

Planet May Be

"Ideas are the most powerful things on earth."

~ Pres. Barack Obama on '60 Minutes'

SANTA ANNA'S COMING TO TOWN

You're going to sneeze, you're going to cry,
You're going to cough, I'm tellin' you why –
Santa Anna's comin' to town!
It blows when you are sleeping.
It blows when you're awake,
It blows if you've been good or bad,
So be bad, what difference does it make?
You're going to wheeze, you're going to fry,
Your noses will bleed, I hope you don't die...
Santa Anna's coming to town!

*"I pay no attention whatever to anybody's praise or blame. I simply follow my own feelings."
~ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

BEGGAR IS BETTER?

"Corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and their 'personhood' often serves as a useful legal fiction. But they are not themselves members of We The People by whom and for whom our Constitution was established."

So observed Supreme Court Justice **John Paul Stevens** in 2010.

*"I am free, no matter what rules surround me.
If I find them tolerable, I tolerate them.
If I find them too obnoxious, I break them.
I am free because I know that I alone
am morally responsible for everything I do."
~ Robert A. Heinlein*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of RSPCA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too, especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was

because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most, so I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now...

*"Imagination is but another word for super intelligence."
~ Edgar Rice Burroughs*

LOST IN CYBERSPACE

I had a really fun podcast interview on **Stage Time** recently with comic juggernaut **Steven Allen Green** and his clever co-host, **Ash Fisher**. **GIVE IT A LISTEN**, and I guarantee you'll tune in again. Thanks, Steven!

And my wife's lovely, funny, artistic younger sister **Bonnie** just celebrated "twenty-five years behind bars" by being allowed to design her very own craft beer at the San Diego-based **Karl Strauss Brewery** as part of their quarter-century celebration. **READ MORE** and **WATCH A VIDEO**

(And by the way, her beer, with tones of ginger and lemongrass, tastes even better than **BEARWHIZ!**)

*"I am not interested in competing with anyone. I hope we all make it."
~ Erica Cook*



IT DEPENDS

I know you have been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such

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

as **Luv**s, **Huggies**, and **Pampers**, while undergarments for old people are called **Depends**.

Well here's the lowdown on the hole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still going to Luv them and Hug them and Pamper them.

When old people crap in their pants, it Depends on who's in the will!

Lionel Barrymore invented the boom microphone.

~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

HELL IS OTHER PEOPLE

A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the little Texas church. Everyone started screaming and running for the exits, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon the church was empty except for one elderly cowboy who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the man and said, "Do you know who I am?" The old cowboy replied, "Yep, sure do."

'Aren't you afraid of me?' Satan asked. 'Nope, sure ain't.' said the cowboy.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?" asked Satan. 'Don't doubt it for a minute,' returned the old man, in an even tone. "Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying AGONY for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yep," was the calm reply. "And you are still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope," said the old cowboy.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The old cowboy spit and calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."

"Sex and death are the only things that can interest a serious mind."

~ William Butler Yeats



*"The things of the night cannot be explained in the day."
~ Ernest Hemmingway*

PEE REASONABLE

Though they concede it's unlikely the public was endangered, officials in Portland, Oregon, decided to drain 38 million gallons of water from a "kidney-shaped" reservoir after some punk was cited for urinating into it at a potential cost of some \$30,000 to tax payers, and

he claims he was only peeing on a wall.

Still, a water official named Fish (sic) said, "I didn't have a choice. The professionals who report to me all said, 'Dump the water. Don't take any chances.' It's the conservative but correct call."

Frankly, I don't think most Conservatives or Liberals would agree. After all, the open reservoir contains already treated water which goes directly to customers, and odd things end up in Portland's water supply all the time with minimal risk to users. In 2008, for instance, a couple was caught skinny-dipping.

Or, as W.C. Fields once said, "I never drink water. Fishes f**k in it."

*"Never say you've seen the last of anything."
~ Eudora Welty*

PRINCIPAL POOP

And in a similar vein, residents of Ypsilanti, Michigan have been trying for over half a year to apprehend a deranged serial shitter who's been avoiding capture after voiding his bowels on playground slides.

Baffled locals even funded a billboard campaign with a Twitter Hashtag to find the

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“fecal fiend” with messages like: “Do your civic doody, report the pooper,” “Help us flush the pooper,” and “Help us catch the poopetrator.” **MORE**

“To truly laugh, you must be able to take your pain and play with it.”
~ Charles Chaplin

DON'T ASK

A Texan walks into a pub in Dublin and says loudly, “I hear you Irish are a bunch of hard drinkers. Well, so are we Texans, so I'll give 500 American bucks to anybody in here who can drink 10 pints of Guinness back-to-back.”

The pub grows silent, but after a while, no one takes the guy up on his offer. One man even leaves. But 30 minutes later he returns and taps the Texan on the shoulder. “Is your bet still good?” he asks.

“Sure, pardner,” says the Texan, and he tells the bartender to line up 10 pints of Guinness, which without a moment's pause, the local cheerily drinks down, one after another, until every pint has been drained! The regulars cheer wildly as the Texan's jaw drops in amazement, and as he hands the 500 bucks to the winner, he says, “If you don't mind me askin', buckeroo, where were you for that half hour you were gone?”

“Oh, that?” The Irishman replies, “I had to pop over to another pub to see if I could do it.”

“To find joy in work is to discover the fountain of youth.”
~ Pearl Buck

LORD, BUCKLEY!

To swing or not to swing, that is the hanger.
Is it hipper for the wig to dig the flips
and the drags of the wheel of fortune?
Or to come on like Kinsey against this mass mess
And by his stance cover the action?
Shall I knock on the pearly's
Or dig the sweet sack of my pad,

Or sound the tall cat with the scythe?
Hey, there's the drag.

