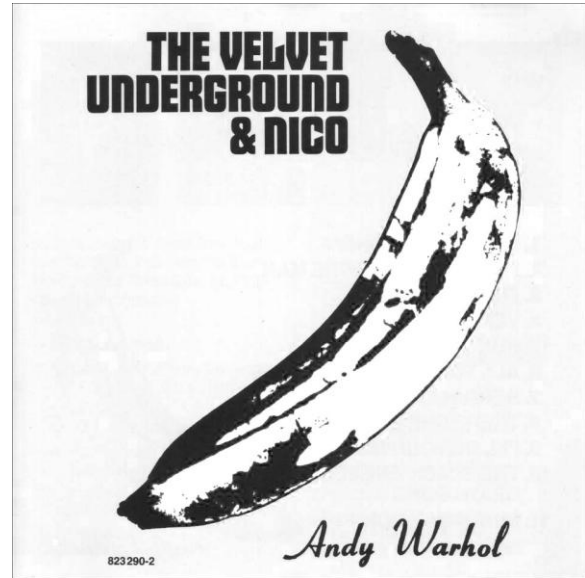


# big belch news.

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Hi. Will you still feed me, will you still read me, when I'm 65? Issues, that is. Happy Halloween. You know what's scary? Two people died. Well, I bet lots more than two people died, but two famous people died. Marcia Wallace, who played the receptionist on the Bob Newhart Show and later on, the voice of Edna Krabappel on "The Simpsons" died. Some news reporter was not a Simpsons fan when she mis-pronounced her last name as "crab apple." Every Simpsons fan knows its "Kruh-bopple." Anyway, I wonder what the show will do to deal with her death. She was kind of a major figure of The Simpsons. Anyway, another guy died. Velvet Underground founder/rocker Lou Reed died. He was 71. The Velvet Underground was a '60s rock band who later found success when they teamed up with Nico and put out an album with a banana on the cover on it. So there.

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Sports.

The ducks won again. So we're half-way through the college football season, so that means they have 8 games left to lose at least one. Right now they're ranked #2 in the nation, so they would play in the national title, but I doubt it will stay that way. And the blazers began. They began to suck again. I'm sick of rebuilding. We need a superstar. Maybe they'll suck so bad we'll get a high draft pick again. Hopefully if we do, we will learn our Sam/Greg debacles and NOT pick a big guy.

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AAAA! IT'S BRCK OBM!

Well, the site where you go to get Obamacare is still down. The lady who started the website has actually accepted the fact that it's her fault. Wow. She didn't blame Bush! It's supposed to be online on November 30. You know, I got to thinking. Maybe the reason it's not working is because nobody is using it. I'm actually surprised they even know that it's down. It's like "Gee, I think I'll check out the government website I created. Oh no, it's down again."

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I want you to have a happy Halloween. And I hope this little story about the origins of Halloween will help.

THE ORIGIN OF...

## **HALLOWEEN!**

Once upon a time, there was a guy named Fred Halloween. Mr. Halloween was a grumpy sort of fellow when it came to autumn. He hated the color of the leaves, the cold, and most of all, no reason whatsoever to celebrate anything. Sure, Columbus Day,

but nobody celebrated that. And certainly Election Day wasn't a time to celebrate, since the guy he voted for didn't get elected. And with Thanksgiving about a month away, he decided to make a holiday. He named it "Reason To Celebrate Day." It wasn't a big success at first, namely because nobody got candy. They all complained "We want candy! Without it, we have no reason to celebrate!" So they dressed up as Satan and went to Halloween's house to try to scare him to get themselves candy. So they went up to Fred's door. Fred answered it. He was horrified at what he saw. About 10,000 people were at his door demanding candy. You would be too. So he gave candy to the first ten people and to the rest, he gave all his worldly, unnecessary possessions. One person actually got a roll of toilet paper. The guy that got the roll of toilet paper said "What am I supposed to do with this? Toilets haven't been invented yet!" So he TP'ed Fred Halloween's tree out front. Another guy, disgusted at the eggs he got, threw them at Fred's door. And, I ran out of space to continue this story, so I'll end it.