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"Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it's important." ~ Eugene McCarthy

POTSHOTS AT PALIN

"There was some breaking news out of Dayton, Ohio today..." said Jon Stewart. "Republican presidential candidate John McCain introduced the world to his third wife."

"She's not bad looking," observed Jimmy Kimmel. "Not only is she young, they're saying she's the prettiest candidate for Vice President since John Edwards! She looks like one of those women in the Van Halen videos who takes off her glasses, shakes out her hair, and then all of a sudden, she's in high heels and a bikini. All of a sudden, I am FOR drilling in Alaska."

"Actually, it was kind of a smart choice," says Jay Leno. "Palin and McCain are a good pair. She's pro-life and he's clinging to life. McCain went with a woman because he didn't want to have to be in a position to have to get CPR from Mitt Romney"

"Yeah, that's who you want in the White House during a time of crisis," opines Bill Maher. "When she got a phone call at 3 in the morning, it was because a moose had gotten in the garbage can... and now she has the opportunity to be on a ticket opposite of Barack Obama, the first black man she's ever seen."

"When they were vetting her for this job, like three seconds ago, she said, quote... 'What is it exactly that the VP does every day?' Let me field that for you, Sarah. They start wars, they enrich their friends, they subvert the Constitution, and they shoot people in the face. That's what the vice president does. [And] five kids? Does anyone in that party understand the concept of pulling out?"

"Let us not make a big election about small things." ~ Barack Obama

CHRISTIANS...

"Thank you, Lord, for the many miracles we are too blond to see. Tuesday at 4 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk come early. The ladies bible study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the fellowship hall after the B.S. is done. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands. The baby shower will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. All ladies invited. No clothing needed. There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the monastery, but if it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning."

"Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King. The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days. Don't forget, Ash Wednesday is Monday, March 5.

"The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.' Next week's sermon: 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

"The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict, and the Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet instead. Please use the back door. Weight Watchers will meet tomorrow. Please use large double door at the side entrance. The Fasting & Prayer Conference this weekend includes meals. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.' Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help..."

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month." ~ Theodore Roosevelt

... AND JEWS

Birth names of some of our most beloved performers...

Woody Allen: Alan Stewart Koenigsberg, June Allyson: Ella Geisman, Lauren Bacall: Betty Joan Perske, Jack Benny: Benjamin Kubelsky, Irving Berlin: Israel Baline, Milton Berle: Milton Berlinger, Joey Bishop: Joseph Gottlieb, Karen Black: Karen Blanche Ziegler, Victor Borge: Borge Rosenbaum, Fanny Brice: Fanny Borach, Mel Brooks: Melvin Kaminsky, Danny Kaye: David Daniel Kaminsky, George Burns: Nathan Birnbaum, Eddie Cantor: Edward Israel Iskowitz, Jeff Chandler: Ira Gessel, Lee J. Cobb: Amos Jacob.

Tony Curtis: Bernard Schwartz, Rodney Dangerfield: Jacob Cohen, Kirk Douglas: Issue Danielovich Demsky, Melvyn Douglas: Melvyn Hesselberg, Bob Dylan: Bobby Zimmerman, Paulette Goddard: Marion Levy, Lee Grant: Lyova Geisman, Elliot Gould: Elliot Goldstein, Judy Holliday: Judith Tuvim, Al Jolson: Asa Yoelson, , Michael Landon: Michael Orowitz, Steve Lawrence: Sidney Leibowitz, Jerry Lewis: Joseph Levitch.

Peter Lorre: Lazlo Lowenstein, Mike Nichols: Michael Peschkowsky, Elaine May: Elaine Berlin, Yves Montand: Ivo Levy, Joan Rivers: Joan Molinsky, Edward G. Robinson: Emanuel Goldenberg, Jane Seymour: Joyce Penelope Frankenburg, Simone Signoret: Simone-Henriette Kaminker, Beverly Sills: Belle Silverman, Sophie Tucker: Sophia Kalish and Gene Wilder -- Gerald Silberman.

"The original name for Coca-Cola was" Esteemed Brain Tonic and Intellectual Beverage." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

DUTCH TREATS

Dutch designers Hein van Dam and Carolien Vlieger designed a line of "Guardian Angel" handbags showing the outline of a gun, a crucifix or a knife to deter crime in Rotterdam. Their collection includes laptop-bags with 3D patterns of groceries because, they claim, "Robbers love your laptop, but they hate milk

and fruits". http://www.popgadget.net/2005/01/guardian_angel.php

And in an issue of the English language *Hague Amsterdam Times* I brought back from a trip to the Netherlands, I came across an article about a new program on the youth-oriented public broadcast station BNN called *Sputten & Slikken -- Squirting and Swallowing*.

The show, which is now in its third season, gives a realistic portrayal of the effects of various drugs, from alcohol to heroin, as well as illustrating the wide variety of sexual behaviors favored in that wacky wet nation. Go Google yourself...

Oh – and according to “The Week” magazine, Canada is finally going to have its very own porno channel, *Northern Peaks*, with steamy scenes shot in cold Canadian locations like the skytrain in Vancouver. To avoid the use of foreign fornicators, producer Shaun Donnelly will require that everyone be tattooed with a Maple Leaf “in strategic places.” I guess no “SAG” actors need apply...

A much-honored French film has been doing amazing box office almost purely on word of mouth - it's title? "TELL NO ONE" ~ Danny Mann

R.I.P. OFF

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, 'You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150.' The man thought about it and said he would just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked, 'Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful for her to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?'

