

Welcome to the August 3rd, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY!

I was talking to Beth, Destroyer of Worlds, yesterday and she told me that she only had one week of summer vacation left. She will be going back to Saint Jude's Elementary School on August 9th to assume the mantle of a lofty 8th grader. You know, it doesn't feel right to me. When I was a kid, we would get out of school for summer vacation the last week of May or the first week of June and not go back to school until the Tuesday after Labor Day. I remember my summer vacations with great fondness getting to sleep late and goofing off most of the time. Now don't get me wrong, I would pick up extra money cutting the neighbor's grass and doing other work make money which I would either spend on movies or buying Science Fiction paperback books. Yes, I have been a SF fan almost my entire life and it helped me in school.

I know that the kids get to have a winter break and a spring break that we never had growing up. But, cutting you summer's short doesn't seem like a good tradeoff for them. But, it doesn't appear to bother the kids, so I guess it's what you get used to.

It has been an extremely hot summer in the Big Nooga. Not a record scorcher, but hotter than normal. But, it is about time we got one because in the past few years, summers have been a lot more pleasant than when I was a kid. I can remember that it was always hot and muggy growing up in Memphis. But then again my memories could be jaded because the home I grew up in didn't have much in the way of Air Conditioning. I remember the big attic fan that we would start up when the sun went down that would dramatically drop the temperature in the house after an hour or so. I can also remember waking up in the mornings during summer to being very cold because the house would chill down at night. Then we would shut the house up to 'keep the cold in' until they sun caught up with us again. Ah, the old days. Now I just put the thermostat at 72°F and leave it there all summer long. Ah, the good NEW days.

I guess the world you live in is made up of the memories you have growing up and the realities you face today. But all of it depends on keeping a good positive attitude to accept the world. I freely admit I don't live in a 'Rose Tinted World', but I do try to keep a smile on my face, happiness in my heart and appreciate the family and friends I am surrounded by.

So on that "Rosey Note", why don't y'all sit back and relax because here's the best in gossip, jokes and science for your reading pleasure!

Uncle Timmy

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D. ALAN LEWIS'S MEDICAL FUND

From: "Richard Groller" richard.groller@gmail.com

RG: "One of our pros is sick and looking for help to fund medical procedure (he missed Liberty this year because of these issues) - single parent of 4. Care to post on the website / FB site / Revenge? Share."

ALAN'S MEDICAL FUND ON GOFUNDME



<https://www.gofundme.com/2gdgypes>

I don't talk much about my health issues, other than the occasional complaining about my back or the fact that blood-sugar issues are keeping me from my beloved Krispy Kream donuts. However, a few folks know that I've been dealing with a particularly worrisome health issue for the past year that has slowly been getting worse.

While a recent biopsy shows that the problem isn't cancerous, it is an issue that will require me to have a procedure to keep it from developing into a life-threatening condition. Since I'm a single parent, avoiding this trip to the doctors isn't an option.

Ordinarily, I'd keep something like this to myself, since I tend to be a fairly private person. But, this has been a rough year at the Lewis household and a number of issues have depleted my savings. So, I'm swallowing my pride and asking for help.

If you don't know me, here is the scoop. I'm a single parent of four. I work in Nashville's IT community. I'm a published author and I'm still hurt that Firefly was cancelled.

I'm not asking for massive donations, but any little bit that you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance. Alan

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BABYLON 5 ACTOR JERRY DOYLE DIES AGED 60

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28 July 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-36918773>



Actor Jerry Doyle, best known for his role in the sci-fi series Babylon 5, has died at the age of 60.

Doyle appeared in all five series of the 1990s show as Chief Warrant Officer Michael Garibaldi.

He also made guest appearances on other popular shows, such as Beverly Hills 90210, NYPD Blue and Martial Law, and was the host of a nationally-syndicated daily radio show in the US.

A spokesman for Doyle's family said the cause of his death was not yet known. Fellow Babylon 5 actor Bruce Boxleitner tweeted that he was "so devastated at the news of the untimely death of my good friend", while astronaut Scott Kelly said the news was "very sad to hear".



Bruce Boxleitner 
@boxleitnerbruce



 Follow

I am so devastated at the news of the untimely death of my good friend @jerrydoyle. During the B5 years, he was a great pal, RIP Garibaldi.

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Scott Kelly 
@StationCDRKelly



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Just learned my friend @jerrydoyle has died. Very sad to hear. Condolences to his friends and family.

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Born in Brooklyn, New York, Doyle worked as a pilot and on Wall Street as a stockbroker before moving to Hollywood to pursue a career in acting. He secured his role in the Emmy Award-winning Babylon 5 within a year of arriving and went on to play Garibaldi for several years.

Set in the 23rd Century, the show told the story of a space station where humans and aliens tried to live in harmony and work to avoid interplanetary war. After the success of the show, Doyle took a hiatus from acting and ran for office in the US House of Representatives as a Republican candidate but failed in his campaign.

According to his biography on KDWN, one of the radio stations that hosted his show, he also received "numerous awards and accolades including Honorary F-16 Test Pilot, Honorary Naval Aviator and Distinguished Supporter of the Nation's Space Program".

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AWESOME STAR WARS FAN FILM IMAGINES AN EMPIRE THAT NEVER STOPPED FIGHTING AFTER RETURN OF THE JEDI

From: "Tim Bolgeo" tbolgeo@comcast.net

Casey Chan, July 26, 2016

<http://sploid.gizmodo.com/awesome-star-wars-fan-film-imagines-an-empire-that-neve-178434086047.9K>

Like how some soldiers never stop fighting a war well after it's ended, this short film Call of the Empire, by Trevor Kerr, imagines a world where remnants of the defeated Empire are still waging war against the Rebels after the Battle of Endor. It's like seeing a glimpse of what might have happened in a galaxy far, far away, a few years after the events of Return of the Jedi.

<https://vimeo.com/175905926>

It's an interesting concept that has obvious parallels to real life (Japanese soldiers fighting WWII after Japan surrendered). You can easily imagine these soldiers from the Imperial Army still fighting the Rebels because they were cut off from communication with the Imperial High Command, or because they still believed in their cause, or even because they thought a Rebel victory was Rebel propaganda.

The visuals are spectacular, and the dogfight scene is so cool that I wish we could stay in the world this short paints just a bit longer.

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TVIW NEWS: 2016 TVIW SYMPOSIUM FEATURED ON BBC RADIO 4

From: "Tennessee Valley Interstellar Workshop" ylo@tviw.us



"TVIW 2016 Symposiums Featured on BBC Radio 4"

At the 2016 TVIW Symposium, a group of reporters were among the attendance, namely Wired Magazine, which you have seen the article about us, and BBC Radio 4. The BBC Radio 4 documentary has finally been broadcast!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07lhgqx>

Here is the synopsis of the program taken from BBC Radio 4 website

Is the Earth too perfect? The Moon too grey? Mars too dusty? Then how about setting up a human colony in the depths of space?

Richard Hollingham travels to the Tennessee Valley Interstellar Workshop in Chattanooga, Tennessee to meet scientists, engineers, doctors and anthropologists planning human colonies in space and spaceships that will take humanity to the stars.

These are not dreamers - although they all have an ambitious dream - but well qualified experts. Several work at NASA, others have day jobs at universities and research institutes. Richard hears of proposals to build giant space stations and worldships - vessels packed with the best of humanity. These caravans in space might be lifeboats to escape an approaching asteroid or perhaps the first step to colonising the galaxy.

The programme features conference chair and Technical Adviser to NASA's Advanced Concepts Office, Les Johnson. He is keen that any discussions about our interstellar future are rooted in reality, not Star Trek. We also hear from John Lewis, Director of the Space Engineering Centre at the University of Arizona, who advocates mining asteroids and suggests the first space colonies would be like lawless frontier towns. Other contributors include architect Rachel Armstrong, who is engineering soils for living, breathing organic spaceships and anthropologist Cameron Smith.

As the programme is recorded on location in Chattanooga, it would be remiss of us not to make some reference to trains. Fortunately, our spacefaring future is being discussed in a railroad-themed hotel and on the local tourist train passengers are surprisingly open to living life permanently away from Earth.

Producer: John Watkins
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A NEW COMET TAILS AVAILABLE ON LINE

From: Stephanie Osborn

The latest NEW version of the Osborn Cosmic Weather Report, folks, as posted on my blog, Comet Tales. It includes some information about a near-Earth asteroid, and the current lack of sunspots. It will also point out books I've written that pertain to the subjects being discussed.

