

I-ama-guerilla in Manila - Week 12, 6 April 2012 (Pesach First Night)! Happy Pesach, Merry Easter!

President Barack Obama, now the Yasser Arafat President: *never misses an opportunity to miss an opportunity.* President Obama, the worst American President since Jimmy Carter, bows again to cronyism and misses a fine opportunity to show the rest of the world the meaning of meritocracy and leadership. By his actions, the President tells us “experienced professionals need not apply.” Unfortunately Obama chooses Dr. Jim Young Kim of Dartmouth College to head the World Bank. Even though Kim has little experience running an economic, financial or banking institution, duh like none, he argues in his 2000 book that *growth does little for the poor!* His appointment by Obama is disgraceful. It demeans candidates with demonstrated merit, even those with great transparency and financial management track records like Dr. /Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Nigeria's female and very successful minister of finance and coordinating minister of the economy by any measure. Moreover, Ms. O-I might have been able to check the rampant sexual harassment plaguing the Bank. See www.economist.com/node/21551490. It's well past time that the British *Economist* magazine criticizes Obama on his failed and failing economic, social and international policies, what!



Nigeria's Finance and Economic Minister, Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, left; Dartmouth College's President, Jim Young Kim, right

United Airlines, oops. United Airlines downgraded my Mileage Plus Premier Executive to Silver because last year I had fewer United flights. True, since retiring from USAID/ Asia-Near East, I have fewer flights than those very frequent-flights years but each trip is way longer in-country. Plus, I have a new UA number to accommodate UA's merger with Continental. Still, I am spending 200-250 days a year abroad since 2009. Go figure! Still, if UA continues acquisitions, might be nice after all.



Stewardesses: Mexico, left; Taiwan, right

Say, **George Gershwin**, "They all laughed:"

*The odds were a hundred to one against me, The world thought the heights were too high to climb
But people from Missouri never incensed me, Oh, I wasn't a bit concerned
For from hist'ry I had learned, How many, many times the worm had turned*

*They all laughed at Christopher Columbus, When he said the world was round
They all laughed when Edison recorded sound, They all laughed at Wilbur and his brother, When they said that man could fly*

*They told Marconi, Wireless was a phony
It's the same old cry, They laughed at me wanting you
Said I was reaching for the moon, But oh, you came through, Now they'll have to change their tune*

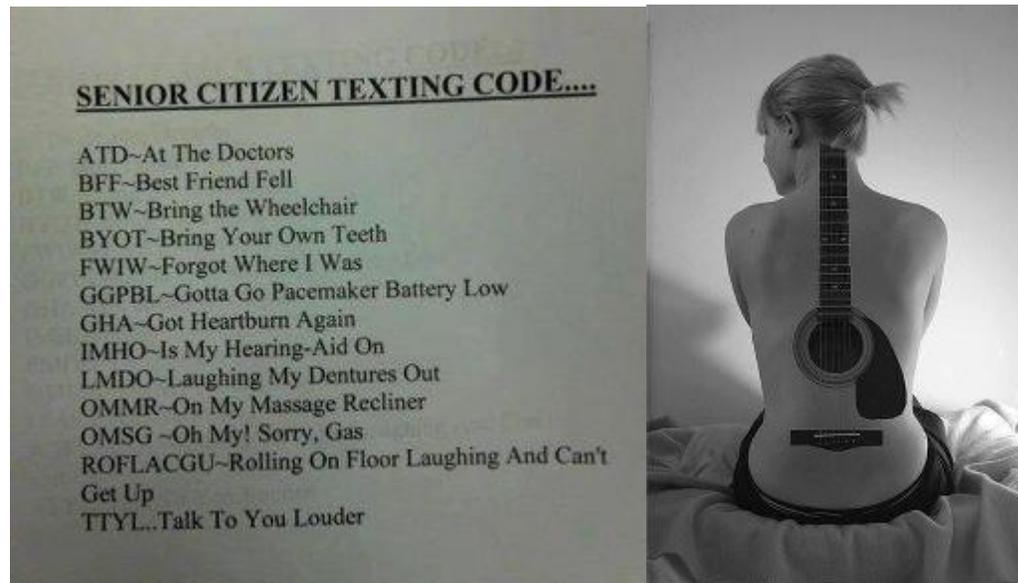
*They all said we never could be happy, They laughed at us and how!
But ho, ho, ho! Who's got the last laugh now?*

*They all laughed at Rockefeller Center, Now they're fighting to get in
They all laughed at Whitney and his cotton gin, They all laughed at Fulton and his steamboat, Hershey and his chocolate bar*

