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"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid." ~ Benjamin Franklin

THROUGHOUT THE 'PLANET,' CLICKING **BOLD, DARK RED TYPE** OPENS A RELATED INTERNET LINK.

A THREE-ISLAND TOUR

Sing along! "A threeeee is-land tour..."

Yes, the reason there was no November orbit was because I was performing all the characters in the "Don Quixote" reading, this time on a tour of the Hawaiian Islands, accompanied once more by the nimble fingers of the **LA Guitar Quartet** – **John Dearman, Matt Greif, William Kanengiser** and **Scott Tenant**.

READ THE 'STAR' STORY.

We played Maui, Oahu and Kona to enthusiastic crowds and got "lei-ed" by willowy *wahines* after each show. Then **Melinda** and I took a few weeks to sun, snorkel, hike and paraglide at our time-shares in Maui and Kaua'i – a perfect blend of work and pleasure; and I returned to record the dwarf warrior Gloin and the wizard Radagast in the next *Lord of the Rings* game. Magic!

Next "Quixotes" will be in the Eckhart-Grammy Hall at the University of Calgary, March 12 and 13. **CLICK FOR MORE INFO**

Too bad we don't ski...

"Too much sanity may be madness and the maddest of all, to see life as it is and not as it should be."
~ Miguel de Cervantes

"Whenever you find that you are on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."
~ Mark Twain

WILY QUIXOTE. Phil tilts (at windmills) with the L.A. Guitar Quartet in Hawaii. Left to right: Scott Tenant, Matt Greif, El Proctoro, John Dearman and William Kanengiser.

WHAT IS REALITY?

"Sarah Palin's Alaska," blogs **Matt Labash** at www.weeklystandard.com, shares the network's schedule with shows like *Ton of*



Love – "go inside the lives of three morbidly obese couples" – and *The Man With Half a Body* – "meet Kenny, whose body ends at his waist and who walks on his hands."

"Would John Adams feel comfortable exhibiting his children
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THANKS (for Thanksgiving)

by W. S. Merwin

Listen

with the night falling we are saying thank you
we are stopping on the bridges to bow from the railings
we are running out of the glass rooms
with our mouths full of food to look at the sky
and say thank you
we are standing by the water thanking it
smiling by the windows looking out
in our directions

PALM D'ORACLE.

In 2008, W.S.

Merwin, currently
America's Poet
Laureat, stands
in the Maui palm
forest that he
created in the
late '70s, and has
tended ever since.

back from a series of
hospitals back from a mugging
after funerals we are saying thank you
after the news of the dead
whether or not we knew them we are saying thank you

over telephones we are saying thank you
in doorways and in the backs of cars and in elevators
remembering wars and the police at the door
and the beatings on stairs we are saying thank you
in the banks we are saying thank you
in the faces of the officials and the rich
and of all who will never change
we go on saying thank you thank you

with the animals dying around us
our lost feelings we are saying thank you
with the forests falling faster than the minutes
of our lives we are saying thank you
with the words going out like cells of a brain
with the cities growing over us
we are saying thank you faster and faster
with nobody listening we are saying thank you
we are saying thank you and waving
dark though it is

next to *Toddlers and Tiaras*," Labash asks, "which follows families on their quest for 'sparkly crowns, big titles, and lots of cash?' Would Abe Lincoln look diminished if he shared a marquee with *I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant*? Would William Jefferson Clinton feel at home next to *Sister Wives*, which explores 'the complex daily life of a polygamist family?'

"Okay, bad example on that last one..."

"Hello I've long been a crush on you.

And during the entire time you are irresistible.

PLEASE send me an autograph and a small souvenir birthday."

~ Russian fan

UP IN SMOKE

Two old ladies were outside their nursing home, having a drink and a smoke, when it started to rain. One of the ladies pulled out a condom, cut off the end, put it over her cigarette, and continued smoking."

"What's that?" asked Sadie.

