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POLYGAMISTS FACE MULTIPLE CHARGES

Texas – People in Texas have always been known to think “big”, but the recent raid on a polygamist compound has shown that big does not mean several.

Texas authorities, working on a tip from a known and reliable prank telephone caller, raided a private compound of people believed to be practicing polygamy and marrying female children at the age of thirteen.

“What do they think this is here? Louisiana? We require our women to be at least sixteen before they are married. Sure we have hundreds of thirteen year olds living on the streets having babies without fathers, but at least they aren’t married.”

“Isn’t it clear that they are living a miserable life? They don’t get to choose hairstyles from covers of women’s magazines like most women do and those dresses, what’s up there? Did they lose their Simplicity catalog?” said a fashion industry spokesman.

“Just the way they look shows that they are out of touch with our modern society. We may accept perversion and debauchery as part of our daily advertising diet, but we are certainly not going to let that happen in a compound where people consider themselves a religious society”

“What’s next? Seventy thirteen year olds if they do something heroic? You do the math. The only thing I know that goes into thirteen twice is Roman Polanski” said one observer.

GNOMES STAGE SICK OUT

Hopkinton – Garden gnomes have authorized their union leadership to call a strike just before the opening of the gardening season.

“We are tired of being exploited. We work long hours and subject ourselves to extreme ridicule. I didn’t go into being a gnome to be treated like this” said one gnome who refused to give her name.

Garden gnomes have been sighted in several gardens across the state, but many of those are in non-union gardens.

“We are still a right-to-decorate state, but most of the gnomes have recently voted to unionize. They are just tired of hold-over shifts, unpaid overtime, health care co-pays and the lack of bathroom facilities located near the work site” said Bryan Rodrigues, the director of the local effort to unionize garden gnomes.

In addition to the problems generally faced by long hours of sitting around in stupid poses, the group as a whole has a higher than average injury rate from stones throw by lawn mowers, fading skin as a result of over-exposure to sunlight and the constant threat of dog urine.

“We are doing the jobs that most people wouldn’t do. We deserve respect” said one gnome as he illegally smoked his pipe in the workplace.

MARS DAY

Feinstein, Mars - While most Earthlings were busy going green for Earth Day, the Martian population was going red.

The “Think Red” movement has been growing with more and more Martians becoming concerned about their carbon footprints.

Thousand of college aged Martians have foregone spring break vacations to participate in the massive clean-up effort to save the planet.

“We need to be more red conscious as a society” said one activist dressed to work in the clean up sporting a “I am Your Leader” tee shirt and Doc Martians.

There were several Mars Day events planned to unite the planet. One project is to focus on the removal of space junk that has been discarded by various earth missions to that planet. Another event focused on the retrieval of lead from old laser guns.

“This is the only planet we have, for now. We must save it unless we are to consider destroying it and moving on to another planet like earth people have done for generations” said Bryan Rodrigues, President of Save Mars.

“We have been extremely successful in getting Martians to recycle their antenna. There are several studies and parts from junked flying saucers”.

SEVERAL CHARGED IN TIME FRAUD SCHEME

Providence – The Attorney General has brought charges against several Rhode Islanders for their failure to spring forward. “It has been weeks since we changed the clocks. It is important that people not be publicly deceived by improperly set clocks” complained the AG at a recent press conference.

“I have an extensive record of protecting the public from themselves and this is just one more example of how this office can function at its optimum” he continued.

“Why have laws if we don’t enforce them? If it is ten o’clock, it should be ten o’clock, no more, no less. I was elected to protect the people and, oh yeah, fight real crime too.”

The problem of time fraud has been identified by the Rhode Island Attorney General’s office to be a pervasive practice in the state. State Attorney Generals across the country have been substantially expanding their role beyond the traditional fighting crime. It is so hard to get elected to higher office as an attorney general so there is constant pressure to perform more efforts to protect the public from themselves.

“Those dependent upon public time are the most susceptible. They do not take their medication on time. They miss public transportation. They are frequently late for just about everything”

The Consumer Protection division of the AG’s office is in charge of this effort, entitled “Operation Waste of Time”.

What Do You Think?

Hillary Clinton has won the Pennsylvania primary. This means that she is likely to continue in her quest for the Holy Grail, possibly carrying the fight on to the convention. What do you think?

The tide has turned. But neap is not the place to be going to.

RH - Barrington

As Will Rogers said, I don’t belong to any organized party. I’m a Democrat.

WL - Pawtucket

This will help Hil raise more money. The poor millionaire’s campaign is near broke. You don’t expect her to spend her own money, do you?

ER - Cranston

It just goes to show you that it ain’t over til the fat-assed lady sings.

MA - Warren

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WHAT IS FICA?

Washington – Of the few Americans still receiving a paycheck, most do not have a clue as to what FICA is.

“It is amazing that people just pay for the stuff and don’t ask why or even know where it goes. I’ve met at least a dozen people who think it is a mandatory contribution for trees on Arbor Day” said Bryan Rodrigues, the spokesman for Finally Understanding Civic Knowledge.

FICA is merely the bane of the working middle classes. Entitled people without money don’t pay FICA and entitled rich folks who live off investments don’t pay FICA. Only those struggling to make ends meet are required to finance the system.

“I think that it is wrong for me to be paying to insure bank funds. Banks should **pay the bill**” said one **angry working smuck.**

“**FICA? Isn’t that a running shoe or something like that?**” asked one **confused worker.**

ASK LIZ - Advice on Anything

Dear Liz:

I have been working in my job for about two years now. It is touted as an important position but I feel that it is without any real responsibilities.

I recently discovered this when the corporate head was away. Every time he leaves, there is concern that he be in contact while away.

When I head out, no one knows or cares. Since I have no work, the company doesn’t really suffer a loss by my absence.

This leads me to question my worth and I wonder what I am doing wasting my life in this role.
Karen – East Providence

Dear Karen:

Boy, can I identify with you on this one.

Do what I do. Don’t let the objective nature of your doing nothing job impact on your subjective view of your role.

Just because you are not really responsible for one damn thing, you are worth your weight in gold.

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



SO YOU WANT TO BE A GNOME WHEN YOU GROW UP, DO YA?