



Planet Paddy

Two Irish gentlemen walk into a pub. They both sit down at the counter and place their orders. As they're sipping their drinks one looks at the other and thinks that there is something familiar about him.

The guy says to the other, "Hey, do I know you from somewhere?" to which the other responds, "Well, I'm from Galway, where are you from?" The first guy brightens up and says, "You don't say! I'm from Galway as well! What school did you go to?"

The other responds, "I went to St. Paul's Secondary," to which the first replies, "My God! I went there as well! What year did you graduate?" The second says, "I finished in 1977. You?" The first becomes even more animated and says, "I did as well! I knew that I recognized you from somewhere!"

Anyways, they get to buying each other drinks and start reminiscing about school and all that when another guy walks into the pub. He says to the barkeep, "Hey, Liam, what's new?"

The barkeep responds, "Ah, not a whole lot of any'ing, really. Except the O'Flaherty twins are drunk again."

**MY FAVORITE
IRISH JOKE**

"The problem with political jokes is they get elected." ~ Henry Cate, VII

MR. TRUMP, WHAT IS TWO PLUS TWO?

I have to say a lot of people have been asking this question. No, really. A lot of people come up to me and they ask me. They say, "What's 2+2?" And I tell them look, we know what 2+2 is.

MAYBE SOME DAY ...

Any kid can NOT grow up and become president.

"We've had almost eight years of the worst kind of math you can imagine. Oh my God, I can't believe it. Addition and subtraction of the 1s the 2s and the 3s. Its terrible. Its just terrible. Look, if you want to know what 2+2 is, do you want to know what 2+2 is? I'll tell you.

"First of all, the number 2 -- by the way I love the number 2. It's probably my favorite number, no it *is* my favorite number! You know what, it's probably more like the number two but with a lot of zeros behind it. A lot. If I'm being honest, I mean, if I'm being honest, I like a lot of zeros.

"Except for **Marco Rubio**, now he's a zero that I don't like. Though, I probably shouldn't say that. He's a nice guy, but



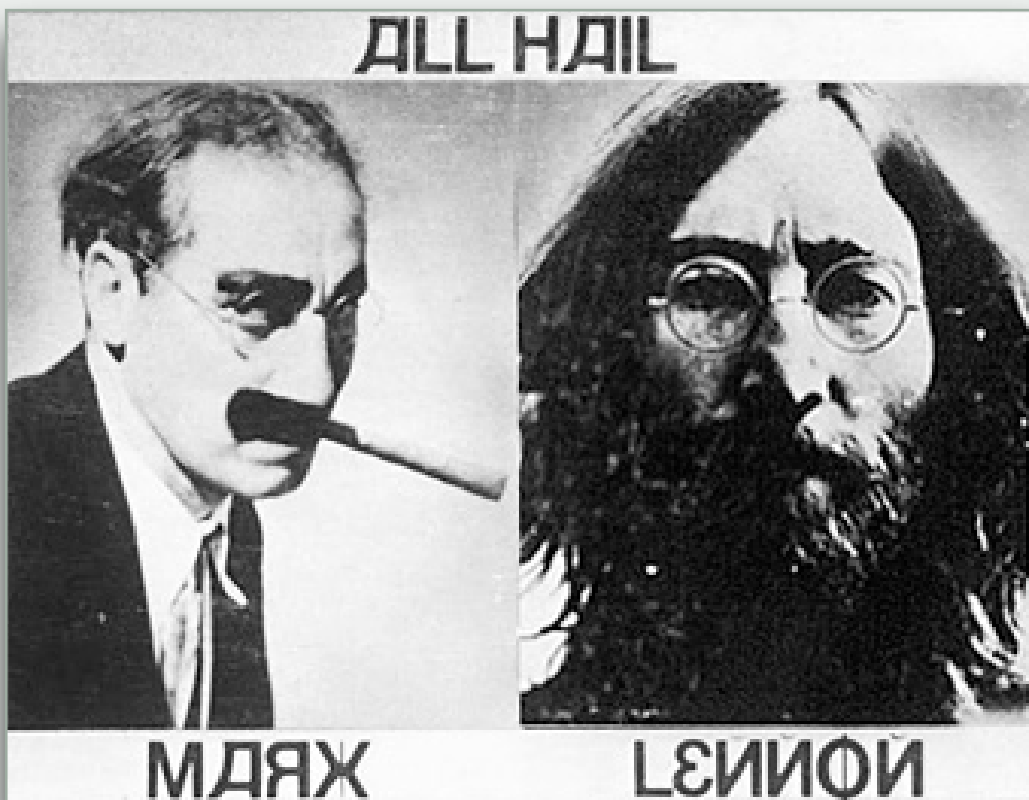
he's like, 10101000101, on and on, like that. He's like a computer! You know what I mean? He's like a computer. I don't know -- I mean, you know?

