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We must all participate in history

After more than two years listening to a bunch of people bloviate about every topic under the sun at the cost of nearly two billion dollars, I for one am very glad the 2012 elections are about to be over.

There are many times my loyalties have been tested between standing for the kingdom of God and supporting my American heritage. The sad thing is, I remember a time when I was much younger that they were both on the same side.

Now, it seems, we are called to embrace and fete every religion known to man EXCEPT Christianity. In the name of religious tolerance, I am told to turn a blind eye to doctrines that teach the best way into Heaven is to murder someone who believes differently than I do while at the same time ignoring the One who laid his own life down for the world--Jesus.

Tolerance is the last thing our founding fathers held as sacred. They chose to not tolerate oppressive taxation imposed on them from across the sea. They elected not to live

in a nation where they were ordered to worship as the government dictated.

And this American experiment they created has lasted an awfully long time and produced the wealthiest, healthiest nation in the history of the world.



But it is our responsibility to do our part to further that experience. We absolutely cannot cede the right to vote, nor can we simply ignore our opportunities to choose who will lead us.

We have a choice to make: Are we to be a people who rely on the government to care for us all or are we to be self-reliant and work to achieve our dreams? I believe the judgement of world history makes clear which method has had the higher success rate and which has led to destruction.

This nation was founded by men and women who believed in, followed and trusted the God of the Christian faith. The more we as a nation turn away from Him, the deeper into the mire we sink.

On election day, vote for Jesus!

In the News

From the *Tulas (OK) World*:

FEDERAL AGENTS RAID GUN SHOP, FIND WEAPONS

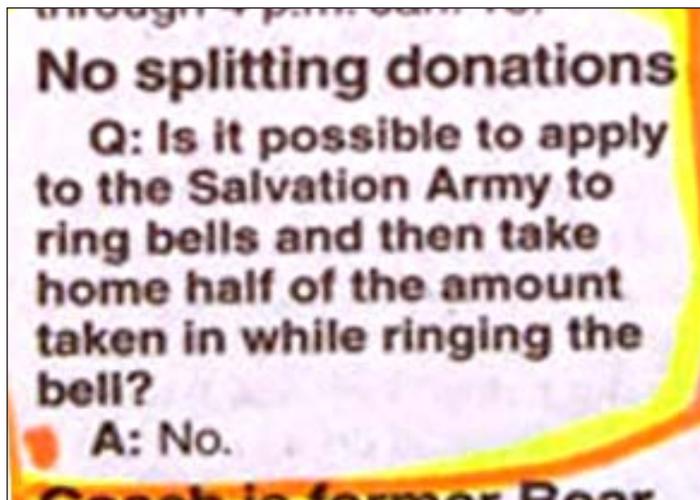
Obviously these are not United Nations inspectors--they found something.

From the *(Riverside, CA) Press-Enterprise*:
An attempted bank robbery was foiled when tellers simply refused the note a man used to demand money. Murrieta police Sgt. Dave Baca said the man walked into the Bank of America and handed a teller a note demanding money, "They just didn't give him any money," Baca said. "They ignored his requests and he left after 15 or 20 seconds."

He should have tried Home Depot. He could have been ignored for hours!

From *The Associated Press*: Females like-
lier to test for women's diseases.

That's all we need--now even diseases are practicing gender discrimination.



A firm believer in the maxim "charity begins at home!"

SIGNS AND WONDERS:



No fair using a goose.



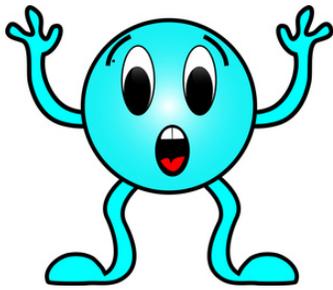
How true, how true!



Subtle but clever!



How about a blind date with the driver of THIS car?



Say
WHAT?

Each issue will feature a look at terms which may or may not be familiar in the areas of urban slang, common tech phrases and well-known idioms.

URBAN SLANG:

“CYBER-HOARDING”

When a individual has an excessive amount of pointless documents, pictures, etc. saved on their computer that he or she will never look at.

