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"If you understand what you're doing, you're not learning anything." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

PLANET IN ECLIPSE

Well, not really. But I have to admit that our life has been busy/dizzy with work, performances and auditions, spring-cleaning, prep for the Firesign show, and keeping up with friends on Facebook -- no time for twittering, sorry.

Nonetheless, here is the latest orbit, and I hope you enjoy it...

"Happiness consists in realizing it is all a great strange dream." ~ Jack Kerouac

FIRESIGN RESURRECTED

Want to see us "LIVE"? Well, you can, if you can make it up to sunny Monterey for our very special Friday, April 24th performance of an original show we call "Forward Into the Past" available @ <http://www.goldenstatetheatre.com>

It's to celebrate Nick Danger's 40th birthday but I think of it as "Firesign unplugged" since we're doing a show for the first time without all those distracting props, huge sets, dazzling lights, flash pots and pre-recorded SFX and music -- and you can hear us all chatter about it on Thom Hartmann's show at 11am on April 15th!

Those of you who can make it up north will see us appear NAKED, not unlike Spinal Tap in their upcoming "minimalist" tour. We asked them to open for us, by the way, but they'll be premiering in Vancouver, B.C. where my dear daughter Kristin (celebrating her birthday on April 16th) is now producing videos with her hubby to encourage other under-35s to vote for the re-election of Geoff's dad, Premier Gordon Campbell, to another term. <http://tinyurl.com/dkn8pt>.

Want to get re-elected, Gordon? Just kiss our baby grandson, Bowen!!!



"Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on, or by imbeciles who really mean it." ~ Mark Twain

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The New Scientist calls it “nominative determinism” -- a link between people's names and jobs; and in the book “Yes!” authors Goldstein, Martin and Cialdini cite research that supports the thesis. For instance, the American Dental Association shows that more Dennises become dentists, and of course there's Bernie Madoff who “made off” with his client's cash. But there's more!

T. Hee wrote early storylines for Walt Disney. Cardinal Sin was a Catholic Archbishop in the Philippines. Judge Judge was recently appointed Lord Chief Justice for England and Wales.

And then there's Gov. Blagojevich, whose name "blag" in British slang means to rob or steal, not to mention Splatt and Weedon, who wrote a piece about incontinence for the British Journal of Urology. I told you not to mention that! And please, let's not think about my last name either if you're about to go in for a colonoscopy.

"It frightens me the awful truth of how sweet life can be." ~ Bob Dylan

NOISOME NEWS

Bob Dylan's neighbors in Point Dume are pissed because of the horrible smells emanating from a portapotty he has on his property for the use of his security guards. But there's more!

Santino, a chimp at Furuviik Zoo in Sweden has proved that apes are capable of “future think” as he was found to have saved scores of stones including chunks of concrete into weapon to hurl at visitors. Usually, they just throw crap, like Politicians.

And speaking of that, a row has erupted between Russian and American occupants of the international space station regarding use of the toilet. Apparently, pooping in space has become more commercial than ever with Russia billing us for sending cosmonauts up there, so there will also be more demand for billionaires like Charles Simonyi, the 60-year-old American software tycoon who paid \$35m for his adventure and just returned to earth in a hard landing.

And lastly, the Japanese have come up with a fabric that can be worn as underwear for a week without needing a change. I guess they could sell it to the Russians and the bathroom problem is solved!

“He who builds a better mousetrap these days runs into material shortages, patent-infringement suits, work stoppages, collusive bidding, discount discrimination - and taxes.” ~ H. E. Martz

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR

A group of children were trying very hard to become accustomed to nursery school. The biggest hurdle they faced was that the teacher insisted that there be NO baby talk! "You need to use 'Big People' words," she reminded them, as she asked John what he had done over the weekend.

"I went to visit my Nana," said little Johnnie.

"No, you went to visit your GRANDMOTHER. Use 'Big People' words!" She then asked Mitchell what he had done.

"I took a ride on a choo-choo."

"No," she said, "You took a ride on a TRAIN. You must remember to use 'Big People' words." She then asked little Alex what he had done.

"I read a book." he replied.

"That's wonderful!" the teacher said. "What book did you read?"

Alex thought real hard, then puffed out his chest with great pride and breaking into a big smile said, "Winnie the Sh*t."

*"The difference between death and taxes is death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."
~ Will Rogers*

RUGRATS IN RUSSIA

"Hello! I monitor for a long time your career, you admire me! You very good person. It is possible to tell I am proud for you and you for me an example for imitation. I would like to ask you to send me, if it probably your autograph. It would be very grateful. Big fan, Ivan."

"The dirty little secret of conservative talk radio is that the average age of listeners is 67 and rising – Fox News, likewise, is in the mid-60s." ~ Michael Wolff in Vanity Fair

SOMETHING'S FISHY

A customer at Green's Gourmet Grocery marveled at the proprietor's quick wit and intelligence. "Tell me, Green, what makes you so smart?"

"I wouldn't share my secret with just anyone," Green replies, lowering his voice so the other shoppers won't hear. "But since you're a good and faithful customer, I'll let you in on it. Fish heads. You eat enough of them, you'll be positively brilliant."

