

**July, 2004**

### **Errors on My Web Site**

I was told, by my hosting service, of a security problem with one of the Perl scripts I was using on my web site. I updated the software per their directions and still have some problems with that program but they should be easily rectified. Unfortunately, I also have problems with another Perl script program, my Picture of the Day feature...I am trying to resolve this at this time. Looks like a security issue but I have not figured it out yet.

### **Diarrhea**

Squirtin' like a scared octopus that can't even ink a deal.  
Frederick Blues Festival

**Follow this link for details of the Frederick Blues Festival 2004 which opens Friday, 17 July.**

### **How Conveeenient!!!**

According to the Washington Post on 10 July, "Bush's War-Era Records Damaged... Alabama Service Still Not Verified." Imagine that!

### **Photo Album Working Again**

I got my photo album working again on my site after having to upgrade due to a security flaw in the version of the program I was using. I still have some bugs in it though and am trying to work them out. Unfortunately, I still have a problem with my picture of the day function.

### **Movies Versus Real Life**

According to today's Washington Post, "Robberies Stymie Area Police." Ironically, I watched "Heat" last night. "Heat" is 1995 movie starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro about a very violent, sophisticated criminal gang in LA. As soon as I started reading the newspaper article, I thought of the movie. Then in the article, they implied that the movie may have had "the strongest influence on the gang."

Good movie and interesting article. Registration required to read the article online unfortunately but I don't seem to get any related spam.

### **Warning: This May Be a Repeat Rant**

Who are these ass cheeses that think it is okay to park in the fire lanes in front of liquor stores? They don't seem to do it anyplace else in shopping malls... There doesn't seem to be a particular type of person that does it... They are just all in common disrespectful. This practice is not only illegal but makes it more difficult for law-abiding traffic to get in and out of their parking spots and lanes. Most liquor stores should probably have Big Brother watching them via surveillance camera...to pay for it, they could fine the maggots that illegally park in front of the stores!

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### **Ach Tongue Baby**

For those of you that are interested...I have posted some pics from my grandmother's 90th birthday party. Pictures from my Grandmother Eames' Birthday Party 2004.

### **Highways and Byways Are Not My Ways**

I had a relatively uneventful drive from Centerville to Frederick today between 0915 and 1015. Yes, I did eventually get caught behind a sticking diesel pickup with massive horse trailer behind it from Lovettsville to Point of Rocks but it is the summer and to be expected. More annoying was the dump truck I got caught behind shortly there after going up RT 15 to RT 340. As I may have noted in an earlier rant, I can think of no punishment adequate for dump truck drivers...I am not sure if Stalin could have.

This dump truck motored up RT 15 (speed limit 55 MPH) at somewhere between 30 and 45 MPH

with its emergency flashers on the whole time (usually illegal) all the while spewing out its filthy diesel exhaust fouling the air with its stink and particulate matter. This was almost endurable until I saw a Frederick County Sheriff's Department deputy standing next to her vehicle radar gunning people coming south on RT 15 from RT 340. This is not an uncommon occurrence...one which we frequent travelers of the road expect. However, I hope that this deputy took note of this slow, destruction, I mean construction, vehicle motoring up RT 15 at 40 MPH with an endless line of vehicles behind it.

The deputy might have noticed the dump truck but I doubt she did or would do anything about it. To top it off, after we merged on to RT 340 (speed limit 65 MPH), and those of us who had been trapped behind this reeking pile of sloth finally managed to be able to take advantage of the two lanes each way to pass the behemoth, it turned off its emergency flashers and sped up to between 70 and 75 MPH! WTF?

#### **Tax Breaks and Old Dominion Beer Shakes**

According to yesterday's Washington Post article, "Taxes Cut, Not Saved," President Bush's tax cuts do not necessarily mean more money in your pocket. Economic downturns and increases in taxes other than federal taxes quickly eat into and oftentimes devour the savings.

Of immediate interest to me in this article were the references to and by one of the part-owners of Old Dominion Brewery which, less than three years ago was probably the most successful, quality microbrewery (craft brewery if you prefer) operation on the east coast of the U.S. Old Dominion, located not far from the center of the "Dulles Corridor" in Northern Virginia, once considered to be the "Silicon Valley" of the east coast, has been directly affected by the burst of the tech bubble and the economic down turn. Bailey, the part-owner, loses due to decreased sales. Higher gas prices inflate the cost of his commute and increased housing prices and property taxes are a double whammy on his pocket.

Check to see how much he made on his investment in 2003...it is not a heartening sight.

#### **Job Hunt**

My second interview with Dynamic Details, Inc. went well I think. I hope to hear back from them early next week with a job offer.