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"I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity." ~ Edgar Allan Poe

**UP AND RUNNING**

*The Psychic* opened on Friday to another enthusiastic audience and we're looking forward to a fun run. The show has already proved itself to be a real crowd-pleaser for the Falcon's subscribers, several of whom lingered in the lobby to tell us it's the funniest play they've ever seen there (!) Come see if you agree... [ **PSYCHIC READING** ]

"Ever notice that 'What the Hell' is always the right decision?" ~ Marilyn Monroe

**GO WITH GOD**

"I was walking across a bridge one day and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump off. So I ran over and said, "Stop! Don't do it!"

"Why shouldn't I?" he said. "Well, there's so much to live for!" I said.

He said, "Like what?" I

said, "Well...are you religious or an atheist?" He said, "Religious." I said, "Me too! Are you Christian or Buddhist?" He said, "Christian." I said, "Me too! Are you Catholic or Protestant?" He said, "Protestant." I said, "Me too! Are you Episcopalian or Baptist?" He said, "Baptist!"

"Wow!" I said, "Me too! Are you Baptist Church of God or Baptist Church of the Lord?" He said, "Baptist Church of God!"

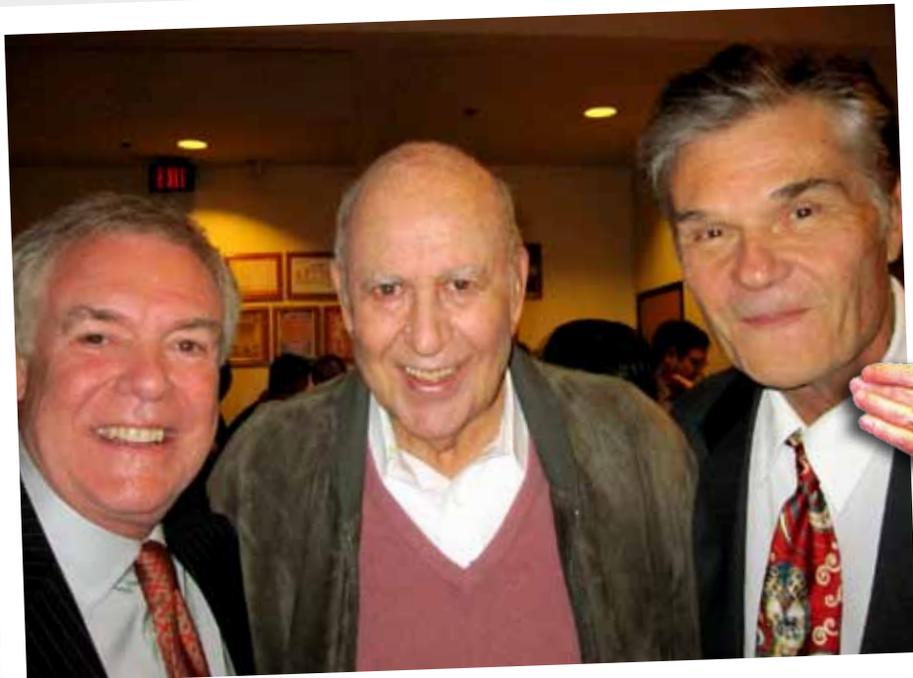
"Me too!" I said. "Are you original Baptist Church of God, or are you reformed Baptist Church of God?" He said, "Reformed Baptist Church of God!"

I said, "Me too! Are you reformed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1879, or reformed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1915?"

He said, "Reformed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1915!"

I said, "Die, heretic scum," and pushed him off."

**OPENING NIGHT.** Detective Norris Coslow, above, with surveillance photo of post-show visit with Carl Reiner and Fred Willard.



Reception photo by MELINDA PETERSON; production shot by CHELSEA SUTTON

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THROUGHOUT THE 'PLANET,' CLICKING **BOLD, DARK RED TYPE** OPENS A RELATED INTERNET LINK.

