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"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

~ Dale Evans Rogers

THROUGHOUT THE 'PLANET,' CLICKING **DARK RED** WORDS OPEN THE WEB SITE IN QUESTION.

DEAR FRIENDS

Apologies for a delayed Holiday orbit, but Earth took precedent over the Planet this month with the birth of my first grandson, Bowen, plus auditions, performances and other obligatory seasonal duties. We also enjoyed many movies and the opening night of "A Christmas Carol" at the Kodak Theater, starring Christopher Lloyd and our truly dear friend, the great John Goodman as the jolly ghost of Christmas Present. It runs into early January, so enjoy.

And speaking of the New Year, look out! The Firesign Theatre is going to take to the stage once more - almost live - on April 24 at Warren Dewey's gorgeously restored Golden State Theatre in Monterey, California, to celebrate Nick Danger's 40th birthday! Come see our probably last show. **FOR TICKETS**

"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings." ~ Eric Hoffer

Larroquette, Ricardo Montalban, Joe DiMaggio, Carry Nation, Barbara and Jenna Bush and -- John F. Kennedy, Jr. Good company, eh?

"Give them hope, hope, hope..." ~ Harvey Milk

MAD SCIENCE

In 2009, can love handles power your SUV? Beverly Hills doc Craig Alan Bittner turned his lip suctioned fat into biodiesel to fuel his and his gal pal's gas guzzlers. A gallon of grease will get you about a gallon of fuel, be it animal or vegetable, so poultry companies like Tyson are researching how to power their trucks on chicken schmaltz.

Also this year, stem cells were finally employed to rebuild a woman's windpipe, light-weight rats were recruited to sniff out landmines, Bottlenose Dolphins were discovered to use sponges to protect their beaks in the search for food, gun sales escalated after Obama's election and several popular myths were debunked:

Poinsettias are NOT toxic, "more sugar" does NOT make kids hyperactive, wearing a hat in winter will NOT retain heat, eating late at night will NOT make you put on weight and douching with Coca Cola is NOT a viable contraceptive. And sorry, there is NOT a really effective cure for a New Year's hangover.

*"Merry Crisis and a Happy New Fear."
~ Greek rioter's sign*

IN PRAISE OF OLDER WOMEN

As we grow older and wiser, we value women over 40 more than ever. She will never wake you in late at night to ask, 'What are you thinking?' She doesn't care what you think. Also, if a woman over 40 doesn't want to watch

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BOWEN TAKES A BOW

We also celebrated our grandson Bowen Campbell's 1st month birthday with a Xmas Eve dinner at Proctor House and thanks to Planeteer Ed Morykwas, here are some other folks birthed on November 25: Christina Applegate, Amy Grant, John

Anne Kristin Campbell, bouncing baby Bowen.

sports, she doesn't just whine about it, she does something she wants to do, which is usually more interesting.

Older women know what it's like to be unappreciated and thus are generous with praise (often undeserved). Once you get past a wrinkle or two, a woman over 40 is far sexier than her younger counterpart. She knows more and is definitely more psychic. You never have to confess your sins to a woman over 40. They'll tell you right off if you are a jerk. You never have to wonder where you stand with them.

Women over 40 are dignified. They seldom have a screaming match with you at an opera or in the middle of an expensive restaurant. But of course if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it. However, for every stunning, smart, well coiffed, hot woman over 40, there is a bald, paunchy old relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22-year old waitress; but all those men who say, 'Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free,' know that 80% of women refuse to marry because these women realize it's not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage...

"When the tide goes out you can tell who's been swimming naked." ~ Warren Buffett

HELP, WE NEED SOMEBODY, HELP

Mass. Dem. Rep. Barney Frank (the House's resident jester), asserted to the AP that President-Elect Barack should act more aggressively during the ongoing economic slump: "At a time of great crisis with mortgage foreclosures and autos, he says we only have one president at a time. I'm afraid that overstates the number of presidents we have..."

The items sung about in "The 12 Days of Xmas" would now cost \$86,609. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

AIN'T NOTHIN'

Flori Schutzer turned us on to "Buy Nothing Day" and received this response when she visited buynothing.com

"Alas, you'd be surprised how much time, energy, and financial resources are spent maintaining, producing, marketing and selling nothing. If you think about the big picture for a moment, you'd notice that the entire Universe is a 'closed system.' That is, it contains everything. You can't get more out of it than you put into it. Because of this, nothing makes a profit while going bankrupt at the same time... That is, to produce nothing. Market nothing. Sell nothing.