The man replied, 'Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance.'

"I never hold a grudge. As soon as I get even with the S.O.B., I forget all about it." ~ W. C. Fields

THE MINDS OF BABES

Little Tony had been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked his Grandma, "What's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?" She was a little taken aback, but she decided to just tell him the truth. 'It's called sexual intercourse, darling.' Little Tony just said, 'Oh, Okay' and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, 'Grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds. And Jimmy's mom wants to talk to you.'

"The Republicans don't govern very well. But, they know how to campaign." ~ Obama

MOUTHS OF BABES

Answers supposedly given by 16-year-old British students in fifth form exams...

Geography: Name the four seasons. - 'Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.' Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink. - 'Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutant like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.'

Biology: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty? – 'He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.' How are the main parts of the body categorised? – 'The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax the

abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the five bowels, A,E,I,O and U.' How can you delay milk turning sour? - 'Keep it in the cow.' [He got an A].

Sociology: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on? - 'If you are buying a house, they will insist you are well endowed.' In a democratic society, how important are elections? - 'Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.'

"It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours." ~ Harry S. Truman

BUT WHO'S COUNTING?

Two-thirds of U.S. corporations paid no federal income taxes between 1998 and 2005, according to a new report from Congress. The Government Accountability Office added that about 68 percent of foreign companies in the U.S. avoided corporate taxes as well over the same period. Collectively, trillions of dollars in sales were reported..

And Michael Phelps et al broke so many records in China because the pool was legally about three feet deeper, minimizing the effect of the "bow or stem wave" created by the swimmer's lower body, which usually bounces back and slows their progress.

And why do so many people vote against their best personal interests? Because we vote our "identity" which is ingrained early in our upbringing. And most of us are actually not "Liberal" or "Conservative." We are a mixture of both. Go figure...

"I agree with the AAA. We should all inflate our tires." ~ John McClone

HOT AIR

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She lowered her altitude and spotted a man in a boat below. She shouted to him, 'Excuse me, can you help me? I don't know where I am.'

The man consulted his portable GPS and replied, 'You're in a hot air balloon, approximately 30 feet above a ground elevation of 2346 feet above sea level. You are at 31 degrees, 14.97 minutes north latitude and 100 degrees, 49.09 minutes west longitude.'

She rolled her eyes and said, 'You must be a Democrat/Republican.'

'I am,' replied the man. 'How did you know?'

'Well,' answered the balloonist, 'everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to do with your information, and I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help to me.'

The man smiled and responded, 'You must be a Republican/Democrat.'

'I am,' replied the balloonist. 'How did you know?'

'Well,' said the man, 'you don't know where you are or where you are going. You've risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise that you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. You're in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but, somehow, now it's my fault.'

"Man, if we could harness Hot Air we'd be energy independent in the blink of an eye!" ~ Philip Proctor

VOICE OVER

The "Don" of narrators, Don Lafontaine, is off mike at 68, after a disturbing succession of setbacks caused as he admits, by too much smoking.

The distinctive deep, macho voice that popularized the phrase, "in a world where..." and created many thousands of movie trailers, has been silenced. In recent months, hampered by his illness, he apparently gave up his beloved limo and recorded 7 to 10 voiceover sessions daily from a home studio his wife, actress Nita Whitaker nicknamed "The Hole." But I predict that he'll roll through the Pearly Gates in a stretch...

I also lost a dear friend in the passing of Bruce Montgomery, a day after his 81st birthday. Bruce wrote the music for the award winning musical "The Amorous Flea" which brought me to Los Angeles in the mid sixties. He was a beloved musical teacher at Penn State for decades and one friend said of him, "he was the closest thing I've ever seen to Leonardo Da Vinci - he's mastered everything he has ever tried." Fare thee well, Monty!

And finally, Dave Freeman, co-author of *100 Things to Do Before You Die*, has died. He was 47. And Planeteer Danny Mann adds that in an extraordinary coincidence, Jud Taylor, who acted in "The Great Escape," slipped out about the same time as did Eric Dowling, a true hero who played a major role in planning the 1944 escape by faking documents, making maps and helping to dig three tunnels code-named Tom, Dick and Harry. They both got out...

"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." ~ Dorothy Parker

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NOTE: New *Bearwhiz Beer* T-Shirt link below...

Humor is mankind's greatest blessing." ~ Mark Twain

LINKS

SHOW ME: <http://www.tagtele.com/videos/voir/11924>

HILLARY (S)PEAKS:

http://www.236.com/news/2008/08/22/meanwhile_hillary_would_still_8433.php

BJ: <http://yeli.us/Flash/Fire.html>

GO DUCK YOURSELF: <http://www.funnyordie.com/videos/6ad4ddfbeb>

GRIZZLY: http://www.theonion.com/content/video/old_grizzled_third_party

KEEP IT ROLLIN': <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dq4sOM4tpno>

THE DON:

http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5heecGKGkVVOeORKdE1oWT_LW8F7QD92UP5102

"The responsibility of ministers for the public safety is absolute, and requires no mandate. It is in fact the prime object for which governments come into existence." ~ Sir Winston Churchill

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

* BEARWHIZ BEER: <http://www.eagletshirts.com>

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

* FST: <http://www.FiresignTheatre.com>

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." ~ Abraham Lincoln

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