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"If you think your religion is worth killing for,
start with yourself."
~ Sarah Silverman

SHARE-ITY?

The United Way realized that it had never received a donation from the city's most successful lawyer, so a volunteer paid the lawyer a visit in his lavish office and opened the meeting by saying, "Our research shows that even though your annual income is over \$2 million, you don't give a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give something back to your community through the United Way?"

The lawyer thinks for a minute and says, "First, did your research show you that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness, and she has huge

medical bills that are far beyond her ability to pay?" Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbles, "Uh . . . no, I didn't know that."

"Secondly," says the lawyer, "did it show that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and unable to support his wife and six children?" The stricken rep begins to stammer an apology, but is cut off again.

"Thirdly, did your research also show you that my sister's husband died in a dreadful car accident, leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children, one of whom is disabled and another who has learning disabilities requiring an array of private tutors?" The humiliated rep, completely beaten, says, "I'm so sorry, I had no idea."

And the lawyer says, "So – if I didn't give any money to them, what the Hell makes you think I'd give any to you?"

From the PLANETMASTER

I thought this would be a good time to take a little break from politics as we move into the home stretch, and share some nonpartisan laughs. I hope you'll agree, and thanks for all the funny stuff you've sent my way. Enjoy!

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GET YOUR HA-HA's OUT
It only hurts when you *don't* laugh.



*"Life is a tragedy full of exquisite consolations."
~ Cyril Connolly*

WHAT WOULD JESUS WATCH?

The **Game Show Network** has hired comic **Jeff Foxworthy** to host a new show called "The American Bible Challenge," and it really sounds like something the **Firesign Theatre** could have written.

Questions will include topics like: "In the name of the Lord of the Rings," where contestants must identify whether quotes come from Scriptures or Tolkien, and "CSI Holy Land" in which they must investigate Biblical crimes – of which there are many.

Other topics include, "My Tweet Lord," "The Real Housewives of the OT" (Old Testament, that is.) and "Biblical Rednecks." Other segments will include "Kids Sayeth the Cutest Things" featuring YouTube tots touting popular Sunday School stories in their own words.

Players of all ages, including "Gospel Geezers," will compete for charities like teen crisis centers, food pantries, and cancer research and winners can win up to \$100,000 for their favorite cause. Onward, Christian Soldiers!

"I've decided to write the definitive book comparing apples to oranges."

