**HAPPY ST. PATS!**

Illustration thanks to Phil Fountain and Tom Gedwillo at 'Chromium Switch'

"If you remember me, then I don't care if everyone else forgets." ~ **Haruki Murakami**

LET'S EAT

I apologize to you all, loyal Planeteers, but I have been super-focused on rehearsals for **L.A. Deli** by my favorite scribe, **Sam** ('Saved By The Bell') **Bobrick**, in which I play eight roles, mostly despicable Hollywood types, in a crazed comedy directed by **Walter Painter**. We open this weekend at the Marilyn Monroe Theatre in West Hollywood. [MORE INFO](#)

L.A. DELI

I'm also working with co-author **Brad Schreiber** to finish **Where's My Fortune Cookie**, the story of my life "in and out of The Firesign Theatre," and my dear wife **Melinda** and I will be acting in the independent film **The Love Addict**. Soon I will be reprising my role as **Detective Polehouse** on the long-running surrealistic Christian radio serial **Adventures in Odyssey**, and voicing yet another despicable villain in an upcoming and still secret blockbuster video game. You'll also hear me in **The Muppets: Most Wanted**, in British, English, French, and Russian! But enough shameless self-promotion (is there ever enough?) and on to the fun!

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

"Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up,
but a comedy in a long-shot" ~ Charlie Chaplin



ED SCHNUHR, PUBLIC FAN

"Most people don't get it," said Mass FT
Afficianado Ed, "or can't read backwards.....
Thanks for all the years of thinking man humor."

BEING AND SOMETHINGNESS

Several high-profile articles recently have highlighted **Firesign Theatre's** prognosticative powers. In a *TIME Magazine* article on Being Mindful, by **Kate Pickert**, she wrote, "In a time when no one seems to have enough time, our devices allow us to be many places at once – but at the cost of being unable to fully inhabit the place where we actually want to be."

And my daughter, **Kristin**, sent me an **ONLINE ARTICLE** for NPR's Protojournalist blog, where **Linton Weeks** actually references **How Can You Be Two Places at Once When You're Not Anywhere at All?**

"A sad Jew is a happy Jew. And whether you're poor or rich, it's nice to have money."
~ Advice from Our Friend's Psychiatrist

IRISH IT WAS ME

A golfer playing in Ireland hooked his drive into the woods. Looking for his ball, he found a little Leprechaun flat on his back, a big bump on his head and the golfer's ball beside him. Horrified, the golfer got his water bottle from the cart and poured it over the little guy, reviving him. "Arrgh!

"What happened?" the Leprechaun asked. "I'm afraid I hit you with my golf ball," the golfer said. "Oh, I see. Well, ye got me fair and square. Ye get three wishes, so whaddya want?"

"Thank God you're all right!" the golfer answered in relief. "I don't want anything, I'm just glad you're OK, and I apologize." And he walked off.

"What a nice guy," the Leprechaun said to himself. "I have to do something for him. I'll give him the three things I would want... a great golf game, all the money he ever needs, and a fantastic sex life."

A year goes by and the golfer is back. On the same hole, he again hits a bad drive into the woods and the Leprechaun is there waiting for him.

"Twas me that made ye hit the ball here," the little guy said. "I just want to ask ye, how's yer golf game?"

"My game is fantastic!" the golfer answered. "I'm an internationally famous golfer now." He added, "By the way, it's good to see you're all right."

"Oh, I'm fine now, thank ye. I did that fer yer golf game, you know. And tell me, how's yer money situation?"

"Why, it's just wonderful!" the golfer stated. "When I need cash, I just reach in my pocket and pull out \$100 bills I didn't even know were there!"

"I did that fer ye also. And tell me, how's yer sex life?" The golfer blushed, turned his head away in embarrassment, and said shyly, "It's OK."

"C'mon, c'mon now," urged the Leprechaun, "I'm wanting to know if I did a good job. How many times a week?" Blushing even more, the golfer looks around and whispered, "Once -- sometimes twice a week."

"What??" responded the Leprechaun in shock, "That's all? Only once or twice a week?"

"Well," said the golfer, "I figure that's not bad for a Catholic priest in a small parish."

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better." ~ Dr. Seuss

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'TIS A PUZZLEMENT

Our dear friend, Planet puzzle-meister **Merl Reagle**, used me as Seven Down in a recent Sunday *LA Times* crossword, which left me touched and tickled.

To which a snarky subscriber asked: "When you're a crossword puzzle answer, does that make you 'Phil In the blanks?'"

"Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream by night."

~ Edgar Allen Poe

STATE-MENT FROM TENNESSEE

"Be yourself. Try to matter. Be a good friend. Love freely, even if you are likely – almost guaranteed – to be hurt, betrayed. Do what you were created to do. You'll know what this is, because it is what you keep creeping up to, peering at, dreaming of. Do it.