"But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg."~ **Thomas Jefferson**

### BURNING BRIGHT

Is Tiger out of  
The woods? Past birdies?  
Does Tao Plus Tao equal "Fore!"  
- *Haiku by Frank Dwyer*

"It is illegal to slam a car door in Switzerland."  
~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

### DIARY OF A DUMB HOUSEWIFE

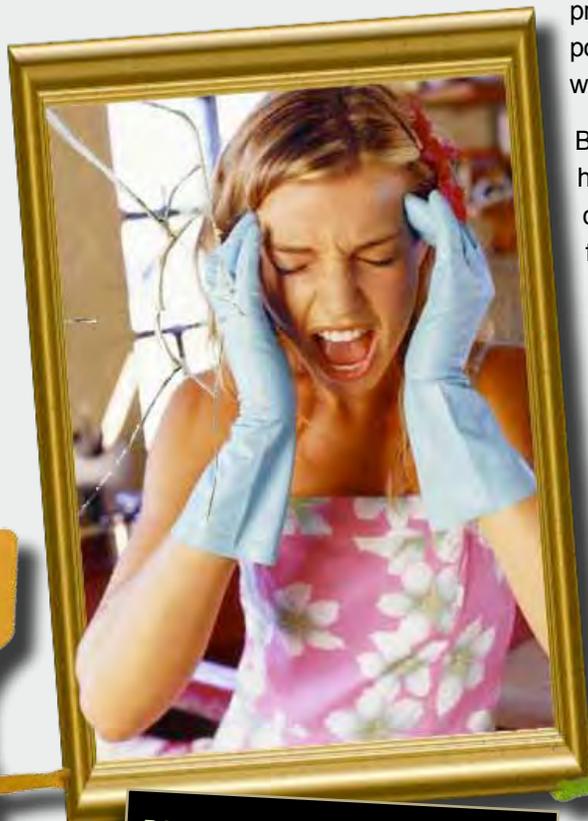
**MONDAY:** It's fun to cook for Bob. Today I made angel food cake. The recipe said beat 12 eggs separately. The neighbors were nice enough to loan me some extra bowls.

**TUESDAY:** Bob wanted fruit salad for supper and the recipe said serve without dressing. So I didn't dress. What a surprise when Bob brought a friend home for supper!

**WEDNESDAY:** A good day for rice. The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice. It seemed kinda of silly but I took a bath. I can't say it improved the rice any.

**THURSDAY:** Today Bob asked for salad again so I tried a new recipe. It said "prepare ingredients, then toss on a bed of lettuce one hour before serving" which is what led up to Bob asking me why I was rolling around in the garden.

**FRIDAY:** I found an easy recipe for cookies. It said put all ingredients in bowl and beat it. There must have been something wrong with this recipe. When I got back, everything was the same as when I left.



**BOIL, BOIL.** The toils and troubles of a not-so-everyday housewife.



**SATURDAY:** Bob did the shopping today and brought home a chicken. He asked me to dress it for Sunday (Oh, boy). For some reason Bob keeps counting to ten.

**SUNDAY:** Bob's folks came to dinner and I wanted to serve roast. All I could find was hamburger but suddenly I had a flash of genius. I put the hamburger in the oven and set the controls for "roast." It still came out hamburger, much to my disappointment.

This has been a very exciting week. I am eager for tomorrow to come so I can try out a new recipe on Bob. I would like to surprise him with Chocolate Moose - if we could just get a bigger oven...

"Ignorance is no obstacle to advancement. In fact, in some cases, it's an advantage."  
~ **Abraham Lincoln**

### HOLY COW

The 98-year-old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused.

Then one of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop.

"Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die."

She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow."

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"One of the most adventurous things left us is to go to bed. For no one can lay a hand on our dreams."