"So, we have all these numbers and we can add them and subtract them and add them -- TIMES them even! Did you know that? We can times them OR divide them -- they don't tell you that, and I'll tell you, no one is better at the order of operations than me. You wouldn't believe it.

"So, we're gonna be the best on 2+2, believe me! Ok? Alright. Thank you."

Life is like asking the pilot of an airplane, "Where are we?" By the time he answers, you're not there anymore.

~ Phil's Phunny Phacts



ALL HAIL MARX LENNON!

English blogger **Adam Forrest** writes: "In 1969, American comedy troupe **The Firesign Theatre** released their second satirical comedy LP entitled ***How Can You Be in Two Places at Once When You're Not Anywhere at All***, which famously featured this cover picture (left).

"It took 47 years, but now that punchline has finally come full circle, because according to the French news agency **AFP**... large swathes of Ukraine have been erasing remnants of their totalitarian past, and today it was reported that in Kalyny, a western Ukrainian village of about 5,000 people

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located just 12 miles from the **European Union's** eastern border, a street which honored Soviet founder **Vladimir Lenin** has now officially been renamed after The Beatles' **John Lennon**.

"I wonder," Adam concludes, "does this mean future releases of The Beatles' *White Album* in the Ukraine will have to be issued without 'Back In The USSR?'"

"The greatest patriotism is to tell your country when it is behaving dishonorably."
~ Novelist **Julian Barnes**

AND I QUOTE

Optimism? It's always the same story. Always, no matter how you evaluate what's happening in the world, you, basically, have two choices: you can decide to be pessimistic and say there's no hope and abandon all efforts – in which case you contribute to ensuring that the worst will happen; or you can grasp whatever hopes there are – and they're always there – and try to do what you can. And maybe you'll be able to avert disaster, or even go a little way toward a better world." – **Noam Chomsky**

"The political and commercial morals of the United States are not merely food for laughter, they are an entire banquet." ~ **Mark Twain**

TRUMPETING TRUMP

LA *Times* columnist **Steve Lopez** was lambasted by some of his readers for comments he made about **Donald Trump** and his relationship to Latinos. He followed up by interviewing California supporters and got some eye-opening observations that I'd like to share with you here:

"I'm totally impressed," said 72-year-old **Patricia Bowler**, "and I think Trump would be the perfect person to run the country. It should be run as a business because that's what it is."

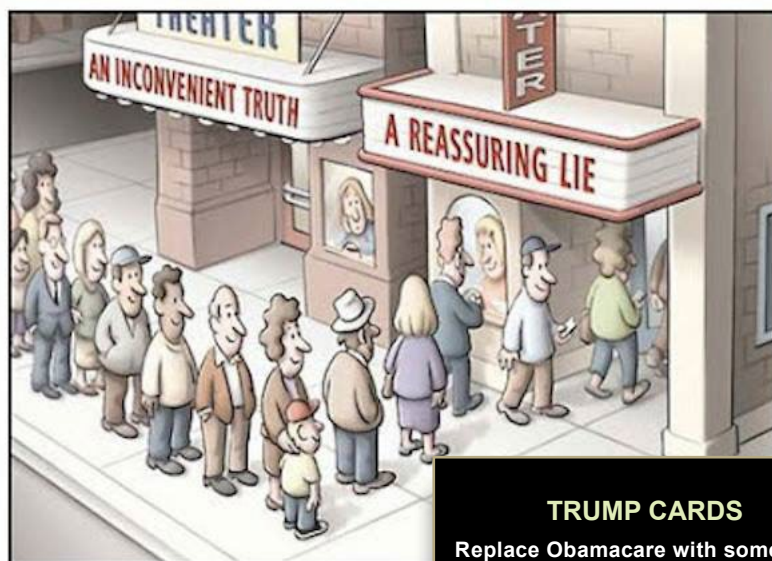
And of course, she's right, because "Countries are people, too!"

