

Re: OT: Inflammatory Post of the Week

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John Larkin wrote:

> On 19 Nov 2005 01:48:49 -0800, bill.sloman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

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>> John Larkin wrote:

>>> On 18 Nov 2005 14:48:00 -0800, bill.sloman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

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>>> > Oh well. It can't be too long now before the international bankers who
>>> > are now financing the U.S. balance of payments deficit finally lower
>>> > the boom, and silly extravagances – like pointless military adventures
>>> > in Iraq – are going to be off the menu, along with cheap gasoline.

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>>> How does that old saying go, something like "If you owe a banker a
>>> thousand dollars, you're in trouble; if you owe him a million, he's in
>>> trouble."

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>>> Only substitute "trillion."

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>> A truism so well-known that even international bankers understand it,
>> which is why the boom will be lowered earlier rather than later. As long
>> as the US had assets left to sell off, everybody was happy to let them
>> go their extravagant way, but the bottom of that particular barrel has
>> now been well-scraped, and no amount of creative book-keeping is going
>> to persuade anybody to buy the residual junk.

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>>> > Hope Jim likes cycling.

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>>> He works at home!

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>> And lives under house arrest? That figures.. The intermittent boasting
>> about over-engined cars is just pure nostalgia from the days when he
>> could use a car to visit his kids and his like-thinking friends (and
>> you wouldn't want to live within gunshot of his like-thinking friends,
>> would you).

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> Your reflexive (and uninformed) carping becomes tedious.

Regrettably, my carping is relatively well-informed – try this from the top of a google search on "U.S. balance of payments deficit"

http://www.digitaleconomist.com/bop_4020.html

You probably don't like hearing that your bubble is on the verge of bursting, but if we can drag you through denial to resignation and acceptance, you may find a way to anticipate some of the problems that will show up when the situation comes to a head.

>Your only pleasures seem to derive from predicting misfortune and deploring the
> lives of others. This seems, if I dare to generalize, peculiarly
> European.

Scarcely my only pleasure. And if it were, ascribing it to a Tasmanian-born and Australian educated Australian citizen would be an odd way of generalizing to European behaviour.

> Jim and I are doing good work and having fun. You might give that a
> try.

I'd love to, and spend a couple of hours every week applying for every electronic job going in my corner of the Netherlands – on average, every week the search engine throws up two new jobs that I can reasonably apply for. For my age-group in the Netherlands, the chance that any individual application will lead to a job is less than 0.1% – about one in seventy get a job in any one year. I've got a lot more to offer than the average applicant, but so far all I've had has been a couple of job interviews. One would have got me a job, if the project had gone through ...

> But the real question is, do you think adding the rocket launchers
> would detract from the beauty of my Golf?

If you ask me, the Golf is an ugly little car, though the engine and suspension are fine. My wife drives a much prettier Sean Leon sports, which wraps a Spanish-designed body around the German-engineered running gear.

Put a rocket launcher on your Golf by all means, or go out and buy a Hummer and stick a 105mm recoilless rifle on the roof – we rely on you Americans to satirise yourselves, since the European imagination can't match your far-fetched reality.

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