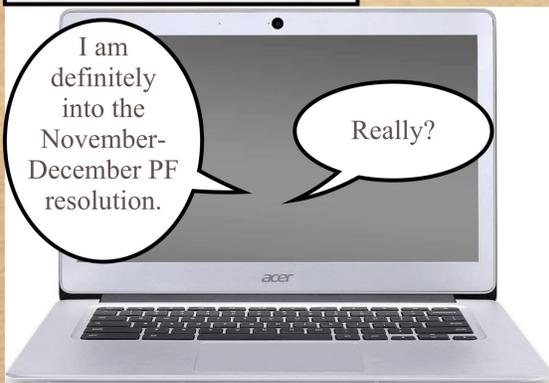


#180 If only the NSDA had thought of it.

(Resolved: The United States' strategy of Great Power Competition produces more benefits than harms.)

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



#181 When you're a Speechie you're a Speechie all the way, from your first timid Dec to your last high school play...

# 4N6 FUNNIES



#182 *In iocularis veritas.*

**4n6 Funnies'  
Annual List of  
America's Top  
Universities**

**#1. Hamburger University**

School slogan: "*Vis potatoes cum illo?*"

Our number one school—not to be confused with the University of Hamburg, as Wikipedia is quick to point out—is one of the few that teaches anything both useful and virtually guaranteed to result in gainful employment. Nota bene: the higher the minimum wage law in your state, the more gainful your employment will be.

Degrees in: Hamburgerology, Chickenuggetry, McMuffinism

**#2. Klarence Thomas Kollege of Kriminal Knowledge**

School slogan: "*Accipe uxorem meam, quaeso*"

Classes cover a wide variety of subjects, all of which are taught by silent professors who stare at you blankly. Sorry, no Affirmative-Action students, and students attempting to pay tuition with government loans will be shoed away at the door.

Degrees in: Originalism, Unoriginalism, Kissing Your Civil Rights Goodbye-ism, Advanced Kissing Your Civil Rights Goodbye-ism, Rising Above Your Competency-ism

**#3. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc., but not Columbia**

School slogan: "*Hinc lectus sum et non fecistis*"

You're probably not going to get into any of these, so pick a reasonable safety school.

Degrees in: Everything. Play your cards right and you can stay in school until you're 62 years old, and immediately file for social security upon obtaining your doctorate.

**#4. The Pleiades**

School slogan: "*Septem sorores hodie, desperatae mulierculae cras*"

Same as #3, only smaller, and mostly gendered.

### **#5 University of California, Santa Barbara**

School slogan: *"Party hearty"* because, like, who bothers to learn Latin anymore?

It's on the beach, it's got the weather, they teach various stuff and whatever, if you're interested and you've got some spare time on your hands. Dude, it may be #5 on our list but it's #1 on everybody's party school list. I mean, what are you going to college for in the first place?

Degrees in: Everything at all levels, plus surfing.

### **#6. College of Hard Knocks**

School slogan: *"Usus est mater non multum"*

This is where my mother claimed she went to school. She was especially likely to make this claim when my tuition bills arrived for the coming semester. She would then go on to point out that I was delivered by caesarean section and I've been a trial ever since, and why did I always have to ruin everything, etc., etc., etc.

Degrees: Third, Nth, It's raining out there put on your rubbers

### **#7. Disney College Program**

School slogan: *"In Mickus confidimus"*

The second corporate college to make our list. You enter hoping to master the art of Jungle Cruise captaincy, but that's only for the cool kids. For you there's learning to parade in a Goofy costume with an interior temperature of 104 degrees and 99% humidity, speed vomit cleanup on the Mad Tea Party ride ("The cups must spin!"), and arranging ad hoc psychiatric support for guests who get stuck on "it's a small world" for two hours.

### **#2 #18 Columbia**

School slogan: *"Duo sumus numero"*

Wait a minute! What?

