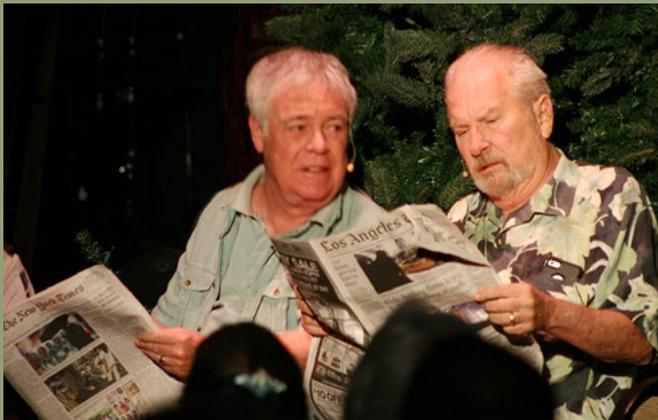


"Reality is hard. It's no walk in the park, this thing called life." ~ Patty Duke

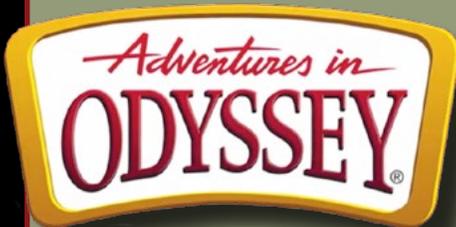
The Planet Spins

The Boomers first live appearance on JP Houston's 'American Parlor Songbook' radio show at **Bugsy Siegel's Tudor House** in Lake Arrowhead was a sold-out success! They built us a little set with a bench provided by **Cristofer Gross**, my great *Planet* graphics partner, who also arranged for a lovely brunch with friends that Sunday. And, we were housed in the former



brothel across from the venue. **CLICK TO LISTEN TO JP'S SHOW!** We performed two sets, directed by my darling wife, **Melinda Peterson**, and we've been invited back on July 23rd!

I also reprised my role as **Detective Polehaus** in another episode of the long-running 'Adventures in Odyssey' Christian radio serial, heard on more than 6,000 stations worldwide. And, I wrapped up my role as the crafty computer, **Methuselah**, in the mind-bending interactive game **Headlander**.



And finally, I was a guest lecturer on **Steve Bhaerman's** online comedy

course, speaking on the topic "Media Liberation:

How Humor Can Deprogram and Comedy Can Convince You, You Are Not Insane!" Steve is probably best known as **Swami**



Beyondananda, the Cosmic Comic. But besides his online workshops and personal appearances, he's recently launched a line of refrigerator magnets (above, right) with the Swami's sayings, and here are a few more:

The best way to illuminate the darkness is to make light of it.

Each of us is totally unique – just like everyone else.

The Creator is watching the Comedy Channel and we are what's on.

Why don't we go for "Heaven on Earth" just for the hell of it?

Life is a sitcom – so sit calm and enjoy it.

The sky is not falling – we are ascending.

Don't get even – get odd

The best way to face the unknown is by not knowing

The best way to overcome gravity is with levity

Life is like photography.

You use the negative to develop.

And finally, you'll hear me as part of the award-winning cast in the audio edition of **L. Ron Hubbard's** monumental opus, **Battlefield Earth**, to be released on Father's Day. It's the biggest sci-fi audiobook ever produced, so if you have 47 ½ hours free, give it a listen...

"Do not commit the error, common among the young, of assuming that if you cannot save the whole of mankind, you have failed." ~ Jan de Hartog

GIVE IT UP

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

"That's okay," the man replied, "It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and golf."

"Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain - and most fools do." ~ Benjamin Franklin

ADDICTED TO LOVE

Love Addict' – in which Melinda and I both have roles – is finally ready for release! However, my part (which has graciously been described by a producer as the "soul" of the film) is not represented in the

trailer, [SEE IT NOW](#).

We'll be at the L.A. premiere May 5 at the Laemmle Royal on Santa Monica, but it's opening nationally May 13 and launching this month on premium VOD, Amazon, iTunes, Google Play and Hoopla.



Elliot Haddaway, as Owen Maxwell, is a charismatic, Porsche-driving Los Angeles divorce attorney and an incurable womanizer who signs up for hypnotherapy to stop smoking. But he gets more than he paid for, when the hypnotherapist – one of Owen's forgotten one-night-stands – decides to "cure" him of his lust for other women by making him ill whenever he gets turned-on. Oh – what's gonna happen to him?

Winner of the 2014 LA Comedy Awards for Best Comedy Film and featured at the Cannes Film Festival, this sexy comedy also stars model and "Big Brother" star Courtney Stodden as my trophy wife, and Alyshia Ochse ("True Detective," "The Other Woman") as Dr. Eileen Jenkins, enlisted to help Owen with his revenge hypnotherapy gone wrong.

Haddaway stars in the Fox series, "The Seraph" and in the Chicago-based series "Chi-raq," to be released later this year. He is also lined up to reprise his role in *Love Addict II* and to appear in the film *Angels in the Sky*, about the struggle of the birth of Israel. [VISIT THE FILM WEBSITE](#).

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts



DON'T ASK

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by an Irish cop. He thinks he's smarter than the copper because he is a lawyer from London and knows he's better educated, so he decides to have some fun at the cop's expense.

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Irish cop says, "License and registration, please." London lawyer says, "What for?"

