

Planet Blue Moon

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"My philosophy of life can be summed up in four words: it can't be helped." ~ Will Cuppy

Proud Papa

My multi-talented daughter **Kristin Campbell** has recently jumped into a new endeavor, now that she is living in Portland, Oregon. It must be in the water up there or the green trees and lush nature all around or something, because she's joined forces with a new startup called **Beautycounter** that manufactures naturally derived, plant-based, clean and safe personal-care products and cosmetics.

They have banned over 1,500 known harmful ingredients from their products and have the strictest screening process in the U.S. to date. Their selection process is unlike any other: each ingredient is evaluated



for health, safety, and performance before it is considered for formulation.

Unfortunately, the current cosmetics industry is badly unregulated (there have been no major laws passed since 1938) and so far only 11 ingredients are banned from our products in the U.S., while the EU has banned up to 1,400. The FDA has no way of screening such substances for safety, so

this means there are ingredients out there that can cause cancer, endocrine issues, hormonal problems and the like.

Beautycounter is not only creating safer products, but are also actively lobbying for stricter laws to better protect us all in the future. **THIS VIDEO** helps explain the mission and why Kristin is fired up about helping make change happen.

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

Starring Nick Danger

Writer **Charles P. Pierce**, surprised me with a **Firesign Theatre** reference in an online piece at **Esquire** magazine. See if you can find it!

*Let's check in with **Ken Starr**, the Javert of the boudoir, the Poirot of the blowjob. Who can forget where they were when Starr presented his report to the House of Representatives, with its tales of furtive canoodling in the Oval Office and humid details about improvised humidors?*

This, you may recall, was the greatest danger to the Republic since Stonewall Jackson rode through the Shenandoah Valley, and only Ken Starr and his legion of bed-sniffing yahoos stood between the shining city on the hill and the sordid gropings of the sub-humans below.

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"We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know." ~ W. H. Auden

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Well, as it happens, Ken Starr is now the president of Baylor University, where athletes allegedly keep raping women, and Starr's attitude towards sexual peccadilloes seems to have adjusted itself since the days when he

was running amok in Washington.

The man who relentlessly, ruthlessly (I wonder where Ruth is?), doggedly (Woof!) ran down a consensual sexual affair

has gone radio silent on alleged sexual crimes that took place

on his watch. The Dallas Morning News has noticed this as well, and it pretty much lit ol' Ken on fire over it...

READ THE ARTICLE

"Creativity is just connecting things." ~ Steve Jobs

ASK AND YE SHALL DECEIVE

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel, runs downstairs, and when she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next-door neighbor.

Before she says a word, Bob says, "I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel."

After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob, and after a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 and leaves. The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs.

When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, "Who was that?"

"It was Bob, the next door neighbor," she replies.

"Great," the husband says, "Did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?"

"No animal should ever jump up on the dining-room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation." - Fran Lebowitz

FAT CHANCE

In celebration of "International No Diet Day," the School of Public Health, together with the University of Minnesota's School of Social Work and its College of Food and Agriculture, invited **Virgie Tovar**, a self-proclaimed "fat activist," to instruct America's future nutritionists, dietitians and social workers on the finer points of "fat oppression."

Tovar's talk, entitled "Dispelling Myths: Fat, Fatphobia and Challenging Social Stereotypes," was designed to help students understand that "fat phobia" is rampant in a "white, heteronormative society" that is looking to actively oppress people with larger body types.

Society's bias against fat people is, apparently, a form of bigotry and discrimination, evident in everything from sexual preferences to the size of seats on public transportation. She even, reportedly, compared society's anti-fat culture to so-called "rape culture," and chastised society for its obsession with what she termed "thin privilege."

According to Tovar, students who study public health shouldn't push people they deem overweight to shed pounds, even if it's better overall for their health.

"Weight loss is not a realistic goal for most people,"



COUNTERWEIGHT

Virgie floats a different view to FLOTUS'.

she said, declaring that exercise and diet are "social constructs." She implored her audience to "lose hate, not weight" and rebel against "diet culture." (Trimmed down from an online report by Emily Zanotti.)

*"The secret of joy is the mastery of pain."
~ Anais Nin*

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FATHERLY ADVICE

A priest offers a nun a lift. She got in and crossing her legs, revealed her shapely gams. The priest nearly runs off the road but after regaining control of the car, he stealthily slides his hand up her leg.

The nun said, "Father, remember Psalm 129!" The priest removed his hand, but when changing gears, let his fingers slide up her leg again.

And the nun once again said, 'Father, remember Psalm 129!' The priest apologized "Sorry, sister but the flesh is weak."

Arriving at the convent, the nun thanked him, sighed heavily and went on her way; and immediately the priest rushed into his office, opened his Bible and feverously turned to Psalm 129, which said:

"Go forth and seek, my son. Further up, you will find glory." (It became the topic of his next sermon.)