*Ford and his misery, Kept the laughers busy
That's how people are, They laughed at me wanting you
Said it would be, "hello, goodbye." But oh, you came through, Now they're eating humble pie*

*They all said we'd never get together, Darling, let's take a bow
For ho, ho, ho! Who's got the last laugh?
He, hee, hee! Let's at the past laugh, Ha, ha, ha! Who's got the last laugh now?"*

An article in February's **STRUCTURE** magazine (What is Structural Engineering Exactly? Erik Anders Nelson, P.E., S.E.) offered this possible definition of structural engineering: "the art of molding materials we do not wholly understand into shapes we cannot precisely analyze, as to withstand forces we cannot really assess, in such a way that the community at large has no reason to suspect the extent of our ignorance."



The old and the beautiful

Per Dr. William Sears, MD for Health, Relationships, Time, Money:

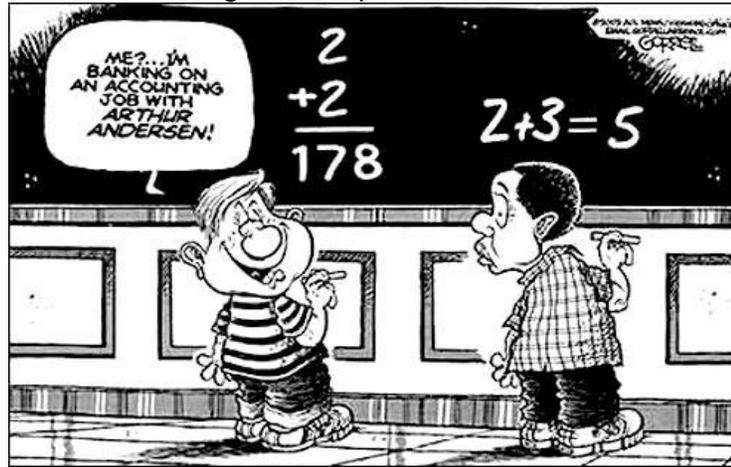
Nine simple steps for better health in your prime time:

1. Make health your hobby

2. Keep your arteries clean – keep the sticky stuff out of your body; eat more fruits, vegetables, seafood (especially salmon), whole grains, garlic, beans; take the right nutritional supplements
3. Keep your arteries clean - keep the sticky stuff out of your body; move more to get your blood flow faster which helps your body make its own natural internal medicines/ sit less
4. Graze on good foods – eat smaller amounts of food throughout the whole day; gives you good gut feeling and more complete digestion; rule of two – eat half as much, eat twice as often, chew twice as long for hormonal health for stable hormonal systems and stabilize your insulin; avoid gorging
5. Reduce your waist – stay lean
6. Get Omega 3's, more fish, less red meat
7. Eat fruits and vegetables of different varieties and colors
8. Take Juice PLUS+ nutritional supplement
9. Practice the pills/skills model of health care through self-help skills



"Do you ever have one of those days when everything seems un-Constitutional?"



Did our class-warfare, tax-and-spend, socialist and anti-business and apparently anti-Constitutional President Obama question the authority of the Supreme Court to exercise Judicial Review on Obama-care? I thought he went to high school, college, law school, and even taught constitutional law! Every adult American citizen knows we have three *independent* branches of government: Executive, Legislative and Judicial. How can the President defend the Constitution if he doesn't know it? Do we really have an anti-constitutional President? The Supreme Court is required and tasked with Judicial Review. See www.hillsdale.edu for a free online course - the Constitution, <http://constitution.hillsdale.edu>.

Old Fiddlers. A pal of LSW invited us to her Tucson trailer park to hear Old Fiddlers on Thursday night. It was marvelous toe-tapping, full western country band of nearly a dozen skilled musicians on the accordion, banjo, mandolin, guitars, violins and amplified sound system, with vocalists as well. Not to discredit them. They were really wonderful for 75 minutes, but, just joking, but perhaps their sheet music was saying "Check you pants fly!" Just kidding, but there's a post WWI story about President Roosevelt inviting Jack Benny to the White House one evening. Benny approaches the White House Marine Guard. The Guard says, "What's in the case, Mr. Benny?" Benny says, "It's a machine gun." The Marine says, "Okay, Mr. Benny, go right in. I thought it might be a violin." BTW, "Just Kidding" is a northern California western band I've heard several times at the Vallejo Public Library. **Have fun, be happy, and don't worry! It doesn't help! It's really more fun in the Philippines! And Tucson!**