

"There are signs that the world is speedily coming to an end; bribery and corruption are common; children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book, and the end of the world is evidently approaching."

~ Assyrian clay tablet, 2800 B.C.E

WHOLE LOTTA QUAKIN' GOIN' ON

THE US GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY determined that the epicenter of the recent East Coast quake was in a graveyard just outside Washington, D.C. The cause appears to have been all of our Founding Fathers rolling over in their graves at the same time. It happened along the "It's Your" fault line which runs under the Capitol building to the White House.

Besides the obvious cracks in its structure, **Fox News** claims the Washington

THE BIG SPIN. Playing for effect is cracking up Washington coverage.

monument is now leaning to the right while **MSNBC** claims it's really leaning to the left.

And as almost all of DC left work at the same time that day, the United States experienced a brief economic recovery;

but many claimed that they wouldn't stop shaking until **Obama** delivered a speech telling them that he has a plan and everything will be OK. It's clear, however, that a good shakeup of government was long overdue ...

It is said that Jerry Lewis read only one book in his entire life - Quentin Reynolds' "Courtroom." One of Jerry's writers said he only read it "because his name was mentioned on page 586."

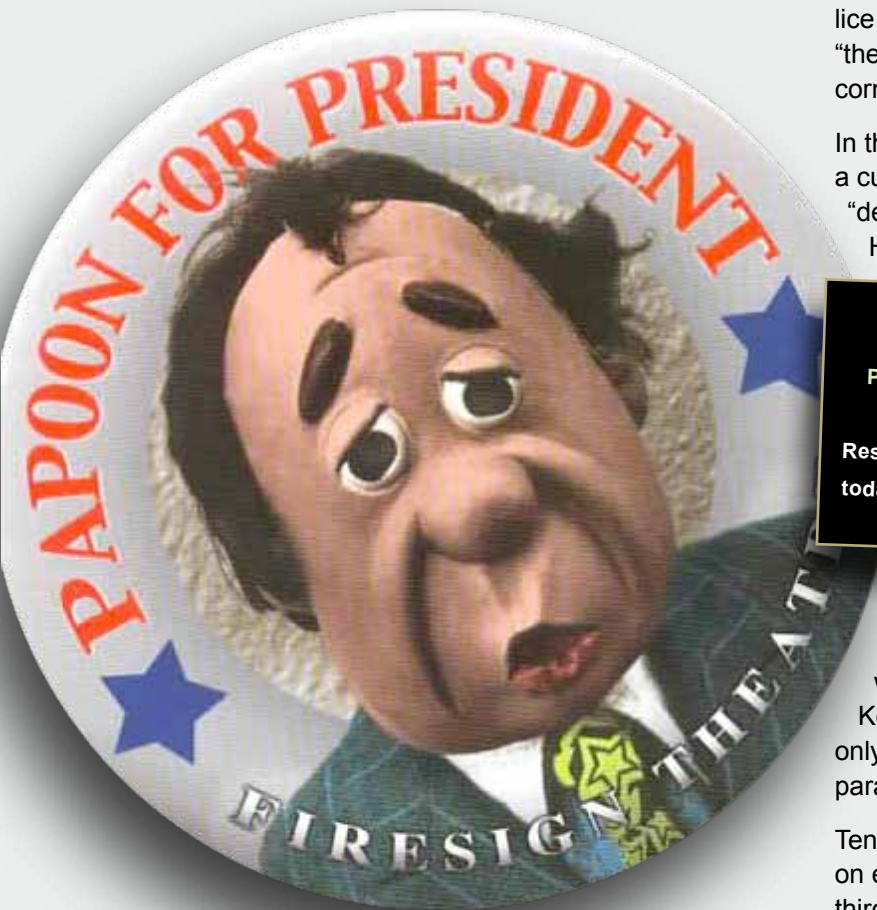
~ Eddie Deezen

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

We certainly have been experiencing our fair share of “ups and downs” this past month: earthquakes, stock market fluctuations, rising rivers and plunging poll numbers for Congress and **Obama**.



