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QUARTERLY MEETING

Greetings folks of world from the stratospheric heights of Sassafra, Victoria, Australia. Its that time of the season again to gird up your loins and sally forth to the hills in search of fools gold (or should that be jester's gold).

This time the meeting is at the home of the Cruns (alias Jean & Harry Peace). They do have undercover BBQ facilities and so bring a chop, sausage, nut cutlet or whatever you like to sling on the barbie.

For those that are not regulars to our meetings, please ring

(03) 9756 6046

or email hjpeace@jeack.com.au

for a booking (so we have a rough idea of numbers) and/or for directions to the Peace abode.

If you do not have private transport to the spot, please ring Harry or myself (Allan Peace) before 10.30am on the Saturday to arrange transport from the Belgrave railway station. I can be reached on

(03) 9755 1679 (home) or

04 2755 1679 (mobile)

by email at a<underscore>peace@jeack.com.au.

(underscore = “_”)

If you are not a “regular” to require a lift, then I would appreciate a call well beforehand, so we don't lose you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

EVENTS OF THE LAST QUARTER:

After a bumper crop of articles for last Gas Bored, I am sorry to say that I haven't had time to gather much for this one so you will have to put up with only a few pages this quarter.

RETURN OF THE HITCHHIKER

As foretold in the last edition, Arthur Dent is being rescued from his 2,000,000 year old, telephone sanitiser infested, hell-hole on primeval Earth for the second time and resuming galactic hitchhiking, after a break of almost 20 years, our time, but only four years back then.

Confused??? Go visit

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/hitchhikers/>

to find everything you probably didn't want to know about the world of Arthur Dent and his fellow travellers. And if you have a real-audio player and a reasonable dial-up connection, you can listen to the shows.

Thoroughly recommended!

AIKEN, South Carolina (AP) -- A robber who used a rusty pitchfork to stick up a bank got away -- and so far, finding him has been like looking for a needle in a haystack.

The man, wearing sunglasses and a mask, entered Security Federal Bank Tuesday morning and threatened employees with the 4-foot-long pitchfork. The man took an undisclosed amount of money.

The robber dropped the farm tool as he ran from the bank through a wooded area to a golf course behind the bank, police said.

Bloodhounds tracked the robber to a fast food restaurant parking lot, where police say the man got into a white van driven by a woman.

No customers were in the bank during the holdup, and no one was injured.

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GOON OLYMPIC EVENTS:

RUNNING EVENTS:

Running away from a bomb:
Gold medallist - Bluebottle.

Running up a lot of credit
- Grittype-Thynne.

Running nose due to garlic overdose:
- Moriarty.

JUMPING EVENTS:

Jumping up onto a wall, and falling off the other side:
Gold - Eccles.

Jumping to the wrong conclusions:
Gold - Neddy Seagoon.

STANDING STILL EVENTS:

Kayaking without wood for paddles:
Gold medallists - Min & Henry Crun.

Javelin throwing at wild animals
- Ray Ellingbone.

Lifting the cashbox: Gold, Silver & Bronze
- all to Major Dennis Bloodnok!

MILLIGAN BASED PLAY RECEIVES ACCOLADES

YING TONG
by Roy Smiles

22 October to 20 November
West Yorkshire Playhouse in
association with Michael Codron

Under pressure to write The Goon Show to end all Goon shows, Spike Milligan is planning his escape from a mental institution dressed in only his pyjamas. After applying to the British Museum to get his marbles back, he starts to lose his grip on reality and threatens to kill Eccles, the most famous Goon character.

Ying Tong is an hilarious and touching insight into the mind of comic genius Spike Milligan who was an inspiration for comedians from Monty Python to The League of Gentlemen and loved by many including Nicholas Parsons and Prince Charles.

Directed by Michael Kingsbury, whose critically acclaimed West End stage production of another cult radio show, Round The Horne, is currently on tour.

"He was a great man - a crazy, wonderful genius" EDDIE IZZARD

"The great grand-daddy of post-war British comedy. He allowed the British to be silly" STEPHEN FRY

"Michael Kingsbury's production is a treat" OBSERVER on Round the Horne

www.wyp.org.uk

BUSH, HUSSEIN, TRUCKER HATS WIN BIG AT THE STUPIDITY AWARDS™

President Bush and deposed dictator Saddam Hussein were the big winners at a start-studded presentation of the World Stupidity Awards at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal Friday. The packed comedy gala featured heavy metal midgets, wardrobe malfunctions and the cream of the international comedy crop as awards were doled out to the "titans of stupidity".

Hosted by The Daily Show star, Lewis Black, the awards show featured stand out appearances by Sinbad, Pauly Shore, Scott Thompson and Maggie Cassella.

