Subject: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 12:52:33 GMT
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Anyone looked at this immigration bill of bush's? Did you know that it authorises any illegal to collect social security payments for any year in which they were authorised to work but there was no work for them? This is for those who qualify for the amnesty provisions of the bill.And they qualify even if they used an illegal SS number in the past; they are issued a new valid number. Thats two felonies and still they get citizenship; man the reps really want that slave labor badly.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Damir on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 14:28:30 GMT
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Hey, the rebels who actually fought against Croatia for four years, made their so-called "Krajina" country, then lost the war and run away get the amnesty from Croatian goverment. That`s right - the amnesty, all the documents (IDs, passports,...), pension rights, right to their abandoned property + right to fix their houses (on the state account) destroyed in the war, etc. Only the war criminals (who tortured, killed, burned) can`t be amnested, but those people rarely return. Little by little "amnested" people returned, they have the equal rights like other cytizens - everything isn`t perfect, but normal life takes place, little by little. Some humanitar aid organisations and countries help a little in this process.It isn`t the same situation, but what I tried to say is - civilized life can`t be based on cruelty, unjustice, "us and them", inflexibility and past "sins". Everything isn`t B&W, and compromised solutions (for the most of the people) can be found, with a little good will.In all those debates about barbed wire fences, guns, etc. we somehow forgot that we are all brothers and sisters - and I don`t care how pathetic and "unrealistic" can this sound to someone...

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 15:43:22 GMT
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You're really a good man, Damir. I'm proud to know you.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Damir on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 17:59:26 GMT
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Hey, thank you, Wayne. Of course, I feel the same about you and all the good people here, despite the political differences... I respect everyone`s effort about this audio forum... well, back to arguing...
http://www.plyrics.com/lyrics/buzzcocks/adifferentkindoftension.html

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Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 19:28:25 GMT
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I don't know; I always assumed we were all proud to know each other; I never thought of it as a selective feeling.As far as what the topic is; your situation is a little different D; you had a war that expressed latent hostilities going back to the dark ages. Here we are being invaded by a neighbor who is profiting from the hard work of our citizens while our own citizens go without healthcare and other amenities. It is the same thing as if Greece decided to flood your country with their citizens against your laws and then take jobs away from you and your people while using your health care for free; your schooling for free and offering nothing in return. No national service; pay no taxes; no investment in our economy. They provide; according to the Pew Charitable Trust figures a net loss of over 3000$ per yr per individual to our country. It's nice to have wonderfull feelings for the world; let me see how you re-act when a hostile group of anti-catholic immigrants decides to demand that your people stop worshipping your way. That might change that happy point of view somewhat.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 21:45:57 GMT
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Very good point. Patience and tolerance, and listening with respect are all things more important than probably anything else for problem-solving, at least in matters where other people are concerned.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 22:24:27 GMT
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Wayne; you do a really great Mr Rogers impression. Thanks for the chuckle.I swear it's just that good; "Can you say,,, Egg McMuffin?"The only guy who did that better was Bill Murray on SNL.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Damir on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 22:28:57 GMT
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Well, MB - I think that you even can`t imagine what we went through over there.Some official statistics (the source - Croatian goverment, from linked document, unfortunately, just in Croatian language):-republic of Croatia has about 4,5 milions of people, the war was from 1991-1995.-in the end of 1992. there was 663.493 refugees registered in Croatia, and 136.000 that ran away in other countries, total ~800.000 refugees.-from that number, 402.768 registered refugees came in Croatia from Bosnia and Herzegovina, more then 200.000 Bosnian Muslims among them-the number of refugees was smaller in 1998.(about 126.181 registered, but more then 100.000 out of system- unregistered, mostly from BiH) - some of them returned to their homes, some went to other countries-about 283.000 people left Croatia (1998. statistic), mostly Serbs - but at the same time there`re the process of return, parallel with rebuilding of houses-and the most important thing for you, MB - care for various refugees costed Republic of Croatia MORE THEN ONE BILLION of $. Various foreign organisations and countries donated only 11%, the rest payed Croatian citizens.-many foreign citizens didn`t return in their countries (Bosnia and Serbia mostly), but stayed to live in Croatia. They have the same rights as other citizens, which are born here, worked here and payed taxes, medical insurances, etc.- and newcomers weren`t.-there`re many problems - culture differences, jobs, some small towns doubled their population, etc.-those are just some small numbers about war consequences. I think that this war returned Croatia tens of years back.But, solidarity existed, and no one blame those poor people - isn`t everything in the money.This is just the small detail of the situation here.
http://hrvatska.poslovniforum.hr/nn-arhiva/00005/00528.asp

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 22:35:29 GMT
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Actually - ask the guys around here that know me - I'm pretty ornery. Ain't no fucking Mr. Rogers here.

