PLANET SATAN CLAWS

"There is nothing in the world so irresistible as laughter and good humor."

~ Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"

SATAN RULES

he Supreme Court has ruled that there cannot be a nativity scene on Capitol Hill this Christmas season. This isn't for any religious reason. They simply have not been able to find Three Wise Men in the Nation's Capital...

A search for a Virgin continues.

"You are waking up, as Germany once did, to the awareness that 1/3 of your people would kill another 1/3, while 1/3 watches." ~ Werner Twertzog

OY VEY, OLIE

lie vas vorking at da fish plant up nort in Dulut vhen he accidentally cut off all ten of his finkers. They drove him to da emergency room in da clinik and vhen he got dar, da Norsky doctor looked at Olie and said "Let's haf da finkers an I'll see vhat I can do."

Olie says, "I hafen't got no finkers."



"I don't know why we are here, but I'm pretty sure it's not in order to enjoy ourselves."

~ Ludwig Wittgenstein



PRESIDENT TRAMP

did try to f**k her; she was married. I moved on her like a bitch, but I couldn't get there...Then, all of a sudden, I see her; she's now got the big phony tits and everything! You know I'm automatically attracted to beautiful, I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait.

Trump gives Billy Bush

a sermon on the mount.

"And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab them by the p*ssy. You can do anything "Even become President...

"You can't convince a believer of anything, for their belief is not based on evidence; it's based on a deep-seated need to believe."

~ Carl Sagan

NO SH*T

n air traffic control tower suddenly lost communication with a small twin-engine aircraft, and a moment later, the tower landline rang. The passenger riding with the pilot who lost communications was on a cellular phone and yelled:

"Mayday, mayday! The pilot had a fatal heart attack! I grabbed his cell phone out of his pocket, and he told me before we took off he had the tower on his speed dial memory! I'm flying upside down at 18,000 feet and traveling at 180 mph!"

The employee in the tower immediately put him on speaker phone and said, "Calm down, we acknowledge you and we'll guide you down. The first thing is not to panic. Remain calm." He began a series of questions: "How do you know you are traveling at 18,000 feet?"

"I can see that it reads 18,000 feet on the altimeter dial in front of me!"

"Okay, that's good, remain calm! How do you know you're traveling at 180 mph?"

"I can see it on the airspeed dial in front of me!"

"Okay, this is great so far, but it's heavily overcast, so how do you know you're flying upside down?"

"Because the poop in my pants is running out of my shirt collar!"

"We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who would pervert the Constitution."

~ Abraham Lincoln

POLITICALLY CRAZED

Stephan Lindgred suggested these PC definitions on Quora:

Loser - Second Place

Ugly - Facially challenged

Wife - Unpaid sex slave

Worst - Least best

Vice President - Post-Coronary Leader of the Free World

Stupid - Intellectually impaired

Shoplifter - Cost-of-Living Adjustment Specialist

Prostitute - Sex care provider

Two-bit Hooker - Low Cost Provider

Abortion - Near-Life Experience

"The dirtiest mind in the world is the mind of a censor" ~ Charles Coburn

PULL OVER!

uora also offers advice on how to behave if you're pulled over this Holiday Season, according to **Malky McEwan**, a Scottish Police Inspector from 1983 to 2014:

"I shouldn't be giving this one away because it is such a powerful technique," he wrote. "But if you're stopped while driving, always tell the police officer, 'I'm glad you stopped me because...'

"It's non-confrontational, and even if you've committed a minor traffic offense, it gets the officer on your side, distracting him from his original aim. Now, the next part can



be adapted to what you are actually doing,

"I am looking for directions to ..."

"'Can you tell me where's the nearest toilet/ chemist/petrol station?'

"'I'm lost.'

such as:

"I'm not feeling very well."

"'My car has been acting up.'

"Police officers, in the main, join the job to help people, so redirecting their attention from issuing a minor ticket to helping a member of the public, is actually something they would prefer to be doing. Get it right, and the likelihood is they will help you; and as an afterthought they might say something like: 'Oh by the way, get your taillight fixed/keep your speed down/remember to use your indicator.'

"It is a win/win situation. You feel good and so does the officer."

WARNING: This does not work if you fall out of your vehicle drunk/have committed a hit and run or other serious offense/or do it in a sarcastic manner.

"When the people fear the government, that's tyranny. When the government fears the people, that's liberty."

~ Thomas Jefferson

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

talked to a to a homeless man recently and asked him how he ended up this way. He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had satellite TV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library.

"I was working on my MBA online. I had

DRIVER ED Malky McEwan has some useful tips

no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I

asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

"No, no, nothing like that," he said. "I was paroled."

"The general population doesn't know what's happening, and it doesn't even know that it doesn't know." ~ Noam Chomsky

RX IS BEST

n attractive, calm, and respectablelooking lady entered a pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I would like to buy some cyanide." The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist's eyes expanded, and he exclaimed, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!"

Then the lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and said, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

"If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!" ~ Will Rogers

CLOSE SHAVE

efore there were interstates, when everyone drove the old two-lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted in farmers' fields about 100 feet apart - small red signs with white letters, each containing one line of a four line couplet with the obligatory fifth sign advertising the popular shaving cream.

Some great examples at right ...

A man, a miss a car, a curve -he kissed the miss and missed the curve.

Don't stick your elbow out so far, it may go home in another car.

Trains don't wander all over the map 'cause nobody sits in the engineer's lap.

Don't lose your head to gain a minute. You need your head, your brains are in it.

Drove too long, driver snoozing? What happened next is not amusing.

Brother speeder let's rehearse: all together --"Good morning, nurse."

Cautious rider to her reckless dear: "Let's have less bull and a little more steer."

The midnight ride of Paul for beer. led to a warmer hemisphere.

