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PLANET POLITRIX

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Nothing secedes like success

TO THE RED STATES: We've decided we're leaving. We intend to form our own country, and we're taking the other Blue States with us. In case you aren't aware, that includes **Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois**, and all of the **Northeast**. We believe this split will be beneficial to the nation, and especially to the people of the country of **New California**.

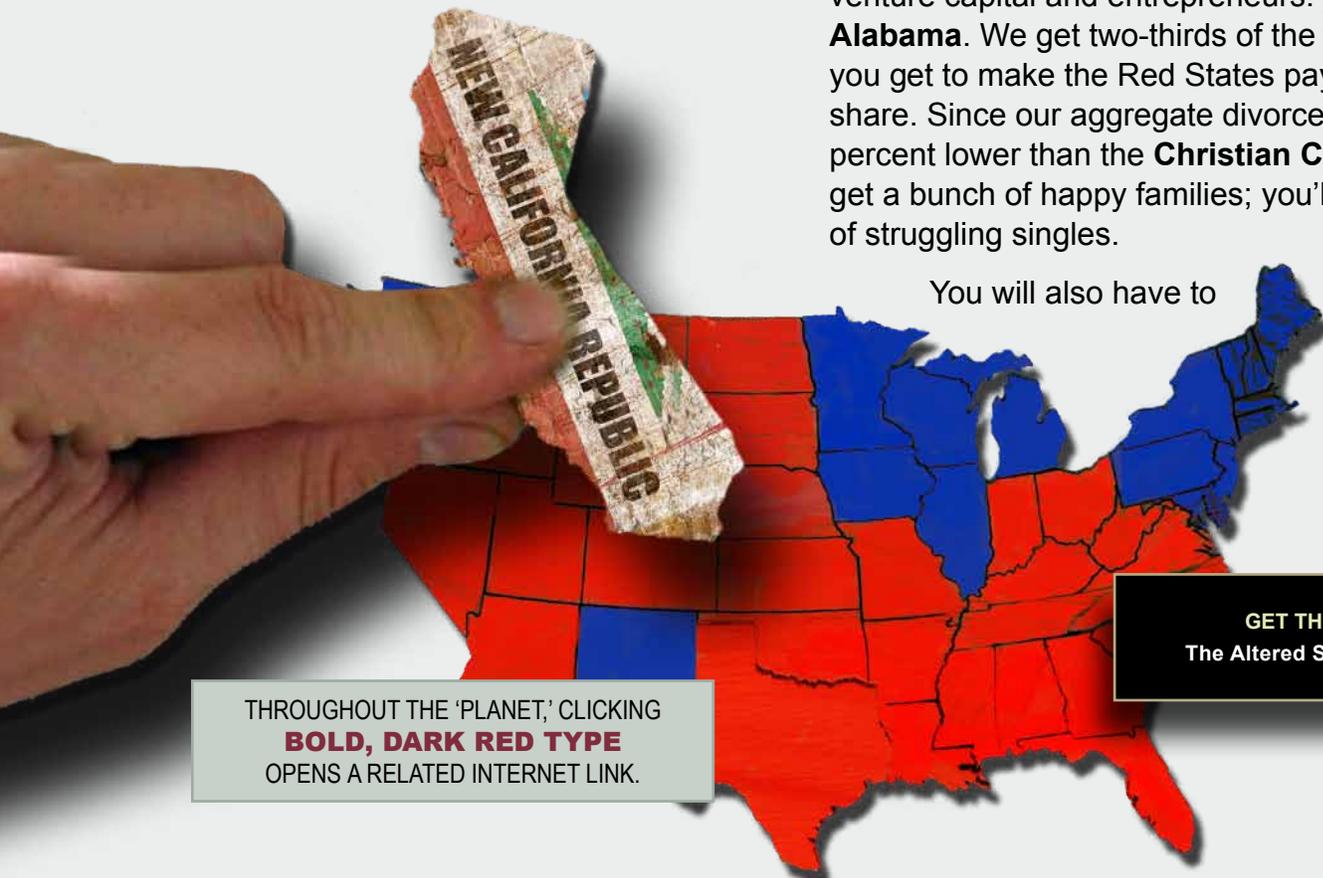
To sum up briefly: You get **Texas, Oklahoma**, and all the slave states. We get stem cell research and the best beaches. We get **Elliot**

*"If God wanted us to vote,
he would have given us candidates."
~ Jay Leno*

Spitzer. You get **Steve King**. We get the Statue of Liberty; you get **Dollywood**. We get **Intel** and **Microsoft**;

you get **WorldCom**. We get **Harvard**, you get **Ole' Miss**. We get 85 percent of America's venture capital and entrepreneurs: you get **Alabama**. We get two-thirds of the tax revenue, you get to make the Red States pay their fair share. Since our aggregate divorce rate is 22 percent lower than the **Christian Coalition's**, we get a bunch of happy families; you'll get a bunch of struggling singles.