### **Honorable (?) Mention: Trump University**

School slogan: *"In mendacium est veritas"*

Sadly now defunct after a \$25 million settlement for fraud (cheap at twice the price), but if you're gaga over MAGA, then this was the place for you.

Degrees in: nothing, unfortunately, but what would you expect for 3 days and \$1500, and, well, Donald Trump?

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

The Bile Duct coach showed up with 3 policy teams on her registration.

I didn't know her school did policy.

They don't.

She have any idea how those teams got on her registration?

Nope. And she's the only person with access to her account.

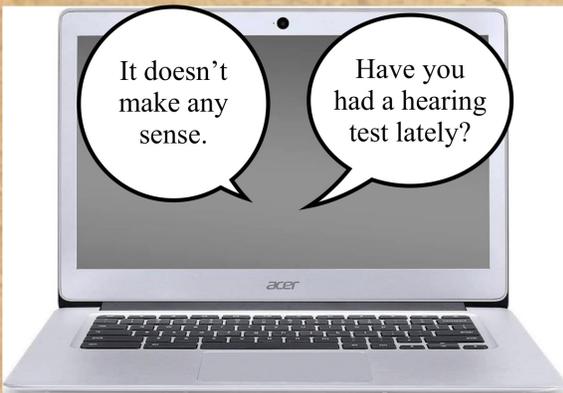
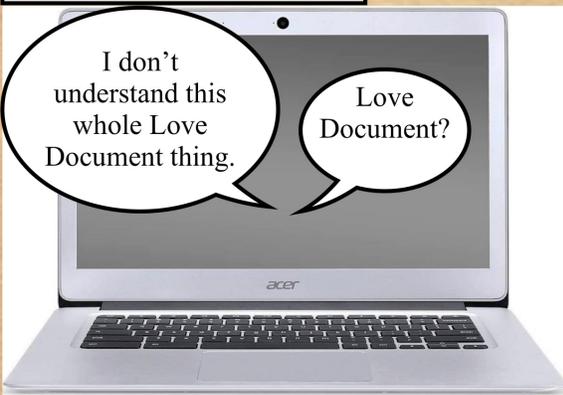
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We can now say that this year's debate season has officially begun.

#184 All right. It's a cheap joke. So sue me.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



#185 Wait till the January topic comes out.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN PF LAND...



#186 Speedo alert!!!

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

I love it when a tournament doesn't accept unofficial entries and a parent threatens to sue.

"You can't exclude us just because our school doesn't have a debate team!"

You got it. I wonder if they do the same thing at high school swim meets. Some kid without a team just shows up dog paddling in the middle of the pool.

With their parent yelling, "I'll sue! I'll sue!" if they don't let little Johnny swim.

Maybe we should just throw all our unofficial, unauthorized entries into the swimming pool.

You want to drown them?

Well... Maybe just the parents.

#187 How un-ironic.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

I just got a call from that judge who missed the last round.

She said she was "so sorry." She's anemic. She passed out.

Best excuse ever.

#188 It's true. Really. You can't make this stuff up.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

Some kids texted us that their judge had their camera off.

They've got to be able to see the judge.

Exactly. So I called the judge and she told me she was driving while she was judging and she had the camera off because she didn't want to be distracted.



#189 Who says age cannot wither it?

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...



#190 But was the cold pizza any good?

# 4N6 FUNNIES

*Meanwhile, in some random suburban household.*



What did you think about your judging last weekend?

I spent three hours each way crammed onto a school bus listening to thirty children singing all the songs from Evan Hansen. Repeatedly.



I got lost in the dark at night on the campus and got fined for missing a round. Twice.



And this morning I tested positive for Covid from hanging around on the hard chairs in the coffee-less judges' lounge surrounded by unmasked antivaxxers.



Uh... Any chance you'd be willing to judge again next weekend?

#191 It's either that or DeSantis.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN LD LAND

The new topic is "Resolved: Justice requires open borders for human migration."