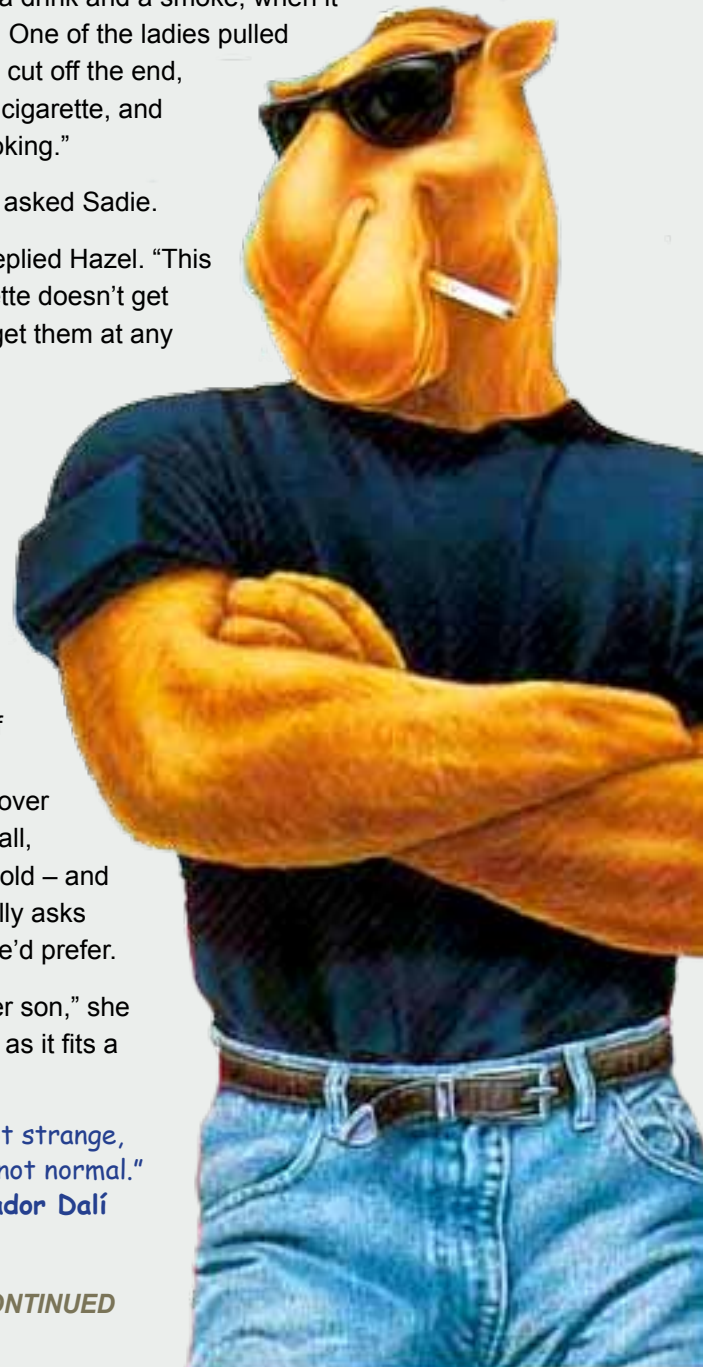
"A condom," replied Hazel. "This way my cigarette doesn't get wet. You can get them at any drugstore."

The next day, Sadie hobbles into the local drugstore and announces to the pharmacist that she wants a box of condoms. The guy looks her over – she is, after all, over 80 years old – and then respectfully asks what brand she'd prefer.

"Doesn't matter son," she says. "As long as it fits a Camel."

"I am not strange,
I am just not normal."
~ Salvador Dalí

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GOOD NEWS

Asylum.com's **Brian Fairbanks** announced that "the nation's first sex toy drive-thru" store, **Pleasures**, opened recently in Huntsville, Alabama – a state, mind you, that has already blocked the sale of dildos unless you can present a doctor's letter asserting that you need that battery-operated penis for "medical reasons."

But last weekend, Pleasures of Huntsville Party Girls handed out vacation chits, gift cards and tubes of lube to the first customers who pulled up to its "new, state-of-the-art sex window. Sadly," continues Brian, "there won't be naked female tellers at this drive-up dispenser, only cloaked and anonymous sex slaves who offer the store's wares via a deposit slot..."