As ruler of the Planet, I suggest that after 40 years of right-wing radio propaganda and a consumer-cult-culture that coddles corporations, the electorate has chosen exactly the wrong people to rise to the occasion, and one look at the field of Republican't contenders confirms this. How can we even consider electing people to public office who consistently declare that all government is bad, while they take advantage of every federal handout? Or, who contend that only God can show us the way out of this mess? It's insane!

So if we ever needed a man like the Natural Surrealist Party's candidate, **George Papoon**, now is the time. Remember, his motto: "If elected, I will not serve." And if that's what the people want, that's what they deserve.

Papoon for President in 2012! Contribute today. (IOUs not accepted.)

"Corporations are people, my friend." ~ Mitt Romney

SEX IN THE NEWS

The expression “get laid” supposedly has its roots in the Everleigh bordello in 1900s Chicago, as in “I’m going to get Everleigh tonight.” The first condoms in the U.S. were made from vulcanized rubber, and pubic wigs, or “Merkins,” were introduced by prostitutes in Victorian times to prevent lice. Syphilis is known as “the French disease” in Italy and “the English disease” in France. **Dr. Kellogg** marketed his corn flakes hoping it would reduce masturbation...

In the 1940s, a **Dr. Walter J. Freeman** began prescribing a cure for homosexuality; and by 1955, more than 19,000 “deviants” had received the treatment – a lobotomy.

Homosexuality is punishable by death in certain regions of Afghanistan, Iran, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. More enlightened countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India and Uganda offer a less harsh punishment – life in prison. Up until 1884, a Victorian woman could be sent to prison for denying her husband sex...

In Lebanon, men are legally allowed to have sex with animals, but they must be female because having sex with a male animal is punishable by death. In Hong Kong, a betrayed wife may legally kill her husband, but only with her bare hands, yet she can whack her husband's paramour any way she wants...

Ten percent of people think Brazilians are the sexist people on earth. Americans are second at 9% and the French, third, at 8%. Eleven percent of adults worldwide have never had sex; and according to the archives of general medicine, coffee drinkers copulate more frequently and enjoy it more than non-coffee drinkers...

The United States has more laws governing sexual behavior than every country in Europe combined...

"Please stop spell-checking all of my rude words into nice words, you piece of shut." ~ iPhone User

EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS WRONG

First of all, cell phone use is addicting. Hey! Are you listening? Stop texting and read on. According to a study by **TeleNav, Inc**, one-third of users would rather give up sex, toothbrushes and shoes (for industry?) before giving up their smart phone and 66% sleep with them. In a British study, one chap compared giving up his mobile to “having my hand chopped off,” and a Yank compared herself to the Amish saying, “I cannot even express how



bored and out of touch with society I felt.” Fact is, though, being of Amish ancestry, I know that mobile phone use remains controversial but is increasingly accepted in many communities. **READ MORE**

The recent British riots also revealed some surprising facts about the culture that spawned the violence, a situation which may have its roots in **Margaret Thatcher’s** free-market revolution when she declared, “There is no such thing as society.”

“Something has gone horribly wrong in Britain,” observed *Daily Telegram* conservative columnist **Peter Osborne**. “The culture of greed and impunity ... stretches right up into corporate boardrooms and the Cabinet.” And Prime Minister **David Cameron** added, “Whatever the arguments, we all belong to the same society, and we all have a stake in making it better.” Hear, hear!

And then you may be surprised to learn that goods “Made in China” actually account for only 2.7% of our personal consumption, according to a government report. But even goods from abroad can contribute to our general wealth, as most consumer costs go to cover transportation, store-rentals, marketing costs and company profits. “On average, of every dollar spent ... 55 cents goes for services produced in the United States,” the report concludes.

