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"Have I done stupid? I have." ~ S. Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford

HAPPY EX 4TH!

We hope you had a happy Holiday; I got to celebrate my dear friend Rich Goldman's birthday, meet some great folks at Henry Jaglom's lovely home (go see Tanna Frederick in *Irene in Time*, it's wonderful!) and finally watching safe and scintillating fireworks at Fred and Mary Willard's and marching around their tennis court in the annual parade with our patriotic pals! Now - enjoy this from Jib Jab!

<http://sendables.jibjab.com/view/4DCbm8v95xibCuPXC4UB>

FIRESIGN LIGHTS UP LA --

Or, Hollywood, actually, for 4 nights in October! You're seeing it here for the first time, and you've got lots more time to purchase advance seats and start the hike cross country to see us LIVE at the beautiful Gallery Theatre in Barnsdall Park high above Hollywood Boulevard.

When? Wednesday, October 14 through Saturday, October 17, at 8 o'clock in the evening. We'll be performing a slightly different version of our new audio show "Forward into the Past" each night, and signing, selling, schmoozing and boozing after each show inside and outside - so please come see and be!

Our producer this time around is the marvelous Maureen "Mo" Weston, and we're investing in ourselves, hoping that you'll invest some of your time and treasure to see us in our already ecstatically received presentation of new, true and blue material.

Tickets will be available soon @ <http://www.bgttix.com/> and there's ample parking in the lot at the top, or pitch a tent on the grounds and camp out. (No, don't.) Spread the word!

"Have you ever been to Egypt? They could probably use a good Cairo Proctor! Yeah -- it wasn't too good, but can you come up with a Bedouin?" ~ David Budin

MEN/WO/MEN SAME THING?

Take all American women who are within five years of menopause. Train us for a few weeks, outfit us with automatic weapons, grenades, gas masks, moisturizer with SPF15, Prozac, hormones, chocolate, and canned tuna - drop us (parachuted, preferably) across Afghanistan, and let us do what comes naturally.

Think about it. Our anger quotient alone, even when doing standard stuff, like

grocery shopping and paying bills, is formidable enough to make even armed men in turbans tremble.

We've had our children; we would gladly suffer or die to protect them and their future. We'd like to get away from our husbands, if they haven't left already. We've spent years tracking down our husbands or lovers in bars, hardware stores, or sporting events...finding bin Laden in some cave will be no problem. Between us, we've divorced enough husbands to know every trick there is for how they hide, launder, or cover up bank accounts and money sources. We know how to find that money and we know how to seize it ... with or without the government's help!

Uniting all the warring tribes of Afghanistan in a new government? Oh, please! We've planned the seating arrangements for in-laws and extended families at Thanksgiving dinners for years -- we understand tribal warfare.

We've survived the water diet, the protein diet, the carbohydrate diet, and the grapefruit diet in gyms and saunas across America and never lost a pound; we can easily survive months in the hostile terrain of Afghanistan with no food at all!

Let us go and fight. The Taliban *hates women*; so imagine their terror as we crawl like ants with hot flashes over their godforsaken terrain. I'm going to write my Congresswoman. You should, too!

"Only dead fish go with the flow." ~ Ex Gov. Sarah Palin'...

HIS/HER/STORY?

Do you know what happened today back in 1850? California became a state. The State had no electricity. The state had no money. Almost everyone spoke Spanish. There were gunfights in the streets.

So basically, it was just like California today, except the women had real boobs.

"If work was a good thing, the rich would have it all and not let you do it." ~ Elmore Leonard

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

According to *The Week*, UK researchers have tickled a variety of primates and human babies to prove that *laughter* dates back perhaps 16 million years! Animal guffaws are "an expression of joy," concludes the study. And according to German archeologists, Cro-Magnon man apparently enjoyed music as much as 40,000 years ago, as they just uncovered eight magical flutes crafted out of tusks and bird bones.

