

"I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it left." ~ From John Giza

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PLANET DOWN UNDER

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# Goin' Down

**M**elinda and I will be leaving for a rest on **Oahu** mid-month on our way to visit Sydney and Melbourne in **Australia** followed by a motor tour of southern **New Zealand** and a short stay with

our friend **Hal Josephson** and his wife, **Trish**, on the

North Island before returning to **Oahu** on the way back home.



Before the big trip, I'm adding more voices to another episode of **Adventures in Odyssey** and we'll be attending an opening night of 'The Liar' at our beloved

**Antaeus Company**. While away, I'll

probably keep folks up to date on **Facebook**, and I may be able

to orbit another **Planet** from **Hawaii** before flying home mid-

**November**. Stay Tuned...



"In other centuries, human beings wanted to be saved, or improved, or freed, or educated. But in our century, they want to be entertained."  
~ Michael Crichton

## PLANET SHUTDOWN

OK, Planeteers, I'm sure you'd like to know what I think of the present shenanigans in our nation's Crapitol, so here goes. If you move the letters of Washington, D.C. around, it can be expressed as "C D SHIT GA DOWN."

But the spin on the flush is an intentional anti-**Obama Republican** invention, and in my opinion the country has gone bipolar for a very simple reason, which I have been trumpeting for well over a decade now.

Due to the incessant rightwing media barrage of misinformation, lies, and prejudicial obstructionism, their conservative cult cannot perceive of any reality that does not conform to the evangelical Christian neo-con civil war Apocalyptic vision of America, just as the **Progressives** are committed to a 21st Century, scientific, pragmatic, and essentially sectarian view.

We both seek and respond to anything that will support our worldview, and our poor befuddled land is divided accordingly. But the *Daily News* front page (above right) will show you where I stand, as if you didn't know already. Keep the faith. **MORON THE SUBJECT**

*"I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage."*

~ Zsa Zsa Gabor

## MY FAVORITE SINGS

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist **Julie Andrews** made a special appearance at Manhattan's **Radio City Music Hall** for the benefit of the **AARP** and performed an updated senior version of "My Favorite Things" from *The Sound Of Music*:

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*Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting, walkers and handrails and new dental fittings, bundles of magazines tied up in string – these are a few of my favorite things.*

*Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,*

*Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses, pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings, – these are a few of my favorite things.*

*When the pipes leak, when the bones creak, when the knees go bad, I simply remember my favorite things, and then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions, no spicy hot food or food cooked with onions, bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring – these are a few of my favorite things.*

*Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin', thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin'; and we won't mention our short shrunken frames – when we remember our favorite things.*

*When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes grow dim; then I remember the great life I've had – and now I don't feel so bad...*

*"It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out; it's the pebble in your shoe." ~ Muhammad Ali*

## DON'T ASK

"I cain't help but notice that li'l Billy Bob there don't look nothin' at all like the other five," said Bubba to his wife after downing a six-pack one afternoon.

"Now I want you to tell me the truth: does he

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have a different father?" And looking somewhat abashed, she replied, "Yes, Bubba, he does."

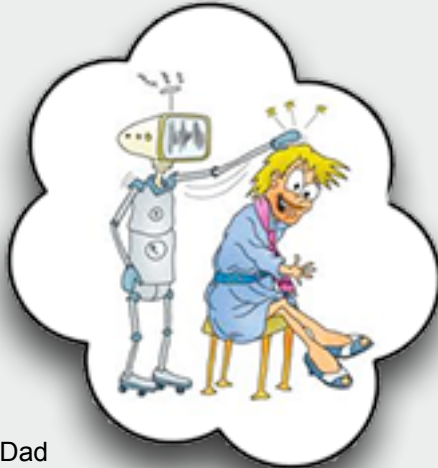
"I knew it! I knew it!" Bubba screamed. "Now don't lie to me! Who the hell is that boy's daddy?"

She took a deep breath and replied, "YOU are, Bubba..."

*"Democracy is when the indigent, and not the men of property, are the rulers." ~ Aristotle*

## DON'T TELL

A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night. The father asks his son what he did that afternoon. The son says, "I did some schoolwork."



The robot slaps the son. Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?"

