Stimulus Factoid: States, cities, and private companies from around the country are applying to get some of the $850 billion ‘non-stimulus package’ signed by the President last month. Many of the applications are unbelievable. West Virginia is applying for $380,350 to contact 160 landowners and encourage them to grow shiitake mushrooms and ginseng. By the way, that’s $2,377 per call to each landowner.

Omnibus Factoid:

There’s $1.8 million to study and manage the odor from “swine manure” in Iowa. Look, I could never think of stuff like this to make it up. This is proof that sometimes, fact is stranger than fiction.