You will also have to ■ **CONTINUED**



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

GET THE RED OUT
The Altered States of America

cope with 88 percent of all obese Americans (and their projected health care costs), 92 percent of all U.S. mosquitoes, nearly 100 percent of the tornadoes, 90 percent of the hurricanes, 99 percent of all Southern Baptists, virtually 100 percent of all televangelists, **Rush**



Limbaugh, Bob Jones University, Clemson, and the University of Georgia. We get **Hollywood** and **Yosemite**, thank you.

Additionally, 38 percent of those in the Red States believe **Jonah** was actually swallowed by a whale, 62 percent believe life is sacred (unless we're discussing the death penalty or gun laws), 44

percent say that evolution is only a theory, 53 percent that **Saddam** was involved in 9/11, and 15 percent of Ohio Republicans believe **Romney** killed **Bin Laden**.

By the way, we're taking the good pot, too. Peace out!

"I believe in an America where millions of Americans believe in an America that's the America millions of Americans believe in. That's the America I love."

~ **Mitt Romney**

TESTING, TESTING

When I was young, my intention was to go to medical school. The entrance exam included several questions that would determine eligibility.

One of the questions was "Rearrange the letters – P N E S I – to spell out an important part of the human body that is more useful when it is erect."

Those who spelled "SPINE" became doctors. The rest ended up in Congress.

"Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography." ~ Paul Rodriguez

AND I QUOTE

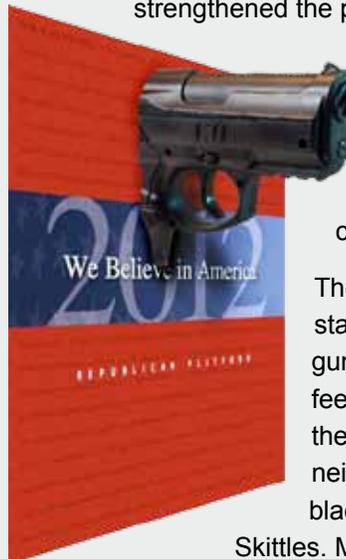
"We're going to close the unproductive tax loopholes that allow some of the truly wealthy to avoid paying their fair share. In theory, some of those loopholes were understandable, but in practice they sometimes made it possible for millionaires to pay nothing, while a bus driver was paying ten percent of his salary, and that's crazy."

So said President **Ronald Reagan** on June 6, 1985 at Atlanta's Northside High School. Bring on the hologram! **HERE**.

"Is the opposite of dogmatic, catatonic?"
~ **Jay Bernsweig**

BANG-BANG

In spite of all the recent shootings, Republicans strengthened the pro-gun-rights portion of their party platform, blessing a new call for unlimited bullet capacities in guns, in a defiant response to criticism that followed the mass murders at a Colorado cinema and an Arizona congresswoman's gathering.



The 2012 platform also endorsed the stand your ground rights, affirming that gun bearers don't have to retreat if they feel threatened in public, even after the fatal shooting, by an overzealous neighborhood watch volunteer, of a black Florida teenager armed with Skittles. Makes me want to get loaded...

"Give me some French fries, but no potatoes; I'm on a diet" ~ Yogi Berra

THE BOOK OF MORON?

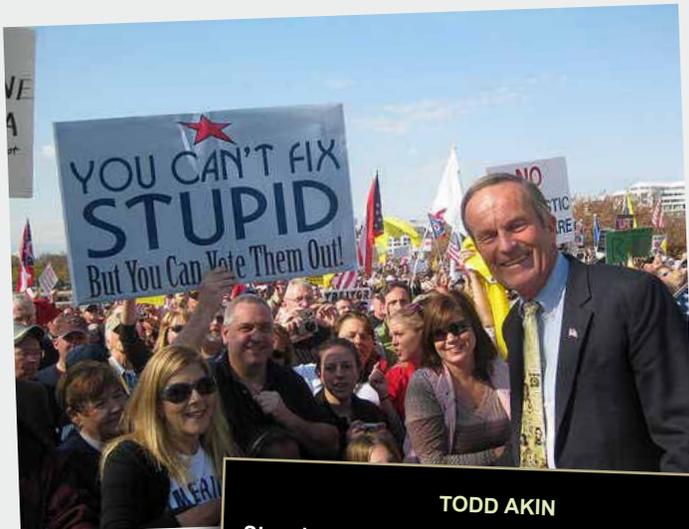
Bill Nye, The Science Guy, managed to offend a group of adults in Waco (Whacko?), Texas when he suggested that the moon does not emit light, but instead reflects the light of the sun, at the



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McLennan Community College's Distinguished Lecture Series. According to the *Waco Tribune*, the benighted in the audience were "visibly angered by what some perceived as irreverence."

