

SIGN ON...

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SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE REMEMBERED ME TALKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, LEADING TO MY FRIEND BOB DAVIS BRINGING ME A HAND-MADE, NON U.S.L APPROVED, ELECTRIC PENCIL. I SAID IN MY LAST COMMENT THAT IT WAS FRAMED AND PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AND I WAS HAVING FUN SHOWING IT TO VISITORS. SO, (MAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN BOB CALLED AND WAS COMING OVER WITH ANOTHER CUTTING EDGE PIECE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

I AM NOW THE PROUD OWNER OF A ONE-OF-ITS KIND SOLAR PENCIL. IT IS A FINELY CRAFTED CARPENTER'S PENCIL WITH A BUILT-IN SOLAR PLATE, SO, AS LONG AS IT'S SUNNY, I CAN MARK MEASUREMENTS ANY WHERE WHETHER THE ELECTRIC PENCIL WON'T WORK! THANK YOU, BOB, FOR BRINGING ME ONE MORE STEP UP THE ELECTRONIC LADDER! BY THE WAY,

BOB REMINDED ME THAT WHEN I DID A COMMENT HIGHLIGHTING FOLKS FROM ~~COUNTRY~~ ^{FROM COLORADO} THAT HAVE GONE ON TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS, BOB ~~RECALLED~~ TOLD ME THAT THE OPERA SINGER, CHAR

MIE TURNER HIS ~~IS~~ AUNT HIS MOTHER'S SISTER. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT EVERY ONE WHO WANTS TO CUT GOVERNMENT EXPENSES HAS FOOD STAMPS ON THEIR LIST. I'M REPRESENTING MYSELF A LITTLE HERE, BUT I'M THINKING THAT IF ALL THOSE FOLKS HAD TO LIVE ON MINIMUM, OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE

WAGES, THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST ONES TO LINE UP FOR FOOD STAMPS. PUT ~~TO~~ ALMOST FIFTY YEARS IN THE RETAIL GROCERY BUSINESS, MOSTLY SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED STORES, I WAS JUST STARTING TO LEARN TO CHECKER AND CHECKING OUT FOOD STAMP ORDERS WAS COMPLICATED. SO MUCH MILK, CERTAIN KINDS OF CEREAL, AND SO ON. AS THE SYSTEM GOT STREAMLINED, IT BECAME EASIER, BUT STILL UNDER CONTROL

AS WHAT ~~ONE~~ COULD BE PURCHASED. NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE, THERE ARE ALWAYS CHEATERS AND THOSE WHO BREAK THE RULES, BUT THE LARGEST MAJORITY ARE GLAD TO HAVE THEM SO THEY CAN BETTER SERVICE ~~OUR~~ CITIZENS FEED THEIR FAMILIES. (MOVING ON - THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN NEONNEGAN BROUGHT UP ^{ISSUES} ~~THE PROBLEMS~~ WITH THOSE FOR AND AGAINST SUN CONTROL POUNDING THE AIRWAVES AND PRINT MEDIA)

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH GUN CONTROL IS, MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING ME, HAVE GUNS AT HOME ALREADY. I KEEP MINE LOCKED UP AND UNLOADED, WITH THE AMMUNITION STORED SEPARATELY, SO I CAN'T SAY THEY ARE FOR PROTECTING MYSELF OR MY FAMILY, ALTHOUGH, IF THE SITUATION AROSE, I ~~would~~ USE THEM - I'VE TELL THE BANDIT - "WAIT JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES WHILE I GET THEM OUT AND DO A BACKGROUND CHECKS AND ALL THAT, OR ENTHUSIASTS - IF THEY TRIED TO HAVE TO PRY THEM FROM MY COLD, DEAD HANDS!" MANY OF THE PEOPLE I TALK TO, ESPECIALLY THE OLD TIMERS - ANY ONE WHO HAS BEEN HERE OVER 10 YEARS BEING AN OLD TIMER, FOR THIS PURPOSE, ~~say~~ - EVER SURE AIN'T LIKE IT USED TO BE! CHIC JACKINS, DAVIS'S, HOME INVASIONS - YOU CAN'T LEAVE ANYTHING JUST LYING AROUND. A PAIR OF GUYS BROKE INTO A HOME IN THE FORTUNA AREA AND TOOK ~~several~~ SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF STUFF PLUS CREDIT CARDS WHICH THEY TRIED TO USE AT BEAR RIVER. THEY WOULDN'T WORK, BUT THEY DID GET GOOD SURVEILLANCE PICTURES. SO - KEEP EVERYTHING LOCKED UP AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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