That's, like, entirely wide open. You can run virtually anything.

I'm thinking of running Elon Musk.

Really?

Sure. I mean, if anyone had an answer to Elon Musk, we'd have heard it by now.

#192 PF resolutions are like cookie fortunes: they're all improved by adding the phrase "in bed."

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...

What's the January topic?

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should increase its diplomatic efforts to peacefully resolve internal armed conflicts in West Asia.

In other words, the US should go into countries that hate the US and solve all their problems for them?

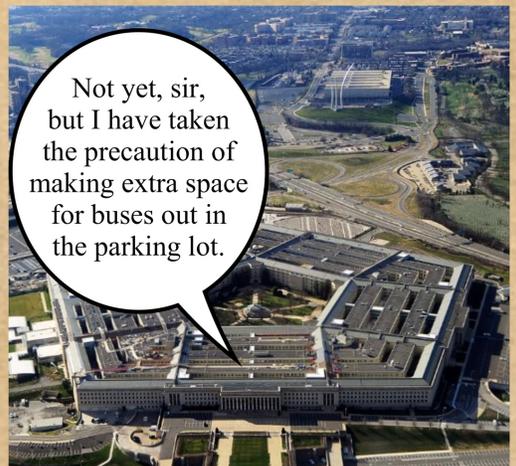
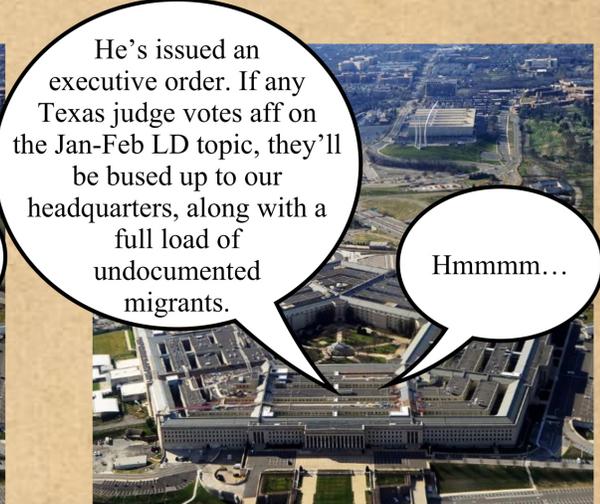
That about nails it.

Wake me when it's February.

#193 It's a 3-0 for the negative. Again.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



#194 If we could make this stuff up, we wouldn't be writing these dumb comix.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

The first PF ballots came in 8 minutes after start time. Both flights, same judge, clearly marked with winners and speaker points.

In-person events sometimes do move quickly.

Turned out the judge was home and totally clueless.

When she got the ballot notice she panicked, and did everything she could to make it go away.

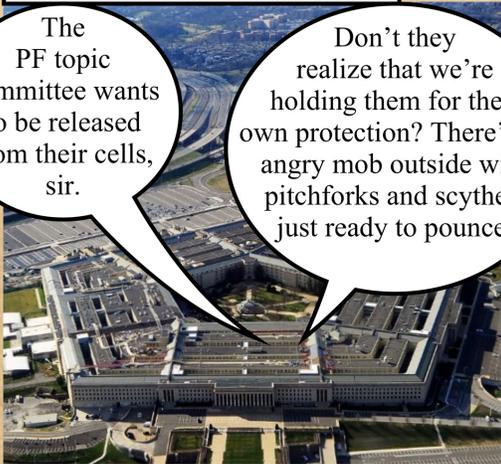
I think next week I'm going back to paper ballots.

I'll bring the index cards.

#195 Personally, I'd throw away the key.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



The PF topic committee wants to be released from their cells, sir.

Don't they realize that we're holding them for their own protection? There's an angry mob outside with pitchforks and scythes, just ready to pounce.



Should I tell the committee to wait until February?

