



*One reason why Benjamin Franklin was not invited to write the Declaration of Independence, was the fear that he might conceal joke in it." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

#### WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

Recently I, like you, have been receiving some purportedly satirical political jokes, which I personally found mean-spirited and demeaning to the liberal cause. In ensuing communications, I've been accused of having no sense of humor like all "hate-filled, angry liberals." Frustrated, is more like it.

I admit that in the material I choose for each orbit I am biased toward pieces that expose what I consider to be the failings of the present administration, which some of my Conservative subscribers call "Bush bashing."

However, to be fair, whenever I include a pro-republican piece in an attempt to be "balanced," some of my liberal subscribers bash ME for it. But you know, if the emperor has no clothes, he's naked, whether he dresses to the left or the right or looks like a pussy.

Regarding my choices, I affirm that the increasing polarization of our political environment is dangerous to civil discourse which is the foundation of our Democracy, and that much of what passes for "political humor" from the right these days is just another stratagem to smear the opposition.

Hey, if you're offended by my take on things, simply UNSUBSCRIBE. For everyone who does, I get a batch of new Planeteers to take their place. They probably sign up for the jokes, anyway. And, finally - this is funny: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Mc3GQmGGms>

*"As long as there is government, there will be differences of opinion." ~ John Adams*

#### DON'T CROSS ME!

- ❖ **Barack Obama:** The chicken crossed the road because it was time for a *change!* The chicken wanted *change!*
- ❖ **John McCain:** My friends, that chicken crossed the road because he recognized the need to engage in cooperation and dialogue with all the chickens on the other side of the road.
- ❖ **Hillary Clinton:** When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure -- right from Day One! -- That every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road. But then, this really isn't about me.
- ❖ **Bill Clinton:** I did not cross the road with THAT chicken! What is your definition of chicken?
- ❖ **Al Gore:** I invented the chicken!
- ❖ **George W. Bush:** We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road or not. The chicken is

either against us or for us. There is no middle ground here.  
❖ **Dick Cheney:** Where's my gun?

*"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit  
own and listen." ~ Sir Winston Churchill*

### LET'S GET STARTED

More humble beginnings from the amazing, ever amusing Eddie Deezen:  
Actors were not all waiters while waiting for the next job... Clint Eastwood fought  
fires, Sean Connery delivered milk, Robert Downey, Jr. sold shoes, Sylvester Stallone  
demonstrated pizzas and Martin Sheen jerked sodas.

Kevin Spacey was once a stand-up comic, Jayne Mansfield was a concert pianist  
and violinist, Al Pacino, a theater usher, Bill Cosby, a bartender and Lee Marvin, a  
plumber Cary Grant was a lifeguard -- and WC Fields was paid to pretend to drown to  
attract crowds for an early cinema.

President Harry s. Truman began as a partner in a bank while Richard Nixon  
performed in amateur theater (!) and Margaret Thatcher was a research chemist. Mark  
Twain? His first work was as a gold miner and the philosopher Plato was an amateur  
wrestler. Don't give up!

*"From my earliest childhood I wanted to be a genius, but my parents were against it..." ~  
"The Suicide" by Soviet playwright Nikolai Erdman*

### THE HILLBILLY'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

Posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, TN.

JES' ONE GOD  
PUT NOTHIN' BEFORE GOD  
WATCH YER MOUTH  
GIT YOURSELF TO SUNDAY MEETIN'  
HONOR YER MA & PA  
NO KILLIN'  
NO FOOLIN' AROUND WITH ANOTHER FELLOW'S GAL  
DONT TAKE WHAT AIN'T YERS  
NO TELLIN' TALES OR GOSSIPIN'  
DONT BE HANKERIN' FOR YER BUDDY'S STUFF

*"You're basically killing one another to see who has the better imaginary friend." ~ Richard Jeni*

### UNFAIR AND UNBALANCED

In keeping with the theme of this orbit, here is a collection of bumper stickers that  
will upset some of you... and make others laugh... Or cry!

"Of Course It Hurts: You're Getting Screwed by an Elephant - The Republican  
Party: Our Bridge to the 11th Century - Bush: God's Way of Proving Intelligent Design is  
Full of Crap! - One Nation Under Clod - What Part of "Bush Lied" Don't You  
Understand? - Pray For Impeachment - At Least Nixon Resigned - Is It Vietnam Yet? -  
We're Making Enemies Faster Than We Can Kill Them! - When Bush Took Office, Gas  
Was \$1.46."

*"The public will believe anything, so long as it is not founded on truth." ~ Edith Stillwell*

### STEP ONTO THE MOVING YELLOW LINE

According to an article by Kery Murakami, in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in that city and 80 others in eight other states, rubber sidewalks made from recycled tires are being introduced to prove that they'll stretch to accommodate tree roots, are easier on the feet and won't have to be replaced as often, saving on costs.