It's also been revealed that the French language, described by Claude Duneton as "full of complicated knots that only a lace maker could pick apart," actually encourages mathematical ability.

"A mind nurtured by an irrational language," the grammarian concludes, "is better able to cope with the absurd madness ... in which two plus two does not necessarily equal four."

Finally, it's been revealed that bilingualism is both a blessing and a curse since it

takes a person so gifted a little longer to "find the right word."

God help me - I speak seven languages and, uh --



"Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterward." ~ Kurt Vonnegut

LET'S EAT?

"Y-u-c-k! There's poop everywhere!," says a youngster whose family exposed him to the *Modern Toilet*, a Taiwanese restaurant chain soon to spread throughout Asia.

"It's supposed to shock and confuse the senses," says manager Chen Min-kuang, as consumers plop down on closed acrylic commodes embellished with seashells, flowers and paintings and curries are slurried on mini toilet-shaped plates with drinks in plastic souvenir urinals, topped by desserts such as *diarrhea with dried droppings, bloody poop and green dysentery* -- shaved-ice chocolate, strawberry and kiwi.

Asians are notoriously less queasy when it comes to normal bodily functions from burping and farting to pissing and pooping – the latter act often performed in a fully exposed squat over a hole -- even though a 6th century Han king probably invented the first flushing *throne* and also toilet paper. Napkins, anyone?

On the opening day of McDonald's first restaurant in Kuwait in 1994, the drive-through line was 7 miles long. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

A SCHMUCK NAMED "SUE"?

In an article in the *Spokane Spokesman-Review* by Thomas Clouse, the *Lawsuit Zeus*, and *Johnny Sue-nami* (aka Jonathan Lee Riches or Irving Picard), was said to be seeking an injunction to stop *The Guinness Book of World Records* from labeling him as the man who's "filed the most lawsuits in the entire history of mankind" which is more than 4,000 worldwide or so; or so he claims, from his present residence at the Federal Medical Center in Lexington, Ky.,

Those would include lawsuits against New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, former President George W. Bush, Somali pirates, Plato, Nostradamus, James Hoffa, the Lincoln Memorial, the Eiffel Tower, Three Mile Island, Martha Stewart, Britney Spears

and "Various Buddhist Monks," according to Wikipedia.

"I've filed so many lawsuits with my pen and right hand that I got arthritis in my fingers, numbness in my wrists [and]crooked fingers," he wrote, in longhand.

"I flush out more lawsuits than a sewer." He most recently filed against the president of Iran, Black History Month, and the makers of *I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!*
<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2009/may/23/man-sues-book-over-most-litigious-crown/>

"The minute you read something that you can't understand, you can almost be sure it was drawn up by a lawyer." ~ Will Rogers

RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS?

A circus owner runs an ad for a lion tamer and two people show up. One is a handsome senior and the other is a drop-dead gorgeous blonde in her mid-twenties.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat it," the circus owner begins, "This is a ferocious lion who ate my last tamer, so you two had better be good or you're history. Here's your equipment - a chair, a whip and a gun. Who wants to go first?"

The cutie raises her manicured hand, eschews the chair, the whip and the gun and walks straight into the lion's cage. The leo starts to snarl and pant and lunges at her -- but then, she opens her coat -- revealing a beautiful naked body!

The lion stops dead in his tracks, sheepishly creeps up and starts licking her feet and ankles. He continues to lick and kiss her entire body with his ample tongue for several minutes and then, purring deeply, rests his head at her feet.

The circus owner is gob-smacked! "I've never seen a display like that in my life," he gasps. He then turns to the older chap and asks, "Can you top that?"

"No problem," the geezer replies, "Just get that damn lion out of the way."

"Life is a tragedy full of joy." ~ Bernard Malamud

SINGALONG?