February?



Uh... Just tell them we'll get back to them. Eventually.

#196 Tell us how you really feel.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

Last week this one LDer was running that all immigrants are thieves, barbarians, or terrorists. His evidence was from some Middle European neo-Nazi.

I assume he went 0-6?

Actually, he dropped in semis.

Welcome to 2023.



#197 I would like to thank everyone for their service...except you.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...

A judge from Bile Duct just told me he has to miss all the rounds today because he has a wedding.

He didn't think there might be a wedding-tournament conflict when he signed up to judge?

I guess not. I told him we needed all the judges to fulfill their entire obligations, and he cursed me out.

What did you do?

I've sworn off talking to judges.

#198 When I say I'm in love, you best believe I'm in love, L-U-V!

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

I've been spending too much time writing Live Docs.

You realize that no one ever reads them.

True. But if all the procedures are in there, no one can say we never told them anything.

If you really want people to read them, call them Love Docs and put in all sorts of raunchy sex scenes.

*"Lincoln-Douglas: Light of my life, fire of my loins..."*

#199 "Uh-uh, not guilty!"

# 4N6 FUNNIES

IN THE TABROOM...

When we asked people to hit the "Start" button, we got 50% compliance.



When we changed it to "Acknowledge Ballot" we got 75% compliance.



Now we get 100% compliance.



We changed it to the "Whack Elon Musk Upside the Head" button.



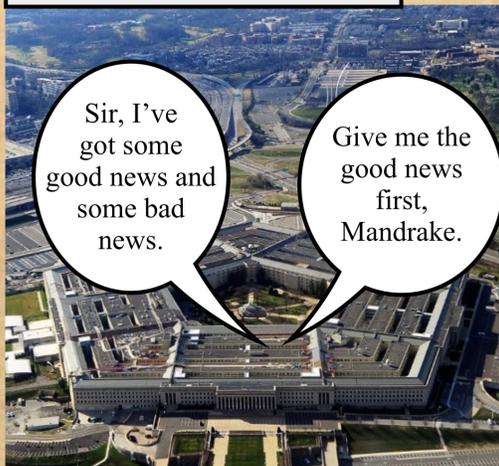
A tip of the FN6F hat to JN & her associates.

#200 Right church...

(Resolved: The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to be term-limited.)

# 4N6 FUNNIES

Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...

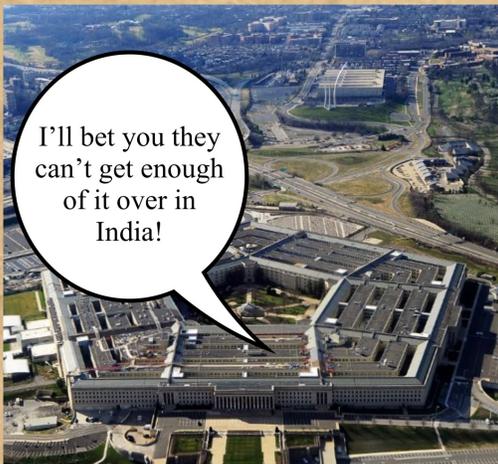
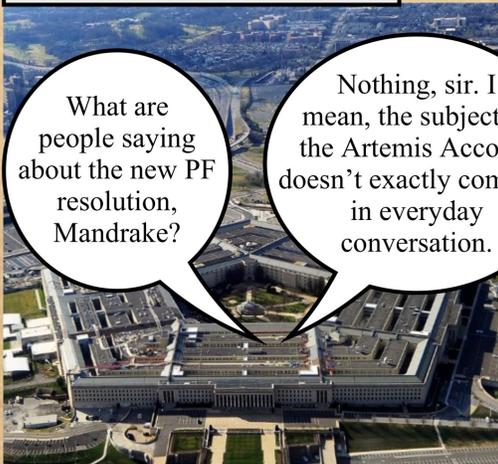


#201 Not to mention the Toyota Accords.