*“The test of a policy isn't where it starts,
it's where it ends.” ~ Henry Kissinger*

MEASURE OF A MAN

The army recently found it had too many generals and offered an early retirement bonus. They went through many retirement plans but nothing seemed to please everyone. In the end, desperate, they promised any general, who retired at once, his full annual benefits plus \$10,000 for every inch measured in a straight line between any two points on the man's body, selecting any pair of points he wished.

The first man, an Air Force general, accepted. He asked the pension man to measure from the top of his head to the tip of his toes. Six feet. He walked out with a check of \$720,000.

The second man, an Army general, asked them to measure from the tip of his up-stretched hands to his toes. Eight feet. He walked out with a check for \$960,000.

When the third general, a grizzled old Marine, was asked where to measure, he said: “From the tip of my penis to my testicles.” The pension man suggested that perhaps the Marine might want to reconsider, but he stuck to his guns so they called a medical officer to do the measuring.

The doctor asked the general to drop 'em. He did. The medical officer placed the tape on the tip of the general's penis and began to work back. “My God man!” he said, “where are your testicles??”

“Vietnam,” smiled the general.

“I decided to write to you to express my great fame to your work. I love to look at you! Maybe you have any souvenir - a list of your notepads, pen or something else near you. Holding a signed gadget from you will be awesome fun for me.” ~ Russian Fan

BULLETIN: THIS JUST OUT

When Canadian park-goers at **Mooney's Bay** in Ottawa complained of a male flasher, the police soon caught the perpetrator in action. Then, on April 29, the **Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit** charged a 62-year-old white male, balding with white hair and wearing prescription glasses.

His name? **Donald Popadick**. Truth is stiffer than fiction.

CHECK OUT

"Water Boarding is how we baptize terrorists."
~ Sarah Palin speaking at the NRA

THIS JUST IN

To celebrate the latest **Shakespeare Orange County** season under new Artistic Director and fellow Antaeus **John Walcutt**, there will be a live Golden Age of Radio show featuring **James Cromwell**, **Gregory Itzin**, and **Rene Auberjonois**, this Saturday, May 10, at the Garden Grove Amphitheater. **INFO**

This is the same stage that will boast a special performance of *The Curse of Oedipus* in early August, which I am currently rehearsing for Antaeus under the direction of the amazing **Casey Stangl** who staged our award-winning *Peace in Our Time* by **Noel Coward**. Stay Tuned...

"Colorado legalized marijuana this year... I do hope it doesn't lead to whole lot of paranoid people who think that the federal government's out to get them and listening to their phone calls."
~ **President Obama** at the White House Correspondents Dinner.

BOB 'OSKINS

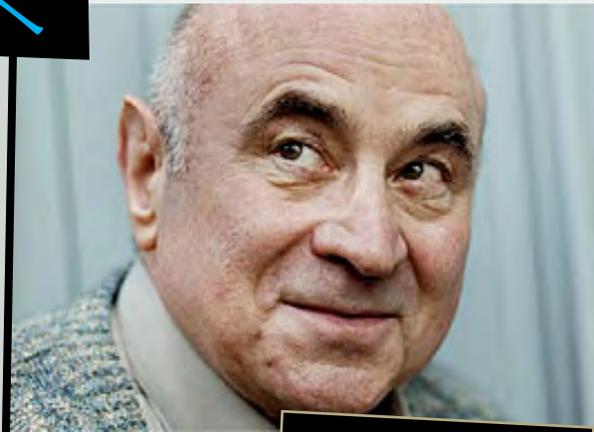
The "Cockney Cagney" who achieved some of his fame as soft-boiled detective **Eddie Valiant** in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, has died of pneumonia at 71 after being diagnosed with Parkinson's.

Although he was known primarily for playing villains and mobsters, including **J. Edgar Hoover** in a tutu in **Oliver Stone's Nixon**, a critic once wrote, "Hoskins is to the flip knife and the knuckleduster what Noel Coward is to the dressing gown," and even Hoskins admitted that playing good guys was a challenge: "Being good was murder," he lamented, "I had to find some little grain of kindness which I strangled to death."

And his inspiration? "Women," he observed, "can express

WITH ATTITUDE

DOG DRIVEN
PETER & JANE
OURSTORY
WATERHEAD
TSUNAMI
WOOD
CARLIN
ZZZZ
HANDY
THUMBS UP
FLUSH
ALL WET
SWINGERS
HONEY
BOSWELLS
CHOZEN
THE PITS
THE PETS
RU BOARD



BOB HOSKINS

a private moment or hidden thought without saying a word."

He was proud of his hardscrabble beginnings: "There was a time when people said, 'You've got to speak like you don't, walk like you don't, be like you aren't. I said, 'ere, 'ang on, who am I? I'd be lost if I did that. I'd be disappearing. I'd be ectoplasm.'" And so he is...

"All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his." ~ **Oscar Wilde**

WITH GRATITUDE

Nick Oliva, **Keith Hebble**, **Victor Kopcewich**, **Kenneth Wilhite, Jr.**, **Kent McCaman**, **Eddie Deezen**, **Laurence Budd**, and to **THE WEEK**

for the wonderful quotes. And thanks this orbit to **David Misch** for casting me in some fun roles in the May 7 pilot presentations at the **Writers Guild** – *Doug & Cindy*, (*Cinderella* 20 years after *Everafter*) and *The Front*, where two aging screenwriters get a young Hispanic woman to "front" their project. Call (323) 782-4589 for free reservations.

"A terrorist bursts into a pet store and says, "Everybody's got one minute to get out!" A snail in the back says, "You bastard." ~ **Phil's Phunnies**

"We are not saints, but we have kept our appointment. How many people can boast as much?" ~ **Samuel Beckett**

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