"You sell them here?" the customer asks. "Only \$4 apiece," says Green. The customer buys three. A week later, he's back in the store complaining that the fish heads were disgusting and he isn't any smarter.

"You didn't eat enough," says Green. The customer goes home with 20 more fish heads. Two weeks later, he's back and this time he's really angry.

"Hey, Green," he says, "You're selling me fish heads for \$4 apiece when I can buy the whole fish for \$2. You're ripping me off!"

"You see?" says Green, "You're smarter already."

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." ~ Robert Collier

DON'T ASK!

A priest meets his friend, the rabbi, and says to him, 'You have taught me many things but there is one thing in particular that I want very much to learn, yet you refuse to teach me! I want you to teach me the Talmud.'

'You are a gentile and you have the brain of a gentile,' the rabbi replies. 'There is no chance that you will ever succeed in understanding the Talmud.' But, finally, after much badgering the rabbi relents and says to the priest: 'I'll agree to teach you the Talmud on condition that you answer one question.'

The priest asks, 'What is the question?'

'Okay. Two men fall down through a chimney. One comes out dirty and the other comes out clean. Who of those two goes to wash up?'

'Very simple,' replies the priest. 'The one who is dirty goes to wash up and the one who is clean does not.'

'I told that you will never succeed in understanding the Talmud!' says the rabbi. 'The exact opposite is true: the clean one looks at the dirty one and thinks that he is also dirty and goes to wash up. The dirty one, on the other hand, looks at the clean one and thinks that he is also clean and, therefore, does not go to wash up.'

'I did not think of that,' says the priest. 'Please ask me another question.'

'Two men fall down through a chimney,' continues the rabbi. 'One comes out dirty and the other comes out clean. Who of these two goes to wash up?'

'Very simple,' answers the priest. 'The clean one looks at the dirty one and thinks he is also dirty and goes to wash up. The dirty one, on the other hand, looks at the clean one and thinks that he is also clean and, therefore, does not go to wash up.'

'You are wrong again!' the rabbi responds. 'I told you, you will never understand. The clean one looks in the mirror, sees that he is clean and, therefore, does not go to wash up. The

dirty one looks in the mirror, sees that he is dirty and goes to wash up.'

'But you didn't tell me that there is a mirror!' complains the priest.

'You are a gentile,' explains the rabbi, 'With your brain you will never succeed in understanding the Talmud. To understand the Talmud, you have to think of all possibilities.'

'All right,' groans the priest, 'Let us try once more. Ask me one more question.'

'For the last time', asks the rabbi, 'Two men fall through the chimney. One comes out dirty and the other comes out clean. Who of these two goes to wash up?'

'Okay. This is now very simple!' replies the priest. 'If there is no mirror, the clean one will look at the dirty one and will think that he is also dirty and, therefore, will go to wash up. The dirty one will look at the clean one and will think that he is also clean, and, therefore, will not go to wash up. If there is a mirror, the clean one will look in the mirror and, therefore, will not go to wash up. The dirty one will look in the mirror and will see that he is dirty and therefore, will go to wash up.'

'I told you that you will never succeed in understanding the Talmud,' the rabbi responds. 'You are a gentile. You have a non-Jewish brain. Tell me, just how is it possible for two men to fall through a chimney and one to come out dirty while the other comes out clean?'

"There are 15 things I know about God, and one is that he is allergic to shellfish." ~ Carl Reiner



TO YOU

Michael **Fish** for the fix, and for the rest: Dean **Christopher**, Bill **Coombs**, Kurt **Ericson**, Alan **Myerson**, Penn **Jillette**, Jim **Meskimen**, JW **Reynolds**, Kurt **Luchs**, Patty **Paul**, Larry **Belling**, Scott W. **Lagill**, Victor **Kopcewich**, Paul **Willson**, Melinda **Peterson**, Jane **Fitzgerald**, Bill **Coombs**, Richard **Schulenberg**, Bill **Benzel** and Sky **McDougall** -- and **Sky's the limit**.

"Why pay to go to the circus when you can watch Congress for free?" ~ Will Rogers

AND VIEW

GOSHEN: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=withX9C85A0>
PP/TV: <http://www.hulu.com/watch/6636/arrested-development-notapusy#s-p2-so-i0>
YUODON'TLOOK: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubdGjzzJiVs>
MSMAYOR: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fY79KbCptTo>
FREEDOM: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bzTA_D5NpU
OPEN: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T69TOuqaqXI>
SIN-NOT-TRA: http://americancomedynetwork.com/animation.html?bit_id=25239
SO WRONG: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMtI00AuzSw>
MISS: <http://www.missuniverse.com/missuniverse/blog.php>

WUNDERLAND: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PN_oDdGmKyA

”An individual who can do things, no matter whether good or bad or indifferent or outrageous simply because they are fun ... is a very sane person.” ~ L. Ron Hubbard

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* FIRESIGN CDS: <http://www.laugh.com>
* BEARWHIZ: <http://www.eagletshirts.com>
* FUNNY TIMES: <http://www.funnytimes.com>
* FST: <http://www.FiresignTheatre.com>

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