

"Familiarity is your friend." ~ Melinda Peterson

Happy Birthday, Girl!

What a month! After a rhapsodic getaway to Fox Island with **Oona Austin** that included a rehearsal with **David Ossman** for our September 28 command performance at the Library of Congress in Washington AC/DC, my darling wife, **Melinda**, turned "39" on the 20th.

We celebrated with a martini and dinner at the legendary **Musso & Frank** restaurant, which we both knew from our early Hollywood years, followed by a performance at the lovingly restored Pantages Theater of **Hamilton**, which far exceeded our expectations – the music, the performances, the ensemble, the staging, the choreography, the coordinated lighting, and the totally wigged-out, \$old-out audience!

It was great to be celebrating a 25-year marriage with the love-of-my-life in "the room where it happened..." We are not giving up our shot!

MARTINIS, MUSSO'S AND MORE ...

We celebrated Melinda's birthday with a performance of 'Hamilton' after spending time of Fox Island with Oona Austin (left), and Dave Ossman (above left)

"The past is never dead. It's not even past."
~ William Faulkner

A NICE PRESENT

The Coachella Valley's very own **Desert Theatre League** nominations were announced this month, and **Dezart Performs** received 27 nominations, including Outstanding Production for their three main stage shows -- and this:

AND THE NOMINEES ARE ...

Melinda and Phil flank Joyce Bulifant
in the nominated 'On the Air.'

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*Outstanding Supporting Female Performer
in a Staged Reading*
Melinda Peterson - On the Air!

*Outstanding Supporting Male Performer
in a Staged Reading*
Phil Proctor - On the Air!

We can't wait to do the show again next year!

"If ever time should come, when vain and aspiring men
should possess the higher seats in government,
our country will stand in need of its experienced
patriots to prevent its ruin." ~ Samuel Adams

DON'T ASK

A striking young man sits at the bar next to a voluptuous young woman. Having already downed a few drinks, she turns around, looks him straight in the eye and says, "Listen here, good looking. I'll 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, I just love it."

His eyes now wide with interest, he responds, "No kidding? I'm in Government, too. Are you federal or state?"

"It bothers me that you'll see, once the Confederate statues are gone, you'll see the Founding Fathers gone. This is a way of erasing history and taking over, making us like a whole new country."
~ Richmond, VA resident
Brag Bowling in the LA Times

ON THE HORN

A guy checks into a hotel and he's horny, so he figures he'll call one of the girls that advertise in phone booths. He pops into a phone booth near the hotel, finds an ad for "Erogenique," and when he gets back to his room, he calls.

A woman answers and says, "Hel-low..." and he thinks to himself, "Man, does she sound hot." He says, "Hi, I, uh, hear you give a great massage, so I'd like you to come to my room and give me one."

"No, wait ... I should be straight with you. What I really want is sex. I want it hard and hot, and I want it now. Please bring toys, rubber, leather, whips, everything you've got in your bag of tricks. We'll go all night ... you can tie me up, cover me in chocolate syrup and whipped cream, anything you want. How's that sound?"

She says, "That sounds fantastic. Now please dial 9 for an outside line."

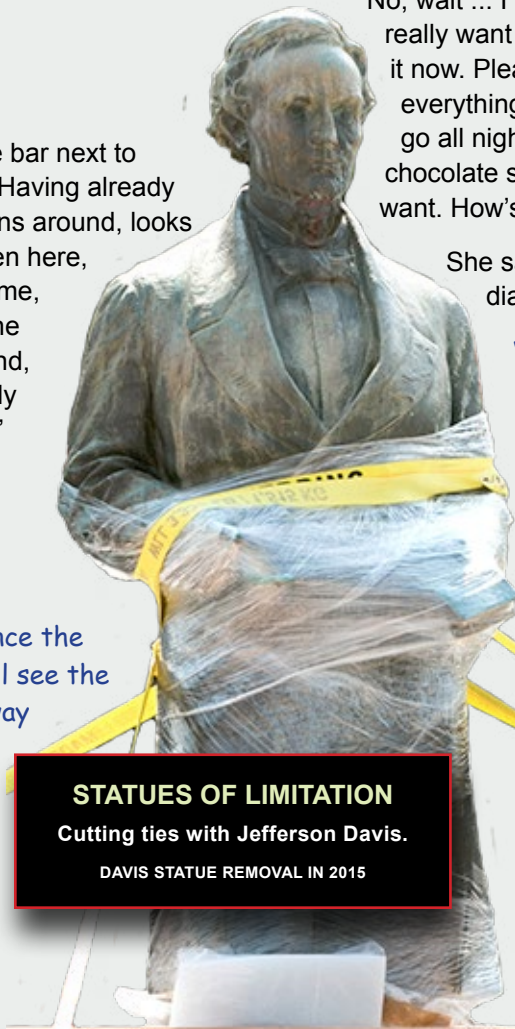
"I am your fan from China. I first saw on TV you know that I will fall in love with you, because you are too cute looks of. Later, I slowly learned about the process you become a superstar." ~ A Chinese Fan

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STATUES OF LIMITATION

Cutting ties with Jefferson Davis.