<http://stephanie-osborn.blogspot.com/2016/08/a-new-direction.html>

I am also tweeting the blog articles @WriterSteph, and there is also a Facebook group for discussion:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/294672317552181/>

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OPRAH WINFREY TO STAR IN 'A WRINKLE IN TIME', RE-TEAMING WITH 'SELMA' HELMER AVA DUVERNAY

From: "Jim Woosley" Jimwoosley@aol.com

by Mike Fleming Jr, July 26, 2016 4:00pm

<http://deadline.com/2016/07/oprah-winfrey-a-wrinkle-in-time-ava-duvernay-1201793110/>



Disney and Selma director Ava DuVernay are setting Oprah Winfrey to star in A Wrinkle In Time, an adaptation of the 1963 Newbery Medal-winning Madeleine L'Engle fantasy classic novel that has a script by Oscar-winning Frozen writer and co-director Jennifer Lee. Winfrey will play the role of Mrs. Which. The studio is moving quickly to cast the film, with actors including Amy Adams and Kevin Hart chief among those circling. Winfrey is in final negotiations. She starred for DuVernay in Selma and played a role behind the scenes in helping to make the movie

happen. Winfrey and DuVernay also co-created and are exec producing the upcoming OWN series Queen Sugar.

This is a big one for Disney Motion Pictures president Sean Bailey and exec Tendo Nagenda, who's steering the film. A Wrinkle In Time involves a young girl whose government scientist father has gone missing after working on a mysterious project called a tesseract, which involves being transported to a fifth dimension with mysterious inhabited planets. She takes part in a search for her father and sees some incredible creatures along the way.

Winfrey is repped by WME.

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Re: The July 27th, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE OF HUMP DAY!

From: "Klon Waldrip" klon.waldrip@att.net

First, if you made the book sale at Klon's, I'm sorry I missed you.

Thanks in large part to Jack Gonzales, the book sale at the home of Klon Newell was certainly a success. Also, on the "robbers" joke in this week's Revenge, you missed the best part. The note was signed by Michael Jordon and Eddie Murphy.

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Re: Chuck E. Cheese Tirade

From: "Pamela Adams" pamcrippenadams@gmail.com

I agree on Chuck E. Cheese- plus the giant rat will give you nightmares.

My favorite of the old campy shows was Quark. I will try to get to Star Trek and maybe Ghostbusters this weekend.

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Re: Chuck E. Cheese Tirade

From: "Jeff Wormsley" daworm@gmail.com

Tim Wilson - Chuck E. Cheese HELL!

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4xg6WeB8_A

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Re: Chuck E. Cheese Tirade

From: "Lin Daniel" lindaniel@usa.net

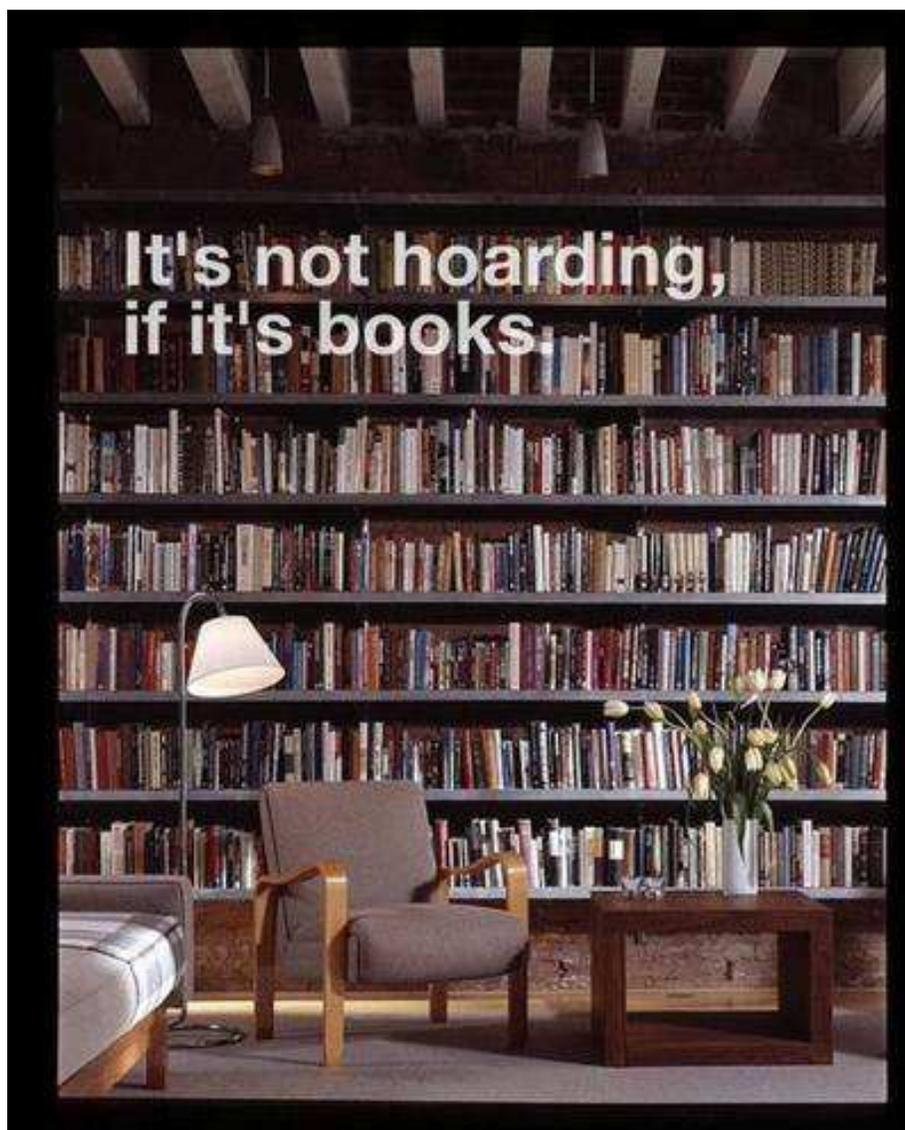
Sometimes you just have to let your inner kid run free. Uncle Timmy, it's never too late to have a happy childhood.

Hugs, Lin, Wombat's Otter

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From: "Tim Bolgeo" tbolgeo@comcast.net

AS SEEN ON FACEBOOK



I REPRESENT THIS PICTURE AND TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE SENTIMENT! UT

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From: "Michael Townsend" mtown3721@gmail.com

An oldie but a GOODIE.....

AN ACTUAL CRAIG'S LIST PERSONALS AD

To the Guy Who Tried to Mug Me in Downtown Savannah night before last.

Date: 2011-11-27, 1:43 am. E.S.T.

I was the guy wearing the black Burberry jacket that you demanded that I hand over, shortly after you pulled the knife on me and my girlfriend, threatening our lives. You also asked for my girlfriend's purse and earrings. I can only hope that you somehow come across this rather important message.

First, I'd like to apologize for your embarrassment; I didn't expect you to actually crap in your pants when I drew my pistol after you took my jacket.. The evening was not that cold, and I was wearing the jacket for a reason.. my girlfriend was happy that I just returned safely from my 2nd tour as a Combat Marine in Afghanistan .. She had just bought me that Kimber Custom Model 1911 .45 ACP pistol for my birthday, and we had picked up a shoulder holster for it that very evening. Obviously you agree that it is a very intimidating weapon when pointed at your head ... isn't it?!

I know it probably wasn't fun walking back to wherever you'd come from with crap in your pants. I'm sure it was even worse walking bare-footed since I made you leave your shoes, cell phone, and wallet with me. [That prevented you from calling or running to your buddies to come help mug us again].

After I called your mother or "Momma" as you had her listed in your cell, I explained the entire episode of what you'd done. Then I went and filled up my gas tank as well as those of four other people in the gas station, -- on your credit card. The guy with the big motor home took 153 gallons and was extremely grateful!

I gave your shoes to a homeless guy outside Vinnie Van Go Go's, along with all the cash in your wallet. [That made his day!]

I then threw your wallet into the big pink "pimp mobile" that was parked at the curb after I broke the windshield and side window and keyed the entire driver's side of the car.

Earlier, I managed to get in two threatening phone calls to the DA's office and one to the FBI, while mentioning President Obama as my possible target. The FBI guy seemed really intense and we had a nice long chat (I guess while he traced your number etc.).

In a way, perhaps I should apologize for not killing you ... but I feel this type of retribution is a far more appropriate punishment for your threatened crime. I wish you well as you try to sort through some of these rather immediate pressing issues, and can only hope that you

have the opportunity to reflect upon, and perhaps reconsider, the career path you've chosen to pursue in life.. Remember, next time you might not be so lucky. Have a good day!

Thoughtfully yours, Semper fi,
Alex

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From Aimee Morgan's Facebook Page



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From: "Steve Clark" clarkcentral@att.net

LANGUAGE NOSTALGIA W/REALISTIC ENDING

Heavens to Murgatroyd! Would you believe the email spell checker did not recognize the word murgatroyd?