(Resolved: The Republic of India should sign the Artemis Accords.)

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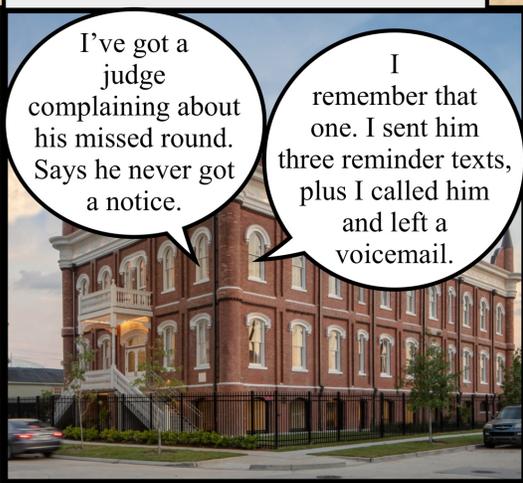
At NSDA HQ...



#202 The ballots were all presented on velvet pillows.

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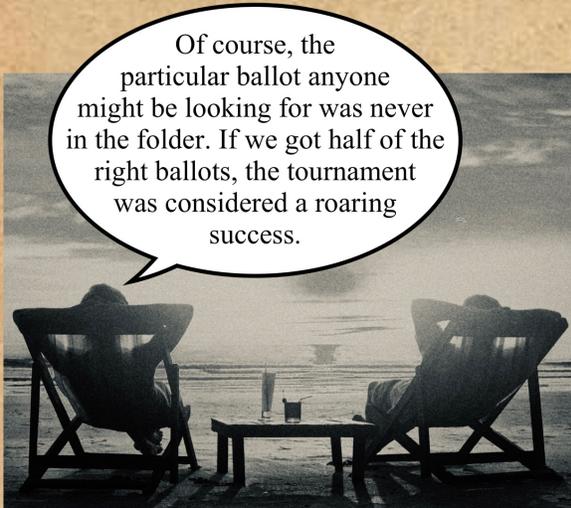
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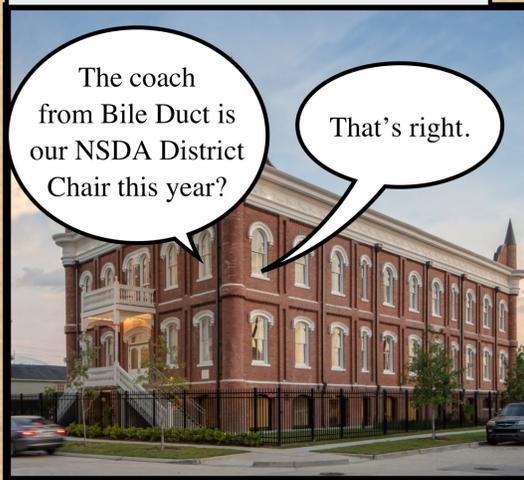
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#204 I didn't see YOU volunteering!

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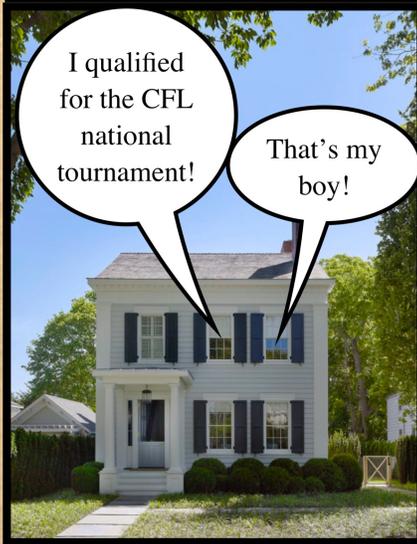
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



#205 And he doesn't look a bit like you.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