And fittingly, the **Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board** also banned a wine label deemed "too salacious" for the delicate sensibilities of its impressionable imbibers. "California's Cycles Gladiator wine, which features an art nouveau rendering of a naked nymph and a flying bicycle on the label, was ruled to be in violation of a law against displaying 'a person posed in an immoral or sensuous manner.'"

Meanwhile, Hann Family Wines said that online sales skyrocketed and the company is reviving its "Banned in 'Bama" campaign this Christmas.

And until the ban is lifted, those po' repressed Alabamians will have to masturbate to the St. Pauli girl instead...

*"Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life."
~ Mark Twain*

SPARE-TIME

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to make a difference in the world and it's at these times that our hopes are boosted by the re-

markable achievements of our fellow "silverbacks" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make

many of us throw up our hands.

Octogenarian **Harold "Sonny" Schlumberg** is such a person: "I've often been asked," he says, "What do we old folks do once we've retired?"

"Well...I'm fortunate to have a background in chemical engineering, and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and vodka into urine. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."

And so, "Sonny" should be an inspiration to us all...

*"We grow too soon old und too late schmart."
~ Amish Adage*

PICK ME UP

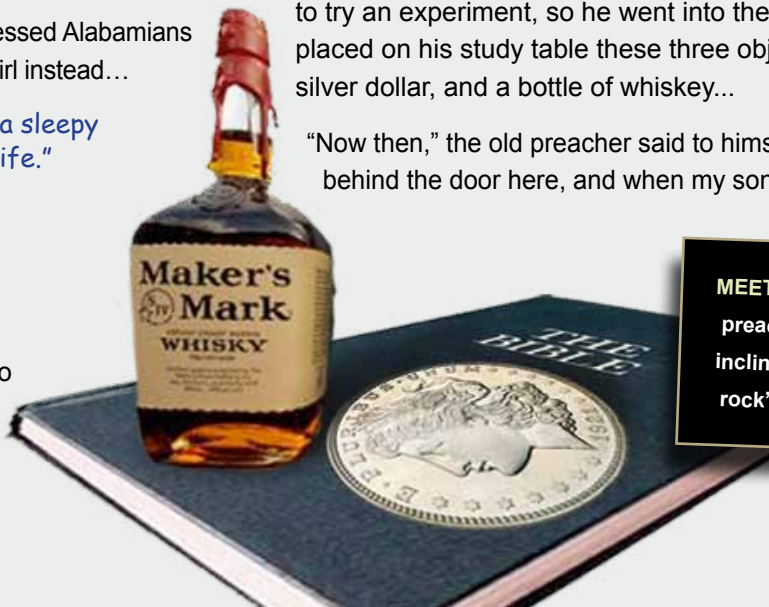
This story is about the old country preacher who had a teenage son, and it was getting to be time that the boy gave some thought to choosing a profession. Like many young men, then and now, the boy didn't really know what he wanted to do, and he didn't seem overly concerned about it.

One day, while he was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment, so he went into the boy's room and placed on his study table these three objects: a Bible, a silver dollar, and a bottle of whiskey...

"Now then," the old preacher said to himself, "I'll just hide behind the door here, and when my son comes home from



SEX DRIVE (THRU).
Pleasures sex-toy store's new location takes over a former bank branch. A sign of the economy. It clearly wasn't a sperm bank.



MEET YOUR MAKER'S. A preacher tests his son's inclinations between 'the rock' and the hard stuff.

TRENDS

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CLICK THE WORD TO GO TO THE SITE

school, I'll observe him. If he picks up the Bible, he's going to be a preacher like me, and what a blessing that would be! If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a businessman and that would be good, too. But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a drunkard – a no-good drunkard – and Lord, what a shame that would be.”

Soon he heard his son's footsteps as

he came in the house whistling and pounding up the stairs to his room. He tossed his books on the bed, as always, but as he turned around to leave, he spotted the objects on the table and with a curious twinkle in his eye, he walked over to inspect them.

Finally, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. Then, he picked up the silver dollar and dropped it into his pocket, and finally, he uncorked the bottle and took a big drink...

“Lord have mercy,” the old man whispered, “He's gonna be a politician!”

