

FREEDOM FRIES

Musings on French & American culture



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Foreword

THE "POINT" OF THIS BOOK IS TO MAKE LIGHT OF FRENCH & AMERICAN CULTURE...
TWO COUNTRIES THAT ARE BOTH HIGHLY NATIONALISTIC.
I AM NOT A HISTORIAN, NOR DO I CLAIM TO BE AN EXPERT OR CONNEISSEUR OF EITHER
COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH I WAS BORN IN THE STATES AND LIVED IN FRANCE FOR 5 YEARS.

BUT I DO BELIEVE I HAVE SOME STREET CRED.

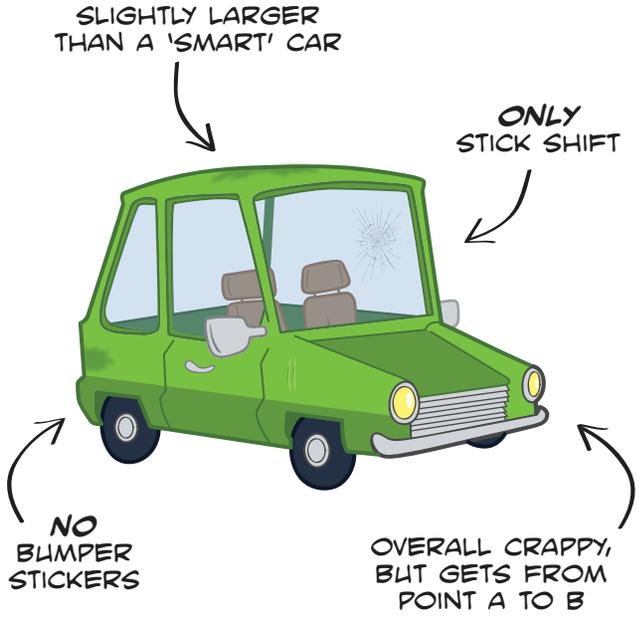
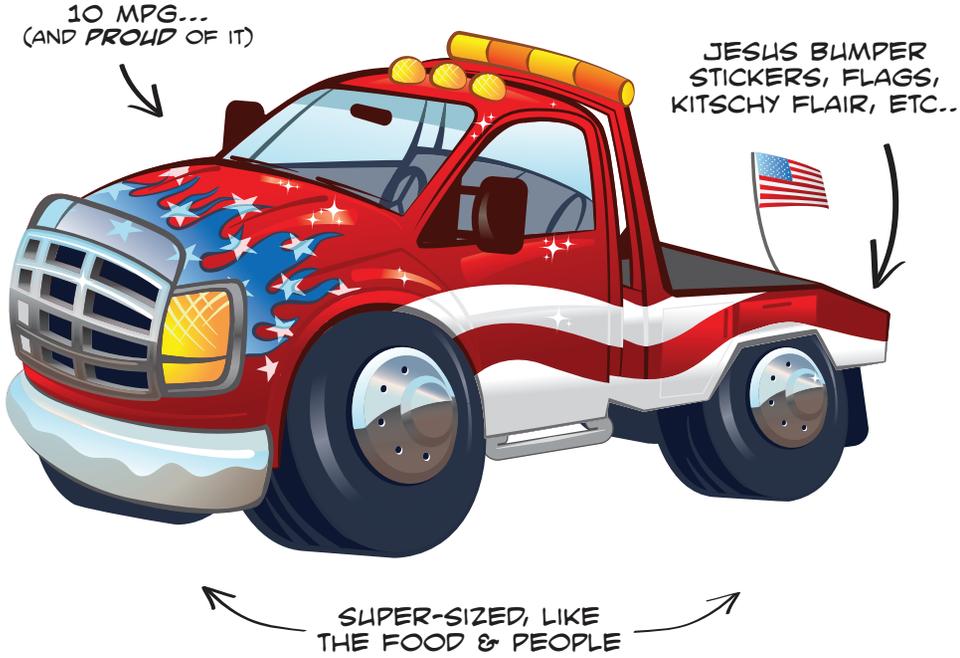
I AIM TO PRESENT SOME AGE-OLD CLICHÉS AND SOME EMERGING IDEAS.
THESE ARE MERELY MUSINGS AND YES, THEY ARE MEANT TO STIR UP CONTROVERSY.

