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"Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on, or by imbeciles who really mean it." ~ Mark Twain



What's So Funny?

Heisenberg, Gödel, and Chomsky walk into a bar. Heisenberg says, "From the fact that we are all here I can infer that this is a joke, but cannot determine whether or not the joke is funny."

Gödel says, "No, we can't tell if the joke is funny because we're inside it – if we could observe ourselves from outside, we would know."

Chomsky just shakes his head sadly. "No, no," he says, "the joke is funny. You're just telling it wrong."

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Kurt Gödel, Werner Heisenberg, and Noam Chomsky, left to right, play Mo, Curley, and Larry.

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"Football, beer, and above all gambling, filled up the horizon of their minds.
To keep them in control was not difficult." ~ **George Orwell**, '1984'

Dear Friends, As you will see in this orbit, I've been getting a lot of good jokes from Planeteers lately, and mostly non-political, because I think folks are fed up with politics these daze; so, amid the usual 'lectures' and thought-provoking quotes from folks much wiser than I, I'm sharing a bunch with you. Enjoy!

The U. S. is best described as a collection of societies.
~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

A SUPER FAN

A man had 50-yard-line tickets for the Super Bowl. As he sat down, he noticed that the seat next to him was empty. He asked the man on the other side whether anyone was sitting there. "No," the man replied. "The seat is empty."

"This is incredible," said the first guy. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Super Bowl, the biggest sporting event in the world and not use it?" The second man replied, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This will be the first Super Bowl we haven't been together since we got married in 1967."

"Oh, I'm sorry to hear that; that's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else – a friend or relative, or even a neighbor to take the seat?"

The man shook his head. "No, they're all at the funeral."

"It sometimes strikes me that men and women aren't quite the right people for each other."
~ Novelist **Penelope Fitzgerald**

BEING OR NOTHINGNESS

"A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects."

So wrote Robert A. Heinlein.

"We are here on earth to do Good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea."
- **W.H. Auden**



Seattle Seahawks' Richard Sherman and Denver Broncos' Colin Kaepernick

TEXTING FOR SENIORS

ATD - At the Doctor's

BFF - Best Friends Funeral

BTW - Bring the Wheelchair

BYOT - Bring Your

Own Teeth • **CBM** - Covered by Medicare • **CUATSC** - See You at the Senior Center • **DWI** - Driving While Incontinent • **FWIW** - Forgot Where I Was • **GGPBL** - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low • **GHA** - Got Heartburn Again • **HGBM** - Had Good Bowel Movement • **LMDO** - Laughing My Dentures Out • **LOL** - Living on Lipitor • **OMSG** - Oh My, Sorry, Gas • **TOT** - Texting on Toilet • **WAITT** - Who Am I Talking To?"

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"Cooking skills and humor a plus
(will be flipping pancakes).

Must be comfortable wearing only underwear."
~ Casting Call

GIVE HIM A HAND

An old golfer comes in from a round of golf at a new course and heads into the grillroom. As he passes through the swinging doors he sees a sign hanging over the bar:

Cold Beer: \$2
Hamburger: \$2.25
Cheeseburger: \$2.50
Chicken Sandwich: \$3.50
Hand Job: \$50

Checking his wallet to be sure he has the necessary payment, the old golfer walks up to the bar and beckons to the exceptionally attractive female bartender who is serving drinks to a couple of sun-wrinkled golfers. She glides down behind the bar to the old golfer.

"Yes?" she inquires with a wide, knowing smile, "May I help you?"

The old golfer leans over the bar and whispers, "I was wondering, young lady," he whispers, "Are you the one who gives the hand jobs?" She looks into his eyes with that wide smile and purrs: "Yessir, I sure am."

The old golfer leans closer and into her left ear and says softly, "Well, wash your hands real good because I want a cheeseburger."

"Whenever you find yourself
on the side of the majority,
it is time to pause and reflect."
~ Mark Twain

SOUND ADVICE

"**Acyrologia** is the incorrect use of a word where you displace one word with another that sounds familiar but has a totally differential meaning. Why people do this is a mystery. Maybe they want to seemingly sound more articular, or educational.

