

"In politics, stupidity is not a handicap." ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

IN THE NOOSE

21-YEAR-OLD FOOTBALL FAN WANDERED into the University of Nebraska-Lincoln police station thinking he was at a Casino but was turned away by the desk sergeant because "they didn't have any blackjack chips."

After registering .273 on a Breathalyzer test, a man was remanded into protective custody but since the disoriented

Oregonian hadn't actually committed a felony, no charges were pressed, but neither were his pants.

CURRENCY ORIGAMI. The medium of exchange is the messenger.

And Thomas McCulloch, a triple-axe murderer who butchered a nurse, her patient and a policeman over 40 years ago, has been allowed trips to a nature reserve from his open prison in the U.K. — to chop down trees.

"I don't think it's a good idea to let a murderer like McCulloch near sharp implements like axes," observed an edgy prison spokesperson. "There is evidence he is still a very dangerous man," he concluded cuttingly.

> "We are a pimple on the ass of the universe." ~ Actor/Ranter Allan Rich

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

STUFF IT!

The folks who are getting free stuff, Don't like the folks who are paying for the free stuff, Because the folks who are paying for the free stuff, Can no longer afford to pay for both the free stuff and their own stuff.

And, the folks who are paying for the free stuff, Want the free stuff to stop.

And the folks who are getting the free stuff,

Want even MORE free stuff On top of the free stuff they're getting already! And the people who are forcing people to PAY for the free stuff, Have told the people who are RECEIVING the free stuff. That the people who are PAYING for the free stuff, Are being mean, prejudiced and racist. So, the people who are GETTING the free stuff, Have been convinced they need to HATE the people

Who are PAYING for the free stuff because they are selfish.

And they are promised more free stuff if they will vote for the people who force the people who pay for the free stuff to give them even more free stuff. And - that's the Straight Stuff!

(That is, according to my more conservative subscribers!)

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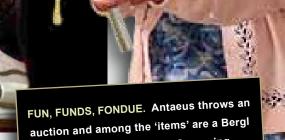
"I believe in evolution and trust scientists on global warming. Call me crazy."~ Jon Huntsman, Jr.

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"If a double dip recession is so bad, why did they make it sound so delicious?" ~ Caprice Crane

WHAT'S THAT, PRAY?

"The time has come to ask whether modern 'backlash' conservatism has become a religious faith rather than a pedestrian political ideology," suggests **Joshua Holland** at **AlterNet**. "Like religious faiths, the hard-right reveres an original text -- the Constitution – and like all religious fundamentalists, conservatives claim to adhere

to a literalist interpretation of it, while actually picking and choosing from among its tenets." And what about churches, I ask you.

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"As I watch the Republican debates, I realize that we are on the brink of a crazy person running our nation. I sit in front of the television and shudder at the thought of one of these creationism-loving, global-warming-denying, immigration-bashing, Social-Security-cutting, clean-air-hating, mortality-fascinated, Wall-Street-protecting Republicans running my country." ~ James Carville

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

A road crew supervisor hired a nice-looking blonde woman to paint the yellow line down the middle of a road. He was skeptical about hiring her, but she appeared enthusiastic and told him that she really needed the job. So he explained that her task would be to complete 2 miles of line on her road, set her up with her brushes and paint, and got her started.

After the first day he was pleased to find that she did an excellent job and was able to paint 4 miles of road in her 8-hour shift. On the second day, she completed 2 miles of road. Although he was somewhat curious why on the first day she had accomplished twice as much work, he said nothing, as 2 miles was what the job required anyway. He decided to just accept it and looked forward to the next day, when he was sure that she would pick up her speed again.

On day 3, however, he was shocked to learn that in her 8-hour shift, she only completed painting 1 mile of road. He called her into his office and asked what was the problem. "On your first day, you completed 4 miles of road, on your second day, 2 miles of road, and now on day 3, you were only able to complete 1 mile. Can I ask you, what is the problem?"

"Well," she replied, "I keep getting farther and farther from the paint can."

> "Confidence is what you have before you understand the problem." ~ Woody Allen

IN THE NEXT WORLD YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN

A cardiologist died and was given an elaborate funeral. After the usual sermon by a preacher and testimonials from friends and colleagues, everyone finally learned the purpose of a huge heart covered in flowers, on the wall behind the casket during the service.

After a moment of silence the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever.

The long, stunned hush of the mourners was broken when a

man near the front burst into laughter. The preacher

demanded an explanation.

"I'm sorry," the man said, "I was just thinking of my own funeral -- I'm a gynecologist." At which point the proctologist fainted.

"Do they have a brief moment of talking when a mime passes away?" ~ **George Carlin**



SNAPPING SHOTS. Above, Bowen (left) shows how a tea party should be organized; below (right) he eyes his new sister Audre.



'E OLDE 'ETTER BOXE

"As the father of a post traumatic stress injury and braininjured Iraq 'war' veteran," writes Planeteer **Chris Mayka**, "I have to thank you for your common sense, honest and brave assessment of the last ten years.

"Imagine feeling and knowing the same things you do about the situation and watching your son's life be forever changed by these lies and greed, run by two men who evaded the draft though they both supported the Vietnam War: **George** taking his place in the national guard while my two older brothers we're 1-A and numbers 9 and 49 in the first huge draft lottery. **Little Dickey Cheney** had 'other' priorities. I guess actually living their values was beneath them. Especially when real bullets are used.



I've been to many VA hospitals with my son and am surprised the suicide rate among returning combat veterans is not even higher than it is. You have to become insane to survive combat, and then when you become a citizen again, you have to somehow forget everything you did and become sane again or go to jail.

"My dear, sweet friend **Sandee Beyerle**, of *Funny Times*, had a great bumper sticker – **PEACE TAKES COURAGE**,



TOO -- so thanks for the courageous issue of Planet Proctor. "

And from fellow Kentucky Colonel

Richard Fish, this piece of Civil War era reportage by "the Mark Twain" of Clark County, Indiana -- **Calvin Reuter** Johnson:

"When a man milks a cow, he should not attempt to smoke a cigar at the same



time. A farmer near Abington tried it and got along well



until he lifted the cow's tail in jest. That same instant, a vaporous flame-burst ignited

breadbasket.

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and two tons of

weight shot him

his beard dreadfully, and burnt it crisply. The odorous discharge also caught the cow's tail afire, and the irate bovine then introduced a hinder leg to the farmer's



wall, whence a shelf of tools plummeted to his head, smashing his hat and knotting his skull. He is alive to tell the tale of the tail, and says the Lord delivered him -- but we think Bessie did."

> "Unborn yesterday and dead tomorrow. Why fret about them if life be sweet?" ~ Groucho Marx's nightly prayer

GIVEMES

Thanks to Anna Mathias, Sam Bobrick, Jayne Stahl, Richard Laible, **Bill Bowles, Victor** Kopcewich, Nick Oliva, Pat Willson, Eddie Deezen, Scott W. Langill, Jim Terr, **Bill Coombs, Allen** Newcomb, Joan Allemand, Brian Westley and Kristin Campbell for the family 'snaps.' And our friend, actress/ authoress Kathryn Leigh Scott will be promoting her new supernatural thriller, Dark Passages, Sunday, October 2 from 10–6 at the West Hollywood Library & Park, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd. It's #1 at Book Soup already!

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." ~ Margaret Mead



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