



((((((((((PLANET INDEPENDENCE 2008~13 <http://www.planetproctor.com>))))))))))

*"The only difference between reality and fiction is that fiction has to be credible." ~ Mark Twain*

### FORWARD INTO THE PAST

Riverdale Country School. Yes, it's a funny name for an educational institution located in the Bronx, but as a "five-day boarder" it lived up to its name, and I had a great time there. My 50<sup>th</sup> reunion is coming up in October and one of my dear classmates, John Field, whom I've seen far too little of because I live in LA and he in Boston, sent me this tidbit.

"I came across a booklet on 1958, with various facts and figures that make for quaint nostalgia. For example, a movie ticket cost \$1; gasoline was 24 cents per gallon; mailing a letter required a 4 cent stamp; a new car would set you back \$2,155; and a house in Westchester might total as much as \$12K. Life expectancy averaged out at 69.6 years; Khrushchev became Premier of the USSR; Madonna was born; "Gigi" won the Academy Award for Best Film; "The Purple People Eater" by Sheb Wooley topped the charts; and so on."

He's inspired me! And I hope to amass even more '58 trivia to regale my classmates with at one of our planned dinners. Contributions, anyone?

*"Take your life in your own hands, and what happens? A terrible thing: no one to blame." ~ Erica Jong, married to my RCS classmate, Ken Burrows*

### SAME SEX MARRIAGE?

Her Diary: Tonight I thought he was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a bar to have a drink. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment.

Conversation wasn't flowing so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed but he kept quiet and absent. I asked him what was wrong; he said nothing. I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said it had nothing to do with me and not to worry.

On the way home I told him that I loved him, he simply smiled and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say I love you too. When we got home I felt as if I had lost him, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there and watched TV. He seemed distant and absent. Finally, I decided to go to bed.

About 10 minutes later he came to bed, and to my surprise he responded to my caress and we made love, but I still felt that he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep - I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

His Diary: I shot the worst round of golf in my life today, but at least I got laid.

*"You can only be young once but you can be immature forever." ~ Dave Barry*

### GOTTA START SOMEWHERE

Hoagy Carmichael was a lawyer while Duke Ellington sold peanuts at Washington Senators baseball games. Burt Reynolds was a ballroom bouncer, Burt Lancaster, a lingerie salesman, Roger Moore, a model for knitting patterns and Bond's creator, Ian Fleming, a naval intelligence officer. Finally, a good match!

Goldie Hawn was fittingly a can-can dancer at the 1965 World's Fair, Lana Turner was an usherette and Paul Newman recycled golf balls, cleaning them for reuse. Patrick Henry was a shopkeeper, Andrew Carnegie, a bobbin boy in a cotton mill, Karl Marx, a reporter for the *New York Daily Tribune*, P.T. Barnum, a newspaper editor and David Lynch delivered the *Wall Street Journal*.

KFC Colonel Harland Sanders was a Justice of the Peace, Samuel Morse was a portrait painter and Jennifer Aniston, a telemarketer. And the late, great George Carlin? Well, he as a carnival organist and a marketing director – for peanut brittle!

*“Every man has his follies - and often they are the most interesting thing he's got” ~ Josh Billings*

### IN THE NOOSE

Rumors have it that Denver police hope to control demonstrations at the Democratic Convention this August by utilizing a new ultrasound weapon that “makes people poop in their pants,” reports *The Week* magazine. But the so-called “crap cannon” probably won't slow down any senior citizens. It Depends.

It was also reported that drinking four glasses of red wine can significantly slow down aging by triggering certain DNA repair proteins, or just slowing you down enough to wanna take a nap. At the same time, a British study found that the use of antibacterial wipes in hospitals is actually spreading germs. And hear in California, we must now talk hands free on our mobiles but can still text -- while driving!

My favorite review of the week was from *New York Times* critic A. O. Scott who wrote: “*The Love Guru* is downright anti-funny, an experience that makes you wonder if you will ever laugh again.”

And Kathie Lee Gifford explained that she saved her marriage after learning through counseling to forgive her “children's father” over her “philandering husband.” I must admit that my second divorce was less painful because Barbro and I realized that we should act maturely for the sake of our daughter, Kristin. You can see the happy result!

And finally, CNN reported that among 331 legislative candidates in Meghalaya, India were Frankenstein Momin, Billy Kid Sangma, Adolph Lu Hitler Marak, Britainwar Dan, Bombersingh Hynniewta, Laborious Manik Syiem, Hilarius Pohchen, Boldness Nongrum, Clever Marak and Tony Curtis Lyngdoh. Vote now!

*“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### KIDS AT SEA

Purported comments from kids in the U.K. or from the childish mind of a mature Brit. Who cares? Funny can be phony...

