

TABOO OPINIONS #107

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5-12-08 Hilary --- going, going

Hilary was in Oregon a few days ago and a local news channel covered one of her speeches --- in high definition, with close-ups.

Ghod!

She looked, not 60, but like a haggard 70-ish woman: deep grooves in her upper lip, bags under her eyes, creases, furrows ...

It struck me that running this hard for this long, to be president is a serious health matter and that she has probably shortened her life by many years. Especially since she obviously doesn't know squat about nutrition and vitamins. [For instance, a lifetime of daily intake of the B-vitamin complex has left my upper lip as smooth as a baby's bottom and I'm almost 81.]

For her sake, I hope she doesn't run for president ever again.

And what of John McCain? He has a great set of genes from his 94-year-old mother, but even so ...

Sign of the times?

I tried to send a bouquet of get well flowers to a friend in the hospital in Bullhead City, AZ, 90 miles from Las Vegas. But there is no florist in Bullhead City, and FTD refused my order because it would take too much expensive gas to send a delivery from Vegas.

You can see the looming future, if you care: The suburbs and small towns becoming more and more isolated, de-populated and poor, the changes in popular culture as the kids see an increasingly dictatorial socialist government forced to use force and extreme propaganda to keep control and keep everyone diverted, fed and working at something.

Wish I was seventy again.

Breaking the code in Iraq

5-17-08 I see by the morning paper that our prostitute government there has now shifted its dog-and-pony military show to Iraq's third-largest city, Mosul, after its failures in Baghdad and Basra.

You may remember that Nouri al-Maliki, in a bravura proclamation, pledged to stay in Basra as long as it took to defeat the Shiite insurgents there.

He crept out of town a few days later, defeated in spite of the local British and American air and land forces. You don't read about Basra anymore.

But, still lusting for military success against his chief rival, al-Sadr, al-Maliki sent his forces against the Shiite insurgents in control of the millions-strong inhabitants in the vast 'Sadr City' slum areas of Baghdad, only to retreat in spite of American troop back-up and house-wrecking (family-killing) air force bombs and missiles. The fighting stopped with a truce in which the Americans had to more or less agree to not invade al-Sadr neighborhoods. [We lie and fib and dance a lot, very reluctant to admit even a 'tactical' retreat. Questions are not answered and subjects are not allowed to surface. You must divine the truth by what is not said.]

Now al-Maliki has flung his ill-trained and ill-motivated troops against the Sunni insurgents of Mosul, and lo the news shows him in retreat again, in a 'truce' again, offering money and forgiveness if the Sunni fighters will only turn in their heavy weapons and sign a pledge. I presume they are allowed to keep their rifles and handguns. But who knows since the final details on the terms have not yet been settled. Wow; what a way to run even a sham government.

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