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Seeing Double?

I've recently been getting complaints and even "Off Planet" notices from loyal subscribers, frustrated because they've received two or more mailings of the Planet. Well, the easiest solution to this problem is to simply delete the unwanted mailings. It happens to me all the time, and that's how I handle it, but I understand your frustrations.

Years ago, I divided my mailings into five Earthlink groups, each containing from 500 to 700 subscribers, which helps me keep track of everybody and regularly purge the lists of duplicates. But if any of you experts out there can advise me as to how to resolve this situation, please do so.

Finally, I am quite aware that some folks go "Off Planet" because they can't tolerate my politics. So be it. It's still a free country, and I was raised a staunch Democrat by my family. Indeed, my Dad was almost nominated to run for Vice-President in the '50s.

Well, both parties have changed drastically over the years, but I still deplore the "No Nothing" far-right drift of the GOP and have thus elected to remain a Jackass.

As **Peter Bergman** used to say: "Thank me, and I'm welcome."

But however you choose, please VOTE!!! And maybe they'll count it twice...

"I'm not a bad duck, I'm just mallard-justed."
~ Puzzlemeister **Merl Reagle**



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SIX GOLDEN RULES FOR F***ING

- 1 F***ing once a week is good for your health, but it's harmful if done every day.
- 2 F***ing gives proper relaxation for your mind and body.
- 3 F***ing refreshes you.
- 4 After F***ing, don't eat too much; go for more liquids.
- 5 Try to do F***ing in bed 'cause it can save your valuable energy.
- 6 F***ing can even reduce your cholesterol level.

So remember: FASTING is good for your health. (And may God cleanse your Dirty Mind.)

"An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea." ~ Oscar Wilde

SQUEEZE ME

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that it offered a standing \$1,000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, then hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze out one more drop of juice would win the money.

Many people tried over time, including weightlifters and longshoremen, but nobody could do it. One day this scrawny little guy came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit and said in a tiny squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet."

After the laughter had died down, the bartender grabbed a lemon and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man. But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass! As the crowd cheered, the bartender

paid the \$1,000 and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a wrestler, on steroids, or what?"

The scrawny little man replied, "It's simple. I work for the IRS."



EASY PEASEY
Don't bet on it!

*"I've had 18 straight whiskeys.
I think that's the record."*

~ Famous Last Words of Dylan Thomas



MAN/WO/MAN SAME THING

A former Marine pilot sat down at Starbucks, still wearing his old USMC flight suit and ordered a cup of a coffee. Soon a young woman plopped down next to him and asked, "Are you a real pilot?"

"Well, I've spent my whole life flying planes," he replied. "First Stearmans, then the early Grummans. Flew a Wildcat and Corsair in WWII and, later in the Korean conflict, Banshees and Cougars. I've taught more than 260 people to fly and given rides to hundreds, so I guess I am a pilot. And you, what are you?"

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about naked women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about naked women. When I shower, I think about naked women. When I watch TV, I think about naked women. It seems everything makes me think of naked women."

The two sat sipping their drinks in silence. A little while later, a young man sat down on the other side of the old pilot and asked: "Are you a real pilot?"

"I always thought I was," he replied, "but I just found out I'm a lesbian."

*"I offer my opponents a bargain:
If they will stop telling lies about us,
I will stop telling the truth about them."
~ Adlai Stevenson, 1952*

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

"Let me warn you, and let me warn the nation, against the smooth evasion that says 'Of course we believe these things. We believe in social security. We believe in work for the unemployed. We believe in saving homes. Cross our hearts and hope to die. We believe in all these things. But we do not like the way that the present administration is doing them.

"Just turn them over to us. We will do all of them, we will do more of them, we will do them better; and, most important of all, the doing of them will not cost anybody anything."

So said President **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** at the Democratic State Convention on September 29, 1936. **VIDEO** and **TEXT**

And in rebuttal, with an emphasis on the "butt," the **Romney camp** has been circulating pictures of backers wearing clothing that says, "I'll take a Mormon over a Moron" and "Put the White back in the White House." Wears me out...