Lost Words from our childhood:

Words gone as fast as the buggy whip! Sad really! The other day a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said what the heck is a Jalopy? OMG (new phrase!) he never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old but not that old...

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle. Here are some phrases that our technology has erased. These phrases include "Don't touch that dial," "Carbon copy," "You sound like a broken record" and "Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehosaphat! Holy moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

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Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? How about a fell swoop? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, 'well I'll be a monkey's uncle!' or 'This is a fine kettle of fish!' We discover that the words we grew up with, - the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. What about lickety-split?

Heavens to Murgatroyd!

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff !

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

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From: "Ray Beloate" beerman@rittermail.com

HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' (This one is my favorite)

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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Last, but not least, a great one:

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

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Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

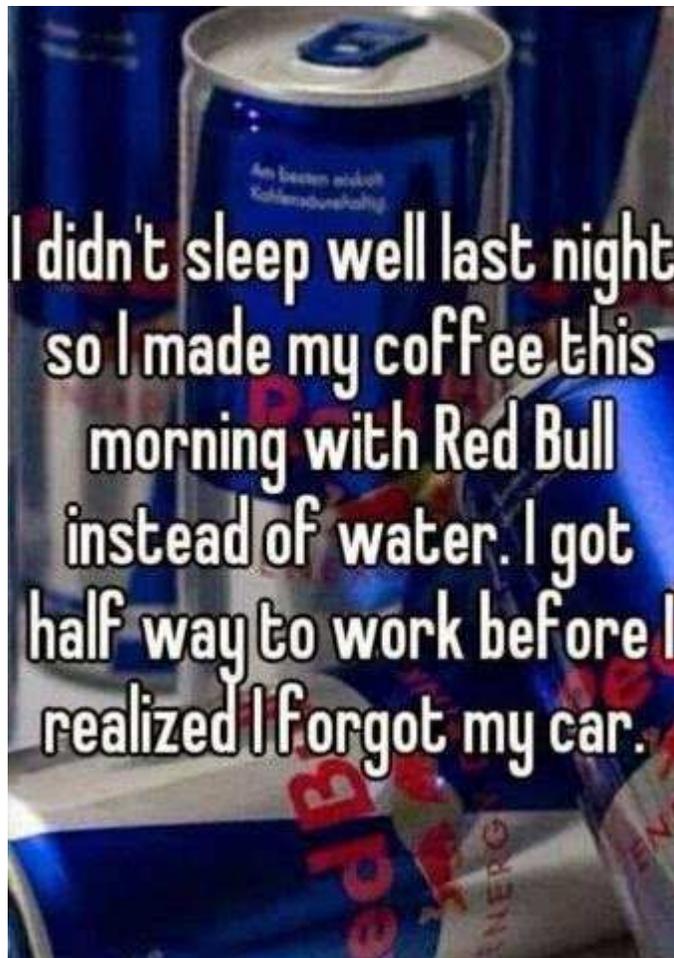
At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

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Just sayin' - When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache..... When you open it, he collapses..... When he sees you reading it, he faints..... When he sees that you are living what you read, he flees..... And when you are about to forward this message.... He will try and discourage you.. I just defeated him!!! Any other takers?

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From: "Mike Williamson" mzmadmike@gmail.com

Just in case you thought there was any hope at all for humanity.



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Smith and Wesson" A TRULY OUTSTANDING Idea for Gun Control!

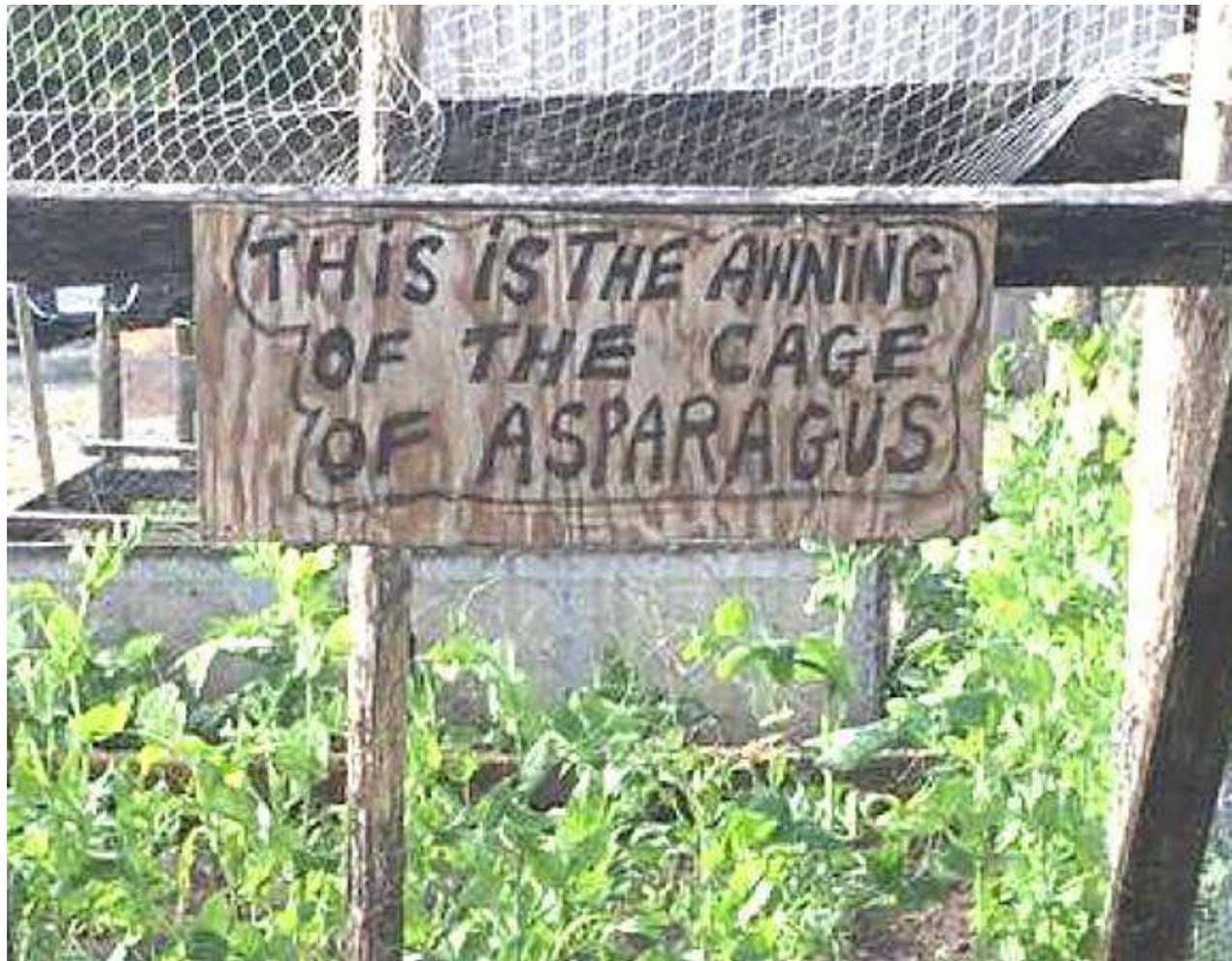
When my friend goes to her ATM, or anywhere else alone, she always takes along her Smith & Wesson. She has never had any problems with muggers, rapists, panhandlers, wise asses, street punks, or attorneys.

Smith is the one on the left.



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From Connie Trieber's Facebook Page



BOOOOOO, A TERRIBLE PUN BUT IT ENJOYED IT! UT

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YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

From: "Tim Bolgeo" tbolgeo@comcast.net

BEAR-LY BELIEVABLE: CLOUD SHAPED EXACTLY LIKE A VERY RELAXED WINNIE THE POOH IS SPOTTED AT A CHARITY EVENT FOR CHILDREN

- * Spotted above charity event for Children's Heart Surgery Fund in Dorset
- * It had arms, legs and nose exactly like the favourite A A Milne character
- * Pooh will soon make a trip to London in a new book for the 90th birthday

By JAMES DUNN FOR MAILONLINE, PUBLISHED: 03:50 EST, 27 July 2016 | UPDATED: 04:15 EST, 27 July 2016

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3710362/Bear-ly-believable-Cloud-shaped-exactly-like-relaxed-Winnie-Pooh-spotted-charity-event-children.html#ixzz4FceP8RqA>

A cloud shaped exactly like Winnie the Pooh was spotted in the blue skies over Dorset.

The white fluffy cloud has legs, arms, and a face that bear an amazing resemblance to the much loved character created by A A Milne.

Looking like Pooh relaxing after a honey feast, it was spotted in the skies at an event for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund in Sandbanks, Dorset.



+2 A cloud that looks exactly like Winni The Pooh has been spotted above a charity event in Sandbanks, Dorset

The likeness is all the more amusing given that the character famously sings a song called Little Black Raincloud with his friend Christopher Robin.