Subject: A few more things :-)
Posted by Damir on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 22:55:18 GMT
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"Neigborhood invaders" aren`t guilty for (bad?) US health system, schooling, loss of jobs...blame domestic politics. If small and poorer countries can pay better services for their citizens, why US can`t? (Rhetoric question)"It's nice to have wonderfull feelings for the world; let me see how you re-act when a hostile group of anti-catholic immigrants decides to demand that your people stop worshipping your way. That might change that happy point of view somewhat."Those are just your

fantasies, as always when you try to prove something. We are open and touristic country, and after all that war traumas - very tolerant and safe. We have a big Muslim mosque in the capitol city, Zagreb - no problem at all, although we was in the war with Otoman Impery (Muslim religion like important part of it) for hundreds of years. "Our" Muslim population like Croatia :-).And know what? We don`t have and we will not have a terrorist problem.

Subject: Re: A few more things :-)
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 23:24:42 GMT
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Sounds like Elygia; I would like to live there.I really dont think you have an accurate picture of this situation we have here. The impression I get is you seem to think there is a nice little community of innocent hard-working families from Mexico just behaving in tolerant ways and working hard to become good citizens here in their adopted land. That may be true somewhere in Oz; but not here.A coupke truths; more than 20% of the most hardened criminals in our jails in more than ten states are illegals; the murderers; rapists; torturers etc.There are more than 13 MILLION of them here; working off the books and clogging up the schools and hospitals. In one town close by me there has been a movie documentary made describing the houses where 30 or more people live; the sewage floating down what used to be clean suburban streets. Most of the illegals are men between the ages of 16 and 40; alone because their families are back in Mexico. All of our citzens pay a big tacx to support these people while their money does not go into making homes here in their adopted country; it goes back into Mexico. While we support them.The estimate for the average wage that is depressed by a very significant amount affects mostly the poorest members of our country. They must suffer the consequences of this invasion. You my friend are on a forum where a very small minority opinion gets big play. That Americans are welcoming of these invaders and happy to see them succeed here.Most of the real world here is made up of people who paid into Social Security and Medicare their whole working lives a significant amount of money every paycheck so that their families and friends would be cared for when the became old and unable to work. These hordes of illegals are burning our saftey net we worked for every day.So if you are real enough to challenge my thinking here then maybe you will be real enough to answer one question (although I wont get my expectations of that happening too high); and that one question is;Why dont they stay in their country and work hard to make that a better place to live in for their families they left behind?

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 23:34:23 GMT
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Let me see if I got this right. 663--- refugees in, 223--- refugees out.So that leaves 400--- left in Croatia that werent there before.You say the pop. is 4.5 million. So we have 250 million citizens of which over 13 million are illegal and that is a very conservative figure. So where is the

comparison? What is the average age grouping; since different ages require different amounts and types of social aid. We are told over 20 billion dollars disappears every year due to illegals not paying taxes not paying hospital bills not paying rent not paying school bills etc etc.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 23:36:59 GMT
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Oh; I am sure thats not really you; just those posts are so...Mr Rogers. Its great stuff.You gotta hear Murrays version its a scream.Its a beautifull day in the neighborhood; ehh?

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 01:46:30 GMT
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Actually it is me. It's just that I can chose to react to things in many ways. There is the way I would want to act, then there's he way I might act if something really pisses me off. I'd rather act as my better self but then again...