~ Joey (Wacky Uses) Green

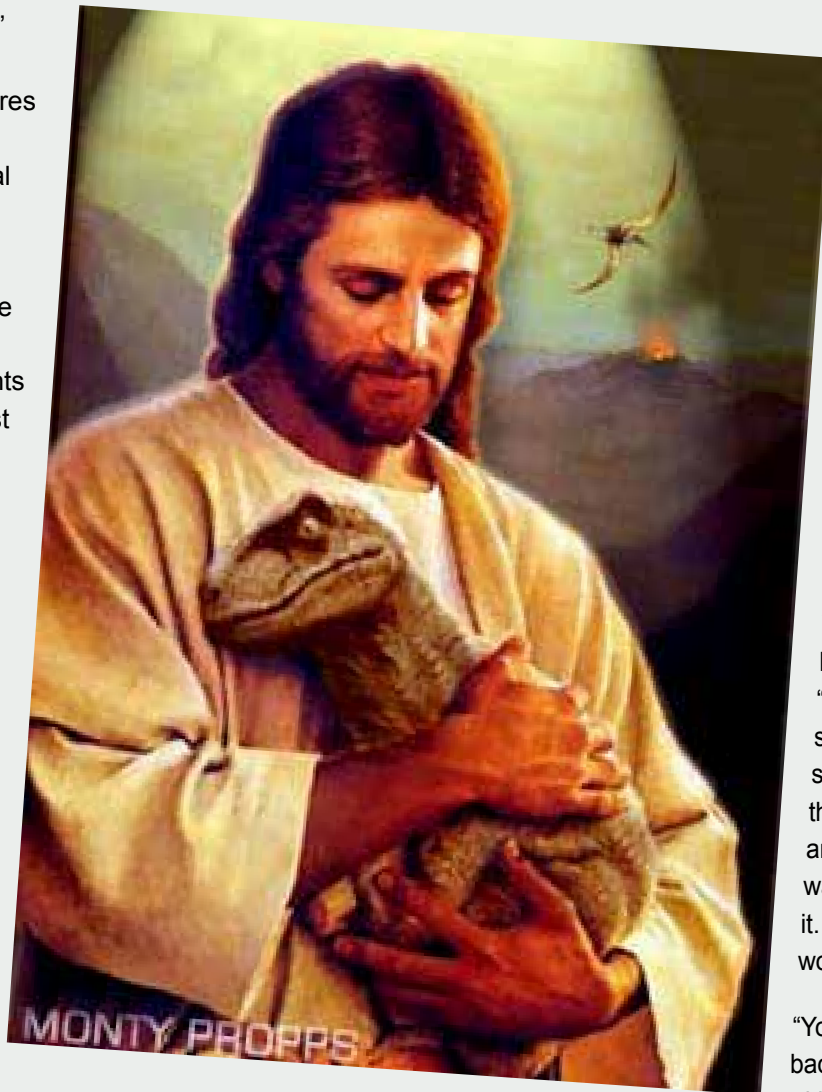
THE MOUTHS OF BABES

A father put his 3-year old daughter to bed, told her a story, and listened to her prayers, which ended by her saying, "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, God bless Grandma, and good-bye Grandpa."

The father asked, 'Why did you say good-bye Grandpa?' His daughter replied, "I don't know Daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do." Well, the very next day, Grandpa died – and her dad wrote it off as a strange coincidence.

But then, a few months later, when he tucked her in, she said "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy and good-bye Grandma." The next day, the grandmother died. "Holy crap" thought the father, "This kid is in contact with the other side."

Several weeks later when the little one was going to bed, the dad heard her say, "God bless Mommy and good-bye Daddy." He practically went into shock. He couldn't sleep all night. He got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office. He was nervous as a cat all day, had lunch and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight he would be okay.



He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day he stayed there, drinking coffee, looking at his watch and jumping at every sound. Finally midnight arrived. He breathed a sigh of relief and went home.

When he arrived his wife said, "I've never seen you work so late. What's the matter?" He answered, "I don't want to talk about it. I've just spent the worst day of my life."

"You think you had a bad day?" she replied with a sigh. "You'll never believe what

happened to me. This morning, my golf pro dropped dead in the middle of my lesson!"

"According to The Washington Post, almost all the states with a high percentage of folks that don't pay federal income taxes, vote Republican." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

"Billy Bob Thornton is deathly afraid of antique furniture." ~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

WHO WOULD JESUS MARRY?

I'd probably be targeted if I printed this in a Muslim country, but we are still, thank God, not yet a theocracy, so here goes:

A recently discovered fragment of a 4th Century papyrus uncovered by a Harvard professor quotes a dialogue where Jesus (or Michael of Nebadon, if you're a fan of the Urantia Book) refers to "my wife, Mary". It's a fragment of a Coptic gospel, no less.

Can't wait to see the trailer for "The Innocence of Christians," online soon...

READ PAUL RUDNICK'S TAKE

"Stop telling God how big your problems are and start telling your problems how big your God is."
~ **John McClean**, Center for Spiritual Living, LA

BACKUP PLAN

Two hillbillies are having a bite to eat, sharing tips about making moonshine, when suddenly, a woman eating a sandwich at a nearby table begins to cough, and after a minute or so, it becomes apparent that she is in real distress.

One of the hillbillies goes over to her and asks, "Kin ya swallar?" The woman shakes her head "No." Then he asks, "Kin ya breathe?" The woman begins to turn blue and shakes her head again.

The hillbilly then lifts up her dress, yanks down her drawers and quickly gives her right butt cheek a lick with his tongue. The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm and the obstruction flies out of her mouth!

As she begins to breathe again, the hillbilly saunters back to his table where his pal says, "That was very impressive, Luke. Ya know, I'd heerd of that there 'Hind-Lick Maneuver' afore, but I ain't niver seed nobody do it!"

"I have kleptomania. When it gets bad, I take something." ~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

BALLS OUT

Irish-born **David Feherty** is a CBS and Golf Channel commentator with a rather unique way of expressing himself on the air. Here's a stitched-together sampler:

"It's just a glorious day. The only way to ruin a day like this would be to play golf on it. The Masters, for me, is like holding onto a really big collection of gas for a week. It's like having my buttocks surgically clenched at Augusta General Hospital on Wednesday, and surgically unclenched on Monday on the way to Hilton Head."

"That was a great shot - if they'd put the pin there today. That ball is so far left, Lassie couldn't find it if it was wrapped in bacon. That green appears smaller than a Pygmy's nipple."

"I'm sorry **Nick Faldo** couldn't be here this week. He's attending the birth of his next wife. VJ hits more balls than **Elton John's** chin. Fortunately, he's 22 years old so his right wrist should be the strongest muscle in his body. Watching **Phil Mickelson** play golf is like watching a drunk chasing a balloon near the edge of a cliff. Everything moves except his bowels."