And in doing this, bring attention to the fact that buying nothing often yields more satisfying results (emotionally, physically, environmentally, etc.) than buying something. So if you bought \$10 of nothing from me, you can be certain that I'd use the money to further market nothing and advertise its benefits to the world at large...I hope this clarifies things." ~ Dune Thomas (Founder of Nothing)

"They may not remember what you said, but they'll never forget how you made them feel." ~ Anonymous

IN THE CRAPPER

In honor of National Toilet Day, Planeteer Charles Moed, dear friend and philanthropist presently in India for a friend's wedding, notes that the average person spends three years of their life on the "john" and flushes about 2500 times a year using 22 liters of drinkable water and about eight sheets of toilet paper every day.

Yet an estimated 2.6 billion people worldwide do not have this privilege, especially in China and India, and the resulting lack of sanitation kills approximately 1.8 million people annually, many of them children. We need another 500 million toilets are to fill this need.

On the lighter side, most toilets flush in the key of E flat, and the first flushing toilet was invented in 1596 by Sir John Harrington, a British noble and godson to Queen Elizabeth I. Ridiculed by his peers, he used the prototype for himself.

"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures." ~ Thornton Wilder

DON'T GO THERE

R.S. Janes writes: "Just to add my two cents in the ongoing saga of odd body insertions that started with the Vicar in PP-2008 22, and continued with Mrs. Butterworth in PP-2008 23, I too, was once acquainted with an ER nurse in Chicago who reported similar unusual 'objets d'anus.'

"Along with the routine plastic toys and vegetables that resisted ejection once their job was done, she mentioned a four-month period wherein various men, perhaps disgruntled employees of GE, showed up with light bulbs trapped where the moon don't shine. It's apparently a very delicate and time-consuming job to remove the bulb without shattering the thing into small pieces of glass, which can be extremely dangerous...but even more mysterious was the fact that they all used basically the same excuse: "I had

just taken a really hot shower and accidentally sat down on a light bulb that was laying on my couch and 'whoopsie!'" Was it some kind of 'Little Bill' Club? 'Socket' to me taken to literal extremes? Perhaps they were just seeking a different path to enlightenment. She never found out.

"And I won't even delve into the case of the man who had 12 Oscar Mayer cocktail wieners up the Katie Couric trail, as you'd probably think I was full of baloney, so I'll just end it here, so to speak."

"I think that God in creating Man somewhat overestimated his ability." ~ Oscar Wilde

A HEAD OF HIS TIME

The Journal of Experimental Botany reveals that we've located a 2,700-year-old cache of cannabis clearly cultivated "for psychoactive purposes," and not for food or clothing, buried in the tomb of a blond, blue-eyed Caucasian, probably a shaman of the Gushi culture. The extremely dry conditions and soil acted as preservatives, allowing a team of scientists to "dig" the stash, which was still green. Remnants of pot have been found with shattered pots elsewhere in Egypt and other ancient sites, as annotated by the Greek historian Herodotus. Hip scientists attempted to germinate 100 of the seeds with no success. Bummer.

The world's oldest piece of chewing gum is 9,000 years old. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

TOP AMISH HORROR MOVIES

Invasion of the Bonnet Snatchers, Barnraiser, I Know What You Did With the Summer Sausage, Natural Barn Killers, Rosemary's Buggy, It Came from The Sharper Image, The Devil Wore Plaid, The Hand That Churns the Butter, Look Out, the Pictures Move!! Riding in Cars with Anyone, The Day the Outsiders Found the Generator, The Shunning, The Pennsylvania Handsaw Massacre, Planet of the Drapes, Night of the Leavened Bread, The Bare Wrist Project (Sorry -- that's an Amish *porn* ...)

"On Thanksgiving, O.J. Simpson carved the Thanksgiving turkey. And then, out of habit, he hid the knife." ~ David Letterman

GIVERS

Patty Paul, Eddie Deezen, Henry Jaglom, Hannah Baldwin, Danny Mann, Victor Kopcewich, Herman Kagan, H. Lee Kagan, Garry Hollis, Garry Margolis, Bonnie Peterson, Melinda Peterson, Jayne Lyn Stahl, Robert Riddle, Scott W. Langhill and my constant collaborators Cristofer Morley, Cristofer Gross and Michael Fish...and of course -- all of YOU!

"I love Mickey Mouse more than any woman I've ever known." ~ Walt Disney

... AND GO-FERS

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| JEW 2 | WILLIE |
| BLOW IT UP | WOOF |
| APPLE | SHOE |
| F*K ME | HELP |
| 2 LATE 8 | SQUAWK |
| LET'S DO IT | KWICK |
| OBONGA | KARD |
| HEMHOUSE | KREATE |
| HARDHEMP | KOFFEE |

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"Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else." ~ 19th century French economist Frederic Bastiat

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
~ IN ONE YEAR AND
OUT THE OTHER!!!**

"It is perfectly true that the government is best which governs least. It is equally true that the government is best which provides most." ~ Walter Lippmann

"When in trouble, when in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout!" ~ Anonymous

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