"If you don't, you'll be punching clocks and eating time,



doing precisely what you shouldn't, and you'll become mean and you'll seek to punish any and all who appear the slightest bit happy, the slightest bit comfortable in their own skin, the slightest bit smart.

"Cruelty is a drug, as well, and it's all around us. Don't imbibe. Try to matter. Try to care. And never be afraid to admit that you just don't know, you just don't fucking know how you're going to make it. That's when the help – the human and the divine help – shows up."

– Tennessee Williams to James Grissom in 1982.

"Couldn't help but make me feel ashamed to live in a land where justice is a game." ~ Bob Dylan

CRYING WOOLF

Dear Mrs. Woolf, over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our Walmart store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you. Our complaints are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking. **July 2:** Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals. **July 7:** He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom. **July 19:** Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, "Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away."

August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers they could come in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which 20 children obliged. **August 23:** When a clerk asked if they could help him, he began crying and screamed, "Why can't you people just leave me alone?" Emergency Medics were called.

September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose. **September 10:** While handling guns in the Sports department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.

October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the "Mission Impossible" theme. **October 6:** In the auto department, he practiced his

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Madonna look by using different sizes of funnels. **October 18:** Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!' **October 22:** When an announcement came over the loudspeaker, he assumed the fetal position and screamed "OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!" Also took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked "Where the fitting room was."

And last, but not least, on **October 23**, he went into a dressing room, shut the door, and then yelled very loudly, "Hey! There's no toilet paper in here!"

"Some believe that it is only great power that can hold evil in check. But that is not what I have found. I have found that it is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love." ~ **Gandalf**

HOLY CHRIST!

A Jewish businessman in Brooklyn decided to send his son to Israel to absorb the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip and his son said, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel; and by the way, I converted to Christianity."

"Oh, really?" said the shocked father. "Tell me, what have I done?"

He decided to go ask his old friend Jacob what to do, and Jake said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel, and he also came back a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the rabbi and ask him what we should do." So they went to see the rabbi.

The rabbi said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel. He also came back a Christian. What is happening to our young people? The three of them prayed and

A CURLICUE AT THE END
"Comedy has to be based on truth.
You take the truth and you put a little
curlicue at the end." ~ **Sid Caesar**

explained what had happened to their sons and asked God what to do.

Suddenly a voice came down loud and clear from Heaven and said:

"Funny you should ask! I, too, sent my Son to Israel ..."

"Don't delay your good!"
~ The late Dr. David Walker

HE SAYS SHE SAYS

An Irish woman dies unexpectedly in a car accident and ends up at the Pearly Gates where St. Peter tells her that all she needs to do to enter Heaven is to spell a single word. So she asks, fearfully, "What word?"

And with a broad smile on his glowing continence, he says simply – "LOVE."

She spells it at once and is immediately admitted. But then suddenly her husband appears and, startled, she says, "What are you doing here? I died in a terrible accident, and you weren't even there."

"Well, my dear," he stutters, "When I heard about it, I was so stricken with grief that I died of a heart attack!"

"Well, that's wonderful," she says, "And now, my darling, all you have to do is spell a single word to enter Heaven and join me for all eternity."

