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run the credits at the end, and that's good. If you want to know who played the part of the dead body, fine, you can wait for the credits to roll. Otherwise, join the audience as they bolt for the exit. We could save time and make Mr. Robertson (the time guy) happy by meditating while the credits roll. I guess that would qualify as a spiritual activity.

I recall a redneck comedian (Jeff Foxworthy I think it was) complaining about the dull wits of his relatives. The "Previews of Coming Attractions" stated, "Coming Soon To a Theatre Near You!" His relative queried, "How do they know where I live?"

These indulgences carry over to the news, too. "This is John Dooley reporting from Iraq". Or they say, in tones implying great import, "Cynthia Dingbat (pause, pause), Ottawa." You have to ask yourself, does it really matter who they are? Would the news be different if someone else uttered it?

I "performed" in a movie once. I played the part of a really stupid gun toting FBI agent who was outwitted, beaten, and finally shot with my own gun by an *unarmed naked* man. I was listed on the credits as a stunt man. The biggest stunt was keeping a straight face. You've heard all you're going to about that episode. I would have been very pleased if there were no credits at all to save me embarrassment and to save the spectators the agony of watching these unknown names, especially mine, scroll by.

Remember when we had to stand and sing "God Save the Queen" before a movie? Why did we do that? Why do we sing the national anthem before hockey games and other sporting events? There's nothing inherently patriotic about a hockey or baseball game. They're building the anticipatory tension, I guess, because people start hooting and clapping well before the last verse begins.

Oh well. I'm not happy this month. Consider this is a cry for help.

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