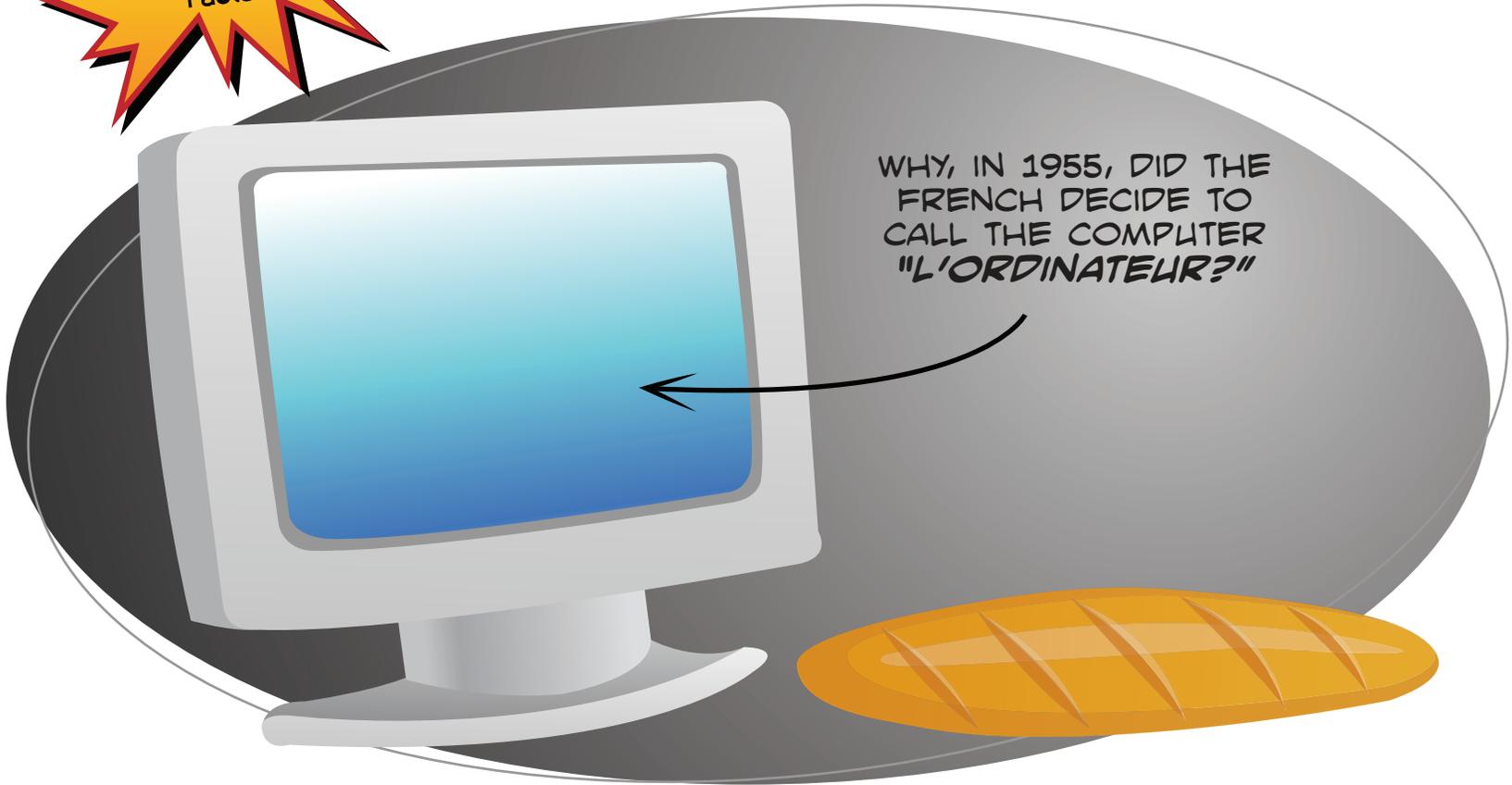
I HAVE A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH COUNTRIES.

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST MOVE TO NORWAY.

