



"I wish I was as thin as I was when I thought I was fat." ~ "Pardon My Planet" by Lisa Lee

O'BAMA BOY

Truly multicultural, Barack "Barry" Obama has ancestors in Kenya and Kansas, Indonesia and Illinois, Hawaii and now...Ireland! It's been discovered that, his great-great-great grandfather on his "mither's" side was a cobbler named Fulmuth Kearney, who at 19 in the mid 19th century left Moneygall, his home town in county Offaly, for the Untied States. The little town nestled between Limerick and Kildare has one stoplight, two pubs and a population of 298, not including lots of tourists!

To celebrate this discovery, an Irish band called "Hardy Drew and the Nancy Boys" performs "There's No One as Irish as Barack O'Bama" with lyrics like:

"He's Irish as bacon/And cabbage and stew/He's Hawaiian, he's Kenyan/American, too." They're obviously Offaly proud....

<http://www.jibjab.com/view/231134>

Since McCain favors a Christian president, these Unitarians and Deists would not qualify: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Abraham Lincoln and William Howard Taft. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

BUTTBIRD, BYE-BYE

And speaking of songs, the hip hop rap parody video I appeared in recently as Dr. Proctor, Proctologist, is now on line for all the Planet to enjoy. It's from the gregarious Gregg Benson of Mediocre Films and is billed modestly as "The Best Rap Video Ever" but according to the comments posted so far, he's right! Let us know what you think.

Also, my real colonoscopy and annual physical show me in good physical health (we won't talk about my mind) and a new carotid ultrasound scan showed my vascular age to be 53 compared to other old farts my age. I recommend the test to anyone concerned about plaque buildup, as this non-intrusive in-office neck scan mirrors the conditions in your heart, and it's only \$300. Live long and prosper...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6fyymHwVI>

"Paul Simon got the inspiration for "Mother and Child Reunion" when he ordered the dish - "chicken and eggs" -- at an L.A. Chinese restaurant~ Phil's Phunny Phact

AS TIME GOES BUY...

The buzzword in today's business world is **MARKETING**:

1. You're a woman and you see a handsome guy at a party. You go up to him and say, "I'm fantastic in bed." **That's Direct Marketing.**
2. You're at a party with a bunch of friends and see a handsome guy. One of your friends goes up to him and, pointing at you, says, 'She's fantastic in bed.' **That's Advertising.**
3. You see a handsome guy at a party. You go up to him and get his telephone number. The next day you call and say, "Hi, I'm fantastic in bed." **That's Telemarketing.**

4. You see a guy at a party; you straighten your dress. You walk up to him and pour him a drink. You say, "May I?" and reach up to straighten his tie, brushing your breast lightly against his arm, and then you add, 'By the way, I'm fantastic in bed.' **That's Public Relations.**

5. You're at a party and see a handsome guy. He walks up to you and says, "I hear you're fantastic in bed." **That's Brand Recognition.**

6. You're at a party and see a handsome guy. He fancies you, but you talk him into going home with your friend. **That's a Sales Rep.**

7. Your friend can't satisfy him so he calls you. **That's Tech Support.**

8. You're on your way to a party when you realize that there could be handsome men in all these houses you're passing, so you climb onto a roof and shout at the top of your lungs, "I'm fantastic in bed!" **That's Junk Mail.**

9. You are at a part and this distinguished man walks up to you and grabs your ass. **That's President Clinton.**

10. You liked it, but twenty years later your attorney decides you were offended. **That's America!**

"Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

DON'T A\$K

This year, most taxpayers will receive an Economic Stimulus Payment.

Q. What is an Economic Stimulus Payment?

A. It is money that the federal government will send to taxpayers.

Q. Where will the government get this money?

A. From taxpayers.

Q. So the government is giving me back my own money?

A. Only a smidgen.

Q. What is the purpose of this payment?

A. The plan is that you will use the money to purchase a high-definition TV set, thus stimulating the economy.

Q. But isn't that stimulating the economy of China?

A. Shut up.

"A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

HAPPY DAZE ARE HERE AGAIN

Individuals with conservative ideologies are happier than loopy liberals a recent study found, because they've been conditioned to rationalize social and economic inequalities. In spite of marital status, income or religious allegiance, right-wingers affirmed more life satisfaction than lefties, but they also scored highest on the tendency to explain away and justify inequalities.

"It is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than others," they believe, or, "This country would be better off if we worried less about how equal people are." Conservatives support the idea of Meritocracy, meaning that if you climb the ladder of success through hard work, whatever position in society you reach is perceived as completely fair.

If your mind-set doesn't justify status gaps, however, you might feel frustrated and disheartened, according to New York University's Jaime Napier and John Jost in the journal *Psychological Science*. "Our research suggests that inequality takes a greater

[mental] toll on liberals than on conservatives," the researchers write, "apparently because liberals lack ideological rationalizations that would help them frame inequality in a positive (or at least neutral) light."

The results mirror a 2006 Pew Research project where 47% of U. S. conservative Republicans described themselves as "very happy," while only 28% of liberal Democrats indicated such a state of brainwashed bliss.

http://www.livescience.com/strangenews/060315_happiness_pew.html

And incidently, another study has revealed that people tend to become more liberal as they age - <http://www.livescience.com/health/080310-liberal-seniors.html> - putting to rest another long accepted myth, mister right-winger...