"In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these." ~ Paul Harvey

WIRED SCIENCE

The US navy is now apparently capable of converting saltwater into jet fuel. That's a start.

Yet Georgia Republican Congressman **Paul Broun**, MD said last week, "All that stuff I was taught about evolution and embryology and the big bang theory, all that is lies straight from the pit of Hell."

He continued: "You see, there is a lot of scientific data that I've found out as a scientist that actually show that this is really a young Earth. I don't believe that the earth's but about 9,000 years old. I believe it was created in six days as we know them. That's what the Bible says."

Broun is a high-ranking member of the **House Science Committee**, along with Republican medical genius **Todd Akin**. God help us.

*The inventor of the one-way street was William P. Eno.
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

HOT STUFF

An AP release from Gauhati (GO-HOTTY?), India announced that the military has decided to use the thumb-sized *bhut jolokia*, or "ghost chili," voted by the

Guinness Book of World Records as the world's spiciest, to make hand grenades. Tabasco sauce ranges from 2,500 to 5,000 Scoville (Scorchville?) units, and jalapeno peppers from 2,500 to 8,000.

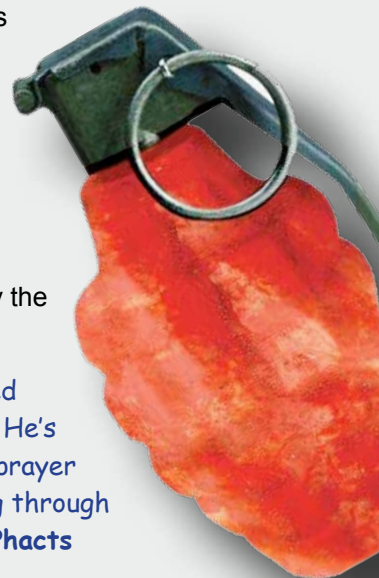
"This is definitely going to be an effective nontoxic weapon because its pungent smell can choke



terrorists and force them out of their hide-outs," Director of the Life Sciences **R. B. Srivastava** announced. Research is also in process to produce chili-based sprays for women to use against rapists and police to use in controlling crowds.

Such a spray has actually been available in L.A. at the **Canard de Bombay** restaurant for 25 years, by the way.

"A British Engineer just started his own business in Afghanistan. He's making land mines that look like prayer mats. He says prophets are going through the roof." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts



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"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river."
~ Nikita Khrushchev

MORE HOT STUFF

It has also been discovered that powerful greenhouse gases were being produced in significant numbers as long ago as the Roman and Chinese Empires, long before the Industrial Revolution of the mid-18th Century. The amounts produced were roughly 70 times less than that emitted today, "but the amount of methane emitted per person was significant," the study in the journal *Nature* states.

The article concludes that even factoring in natural events like forest fires, "between 100 BC and AD 1600, human activity may have been responsible for roughly 20-30 percent of the total pyrogenic methane emissions."

But don't tell that to Republicans **Broun** or **Akin**. Their heads might explode and add more crap to the atmosphere.

"People who know the least...
seem to know it the loudest." ~ Al Capp

THE PUNISHMENT FITS THE CRIME

A religious young woman went to Confession. "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned," she told the priest. The priest said, "Confess your sins and be forgiven." The young woman said, "Last night my boyfriend made mad, passionate love to me seven times."

The priest thought long and hard and then said, "Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice." The young woman asked, "Will this cleanse me of my sins?"

"No," the priest declared, "but it will wipe that smug smile off your face."

"A dog comes when he is called:
a cat takes a message."
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

BUSY DAZE

Besides the personal thrill of opening in the shared cameo role

of the G-Man (bottom left) in director **Gigi Bermingham's** hilarious production of **Kaufman and Hart's** *You Can't Take it With You* – next shows, November 1 and 2 – I also appeared with my dear wife **Melinda** in a backer's audition for **Sam Bobrick's** new comedy, *L.A. Deli*, directed by **Walter Painter**.