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Differences between typical American & French cars





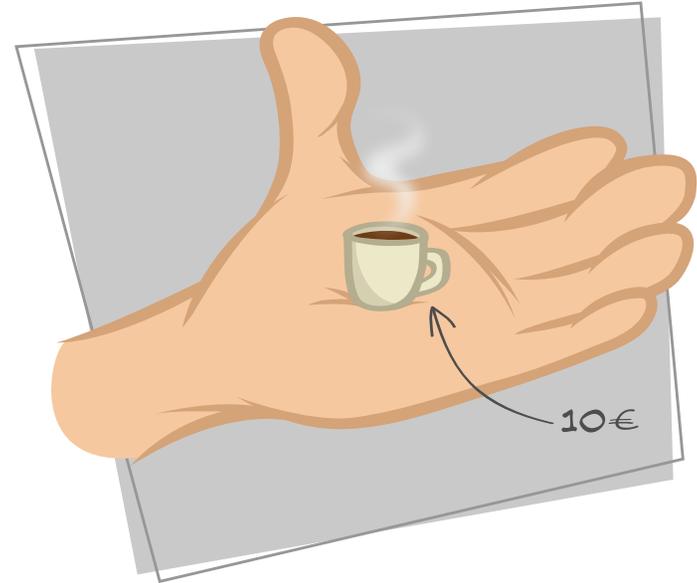
WHY, IN 1955, DID THE
FRENCH DECIDE TO
CALL THE COMPUTER
"L'ORDINATEUR?"

BECAUSE THE WORD "COMPUTER" SOUNDED TOO MUCH LIKE "CON" & "PUTAIN" -
MEANING "BITCH" & "WHORE"!

Size differences—drink portions



SMALL
(OR IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS, "TALL")



GREAT, IF YOU'RE STILL
PLAYING WITH DOLLS

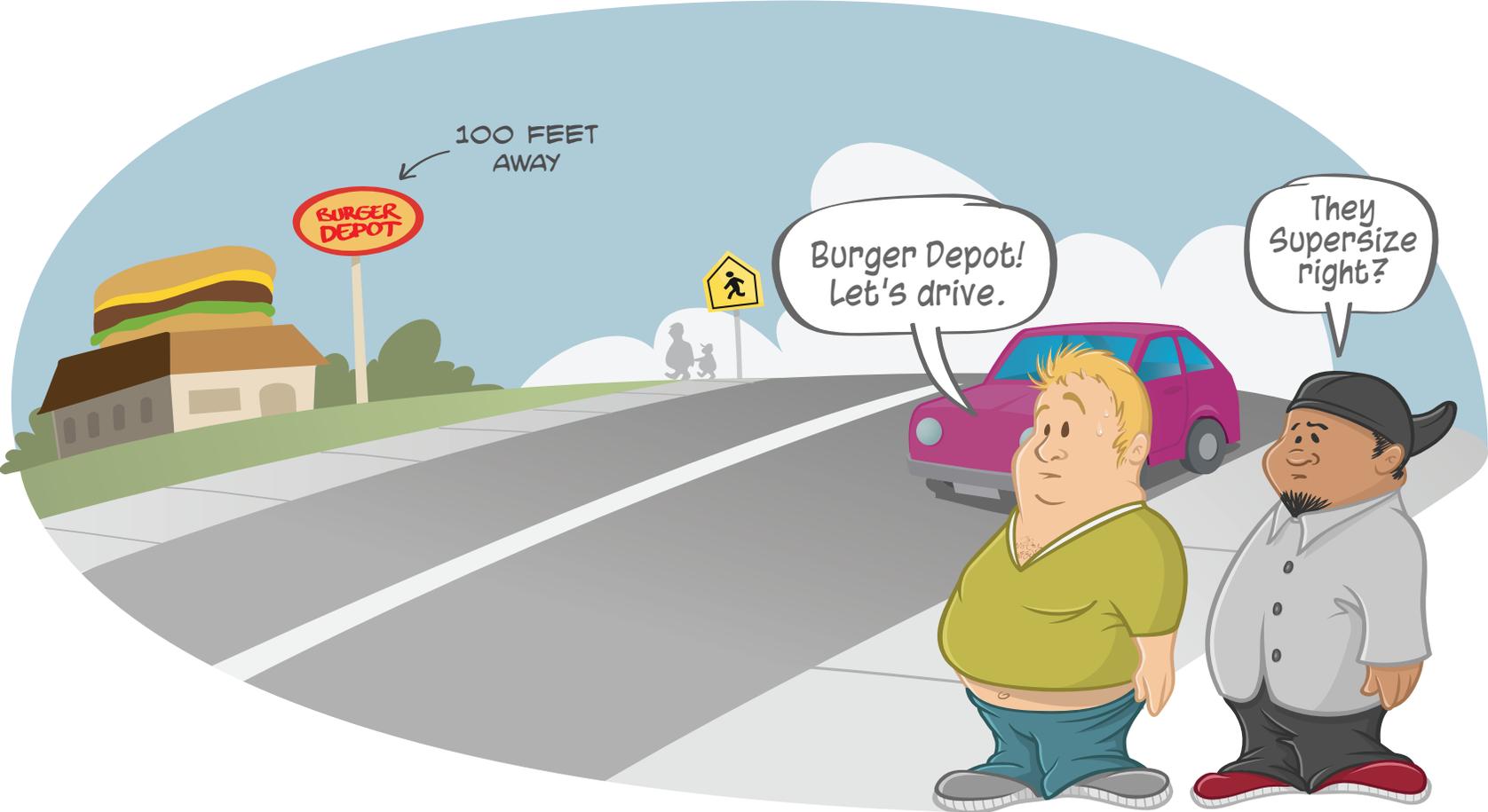
Pooper scoopers? N'est pas?