But that was nothing compared to their outrage when he quoted Genesis 1:16, which reads: "God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars." At this point, one lady yelled, "We believe in God!" and left with her children, followed by an exodus of others.



TODD AKIN
Showing the 'Show Me' State what he's made of.

Then, when appearing on Smithsonian TV he was asked about Republican **Todd Akin's** recent ignorant rape-related remarks, the genial president of the **Planetary Society** lost it and went into outer space.

"Look! These people . . . they're f**king retarded! Rape *can't* cause pregnancy? Breast milk *cures* homosexuality? I caused a hurricane by challenging creationism? Who can possibly take these people seriously anymore? It used to be these Republicans didn't believe in global warming or evolution. That was bad enough. Now they don't even believe in egg + sperm = baby. Where does **Todd Akin** think babies come from? Does he think there are separate storks for people who were raped and people who weren't?

"Hey look over there!" he continued. "It's the Rape Stork. It drops its babies directly at the orphanage. He's a f**king idiot, just a plain f**king idiot. I'm sorry, I don't say that word very often, but it happens to fit in this case. He's just a f**king idiot."

But how do you really feel, Bill?

"The last time religion ruled the world
it was called the Dark Ages."
~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

SPEED THERAPY

Man goes to a psychiatrist, says: "I'm a teepee, I'm a lean-to, I'm a teepee, I'm a lean-to."

Psychiatrist says, "I see your problem -- you're two tents."

"I may be Schizophrenic,
but at least I have each other."
~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

IF I HAD HALF A MIND

According to an article by **Florian Galler** in the latest issue of *The Journal of Psychohistory*, "The reasonable personality is psychologically located in that side of the brain which is connected with the speech centre... for peace, economic prosperity and environmental protection." The other side, he professes, pursues more "sociopathic goals"... both usually created by early parental mistreatment which leave feelings of anxiety, guilt, rage and shame in people who never want to be "abused again by almighty grownups."

And, of course, some folks transfer these feelings of vulnerability onto the "poor and the middle class, as well as on scapegoat groups such as coloured people or immigrants, who represent the helpless baby" (themselves) while others on the Left tend to focus on "the rich and powerful" as abusing power figures.

See how simple it is to understand American politics? Now take a pill and go out and vote.

"A government with the power to force us to buy health insurance can also force restaurants to serve black people." ~ **Bruce Bartlett**

MEMORIZE THIS

My darling wife **Melinda** is featured in *Memorizing Rome* by **Richard Martin Hirsh** and directed by **Susan Morgenstern**. It's a wonderful new comedy about a group of American women with conflicting agendas on a trip to The Eternal City, and it's in rep with *The Bellflower Sessions* (featuring funny fellow Antaeon **Rob Nagle**) at the **Whitefire Theatre** on Ventura in Sherman Oaks. She's only performing on Thursdays at 8 and Sundays at 3, *ma venga ridere il vostro asino fuori!* **READ ON**

"The mask eats the face" ~ **John Updike**

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HELP, THEY NEED SOMEBODY...

With money so tight these daze, more and more of my gifted friends are reaching out on the Internet for funding to get their creative projects rolling. Two such worthy requests

follow, and please check them out and help if you can: First is my fellow Antaeon **John Achorn**, who's looking for support to finish his 15-year-old documentary *Improvviso!*, about how the legendary **Carlo Mazzone-Clementi** brought Commedia dell'Arte to America.

MORE INFO

And then there's my pal and voice-over peer **Chris Edgerly**, who, with his talented artistic brother **Dave**, wants to initiate a four-issue series of their graphic

novel, *Deos Rising*, and eventually, an animated film.

Go [HERE](#) for a taste. Good luck, my friends!

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now."

~ Alan Lakein

E. T., APPELLE TA MAISON!

In 1752, the French author **François-Marie Arouet**, best known by his nom-de-plume, **Voltaire**, wrote a short story called *Micromegas* depicting the first contact with someone from outer space. And since Micromegas is 23 miles tall, it took him a while to

notice all of us tiny human beings, just as we had learned to recognize the existence of bacteria, discovered just 18



KEEL HAUL

Charles Monnet's etching of Micromegas picking up passengers

years before Voltaire's birth. But by the end of the story, he's learned

enough about humankind and decides to leave us with a special gift.

"Micromegas addressed them again with great kindness," writes Voltaire, "though he was disgusted to the bottom of his heart at seeing such infinitely insignificant atoms [we humans] so puffed up with pride. He promised to give them a rare book of philosophy, written in minute characters, for their special use, telling all that can be known of the ultimate essence of things. He actually gave them the volume at the time of his departure.