The other day, Eric Sweet did a test walk of the roughly 60-foot stretch of bluish-gray rubber panels installed by municipal transportation department crews. "They do feel different," he observed. "It's kind of cool."

Santa Monica was the first city to install the walkways in 1998 at about 50 sites. They've tested them with rollerbladers, skateboarders, and women in high heels and found they offer more traction than concrete in both wet and dry conditions.

So, another Firesign Theatre prediction of sorts comes true, from "I Think We're All Bozos on this Bus." Shoes For Industry, compadres! Can the Funway be far behind?

Also, in the *Reviews of Reviews* section of *The Week* magazine, the Mexican film "Under the Same Moon" is described as being about "people who live in two places and nowhere at all." Sound familiar?

*"Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant? I'm halfway through my fish burger and I realize, oh my God, I could be eating a slow learner."~ Lynda Montgomery*

### FAIRLY UNBALANCED

Most of you have probably seen this little gem in its original form and attributed to various countries, including Ireland (!) I have edited it, as is my wont, and excised certain words (like "bitch" and "true") and guess what? I think it's just as funny as the politicized version... You be the judge.

"From Europe - an incisive analysis of the US 2008 nomination process: We cannot figure out why you are even bothering to hold an election. On one side, you have a woman who is a lawyer, married to a lawyer. She opposes a lawyer who is married to a woman who is a lawyer. One of them will probably be pitted against a war hero married to a woman with a huge chest who owns a beer distributorship. Is there a contest here?"

*"A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: 'Duh.'"~ Conan O'Brien*

### PROBLEM SOLVED!

"Rowdy" writes at the website below that he has discovered a procedure to greatly decrease our carbon footprint. "In fact," he writes, "I think this could be such a revolutionary idea that it may very well turn the tide in the worlds battle against green house gases.

"Has it ever occurred to you what comprises each and every bubble in a beer? It's a bubble of carbon dioxide. Think of the number of beers that are drunk each day worldwide. It's huge. Now think, as your beer is sitting there on the table while you chat, eat or smoke, how many bubbles of carbon dioxide are bursting into the environment. Look around the room, across the street to the next bar, the city, the country, the world. Carbon dioxide bubbles are exploding into the atmosphere around the world at a staggering rate. This concept doesn't even take into account all the other carbonated drinks being consumed all over the world.

"Here's what you and I can do to help. Drink your beer faster. It's that simple... Man, if everyone could do this we would bring down carbon dioxides levels significantly.

We're in this together... 'Drink responsibly' never meant so much!

<http://www.fighterpilotuniversity.com/index.cfm/2008/4/28/Carbon-Footprint-A-Solution>

*"You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'" ~ Dave Barry*

#### CYBER ELFS

Robert Lloyd, Patty Paul, JW Reynolds, Myke Schanzer, *Funny Times* Curmudgeon Jon Winokur, Nick Oliva, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., and Lily Rains for dragging us blinking and streaming into the 21st Century by introducing us to DirecTV, which is being installed upstairs even as I type...

*"Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities." ~Voltaire*

#### JES' TESTING

TEST: <http://games.toast.net/independence/>

TEST: <http://www.cramersweeney.com/smartmarketing.html>

TEST: <http://crass.on.ru/flash/aaa-1.html>

TEST: <http://video.yahoo.com/watch/536214>

TEST: <http://tcc.itc.it/people/rocchi/fun/europe.html>

TEST: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gidumziw4JE>

TEST: <http://lucianne.com/threads2.asp?artnum=398371>

*"Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography." ~ Paul Rodriguez*

#### DEAR FRIENDS...

If there are any of you left! I'm sending this "mayday" edition out early because I have a busy and decidedly strange week ahead of me. I'm playing Dr. Proctor, Proctologist, Tuesday, in a rap video called "Butt Bird, Bye-Bye" for batty Greg Benson's Mediocre Films. (Google at your own risk). Wednesday is my annual physical followed the next day by my own colonoscopy and then a trip up north to Whidbey Island where the entire Firesign Theatre is gathering this Saturday to honor the late Devin Ossman at a special memorial.

When I return, I hope to catch the silly Spolin Players' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show at the Theatre Palisades, 941 Temescal Canyon Road, Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 – if I'm not rehearsing for "American Tales" at Antaeus!

SPOILIN' FER SPOLIN: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/>

*"Those who believe in telekinesis, raise my hand." ~ Kurt Vonnegut*

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\* FIRESIGN CDS: <http://www.laugh.com>

\* FUNNY TIMES: <http://www.funnytimes.com>

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