And finally, researchers at the University of British Columbia and Harvard Business School have determined that "Regardless of how much income each person [makes], those who spent money on others reported greater happiness, while those who spent more on themselves did not." (Contribute to the Obama campaign and feel great!)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN2042446720080320>

"Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it." ~ Winston Churchill

TIL DEATH DO US IN...

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day.

One day, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes brimming with tears, "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. And then, when my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?"

"What dear?" she gently asked, smiling, her heart overflowing with warmth.

"I think you're a jinx! Get the Hell away from me!"

"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury." ~Groucho Marx

WHICH WITCH IS WHICH?

Substitute teacher Jim Piculas does a quick magic trick that makes a toothpick disappear and then reappear. But after performing it recently at Rushe Middle School in Land 'O Lakes, Florida he was accused of "Wizardry."

The County School District claims that he also was also "not following lesson plans" and allowed students to play on unapproved computers; but Piculas believes these charges were "embellished after the fact to try to cover what initially what they were saying to me."

Nevertheless, his job has mysteriously disappeared!

<http://www.tampabays10.com/news/local/article.aspx?storyid=79533>

"Remember in school, you were told that in case of fire you have to line up quietly in a single file line from smallest to tallest... What, do tall people burn slower?" ~ Warren Hutcherson

NOT PC: "POLISH COMEDY"

A customer stops a clerk and asks, "In what aisle could I find the Polish sausage?" The clerk looks at him and says, "Are you Polish?"

The guy (clearly offended) says, "Well, yes I am. But let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage would you ask me if I was Italian? Or if I had asked

for German bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German? Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog, would you ask me if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a Taco would you ask if I was Mexican? Would you? Would you?"

The clerk says, "Well, no!"

"If I asked for some Irish whiskey, would you ask if I was Irish?"

"Well, I probably wouldn't!"

With deep self-righteous indignation, the guy says, "Well then, why did you ask me if I'm Polish, just because I asked for Polish sausage?"

The clerk replies, "Because you're in Home Depot."

"When you see uncaring people in high places, everybody should be mad as hell." ~ Minister William Sloane Coffin

A PENNY SAVED

"The penny is worth less than any currency," says Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson, but he quickly added, when queried about its elimination from the country's coin purse on Chicago's "Spike O'Dell Show" that it's still not "politically doable."

Even though the bankrupt Bush administration is trying to grant the government the power to denigrate the precious metal content of the country's currency even further, we're not likely to see the one-cent coin disappear soon, even though the sharp increase in the price of copper recently has prompted scores of cutpurses to purloin public wires, manhole covers and even public statues.

In 1966 Spencer Tracy was offered the role of The Penguin in the TV series "Batman" before Burgess Meredith. He said he would only accept the role if he was "allowed to kill Batman." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

STOP! JUST WRITE "OFF PLANET" NOW!

Bill Moyers has written a book "On Democracy" reviewed by Art Winslow in the Sunday LA Times. To the fact that right-wing polemicists have consistently demeaned "fact-based reporting that undermines their worldview" as "liberal advocacy journalism," Moyers responds, "All I can say is that if reporting what happens to ordinary people because of events beyond their control, and the indifference of government to their fate, is 'liberal,' I plead guilty."

Our fragile Democracy, he writes, is "a series of narrow escapes, and we may be running out of luck. . . . We have fallen under the spell of money, faction, and fear, and the great American experience in creating a different future *together* has been subjugated to individual cunning in the pursuit of wealth and power -- and to the claims of empire, with its ravenous demands and stuporous distractions.

"Over the last thirty years a well-funded and closely coordinated coalition of corporate elites, power-hungry preachers, and hard-line ideologues has mounted an aggressive drive to dismantle the public foundations and philosophy of shared prosperity and fairness in America... Our challenge is to create a political culture that nurtures obligation, reciprocity, and trust, to bring about policies that have wide public support [and] to find a new vision for America which has the authority and power of a religious vision but which is inclusive ..." (Sounds like another wizard to me...)

<http://www.latimes.com/features/books/la-bk-winslow11-2008may11,0,3173432.story>



<http://store.barackobama.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=TS26946>

"Democracy wasn't canceled on September 11, but democracy won't survive if citizens turn into lemmings." ~ Bill Moyers On Democracy, Doubleday Books

HELP! I NEED SOMEBODY...

Tom Tully, Victor Kopcewich, Bill Coombs, Richard Schulenberg, Michael C. Gwynne, Robert Lloyd, Sky McDougall, Nick Oliva, Scott W. Langhill, Ernest Salomon in LA Times letters and Steve Harvey in "Only in L.A."

"It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all." ~ James Thurber

GO CLICK YOURSELF

TO THE MOON!: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/LRO/main/index.html

4 WELSHMEN: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSQeMBzHR0o>

WMD: <http://www.bercasio.com/movies/dems-wmd-before-iraq.wmv>

R2D2: <http://www.nikkor2d2.com/>

SAME: http://Bush-McCainChallenge.com/?rc=challenge-friends&r_id=12588-358457-zsMVNn

BUTTONS: <http://www.santorine.org:80/adolph/ohyes.html>

SPITZ: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff0Uvul3fDo&feature=related>

TACKY: <http://www.animaxinteractive.com/banana/Games/tictactoe.html>

H2O: <http://water4gas.com/2books.htm?hop=jpwacct>

MEAT: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaFZTAOb7IE>

MEN: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MySOXlpVciO&NR=1>

MAD:

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2008/03/28/arts/20080330_FOLD_IN_FEATURE.html#

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

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

"When the Republicans are in office, Man oppresses Man; When the Democrats are in office, it's just the opposite." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

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