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"One must never conceal the truth." ~ Salvador Dali

HOT NIGHTS IN HOLLYWOOD

That's what you'll get when the Firesign Theatre lights up the Barnsdall Gallery Theatre with their new live show, *Forward into the Past* for four nights Oct. 14 - 17th, representing the first time we've appeared in our hometown in over 15 years! Get the best early seats now at:

http://www.firesigntheatre.com/index_bt.html

"Hollywood isn't so much a place, as a state of mindlessness" ~ John Gregory Dunne

HAPPY HOUR!!!

The Lagunitas Brewery up north in Petaluma has released a *We're All Bozos on this Bus* Correction Ale and it's really delicious! Inside the big bottle lives a happy hippy hoppy brew that smells and tastes of orange and basil and runs between \$6 and \$7, depending on where you buy it. What's next? Bearwhiz Beer? We're talkin'... <http://www.lagunitas.com/beers/index.html>

"Things are more like they are now than they ever were before." ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

WHEN HARRY MET CHEETAH

The San Francisco Zoo was rocked by a sex scandal last week when Harry, a penguin in a 6-year relationship with his male partner, Pepper, left the stiff for a hottie named Linda. But lest you think this is only a San Francisco aberration, according to Maria L. La Ganga in the LA Times, a similar event shook the Big Love Apple's Central Park Zoo when Silo left Roy for a California *Sea World* slut named Scrappy. And with the recent rash of hypocritical sexual behavior among human pols, Matt Barber at Town hall.com compared Harry to Sen. Larry "I'm not a homosexual" Craig:

"In recent days he has reportedly been seen waddling around the zoo's public men's room, skulking in stalls and inexplicably tapping his flipper..."

To further confirm the thin line that separates us from our animal peers, *Defenders of Wildlife* magazine notes that "wild and crazy" male chimpanzees on Africa's Ivory Coast have been observed trading meat for sex. Of course, you can see that any day in any hairy human hot spot during Happy Hour. "Another cocktail frank, cutie?"

"There is one string between universal chaos and our planet, a string that is laughter." ~ Russian Clown Anton Adassinski

5-4-3-2-1 - LIFTOFF!!!

According to writer Craig Nelson for *Popular Science*, "The Apollo's Saturn rockets were packed with enough fuel to throw 100-pound shrapnel three miles, and NASA couldn't rule out the possibility that they might explode on takeoff. NASA seated its VIP spectators three and a half miles from the launch pad."

The Apollo computers also had less processing power than a modern cell phone and drinking water was a fuel-cell by-product, so every drink was fizzy as the hydrogen-gas filters didn't function properly. Peeing and pooping in Zero G was also still experimental and "the latter was so troublesome, " notes

Craig, "that at least one astronaut spent his entire mission on an anti-diarrhea drug to avoid it."

Then pilot Neil Armstrong had only about 20 seconds of fuel remaining when he landed the Eagle, but ground-based engineer Milton Silveira believed that the exhaust trail would bounce back from the surface to ignite the remaining propellant.

And that *one small step for man* wasn't actually that small. Armstrong set the ship down "so gently that its shock absorbers didn't compress" so he had to hop 3 and a half feet from the Eagle's ladder to the surface; and when Buzz Aldrin joined Neil, he had to be careful not to lock the Eagle's door "because there was no outer handle."

"The inner bladder of the space suits—the airtight liner that keeps the astronaut's body under Earth-like pressure— were handmade by teams of 'little old ladies,' as were the ship's computer's ROM chips."

"The toughest moonwalk task?" concludes Nelson, "Planting the flag. NASA's studies suggested that the lunar soil was soft, but Armstrong and Aldrin found the surface to be a thin wisp of dust over hard rock, but they managed to drive the flagpole a few inches into the ground and film it.

But of course, the whole thing was faked anyway, so who cares? And Obama was born in Kenya...

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/washington/2008/06/obama-birth.html>

"Hello. I ask to deport to me your free selling aids and souvenirs for an acquaintance. ~ Russian fan"

YOU MIGHT BE AN INTELLECTUAL IF ...

You wish relationships were as easy as Physics. You've read more than 20 pages about how to give someone an orgasm! You watch porn videos and critique the camera angles! You're still hoping Adlai Stevenson will win the Presidency on a recount! You can calculate the odds...of whether someone will believe you can calculate the odds.

You tell off Christian fundamentalists by saying "We are all evolved from apes, except you. Your family decided to stay there." Your spelling errors make more sense than the correct spellings, but no one will sign your petition! You once got Detention for doing too much homework! You invented a Perpetual Motion Machine ... by attaching wires to a little kid, who keeps asking "Are we there yet?"

You start constructing your resume and it turns into an autobiography. You send a relative a copy of "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations" and inscribe it "I'm familiar with all these quotations. Are you?" To fall asleep, you count sheep -- in Base 8. You know over 90 dirty words in Sanskrit! You wonder how babies get away with stuff! In therapy, you make more notes than your therapist! (*From Comedian Dana Snow*)

*"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*

CLEVER FRIAR\$

A band of friars lived up on top of a secluded mountain. They had hardly any money, so one day a small group got together, cut some lovely flowers out of the gardens, made them into bundles and went to the local marketplace, where to their happy surprise, they made fifty dollars!

They started selling flowers once a week and soon were making so much money, they hiked into town every day. In no time, they accumulated over \$1,000 from their labors. But then the head friar got word of their business and was furious. He lectured the friars about the evils of money and forbid them from selling more flowers. But the group of rebellious monks refused to stop their

lucrative trade and continued to clip the buds they nurtured and sell them in town.