And **Cheryl Wiseman**, 70, adds, "There are too many people getting freebies, too many illegals draining our resources, and as soon as they come here they get on welfare and food stamps, especially if they come here to have a baby."

And then she summed up the **Conservative Philosophy** so perfectly, my decaf almost went up my nose: "The more

you do for people, the less they do for themselves." I'll pause here and you can talk amongst yourselves.

She then referred Lopez to a 48-year old Hispanic friend named **Sean Ponce** who commented, "Obama – he's Islam. Yeah, that's his root... Islam is one big fat lie, and



TRUMP CARDS

Replace Obamacare with something "terrific" that is "so much better, so much better, so much better." **MORE**

that's where he's lost it."

Trump? "He just tells the truth and doesn't care about money and power" (Say what?) "We definitely need more God in this country." (Or a demigod, perhaps?)

"If Hillary gets in it'll be like the Wild West...there'll be killing going on, bomb threats, Islamic killings. We're going to have financial collapse. It's going to be like a Third World country, which is what the Communists want."

Or does Ponce mean the "Columnists" like the honorable Steve Lopez?

"Politicians, are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel."
~ **John Quinton**

AND THE NEWSBEAT GOES ON

NewsBeat Social, the video-first news agency located in Portland, Oregon that gathers news from around the world and delivers one-minute news reports across social media, is the first company filing for access to potential public investors who are already part of its monthly audience and will list its common stock on the **NASDAQ Capital Market** under the symbol "NEWZ."

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"This is a really exciting moment that marks a new phase of our growth," said my son-in-law, NewsBeat Social President **Geoff Campbell**. The company has produced over 30,000 video news reports, which have garnered over 8 billion lifetime impressions and over 423 million views by people in 236 countries around the world, and have drawn nearly 3 million fans on **FACEBOOK**.

"NewsBeat Social is creating a new type of news that's going to have a transformative effect on the industry," said **Peter Shea**, one of the seed investors in the company.

The company was launched by founder and CEO **Stanley W. Fields** in 2013 and the leadership team includes Campbell, a former digital media executive for **DISH Network** and **Sony** who also previously worked at the **Boston Consulting Group** – and is married to my darling daughter **Kristin**. Go Geoff!! www.newsbeatsocial.com/IPO.

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks."
~ **Doug Larson**

THE MASTERFUL MISTER MARTIN

Sometimes referred to as "The Fifth Beatle," legendary British producer **George Martin** finally faded away at the ripe old age of 90, after discovering and nurturing **The Beatles** in the '60s and guiding, inspiring and evolving their sounds through one of the most memorable careers in the history of recorded music.

Martin took the vital spontaneity of "the lads'" rock-inspired live act and evolved it through state-of-the-art engineering into trend-setting masterpieces that changed the world of pop music forever. Using instrumental overdubbing, innovative musical

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arrangements, blended with all manner of technical trickery and in-studio designed soundscapes, he introduced a dazzling complexity to their recordings that influenced every performer of the era to stretch their creativity to the outer limits. And, of course, he was a major inspiration for the revolutionary comedic inventions of **The Firesign Theatre**.

May his genius inspire us still.

"When the table moves, move with it."
~ **Actual Fortune Cookie**

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Martin Lewis, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Rob Lewine, Robert Riddle, Bonnie Medina, George Riddle, Victor Kopcewich, Ed Pearl, Wally Wingert, Andrew Hollis and Ron Masak with whom, I remind you, I will be performing again in Palm Springs to recreate the famous Abbot & Costello "Who's on First" routine on Saint Patrick's Day. **INFO**

"Life is like a suitcase; you can squeeze a lot into it."
~ **Yoko Ono**



THE PRODUCER

Martin, right, with John, Ringo, George and Paul

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." ~ **Milton Berle**

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