The characters are 90 years old and stories about Pooh and friends including Tigger and Piglet have been read to children from generations.

Now Winnie the Pooh and the Queen are celebrating their landmark birthdays in a beautifully illustrated new story and audio book, in which Prince George also makes a star appearance.

He will join old favourites such as Christopher Robin, Piglet, Eeyore and Owl in the tale.

The friends join that loveable Silly Old Bear on an unforgettable journey from the Hundred Acre Wood to London with the wish of delivering a 90th birthday present to The Queen.

The group travel through the capital on an open-top bus, taking in the sights, including Trafalgar Square and the Buckingham Palace guards before delivering Her Majesty a birthday gift.



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The story reads: 'Bear', announced Christopher Robin solemnly. 'That hum is fit for a Queen. That hum shall be The Queen's present.

'Owl shall write it out and you and I and Eeyore shall deliver it to Buckingham Palace. And Piglet must come too because London is a very big place indeed and even small animals, if they are very good friends, can make everything alright.'

Prince George, two, son of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, is following behind his 'Gan-Gan' when he is given a balloon by Piglet.

He is, apparently, 'much younger than Christopher Robin and almost as bouncy as Tigger' – a description his father, Prince William, who says his son is something of a live-wire, is sure to recognise.

<?>~<YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!>~<?>

FLORIDA MAN ARRESTED AFTER OFFICER MISTAKES KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT GLAZE FOR METH

FoxNews.com, Published July 29, 2016

<http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2016/07/29/florida-man-arrested-after-officer-mistakes-krispy-kreme-donut-glaze-for-meth/>



(Krispy Kreme)

A 64-year-old Orlando, Fla., man is seeking damages from the city after he was handcuffed, arrested, jailed and strip-searched for possession of a highly addictive substance known to cause temporary euphoria.

No, not crystal meth. But it was something that many consider to be just as addictive: the sugary glaze from a Krispy Kreme doughnut.

Daniel Rushing had taken a neighbor to the hospital for a chemotherapy session and was driving an elderly friend home from her job at a 7-Eleven last December when he was pulled over for speeding, according to a report in the Orlando Sentinel.

When Rushing, a retiree who worked in the Orlando parks department for 25 years, opened his wallet to take out his driver's license, Cpl. Shelby Riggs-Hopkins saw that he had a concealed-weapons permit.

Rushing disclosed to the officer that he was carrying a weapon, and she then asked him to step out of his car. And that's when she spotted "a rock like substance on the floor board where his feet were."

"I recognized through my eleven years of training and experience as a law enforcement officer the substance to be some sort of narcotic," the eight-year veteran of the force wrote in Rushing's arrest report.

Riggs-Hopkins field-tested the substance twice, and both times it came up positive for amphetamines. After she read Rushing his Miranda rights, he “stated that he has never done any drugs in his life and he has no idea now the substance got in his vehicle. Rushing stated that the substance is sugar from a Krispie Kreme Donut that he ate.”

Rushing told the Orlando Sentinel that he had to wait anxiously for six weeks until a report from Florida’s state crime lab confirmed that he’d been telling the truth all along. But he’s already spent about 10 hours in jail – he was released on \$2,500 bond – for possessing the remains of a doughnut.

"It was incredible," Rushing told the Sentinel. "It feels scary when you haven't done anything wrong and get arrested ... It's just a terrible feeling."

He said he agreed to let Riggs-Hopkins search his car because "I didn't have anything to hide.

"I'll never let anyone search my car again."

The police department did not explain why the doughnut glaze tested positive for amphetamine in both field tests. In a statement, the department said the arrest was a lawful one.

Earlier this month, a New York Times investigation on roadside drug tests found that the testing kits used by Florida officers are far from reliable: There are no established error rates for the field tests, in part because their accuracy varies so widely depending on who is using them and how. Data from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement lab system show that 21 percent of evidence that the police listed as methamphetamine after identifying it was not methamphetamine, and half of those false positives were not any kind of illegal drug at all.

Rushing has not said how much money he is seeking from the city. His attorney, William Ruffier, told the Sentinel he expects to file a suit against the city in August.

I KNOW THAT HOT KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS ARE ADDICTIVE, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS! UT

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SKYDIVER BECOMES FIRST PERSON TO JUMP AND LAND WITHOUT CHUTE

The Associated Press, by AP, 30 Jul 20161

<http://www.breitbart.com/news/skydiver-becomes-first-person-to-jump-and-land-without-chute/>

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 42-year-old skydiver with more than 18,000 jumps made history Saturday when he became the first person to leap without a parachute and land in a net instead.

After a two-minute freefall, Luke Aikins landed dead center in the 100-by-100-foot net at the Big Sky movie ranch on the outskirts of Simi Valley.



As cheers erupted, Aikins quickly climbed out, walked over and hugged his wife, Monica, who had been watching from the ground with their 4-year-old son, Logan, and other family members.

“I’m almost levitating, it’s incredible,” the jubilant skydiver said, raising his hands over his head as his wife held their son, who dozed in her arms.

“This thing just happened! I can’t even get the words out of my mouth,” he added as he thanked the dozens of crew members who spent two years helping him prepare for the jump, including those who assembled the fishing trawler-like net and made sure it really worked.

The stunt, broadcast live on the Fox network for the TV special “Stride Gum Presents Heaven Sent,” nearly didn’t come off as planned when Aikins revealed just before climbing into his plane that the Screen Actors Guild had ordered him to wear a parachute to ensure his safety. Producers for the show were not immediately available to elaborate on the restriction.

He said he considered pulling out at that point because having the parachute canister on his back would make his landing in the net far more dangerous. If he had to wear it he said he wouldn’t bother to pull the ripcord anyway.

“I’m going all the way to the net, no question about it,” he said from the plane. “I’ll just have to deal with the consequences when I land of wearing the parachute on my back and what it’s going to do to my body.”

A few minutes before the jump one of the show’s hosts said the requirement had been lifted. Aikins left the plane without the chute.

He jumped with three other skydivers, each wearing parachutes. One had a camera, another trailed smoke so people on the ground could follow his descent and the third took an oxygen canister he handed off after they got to an altitude where it was no longer needed.

Then the others opened their parachutes and left him on his own.

Aikins admitted before the jump he was nervous and his mother said she was one family member who wouldn’t watch.

When his friend Chris Talley came up with the idea two years ago, Aikins acknowledged he turned it down cold.

“I kind of laugh and I say, ‘Ok, that’s great. I’ll help you find somebody to do it,’” he told The Associated Press as he trained for the jump last week.

A couple of weeks after Talley made his proposal Aikins called back and said he would do it. He’d been the backup jumper in 2012 when Felix Baumgartner became the first skydiver to break the speed of sound during a jump from 24 miles above Earth.

The 42-year-old daredevil made his first tandem jump when he was 12, following with his first solo leap four years later. He’s been racking them up at several hundred a year ever since.

His father and grandfather were skydivers, and his wife has made 2,000 jumps. His family owns Skydive Kapowsin near Tacoma, Washington.

Aikins is also a safety and training adviser for the United States Parachute Association and is certified to teach both students and skydiving instructors. His business Para Tactics provides skydiving training to Navy Seals and other members of elite fighting forces.

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DUELING OFFICERS SET FIRE TO MESS

<http://forces.tv/98339400>

Two officers attempting to settle a disagreement by dueling with flares at a British Army base have set fire to the officers mess, according to Forces TV sources.

The officers decided the solution to their argument was to each take a kayak into the swimming pool and fire flare guns at each other at the Allenby Barracks in Bovington on Friday night.

One of the flares managed to set the seven-story building alight.

Unfortunately, when personnel tried to put out the fire, sources said the base's fire hoses had been shut off due to fears over Legionnaires disease following an outbreak on the base in January.

They attempted to put the fire out with CO2 fire extinguisher but after failing were forced to call the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service just before midnight.

Ten fire crews arrived at the base from across the county to tackle the blaze which was on the top floor, although not all were needed.

Sources at the base said the fire service used water from the swimming pool, emptying it as they tackled the fire.

They said the building was unusable and the ground floor remained underwater.

Fire crews at the scene.

Louise Knox, Media Communications Manager for Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, said the fire was put out by 1:50am and the cause of the fire "remains under investigation".

A British Army spokesperson said:

"We can confirm a fire occurred on Friday evening at Bovington Camp, Dorset Fire & Rescue attended the fire. There was some damage but no one was injured, while an investigation is taking place it would be inappropriate to comment further."

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POKEMON GO-ZILLA: SAFETY FEARS AFTER MONSTERS APPEAR IN FUKUSHIMA DANGER ZONE

What is it with the Japanese, radiation and made-up creatures?