TECH TALK:

“TMI”

“Too Much Information”--something I hear quite a lot!

EVERYDAY PHRASE:

“DRESSED TO THE NINES”

Dressed flamboyantly or smartly.

Origin: The first example of the use of the phrase is in Samuel Fallows' *The Progressive Dictionary of the English Language*, 1835.

In his entry for the phrase “to the nines,” Fallows gives the example “dressed up to the nines” and suggests it “may perhaps” be derived from “to thine eynes” - to the eyes.

Hoof in Mouth Dept.

Every issue will feature a few typos - bloopers from the published word we have come across. These are from one of my favorite websites: english.com.



Your convenience matters to us!



Hopefully this is not a widescreen feature.



Everything you always wanted in a porcelain fixture--and more!

Tales From the Inbox

My favorite joke and story from the multitude of last month's e-mails:

The Purina Diet

Yesterday I was buying two large bags of Purina dog chow at Wal-Mart, for our dogs. I was about to check out when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What in the world did she think I was buying all that dog food for--an elephant?

Since I had little else to do while I was waiting for the checker, on impulse, I told her that no, I didn't have a dog and that I was starting the Purina Diet again. As she looked at me quizzically, I admitted I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital the last time I tried it.

On the bright side though, I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of every orifice in my body and I.V.s in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way it works is to load your pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry.

Since the food is nutritionally complete, I was going to try it again. I have to mention here that by this time practically everyone in the line was transfixed as they listened to my story.

Horrified, the lady asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food had poisoned me.

I told her no; I had sat down in the middle of the parking lot and started to lick my feet when a car hit me.

WAL-MART won't let me shop there anymore.

--From Jeromy Reed

Behind the Door

A terminally ill man turned to his old country doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room.

"Doctor, I am afraid to die. Can you tell me, what lies on the other side?"

Very quietly, the doctor replied, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You're, a Christian man, yet you can't tell me what's on the other side?"

The doctor was near the door. On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, As he opened the door, his dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

"Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.

The doctor continued, "I know little of what is on the other side of death but I do know one thing. I know my Master is there and that is enough."

--From Phyllis Foster



Begging the Question

This month's query (answer next month):

William Daniels played a mommy's boy turned superhero in what 1967 sitcom?



Last month's query:

In what month and year did Neil Armstrong's parents visit Jacksonville to dedicate the new junior high school named for their son?

ANSWER: October 1970. First answer by the inimitable Martha Morris of Jacksonville, Illinois.

ROGER'S HALL OF FAME

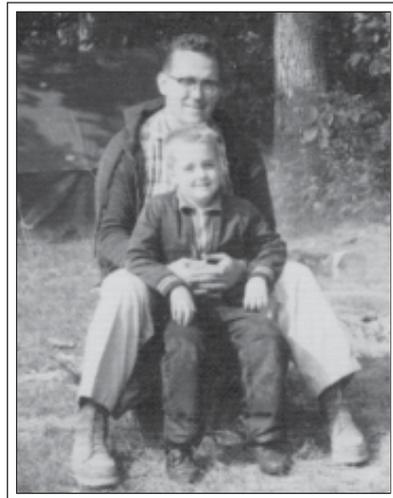
Saluting people who made a difference in my life.

William C. Deem

My father was no he-man. He didn't like sports. He didn't go out drinking with the guys or cruising around town in his Studebaker. He was unique. And I am definitely his son.

There are so many ways every day I see his example in my life--through the things I do or the things at which I fail. He loved me unconditionally.

Most people considered themselves privileged to have known him. In Bill Deem they saw a man of integrity, character and honor. I am most blessed of all--he was my dad.



PHOTOSHOP TILL YOU DROP

In each addition I will feature an image which has been altered through the use of the Photoshop computer program. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to identify how the picture has been changed. Answer in the next issue.

Last Month:



In the movie, everything in Willy's office was in halves--including the lamp First spotted by Dave Cox of Bement, IL.

This Month:



Something is not right in this photo of the final 2012 presidential debate between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama on October 22. Can you spot it?

End of Document Stuff No One Ever Reads

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