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Damir on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 08:19:29 GMT
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I`d like to answer, but don`t know the exact numbers - only estimating that there`re about 10% of the new population here, mostly from Bosnia. No one knows - most of them get Croatian documents... How many people are on some form of social aid, including early retirement...a lot. There`re a very bad situation about jobs and wages, corruption, everything.Most of the industry is destroyed (in war or "privatisation"), especially in some parts of the country...not a good picture, really - we have a large debts and credits.Health care has large debts, too - but, hey - isn`t everything bad. The parliament remited the debts (about $120 millions) to soccer clubs. Well, they didn`t payed the taxes or anything for years...some wicked persons said that this is not a sport anyway, but mafia-politics-business...Hey, but what`s $120 millions of taxes when it`s World`s Cup...show must go on...

Subject: Re: A few more things :-)

Posted by Damir on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 08:33:05 GMT
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This situation is everywhere in Europe - people from poor countries migrated to the richest (EU). It is the problem, see the Germany, France... I don`t know the answer - how to stop the poverty, unjustice, political chaos and wars in other countries... In the world where probably 90% of people live not so good, you can`t stop the migrations for the better life...nor reach countries can build the iron walls - better to somehow help, politically and economically...

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 11:37:36 GMT
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See thats probably where we differ. I am the same way all the time. When you work or play or live or meet with me you always know exactly who I am and what I stand for. No surprises here; just the same old me.Like Popeye says;"I yam what I yam and Thats All what I yam." I've always felt it more important people know what to expect than to lead them on.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 11:40:58 GMT
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Yeah; my son started watching the World Cup and now he has me interested. Over here it doesn't get the attention that it does in the rest of the world. He doesn't play but he played when he was younger for a few years.

Subject: Re: A few more things :-)
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 11:51:26 GMT
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Thats the stock answer and BTW thanks for answering at all; thats hard to come by around here; answers I mean.But again; Mexico is a big country with lots of natural resources. The people are hardworking and families are close support systems. The real reason they are coming in droves lies in their inability to create and maintain a serious government. Their government has managed to create a society where the top 1% of the population holds 90% of the wealth. And that is the same direction we in the U.S. are going. They may end up out of the fat and into the fire if the bush administration continues to get the right to decimate the middle class here.And one other

thing; your situation is a little different in that the people who are coming into your country are refugees; a humanitarian effort is made on their part. These people here are here to benefit economically due to their allowance of such wealth disparity in Mexico.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 13:13:33 GMT
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Yes, I do too. But I try to be polite and tactful. That isn't always easy in some situations. And in fact, sometimes I can't do it.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 14:00:13 GMT
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Thats because you take yourself too seriously. If you accept the fact that we are here only a short time and the only things of real importance are your health and the health of your family; then it gets easier.If we are constrained by arbitrary; self-imposed rules devised by religous or societal directives then we cant act in a truthfull manner. We become examples of someone elses agenda.Like handguns. We as people know they are bad; so as a reasonable person we surrender that priviledge in order to make people safer. Or instead we really like playing with them; so when we are asked to sacrifice that pleasure for the common good we get all riled up and crow about some ill-concieved, manufactured interpretation of our rights. Then hostility grows regarding those who ask for that sacrifice and BAM; high blood pressure and subliminated anger. Instead if we just admitt that the real reason we are against gun control is because we like to play with guns then we feel better and more comfortable with ourselves. This is just an example to illustrate what I mean. Not accepting the responsibility or the reality of a situation is bad for the heart and causes arterial sclerosis.

Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Damir on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 16:54:43 GMT
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Did you hear that NY is the most polite town on Earth, based on some new research?
http://www.musicindustrie.com/lyrics_tabs/gang_of_four/lyrics/anthrax.html

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Subject: Re: I can't Believe This
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 22 Jun 2006 18:42:53 GMT
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Here is my take on that. NY has always been the easiest place to live in regards to people and how we have to deal with them on a daily basis. One; NY natives have the best sense of humor outside of people from England. Two; NY'ers are quick on the draw. One of the most difficult adjustments for me when I lived out of state was the pace; how you would find yourself finishing peoples sentences or holding your breath in anticipation of some kind of resolution of the thought before you croaked.Three NY'ers are used to adversity. Most of us have lived with a fast expensive and difficult lifestyle and as a result we can adapt easily to situations where others might have difficulty.Four; we are exposed to every type kind and style of person and experience on earth on a daily basis. So we are not easily flustered or thrown for a loop; confused or disoriented.Five; the schools are good here and even the IQ challenged are at least somewhat competent and experienced.Thats my take on the subject of why stay here even though it is so damned expensive and crowded and half the time you can't even get off the island.