"Act now! ... Too late." ~ Fortune Cookie

STAR-STRUCKED

An item on Quora from the talented **Steven Fry** talking about working with movie stars caught my eye the other day, and I'd like to share it with you:

I don't consider myself an A-list actor, but I know plenty who are. They are hedged in by lawyers, managers, stylists, publicity managers, agents, lawyers and hangers on. They are incessantly finding freebies dangled in front of them. They can rarely eat, dine,



B-LISTERS

Arriving in L.A., Fry (right) and husband Elliott Spencer entertain the odd paparazzi request.

party or shop without hats pulled down, sunglasses and security attendants.

If they don't comment on political injustice they are vain, self-indulgent and unthinking. If they do, they are naive, foolish and ignorant interfering imbeciles who should keep their opinions to themselves.

*I did a film with **John Travolta** once, perfectly amiable fellow, but he seemed miserable to me. In the cast were **Robert Duvall, Kathy Bates, William H. Macy, John Lithgow, Tony Shaloub, James Gandolfini, etc.** We had fun, kidded around and enjoyed ourselves, while JT appeared isolated and lonely. I remember asking **Bob Duvall** why he seemed so sad. His reply was that we were all in the movie because the director wanted us in it, whereas JT was in it because the studio did.*

***Walter Matthau**, with whom I also had the supreme honour and pleasure of working, said to me he'd never met a star who wasn't lonely. Walter worked with everyone from **Cary Grant** to **Elvis**...*

***Bill Goldman**, the great screenwriter, said to me when I was pathetic enough to ask what **Robert Redford** was 'really like - 'What would you be like if you hadn't heard the word "no" for 30 years?' Kapow!"*

"The purpose of art is to lay bare the questions hidden by the answers."

~ James Baldwin

CASE CLOSED

Years ago my aunt got married and had 17 children and then her husband died. She remarried two weeks later and had an astonishing 22 more children by her next husband. But then he also died. Then, a few weeks later, my aunt suddenly passed away.

Well, I attended the funeral and was talking to my mother when she suddenly looked skyward and said, "At least they're finally together."

Being a little confused I asked her, "Excuse me Mama, but do you mean her and her first husband, or her and her second husband?"

Without skipping a beat, she said, "I mean her legs."

"A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's - she changes it more often." ~ Oliver Herford

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"If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." ~ Jay Leno

"Too much freedom seems to change into nothing but too much slavery." ~ Plato

POT HOLES

When Colorado and Washington became pioneer states in the legalization of marijuana, the opposition inundated the public with a flood of fearsome predictions. But the premise – that legalization would have an apocalyptic effect on society and public safety – was "fundamentally detached from reality." In fact, here's what DID happen:

In Colorado, over \$135 million was raised in taxes just in 2015 and \$35 million in revenue automatically went to school construction. ([SOURCE](#))

In Washington, violent crime decreased while other crime rates remained stable ([SOURCE](#)), and the state collected nearly \$83 million in tax revenues. (*That's really high, dude!*) Furthermore, marijuana use among the young has not increased, and traffic fatalities have remained stable as well. (*I think I'm gonna crash, man...*)

So, **California's Adult Use of Marijuana Act** is simply the right choice. To learn more about AUMA and what it will do for California, [CLICK HERE](#).

"There are two positions for us to take: our comfort zone or where magic happens."
~ Mark Twain

DON'T ASK

In space, two aliens have been monitored, and we have been able to translate their communication. The first alien says, "Listen up. We've just detected that the dominant life forms on the blue planet they call Earth have developed satellite-based nuclear weapons."

"Ah, that's a breakthrough," the second alien says. "Shall we now categorize them as an emerging intelligence?"

"I don't think so," the other says. "They have aimed them at themselves."

BON VOYAGE, PIERRE

The oldest flightless bird at the **California Academy of Sciences** in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park has waddled away after dying of kidney failure at the ripe old age of 33.

Pierre the Penguin (pictured) made news in 2008 when an unusually severe molt left him "virtually bald." but after

sporting a custom-made neoprene wetsuit for several months, his feathers grew back.

He was hatched at the Maryland Zoo in 1983 before being

shipped off to Northern California with 15 of his companions to form a new colony of African birds-of-a-feather, where he became a beloved and popular favorite.

"He definitely had personality," notes assistant curator **Vicki McCloskey**. And he was always dressed for the red carpet."

"I think that it's really important to go away and come back."
~ Katherine Dunn

HELP

Paul Gorman, Victor Kopcewich, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Mark Travis, Shadoe Stevens, Mike Berger, Spider Robinson, Alan Sharpe, Robert Riddle, Nick Oliva, Harry Anderson, Lev Spiro,

Alan Sharpe, Jim Meskimen and my ever funny Boomers on a Bench partner, **Jamie Alcroft**.

"He feels authentic in a diner.
He is multi-dimensional and funny.
Must be able to move around actively."
~ Casting Call



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"We have to change truth a little in order to remember it." ~ George Santayana

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