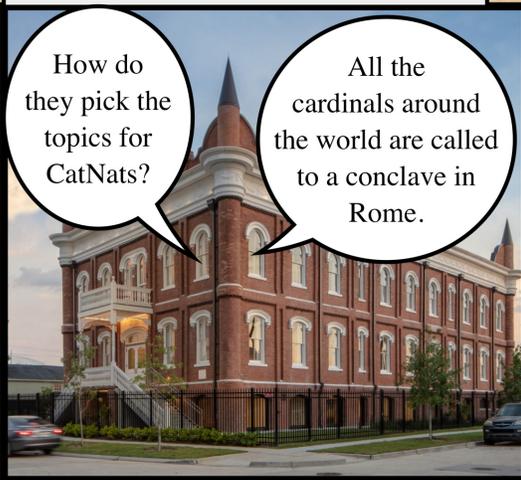
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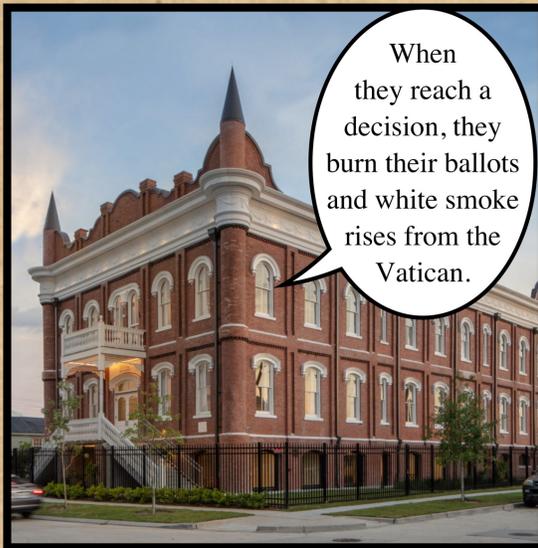
#206 The original name for the tournament was the Holy Moly.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TABROOM...



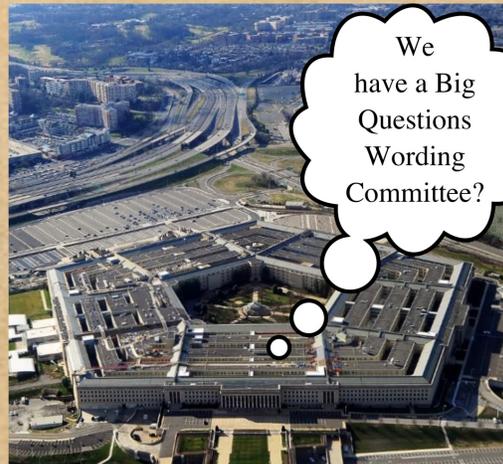
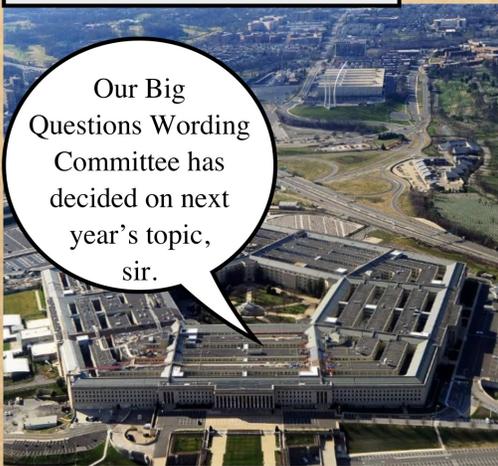
All the cardinals around the world are called to a conclave in Rome.



#207 Anyone know next year's BBQ resolution?