27 Jul 2016 at 00:55, Shaun Nichols
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/07/27/tepcos_pokemon_fukushima/

^-- ****NOT**** Lena Dunham, although the resemblance is uncanny. . .

Japan's Tokyo Electric Power Co is upset that Pokemon Go players on the hunt for monsters are being lured into the Fukushima Nuclear Exclusion Zone.



The fictional creatures were apparently spotted close to the destroyed Daiichi nuclear reactors by Tepco officials. The presence of the collectible cyber-animals could tempt addicts into no-go areas, it is feared.

As a result, power company bosses have demanded that the land around the crippled power plants, where

radiation levels remain relatively high, be removed from the hit mobile game. According to daily paper The Mainichi Shimbun:

The utility searched the premises of three of its nuclear stations – the Fukushima No. 1 and No. 2 plants in Fukushima Prefecture and the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in Niigata Prefecture – after the game app was launched in Japan on July 22, and found that Pokemon appeared in at least one of these nuclear plants. Tepco cannot reveal where the Pokemon were spotted due to the possibility of gamers flocking to plant grounds.

According to a public relations official of app developer Niantic, the company has excluded at least the Fukushima No. 1 plant and the No. 2 plant from the game. The app developer says it cannot tell for now whether Pokemon actually appeared at either of the Fukushima plants.

The rub seems to be that while the wrecked plants themselves are void of any Pokemon in the game, the surrounding land may not be, leading to calls by prefecture officials for the Japanese government to force Niantic to rope off the whole area.

There is a so-called "difficult to return" area 337 square kilometres in size around the power stations that has restricted access. This area is part of the game, though, thus potentially drawing players into danger.

So far, according to the police, no one has been crazy enough to venture into the danger zone to catch 'em all. The power plants were ruined by a devastating tsunami in March 2011. ®

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VENEZUELA HAS A NEW 'FORCED LABOR' LAW THAT CAN REQUIRE PEOPLE TO WORK IN FIELDS

By Alan Hernández, July 28, 2016 | 5:41 pm

<https://news.vice.com/article/venezuela-has-a-new-forced-labor-law-that-can-require-people-work-in-fields>

International human rights activists are complaining that new laws have introduced forced labour in Venezuela.

"A new decree establishing that any employee in Venezuela can be effectively made to work in the country's fields as a way to fight the current food crisis is unlawful and effectively amounts to forced labor," Amnesty International said in a statement released on Thursday.

President Nicolás Maduro signed a decree at the end of last week that gives powers to the labor ministry to order "all workers from the public and private sector with enough physical capabilities and technical know-how" to join a government drive aimed at increasing food production.

They can be required to work in the agricultural sector for a 60-day period that can be extended for another 60 days "if the circumstances require it."

Shortages of basic goods have become a normal part of life for most Venezuelans ever since the country was plunged into an economic crisis by the plummeting oil price. Food shortages have become particularly acute in recent months, accompanied by violent demonstrations and violent responses to these by the police.

Earlier this month, 120,000 desperate Venezuelans took advantage of a weekend's temporary relaxation of border controls to flood into the Colombian city of Cúcuta to shop for basics. Local stores reportedly ran out of supplies in a few hours.

Antonio Pestana, chief of Venezuela's farming association, told reporters last month that only 25 percent of agricultural land is actually being farmed.

Last week's decree promises to boost production by increasing the workforce of companies in the sector. It orders that these companies should pay the salaries of the workers loaned to them.

Maduro's government has repeatedly blamed the shortages in Venezuela on an "economic war" waged by right-wing businesses supported by US imperialism who seek to bring down his socialist government.

The latest decree states its aim is to "guarantee food supply, social justice, and democracy," and claims it is necessary as "a defense against the economic war." It comes at a time when President Maduro is also struggling to hold off efforts by the political opposition to force a referendum on whether he should remain in office.

"The new decree completely misses the point when it comes to finding ways for Venezuela to crawl out of the deep crisis it has been submerged in for years," Erika Guevara Rosas, Americas Director at Amnesty International, said in Thursday's statement. "Trying to tackle Venezuela's severe food shortages by forcing people to work the fields i

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From: Stephanie Osborn

PETITION TO REMOVE AIR CONDITIONING FROM STATE DEPARTMENT HAS OVER 1,800 SIGNATURES

By Craig Boudreau, July 26, 2016

<http://thelibertarianrepublic.com/petition-remove-air-conditioning-state-department-1800-signatures/#ixzz4FcSFduoU>



An online petition to remove all air conditioning from Department of State property has gotten more than 1,800 signatures since it was posted online Sunday.

A Change.org user named Hopalong Ginsberg created the petition in response to remarks made by Secretary of State John Kerry claiming air conditioning and refrigerants are as much of a threat to the world as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). The petition garnered 1,869 signatures by Monday afternoon.

The petition states:

“WHEREAS, Secretary of State John F. Kerry has suggested that air conditioners are as big a threat as ISIS, and WHEREAS, it is the duty of our elected and appointed government officials to lead by example, THEREFORE, we call upon the U.S. Department of State to remove air conditioning from all property that the Department owns, rents, or otherwise employs, including but not limited to embassies, consulates, office buildings, etc., all

vehicles owned and/or operated by the Department, and any other property, real or movable, owned, rented, or otherwise employed by the Department.”

“We were working together on the challenge of [the Islamic State], and terrorism,” Kerry said at a conference in Vienna on Friday regarding the Montreal Protocol, as reported by The Washington Examiner. “It’s hard for some people to grasp it, but what we — you — are doing here right now is of equal importance because it has the ability to literally save life on the planet itself.”

While there is no actual threshold which must be reached in order to elicit a White House response — an official White House petition made on petitions.whitehouse.gov needs to obtain 100,000 signatures in 30 days before the White House will respond . The Change.org site boasts victories from its previous petitions.

Successful petitions from Change.org include granting burial rights in Arlington National Cemetery for female World War II pilots, naming a Staten Island ferry after a fallen Afghanistan war veteran, and even getting olympic gold medal diver Greg Louganis on the Wheaties Box.

ISIS has killed some 2,043 people in 29 countries since 2014, according to CNN. The Daily Caller News Foundation was unable to obtain the latest data on how many deaths have occurred globally from air conditioning to compare the two.

If successful, the petition will ultimately make its way to President Obama.

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DREAM CHASER SPACECRAFT ON TRACK TO SUPPLY CARGO TO ISS

by Staff Writers, Sparks, NV (SPX) Jul 28, 2016

http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Dream_Chaser_Spacecraft_on_Track_to_Supply_Cargo_to_ISS_999.html

Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) has passed the second Integration Certification Milestone under NASA's Commercial Resupply Services 2 (CRS-2) contract. NASA assessed and fully approved SNC's detailed approach for getting the Dream Chaser Cargo System to the International Space Station (ISS). SNC's approved strategy demonstrates a thorough understanding of design requirements and available resources on both a system and subsystem level.

Dream Chaser will provide a minimum of six cargo delivery missions to and from the ISS between 2019 and 2024. The first



milestone was passed several weeks ago and outlined technical, logistic and schedule procedures for the program.

"Successful completion of the second Integration Certification Milestone within six weeks of the first major milestone demonstrates that the Dream Chaser team is moving at full-speed to meet NASA's cargo delivery needs," said Steve Lindsey, senior director of programs for SNC's Space Systems business area and Dream Chaser co-program manager.

"We very much appreciate NASA's help and support through this milestone and those to follow. Our collective SNC/NASA team is confident in our design and strategy for the future and look forward to completing the work necessary to bring our unique cargo services solution to the ISS as rapidly as possible."

Completion of Milestone 2 means NASA and SNC collectively agree on the certification criteria used to confirm Dream Chaser designs meet CRS-2 mission requirements. These qualification and verification plans will be utilized during future integrated design and test milestones to validate Dream Chaser Cargo System capabilities.

The current flight vehicle has been upgraded with several cargo system design components to support multiple test objectives - verifying the spacecraft's performance during final approach and landing, directly supporting the CRS-2 Certification Plan approved during Milestone 2. This will ultimately accelerate development of the first orbital mission and increase confidence through flight-tested systems.

The vehicle was originally developed and tested in partnership with NASA's Commercial Crew Program, which included a full-test campaign at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center leading up to the October 2013 approach and landing test.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION: TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE

Aviation Week and Space Technology, Jul 29, 2016

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18 SLIDES AND DESCRIPTIONS THAT WILL DEFINITELY KEEP YOU INTERESTED. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST LOOKS AT THE FUTURE OF AVIATION THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN PRESENTED. UT

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SPACEX RECEIVES ORDER FOR SECOND MANNED MISSION

David Szondy July 29, 2016

<http://www.gizmag.com/nasa-spacex-crew-dragon-second-mission/44658/>

SpaceX has been awarded a second post-certification mission order for its Crew Dragon manned spacecraft to ferry astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS).

