

"We are here to help each other get through this thing, whatever it is." ~ Kurt Vonnegut

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## SANTA WRITES BACK

deer santa: I wud like a kool toy space ranjur fer Xmas. Iv bin a gud boy all yeer. Yer Frennd, BiLLy

Dear Billy, Nice spelling. You're on your way to a career in lawn care. How about I give you a frigging book so you can learn to read and write? I'm giving your older brother the space ranger. At least HE can spell!

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl all year, and the only thing I ask for is peace and joy in the world for everybody! Love, Sarah

Dear Sarah, Your parents smoked pot when they had you, didn't they?

Dear Santa, I don't know if you can do this, but for Christmas, I'd like for my mommy and daddy to get back together. Please see what you can do. Love, Teddy

Dear Teddy -- Look, your dad's banging the babysitter like a screen door in a hurricane. Do you think he's gonna give that up to come back to your frigid, fat mom, who rides his ass constantly? It's time to give up that dream. Let me get you some nice Legos instead. Maybe you can build yourself a family with those?

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, a Play Station, a train, some G.I. Joes, a dog, a drum kit, a pony and a tuba. Love, Francis

Dear Francis, Who names their kid 'Francis' nowadays? I'm giving you a doll instead because I bet you're gay.

Dear Santa, I left milk and cookies for you under the tree, and I left carrots for your reindeer outside the back door. Love, Susan

Dear Susan, Milk gives me the shits and carrots make the deer fart in my face when riding in the sleigh. You want to do me a favor? Two words: Jim Beam.

Dear Santa, What do you do the other 364 days of the year? Are you busy making toys? Your friend, Thomas

Dear Thomas, All the toys are made by little kids like you in China. Every year I give them a slice of bread as a Christmas bonus. I have a condo in Vegas, where I spend most of my time making low-budget porno films. I unwind by drinking myself silly and squeezing the asses of cocktail waitresses while losing money at the craps table. P.S. Tell your mom she got the part.

Dear Santa, Do you see us when we're sleeping, do you really know when we're awake, like in the song? Love, Jessica

Dear Jessica, Are you really that gullible? Good luck in whatever you do. I'm skipping your house.

Dear Santa, I really really want a puppy this year. Please please please PLEASE PLEASE could I have one? Timmy

Timmy, That whiny begging shit may work with your folks, but that crap doesn't work with me. You're getting an ugly sweater again.

Dearest Santa, We don't have a chimney in our house, how do you get into our home? Love, Marky

Mark, First, stop calling yourself 'Marky,' that's why you're getting your ass kicked at school. Second, you don't live in a house, you live in a low-rent, ghetto apartment complex. Third, I get inside your pad just like all the burglars do, through your bedroom window. Sweet Dreams, Santa

*"When you're down and out,  
something always turns up -  
and it's usually the noses of your friends."  
~ Orson Welles*

## **SELLING REFRIGERATORS TO THE ESKIMOS!**

The Inuit, the indigenous people of Greenland, Canada, Alaska and Russia, have traditionally hunted for Arctic species from seal to polar bear, and whale to caribou. But now, according to Reuters, they need funds to adapt to climate change in the Arctic, including measures to build communal deep freezers for storing game because warming is reducing their hunting season.

"We need infrastructure," a spokesman said. "We want community deep freezers if the hunting patterns change so much that we can only go hunting a few times a year."

But, of course, climate change influenced by industrialization is a hoax...

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*"Nobody realizes that some people expend enormous energy merely to be normal." ~ Albert Camus*

## **GOOD SPORTS**

"He treats us like men," observed University of Houston receiver Torrin Polk about his coach, John Jenkins. "He lets us wear earrings." Which makes us recall what North Carolina State basketball player Chuck Nevitt explained to Coach Jim Valvano when acting nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt." And upon hearing Joe Jacobi of the 'Skin's say, "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl!," Raiders' Matt Millen added, "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."

New Orleans Saint George Rogers was asked about the upcoming season: "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first." To which boxing trainer Lou Duva might add, concerning the training regime of heavyweight Andrew Golota, "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning, regardless of what time it is." And a Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh affirmed, "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes."

"Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject," counseled Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf about a player who received "four F's and one D." And commenting on Mike Tyson's jail time, boxing promoter

Dan Duva said, "Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton."

But Chicago Cubs outfielder Andre Dawson believes it's important to be a role model: "I wan' all kids to do what I do, to look up to me. I wan' all the kids to copulate me."

As Utah Jazz president Frank Layden said to a former player: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'" And Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawks left wing, explained why he keeps a color photo of himself above his locker: "That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."

So, take the advice of Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach: "You guys line up alphabetically by height -- pair up in groups of three, and then line up in a circle." Or in the words of NC State great Charles Shackelford, "I can go to my left or right, I am amphibious."

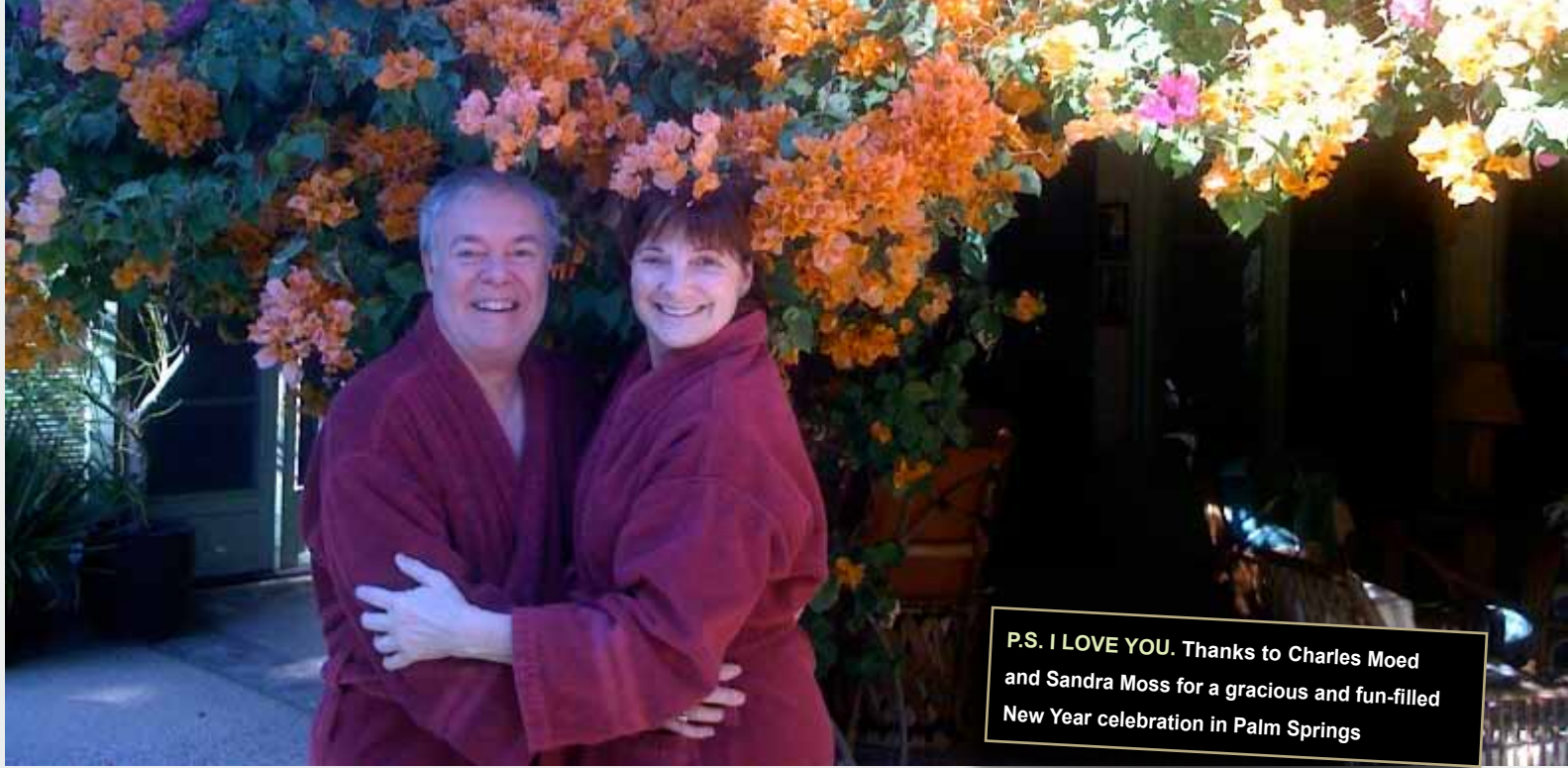
And finally, football commentator and former player Joe Thiemann notes, "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

*"The brain is 80% water, the rest of it is 70% fat."  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

## **BEST HEADLINE OF LAST YEAR**



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**P.S. I LOVE YOU.** Thanks to Charles Moed and Sandra Moss for a gracious and fun-filled New Year celebration in Palm Springs

*"Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed."*  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

### **A CARBON PAWPRINT**

In the new book *Time to Eat the Dog: The Real Guide to Sustainable Living* by Robert and Brenda Vale, specialists in the topic at New Zealand's Victoria University of Wellington, it's claimed that a medium-sized canine wolfs down 360 pounds of meat and 250 pounds of cereal annually, leaving behind a footprint of 2.07 acres – twice the tread marks of a Hummer driving 6,200 miles a year, including the energy expended to build (and sell?) the car.

But kitties aren't much better! Pussies leave an eco-print just "slightly less than driving a Volkswagen Golf for a year. And two hamsters are equal to a plasma television showing a Disney film while even a humble goldfish burns energy "equivalent to two mobile telephones," states the article in the *Vancouver Sun*. (And while we're on the subject, the most common name for a pet goldfish is "Jaws.")

Furthermore, cats and dogs "devastate wildlife, spread disease and pollute waterways," the Vales say. For example, 7.7 million British felines hunt and eat an average of 25 birds,

mammals and frogs per cat, or 188 million innocent critters. Likewise, dogs decrease biodiversity in areas where they're walked, while their poop pollutes waterways and kills aquatic life. And cat crap is even more toxic. (Tell me about it!) And flushing litter down the loo can infect adorable sea otters with toxoplasma gondii (no relation to Mahatma), leading to brain disease.

But, counters Reha Huttin, President of France's largest animal rights organization, "Pets are anti-depressants, they help us cope with stress, and they are good for the elderly. I walk instead of using my car," she adds. "And I don't eat meat, so why shouldn't I be allowed to have a little cat to alleviate my loneliness?"

And solutions do exist, such as curbing a pet's protein-rich diet. "If a cat is fed on fish heads and other leftovers from the fishmonger," suggest the Vales, "the impact will be lower." But the best way of offsetting a pet-print is to cohabit with "dual-purpose companions" like hens, which supply eggs, or bunny rabbits -- "provided you eat them," adds Vale. **READ MORE**

*"A rotisserie is a morbid Ferris Wheel for chickens."*  
~ Mitch Hedberg

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**Firesign Theatre**  
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"It is incumbent on every generation  
to pay its own debts as it goes.  
A principle which if acted on  
would save one-half the wars of the world."  
~ Thomas Jefferson

## TWENTYTEN

Past and Future thank yous to Larry Alpert, Garry Margolis, Eddie Deezen, Nick Oliva, Scott W. Langhill, the LAGQ and all my faithful subscribers for 2009. Keep those e-cards and letters coming in! Thanks also to v. Melinda and I are soon off to WICA on Whidbey Island for the Firesign shows this coming weekend. Hope we'll be performing near you some time this year...

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM US . . .

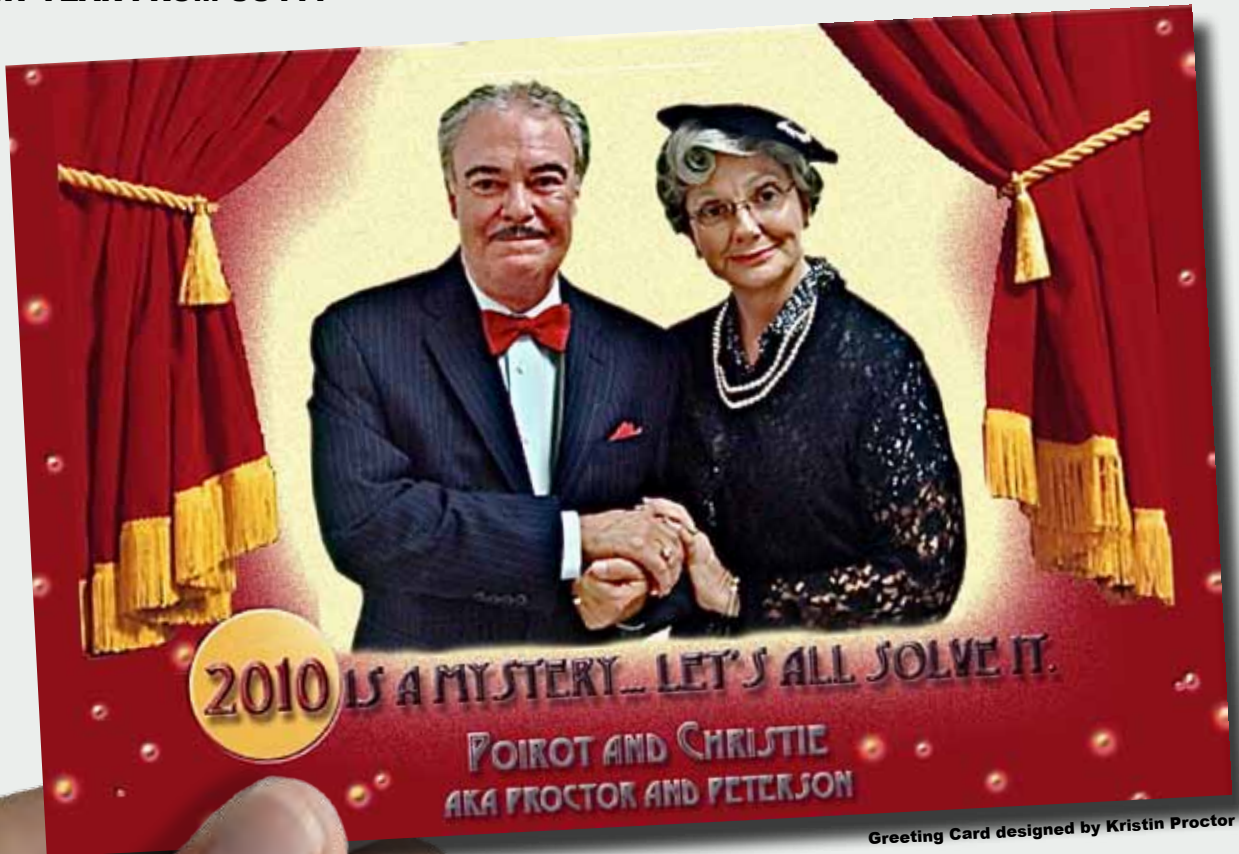
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The annual Nude New Zealand Soccer Game  
was briefly interrupted when a fully clothed  
streaker ran out onto the field.  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts



After Monday and Tuesday  
even the calendar says: "W T F"  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

Old money is tired money. It moves slowly. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

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