U.S. President, George W. Bush, was voted Stupidest Man of the Year by an international online audience, while rival Saddam Hussein received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for Stupidity.

Awards were given out for Stupidest Statement, Act, Media Outlet, Government, Movie and T.V. Show among others. Public nominations were held in the spring and the winners were selected by online vote at www.stupidityawards.com. Votes came from over 100 countries.

The Survivor All-Stars handed out the award for Stupidest Trend of the Year which went to "Trucker Hats", over "spam", "war" and "climate change". Fox News got the nod for Media Outlet Which Has Made The Greatest Contribution To Furthering Ignorance Worldwide while British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and President Bush shared the Stupidity Award For Reckless Endangerment Of The Planet.

Some of the comedy highlights were presentations by Sinbad, English comic, Boothby Graffoe, and U.S. comic, Andy Kindler, who's skewering of the television industry had the packed house screaming for more. Pauly Shore appeared miffed that he had been selected to give out the award for Stupidest Movie and told the crowd, "I know what's going on here. You think it's funny that I'm giving out this award. I'm back," he screamed, "and I make great movies."



Host Black, had the crowd roaring on several occasions. "It's easy to fall down a manhole," he said. "It's easy to put the candles too close to the drapes, it's easy to launch a military invasion of another country based on a few blurry satellite photos," he observed.

Black received a thunderous standing ovation at the conclusion of the awards. The evening ended with a musical tribute to the legendary idiocy of former Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein, followed by MiniKiss, a glam rock heavy metal tribute band performed by dwarves.

"It was a stupendous evening," said Spokesmoron, Albert Nerenberg, of the Main Organization Revealing Obvious Numbskulls (MORON) which puts on the awards.

"That's pretty well all I can say." The nominations were judged by experts in their fields ("a bunch of idiots") and overseen by the Academy for Recognizing Stupidity Everywhere. Black announced next year's awards will include a new category, Stupidest Song of the Year, and that nominations for the 2005 World Stupidity Awards are now open.

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The Stupidity Awards were originally inspired by the hit documentary, Stupidity, which claims that we live in a culture of willful stupidity. Nominations for the 2005 Stupidity Awards can be emailed to nominate@stupidityawards.com

For more information, contact the World Stupidity Awards at press@stupidityawards.com or 416-926-8886

Winners of the 2004 World Stupidity Awards™ Just For Laughs, Montreal

Lifetime Achievement Award for Stupidity

2004 Winner:

Saddam Hussein

Stupidest Woman of the Year

2004 Winner:

Private Lynndie England

Nominees:

Courtney Love

Martha Stewart

Anna Nicole Smith

Michael Jackson

Stupidest Man of the Year

2004 Winner:

President George W. Bush

Nominees:

John Kerry

Saddam Hussein

Osama Bin Laden

Donald Rumsfeld

Stupidest Trend of the Year

2004 Winner:

Trucker Hats

Nominees:

War

Spam

Climate Change

Terrorism

Stupidest Government of the Year

2004 Winner:

The Government of the United States

Nominees:

France

North Korea

Canada

The United Kingdom

Australia

Stupidest Media Outlet (which has made the greatest contribution to furthering ignorance worldwide)

2004 Winner:

Fox News

Nominees:

The Mirror (UK)

Air America

The New York Times

Clear Channel

Stupidity Award for Reckless Endangerment of the

Planet

2004 Winner:

George W. Bush & Prime Minister Tony Blair

Nominees:

Kim Jong-il, Dictator of North Korea

Osama Bin Laden

Ariel Sharon & Yassar Arafat

Jessica Simpson

Stupidest Movie of the Year

2004 Winner (tie by audience vote):

Gigli & The Passion Of The Christ

Nominees:

New York Minute

The Day After Tomorrow

Scooby Doo 2

Stupidest TV Show of the Year

2004 Winner:

The O'Reilly Factor

Nominees:

The Simple Life

The Swan

Average Joe 2

Fear Factor

Stupidest Act of the Year

2004 Winner:

**The Crocodile Hunter feeding crocodile with his
baby son**

Nominees:

The Abu Ghraib Prison Photo Sessions

Wardrobe Malfunction, Super Bowl

The North American East Coast Blackout

Invading Iraq

Stupidest Statement of the Year

2004 Winner:

**"Major combat operations have ended in Iraq." -
President George W. Bush**

Nominees:

"Nick, why does this Chicken of the Sea taste like
tuna?" - Jessica Simpson

"YEEEEAARRGHHHHH!!" - Howard Dean

"I do." - Britney Spears

"It was a wardrobe malfunction." - Justin Timberlake

<http://www.stupidityawards.com/press.html>

& John Howard didn't even get a mention



**although a certain Oz Liberal "personality"
scored. Did you spot it?? See you at Monbulk**