DAVIS STATUE REMOVAL IN 2015



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

YOUR NUMBER'S UP

I was walking down the street a few days ago and I happened upon my good friend Tim. I waved him over and told him I had the craziest dream the other night. Tim listened as I told him that the dream consisted of just one thing. A huge, bright, number 5. It was made of gold and shined like the sun.



TRACK OF MY TEARS

Today's Show is brought to you
by the number 5

Tim's eyebrows went up with curiosity. I continued to tell him that the first thing I did that day was to look up the local horse racing track contenders. I told him that the number 5 contender in the 5th race was named The Fifth Element. Tim started grinning. Then I told him what I did to make sure I got my luck working in my favor.

I ate 5 bowls of cereal for breakfast and drank 5 cups of orange juice. I went for a 5-mile jog to feel good. I spent 5 minutes in the shower washing off. I dressed in the 5th shirt I found. I sat in my car for 5 minutes before beginning to drive, then I drove to the racetrack and parked in the 5th stall in the 5th row. I entered through the 5th admissions gate and bought 5 programs.

I went to the 5th betting window and bet \$555 on the 5th horse in the 5th race. I went and sat in the 5th row of the bleachers making sure there were 5 people sitting on both sides of me. I settled in and waited for the race to start.

"Well," said Tim. "Did your horse win?" I frowned and said, "Stupid horse came in 5th."

"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with senses, reason and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."

~ Galileo

DAFFYNITIONS

CHICKENS ... The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE ... A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST ... Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST ... Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF ... Cold Storage.

INFLATION ... Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO ... An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN ... A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET ... A story you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON ... A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE ... The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW ... One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN ... An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES ... Something other people have, similar to your character lines.

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because character is what you really are, while reputation is merely what others think you are."

~ John Wooden

MESKIMEN'S LAW

I discovered it by accident years ago – it was on one of those daily tear-off calendar pads, with a quote for the day, and there it was: **Meskimen's Law**.

Meskimen is not a common name, obviously. Imagine my surprise just to see the word in print! And THEN that such a thing existed. My experience with other Meskimens in general is limited; it's a rather exclusive club...

So, Meskimen's Law popped into my universe with a CLANK; and while that's

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Go back, Jack, do it again.

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mildly interesting, the fact that the law itself seems to be tailor-made for ME -- now THAT starts to get weird... Okay, so here it is: "There's never time to do it right, but there's always time to do it again."

Does that mean anything to you? Because for me, it seems to encapsulate my entire existence. Me, a Meskimen! Is there a law named after YOU that intimately describes your life and habits? It's weird, right?

Meskimen's Law accurately describes how I operate in my personal and professional life.

Damn it, it's true -- there's NEVER time to do it right. And there usually IS time to do it again...I'm sure I could express this better, but I can always revise it later -- OH, NO. NOT AGAIN!

(From the one-and-only Meskimen I know: **JIMMESKIMEN.COM** -- master of many voices, actor/writer/director/artist and all-around good guy.)

"You have to make it happen."
~ Denis Diderot

NO/MORE

A tenor made his debut singing the role of Canio in *Pagliacci*. He sang his aria and was greeted with applause after which he signaled the conductor to repeat the number. He sang it again and received more applause which inspired him to sing it a third time.

The tenor then addressed the audience saying, "Grazie, you've been very kind, but the opera must go on. I can't stand here and sing this aria all night!"

And from the balcony a solitary voice yelled, "You'll sing it till you get it right!"

"So long as men worship the Caesars and Napoleons, Caesars and Napoleons will duly rise and make them miserable." ~ Aldous Huxley

AFTER THE AFTER THE SONG

Philip J. Marshall's longtime labor of love, *Francis Scott Key: After the Song*, is set to launch next month! [READ ALL ABOUT IT HERE.](#)

He writes, "It's definitely different and turned out quite well. As you know I didn't plan on it being so topical.

Your performance [as the ghost of **John Randolph** of Virginia] was terrific and a highlight of the program!