~ Edward Verrall Lucas

## SUICIDE STRIKE

Muslim suicide bombers in Britain are set to begin a three-day strike on Monday in a dispute over the number of virgins they are entitled to in the afterlife. Emergency talks with Al Qaeda have so far failed to produce an agreement.

The unrest began last Tuesday when Al Qaeda announced that the number of virgins a suicide bomber would receive after his death will be cut by 25% this April from 72 to only 60. The rationale for the cut was the increase in recent years of the number of suicide bombings and a subsequent shortage of virgins in the afterlife.

The suicide bombers' union, the British Organization of Occupational Martyrs (B.O.O.M.), responded with a statement that this was unacceptable to its members and immediately balloted for strike action. General Secretary Abdullah Amir told the press, "Our members are literally working themselves to death in the cause of Jihad. We don't ask for much in return but to be treated like this is like a kick in the teeth."

Speaking from his shed in Tipton in the West Midlands in which he currently resides, Al Qaeda chief executive Osama bin Laden explained... "Thanks to Western depravity, there is now a chronic shortage of virgins in the afterlife. It's a straight choice between reducing expenditure and laying people off. I don't like cutting wages but I'd hate to have to tell 3000 of my staff that they won't be able to blow themselves up."

Spokespersons for the union in the North East of England, Ireland, Wales and the entire Australian continent stated that the strike would not affect their operations as "There are no virgins in their areas anyway."

Apparently the drop in the number of suicide bombings has been put down to the emergence of that Scottish singing star, Susan Boyle. Now that Muslims know what a virgin looks like they are not so keen on going to paradise.

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"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."

~ Winston Churchill

## LET'S MAKE A DEAL

An elderly couple, both widowed, had been dating for a long time.

Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married. So, before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work. They discussed finances, living arrangements, and so on.

Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship. "How do you feel about sex?" he asked, rather tentatively.

"I would like it infrequently," she replied.

The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, adjusted his glasses, then leaned towards her and whispered, "Is that one word, or two?"

Despite his escape skills, Harry Houdini spent 12 years trapped in a bad marriage.

~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

## WHAT'S UP DOC?

A panel of doctors at a local hospital, were debating whether to add a new wing. The allergists voted to scratch it. The dermatologists preferred no rash moves. The gastroenterologists had a gut feeling about it and the neurologists thought the administration had a lot of nerve.

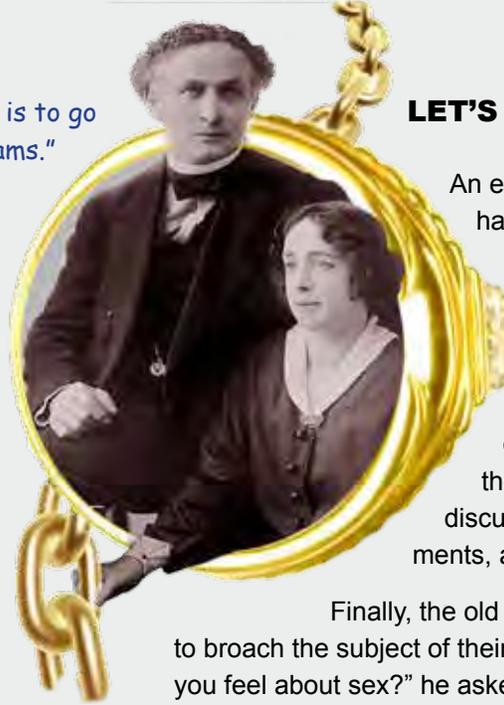
The obstetricians stated they were laboring under a misconception. The ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted and the urologists felt the scheme wouldn't hold water. The pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" To which the pediatricians said, "Grow up."

The psychiatrists called it madness, while the radiologists could see right through it. The internists thought it a hard pill to swallow and the proctologists said, "But, we are in arrears!" So, the surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

Nonetheless, the anesthesiologists thought the idea was a gas; the podiatrists thought it was a big step forward, and the plastic surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter."