"It was carried to Paris and laid before the Academy of Sciences; but when the old secretary came to open it, the pages were blank..."

Porn King Larry Flynn is offering a million bucks to anyone who can come up with Romney's missing tax returns." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

YURI'S LAST BLAST

The late, great **Yuri Rasovsky** passed on a few days after directing us in the last scene from *Die, Snow White! Die, Damn You!* A very Grimm Tale. The *Audiofile* review says:



"This version of *Snow White* would give children insomnia and cause them

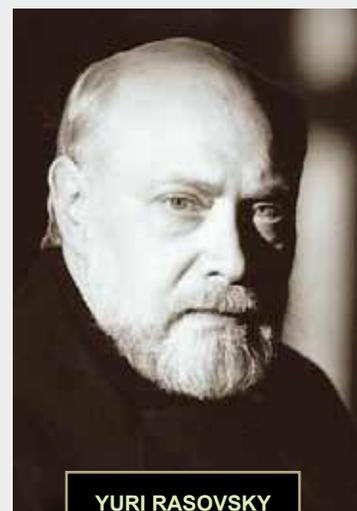
to spend years in therapy. A creation of esteemed writer and producer Yuri Rasovsky" (assisted by **Barry Creyton**) "and an outstanding theater ensemble, including **Sandra Oh** ("Grey's Anatomy"), **Simon Helberg** ("Big Bang Theory"), and

a half-dozen other names from television and audiobook productions, is an amusing, sometimes hilarious, retelling of the old story.

"The production is punctuated by perky music and sound effects," and Yuri has added loony characters from other familiar Grimm stories to make "a mega-fairy tale."

"No man resolved to make the most of himself has time to waste on other people's contentions."

~ A. Lincoln



YURI RASOVSKY

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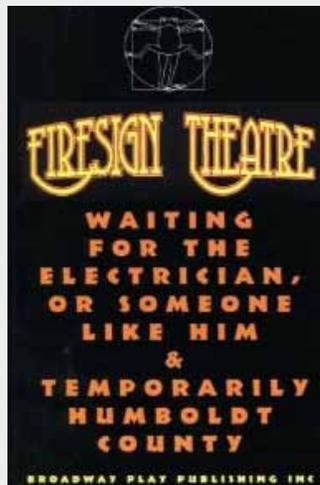
"Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck." ~ **The Dalai Lama**

MORE GREAT GIFT IDEAS

Many Planeteers have asked how to access **Firesign** products, so here's the dope: **CLICK HERE** and you will find **Duke of Madness Motors, Anythynge You Want To** (the book and CD), **Fighting Clowns, Just Folks, RadioNow Live**, and David Ossman's books: *The Ronald Reagan Murder Case* and *Dr. Firesign's Follies*, plus the **Ralph Spoilsport** license plate frame – and three more books are in the works!



Also, **Broadway Play Publishing** is offering acting editions of **Don't Crush That Dwarf, Hand Me The Pliers, The Further Adventures Of Nick Danger, Third Eye**, and **Waiting For The Electrician Or Someone Like Him & Temporarily Humboldt County**.



You now can also get a DVD **[HERE]** of my one-man performance of **The Ingenious Gentleman, Don Quixote** with the Grammy-winning **LA Guitar Quartet**, filmed in front of a live audience at the historic Sheldon Theater in St. Louis. Ho, Ho, Ho! ...



"Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn't."
~ **Mark Twain**

ROLL THE CREDITS

"The key to understanding *The Expendibles 2*," writes my favorite critic, **Anthony Lane** in *The New Yorker*, "lies in the closing credits, which list a stunt double for most of the stars, although the need for an acting double is often more acute; an astounding roster of welders and carpenters, all of whom were presumably needed to assemble **Van Damme**; and strangest of all, four 'cleaning ladies.' Only four! For all that blood? They must have spent a fortune on mops."

And **Phil Procter** is listed as an SFX Technician in the credits for *Lawless*.

"Weatherproof Solar Owl"
~ New item in the **Picket Fence Catalogue**

THANKS

Eddie Deezen, Joey Green, Victor Kopcewich, H. Lee Kagan, John Gallo, Joni Labaqui, Jim Meskimen, Paul Willson, and a fond farewell to my friend **Steve Franken**, best known as the spoiled young millionaire, **Chatsworth**

Osborne, III on *The Many Loves of Dobbie Gillis*. A memorial will be held at **Theatre West** on the 22nd.

Thanks, also, to all the folks who have contributed to **Lily Bergman's** college fund, and you can help **Antaeus** by bidding on my personally autographed Firesign books at our **SILENT AUCTION**.

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."
~ **Clarence Darrow**

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"Very few people can afford to be poor." ~ **George Bernard Shaw**

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