"*After the Song* is releasing to public television in September and is also running in LA on the **World Channel** on Friday September 15, starting at 6 p.m. and repeats a few times on Saturday. I'm not sure what other channel it's on in your area... but the World Channel reaches nearly 80 percent of America including New York. And Maryland Public Television is running it along with my first documentary September 11-14 at 10 p.m. on our main channel.

"Thanks, Phil. I'm very proud of my participation in this important and very different documentary about the early struggles to end slavery, and sincerely hope you will see it and learn from it as I did."

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has" ~ Margaret Mead

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GHOSTLY

The controversial Senator Randolph
as revived by Phil Proctor.

And remember, every morning is the dawn of a new error. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

DOGGONE IT

Her dog was in heat, but she agreed to look after her neighbor's male dog while the neighbor was on vacation. She had a large house and she believed that she could keep the two dogs apart. However, as she was drifting off to sleep, she heard awful howling sounds.

She rushed downstairs and found the dogs locked together and unable to disengage, as frequently happens when dogs mate. Unable to separate them, and perplexed as to what to do next, and although, it was very late at night, she called her vet, who answered in a very grumpy voice.

After she explained the problem to him, the vet said, "Hang up the phone and place it down alongside the dogs. I will then call you back and the noise of the ringing will make the male lose his erection and he will be able to withdraw."

"Do you think that will work?" she asked.

"Just worked for me," he replied.

Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty. One hundred years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses. If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, let's just call it "2's day," OK?

The doctors who told **Stephen Hawking** he had two years to live in 1953 are probably dead. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work. Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.

"Age does not protect you from love, but love, to some extent, protects you from age." ~ **Jeanne Moreau**

VOICE OVER

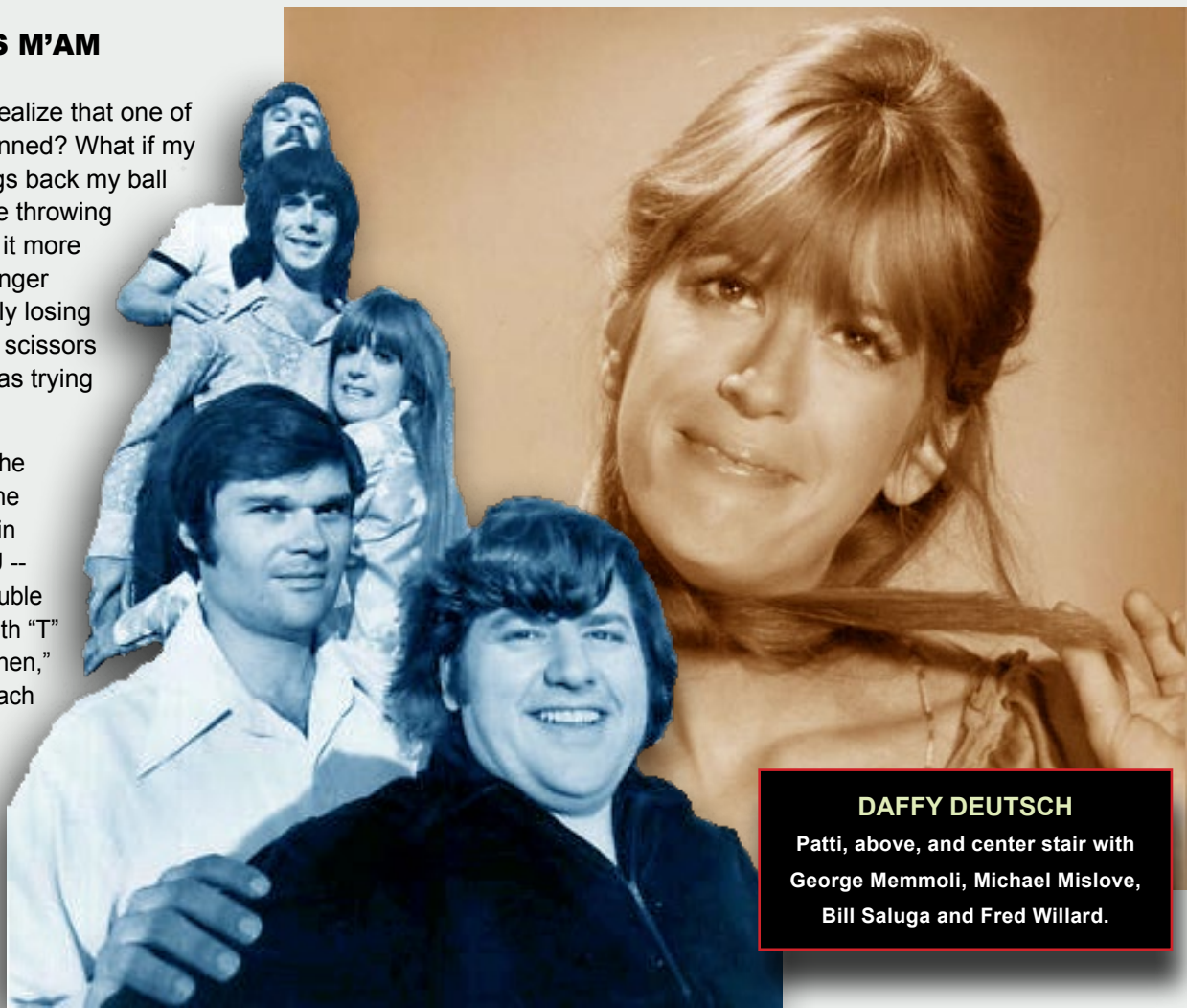
Dear friends, as the launch of my autobiography **Where's My Fortune Cookie**, co-authored by **Brad Schreiber** and produced by **Andy Thomas**, nears its launch date on September 28, I have been doing some promotional interviews. This week I guested on two online TV shows, "**The Gillmor Gang**" and later "**The Voice Over Body Shop**" on the very day we lost controversial comic genius **Jerry Lewis** at 91. Earlier we had to absorb the loss of the brilliant **June "Rocky" Foray** at 99 and saddest of all, the zany **Patti Deutsch** at only 73.

