

Website of the week

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... of you who are diehard fans of the man who you think is a moron, a web page has been dedicated to your shared beliefs. At Wisdom of Dan Quayle, people from all schools of politics, whether they be Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Socialist can all have a little laugh at the man who would have led us into war if former President George Bush had been assassinated during Operation Desert Shield.

First, navigate yourself to www.concentric.net/~salistars/. Then, click on the 17th item down

in the "Contents" frame, The Wisdom of Dan Quayle. Here you will find many "Quaylisms," or asinine things that our former Vice President said in public.

Did you think Dan Quayle was just a poor, misunderstood man who made a few minor spelling errors? This page will prove you wrong. Some of the quotes seem to make sense at first, and then become extremely confusing: "[It's] time for the human race to enter the Solar System." Just think about that one for awhile.

Then there are other quotes that never had any hope of making sense: "We don't want to go back to four-

now, we want to go forward." Still other quotes sound like the ramblings of a drunk: "What a waste it is to lose one's mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is." It's bad enough that the man speaks nonsense, but he actually reaffirms himself afterwards!

At any rate, this page is sure to further complicate the enigma that is Dan Quayle. The author stands by his quotes too. At the bottom of the page is a disclaimer that the quotes are assumed to be accurate and correct, and anybody who can disprove them is invited to do so. Also, fellow Quayle-bashers are invited to send their Quaylisms along with a traceable source to salivart@ix.netcom.com.

So come and enjoy this parade of stupidity. However, the reader should be warned that the content in this page will make one significantly sadder for having read it.

Life is Beautiful is a must-see

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I anxiously waited again for another movie to come to Erie, and it was well worth the wait. This time I saw *Life is Beautiful*, co-written, directed and starring the incredible Roberto Benigni as Guido Orefice. *Life* is a complex movie that takes place in Tuscany during the beginning of World War II.

The movie also stars Benigni's wife Nicoletta Braschi, who plays his dream woman and wife. The film has an amazing performance by Giorgio Cantarini, who portrays Guido's son Giosue (Joshua).

The movie starts out in a lighthearted, if not zany tone, reminiscent of the early Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers musicals. Guido Orefice (Benigni) passes himself off

with his brother as a traveling prince throughout the hills of Tuscany, when he keeps on bumping into his love Dora (Nicoletta Braschi). It has the makings of a typical love story: when Guido tries to romance Dora, a schoolteacher from a wealthy family, on his meager earnings as a waiter. Dora already has a fiancée, who is a bank executive and quite influential in the town, but she is truly smitten by Guido's romantic ways.

The set that was used for the fabulous banquet hall that Guido works at is clearly reminiscent of the older movies of the 1930s and 1940s. The first indication that there is trouble from the Nazis in his town is when Guido and his son sees a sign reading, "No Jews or dogs allowed in store."

This is a very ambitious and risky undertaking by Benigni. Not only did

he have to walk a tight line as if not to offend anyone about his use of the Holocaust as a backdrop, but it had to offer some degree of realism so as not to be bizarre. This was definitely no take off of an old *Hogan's Heroes* episode. Although *Life* does not have the documentary feel of *Schindler's List*, but it was most effective.

Roberto Benigni is truly a genius; this work is clearly a masterpiece. Finally at the Academy Awards a few weeks ago it was quite a thrill for me, one of Italian-American ancestry, to see Roberto Benigni be presented the award for best Foreign Film by the legendary Sophia Loren. I think this film will spark the interest of the U.S. audience to expand their viewing from works around the world and broaden the horizons both intellectually and spiritually. Viva Italia!

Book review: Anne Rice's Vittorio the Vampire is horrible

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Anne Rice's new novel *Vittorio the Vampire* leaves a lot to be desired. This novel, which is part of her new tales of the vampires, is such a departure from the rest of her vampire books, that diehard Rice fans will be left wondering what happened to their beloved heroes, and new readers will have trouble getting into this story.

The basis of this book is to start the stories of a new group of vampires; separate from Rice's other vampire series. No longer will their be stories

about Lestat and his companion who captivated readers through Rice's seven previous vampire novels. The brat prince of Rice's New Orleans coven has written his last story.

Now maybe it was time to put the first set of vampires to rest, but her newest vampire, Vittorio, leaves a lot to be desired. In this novel, Vittorio does not become a vampire until the very end of the novel. The story consists of his family being killed by vampires, his seduction by a female vampire, his guardian angels helping him to kill the vampires that destroyed his family, and finally the dark gift being given

to him by his vampire lover. While this may sound like an interesting story line, the choppy and inconsistency of the story makes it hard to follow. The story needs a much smoother development to keep the readers interest. I wanted to put this book down after reading the first two chapters, but I forced myself to continue reading, hoping that the story would improve. But to my great surprise it didn't. I never thought that I would ever read a story by Anne Rice I did not like, but with her newest release I finally found one.

The Wisdom of Dan Quayle

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