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*"The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes
but in having new eyes. ~ Marcel Proust*

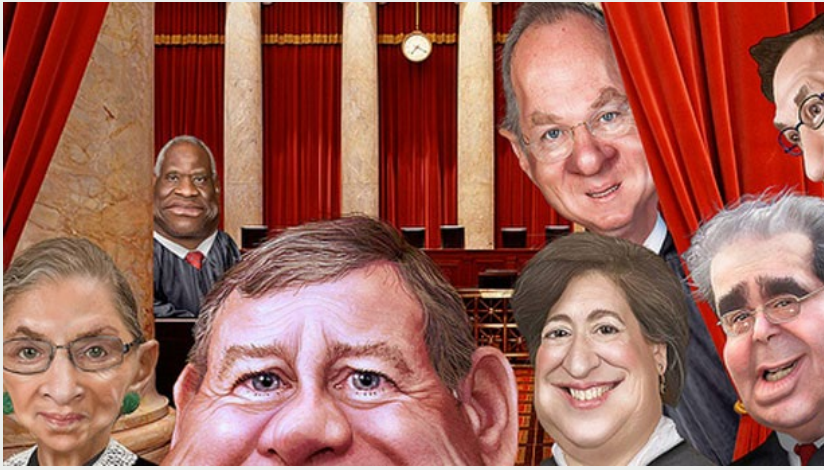


I bought my first pair of contact lenses when I was cast as juvenile delinquent **Julie Kurtz**, in the long-running live soap opera, '**The Edge of Night**,' in 1962.

On May 11, I had my final cataract operation and the next day I presented my doctor, **Batool Jafri**, with a bag full of extra lenses, cases, cleaning solutions, wetting solutions, soaking solutions and eye-don't-know-what-all.

I then stepped out into a more colorful future as I confronted **The End of Night** and the start of a brighter day. Hurray!

*"The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism
by those who have not got it." ~ G. B. Shaw*



THE SUPREMES
 Ginsburg, Thomas, Roberts, Kagan, Kennedy,
 Scalia and Alito. (Uptown Magazine)
 Not pictured: Breyer and Sotomayor.

SO CAN HE, APPARENTLY

I don't understand why people - and even **Supreme Court** justices - keep harping on the sanctity of the 'definition' of marriage. Hasn't the definition of parenthood changed in the last few hundred years with legal adoption, in vitro fertilization and surrogate mothers? Hasn't the definition of relatives changed with step-siblings, half-siblings and multiple marriages? Didn't the definition of marriage itself change once the Catholic Church relaxed its rules on divorce, annulment and remarrying?

Since when did a common law definition become more important than the written laws and inalienable rights of the U.S. Constitution? I'm more interested in the universal definition of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness than the dictionary definition of marriage.

Frankly, in a culture where we freely talk about companies getting married, people being married to their jobs, marriages of convenience, and even TV chefs boasting about "a marriage of flavors," the term marriage will continue to be used and abused no matter which way you rule. So please tell me when it became the Supreme Court's job to protect definitions. Their job is to interpret broad laws and rights, not narrow linguistic terms of art...

So wrote **Kevin Kelton** to the *L.A. Times*.

"When you hit a wrong note, it's the next note that makes it good or bad." ~ **Miles Davis**

CHECK IT OUT

Jeff Waters walked into a **Bank of America** in Jacksonville with a check for \$368,000,000,000 dollars made out to 'Cash' from U.S. Bank of Idaho, issued in the 1990s. When tellers became suspicious, Waters explained

that a homeless man named **Tito Watts** had sold him the blank check for \$100 several months ago assuring him that it would clear for any amount he wanted. So why \$368 billion?

"It's always been my dream to own the best Italian restaurant in the earth. I'm ten percent Italian. Cooking authentic Italian food is in my blood," Waters explained.

"I had planned to make the restaurant 80 million sq. feet and be able to accommodate 30 million eaters at once, plus it was gonna be totally underwater so people could look at sharks while they ate..."

