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PLANET NEW YEAR

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"Art is a guarantee of sanity."
~ Late artist, Louise Bourgeois

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OPENS A RELATED INTERNET LINK.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

I am passing this on to you because it definitely works, and we could all use a little more calmness in our lives. ☞ By following simple advice heard on the **Dr. Phil** show, you too can find inner peace. "The way to achieve inner peace," Dr. Phil proclaimed, "is to finish all the things you started and never finished."

So I looked around my house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished and before leaving the house this morning, I finished off the bottle of White Zinfandel, the package of double thick Milanos, the Baby Watson cheesecake, the rest of the Glen Livet, the Xmas box of chocolate truffles, some Doritos, the bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream, and the remainder of my old Prozac prescription.

You have no idea how freaking good I feel right now.

"Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious." ~ [Dribbleglass.com](#)

A BLAZE OF 'GLORY'

The year ended for me with a call from **Dedra Galiher**, one of my hard-working commercial agents at CESD, announcing that I'd been cast as a grandfather in a national TV spot for **Babies R Us**. The shoot was from 6:30–9 a.m. on December 30 at a house in Altadena. Watch for it soon...



BIG 'BABIES.' Susan Foster and I at the Babies 'R' Us taping. (Testing our Senior texting – see next page.)

That postponed my trip to the Austins on Fox Island near Tacoma until the next morning, but I joined **Melinda** and **Phil & Oona** (and their seven dogs) for a blowout New Year's Eve celebration followed by an incredibly fun-filled stay watching SNL specials, "Burt, The Conqueror," "Tabatha's Salon Takeover" and other obscure cable offerings while working on a jigsaw puzzle. And drinking.

I then returned to rehearsals for **L. Ron Hubbard's** "Borrowed Glory," which I'm directing and narrating at the Golden Age Theater in this Saturday and next, featuring my wife, **Melinda**, my daughter, **Kristin**, **Jessie Kove** and my dear friend, **Jim Meskimen**.

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And last but not least, **Henry Jaglom's** first film, introducing me with **Tuesday Weld**, **Orson Wells**, **Gwen Welles** and **Jack Nicholson**, is finally available in "America Lost and Found: the BBS Story" now released in a seven-film set. **MORE INFO**

What a way to start the year...

"An actor is a guy, who if you ain't talkin' about him, ain't listenin'." ~ **Marlon Brando**



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"There are two kinds of people in the world: those who finish what they start"
- Dr. Twittenheimer

ROMANCE IS IN THE AIR

He held me firmly but gently just above my elbow and guided me into a room. I had never been there but I knew this was his room. I knew what he was going to do to me, and I knew I was going to let him. The door closed quietly and we were alone.

He approached silently from behind and spoke in a low, reassuring voice close to my ear. "Just relax." Without warning, he reached down and I felt his strong, calloused hands start at my ankles, gently probing, and caressing upward along my tender calves slowly and steadily. My breath caught in my throat. I knew I should be afraid, but somehow I didn't care. His touch was so experienced, so sure.

When his hands moved under my skirt to my thighs I gave a slight shudder and partly closed my eyes. My pulse was pounding. His knowing fingers continued upward across my abdomen, my ribcage. And then, as he cupped my firm, full breasts in his hands, I inhaled sharply. Probing, searching, knowing

SENIOR TEXTING CODE

ATD: At The Doctor's **BFF:** Best Friend Fainted - **BTW:** Bring The Wheelchair - **BYOT:** Bring Your Own Teeth - **CBM:** Covered By Medicare - **CUATSC:** See You At The Senior Center - **DWI:** Driving While Incontinent - **FWB:** Friend With Beta Blockers - **FWIW:** Forgot Where I Was - **FYI:** Found Your Insulin - **GGPBL:** Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low! - **GHA:** Got Heartburn Again.

HGBM: Had Good Bowel Movement - **IMHO:** Is My Hearing-aid On? - **LMDO:** Laughing My Dentures Out - **LOL:** Living On Lipitor - **LWO:** Lawrence Welk's On - **OMMR:** On My Massage Recliner - **OMSG:** Oh My, Sorry, Gas.

