

THE WIND TAKES THE LION: RIP SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

Teddy Kennedy has passed away

A CHEBBY IN THE NATIONAL DRIVEWAY & LESSON IN HEALTHCARE MESSAGING

Barack Obama is bad and he's nationwide. And he's got a new ride. NASCAR was at the White House today; Obama could learn some lessons from them.

THE POETRY OF DETROIT AUTO

Danny Heitman has a quirkily fascinating op-ed up in the New York Times on the attempt in the mid to late 50s by Ford Motor Company to enlist a poet laureate to help sell its products: The question is brought to mind by the story of Marianne Moore, the famous American writer, who served for a brief season as the Ford Motor Company's unofficial poet laureate.... A Ford executive wrote that the company

THE COST OF OBAMA'S BEER FEST FAILURE IS MORE TASERED MOMS

Not long ago (though it strangely seems far removed) I wrote a series of posts about the incident surrounding Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates. First, it was an illegal and unconstitutional arrest but with Obama's gaffe and silly "Beer Summit" we lost that discussion. Continued abuse of police power is a sad result.

WOODSTOCK: 40 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD AND A NATION LOST

As you may have heard, we are on the precipice of the 40th anniversary of Woodstock. What did it mean, and what does it say about our culture, especially the youth, today?

DEATH PANELS FROM BAD LEGISLATION

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom (England), and even Venezuela. What do all these developed first order modern countries have in common? They abolished the death penalty. Conspicuously absent of course is the United States. We are the only country in the Americas, whether North

or South, that utilizes the death penalty in anything other

21ST CENTURY HATE

I was noodling around the intertoobz tonight, and was struck by the thought that the concept of "American Exceptionalism" may refer to our ability to bring teh stupid. First up to bat are the down with browners. From the Los Angeles Times:Walt Staton wanted to help people, and his tool was a water jug.

THIS BUD IS FOR YOU MENTAL MIDGETS OF THE MEDIA

There are three irreducible minimums emanating from the arrest of Henry Louis Gates at his home in Cambridge Massachusetts. First, it was an illegal and unconstitutional arrest. Second, it may or may not (my inclination is not, at least at the outset) have been a racially motivated moment. Third, it is an event that has become embedded in the national consciousness from which the nation could learn and

MEDIA FAILURE: GATES

AND CROWLEY NEED TO PERSONALLY LEAD

President Obama, with his response to a question about the Henry Gates arrest taken at Wednesday night's prime time healthcare press conference, set the nation off on a discussion of race and law. Unfortunately, the discussion has cleaved and both sides fell into regrettable, and sadly predictable roles. We are missing the important lessons the moment should be teaching us.

BYE BYE AMERICAN PIE

As most of you know by now, automobiles are personal to me. I grew up around cars, car people and car racing. And I grew up in America of the 60s and 70s. Whence I came from Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie & Chevrolet wasn't just a slogan, it was a root truth and way of life. Did that music die today?