SOMEHOW, THE FRENCH ARE PERFECTLY FINE WITH THEIR STREETS BEING CRAPPED ON BY THEIR DOGS....



BUT SHIT IS SHIT, AFTER ALL. WHAT IF IT WERE **HUMAN** FECES?

Why Americans are so goddamn fat



Udder Nonsense



TRUE STORY.

YEARS AGO, WHILE WORKING FOR A CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL COMPANY AS AN ILLUSTRATOR, I WAS ONCE INSTRUCTED TO DIGITALLY REMOVE A COW'S *UDDER*... AS IT WOULD OFFEND SOME PARENTS AND CORRUPT YOUNG, IMPRESSIONABLE MINDS. (THEIR ACTUAL REASONING)

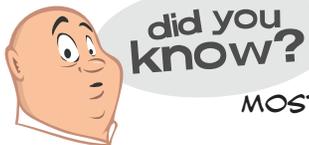
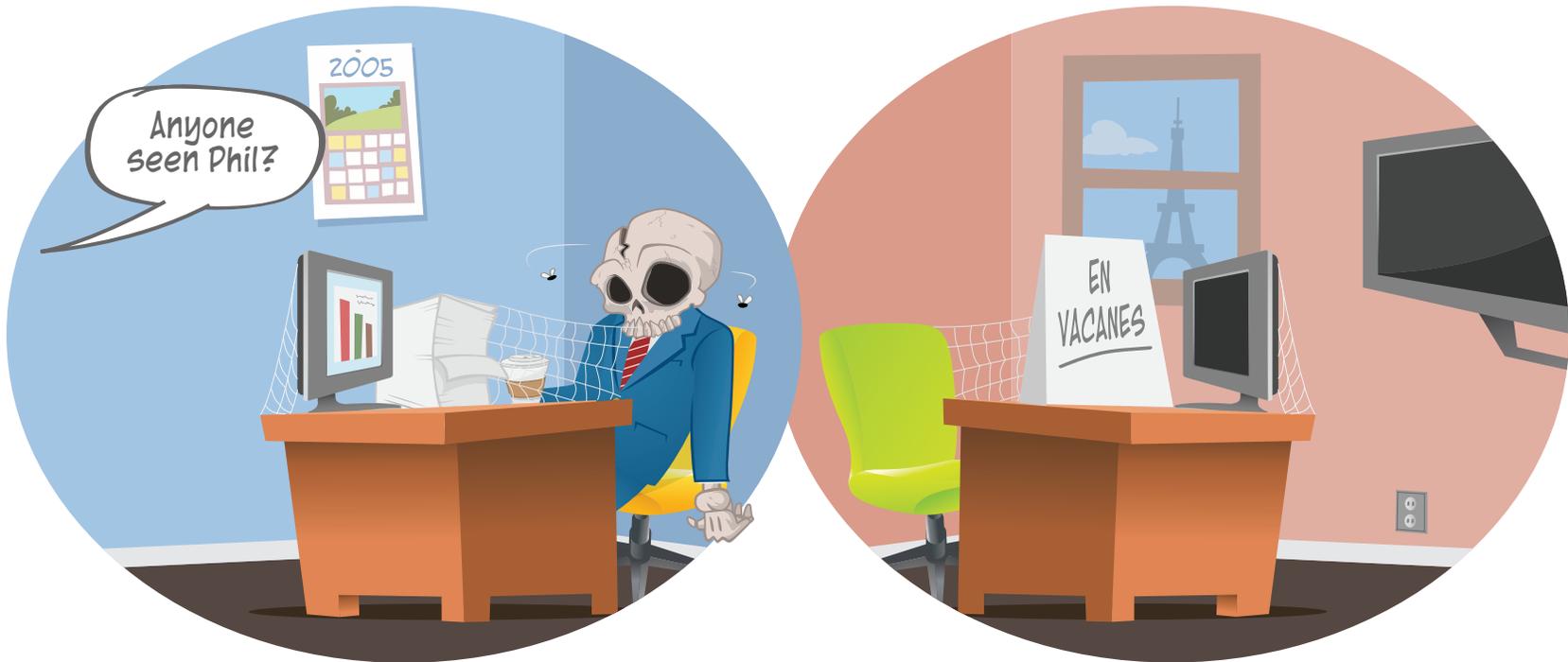
I UNDERSTAND AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION AND ALL....AND THAT JANET JACKSON'S "WARDROBE MALFUNCTION" DURING THE 2003 SUPER BOWL HALFTIME SHOW (IN WHICH HER NIPPLE WAS EXPOSED FOR A SPLIT SECOND) CAUSED A NATIONAL UPROAR...