ROTFL/CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing/Can't Get Up - **GGP:** Gotta Go Poop - **TTYL:** Talk To You Louder - **WAITT:** Who Am I Talking To? - **WTFA:** Wet The Furniture Again - **WTP:** Where's The Prunes? - **WWNO:** Walker Wheels Need Oil

what he wanted, his teasing hands quickly moved to my shoulders and slid down my tingling spine. By entire body was throbbing when he discovered my pink, lace thong.

Although I knew nothing about this man, I felt oddly trusting and expectant. "This is a man," I thought. A man used to taking charge. A man not used to taking "No" for an answer. A man who would tell me what he wanted. A man who would look into my soul and say... "Okay all done. Here's your purse, ma'am. Have a nice flight."

"For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program."
~ Bob Wells Quotes

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AND I QUOTETH

Planeteer **Lon Hall** writes, "Your Shakespeare quote and comments brings up one of my favorites: 'I do desire we may be better strangers.' ('As You Like It': Act 3, Scene 2) although he was responding to an equally nice insult from Jaques, 'God be wi' you: let's meet as little as we can'."

He also notes that the quote, "If you are not liberal when young, you have no heart; if you are not conservative when old, you have no brain," should actually be attributed to **Sir Winston Churchill** who "basically stole the quote - and mistranslated it into English" from the French monarchist statesman, **Francois Guisot**, who wrote, "Not to be a republican at 20 is proof of want of heart; to be one at 30 is proof of want of head."

But then, late-blooming Conservative **P.J. Rourke** revealed in THE WEEK that he was liberal in his youth because "he wasn't handsome enough to attract wealthy, preppie girls!"

*"It isn't the rebels who cause the troubles of the world,
it's the troubles that cause the rebels."
~ Carl Oglesby*

HAPPY LANDINGS

Gander Tower: "Saudi Air 511 - You are cleared to land on runway 9R."

Saudi Air: "Thank you Gander. Acknowledge cleared to land on infidel's runway 9R - Allah be Praised."

Gander Tower: "Iran Air 711 - You are cleared to land on runway 27L."

Iran Air: "Thank you Gander. We are cleared to land on infidel's runway 27L - Allah is Great."

Saudi Air: "GANDER TOWER - GANDER TOWER!"

Gander Tower: "Go ahead Saudi Air 511"

Saudi Air: "You have cleared both our aircraft for the same runway going in opposite directions. We are on a collision course ... INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE!"

Gander Tower: "Well, bless your hearts and praise Jesus! Proceed to your destination and tell Allah we said 'Hi'."

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggie' until you can find a rock." - Will Rogers

DO YOU GROCK?

"I'm sure most of you have heard the story of the man who, desperately ill, goes to an analyst and tells the doctor that he has lost his desire to live and that he is seriously considering suicide," writes **Groucho Marx** in "Groucho and Me."

"The doctor listens to this tale of melancholia and then tells the patient that what he needs is a good belly laugh. He advises the unhappy man to go to the circus that night and spend the evening laughing at Grock, the world's funniest clown. The doctor sums it up, 'After you have seen Grock, I am sure you will be much happier.'"

"The patient rises to his feet, looks sadly at the doctor, turns and ambles to the door. As he starts to leave, the doctor says, 'By the way what is your name?' The man turns and regards the analyst with sorrowful eyes. 'I am Grock.'"

