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("It's the truth even if it didn't happen.")
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"Somebody threw a book at President Obama. If you're trying to scare a president by throwing a book at him, you're one president too late." —David Letterman

"Here is the difference between Obama's dog Bo and the economy. Obama fixed the dog." —David Letterman

"Joe Biden said today President Obama has asked him to run again with him in 2012. So I think I speak for all late-night hosts when I say, 'Thank you, Mr. President.'" —Jay Leno

--"**Weekend Update,**" with **Seth Meyers:** "On Friday, the White House released Rahm Emanuel back into the wild. ... Can he kiss a baby without it bursting into flames? ... President Obama has been ... engaging voters in a series of backyard chats. He was gonna do front-yard chats, but then you get the foreclosure sign in the pictures." --Saturday Night Live

"Rahm Emanuel is leaving the Obama administration. He wants to become mayor of Chicago. If you're mayor of Chicago, that means you report directly to Oprah." —David Letterman

"In three weeks Californians will vote on whether to legalize marijuana. Which means that three weeks and one day from now thousands of stoners will say, 'Oh crap, that was yesterday?'" —Jimmy Fallon

"California gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman has released a new TV ad in both Mandarin and Cantonese. This is part of her effort to reach out to the Asian community. That's how California works, where a white woman from back East, trying to replace an Austrian governor, runs an ad in Chinese to explain to people why she hired a Mexican maid." —Jay Leno

"Rich Iott, the Republican nominee and Tea Party-backed candidate for Congress in Ohio, has admitted that he dressed up in a Nazi uniform for a Nazi reenactment. He said he was just following orders. His campaign slogan: 'In your heart you know he's Reich.'" —Jay Leno

"The Nobel Prize in the fiction category went to Christine O'Donnell's resume." —David Letterman

"The Senate has passed a new bill that requires TV stations to lower the volume level on commercials. This is great, a hundred of the most powerful people in the nation have managed to do the same thing my remote does." —Jimmy Fallon

"Donald Trump may run for president. Is that a good idea? Haven't enough Americans already been told, 'You're fired'?" —Jay Len

WILTON, CT—Michael Chandler looks out the windows of his sun room, past the swimming pool and guest cottage, to the wide backyard where his two children are playing with their pet Dalmatian, Scotty. At a time when Americans everywhere are sharing the struggle of a once-in-a-generation recession, Chandler can't help but wonder how he and his family fell through the cracks.

"It's just not fair," said the 49-year-old real estate developer and grandson of oil baron Duncan Chandler. "Everyone is worrying about an uncertain future and coming together to express their outrage, and I don't get to be a part of it."

Staring out at the ornate garden where workers were installing a large marble fountain, Chandler sighed and added, "It's like I don't even exist."
--The Onion

A Walmart store in Alliance, Ohio, called police to report a man had wheeled an estimated \$1,000 worth of merchandise out of the store without paying for it. When officers arrived they chased after the suspect, but lost him in the darkness. They searched for 40 minutes before a frantic 911 call: "I'm in the back of a trash truck that keeps compacting me!" James Brienzo, 37, had apparently hidden from police in a trash dumpster, which was picked up minutes later. "He was pretty well compacted" by the time officers found the right truck, Police Chief Scott Griffith said. Brienzo was so intertwined with the 6-8 tons of trash that the truck had to dump its load to free him, and he was hospitalized in critical condition. His arrest record filled 26 pages, including a previous arrest at the same Walmart. (Canton Times- Reporter, WJW-TV) --This Is True

A professor at Umea University in northern Sweden was upset when his laptop computer was stolen. It wasn't so much the computer, but the data. "Unfortunately, I have been bad at backing up my computer," he lamented. The professor asked to remain anonymous; he was noted only as

being a leader is his field. A week later, he got a surprise in the mail: a memory stick that was taken with the computer. The thief had backed up the professor's data, and sent it to him. "I am very happy," the professor said. "This story makes me feel hope for humanity." (Sweden Local) ...Ah, so he's a sociology professor. --This Is True

"Man Says Cocaine Found in Buttocks Isn't His" -- KTLA-TV News headline

"Squirrels Refuse Medical Care" --Washington Post headline

IT'S THE TRUTH EVEN IF IT DID HAPPEN:

Reality: Social Security has run a surplus since it began, has a trust fund in the trillions, is completely sound for at least 25 more years and cannot legally borrow so cannot contribute to the deficit (compare that to the military budget!) --AlterNet

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