NASA says that the new contract, which could lead to as many as six flights, will put the United States back into the manned spaceflight game and free US crews to spend more time on scientific research.



Artist's concept of a SpaceX Crew Dragon docking with the International Space Station (Credit: SpaceX)

Today's award marks the fourth and final guaranteed order by NASA under its Commercial Crew Transportation Capability (CCtCap) program. Boeing received two orders in May and December of 2015 for its Starliner spacecraft, and SpaceX got its first order in November 2015. Both companies are charged with building and testing their spacecraft and support facilities, then, after certification, flying at least two and up to six missions each to the ISS.

No dates have been set for the first missions and nor has it been determined which spacecraft will fly first, but CCtCap contracts are made two to three years prior to actual mission dates. This allows SpaceX and Boeing time to assemble their launch vehicles and spacecraft as well as completing the certification process.

SpaceX is making four Crew Dragon spacecraft – two for qualification testing and two for flight tests in 2017. During missions to the ISS, the Crew Dragon will carry up to four NASA or NASA-sponsored astronauts and about 220 lb (100 kg) of pressurized cargo to the ISS. It will remain at the station for up to 210 days to act as an emergency lifeboat.

"With the commercial crew vehicles from Boeing and SpaceX, we will soon add a seventh crew member to space station missions, which will significantly increase the amount of crew time to conduct research," says Julie Robinson, NASA's International Space Station chief scientist. "Given the number of investigations waiting for the crew to be able to complete their research, having more crew members will enable NASA and our partners to

significantly increase the important research being done every day for the benefit of all humanity."

Source: NASA

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CHERNOBYL COULD BE REINVENTED AS A SOLAR FARM, SAYS UKRAINE

Source: Guardian Web, 08.01.16 • 28 views • start a discussion •

http://community.energycentral.com/news/chernobyl-could-be-reinvented-solar-farm-says-ukraine?did=39198898&utm_source=2016_07_31&utm_medium=eNL&utm_content=93924&utm_campaign=DAILY_NEWS

The contaminated nuclear wasteland around Chernobyl could be turned into one of the world's largest solar farms, producing nearly a third of the electricity that the stricken plant generated at its height 30 years ago, according to the Ukrainian government.

In a presentation sent to major banks and seen by the Guardian, 6,000 hectares of "idle" land in Chernobyl's 1,000 square km exclusion zone, which is considered too dangerous for people to live in or farm, could be turned to solar, biogas and heat and power generation.



Pressure has been mounting for years to allow industrial development, but no indication is given of where the solar panels would be located. "There has been a change in the perception of the exclusion zone in Ukraine. Thirty years after the Chernobyl tragedy [it] reveals opportunities for development. A special industrial area is to be created in compliance with all rules and regulations of radiation safety within the exclusion zone," says the presentation.

Tens of thousands of people in Ukraine, Belarus and south Russia were evacuated immediately after the 1986 accident from a wide area around the nuclear plant and places where the radioactive plume descended. A few hundred people still live in 11 semi-deserted villages close to Chernobyl.

There is "about 6,000 hectares of idle land, some of which can be used for placement of electrical generation facilities, and some for energy crops", according to the presentation.

The Ukrainian government said more than 1,000MW of solar and 400MW of other renewable energy could be generated. The nuclear plant had an installed capacity of around 4,000MW.

The advantage of generating renewable power at the site of the world's worst nuclear accident is that the land is cheap and plentiful, and the sunshine is as strong as in southern Germany. In addition, the grid infrastructure and high-voltage power lines needed to transmit electricity to the national grid remain intact, the presentation added.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) this week indicated it would be prepared to lend money for the renewable energy plan. The EBRD has already provided more than \$500m (£379m) to build a large stainless steel "sarcophagus" over the destroyed reactor, which will remain dangerous for thousands of years.

"The EBRD may consider participating in the project so long as there are viable investment proposals and all other environmental matters and risks can be addressed to the bank's satisfaction," said a spokesman.

The move to solar reflects a new energy reality involving plunging renewable energy costs and escalating costs of nuclear power. Hours of sunshine in the Chernobyl area compare favourably with southern Germany, one of the largest solar producers in the world.

In a recent interview, Ukraine's ecology minister said the government was negotiating with two US investment firms and four Canadian energy companies, which have expressed interest in the Chernobyl's solar potential.

Meanwhile in Belarus, just 20 miles from Chernobyl, a 22.3MW solar plant is already under construction in Brahlin district, around 20 miles from Chernobyl. The district was one of the most contaminated by Chernobyl's fallout and the land where the plant is to be built is not suitable for agriculture.

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STONED AGE: HUMANS WERE GETTING HIGH ON CANNABIS 10,000 YEARS AGO AND EXPERTS SAY THEY ALSO USED THE DRUG FOR FOOD AND CLOTHES

- * Early men discovered the drug as Europe's glaciers started final retreat
- * It was picked for its nutritious seeds as well as hemp's use for clothing
- * Man's use of cannabis pre-dates other drugs like alcohol by 3,000 years

By ALEX MATTHEWS FOR MAILONLINE, PUBLISHED: 10:25 EST, 31 July 2016

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3716948/Stoned-age-Humans-getting-high-cannabis-10-000-years-ago-experts-say-used-drug-food-clothes.html#ixzz4G5kloJZG>

It is believed that tribes in Europe and Asia picked the plant around the same time as Europe's glaciers started to retreat.

However, while in the present day it is predominantly known for the psychoactive high that users enjoy - it was not the sole reason that early man cultivated it, reports the Sunday Times.

Experts have discovered that early humans began enjoying the highs of cannabis almost 10,000 years ago



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Tribes picked the plant for its nutritional seeds and for its hemp fibres that could be made into clothes.

It appears that humans were enjoying getting high on cannabis long before they knocking back a drink or two, with the drug pre-dating alcohol by around 3,000 years.

Tengwen Long, a researcher from the German Archaeological Institute, who carried out the study told the Times: 'The cannabis plant seems to be have been distributed widely from as early as 10,000 years ago.'

However, it wasn't until 5,000 years later that it is claimed humans started to realise there was money to be made by the drug and Bronze Age herders began to use animals to trade it with other tribes.

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NEW NAVY TECH MAKES IT EASY TO LAND ON A CARRIER. YES, EASY

ERIC ADAMS, 08.02.16.08.02.16

<https://www.wired.com/2016/08/new-navy-tech-makes-landing-aircraft-carrier-breeze/>



An F/A-18F Super Hornet from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 performs a touch-and-go on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. VX-23 is conducting tests of the Maritime Augmented Guidance with Integrated Controls for Carrier Approach and Recovery Precision Enabling Technologies (MAGIC CARPET). MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST SEAMAN CLEMENTE A. LYNCH/U.S. NAVY

FOR NAVY PILOTS who land jets on aircraft carriers, life is tough. First, there's the bit about touching down at precisely the right time and position to have the tailhook catch the arresting wire and bring you to a stop before the runway—all 300 feet of it—runs out. And then there's the fact flight decks don't stay still. They heave and sway with the sea. In the seconds before touchdown, a pilot typically makes hundreds of small changes to his trajectory.

The US Navy says new tech could make white-knuckle carrier traps a thing of the past. It recently completed testing the Maritime Augmented Guidance with Integrated Controls for Carrier Approach and Recovery Precision Enabling Technologies, a software mod that makes a carrier approach nearly as routine as a runway landing. In the Pentagon's honored tradition of strained acronyms, the Navy calls it Magic Carpet.

According to the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in Patuxent River, Maryland, which led the development of Magic Carpet, the system works with the plane's autopilot to maintain the approach using what's called direct lift control. In short, once the pilot sets the glide angle of the approach, it becomes the "neutral" setting for the controls.

The autopilot tracks the position of the deck, adjusting the throttle, flaps, ailerons, and stabilizers to keep the flight path and angle of attack on point. Instead of maintaining continuous pressure on the stick and making myriad inputs before landing, the pilot can relax. Any adjustments he does make are incorporated into the autopilot settings.

During a week of trials last month, test pilots flying F/A-18 Super Hornets conducted nearly 600 touch-and-go landings and many tailhook-arrested landings on the Nimitz-class USS George Washington. They made both highly accurate approaches and deliberately inaccurate approaches, with varying wind speeds and directions. According to engineers with the Navy and Boeing, the system increased the accuracy and consistency of landings under all conditions. Those landings were less stressful, too: Pilots typically perform 300 corrections to their flight path in the final 18 seconds of an approach. Magic Carpet drops that between 10 and 20.

The Navy is quick to stress that the system is not fully automated, and pilots remain in control. Magic Carpet just simplifies the descent. And because it augments existing flight control systems, it doesn't require hardware mods. It will take flight on the F/A-18 Super Hornet, the EA-18G Growler, and F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter, all of which have the digital flight controls needed to work with the system.