“I was once so poor, I couldn’t even pay attention.”
~ **Milkum Bosky**

BOSKY’S BACK

Money Sux is a new live satirical Internet show centered on the idea that money doesn’t really matter. And who is benefiting from us being shackled to it? “Throw your wallets and purses onto the bonfire of freedom,” says your host, **Reverend Steven Alan Green**, with contributing reports from here and afar and a recurring report from

Milkum Bosky, author of *Short Cuts to Big Bucks!* – rumored to be **Firesign Theater’s Phil Proctor**. Money Sux is provocative, informative, funny and just downright entertaining. **HEAR HEAR**

And you can also catch Bosky broadcasting from the cell he shares with **Bernie Madoff**, on **Peter Bergman’s RADIO FREE OZ** with co-host **David Ossman**.

“We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star, but we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special.”
~ **Stephen Hawking**

JUST ASKING

Congressman was seated next to a little girl on an airplane; he turns to her and says, “Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger.” The little girl had just started to read her book, but she kindly replied to the total stranger, “Well, okay, what do you want to talk about?”

“Oh, I don’t know,” said the Congressman. “How about global warming, universal health care, or stimulus packages?” he smiles smugly.

“Okay,” she said, “those could be interesting topics; but let me ask you a question first. A deer, a cow, and a horse all eat the same stuff: grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?”

The legislator, visibly surprised by the little girl’s intelligence, thinks about it and says, “Hmm, I’m stumped. I have no idea.”

To which the little girl replies, “Do you really feel qualified to discuss global warming, universal health care or the economy when you don’t know shit?” She then went back to reading her book.

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"How can American democracy work if whichever party is most prepared to be ruthless and to threaten the nation's economic security gets to dictate policy? And the answer is, maybe it can't."
~ Paul Krugman

LAND O'GOSHEN

"Dr. Brenneman and Goshen College have decided to use 'America the Beautiful' as a patriotic anthem before athletic events," writes Planeteer **Michael Sheehan**. "As we swing to the far right politically in the United States, this small step away from jingoism is very important... A rousing chorus of 'This Land is Your Land' might be an idea now and then, too."

"I've got digital pictures from Michael Jackson's colonoscopy that I'm selling off as a Jackson polyp."
~ George Riddle

DON'T LOOK BACH

"What people recognize is that there's a fear that the United States is in an unstoppable decline. They see the rise of China, the rise of India, the rise of the Soviet Union and our loss militarily going forward," candidate **Michele**



HARD TO SWALLOW.
The hysterical history of
Michele Bachmann.

Bachmann said on conservative activist **Jay Sekulow's** show.

It was another hysterical gaffe for the Minnesota congresswoman, who seems to have a tenuous grasp on history in general. Bachmann said earlier, for example, that the battle of Lexington and Concord, starting the Revolutionary War, was actually fought in New Hampshire.

She also confused famous American **John Wayne** with infamous serial killer **John Wayne Gacey**, wished **Elvis Presley** a Happy (Re-?) Birthday on the anniversary of his death, and during the Ames GOP debate debacle, asserted that Standard & Poor's downgrade of the U.S. credit rating validated her belief that "the debt ceiling should not have been raised," even though that is the opposite of the agency's conclusion.

And then she said, "I don't know how much God has to do to get the attention of the politicians. We've had an earthquake; we've had a hurricane. He said, 'Are you going to start listening to me here?' ... because the American people are roaring right now. They know government is on a morbid obesity diet and we've got to rein in the spending."

Oh, God, please let her be the "Chosen One..."

"After two years in Washington, I often long for the realism and sincerity of Hollywood."
~ Fred Thompson



PENN & PROCTOR. Phil and Penn Jillette, promoting Jillette's new book "God, No!"
[Photographed by Jeff Mandel at Writers Bloc, hosted by Kevin Pollak]

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THE GIANT RAT OF PASO ROBLES

A 100-pound South American rodent was spotted recently at a wastewater treatment facility in California, and "If you think a giant guinea pig is cute, then you'd probably like it," said **Todd Tognazzini**, a Department of Fish and Game official. The animal, believed to be an escaped pet, is actually a South America capybara, which ranges from Panama to northeast Argentina. The Internet is peppered with pictures of people "scratching them on the belly and thinking they're cute and making pets of them," Tognazzini said. So, grab your mouse and check it out, adds the celebrated defective, **Hemlock Stones**.

"Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a function." ~ Garrison Keillor

WHO'S ON PERCH?

A woman goes into a store and buys a beautiful green parrot, but the only words the parrot knows how to say are: "Who is it?"

She takes the parrot home, but realizes that the bird's color clashes with the living room. So she calls an interior designer, who says he will come by shortly.

When the decorator arrives, the woman is out shopping. He

knocks on the door, and the parrot says, "Who is it?"

The man says, "It's the decorator."

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parrot says, "Who is it?" The man says, "It's the decorator." The parrot says, "Who is it?" The man says, "It's the decorator!" The parrot says, "Who is it?" The man screams, "THE DECORATOR!!!" and gets so mad he starts jumping up and down, pops a blood vessel, and dies on the spot.

The lady comes home and finds a dead man lying on her front porch. She says, "Oh my gosh... who is it?" And the parrot says, "It's the decorator!"

"A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears."

~ Michel de Montaigne

FRIENDLY

Victor Kopcewich, Will Ryan, Peter Bergman, Andy Thomas, Richard Laible, Gary Hollis, Kate Draper, Robert Riddle, Jim Terr, Joni Labaqui, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Eddie Deezen, Victor Kopcewich, Jayne Stahl, Bill Bowles, and Magic Mike Berger.

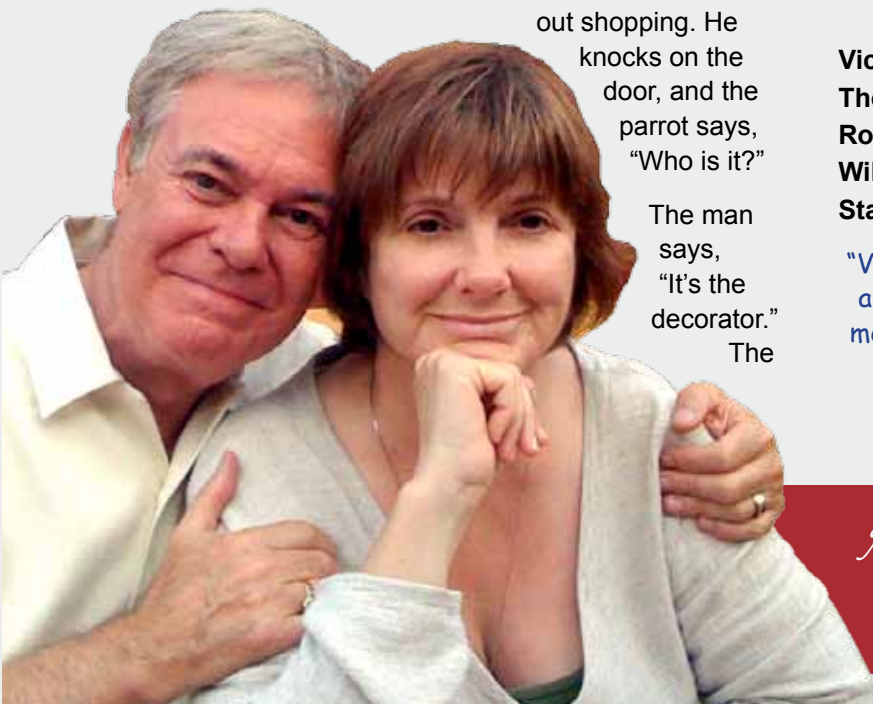
"Very much it would be would be desirable that the autograph nominal on my name. This you will make me the happiest man! Please!!! After all very not to be easy during our heavy time, the happy man."

~ Sergei in Perm

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*And Happy Birthday to my beautiful wife
Melinda*

"The reason why we have two ears and only one mouth is that we may listen the more and talk the less." ~ Zeno of Citium

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