Subject: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 05:14:53 GMT
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"Don't take yourself too damn seriously"

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 11:32:12 GMT
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What does modesty have to do with it? It is what it is. I didn't create it; I just live here. So how can my personal modesty mean anything?Now crowing as loud as you can about designing the "Most Powerfull Subwoofer In The World",,,,thats where modesty could have been more gainfully employed.

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 15:14:55 GMT
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Tell you what. Find something to prove me wrong on my comments. Try it. Find something more

the other similar events around the country for that matter.While you're at it, I'll look around here and see if I can't find a person or two that thinks you're a smug, arrogant prick, annoyingly obsessed with arguing politics and picking fights. How's that sound?
 The Most Powerful Subwoofer in the World

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 15:25:06 GMT
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Well the problem with that is two-fold as I see it. One; you have an unproveable hypothesis since to be considered the best in the world you can't just claim you ARE the best in the world and then tell the world to prove you are not. You have to prove that you are. Example; Mohammad Ali was critisised for saying he was the best in the world; but he found challengers then met them in battle and defeated them. He offered a challenger lots of money to beat him or even fight him. He went wherever he was told there was a challenger; including the Phillipines and Zaire. He didn't sit somewhere and demand that the people come to him and prove he was wrong. I tell you what; offer some serious cash to anyone who can best your stats and we'll see what happens.The second part is I don't agree with the smug part and the prick part; although I can sound arrogant at times. And i can't argue politics because no one will provide a reasonable premise to refute any arguments I may offer. Arguments require two sides of a point; not just saying someone is wrong.

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 16:49:36 GMT
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very nice. I liked it better when you stayed behind the curtain and only answered all the post from your other forums. Is this your new effort in peace keeping? LOL

Subject: Time for the cartoons... :-)
Posted by Damir on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 16:56:30 GMT
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Subject: Re: Time for the cartoons... :-)
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 18:58:14 GMT
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Man; you had to make me look at that! Jeez D-Man, what are you thinking.

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 19:09:14 GMT
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Good luck with that. You might try the guys at BASSMAXX, they might give me a run for my money next time around. But I don't think anyone else will.

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 19:10:05 GMT
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Good to hear from you. Still doing anything in audio?

Subject: Re: Time for the cartoons... :-)
Posted by Damir on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 19:41:54 GMT
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Hey, I thought that`s a good illustration in the thread about "a smug, arrogant prick, annoyingly obsessed with arguing politics and picking fights".And, what`s more, it`s about World Cup in soccer...

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 19:47:49 GMT
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Sorry but thats meaningless to me.

Subject: Re: Time for the cartoons... :-)
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 23:58:59 GMT
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So my friend I gather that cartoons will be our preffered method of communication from now on. No problem; i'll supply one whenever and wherever I see you post and we can exchange them. Let the games begin.

Subject: Re: All that and you're modest too
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 24 Jun 2006 02:01:30 GMT
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Not as much as you do, that's for sure. I make 3 or 4 pair of wood horns a month for the Klipsch folks. I Sell a lot of BMS drivers too. Nice work on the 12pi. Been doing lots of cnc stuff myself.

Subject: Indecent exposure case :-)
Posted by Damir on Sat, 24 Jun 2006 09:56:48 GMT
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Hey, relax, MB - I didn`t suggest that it is YOU on that photo, anyway, you claearly stated that you are not a big soccer fan... Just, when ugly words started to flow I think that humour is the best way to get over it...But, if vulgar contest of this photo somehow offended you, maybe this, more decent photo can be better? Croatian soccer fans - known throughout the Europe for their decency...
http://www.go2lyrics.com/S/Stranglers/612823.html

Subject: Re: Indecent exposure case :-)
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 24 Jun 2006 11:44:26 GMT
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No offense taken my friend; although I do wonder why you would take on the job of arbitrator here. I also notice there were no cartoons addressing anyone else posted there. But thats o'kay, we can sort this out over time, there are plenty of cartoons to go around for everyone.