"But in the pursuit of sounding intelligible, what they sound like is completely delugenal. For those of us who long to see the English language used probably, this is intellerable. In fact, stench defenders of the English language can wind up going star-craving mad.

"Imminent English language professor **Mr. Mortimer Wigglesworth-Crumpet III** upon hearing too many of these eras, banged his head against a brick wall one too many times and wound up in a comma. **Mrs. Clementine Burpee** from Rochester, New York, lies forever crumpled in the feeble position muttering, 'I took Rex to the vet to be neutered, not tutored.' Her beloved poodle in the meantime can be found doing *The New York Times* crossword. And what about young **Belinda Hup**, who was so distrot she stole a tub of lipstick and was prostituted for shoplifting.

"So, please, for the love of the English language -- don't miss it up."
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February 1865 was the only month
recorded in history NOT to have had a full moon.
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

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

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"The 'digital highway' is just another street teeming with people who are often hurting, men and women looking for salvation or hope." ~ **Pope Francis**

SPEAK ENGLISH, TROOP!

A woman in line at a grocery store is yakking away on her mobile phone in a foreign language, and the guy standing behind her seems obviously miffed. When she hangs up, he says, "Ma'am, I didn't want to interrupt your conversation, but you know, you're in America, now. And we speak English here..."

"Excuse me?" replies the woman.

"I said," and he continues very slowly, "If you want to speak Mexican, go back to Mexico. In America, we speak English!"

"Sir," explains the lady, "I was speaking Navajo. If you want to speak English, go back to England."

"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been...nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'" — Isaac Asimov

to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can. Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, 'fair' is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs, and step in monkey poop.

If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document. Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you. If you run, you'll only go to jail tired. And relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while. The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not: Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?

You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here...

"Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap." - Steve Martin

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, OFFICER?

Actual comments transcribed from police car videos around the country:

You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh? You know, stoplights don't come any redder than the one you just went through. Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?

Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you *another* ticket. Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that *I'm* the shift supervisor? I'm glad to hear that the Chief [of Police] is a personal friend of yours – you know someone who can post your bail.

Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven. Actually, no sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used



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"Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want." ~ Dan Stanford

PULLING A FAST ONE

A very confident Marine Corps pilot walks into a bar and takes a seat next to a very attractive woman. He gives her a quick glance then casually looks at his watch for a moment. The woman notices this and asks, "Is your date running late?"

"No," he replies, "I just got this state-of-the-art watch, and I was just testing it." The intrigued woman says, "A state-of-the-art watch? What's so special about it?"

The pilot says, "It uses alpha waves to talk to me telepathically."

"What's it telling you now?" she asks. "Well, it says you're not wearing any panties...." The woman giggles and replies, "Well it must be broken because I *am* wearing panties!"

The fighter pilot smirks, taps his watch and says, "Damn thing's an hour fast."

"Never forget that a half truth is a whole lie." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

SAY UNCLE

Uncle Tad Baker will be holding open auditions beginning March 2014 for the long-awaited **United States Farting Championships** to be held in Reno, Nevada in June 2014! If you're a seasoned Farter who can blast on cue, and you could use a cool \$10,000, then get yourself in shape for what looks to be some fierce competition. Send Uncle Tad a note and/or short audition tape. **HERE'S** a sample from the Original San Francisco Farting Contest.

Folks, this is, to me, a modern iteration of the original 1946 Crepitation Contest record, brilliantly created by a pair of Canadian comics. I still have a copy. **MORE**

"You just have to trust your own madness."
~ Clive Barker

IT'S A LIVING

Buckminster Fuller once wrote, "We should do away with the absolutely specious notion that everybody has to earn a living. It is a fact today that one in 10,000 of us can make a technological breakthrough capable of supporting all the rest. The youth of today are absolutely right in recognizing this nonsense of earning a living.

"We keep inventing jobs because of this false idea that everybody has to be employed at some kind of drudgery because, according to **Malthusian Darwinian** theory, he must justify his right to exist. So we have inspectors of inspectors and people making instruments for inspectors to inspect inspectors.

"The true business of people should be to go back to school and think about whatever it was they were thinking about before somebody came along and told them they had to earn a living."