*"The most difficult character in comedy is that of a fool, and he must be no simpleton who plays the part."
~ Miguel de Cervantes*



HAPPY NUDE YEAR

2010 TSA statistics on pat down screenings:

<i>Transvestites</i>	133
<i>Hernias</i>	1,485
<i>Hemorrhoid Cases</i>	3,172
<i>Incontinence</i>	6,418
<i>Enlarged Prostates</i>	8,249
<i>Breast Implants</i>	59,350
<i>Natural Blondes</i>	3
<i>Terrorist Plots Discovered</i>	0

*"Others have seen what is and asked why. I have seen what could be and asked why not."
~ Pablo Picasso*

GROCK. Charles Adrien Wettach (1880-1959)

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GIVE ME A BREAK

One dark night outside a quiet Minnesota town, a fire broke out in a local chemical plant and soon evolved into a massive conflagration. As fire companies responded from miles around, the distraught owner rushed up to the fire chief and said, "All our secret formulas must be saved or we're ruined! They're in a safe in the center of the plant and I will give \$50 to the fire department that brings them out intact."

But the intensity of the blaze made this task impossible and even more fire units were called in to contain the maelstrom. "I'll make it \$100,000," shouted the owner. "\$100,000 to the fire department that saves those formulas!"

At that moment, a distant siren was heard, as a lone and dilapidated fire truck raced onto the scene, composed mainly of elderly Norwegian volunteers from a nearby township; and to everyone's amazement, the little run-down fire engine roared right past the sleek, new engines straight into the middle of the inferno. The other ash-eaters then watched in awe and horror as the ancient Norwegians jumped from their truck, valiantly beating back the roaring flames that threatened to consume them.

No one had ever seen anything like it, and astonishingly their herculean efforts paid off, and they emerged successfully with the coveted secret papers, singed but intact! The relieved plant owner announced that for such a superhuman feat, he was raising the reward to \$200,000 and he personally shook the hand of each of the brave old-timers. The local TV news crew then arrived on the scene and asked the 70-year-old Norsk fire captain what he'd do with all that money.

"Vell," said old Lars, "Da first ting ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat fockin' truck!"

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TRENDS

AYE! ROBOT

THE TRAMP

ALL WET

HAPPY NUDE YEAR

SMART

SIGNS

BOZOS

BUSHCUTS

REUBEN/REUBEN

WHERE KINDER
COME FROM

CELTIC

IRISH

SPIKE

SAL

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NOTHING

TWEETSONG

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

CLICK THE WORD TO
GO TO THE SITE

"It is error only, not the truth, that shrinks from inquiry." ~ Thomas Paine

IT'S MAGIC

According to comic and Planeteer **Dana Snow**, **Morey Amsterdam** wrote this joke, which is one of my all-time favorites...

A magician in a theater says I need a little help from somebody in the audience. Some idiot puts his hand up and the magician says "Pick up this 2-by-4 and hit me over the head as hard as you can."

The guy says, "I can't do that, it'll kill ya."

"Please, I'm the magician," he says, "I know the trick, so just do what I tell you." So the guy picks up the 2-by-4 and whacks him on the head as hard as he can; and the magician drops like a stone, out like a light and bleeding from the mouth and ears!

Well, the poor man is in a coma for seven months. But suddenly one morning, he pops open his eyes, sits up in bed, looks around and says – "Ta Da!"

"Normal is a kind of vegetative state where nothing happens." ~ **James Gilbert**,
Making Sense of the Sixties

FRIENDS M.C. Gwynne, Steven Alan Green, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Melinda Peterson, Jim Reynolds, Garry Margolis, Rich Carlson, Steve

Carlson, Eddie Deezen, Robert Riddle, Bill Combs, Bill Ratner ... and heartfelt congratulations to my son-in-law, **Geoff Campbell**, and my daughter, **Kristin**, who are expecting another child this coming June!

"The secret of freedom lies in educating people, whereas the secret of tyranny is in keeping them ignorant." ~ **Maximilien Robespierre**

"There are years that ask questions and years that answer." ~ Zora Neale Hurston

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BEARWHIZ BEER <http://www.eagletshirts.com>

FUNNY TIMES: <http://www.funnytimes.com>
FST: <http://www.FiresignTheatre.com>



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**GET CLOSER
TO HEAVEN
IN 2011**



"Let's think the unthinkable, let's do the undoable, let's prepare to grapple with the ineffable itself, and see if we may not eff it after all." ~ **Douglas Adams**