BUT BEING CONCERNED OVER A COW'S UDDER?

LA VACHE!

Working Hard...or Hardly Working?

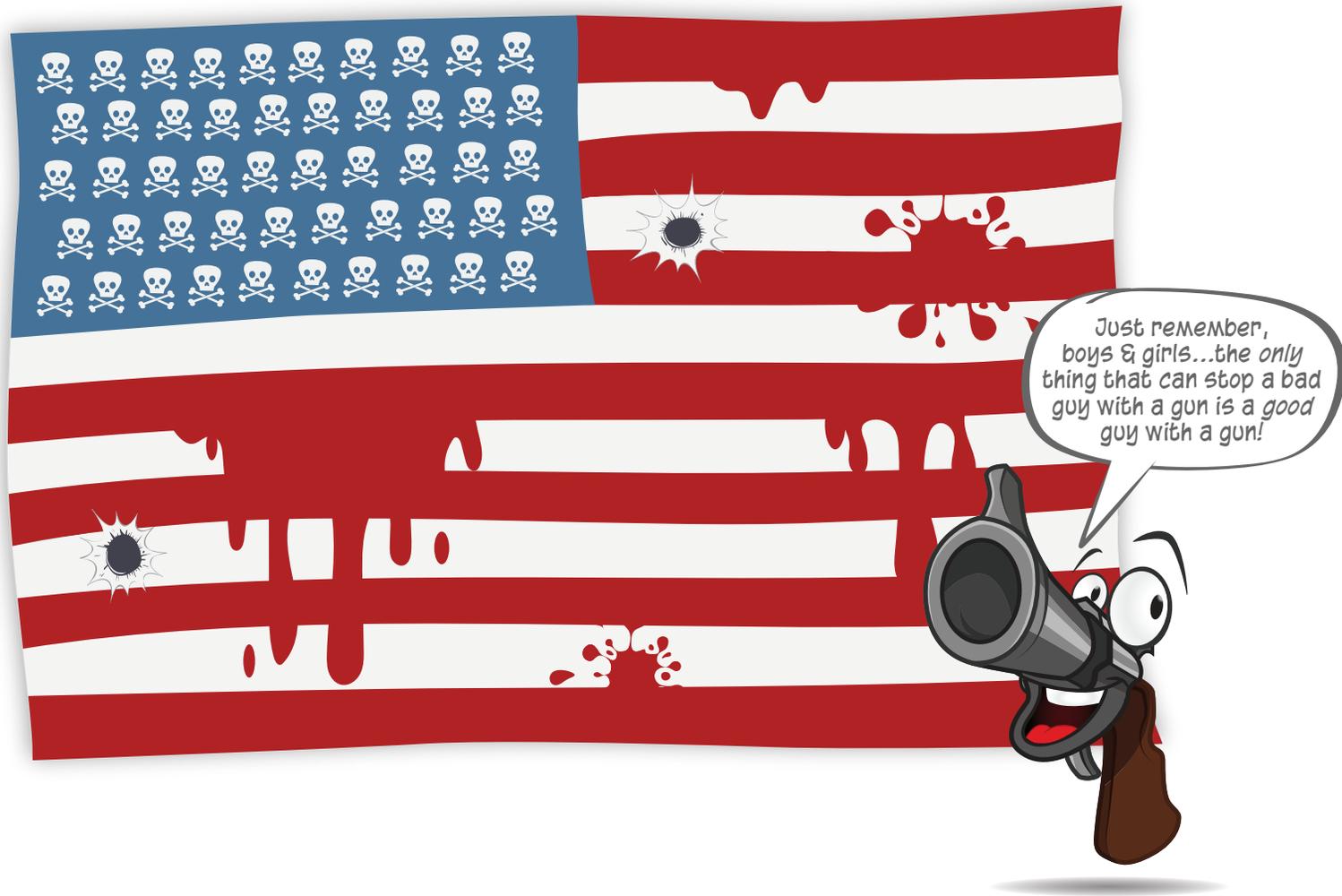
VACATION TIMES VARY GREATLY IN THE STATES AND IN FRANCE.



