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*what really grinds my gears*

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weve all seen them they are the shoes with wheels in their heels the shoes that add pep to your step and the shoes that upon creation sent the inventor to eternal damnation

on the weekend i was working at my second favourite grocery store food basics and i noticed that a lot of people had started wearing their remembrance day poppies as a sign of respect for our veterans of war there was also a table set up and a kindly older gentleman could be found selling poppies i use the term selling loosely because they are technically free but unless you are a soulless prick you will surely feel obliged to leave a small donation

the other day while flipping through the channels i saw a show called the oc after a few minutes of watching i realized that it was not what i had hoped for at all they did not ride public transportation so much as once

working in the grocery industry i often find myself in the presence of bratty little kids who have nothing better to do on a sunday afternoon than accompany their parent or legal guardian to food basics huzzah so to make the trip more fun these goddamned kids wheel around the whole store with no regard for employees or other customers id be willing to wager that these kids would start regarding the rules of the road if i were to slam a shopping cart into their midsection as they wheel around the store at top speed the only wheeling they'll be doing for the next four months is in their wheelchair

anyway a lot of people were buying these aforementioned poppies but a lot of people already had them pinned onto their tunics wait nobody wears tunics these days i don't even know what the hell a tunic is some people actually buy a poppy one year and then keep it for years and wear the same one year in year out most of these people think they are being sly and beating the system i mean whos going to know if a poppy is freshly bought or a couple years old nobody is going to be able to tell thats who unless of course you are stupid enough to wear one of the really old poppies with the green centers as opposed to the black middles like this guy did at food basics on the weekend they introduced the black poppies a good five years ago and with the birth of the black poppy came the death of the green poppy

speaking of public transportation i was riding the oc last week when i was faced with quite a dilemma much to my embarrassment I was riding on the ninety five, along with a bunch of shady characters who were likely homeless and/or illiterate anyway i was seated in the sideways facing seats and the bus was just packed to the brim so i thanked jesus for providing me with any seat at all

however at the next stop, several old people or geezers as they prefer to be called got on and a few noble people gave up their seats near the front so the geezers could rest their weary feet it got to the point where there were only two young people including myself and a bunch of geezers sitting at the front so why would you wear one of those green centred poppies this guy not only looked unstylish with his green poppy but he also looked incredibly cheap just spring for one of the black centred poppies for christs sake wearing a black poppy is a sign of respect wearing a green poppy is like slapping a veteran in the face ill bet that that guy who urinated on the national war memorial on canada day wears a green centred poppy that guy and all other people who wear green centred poppies really grind my gears and i can think of plenty of other places i wouldve liked to pin that green poppy as opposed to his tunic much to my dismay a geezer got on at the next stop what was i to do i was almost ready to get up and give up my seat when i thought wait maybe shes not that old in fact on closer inspection i concluded that she would be fine standing the rest of the trip while i sat down how did i conclude this well it looked to me like she had just aged badly not taken good care of her skin and as a result she looked like a hideous old bag when she was actually not that old at all but for the whole rest of the ride i couldnt help but think how old does someone have to be for you to give up your seat on the bus for him or her sixty seventy onehundred just some food for thought

the heely on its own while fairly ugly is nothing to be afraid of however strap a pair of heelys onto a hyperactive eight year old and lock yourself in a grocery store or shopping mall for a few hours i assure you that youll be running for the hills if youre still on your feet personally i am just dreading the day when the makers of heelys and crocs team up that will be one sad day for feet everywhere

who could have envisioned that a revolutionary invention such as the wheel could one day be put to such an ill-advised purpose: