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"Politics is the worship of jackals by jackasses."  
~ H. L. Menken

### AN ANCIENT SUFI POEM

*I have a thousand brilliant lies  
For the question:  
How are you?  
I have a thousand brilliant lies  
For the question:  
What is God?  
If you think that the Truth can be known  
From words,  
If you think that the Sun and the Ocean  
Can pass through that tiny opening  
Called the mouth,  
O, someone should start laughing!  
Someone should start wildly laughing – Now!*

"A well developed sense of humor is the pole  
that adds balance to your steps as you walk  
the tightrope of life." ~ William Arthur Ward

### GOOD NEWS

The good news this week? First, a German study proving that ogling big boobs can prolong your life has been circulating around, claiming it increases circulation to achieve the results. It's a hoax, but who cares?

But guess what?  
Apparently, moderate drinking prolongs life, too, and that's true! The journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research* has concluded that over a 20-year study of nearly 2,000

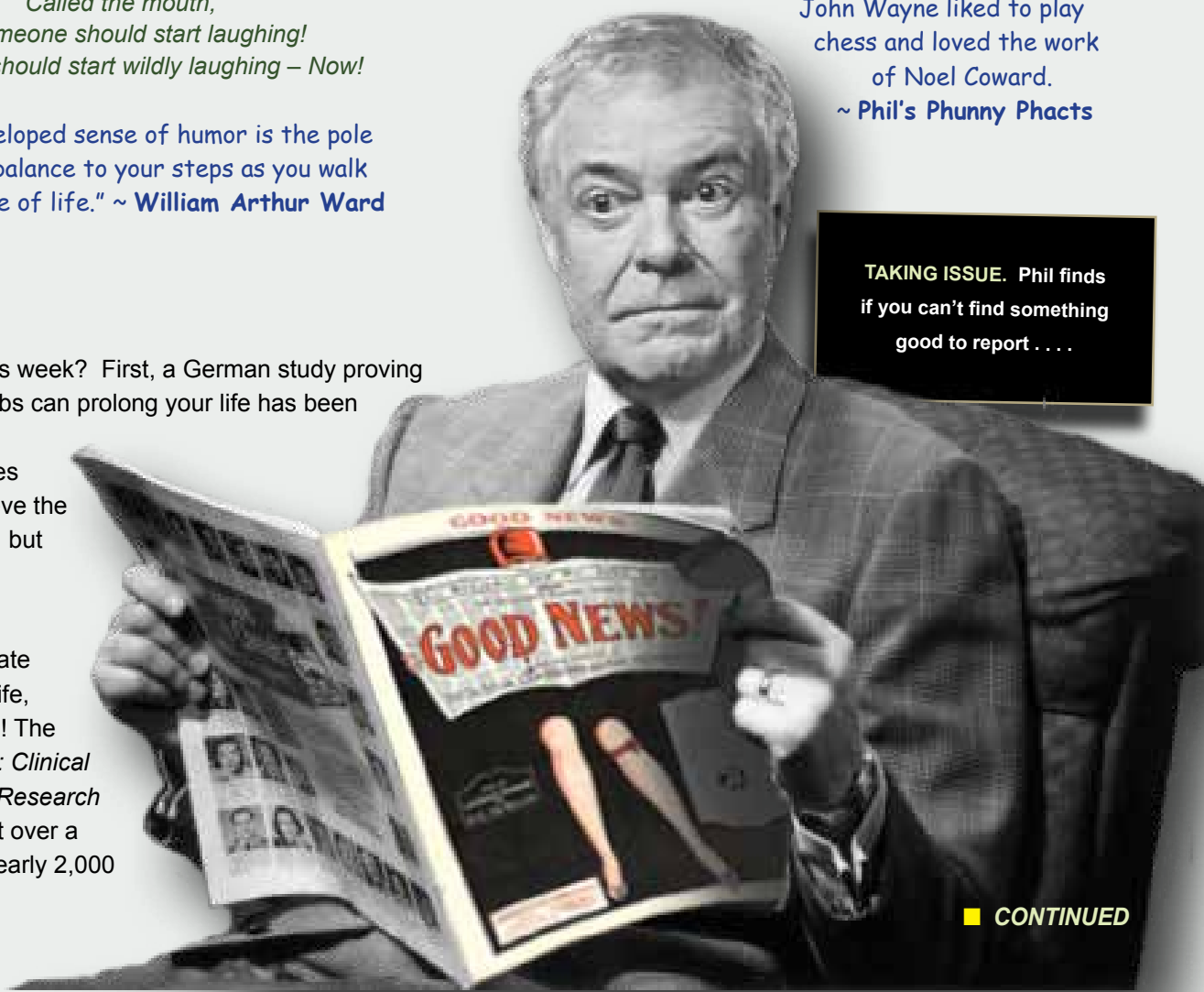
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subjects ranging in age from 55 to 65, more teatotalers died than heavy drinkers, and those imbibing two to three drinks per day outlived both of the other groups. So, Tops Down and Bottoms Up!

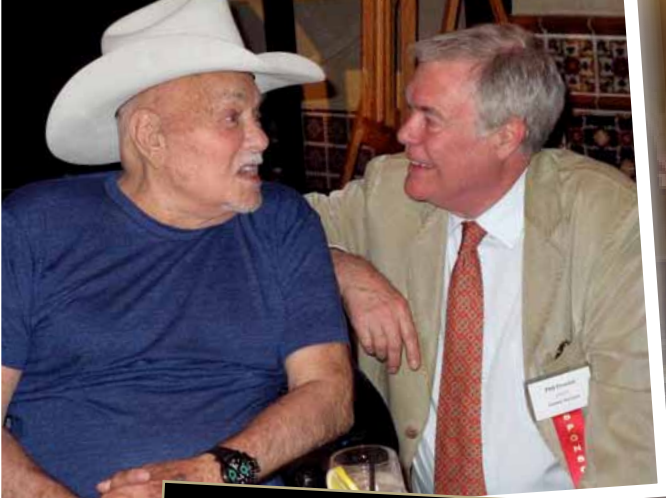
And finally, there is so much more spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research that, by 2040, we'll have a large elderly population with perky boobs and pesky erections -- and absolutely no idea of what to do with them.

John Wayne liked to play  
chess and loved the work  
of Noel Coward.  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

TAKING ISSUE. Phil finds  
if you can't find something  
good to report . . . .



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**TONY SIGHTINGS AND SIGNNGS.**  
Proctor's orbit converged with  
Tony Curtis earlier this year at a  
Lifetime Achievement ceremony.  
Curtis died earlier this month at 85.



## FLASH!

Tony Curtis ended a long run at 85 when a heart condition made Bernie Schwartz immortal. It was just this past April that I was reunited with my Lobsterman from Mars co-star as the Hollywood Chamber of Congress honored him at a banquet in the Blossom Room at the Roosevelt Hotel. Anyone who knew him or worked with him will remember Tony as a gracious, humble artist and we all thank God his work lives on...

*"Don't hurt nobody and don't eat no dirt..."*  
~ Rev. John McLean, LACRS

## GOTCHA!

According to the NY Times, bloviating Republican spokesperson **Rush Limbaugh** fell for a hoax based on an erroneous Wikipedia entry when rhapsodizing over Florida District Court judge **Roger Vinson**, who's partial to a challenge to Obamacare. "Limpballs" (so-called by our Progressive pal, **Thom Hartmann**) asserted that the judge was a longtime hunter and amateur taxidermist, and mounted the heads of three brown bears he killed above the entrance to his courtroom in order to "instill the fear of God into the accused."

"This would not be good news" for supporters of the health care law, he asserted. But, unfortunately, none of that information is true. In reality, the good Judge never shot anything except a water moccasin a few weeks ago at his weekend cabin retreat and has never been a taxidermist.

In fact, as president of the American Camellia Society, he's more likely to pick a shoot of *Camellia Reticulata* than to pick off or shoot an *Ursus Arctos*.

"I've never killed a bear, and I'm not Davy Crockett," affirmed the Judge.

*"We want to make Google the third part of your brain."*  
~ Co-founder **Sergey Brin**

## I SEE YOU ARE A SAILOR...

A beautiful young woman was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean. But just before she stepped off the dock, a handsome young man stopped her. "You have so much to live for," said the man. "Look, I'm a sailor, and we're off to Europe tomorrow, and I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day, and keep you happy."

With nothing to lose, combined with the fact that she had always wanted to go to Europe, the woman accepted. That night the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a lifeboat. From then on, every night he would bring her three sandwiches and make love to her until dawn.

Three weeks later, she was discovered by the captain during a routine inspection. "What are you doing here?" he asked.

"I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she replied. "He brings food and I get a free trip to Europe."

"I see," the captain says.

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**SNAPPING YARDS.** Counterintuitive  
from top left: a duck; Melinda in recline;  
Ossman and Austin in decline . . .



"Plus," she adds, "He's having his way with me."

"He certainly is," replied the captain. "This is the Staten Island Ferry."

"Modern life is trouble-shooting and problem solving.  
It's not sexy, but it's true." ~ **Phil Proctor**

gorgeous Golden State Theatre in Monterey the next day.  
Then, October 21-23 we'll be at the Barnsdall Gallery  
Theatre in Hollywood. Get aboard **HERE**.

"As I was creating art, art was creating me."  
~ **Zheng Ziyao**

## IT'S THE HAPS

This Saturday is the annual Antaeus Gala at the fabulous Hancock Park estate of the Gindlers, the new head of our Board of Directors and his wife. I'll be singing "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" with John Apicella and Peter Van Norden and appearing as Friar Laurence in a send-up of *Romeo and Juliet*. We're hoping to raise \$100K for our wonderful classical theatre ensemble, so we're bringing our checkbook.

Melinda and I also just returned from a great writing retreat at Phil and Oona Austin's magical Fox Island compound where the four or five crazy guys pounded out the final draft of our new touring show based on *I Think We're All Bozos on the Bus*. You can see us trot out the new show on October 8 at the Marin Center in San Rafael and at the

## JUST THE FACTS, M'AM

A recent joint study conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the League of Concerned Scientists indicates that 23 percent of all traffic accidents are alcohol-related and not "joint" related.

The sobering report concluded that the remaining 77 percent are caused by assholes who just drink coffee, soft drinks, juices, yogurts, and other crap like that. So beware of those who do not drink alcohol. They cause three times as many accidents. I'll drink to that!

"Facts are stupid things." ~ **Ronald Reagan**

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## I'LL RAISE YOU ONE

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem and while there, the wife passed away. "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000," the undertaker told the husband. "Or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150." The man thought about it and told him he would have her shipped home.

"Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home," the undertaker asked, "when it would be wonderful to be buried here for only \$150?"

The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

*"You cannot preach the Bible if you cannot preach God's hate." ~ Homophobic, anti-American Baptist Minister Fred Phelps*

## DON'T ASK – DON'T FORETELL

The *Moscow Times* reported that a man was sentenced to 25 years in prison for assaulting a Gypsy fortuneteller who had predicted that he would soon be jailed. The female ball-gazer told **Gennady Osipovich** that she saw a state-owned house (a Russian euphemism for jail) in his immediate future, which set him off on deadly rampage.

Although the woman managed to escape the ensuing assault, Osipovich managed to stab two innocent bystanders to death before being subdued. So if you ever ask a gypsy to take a stab at your future, **don't go armed...**

**THE LONG RUN.** Dana Wynter and Kevin McCarthy in 1956's 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers.' McCarthy died September 11 at age 96.

*"Stop and listen to me! They're not human! Can't you see? Everyone! They're here already. You're next!" ~ Kevin McCarthy in 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers,' from the story by Jack Finney*

## SNATCHED

I met **Kevin McCarthy**, who just passed on at 96, several years ago, when he was an invited guest at a world premiere presentation in Hollywood of a proposed musical version of *Invasion* titled, natch, *Snatched*. He was very gracious and exuberant and dismissed suggestions that the film was an allegory about communist infiltration or even an indictment of McCarthyistic jingoism.

"There was no assignment of political points of view when we were making the film," he's quoted as saying in the *LA Times obit*. "I thought," he continued "it was really about the onset of a kind of life where the corporate people are trying to tell you how to live, what to do, how to behave. And you become puppets to these merchants that are somehow turning individuals into victims."

Guess nobody got the message, eh?

*"No computer has ever been designed that is ever aware of what it's doing; but, most of the time, we aren't either." ~ Marvin Minsky*

## MOSQUE WE FIGHT?

"The curious double and triple standards of folks against a mosque and community center being built near Ground Zero in New York City has degenerated into a stunningly silly media-driven 'problem.' I think it should be the goal of every American to be tolerant," suggests Planeteer **Drew Daniels**.

"The mosque/community center project should be allowed in an effort to promote tolerance. In fact, the area around the mosque should be given a makeover and gentrification to elevate the 'tone' of the entire neighborhood and so to maximize the

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concept of tolerance, I propose the following concomitant improvements:

"Two nightclubs should be opened next door to the mosque promoting tolerance... One club (gay) will be called The Turban Cowboy and the other (topless) will be called You Mecca Me Hot.

"Next door, a gourmet butcher shop specializing in flavorful multicultural, international foods, such as Italian sausage, Cajun andouille, and baby back ribs should be created --with an open pit barbeque restaurant, in the back called something like Iraq o' Ribs.

"Across the street there could be a lingerie store called Victoria Keeps Nothing Secret, with anatomically accurate mannequins in the window and right next door, an adult toy shop, Koranal Knowledge, with its name in the requisite tacky flashing neon lights; and finally, a fine wine and liquor store on the corner, called -- Morehammered.

"Muslims frequenting the multi-cultural community center could, I think, thus presumably be considered to be 'tolerant'. Problem solved."

"There is a McDonald's two blocks from Ground Zero. Trust me, McDonald's has killed far more people than the terrorists". ~ Michael Moore

## JFK ON LABOR DAY

"Too much and too long, we seem to have surrendered community excellence and community values in the mere accumulation of material things. Our gross national product...if we should judge America by that -- counts air pollution and cigarette advertising, and ambulances to clear

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## TAKE ME AWAY

ATHEIST HYMN  
VOTE FOR ME OR  
I'LL KILL YOU

ETCHING

L'CHAIM

FUNNY BEER

LEO'S SONG

CATCHY

BEAR IT

LINK TO LINCOLN

LOOK HERE/

KNESTOR

FOXXX

SWOON LAKE

SYNC OR SWIM

FISHBOAT

TIM B WANNA B

OVER THERE

CLICK THE WORD TO  
GO TO THE SITE

our highways of carnage. It counts special locks for our doors and the jails for those who break them. It counts the destruction of our redwoods and the loss of our natural wonder in chaotic sprawl. It counts napalm and the cost of a nuclear warhead, and armored cars for police who fight riots in our streets. It counts Whitman's rifle and Speck's knife, and the television programs, which glorify violence in order to sell toys to our children.

"Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages; the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage; neither our wisdom nor our learning; neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country; it measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile. And it tells us everything about America except why we are proud that we are Americans."

"I'll be long gone before some smart person ever figures out what happened inside this Oval Office."

~ George W. Bush

## CONTRIBUTING

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"Has anyone else noticed how much more effective prayer has become since the invention of modern medicine?" ~ Scott Hurst

"No nation [can] preserve its freedom in the midst of continual war." ~ James Madison

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