MOST AMERICANS DO NOT USE UP ALL THEIR VACATION TIME (ALL 2 WEEKS OF IT!).

These colors don't run

WELL, ACTUALLY THEY DO.

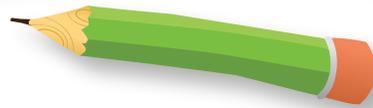


American and French movies

BASIC SYNOPSIS.

- Superhero shit
- Explosions
- Happy ending

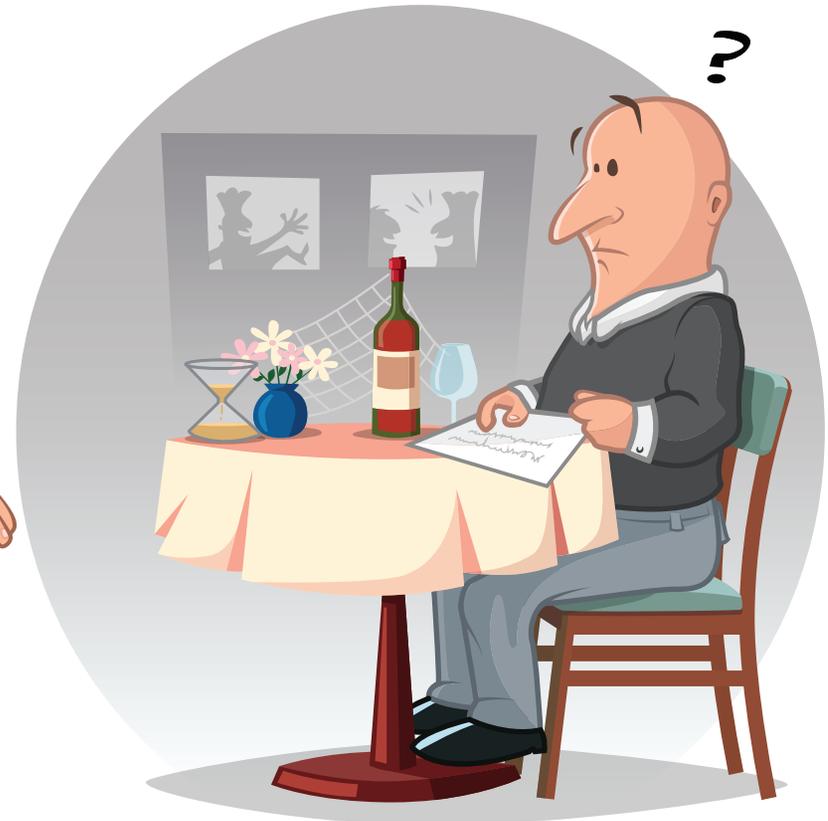
- Parisian couple in the midst of a painful divorce dealing with the suicide of their son & daughter on drugs



Restaurant service



CHECKING IN EVERY 10 MINUTES



CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT



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