The Navy expects to start integrating the system in 2019. Beyond reducing stress, Magic Carpet could minimize the time and effort needed to train pilots for carrier landings, allowing more time for tactical training. It also could reduce the time and money spent maneuvering carriers into ideal landing positions. Fewer aborted landings saves fuel, and fewer hard landings saves wear and tear on aircraft. And you thought Aladdin's flying carpet was cool.

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BOEING CONSIDERS ENDING PRODUCTION OF 747

Plane maker plans to make just six of the aircraft a year starting in September

By Jon Ostrower, Updated July 27, 2016 3:27 p.m. ET

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/boeing-swings-to-loss-but-results-still-top-views-1469622337>



A 747-8 at Boeing's assembly line in Everett, Wash., in 2012. Photo: Stephen Brashear/Getty Images

The world's most recognizable airplane is coming in for a landing.

Boeing Co. said in a regulatory filing Wednesday that it might stop production of the 747, ending nearly a half-century of building the plane that became the aircraft of choice for the U.S. president and other heads of state.

The prospect of ending 747 production after years of weak sales would close a chapter of Boeing's history that began when the humped jetliner won its first orders from Pan American World Airways five decades ago.

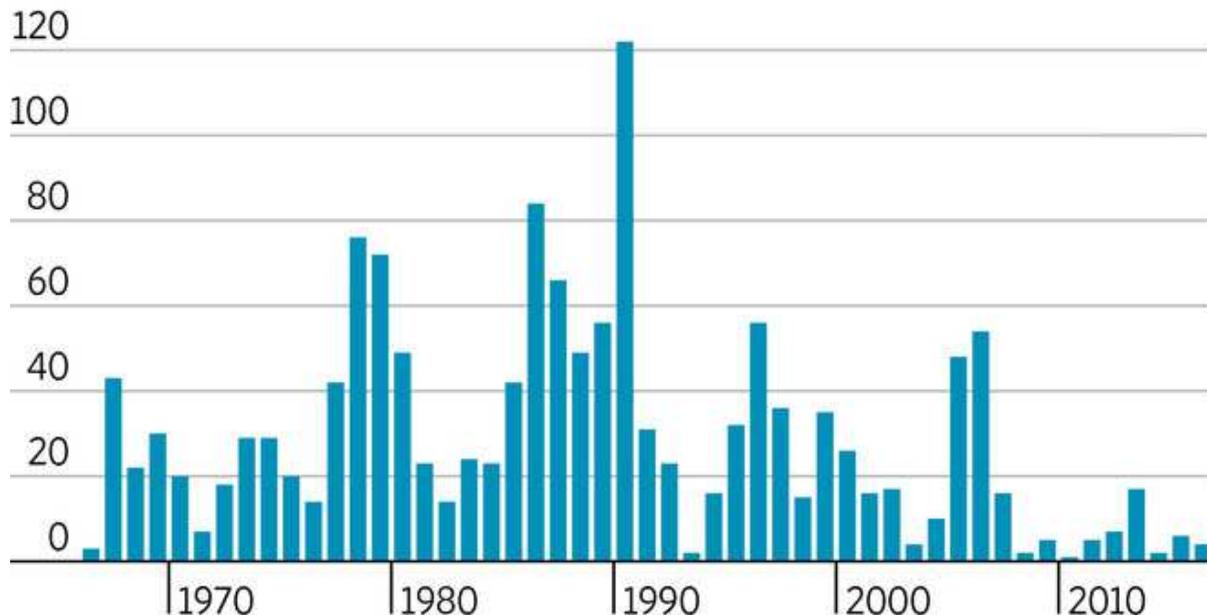
Boeing has delivered more than 1,500 of the jets since 1970, when the company introduced the plane.

Aviation historians credit the plane with making global air travel more affordable for most people. The huge number of seats, sometimes nearly 600 on some airlines, spread the costs across the large group of paying passengers.

Up, Down and Away

Annual orders for the iconic aircraft fluctuated during its 50-year production history but more than 1,500 have been produced.

Annual orders for 747s



Source: the company

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The 747 has weathered industry downturns over the decades, including when Boeing nearly went out of business in the 1970s. The company's last 747 production boom occurred in the 1990s. Peak output came early in the program, when the company delivered

92 of the jets in 1970. But the jet has been a constant for the plane maker and was a hallmark of the U.S.'s Cold War industrial prowess.

Boeing now plans to make just six of the planes a year, starting in September as it addresses a current backlog for 21 of the jets. Two are expected to serve the U.S. president beginning in 2023 after years of modifications, and will be known as Air Force One when the president is aboard, but haven't been formally ordered yet by the Defense Department. A pair of older 747s in their distinctive white, blue and polished aluminum have been flying the U.S. presidents since 1990.

Demand has weakened for 747 air-cargo freighters and passenger planes. Freighter orders have experienced a sharp slowdown since the 2008 global financial crisis, with more goods traveling by sea or in the bellies of passenger aircraft. In its passenger-carrying form, the 747 has faltered as airlines turn to smaller twin-engine jets. Rival Airbus Group SE is slashing production of its own even-larger double-deck jumbo in 2018.

New jets still roll off Boeing's assembly line in Everett, Wash., as the company's 747-8, and are expected to fly for decades. But last week, Boeing announced a \$1.2 billion charge on the program and curtailed plans to raise 747 output back to one jet a month in 2019.

It has been a bumpy first year on the job for Boeing's new chief executive, Dennis Muilenburg. Shares have fallen 4.6% since he took over the top spot in July 2015. A decision about the jumbo jet's future will likely fall to Mr. Muilenburg, who was just 2 years old when Boeing started taking orders for the plane.

Mr. Muilenburg said the charge reduces Boeing's future financial risks related to the 747, which hasn't contributed positively to the company's earnings for years. Boeing says 2019 could bring a wave of retirements of older jets that could be replaced by factory-fresh 747s.

Yet, the company cautioned in its regulatory filing: "If we are unable to obtain sufficient orders...it is reasonably possible that we could decide to end production of the 747."

Boeing on Wednesday posted its first quarterly loss in nearly seven years, from a total of \$3 billion of charges, including for the 747.

The other charges stem from delays to Boeing's advanced 787 Dreamliner and the company's new aerial-refueling tanker. They were largely expected, but underscore the challenges still facing crucial Boeing projects.

The Dreamliner program has been the most costly for Boeing over the years, with the company forced to spend tens of billions of dollars more than first expected. The latest bill for production totaled \$27.7 billion.

The company said it would begin to make money on each 787 delivery by the end of the year but only after having built about 500 of the aircraft since 2011, or roughly 40% of its orders.

Boeing posted a loss of \$234 million, or 37 cents a share, compared with a profit of \$1.1 billion, or \$1.59 a share, a year earlier. Revenue rose 1% to \$24.8 billion.

However some metrics managed to beat analyst expectations. Adjusted core earnings loss, which excludes certain pension expenses and is closely watched by investors, came in better than expected.

Shares in Boeing rose \$1.11 to \$135.96 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company revised its annual earnings-per-share guidance to a range of \$6.40 to \$6.60 a share, from a range of \$8.45 to \$8.65 a share. It left its closely watched cash-flow guidance unchanged at roughly \$10 billion.

As older development programs continue to weigh on its finances, Boeing's aerial tanker, its biggest defense program, pushed more than 40% past its original budget.

Boeing added \$243 million to its development bill in the first quarter in an effort to keep the program on schedule, only to add \$573 million more from new delays with its most recent charge. The company said in May that first deliveries to the U.S. Air Force were stalled by five months because of design and production issues.

Boeing last week completed early aerial trials refueling aircraft from the Air Force, Navy and Marines, clearing the way for a purchase decision in August by the Defense Department. The company still faces a battery of tests to complete the tanker over the next year.

—Doug Cameron contributed to this article

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ARE YOU BETTER OFF THAN YOU WERE 7 YEARS AGO?

