A belated Happy Passover to you all, the holiday in which we commemorate that fateful night so long ago, when at the sound of a knock on the door, an entire tribe of people yelled as one, "DON'T ANSWER THAT!," and which would later inspire the Bruce Springsteen song "Spirit In The Night" (um, not even remotely true), as well as the popular expression "Keep movin', bubbellah!" (probably not true either, but what, I should know everything?)

Easter is upon us and resurrection is in the air, or at least at the supermarket checkout stand. Is that the Shroud of Turin I see before me once again, right next to Kate Hudson's new boyfriend? I see where the ol' shroud popped up on the MSN homepage this week as well, in between "Snacks to Skip When You Stop For Gas" and "Canine Cracks Grin and the World Smiles."

Resurrection is also in the water these days. Just ask our brethren and sistren in New Jersey, Rhode Island and Fargo, North Dakota. Ah, Fargo. Nothing says springtime like the annual sandbagging of the Red River. Far be it from anyone hailing from the great state of Alabama (such as moi) to throw stones at another person's domicile, but honestly, the only thing I can think of that would be worse than having your home in Fargo, North Dakota would be having your home underwater in Fargo, North Dakota every dadgum spring. Seriously, Fargo, enough already! Dig a ditch or something!

And speaking of states and resurrections, a warm welcome back to the Michigan Militia! What's it been, fifteen, twenty years? What is it about a democrat in the White House, combined with a rabid obsession with eschatology, that makes a Michigan man say, "Come on, boys, get yur guns! Time to go shootin' for Jesus!" Two interesting things about this week's arrest of the Hutaree militia. First, according to the New York Times, they were led by David Stone, "a former high school marching band member." Really? A band geek?! No offense to all you former sousaphone players out there, but precipitating the rapture while overthrowing the federal government strikes me as a little out of your league. The second most interesting thing about this week's arrest of the Hutarees is that the FBI was tipped off by a rival militia commander, Mr. Matt Savino, a former
Lutheran who "converted to Islam in the late 1990s." A Muslim in the Michigan Militia - times sure have changed. Thanks for the tip, Mr. Savino. By the way, you think there might be a file out there on you somewhere?

Resurrection is in the air at Judson Sunday School too, where this Sunday we will attempt to answer the centuries-old Easter dilemma: jelly beans or chocolate eggs? Join us for our annual Easter egg hunt and make your voice heard. Oh, and when you do drop your children off, be sure and check out our new Passover Punching Bag! For real! Is that mean 'ol Pharaoh once again refusing to let your people go? Plagues are like, so last millennium (or two or three ago). Join the Judson Sunday School Militia and give ol' Pharaoh a punch in the snoot!

Happy Easter everyone!

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