"Tito said the check was good for any amount I wanted to write it for. So blame Tito, not me. I'm as innocent as a schoolgirl."

In addition to forgery, Mr. Waters was charged with unlawfully possessing Chinese throwing stars and bath salts and released after posting \$23,000 bail. Hmmm. Think he wrote a check for that?

"There are two kinds of people in the world; those who divide the world into two kinds of people and those who don't!
 ~ *Huffington Post* columnist **Robert Benchley**

THROUGHOUT THE 'PLANET,' CLICKING **DARK RED TYPE** OPENS A RELATED INTERNET LINK.

CHECK ME OUT

Welcome to the **Hotel Caliphornia**, also dubbed "The Sharlton" on social media. Isis has purportedly opened its own luxury hotel in Iraq's second city Mosul for members of the extremist group to stay in while visiting.

The hotel is believed to be the 5-star **Ninawa International**, which received a number of positive reviews on **TripAdvisor** before being overtaken by militants in June and stripped of its branding, as well as "idolatrous" carvings on the hotel's exterior. It has 262 rooms, two restaurants, two ballrooms and a gymnasium, among other facilities. Pictures circulated by ISIS-affiliated social media accounts show members tending to a well-maintained garden, polishing floors and cleaning windows, expansive

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swimming pools and two black ISIS flags flying at the front of the multi-story building.

A Grand Opening was held on May Day with free rooms for Muslims, with colorful balloons waving next to the ISIS's black terror flags, pools open to all during the day and a fireworks display that night. But the fact is the locations will only be open to ISIL commanders and wedding parties.

*Politics is like driving. To go backward put it in R.
To go forward put it in D. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

MARRIED BLITZ

A couple moves into to a new home. After a few days, as the husband returns home from work, his wife says to him, "Honey, one of the pipes in the bathroom is leaking, could you fix it?"

"What do I look like, a plumber?" asks the husband, and goes to sleep. A few days later, the wife once again turns to her husband and says, "Honey, my car doesn't start, I think it may need a new battery, could you change it for me?"

"What do I look like, a mechanic?" asks the husband with a frown. A week goes by, and the wife once again turns to her husband and says, "Dear, the roof is leaking, could you do something about it?"

"What do I look like, a roofer?" asks the husband. "Take care of these things yourself!" He then leaves home for a week on a business trip. "When I come back," he says to his wife, "I'd like all these things taken care of."

He comes back a week later and is astonished to discover the roof is fixed, the car is running and the pipes are brand new. "Great! How much is that going to cost me?" he snarls at his wife. "Nothing at all," said the wife. "The neighbor popped in and turns out he's a handyman, he said he'd fix the whole thing if I just bake him a cake, or sleep with him."

"Wow," said the husband. "What kind of cake did you make him?" And his wife says, "What do I look like – a baker?"

"Our image of evil space aliens surely derives from a fear that they will treat us just as we treat one another." ~ Neil deGrasse Tyson



THE SUPREME LEADER

In unaccommodation and inhospitality!

ADDITORS

Keith Hebble,
Kenneth

Wilhite, Jr., Victor Kopcewich, Nick Oliva, Jamie Alcroft, Leslie Staples, Tom Hensley, Jim Meskimen, Kerry R. White. And congratulations to my bonnie sister-in-law, **Bonnie Peterson**, who just received Employee of the Year from the **California Restaurant Association!** You can toast her by ordering a drink at **Carl Strauss'** in San Diego.

*"The laugh that satire produces is more often a foil aimed at the heart of human folly."
~ L. Ron Hubbard, 'Science Fiction and Satire'*

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"I believe in an aristocracy of the sensitive, the considerate and the plucky... They represent the true human tradition, the one permanent victory over cruelty and chaos." ~ E.M.Forster'

"Children enjoy the present because they have neither a past nor a future." ~ Philosopher Jean de La Bruyere

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