“This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. Oysters' balls are called pearls. A dolphin breaths through an arsehole on the top of its head. Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend no more. Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves

under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves into chargers.

"If you are surrounded by sea you are an island. If you don't have sea all around you, you are incontinent. My uncle goes out in his boat with pots, and comes back with crabs. When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes, when the wind didn't blow, the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Two divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. My brother said they would be better off eating beans.

"I like mermaids. They are beautiful, and I like their shiny tails. How do mermaids get pregnant? When you go swimming in the sea, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small. On holiday my mum went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water shot up her fanny.

"I'm not going to write about the sea. My baby brother is always screaming and being sick, my dad keeps shouting at my mum, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write."

*"Age is an issue of mind over matter. \_If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." \_~ Mark Twain*

### **PUT ME IN, COACH!**

This Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 I will be stepping into my roles in "American Tales" - which amazingly is gathering stellar notices even though I wasn't yet in it!! We'll also be performing in our air-conditioned space on Sunday at 3:30 and (me) at 7:30.

FOR YOUR PIX OF TIX: <https://www.ovationtix.com/trs/cal/169>

I also must recommend Pat Willson's funny staging of "Enchanted April" this Sunday at 2 at the nearby Lonny Chapman Theatre to anyone who's already seen "Tales." It's a hoot! GO TO: [www.goldstar.com](http://www.goldstar.com)

*"It's time to celebrate our independence, and recognize our interdependence." ~ Swami  
Beyondanonda*

### **LIGHT UP THE SKY!**

"The good news this July 4th is that we don't need a revolution in this country. We've already had one. What is needed now is the American Evolution, where we the people realize we are the leaders we've been waiting for and restore the all-important missing ingredient in government of, by and for the people -- the people.

"If fear has hijacked the American dream, we the people must higher-jack it. We must overgrow the fear-based state of emergency, and declare a love-based state of Emergent See instead. We must emerge from our fearful state of separation and see we are all in this together.

"Biology is now confirming what our spiritual teachers have been trying to get through our thick skulls for millennia: Life is not about survival of the fittest, but the thrival of the fittingest. Each of us is a remarkable community of 50 trillion cells, all working together in harmony. In the society beneath our skin, there is universal health care and full employment, truly no cell left behind. Unlike most human nations, the 'nations' of cells known as organs cooperate for the benefit of the entire organism. You rarely if ever read about the liver invading the pancreas and laying claim to the Islets of Langerhans.

"We declare our independence from the obsolete positions of left and right, and we come front and center to face the music and dance together. We see there are no sides, only

angles ... and when seen from the right angle, we are all on the same side.

“We declare our independence from the notion that we are better than or less than any other human being. Consider this: Each of us is totally unique, just like everyone else.”

Excerpts from *Beyonda News*: <http://www.wakeuplaughing.com>

“There are three things which are real: God, Human Folly and Laughter. The first two are beyond our comprehension, so we must do what we can with the third.” ~ JFK

### INDEPENDENT THINKERS

The Fortean Times, Vanna Bonta, George Riddle, Randy Irwin, Michael Fish, Eddie Deezen, Bill Coombs, Brad Schreiber, Garry Margolis, Thom Hartmann, Jayne Stahl, Morgar Jones, Jim Terr and Dermot Carmody - rhymes with?

“White people ought to understand that their job is to give people the blues, not to get them.” ~ George Carlin

### INDEPENDENT CHOICES

**OUT THERE:** <http://www.greatdanepro.com/Blue%20Bueaty/index.htm>

**MEMORIAL DECK:** [http://www.theonion.com/content/video/home\\_depot\\_honors\\_fallen\\_soldiers](http://www.theonion.com/content/video/home_depot_honors_fallen_soldiers)

**WINE NOT:** <http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/europe/07/01/royal.wine/index.html?iref=mpstoryview>

**AMERICAN TALES:** <http://www.laweekly.com/stage/theater/theater-reviews-american-ales-in-on-it/19171>

**INDIAN QUEEN:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HJzy3WSYFM>

**A DAY IN THE LIFE:** <http://www.chriswireman.com/?p=108>

**STUPID LIBERALS:** <http://www.michaelmoore.com/words/latestnews/index.php?id=144>

**I BELIEVE:** <http://www.the1989show.com/clips-and-pics/al-gore/>

“If borrowing ain’t a sucker’s game, tell me why the banker’s always the richest man in town.” ~ Will Rogers

+++++ July 4, 2008+++++

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

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

**MINDS ARE LIKE PARACHUTES, BOTH WORK BEST WHEN OPEN.** ~ *Phil’s Phunny Phacts*

Planet Proctor © Phil Proctor 2008