

Re: Smileys as extensions to the alphabet?

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"Greg Lee" <greg@ling.lll.hawaii.edu> wrote ...

> Douglas G. Kilday <fufluns@chorus.net> wrote:
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> > [...]
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> > Sexist role assignments are quite common in modern iconography. The
"farm
> > crossing" sign portrays a _male_ farmer on a tractor. The "deer
crossing"
> > sign portrays an antlered buck, hence it is both sexist and ageist,
since
> > the majority of the population consists of antlerless deer. The "duck
> > crossing" sign portrays a _mother_ leading her brood, perpetuating the
> > stereotype of the deadbeat drake. And of course restroom signs portray
only
> > the two most popular gender roles. There are no signs for "women
trapped in
> > men's bodies" or vice versa, although this would be easy to represent
> > iconically.
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> > Sexism cannot be eliminated or avoided.
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> Cannot even be avoided? Here, you go too far. We need better road signs
> to bring does and drakes back into the picture. We need additional
restroom
> types, appropriately iconized. It can be done!

It _could_ be done, given unlimited wealth, but the Nineties are behind us,
and it's all downhill from here.

> > A good example is the distinction
> > between "meritorious" and "meretricious", which is due to a
> > masculine/feminine morphological distinction. At some point, liberals
must
> > recognize the bankruptcy of the PC enterprise, and realize that there
are

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> > *more important matters.*

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> *Such as preserving that wonderful word "meretricious" despite its offensive*

> *etymology? This is so silly that one might almost suspect you of being an etymologist.*

Yes, one might almost suspect ...

Seriously, liberals should be working to get more consonant clusters into NASCAR. If Paul Tsongas had won the nomination in 1992, he would have had a tough time in the general election, with red-staters horrified by a name with initial /ts/ on the ballot. The solution is to get more non-Anglophonoid-surnamed drivers into NASCAR, so that red-staters can get used to them.