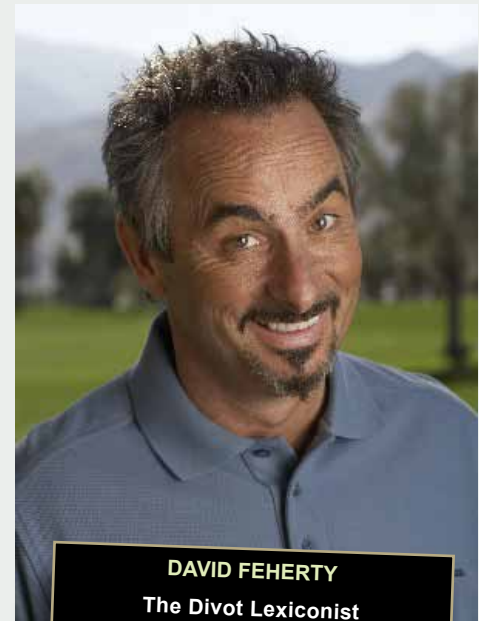
"As for me, my politics are somewhere in the middle... I believe in the death penalty, especially for pro-lifers, child molesters, those opposed to gay marriage, and for stupid dancing in the end zone. I believe in the abolition of estate taxes and the Pickens Plan. I'd lower the legal drinking age and raise the driving age to 18 nationwide, make **Kinky Friedman** Governor of Texas, and make all schools, public and private, start earlier with one hour of physical exercise."

"My wife said to me, 'I wish you'd play with me like you do with computer games.' So I did: I cheated on her"
~ **Doug Benson**

COLLARED

A priest was invited to attend a house party, so naturally, he was properly dressed and wearing his Priest's collar. A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening. Finally, the priest asked the little boy what he was staring at?

The little boy pointed to the priest's neck, and when the Father finally realized what the boy was pointing at, he chuckled and asked the boy, "Do you know why I am wearing that?"



The boy nodded his head yes, and replied, "It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months."

"The only liberty an inferior man really cherishes is the liberty to quit work, stretch out in the sun, and scratch himself." ~ **Henry Louis Mencken**

OFF PLANET

Paula Sherman wrote to say that her talented husband, broadcaster **Rick**



MURPHY

Murphy, who was radio-active right up to the end, passed away recently. I keenly remember appearing on his zany show in Madison with my late partner, **Peter Bergman** – who showed up late for the **INTERVIEW**, by the way – and his voice will be missed.

We also mourn the passing of the great Pink Panther comic cop, Prague-born **Herbert Lom**, whose real name was **Herbert Charles Angelo Kuchacevich ze Schluderpacheru**. Wonder why he changed it...

"In the teenage years, cocaine prevents testicular cancer, while Marijuana use increases the risk." ~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Melinda and I will be performing an **Edgar Allen Poe** piece for **Sue Zizza** and **David Shinn** at the **Audio Engineering Society Convention** in the Moscone Center in scary San Francisco on Saturday, October 28; and in early November, we're off to Clearwater, Florida for a new staging of

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LINKS

TOOTSIE

WINDOWS

WOOF

HS MADNESS

ONLY

WHITE

JULIA

THURSTON

TIME

SLAP ME

END GAME

PATIENCE

WAKE UP

DOGGONE

STINKIN' LINCOLN

OLD FARTS

WHY

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

Agatha Christie's BBC Murder Mysteries, with **Dave Ossman** and **Judith Walcutt** for producer **Zev Buffman** at the Capitol Theatre.

Melinda will portray Christie again in this elaborately mounted live audio-theater hybrid, consisting of four radio plays written from 1937 to 1954, and I will reappear as **Hercule Poirot**, among other roles. We'll then take the show to the **Parker Playhouse** in Fort Lauderdale at the top of next year, some 50 years after I appeared there with **Bob Cummings** in "Generation" during their inaugural season. That's actually about two generations later, ain't it?

"Why does it take 1 million sperms to fertilize one egg?
They don't stop to ask directions."
~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

THANKS

To all my funny friends, including **Eddie Deezen**, **Chris Mayka**, **Pat Willson**, **John Strachan**, **Jayne Stahl**, **Robert Riddle**, **Andre Perkowski**, **Richard Metzger**, **Rich Carlson**, **Frank Dwyer**, **Hannah Baldwin**, **Brad Schreiber**, **Kenneth Wilhite, Jr.**, **Victor Kopcewich**, **Bob Joles**, **Betsey Brubaker-Strum**, **David Honneus**, **Finkle and Weeden**, and "sanctuary much" to **Ben Watkins** of the **IRONWOOD PIG SANCTUARY**.

Also, catch **Rich DeMaio's** REGGAETV on KVCR, and Happy 50th Anniversary to **Tom** and **Sarah Hensley** and a Bang Up 70th birthday to **M. C. Gwynne**. (Music keeps you young.)

"Inflation is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten-dollar haircut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair." ~ **Sam Ewing**

"Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the artist does better." ~ **André Gide**

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