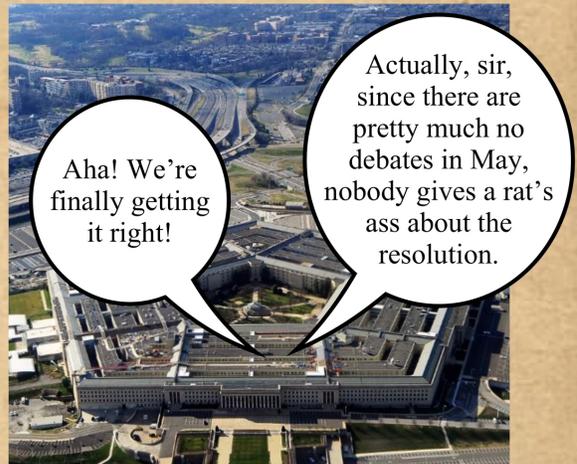
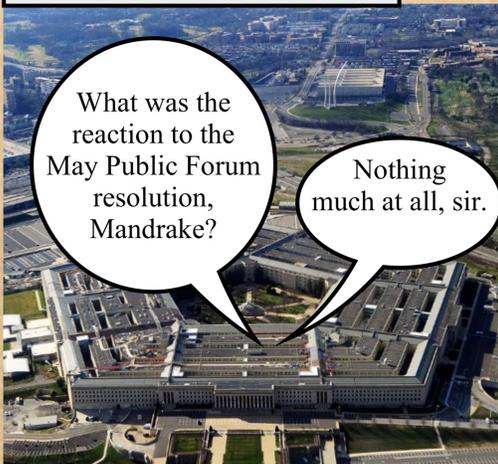
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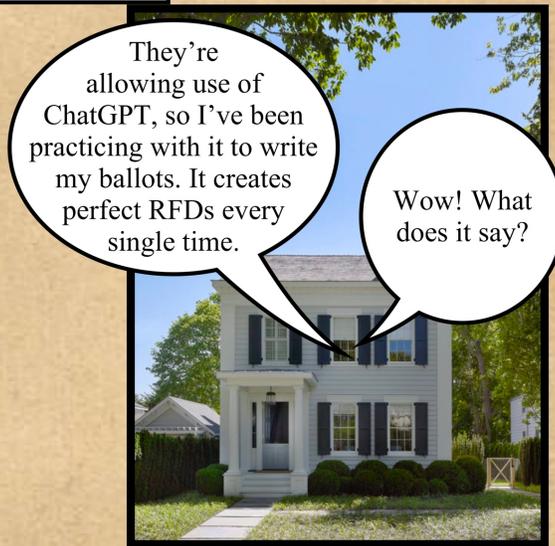
Meanwhile, back at NSDA HQ...



#209 The perfect tool for the job.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

*Meanwhile, in some random suburban household.*



Thanks and a tip of the 4F hat to Catholic Charlie.

#210 Forget it, Jake. It's TOC town.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN LEXINGTON



#211 O brave new world... Let your indulgence set me free.

# 4N6 FUNNIES

MEANWHILE, IN PF LAND...



And that's all he wrote.

As I said in the intro to part one, I hadn't necessarily run out of steam, but I did run out of momentum. Presented below, some random ideas and phrases that I jotted down here and there that never got used. Feel free to take them and write your own damned comix.

*"You have. Fucked. This. Tournament."*

*"You're right. We have no idea how to do prefs. Next time you tab and we'll sit in the judges' lounge all weekend eating jelly donuts."*

*"Give that sucker an 0-4 to judge." "It's only round 3." "Improvise."*

*"My bus is going to turn into a pumpkin."*

*"Should we call 911?"*

*"Anybody have any extra judges?"*

*"The first ballot is in before the last one went out."*

*My opponent is full of big fat lies.*

*Regarding paraphrasing: can you put that another way?*

*The number one cause of Catholics lapsing is, from the evidence I've been able to assemble, the annual issuing of the CatNats LD topic.*

*Email labeled "RE: Erroneous fine" (from irate coach)*

*CSI:TOC*

*My life is a faux bagel*

*No debate because of live bunnies*

*The fish tacos of superheroes.*