

Re: French politics

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Homer J Simpson wrote:

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They could be a lot more productive if they would stop considering engineers over 45 geezers, and then lament about an engineer shortage that in reality doesn't exist. My layouter is certainly marching onto 60 by now yet he just finished a stellar job. That was after midnight yesterday. He cranked 20 hours on Saturday and finished about a week ahead of schedule. I wouldn't be surprised if this guy would still pull that off when he's 80. Oh, and the (very active) CEO of one of my clients had celebrated his 80th many moons ago.

The long retired mother of a friend got a temp job to help an office catch up on their back log of typing and other office work. My friend was approached by the boss and asked if he could get his mother to slow down as she had done all of the work asked of her – and all of the work of the much younger women as well. He declined to try!

Happens in all kinds of jobs. We just took delivery of five cords of wood. Last year the younger driver made it half way up our driveway which we thought was already really good with that huge truck. But it still meant 10 hours of schlepping it up with a wheel barrow. Today el jefe came, an older guy. Vrooom, went almost all the way up, jumped out and asked us where we wanted it dumped. "Oh, that's fine, you can't really get any farther." "Sure I can, look, there's still a few inches for maneuvering." Backed up a lot more and dumped it at the perfect spot so we already had 80% of it stacked by lunchtime. I asked him how long he drives such trucks. "Since I was a boy."

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Regards, Joerg

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