Ultimately, the cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. (But the HMOs killed it anyway.)

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"It's the same with narrow-minded people as it is with narrow-necked bottles: the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out." ~ Anon

## OH, BROTHER

There once were two Irish brothers, Michael and Sean, who were known for their wild and reckless sociopathic behavior. One day Michael died suddenly, so his brother Sean approached the local parish priest to ask him to say a few words at Michael's funeral. Mindful that their parents would be in attendance, his only stipulation was that the priest MUST refer to Michael as a saint. The priest thought for a moment, and then agreed to do the honors.

The day of the funeral arrived, and the priest arose in the middle of the service to memorialize the deceased.

"What can I say about poor, departed Michael?" the priest began. "He was a lying, brawling, womanizing bastard with little regard for the pain he caused those around him. He was a thief and a scoundrel who made his living off of the misery of others. To be sure, he spent his whole life cheating, stealing and remorselessly wreaking havoc on the lives of all those with whom he came in contact.

"However, compared to his brother Sean, the man was a saint!"

"Some people are like Slinkies; they're really good for nothing but they still bring a smile to your face when you push them down a flight of stairs."  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

## KING OF THE WILD VINTNERS

Fess Parker's death reminded me that one of my very first TV guest-starring appearances was on the "Davy Crockett" show. Parker was a generous professional who perfectly embodied his rustic, heroic character. One day, he farted on the soundstage and without missing a beat, yelled, "Damn coon" -- tore his coonskin cap from his head, threw it on the ground and stomped on it! His funniest comments about working for Disney made it clear that "they treated live actors like animated characters." He was, nonetheless, a very animated character...

And **Robert Culp**, who just left us, was in the very first movie I ever acted in -- *Sunday in New York*, starring **Jane Fonda**, with whom I had a scene in a Central Park lake.

"Get a haircut and learn your lines."  
~ Sheldon Leonard,  
producer of "I Spy",  
to the late **Robert Culp**

## FALL INTO THE GAP

"It is okay to have ever-greater differences between rich and poor..." David Wessel wrote in, of all places, *The Wall Street Journal*, "As long as their children have a good chance of grasping the brass ring."

The American myth of the "self-made man" encourages those who succeed to think their good fortune is due entirely to their hard work and God-given genius, and this assumption makes those who fail blame themselves instead of outside forces. Thus, U.S. businessmen have traditionally demonstrated more anti-unionism and hostility to government than their European counterparts.

The corporate crew use "their political power, their money and

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the Right Wing's shameless, mendacious hucksters" to protect their riches at our expense. "But belief in the myth of the self-made man -- abetted by the feckless incompetence of Democratic opposition -- makes many ordinary people suckers for the right-wing pitch," says Wessel. "Class matters, but so does consciousness of class."

But that's another, longer story. [ **READ IT** ]

*"People who think they know everything  
are a great annoyance to those of us who do."  
~ Isaac Azimov*

### **DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL**

A man is sitting on his front stoop staring morosely at the ground when his neighbor strolls over. The neighbor tries to start a conversation several times, but the older man barely responds. Finally, the neighbor asks what the problem is.

"Well," the man says, "I ran afoul of one of those questions women ask. Now I'm in the doghouse."

"What kind of question?" the neighbor asks."

"My wife asked me if I would still love her when she was old, fat and ugly."

"That's easy," says the neighbor. "You just say, 'Of course I will.'"

"Yeah," says the other man, "that's what I MEANT to say. But what came OUT was, 'Of course I do.'"

*"A hero is someone who can keep his mouth shut  
when he is right." ~ Yiddish Proverb*

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"Doing political improv in the 1960s, in an era marked by a divisive war and cultural clashes and the sudden popularity of drugs, was the best preparation for being on a Writers Guild negotiating committee," concludes the Emmy-winning writer.

*"Always do right. This will gratify some  
and astonish the rest." ~ Mark Twain*

**You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails. ~Yiddish proverb**

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