



Clown?

Letters

Dancing to Ukip's tune

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David Miliband is mistaken to characterise Michael Howard's political-correctness-gone-mad speech as an appeal to core Conservative voters (Report, August 27). Freedom from political correctness is one of the "five freedoms" that lie at the heart of the UK Independence party's political agenda. As the election approaches, I fear we will have many more opportunities to witness Howard dancing to Ukip's tune.

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I agree with Martin Kettle's main thrust (Comment, August 31), but Bush's "big spending" needs to be put in context. The budget office currently projects a federal budget deficit for the next 10 years at \$2 trillion. Opening the wallet is one thing; charging the credit-card bill to your children's children is another.

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Simon Tisdall is right on the threat to Cuba (World briefing, August 31). The Republican convention endorsed Bush's hardened sanctions and the president's election rhetoric in Florida included promises to overthrow "the tyrant" Fidel Castro.

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I was excited to find the feature on science fiction in Life (August 26). But not at the almost entirely male perspective. Where are the likes of Margaret Atwood (who only gets brief mention) and other female writers?

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My brother-in-law's father, a lifelong Guardian reader, started taking the Telegraph when he retired, on the grounds that the all-consuming rage he felt on reading Boris Johnson would keep him alert (Letters, September 1). He's well into his seventies now, so something's working.

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