Son says, "Toy Story." The robot slaps the son. Son says, "Ok, Ok, we were watching porn."

Dad says, "What? At your age I didn't even know what porn was." The robot slaps the father.

Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son." The robot slaps the mother. Wanna buy a used robot?

*"The most perfect political community is one in which the middle class is in control, and outnumbers both of the other classes." ~ Aristotle*

## AH, \$O

Following the problems in the financial sector in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan. In the last seven days **Origami Bank** has folded, **Sumo Bank** has gone belly up and **Bonsai Bank** announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, it was announced that **Karaoke Bank** is up for sale and will likely go for a song, while today shares in **Kamikaze Bank** were suspended after they nose-dived. While **Samurai Bank** is soldiering on following sharp cutbacks, **Ninja Bank** is reported to have taken a hit, but they remain in the black.

Furthermore, 500 staff at **Karate Bank** got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at **Sushi Bank**, where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

*"To any artist worthy of the name, all in nature is beautiful; because his eyes, fearlessly accepting all exterior truth, read there, as in an open book, all the inner truth." ~ Auguste Rodin*

## FRANCIS, THE TALKING POPE

**Pope Francis**, in the first extensive interview of his six-month-old papacy, said that the **Roman Catholic Church** had grown "obsessed" with preaching about abortion, gay marriage, and contraception, and that he has chosen not to speak of those issues despite recriminations from some critics.

In remarkably blunt language, Francis sought to set a new tone for the church, saying it should be a "home for all" and not a "small chapel" focused on doctrine, orthodoxy and a limited agenda of moral teachings.

I hope our politicians are listening, too.

*"How do you keep a Christian in suspense? Tell you next Sunday." ~ John Shaffer*

## A MARKED BILL

Bill came home late one night and his wife said, "Where the hell have you been?" And Bill replied, "I was getting a tattoo!"

"A tattoo?" She scowled, "What kind of tattoo?"

"I put a hundred dollar bill on my Billy," he proudly announced.

"What the hell were you thinking?" she said in disgust. "Why on earth would an accountant like you get a century note tattooed on your penis?"

"Well, one, I like to watch my money grow. Two, once in a while I like to play with my money. Three, I like how money feels in my hand; and, lastly, instead of you going shopping,



**UP WITH PAPAL**  
Pope Francis speaks  
frankly in his first extensive  
interview.

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you can stay right here at home and blow a hundred bucks anytime you want.”

“Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once.” ~ **Lillian Dickson**

## I'LL PASS

“Our primary V.O talent should have a voice that sounds wise and full of character. Ideally, we would be searching for an older male voice like **Johnny Cash** or **Willie Nelson**. Someone who has lived a full and exciting life and has seen the harshest hardships, and the greatest of successes.

“Someone who sounds credible enough to give life advice to a whole new generation of up-and-coming people doing what they love.”

Maybe I'll read for this next year...

“It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.”  
~ **Eleanor Roosevelt**

## KAKAPHONY?

“A **kakistocracy** is a form of governance comprised of the incompetent and poorly suited,” begins a comment about an article by **Charles Pierce** for **Esquire** titled “The Reign of Morons is Here” – **READ IT** and weep...

“Easily 80+% of the United States **House of Representatives** fall into that category,” he continues. “And the most frightening thing? The Speaker of the House is the third in line for the ascension to the Presidency... Think about THAT!” (Do I *have* to?)

“It has been our fate as a nation not to have ideologies but to be one.” ~ **Richard Hofstadter**

## MEDIC AID

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming and ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, so she composed herself sufficiently to tell him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room and then marched resolutely back to where

the young doctor sat writing on his clipboard.

“What the hell is the matter with you?!” the senior doctor demanded. “Mrs. Terry is 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?”

The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, “Does she still have the hiccups?”

“Men argue; nature acts.” ~ **Voltaire**

## PLANETEERS

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**FLASH:** An hour-long interview I did with film historian **Frank Thompson**, has just been posted **HERE** – Enjoy!”

“Hello, my name is Vladimir. I am your every transmission look, because for the first time, I admire you.” ~ **Russian Fan**

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“America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.”  
~ **David Letterman**

“Don't be afraid to be magnificent!” ~ **Bruce Montgomery**

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