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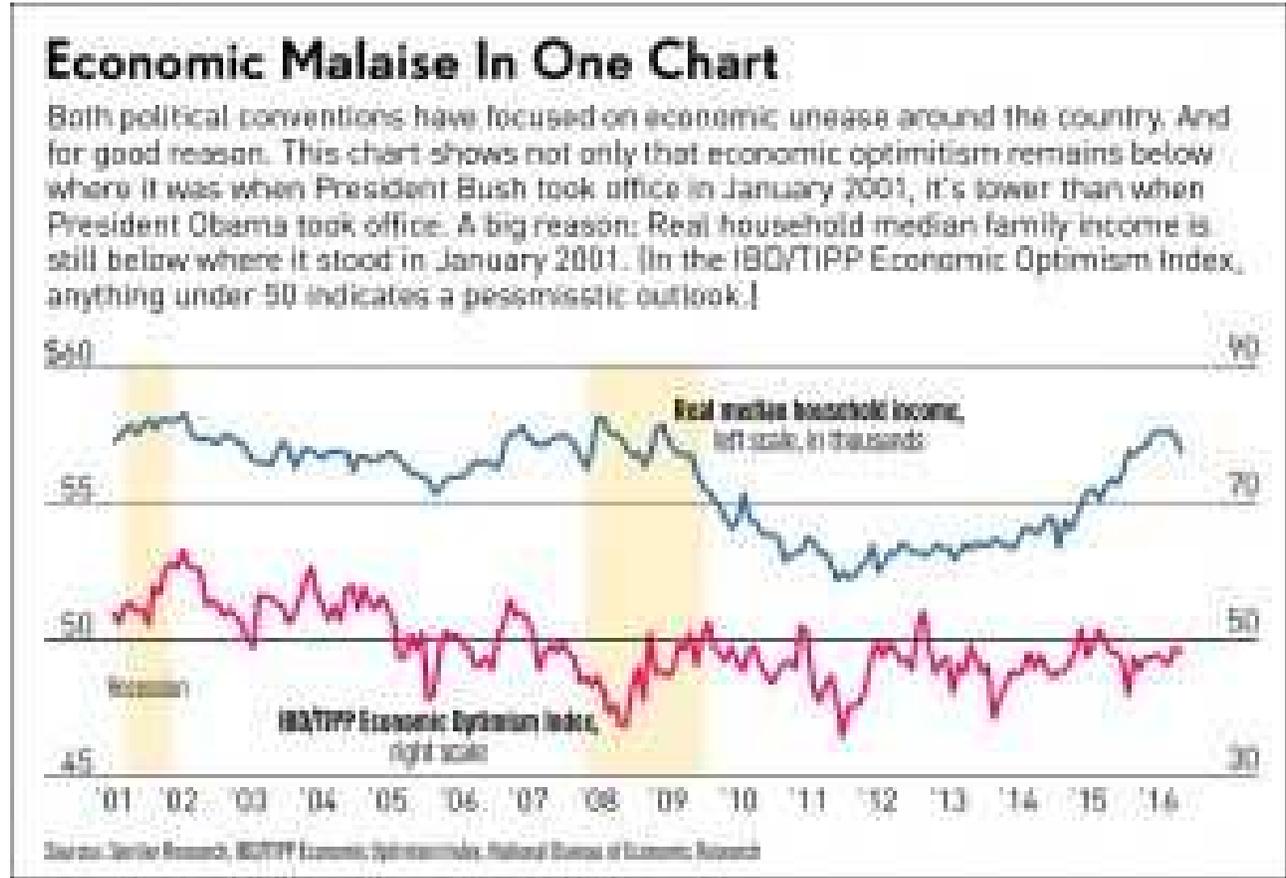


President Obama says by most measures people in the country are better off. But he ignores all those measures that show families falling behind while he's been president. (Shawn Thew/EPA/Newscom)
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Economy: While patting himself on the back in his speech at the Democratic

Convention, President Obama said that "by so many measures, our country is stronger and more prosperous than it was when we started." Clearly, Obama needs a new ruler.

The question isn't whether the country is better off than it was when Obama took office — when it was still in a recession — it's whether the country is better off than it was when the recovery started almost exactly seven years ago.



Using that as the gauge, many Americans — by several measures — are actually worse off after seven years of Obama's "recovery" than they were just as the recession was ending.

That's an incredible testament to the abject failure of Obamanomics, not a legacy that anyone should hope will continue into the next administration.

Let's run some of the numbers:

More in poverty: During Obama's "recovery," 3.1 million people fell into poverty, and the poverty rate climbed from 14.3% in 2009 to 14.8% in 2014, according to Census.

Lower household incomes: Census data show that only the top 40% of households made gains in income under Obama, while the remaining 60% saw their incomes shrink between 2009 and 2014. The bottom 20%, for example, saw their incomes decline by 8.4% over those years.

More on food stamps: There were 8.7 million more people on food stamps this April (the last year for which data are available) than there were when recovery started, according to the Department of Agriculture.

More labor dropouts: While the number of people who are unemployed fell by about 7 million between June 2009 and today, the number who are no longer in the labor force — either because they've quite looking for work or retired — climbed an astonishing 14 million.

Less optimism: In June 2009, the IBD/TIPP Economic Optimism Index was 50.8 — anything above 50 represents optimistic, under 50 pessimism. This July, the Optimism Index was 45.5. And while 52% of the public thought the country was headed in the wrong direction, 64% feel that way now.

How does Obama square these facts with his sunny outlook? He doesn't. He just ignores them. But the public knows what's going on.

During one of his more honest moments on the campaign trail for his wife earlier this year, Bill Clinton put a fine point on that. "Millions and millions and millions and millions of people look at that pretty picture of America (Obama) painted and they cannot find themselves in it to save their lives."

Clinton is absolutely right. The shame of it is that neither party is fixing blame where it belongs: on Obama's anti-growth agenda of tax hikes and regulatory overreach. The last thing we need is four more years of that.

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VIDEO: GIULIANI: UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS NOT ALLOWED ON DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION FLOOR

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Thursday on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends," in an appearance from the site of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani called the convention "the most anti-police" and "the most anti-law enforcement" he had ever seen.

However, he also said that according to "high-ranking police officers" in Philadelphia, uniformed law enforcement was not allowed on the floor of the convention.

"This is the most anti-police, anti-law enforcement convention I've ever seen in my whole life. There was not a uniformed police officer allowed on the convention floor. I was told that by four high-ranking police officers, two of whom I've known for a very long time. And

then I walked the floor for very long time and I couldn't find a single officer. Go look at your footage. You find me a uniform. Hillary Clinton didn't want uniformed police officers on the convention floor."

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R.I. LAWSUIT SEEKS TO EXPOSE POLITICAL NATURE OF CLIMATE CHANGE PROSECUTIONS

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PROVIDENCE – Two national public interest groups are suing Rhode Island's attorney general, whom the groups claim formed a "secret pact" with climate change lobbyists and other state attorneys general to prosecute those who raise questions about global warming.

On Wednesday, Washington, D.C.-based Free Market Environment Law Clinic and the Energy & Environment Legal Institute filed suit in Providence Superior Court against the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General, seeking specific records detailing that office's collaboration with other attorneys general investigating those who disagree with the prevailing wisdom on climate change.

Earlier this year, 19 Democratic attorneys general, including Rhode Island AG Peter Kilmartin and Massachusetts AG Maura Healey, announced the formation of AG's United for Clean Power, a collaborative effort designed to promote legal action against the fossil fuel industry, the American Legislative Exchange Council and other "climate change deniers."

Last fall, New York AG Eric Schneiderman launched a criminal investigation into Exxon Mobil, alleging the company attempted to cover up scientific evidence of global warming. In June, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey issued a subpoena for decades of documents and records from conservative think tanks such as the Washington-based Heritage Foundation and Boston's Beacon Hill Institute that have produced policy papers poking holes in certain climate change research and critiquing various proposed environmental policies.

The suit filed in Rhode Island on Wednesday by pro-energy groups alleges that Kilmartin's office withheld documents related to his office's involvement in the effort to coordinate such strategies.

In particular, the suit alleges that Kilmartin withheld evidence of a "common interest agreement" which, they allege, is actually a sweeping effort by the attorneys general to exempt themselves state open records laws with respect to any discussions regarding the topics of energy and climate. The suit claims that the AG's office violated the Access to Public Records Act, Chapter 38-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws and seeks to vindicate the public's right to a transparent and open government by asking the court to require Kilmartin to produce the requested records.

The groups believe that the documents they seek will corroborate their claim that the attorneys generals have engaged in a witch hunt style effort to use the power of law enforcement to silence legitimate scientific and political debate.

NBP staff writer Kelly Thomas contributed to this report.

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PELOSI SAYS CLINTON STRUGGLES WITH WHITE MALE VOTE BECAUSE OF 'GUNS, GAYS AND GOD'

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Donald Trump is beating Hillary Clinton among white men because guns, gays, and God, according to former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

"I think that, so many times, white — non-college-educated white males have voted Republican. They voted against their own economic interests because of guns, because of gays, and because of God, the three G's, God being the woman's right to choose," Pelosi told PBS's Judy Woodruff in an interview Wednesday.

But, Pelosi contended, that's changing because of Clinton's "economic agenda to create jobs, good-paying jobs, increasing paychecks."

The opposition from white males "is softening," she argued.

"Some of those people were never going to be voting Democratic anyway. But I believe that, with the turnout that we expect to have, we will draw some of them in with our message, and enough other people to win the election."

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