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"Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils." ~ Louis Hector Berlioz

IN THE NOOSE

Remember "Freedom Fries"? Well, the latest right-wing, white-meat only assault-and-pepper on the Congressional Cafeteria, concerns the present use of biodegradable utensils and paper plates, which are soon to be replaced by old-fashioned plastic utensils, polystyrene cups and porcelain.

So much for "Greening the Capital"! The only green our Reps apparently respect is money. "I can hardly wait for the lead paint," added Ohio Dem. Rep. Earl Blumenauer.

Meanwhile, the end of the last century registered higher average wind speeds over the earth's oceans, making for rougher seas and wetter weather worldwide. The cause? "Global Warning..."

And finally, according to the latest research, *resveratrol*, the natural antioxidant found in red wine might also protect you from radiation exposure! The results, to be presented to the Alcoholic Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, could lead to drugs which counteract poisoning in the wake of a nuclear emergency. In the mean time - bottoms up!

"AT&T to wed T-Mobile. Following the ceremony, there will be no reception." ~ Richard Lerner

CATTLE KING FOR A DAY - FOR TWO NIGHTS

That's the title of the next *Golden Age of Pulp Fiction* story I'll be directing and narrating this Saturday and next, at the beautiful L. Ron Hubbard Theatre in Hollywood. I played a couple of roles on the audiobook, but my cast, which includes the formidable Josh Robert Thompson and the irrepressible Jimmy Weldon, will be filling my boots for a rip-roarin' good time. If you haven't attended any of these shows before, you're missing one of the best live audio presentations in town, so come on down and say "Howdy" at the reception afterwards, pardners

Tickets are \$10 at the door or go to jonil@authorservicesinc.com

"There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading, the few who learn by observation, the rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for

themselves." ~ Will Rogers

OLD DOGS/NEW TRICKS

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him an asshole. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. So my wife called him a shithead.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

"The good die young because they realize there's nothing worth living for." ~ John Barrymore

GOOD NEWS

Who is the "happiest man in America"? Well, according to an article in the NY Times, it's Alvin Wong.

Daily, for more than three years, the Gallup Poll randomly rang up 1,000 adult Americans to track their emotional state, work situation, diet, health, stress levels and other quality of life findings to chart elements representing "the good life." They then put their findings into a Gallup-Healthways' Well-Being Index, and sorted them by geographic and other criteria.

Thus, the pollsters evolved a statistical composite for the *happiest person in America*, who turns out to be an observant Jew in Hawaii - a tall, 69-year-old Chinese-American married, with children who manages his own health care business, making about \$120,000 a year.

His name is Alvin Wong, and when contacted, he said, "This is a practical joke, right?"

"If you can't laugh at yourself, life is going to be pretty terrible for you." ~ Alvin Wong

JUST ASKING...

The room was full of pregnant women with their partners. The class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly and was telling the men how to give the necessary support to their partners at this stage of the pregnancy.

"Ladies,' the female instructor said, 'Remember that exercise is good for you and walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just take regular time-outs and stay on a soft surface like grass or a path.'" She then addressed the men in the room, "And Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together; it wouldn't hurt to go walking with her."

The room suddenly got very quiet as the men absorbed this information. Then a man at the back of the room slowly raised his hand. "Yes?" asked the Instructor.

"I was just wondering," he said, "Would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk...?" (This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught.)

"Socialism never took root in America because the poor see themselves not as an exploited proletariat, but as temporarily embarrassed millionaires." ~ John Steinbeck

LET THERE BE LIGHT

In reinvestigating the historic 1953 "primordial soup" experiment in which chemist Stanley Miller sought to demonstrate that early volcanic activity could have created the essential elements that constitute life on earth -- new "light" has been cast upon the findings.

The experiment at the University of Chicago utilized hydrogen, water, methane and ammonia in a glass container which when zapped with electricity (shades of Dr. Frankenstein!) caused the gases to recombine into amino acids -- the building blocks of elemental existence.

It struck me that this action, simulating a lightning strike on our planet, as it existed 4 billion years ago, recalls Genesis 1:3, when God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light.

Nonetheless, Dr. Wendy Walsh - author of *The Girlfriend Test* and self-proclaimed "journalist, mother, doctor of psychology and popular culture junkie" asserted recently on a CNN show investigating the decline of organized religion:

“Most studies on survivors show that the Atheists die first, because if you don't believe in something supernatural, how can you imagine that you yourself have supernatural abilities enough to survive?” Pray for her...

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/03/28/cnn-atheists-die-first_n_841448.html

“I have noticed even people who claim everything is predestined and that we can do nothing to change it look before they cross the road.” ~ Stephen Hawking



A JARRING STORY

An 85-year-old man was requested by his Doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam. □□The doctor gave the man a jar and said, 'Take this home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow.'

□□The next day the hardy senior reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day. □□The doctor asked what happened, and the man explained, 'Well, doc, it's like this -- first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. □□'Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. □□

'We even called up Arleen, our friend next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezing it between her knees, but still nothing.'