Real CW songs listed in BMI: *Get Your Tongue Outta My Mouth 'Cause I'm Kissing You Goodbye I Keep Forgettin' I Forgot About You; How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away; I Gave Her My Heart and A Diamond and She Clubbed Me with a Spade; and I Hate Every Bone In Your Body Except For My Own.*

If I Can't Be Number One In Your Life, Then Number Two on You; I'll Still Miss You Baby, But My Aim's Gettin' Better; I Flushed You from The Toilet Of My Heart; If I Had It To Do All Over Again, I'd Do It All Over You (Dan Hicks and his Hot Licks); and Waitin' In Your Welfare Line, (Buck Owens).

How Can I Miss You if You Won't Go Away; How Can You Believe Me When I Say I Love You, When You Know I've Been A Liar All My Life (Royal Wedding starring Fred Astaire); Walk Out Backwards Slowly So I'll Think You're Walking In; Please Bypass This Heart; You're The Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly; There ain't Enough Room in my Fruit Of The Looms to Hold All My Lovin' For You: I Sat Down On A Beartrap (Just This Morning); and

Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself or Go Bowling.

Then there's: *Velcro Arms, Teflon Heart; Hand me the Pool Cue and Call Yourself an Ambulance; Her Only Bad Habit Is Me* (three songs with this title.) *My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend and I Sure Do Miss Him; She Got The Ring and I Got The Finger; She Feels Like A New Man Tonight; Here's A Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)* by Travis Tritt and *Did I Shave my Legs for This?*

"He's good enough, he's smart enough, and doggone it, .50.0001% of the people in Minnesota like him!" ~ Hank Rosenfeld on now Sen. Al Franken

IN THE NEXT WORLD, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN

Ed McMahon, Farrah Fawcett, Gale Storm, Harv Presnell, Fred Travelena, a repentant Robert Strange MacNamara, and Michael Jackson – not our friend the radio host, but that other guy – moved on to Phase Two. And Sarah Palin killed her chance to be president!

I met McMahon briefly with my first wife Sheilah, and he was a sweet, lucky man who had some tough breaks, figuratively and physically, at the end; and Melinda worked with Fred Travelena in the Shirley McClain Vegas show, and he was a swell guy, too; our condolences to his wife.

Then there's Mladen Sekulovich, better known as Karl Malden, who lived to see 97 and was married to his wife, Mona for 70 years. My favorite anecdote in the LA Times obit, concerned his Oscar win. He drove to the ceremony in a beat-up rented green Chevy and, intimidated by the limos, parked several blocks away. Being a New Yorker, he was wearing an overcoat, and when called to the stage to accept his award for *Streetcar*", he asked his aisle-mate Humphrey Bogart, to watch his coat. Later, after Bogie grabbed his Oscar for *African Queen*, Karl asked after his topcoat.

"Forget your coat," a beaming Bogart answered, "Hold on to the goddam Oscar!"

"It is only possible to live happily ever after on a day-to-day basis." ~ Margaret Bonnano

HELPERS

Michael (The Enabler) Fish, Mark McNabb, Jim Reynolds, Tom Kane, Scott W. Langhill, Flori Schutzer, John Achorn, Patty Paul, Fred Wiebel, Jr., H. Lee Kagan, Victor Kopcewich and the uncredited hilarious ape photo from *The Week*.

"The only way to coast is downhill " ~ John Houghtaling, inventor of Magic Fingers

SURFERS

MM: <http://www.kuow.org/program.php?id=17827>

GOP: <http://thinkprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/buchanan.jpg>

CRAP CIRCLES: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8118257.stm>

KKKLOWNS: <http://www.neatorama.com/2007/09/03/clowns-kicked-kkk-asses/>

EELS: <http://www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/hovercraft.htm>

SMILE: <http://www.imtiredonline.com/smile/>

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"Come to the edge, he said. They said: We are afraid. Come to the edge, he said. They came. He pushed them and they flew." ~ Guillaume Apollinaire

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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>

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." ~ e e cummings

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