Around the curve licketv-split! Beautiful car. wasn't it?

Car in ditch driver in tree? The moon was full and so was he.

Passing school zone, take it slow: let our little shavers grow.

Burma Shave!

"Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards." ~ Soren Kierkegaard

"I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle." ~ Mark Twain

GIVE HIM THE BIRD

s reported in The Gloucester Daily Times and reprinted in The New Yorker, but could easily been written by Firesign Theatre...

"A man drinking liquor in front of an adopted bird at his Essex Avenue home was the source of a domestic dispute reported about 9 p.m. Tuesday. The man's live-in ex-wife called police because he was drinking liquor in front of their bird – which she said it's forbidden to do, because it makes their dog mad.

"The ex-husband told police he drank a couple of nips in front of the bird, but he didn't smoke his pipe in front of it. The woman agreed to return the bird to the shelter the next day, and police did not file any charges for the incident."

> "The more I think as an individual. the less I feel I exist."

~ Native hunter in Greenland

THE WIZ SPEAKS

want to share a Peter Bergman (below with a dummy) story with you all before we enter the New Year: One of the celebrated gurus Peter interviewed on his Radio Free Oz show collected wristwatches and wore them on his arms under his holey robe (pun

intended). Peter asked why, and he replied, "Because time is an illusion" - and he laughed heartedly...

Pete then asked him what was the healthiest food for humans, and the guru asked him in turn, "What is health food for dogs?" And

Bergman answered: "Meat."

"What is best for birds?"

"Seeds," said the Wizard; and the holy man then asked, "What is best health food for humans?"

And after thinking for a second, Peter answered "Everything!" And they both laughed!

> "If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." ~ General George S. Patton

SHE GAVE HIM THE BIRD

uring a lull at a White House dinner, Melania Trump leans over to chat with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. "I bought Donald a parrot for his birthday," she said proudly. "That bird is so smart! Donald has already taught him to say over 200 words."

"That's very impressive," says Tillerson, "but, you realize he just speaks the words; he doesn't really understand what they mean."

"Oh, I know," replies Melania, "but neither does the parrot."

"It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious." ~ Oscar Wilde

'WHERE'S MY FORTUNE COOKIE?'

And here's a nice review from Ron Jacobs

hilip Proctor, founder and lifetime member of the acid-rock comedy group Firesign Theatre, recently published his autobiography, co-authored by Brad Schreiber. One of the many stories he tells is when he did television commercials for an insurance company in Los Angeles. The spots ran incessantly and his performance

> was reminiscent of Firesign's car salesman, Ralph Spoilsport of "Ralph Spoilsport Motors, in the City of Emphysima."

As Proctor tells it, the advertisements ran so often that his friends started complaining. "I

was cuddling up to my wife," one said, "and the TV was on, and there you were again in that stupid commercial. I was too distracted to make love." Proctor shares tales of his childhood in private schools and

Yale, where he embraced theater and jokes at a young age. His storytelling does not disappoint. Indeed, by the time the four members of Firesign are finally performing together, the narrative occasionally reads like a Firesign script. In other words, it is clever, hip, and hilarious. What more can one ask for?

I'm usually not a big fan of Hollywood biographies, but... Proctor's sense of humor made this a very enjoyable read,



PLANETCLICK

CLICK WORDS TO OPEN

YELPERS

PAPER CUTS

TELL ME A STORY

TELL ME ANOTHER

SCREW ME

GOPHER IT

KITTY

KOZEL

FLAT OUT

TONYA

KITS

CLASSY

NAZI

HER ASS

even with the name-dropping one can't help but put into this kind of story.

There's tragedy too, like the story of Peter Bergman's girlfriend who after returning from Vietnam as a war reporter, overdosed on drugs and died in Bergman's arms. And speaking of Vietnam and associated events, Proctor injects a fair amount of politics into his narrative. Indeed, most interesting to me was

his political analysis of Firesign Theatre's first album, Waiting for the Electrician or

Someone Like Him: a long form piece having to do with the abuse of power...

There are tales of beautiful women, cocaine, Hollywood escorts and Russian mobsters in this book. Mostly, though, this is the story of one of the best comedy troupes to ever play planet Earth. Told with the humor and general smart-ass wit associated with

the Firesign Theatre, Philip Proctor's *Where's My Fortune Cookie?* was not written in vain. In fact, I have a feeling it was mostly written in Los Angeles. **THE BOOK**

"Wisdom comes with age.
But sometimes age comes alone."

~ Oscar Wilde

CELEBRATING

he life of actor **Jack Blessing**, who introduced me to the art of dubbing and looping with another dear friend, **Leigh French**, was celebrated on December 10 at his beautiful home with his wife **Lora**, family and friends, hosted by **Rif Hutton**.



A TOAST TO JACK

Jack Blessing debuts as MacGillicuddy in 'Moonlighting' in September 1986

I remember with a full heart what a good, long time Jack and I had together adding voices to famous films and TV shows, creating magic that will last forever or something

like it. He was a deeply talented man and so very kind and generous, and that's a rare combination in this crazy business, and as I observed in my remarks, after so many decades working closely together in small, dark rooms, Jack never once groped me – "without my consent!" It was truly a great "blessing" to have known him.

And farewell to the lovely **Della Reese**, and WHAT? – that twisted monster **Manson**, to whom I was connected through my first wife, **Sheilah Wells**, who almost saved **Sharon Tate**'s life – an incident you can read about in *Where's My Fortune Cookie?* and is too sad to reveal here.

"I am only what you made me.
I am only a reflection of you."

~ Charles Manson

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"Even hypochondriacs sometimes get sick."

~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

"Why political humor? Because there's definitely something funny going on." ~ Swami Beyondananda