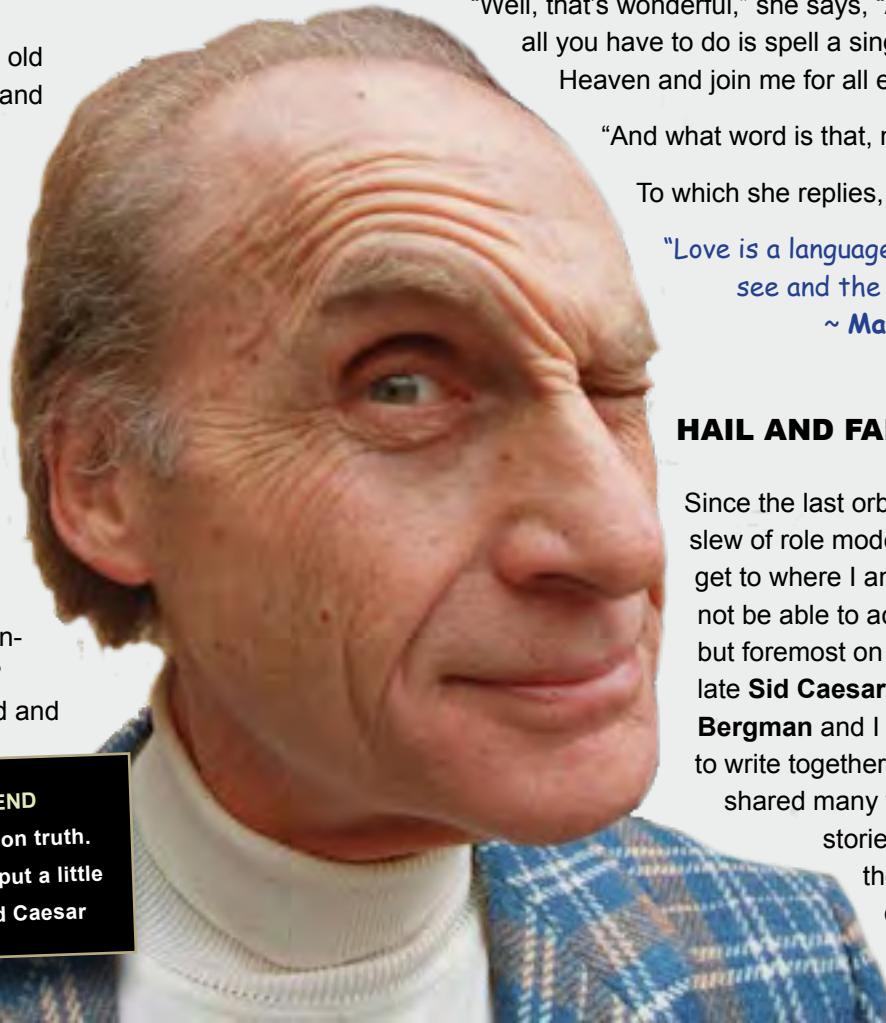
"And what word is that, my dearest?" he asks.

To which she replies, "Czechoslovakia."

"Love is a language which the blind can see and the deaf can hear."
~ **Mark Twain**

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Since the last orbit, we've lost such a slew of role models that helped me get to where I am that I'll probably not be able to acknowledge them all, but foremost on my list is the great, late **Sid Caesar**, with whom **Peter Bergman** and I had the opportunity to write together in his own home. He shared many wonderful personal stories with us and soon thereafter wrote them down in his first



autobiography. What a dear gentle giant genius he was. **NY** lost: **Phil Everly, Carmen Zapata, Sir Run Run Shaw, Amiri Baraka, Larry Speakes, Franklin McCain, Ariel Sharon, Russell Johnson, Hiroo Onoda, Cassandra Lynn Hensley, Pete Seeger, Maximilian Schell, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joan Mondale, Shirley Temple**" ... and I now must add

TIMES OBITUARY
Let him speak for himself:

There's a now, a was-is, and a gonna-be. Now is now, and after now is a was. And what comes after the was is a gonna be. It hasn't happened yet. It's gonna happen as soon as the now is over. But if you have a good now, you're bound to have a good was and a good gonna-be.

But after the bad now comes a bad was. But if you have a bad now and dwell on it, you're going to have a bad gonna-be and you're going to have a bad cycle. If you learn from the bad was, you can turn the bad gonna-be into a good gonna-be.

The only way you can change the cycle is after the was. If you carry the bad wases around with you, they get heavy and become should'a, could'a – I should'a done this, I could'a done that. If you learn from the was, you'll have a great now; you won't repeat the same mistakes. It will bring you to a good now, which changes the cycle to a good was, and a good gonna-be.

You need to learn from the wases. It's all about changing your attitude.

"Birth was the death of him."
~ Samuel Beckett

ON THEIR WAY

And to emphasize my thoughts, fellow actor and Antaeus Artistic Co-director **Rob Nagle** writes, "Six weeks into 2014 and I'm already quite sad at this list of folks we've

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SKULLS

Second City's longtime piano accompanist, **Fred Kaz** and just as we go into orbit, comic **David Brenner**, right.

Finally, thanks to **Dave Madden**'s extraordinary family for a sweet and funny memorial at the Magic Castle, drawing friends like **Wayne Powers** from as far as 3,000 miles way to celebrate Dave's life.



"The Captain and Tennille are filing for divorce. If they'd used their real names, they would've been Cathryn and the Dragon."

~ From JoHo by David Morgenstern

FRIENDS

Keith Hebble, Victor Kopcewich, Tim Osborne, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Brian Westley, Alan Meyerson, Kent McCamom, Pat Willson, Robert Chandler, Alan Mandell, Nick Oliva, Magic Mike Berger, Robert Riddle, Jon Gwynne, Debbie Kurtz, Jim Terr, Mack Dryden, John McLean and congrats to our financial guru, Lisa Detanna, and her brilliant team on the opening of their new **Raymond James** Beverly Hills offices.

"Humanity's most useful adaption has been the invention of invention." ~ Cameron M. Smith

"Art is not a mirror held up to reality but a hammer with which to shape it." ~ Berthold Brecht

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