Irish cop says, "Ye did'na come to a complete stop at the stop sign." London lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."

Irish cop says, "Ye still did'na come to a complete stop. License and registration, please." London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

Irish cop says, "The difference is, ye hav'ta come to a complete stop, that's the law. License and registration, please."

London lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration, and you can give me the ticket. If not, let me go and forget the ticket."

"Sounds fair," the officer says.

"Exit your vehicle, sir." The London lawyer steps out, and immediately the cop takes out his baton and starts beating the crap out him.

"Da'ye want me to stop," he says between swings, "or just slow down?"

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just stand there." ~ Will Rogers

BOOLA BOOLA

Not my Planet, but the rest of the planet seems to have been roiled recently by revolutionary requests for the recognition of the rights of emerging minorities – not to mention the revulsion over the reappearance of repeated and revolting alliteration.

Among those recent revisions was my very own **Yale University**, which decided to replace the name, "Master of College" with "Head of College" to eliminate any hint of racism.

I suppose they thought "Chief" would not be acceptable, nor "Warden," for obvious reasons.

*"Evangelical Christianity has been hijacked by people who would give Jesus himself the boot if he knocked on their door."
~ Pres. Jimmy Carter*

If Trump wins the election it'll be the first time in history that a billionaire moved into public housing vacated by a black family! ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

POSITIVE/NEGATIVE

Zero is a strange beast. It took until the 7th Century for it to be explicitly recognized as a number in its own right, when the ancient Indians developed a numerical system that gave zero its own symbol.

The human use of numbers sprang from the practical need to count things, but at the time zero was only used to denote an absence of value. In this light, could it even be considered a number? As human thought progressed, however, and mathematics became more of an abstract process to unravel reality, zero started to prove itself a very useful tool.

Now there's **AN ANIMATED VIDEO** from The Royal Institution, narrated by mathematician **Hannah Fry**, which tells how zero evolved from ancient civilizations to our current world of computer technology.

"Here goes nothin'..."

*Cloud seeding was invented by Kurt Vonnegut's scientist brother.
~ Phil's Funny Phacts*

PHIL'S PHUNNIEST PHACTS

I usually reserve uncredited absurd-vations like this to sprinkle throughout an orbit, but this collection is just too much fun, so enjoy them now...

Is it wrong that only one company makes the game **Monopoly**? Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected? Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer. I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it, the computer says, "Your password is incorrect." Let's face it, artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

I'm great at multi-tasking -- I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once. There may be



no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking. Never tell your problems to anyone, because 20 percent don't care and the other 80 percent are glad you have them, so take my advice – I'm not using it.

I hate it when people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious. Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more-talented fool. Give me ambiguity or give me something else!

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes. When she married Mr. Right, she had no idea his first name was Always. Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type. The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary. I find it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom until they're flashing behind you. And remember, if you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.

He who laughs last thinks slowest...

"I only talk about sex because a lot of our parents had it." ~ Redd Foxx

WANT A QUICKIE?

Having already downed a few power drinks, she turns around, faces him, looks him straight in the eye and says, "Listen here, good looking. I will screw anybody, anytime, anywhere; their place, my place, in the car, front door, back door, on the ground, standing up, sitting down, naked or fully clothed..."

"It doesn't matter to me. I just love it." His eyes now wide with interest, he responds, "No kidding... I'm in Government, too. Are you federal or state?"

"The noblest art is that of making people happy." ~ PT Barnum

LATEST LOSSES

First, "Goodnight sweet **Prince**: And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." – hopefully in one of your own unique arrangements!

And farewell as well to the wonderful **Doris Roberts**, with whom I had the great pleasure of working in two pilots

by **Scoey Mitchell**. She went on to win five Emmys and is most remembered as the mom in "Everybody Loves Raymond." "She was taking acting lessons right up to the end," notes the show's creator **Phil Rosenthal**.

"Sometimes what I do for fun is go on a ramble," Doris said. "When you ramble, you go north, south, east or west, and you just go... You come across extraordinary little villages in the middle of the mountains; or you go in another direction, and you've got the ocean."

Wonder where her ramble took her this time.

"People fascinate me - life fascinates me. And I'm no more fascinated by my own life than by anyone else's." ~ Prince

PLANET GOOBERS

Jamie Alcroft, Sarah Karasawa, Alan Meyerson, Jerry Eberts, Steve Ziplow, Michael Fish, M.C, Gwynne, Robert Riddle and Nick Oliva.

And congratulations to author **Steve Cuden**, who will

be hosting a book-signing on May 21 at The Writers' Store in Burbank of his latest work, **Beating Hollywood: Tips for Creating Unforgettable Screenplays**, which includes a blurb from me; to **David Misch**

for being part of **The Dead Pilots Society** at the Whitefire Theatre, and to my co-author of our play, **God Help Us, Samuel Joseph** for the extension of his musical workshop **Psychosexual** at the Met. **GET YOUR TICKETS HERE.** And lastly, heartfelt thanks to **Alan Shearman** and **Cecilia Dighero** for a moving celebration of the career and life of the late, great **Ron House** at the Skylight Theatre. In photo above are Melinda, me, Ron as Pepe Hernandez and Director **Steve Rothman**.



"Everyone is so obsessed with themselves nowadays, that they have no time for me." ~ Novelist Louise Rennison

"Create a concept and reality leaves the room." ~ Philosopher Jose' Ortega y Gasset

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