The doctor was shocked! 'You even asked your neighbor?' 'Yep, ' the old man replied, 'none of us could get that damn jar open!' □

"In the Midwest, jelly doughnuts are considered a fruit." ~ Chris Erskine

THE SWAMI BEYONDANANDA SPEAKS

Now I certainly would never want to impose my spiritual faith on anyone else, but I must declare that I am a FUN-damentalist, accent on the FUN. While some of the less fun fundamentalists believe that heaven is above us, we FUN-damentalists believe that heaven is where we make it. FUN-damentalists are strictly non-dominational, so we have no commandments. But we do have One Suggestion: "Let's go for heaven on earth, just for the hell of it!"

"OK," you protest, "that's the ideal, but how do we deal with the real deal?" It's simple, although it may not be easy. If the uncommonly wealthy have hijacked the commonwealth, we the people must higher-jack it. And we do so by acting on another FUN-damentalist suggestion: We're not here to earn God's love; we're here to spend it!

Think about it. Someone comes into a room overflowing with love, and 300 people leave with that love and pay it forward somewhere else. Love, joy and laughter ... they are the loaves and fishes of spiritual nourishment. Yes, heaven has broken loose and we are here to put it together. Each of us - if we so choose - brings a piece of heaven. You have a little piece here, a little piece there, and before long, you have one big peace everywhere.

So...now is the time for all those heaven-bent on planetary transformation to gather under one big intent that reflects the heart core values shared by humans the world over: "We are here to re-grow the Garden, and have a heaven of a time doing it."

And when the cosmic beings ask, "Oh, by the way, how did the human race turn out?" the answer will be, "They won. They achieved Oneness and won." This is the true second coming. The human drama achieves a pleasurable climax, as everyone comes together.

Swami Beyondananda is the cosmic comic alter ego of Steve Bhaerman

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"Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is...□The way we cope with it, is what makes the difference." ~ Attributed to Albert Einstein

CORWIN FOREVER

Melinda and I will be performing in Norman Corwin's rhymed comedy, *The Undecided Molecule* alongside Norman Lloyd (reprising his role from the 1945 broadcast!), Dick Van Patten, Janet Waldo, Marvin Kaplan, Richard Herd and Gregg Berger at a May 14 afternoon show at the convention of the *Association of Recorded Sound Collections*, directed by Mike Kacey and Norman himself. I'm playing the Judge (in costume and wig) originally portrayed by Groucho Marx.

Sadly, Norman's older brother, Emil, died last week of cardiac arrest at the ripe old age of 107. Norman is 100, and their father, an engraver who smoked cigars and downed a daily pint of sherry, lived to be 110. Go, Norm, go!

Emil retired from the FDA at 96 - his two sons retiring before him -- and was honored by President Bill Clinton as the oldest federally employed public official. When in office, he often answered questions about "spider eggs in bubble gum, rat poison in toothpaste and earthworms in hamburgers." Yum!

Emil attributed his longevity to the piano, which he played his whole life. "He has very young hands," his piano instructor, Anadel Rich, told *The Washington Post*, "It's wonderful to watch him play - the years just melt off of him."

"I have gathered a posy of other men's flowers, and nothing but the thread that binds them is mine own." ~ John Bartlett

COLLECTERS

Jim Terr, Rich Carlson, Cayenne Chris Conroy, Garry Margolis, Jim Reynolds, Victor Kopcewich, Eddie Deezen, Jayne Stahl, M.C. Gwynne, Jim Meskimen, Rich Schulenberg Alan Myerson, Eddie Deezen, Nick Oliva, Oona Austin, Melinda Peterson, Robert Riddle, Gary L. Sandy, Brian Cummings, Bill Coombs -- and Maureen Weston, who has been working tirelessly with our weary webmasters to get www.firesigntheatre.com store up to speed.

Go there NOW to get your copy of our best-selling *Duke of Madness Motors* book and MP3 before they're all gone and you have to wait for a reorder. And watch for *Anythin'ge You Want To: Shakespeare's Lost Comedie* coming this year on Bear Manor Press!

"A man without toys is just a grownup." ~ Dan the Beachcomber

CONNECTERS

ATOM POO: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sakN2hSVxA>
ZAPATAS: <http://www.buzzfeed.com/mjs538/the-40-most-ridiculous-pairs-of-really-pointy-mexi>
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LORD OF THE LOO: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0rrLdWLu_0&feature=player_embedded
O'BAMA: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110317/ap_on_go_pr_wh/us_obama_s_irish_kin
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MONKEY LOVE: <http://5thworld.com/Paradigm/Postings/%21Wisdom/OrangutanAndHound.html>
GEEKY: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlpyGhABXRA&feature=related>
GEMINOIDS: <http://spectrum.ieee.org/automaton/robotics/humanoids/latest-geminoid-is-disturbingly-realistic>

"I have always said – heard - that it would not be strange that there had been civilization on Mars; but maybe capitalism arrived there, imperialism arrived, and finished off the planet." ~ Hugo Chavez, speaking on World Water Day

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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>

"Don't talk to me about atrocities in war; all war is an atrocity." ~ Lord Kitchener

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