Finally, the head friar had to hire a guard named Hugh to watch over the naughty friars and make sure they stopped this practice and after two years, the head friar let him go, figuring the flower-selling problem was over. After he was released, however, the friars started cutting the flowers again (and there were a lot of them by now), going into town and selling them as they had before.

Then, the head friar's assistant told his master that the flower selling had begun anew, and suggested they should hire Hugh again.

"You're right," the head friar nodded solemnly, "Only Hugh can prevent florist friars."

"The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time." ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

SOME E-BOOKS ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS

Recently hundreds of Amazon Kindle owners awoke to discover that works by a certain famous author had been mysteriously erased from their e-book readers - even though they'd bought them and assumed they owned them.

Which author was the target of this "Big Brother-like" plot? None other than Eric Arthur Blair -- somewhat better known as George Orwell, the writer of "1984" and "Animal Farm."

<http://pogue.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/07/17/some-e-books-are-more-equal-than-others/>

"On fishing shows they always throw the fish back. They don't want to eat them, they just want to make them late for something." ~ Mitch Hedberg

A DREAM OF JINNI

According to CNN, a family in Saudi Arabia has taken a genie to Shariah court, alleging it of stealing their cell phones, leaving threatening voicemails and throwing rocks at them in the evening when they leave their house. "We began hearing strange noises," said a spokesperson, for the family, which had occupied the same house in the suburbs of the holy city of Medina for 15 years, "In the beginning, we didn't take it seriously, but...stranger things started happening and the children got really scared when the genie began throwing stones."

"We have to verify the truthfulness of this case despite the difficulty of doing so," head cleric Sheikh Amr Al Salmi diplomatically declared. Genies, or jinns, appear in pre-Islamic tales like "Arabian Nights" and are also characters in the Quran and a lot of Saudis are convinced that these invisible creatures are capable of powerful acts of vengeance and demonic possession. Could also be a big angry Irish Rabbit.

"I was going to buy a copy of "The Power of Positive Thinking" and then I thought, what good would that do?" ~ Ronnie Shakes

NOTEWORTHY

C, E-flat and G go into a bar. The bartender says, "sorry, but we don't serve minors."

So E-flat leaves, and C and G have an open fifth between them. After a few drinks, the fifth is diminished and G is out flat. F comes in and tries to augment the situation, but is not sharp enough.

D comes in and heads for the bathroom saying, "Excuse me. I'll just be a second." Then A comes in, but the bartender is not convinced that this relative of C is not a minor.

Then the bartender notices B-flat hiding at the end of the bar and says, "Get out! You're the seventh minor I've found in this bar tonight."

E-Flat comes back the next night in a three-piece suit with nicely shined shoes. The bartender says, "you're looking sharp tonight. Come on in, this could be a major development." Sure enough, E-flat soon takes off his suit and everything else, and is au natural.

Eventually C sobers up and realizes in horror that he's under a rest. C is brought to trial, found guilty of contributing to the diminution of a minor, and is sentenced to 10 years of D.S. without Coda at an upscale correctional facility.

"Lighten up! Remember – you cast your own shadow." ~ Phil Proctor

SHORT BUT NOT SO SWEET

A Planeteer wrote to tell me that soon after she and her husband were married, he stopped wearing his wedding band. "Why don't you ever wear your ring?" she asked.

"It cuts off my circulation," he replied. "I know," she said, "It's supposed to."

"Individualism is freedom lived." ~ John Dos Passos

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME

Yes, it's my Yin/Yang irreversible/reversible birthday on July 28th just after midnight! (There's a secret clue as to my actual age cleverly hidden somewhere in the current Planet. Can you find it?)

And Andy Kouris suggested on Facebook a way to prolong the pleasure, and it's not even a pill....

"I think," writes Andy, "you should be allowed to celebrate one day for every year of your life. My birthday, for instance, was April 8. At the ripe old age of 55, I was technically in party mode until June 2nd. Of course you don't have to stay drunk all that time, but it is certainly an option if you prefer."

"I have nothing. I owe much. The rest I leave to the poor." ~ Last will and testament of Honore' de Balzac (1799-1850)

WOOF IN PEACE

Gidget, the spunky little Taco Bell Chihuahua who made fast food tacos "adorable," by saying "¡Yo quiero Taco Bell!" and "Here lizard, lizard, lizard," (thanks to voice-over artist and friend, [Carlos Alazraqui](#)) died of a stroke at age 15 this week.

"She made so many people happy," said trainer, Sue Chipperton in the LA Times obit. The retired canine lived out her last days lying in the sun, leading Sue to say, "I like to joke that it [was] like looking after a plant."

And "Uncle" Walter Cronkite died, too. And Obama was born in Kenya.

*"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles."
~ Walter Cronkite*

HELPERS

Ruth Olafsdottir, Michael (The Zapper) Fish, Al Yankovic, Phil Fountain, Jim Terr, Eddie Deezen, Scott W. Langill, Paul Eiding, Richard Van Kooy, Ray Lesser, Nick Oliva, M. C. Gwynne, Victor Kopcewich, Jayne Stahl, Patty Paul, and Thomas Healy of *Branches*

In Holland and Sweden, they refer to an "anchorman" as a Kronkeiter! ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

SURFERS

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O. V. H: <http://fatpita.net:80/?i=1952>
MARIA: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYR3c2dIvFc&feature=channel_page
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MOON ME: <http://www.wechoosethemoon.org/>
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“The chief obstacle to the progress of the human race is the human race.” ~ Don Marquis

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