

"I know that there are people who do not love their fellow man and I hate people like that." ~ Tom Leher

THROUGH THE LOOKINGLASS

Millionaire socialite Lady Lynn Forester de Rothschild calls Barack Obama "an elitist" and told CNN that she's backing Moose and Squirrel for the White House "so that other people can have [my] wonderful life." Then, former Rhode Island Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee called vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin a "cocky wacko."

Meanwhile, in Italy, finance minister Giulio Tremonti declared that Alan Greenspan had been considered a master, but now said that "we must ask ourselves whether he is not, after Bin Laden, the man who hurt America the most."

And did you know that for several years now, under the Bushies, park rangers at the Grand Canyon have not been allowed to tell tourists how old the natural wonder is because the scientifically determined age conflicts with the Biblical account of the great flood and the fundamentalist Christian belief that the earth is only six-thousand years old?

http://www.peer.org/news/news_id.php?row_id=801

"The Bible is like a person, and if you torture it long enough, you can get it to say almost anything you'd like it to say." - Episcopal Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

TV OR NOT TV

Craig Ferguson got an email from Leroy Tirebiter on his late night show this week and gave an hysterical rant about the odd name. He knew neither that George Leroy Tirebiter is a Firesign Theatre creation nor that we got the name from a USC canine mascot that loved to nip at the tires of passing cars. We still love him.

And ironically, Steve Martin's book, Being Funny doesn't even mention Firesign even though he opened for us at the Ice House in Pasadena in our first public performance. We got a better review, but he was hysterical!

And finally, if you want to stick some fun in your ears, listen to some of my characters in *Under the Black Ensign* and *If I Were You* from the fully produced and greatly entertaining *Stories of the Golden Age* audiotapes now available in bookstores and online at: http://www.goldenagestories.com/html/bookclub.php

Or, if you want to see me performing onstage LIVE in *The Iron Duke* 7:30 this Saturday at Author Services, 7051 Hollywood Blvd., go to jonil@authorservicesinc.com -- only ten bucks, refreshments and reception included!

"Since I was a tall fan of you. I would be pleased if you send me an autograp."

~ German Fan ~

BOOM, BABY, BOOM

More '60's artists are revising lyrics to accommodate their aging boomer fans:

Herman's Hermits - Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker
The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend a Broken Hip
Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash
Ringo Starr - I Get By With a Little Help from Depends
Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face
Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now
Paul Simon - Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver
Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom
Marvin Gaye - I Heard it Through the Grape Nuts
Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping
The Temptations - Papa's Got a Kidney Stone
Tony Orlando - Knock 3 Times on the Ceiling if you Hear Me Fall

"Take something useful and make it useless." ~ Man Ray

Helen Reddy - I am Woman, Hear me Snore

Willie Nelson - On the Throne Again

BUT WHO'S COUNTING?

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A man hasn't been feeling well, so he goes to his doctor for a complete checkup. Afterward, the doctor comes back with the results.

"I'm afraid I have some very bad news," the doctor says. "You're dying, and you don't have much time left."

"That's terrible," says the man. "Give it to me straight, Doc. How long have I got?"

"Ten," the doctor says sadly.

"Ten?" the man says. "Ten what? Months? Weeks? What?"

"Nine..."
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"My interest is in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life there." $_\sim$ Charles F. Kettering (1876-1958)

SLIP ME A MICKEY

In a religious program on Al-Majd TV, August 27, Saudi Cleric Muhammad Al-Munajid was asked about Islamic law with regard to mice.

The Shari's then referred to the mouse as a "little corrupter" who is one of Satan's soldiers and is steered by him to, for instance, set fire to one's house! Thus it is permissible to kill in all cases.

"If a mouse falls into a pot of food — if the food is solid, you should chuck out the mouse and the food touching it, and if it is liquid — you should chuck out the whole thing because the mouse is impure!"

"How do you think children view mice today - after Tom and Jerry?" the cleric was asked, and he explained that even creatures that are repulsive by nature, by logic, and according to Islamic law "have become wonderful and are loved by children. Even mice."

"Mickey Mouse has become an awesome character, even though according to Islamic law, Mickey Mouse should be killed in all cases."

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=3d6_1221383709

"Nobody cares about Mickey any more ... I think we should phase him out." ~ Roy Disney to Walt, c. 1930

LIGHTS OUT

There are only a couple of months until the election that will decide the next President of the United States.

The person elected will be the president of 'all' Americans, not just the Democrats or the Republicans – so, it is time that we all came together, Democrats and Republicans alike, in a bipartisan effort for all America:

"If you support the policies and character of Barack Obama, please drive with your headlights on during the day. If you support John McCain please drive with your headlights off at night. Your choice will make the difference..."

(Naturally, when this was sent to me, the names were reversed...)

"The trickle-down theory results in a nation of peons." ~. Thom Hartmann

MORE FAITH-BASED FUNNIES

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled -proceeds will be used to cripple children. Please place your donation in the envelope
along with the deceased person you want remembered and remember in prayer the
many who are sick of our community.

Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

"Anybody who believes that the Republicans, whoever they are, can fix the mess they created probably believes that the iceberg could have saved the Titanic" ~ Hillary Clinton

LET IT BLOW, LET IT BLOW, LET IT BLOW Top Ten Reasons Hurricane Season Is Like Christmas:

10. Decorating the house (with plywood).

- 9. Dragging out boxes that haven't been used since last season. _
- 8. Last minute shopping in crowded stores. _
- 7. Regular TV shows pre-empted for 'Specials'. ___
- 6. Family coming to stay with you.
- 5. Family and friends from out of state calling you.
- 4. Buying food you don't normally buy . . . and in large quantities.
- 3. _Days off from work.
- 2. Candles. (And the #1 reason Hurricane Season is like Christmas?)_

At some point you're probably going to have a tree in your house!

"What good does it do to be the best-looking horse in the glue factory." \sim David M. Walker in "I.O.U.S.A."

LUCK OF THE DRAW

Both Obama and McCain carry lucky charms – a tiny monkey representing the Hindu god Hanuman, a lucky gambler's chip, a tiny Madonna and child and an Iraqibased American soldier's bracelet in Obama's case, and Mr. McCain carries a lucky compass, a lucky pen, a lucky rock, a tribal leader's feather, and a flattened penny, and occasionally dons "lucky shoes" – magical L.L. Bean dressy rubber-soled mukluks.

He also cooks up "lucky food" in the form of pulled pork or ribs for his staff before debates, symbolically "slaughtering the hog before you slaughter the opponent" according to an article in *Skeptical Briefs* excerpted from the *Rationalist Internationalist Bulletin – or "RIB"*.

"Deep down, I'm a very shallow person." ~ Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey

THANKING

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"Come, come, my conservative friend, wipe the dew off your spectacles, and see that the world is moving." ~ Elizabeth Cady Stanton

LINKING

A REAL PAGE-TURNER: http://www.flixxy.com/medieval-tech-support.htm STOP HIM: http://www.atlah.org/broadcast/ndnr07-28-08.html STOP HIM:

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"The sad truth is that excellence makes people nervous." ~ Shana Alexander~

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