We then attended a glorious celebration of the life of our beloved **Norman Corwin** (left, at his 100th birthday party), where he was eulogized by his family, as well as **Stan Freberg**, **Leonard Maltin**, **Norman Lloyd**, **Susan Lowenberg**,

Peggy Webber, **Patt Morrison**, **Samantha Eggar**, and **Norman Lear** among others, with musical interludes by the astounding **Lyrus Quartet**.

And the topper of our week was a special mentalist performance at the Magic Castle by our pal **Harry Anderson** and his beautiful daughter **Eva**, to celebrate his 60th birthday. It was a magical reunion for his many friends and a mind-boggling presentation.

And finally, we heartily recommend *Twilight Zone Unscripted* by the **IMPRO THEATRE** at the **Odyssey**: and the films *The Sessions* and *Frankenweenie*. We see a lot of pictures, and these are very special! Also go online for the DVD of *The Selling*, by **Gabriel Diani**, and look for Melinda and me in this hilarious horror spoof.

"I fear the day when technology overlaps with our humanity. The world will only have a generation of idiots." ~ **Albert Einstein**

LONG LIVE SEALAND

Paddy Roy Bates started a country. In 1967, he founded the **PRINCIPALITY OF SEALAND** on an abandoned 5,000-square-foot North Sea military platform (below) six miles off the British coast. He issued passports, stamps, and coins, commissioned



a national anthem, and crowned himself and his wife **Prince Paddy** and **Princess Joan**. Its motto is *E Mare Libertas* — “From the Sea, Freedom.” Later he was overthrown in a



PADDY BATES

coup but took back his soggy republic in a helicopter raid led by a stunt pilot for James Bond flicks. Bates, who died at 91, reigned over his mini-nation for 45 years.

He got the idea in the mid-60s, when he joined

the Pirate Radio revolution, initiated

to break the BBC's monopoly on music, by broadcasting from ships and these old WWII sea forts. He once invited “the Rolling Stones,” then an unknown band, to play their tape on his show but declared it “a load of bloody crap” and ordered the future rock stars to row their boat ashore. Halleluia!

“I might die young or I might die old,” Bates said, “but I will never die of boredom.”

“If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.” ~ Thomas Jefferson, 1816

BITE ME

You appeared from nowhere and shamelessly, without any reservations, you attacked my naked body ... You sensed my indifference, so you applied your ravenous mouth to me without any guilt or humiliation, and you drove me nearly crazy while you drained me. Finally, I drifted off to sleep.

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WANKS

VOTE

WORK IT OUT

LOSERS WIN

CELL HELL

STONE ME

PASTOR FLASH

SPANISH FLASH

TESLA

HOMELAND

THE DREAM IS OVER

LIP SINK

P-P-P

THE PLAN

ADDAMS

FLASH

GAY ALIEN

SEA?

BODY ODOR

STUCK

KIDFLICKS

ROBODANCE

LET'S PARTY

I AM THE WALRUS

TURKEY TALK

DOGGONE

THE WHETHER

**CLICK THE WORD TO
GO TO THE SITE**

Today when I awoke, you were gone; I searched for you but to no avail. Only the sheets bore witness to the night's events; but my body still bears the marks of your ravishing, making it all the more difficult to forget you.

Tonight, I will remain awake, waiting for you again – you damned mosquito!

“Be kind, please send me your autograph on the steps. Electronic version will not give me such joy because I can not hold it in your hands. Thank you for your understanding.” ~ Russian Fan

MY LETTER TO NEWSWEEK

I'll bet I wasn't the only one to laugh out loud when **David Sessions** noted in the October 22 issue that the GOP was suffering from “declining religiosity in a recent Pew study.”

I couldn't come up with a better line if I'd tried! And by the way, another term for a church pew is “an anxious seat” which may well describe the Republican position today.

*“PMS jokes aren't funny—period.”
~ Phil's Punny Phacts*

THANKS

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*“A real patriot is the fellow who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works.”
~ Bill Vaughan, Forbes.com*

“Love one another” ~ Famous last words of George Harrison

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