"The end of democracy and the defeat of the American Revolution will occur when government falls into the hands of lending institutions and moneyed incorporations."
~ Thomas Jefferson

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TRENDS

JUMPY
HUNGARY SWINGS
TEDDY
SKYPARK
WE MADE IT
LAPSES
TRIO
LISTING
221B
GUMMIES
BANNED
POSTAL CAT
IT'S STILL ART
TAPSKI
DRAGON NAME

PETER BERGMAN-SEEGER SINGER

Our friend, producer **Andy Thomas**, wrote after hearing of **Pete Seeger's** passing, "Remarkable how someone's passing can bring a fleeting moment from the past into sharp focus. In 2005, **Peter Bergman** and I traveled to Toronto where he was speaking at 'Idea City,' an eclectic Canadian conference in the vein of TED.

"As I was preparing the stage during rehearsal, the director of the event came to me and asked if I could convince Peter to sing 'We Shall Overcome' during his presentation – apparently confusing Peter with Pete Seeger who was scheduled to perform later the same day at the conference. The situation was quickly resolved after much initial and comedic confusion.

"That evening there was a reception for all the

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presenters held in an art gallery. At one end of the exhibit space, alone on what appeared to be a weathered church pew, sat Seeger... like a weathered work of art. Others at the party kept their distance as if an invisible velvet rope surrounded him. It wasn't that Seeger wasn't friendly and approachable, but what can you say to a god-like legend in your midst?



TWIN PETES
Seeger in 1966, Bergman in 1967

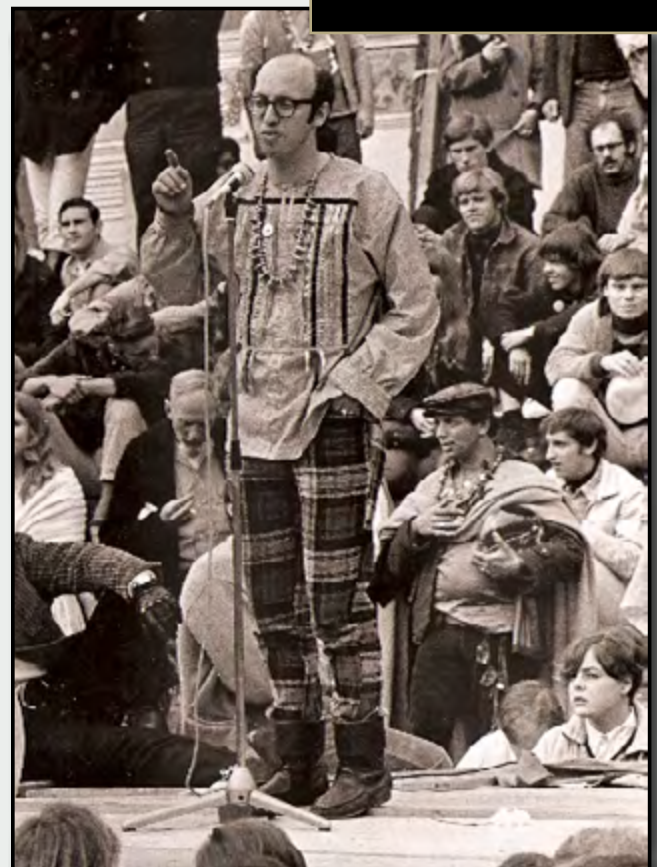
"Social intimidation, of course, was never a deterrent to Bergman. We introduced ourselves and then immediately broke into a medley of old leftist rallying songs. I had never engaged in a duet with Bergman before, but we both knew all the lyrics to 'Winsboro Cotton Mill Blues,' and Seeger's grand smile was all the encouragement we needed to become neo-Wobblies in that privileged space. (It must have taken Bergman back to those early days during the Kennedy administration when he had organized some impromptu hootenannies in the White House basement.)

"But that night we lived the dream of being able to sing to Seeger. It felt as if we were exchanging a precious gift that the American legend had taught us to share so many years ago. Oh, and Seeger *did* sing 'We Shall Overcome' that day on stage. Bergman and I joined in then, too. Here's to singing truth to power..."

"All murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers and to the sound of trumpets." ~ Voltaire

FRIENDS

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"There are men running governments who should not be allowed to play with matches." ~ Will Rogers

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