“The trouble with this country is that there are too many politicians who believe, with a conviction based on experience, that you can fool all of the people all of the time.”
~ Franklin P. Adams

SHOPPING DAZE TIL CHRISTMAS

Walmart will begin to offer customers its own store-brand wine for \$2 - \$3.50, just in time for the Holidays, which will include:

Chateau Traileur Park, White Trashfindel, Big Red Gulp, World Championship Riesling, NASCAR-bernet, Chef Boyardeaux, Peanut Noir, Grape Expectations, Nasti Spumante -- and I Can't Believe it's not Vinegar.

They already come in boxes, so just stick on a ribbon!

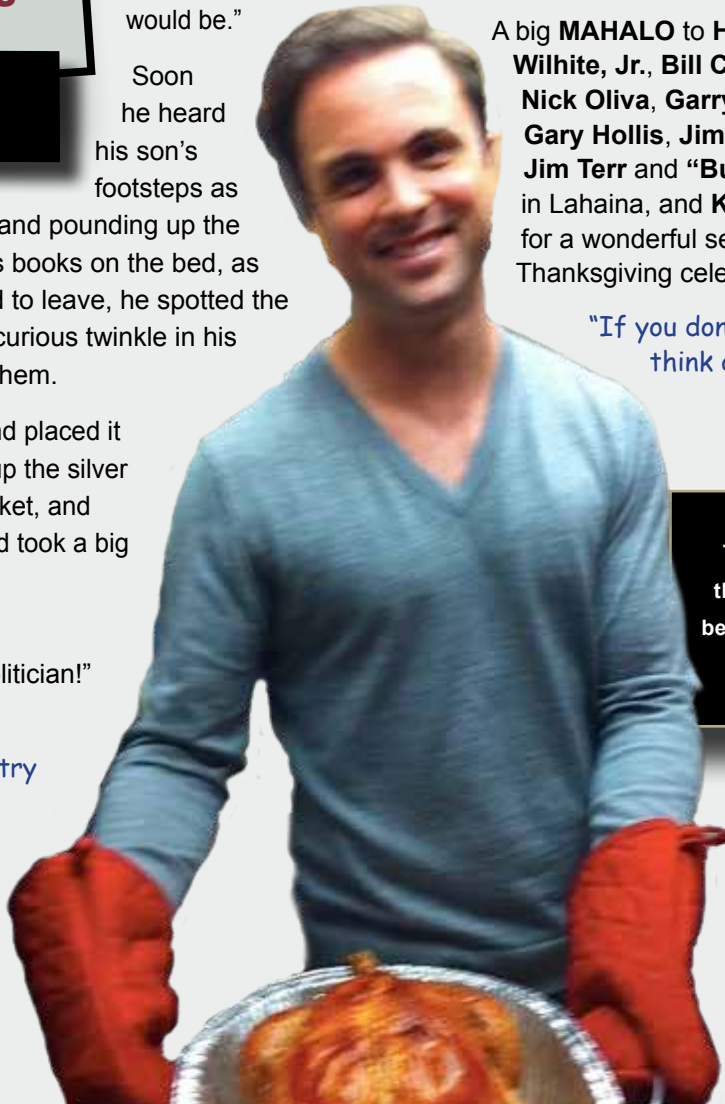
“Lazy people work the hardest.”
~ Gilda Wiener, Jewish philosopher

FRIENDS

A big MAHALO to Harold Bender, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Bill Coombs, Victor Kopcewich, Nick Oliva, Garry Margolis, Bill Coombs, Gary Hollis, Jim Reynolds, George Riddle, Jim Terr and “Buddy” -- the Poulsen Family in Lahaina, and Kristin, Geoff and Bowen for a wonderful second birthday and his first Thanksgiving celebration!

“If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.”
~ Oscar Wilde

THANKSGEOFFING Geoff shows the end of another turkey, and the beginning of another bizarre term of endearment – Lobster-Mittens



“They're going to open a hotel on the moon: great place, no atmosphere.”
~ Dave, the bartender at the Hula Grill Ka'anapali, Maui

“Censorship is telling a man he can't have a steak just because a baby can't chew it.” ~ Mark Twain

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