

"To live a creative life we must lose our fear of being wrong." ~ Joseph Chilton Pearce

## HAPPY LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

... from Maui, the first part of our third vacation resort visit to the Islands. We leave for our new timeshare in Princeville, Kuai'i on Sunday.

Back on the 23<sup>rd</sup>... Aloha to all! ....



"Lincoln says he often prayed on his knees because "there was nowhere else to go." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

It was reported in "The Week" magazine that Britney Spears had to go back into the studio to rerecord a spicy lyric from the song "If You Seek Amy" - as these words are actually a "coded obscene message" dating back at least to James Joyce's *Ulysses* in which a character presents the following piece of poetry doggerel style:

"If you see Kay/Tell him he may."

Also, Jeremy Piven of "Entourage" fame, will have to face a Union grievance filed against him by the Broadway producers of "Speed the Plow" after he suddenly left the show complaining of "mercury poisoning." Playwright David Mamet countered that he had actually quit the stage "to pursue a career as a thermometer." That's hot!

And "Six Degrees of Separation" Kevin Bacon lost everything but his house and bank account to the Madoff "splash-cash –'n-dash" scheme. Kevin and his family say they will "March on. We have to…" So must we all.

"We need enthusiasm, imagination, and the ability to face facts, even unpleasant ones, bravely."

#### **BRODDERLY LOVE**

Patrick walks into a pub in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and retreats to a corner where he takes a sip from each glass in turn and after draining them, orders three more.

"Ye know, a pint goes flat soon after I pull it," the barman says, "Yer pints would taste better if you drank 'em one at a time."

"Well now, ye see," replies Patrick, "I have two brodders and one is in America and de odder is Down Under, and here I am in Dublin. When we parted ways, we promised to drink like we was still lifting 'em togedder."

"Tis a fine custom, indeed" says the barman, and he pours the next three on the house.

Then one day the gent comes in and orders just two pints. The regulars take note and the pub falls silent. Then, when Paddy goes for his refills, the barman says, politely, "I don't want to intrude upon yer grief, but we all wants ter offer our condolences on yer great loss..."

Bemused for a moment, Patrick then starts to laugh. "Oh, no, " he says, "Bejesus, everyone is fine! Tis me — I've quit drinkin!"

"Anyone who isn't confused doesn't understand the situation." ~ Edward R. Murrow

#### FORWARD, INTO THE PAST

Edward Epstein, at *CQ Today Online News*, quotes VP Joe Biden as telling House Democrats there is "30 percent chance we'll get it wrong," referring to efforts by his administration and Congress to solve a grave "constellation of crises" they're facing both here and abroad.

"If we do everything right, if we do it with absolute certainty," he informed the lawmakers at a Williamsburg, VA policy retreat, "There's still a [great] chance we'll get it wrong."

"At that point," he concluded, "We will have to revert to our strategy of the past 8 years – 'Blame Bush."

"The White House is the finest prison in the world. "~ Harry S. Truman

### **COMING CLEAN**

One day a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his long-suffering wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," she replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

He yelled back, "University of Michigan!". And they say blondes are dumb...

"There is more logic in humor than in anything else. Because, you see, humor is truth." ~ Victor Borge

#### **LONG TIME COMING**

The longest word in English dictionaries at 45 letters long is *pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis*. The longest English word that does not contain the letter 'e' is *floccinaucinihilipilification* at 29 letters. *Cabbaged* and *fabaceae*, at 8 letters apiece, are the longest words that can be played on a musical instrument!

Aegilops, 8 letters long, is the longest word with its letters arranged in alphabetical order. *Spoonfed*, 9 letters long, is the longest with its letters arranged in reverse alphabetical order. *CIMICIC* and *CIMICID*, are the longest words exclusively made up of Roman numerals in upper case and among such words the "highest" are *MIMIC* at 1,999 and *IMMIX* at 1,909.

Honorificabilitudinitatibus is the longest word consisting strictly of alternating consonants and vowels. Dermatoglyphics, misconjugatedly and uncopyrightable, each 15 letters long, are the longest in which no letter appears more than once. Unprosperousness and esophagographers fill the bill for the longest word in which each letter occurs at least twice.

Discrete-discreet, is the longest homophonic anagram, (or 2 words composed of the same letters that are spelled differently but sound the same), and the longest palindrome (reading the same backwards and forwards) is redivider.

The longest words that are reverse images of each other are *stressed* and *desserts*. The longest (and only) word that contains all vowels including 'y' in alphabetical order is *facetiously*. The longest single syllable with a single vowel is *strengths*. The longest word with each vowel in reverse alphabetical order is *subcontinental*. But my favorite is this:

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words!

"History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes."~ Mark Twain

#### YES, PECAN!!!

Ben & Jerry invented "Yes Pecan!" ice cream for Obama and then asked people to finish the sentence "For George W. they created..." Here are some of their favorites.

Grape Depression, Abu Grape, Cluster Fudge, Nut'n Accomplished, Iraqi Road, Chock 'n Awe, WireTapioca, Impeach Cobbler, Guantanmallow, imPeachmint, Heck of a Job, Brownie!, Neocon Politan, RockyRoad to Fascism, The Reese's-cession, Cookie D'oh!, The Housing Crunch, Nougalar Proliferation, Death by Chocolate... and Torture, Credit Crunch, Country Pumpkin, Chunky Monkey in Chief, George Bush Doesn't Care About Dark Chocolate, WM Delicious, Chocolate Chimp, Bloody Sundae, Caramel Preemptive Stripe, and "I broke the law and am responsible for the deaths of thousands...with nuts." <a href="http://www.benjerry.com">http://www.benjerry.com</a>

"'Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.' The hell I can't! Look at the Reverend Pat Robertson; and he is as happy as a pig in shit." ~ Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

#### **TO YOU**

Bill Bowles, Ray Lesser, Michael Dare, Nick Oliva, Glen Banks, Victor Kopcewich, H. Lee Kagan, Michael Fisher, Taylor Jessen, Robert Riddle, Drew Daniels, Richard Laible, Michael Fish and Eric & Lisa Poulsen and Vanna Bonta & Allen Newcomb for making our Maui trip this year filled with extra Aloha!

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?"

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### TO DO

 $GIG: \underline{http://gigapan.org/viewGigapan.php?id=15374\&window\_height=583\&window\_width=1251}$ 

MAD OFF: http://www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=1021551579

SING ALONG: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-BZfFakpzc

CURIOUS: http://flickr.com/photos/xach/3243432083/

DRIVE: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygtBxhFc24A&eurl=http://www.facebook.com/home.php

HAL: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HkXmOIwpkQ

HEROS: http://www.herobuilders.com/08.htm

COUGAR <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjDmCEJokZs">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjDmCEJokZs</a>

PROCO: http://myaccount.dropsend.com/file/82161fa437af4299

BYEBYE: http://www.funnyordie.com/videos/f40ef6d351/obama-reads-bush-s-letter

"You cannot teach a man anything, you can only help him find it within himself." ~ Galileo

- \* FIRESIGN CDS: http://www.laugh.com
- \* BEARWHIZ: http://www.eagletshirts.com

- \* FUNNY TIMES: <a href="http://www.funnytimes.com">http://www.firesignTheatre.com</a>

"I worry that without more stimulus funds, we might see the closing of Morse Science and Commie Martyr."  $\sim$  David Rea on Facebook

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