JUST THE FACTS M'AM

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned? What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it? If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous? Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C? Why is the letter W, in English, called double U -- shouldn't it be called double V? If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When," you get the answer to each of them.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims."



DAFFY DEUTSCH

Patti, above, and center stair with George Memmoli, Michael Mislove, Bill Saluga and Fred Willard.

They were all professional friends and it's tough to have to let them go. I first met Jerry in 1955, when I presented him with a check from Allen-Stevenson School on the beginning of his MDA telethons, and then thanks to my uncle, **Clarence Eurist**, on the set of one of his films. Later, I played straight man to him on **Allen Katz's** wacky TV series, and in 1983, I was part of an elaborate gag for the film *Cracking Up*, which unfortunately had to be cut for technical reasons.

I worked with the great Foray on *The Rocky and Bullwinkle Movie* and numerous Disney films over the years [WATCH VIDEO], and Patti and I became friends doing cartoons like "The Smurfs," radio commercials and many Pixar films, although she first made me laugh as part of **The Ace Trucking Company** with **Fred Willard**. In her obit it says, "A celebration of Patti's life is planned: a 30-second spot and a 60-second spot."

Condolences to her husband of 40 years, **Donald Ross**, with whom she appeared on the couples' quiz show, "Tattletales."

"The rest is silence..."

"The new warrior's strength is not to fight."
~ Bob Dylan

AND LEST WE FORGET

On August 4, 1944, **Anne Frank** and her family were arrested in their hiding place in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. She died in 1945 in the Bergen-

Belsen concentration camp, but her diary was published posthumously and has touched the lives of tens of millions. Ironically, **Judith Jones**, who discovered *The Diary of Anne Frank* and insisted that it be published, passed on this month at the age of 93. At the time, her boss at Paris Doubleday reportedly said, "What? That book by that kid?"

And finally, **Haruo Nakajima**, the actor who portrayed Godzilla in the 1954 atomic-age inspired film, passed over at the age of 88. Nakajima said he researched the beloved monster by observing how bears, elephants, and other large beasts moved around in a zoo.

"It's not some cowboy movie," he said. "If Godzilla can't walk properly, it's nothing but a freak show."

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin in World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

GOOD TO KNOW

Thanks to this orbit's Planeteers: **George Riddle**, **Kent McCaman**, **Matt Tepper**, **Bill Bowles**, **Joan Allemand**, **Tom Tuerff**, **Richard Fish**, **Edward Landler**, **Victor Kopcewich**, **Kenneth Wilhite, Jr.**, and **Jackie Martling**.

Plus, a special callout to my dear friend and **Boomers on a Bench** partner, **Jamie Alcroft** (right), presently residing at Cedars Sinai as he awaits a life-extending heart and liver transplant! He's O Positive, and if you are too -- "Ride to see me on a motorcycle without a helmet," Jamie suggests...



"I tell you, we are here on Earth to fart around, and don't let anybody tell you different." ~ Kurt Vonnegut

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CLICK WORDS TO OPEN

GOOD TO GO

DRINK UP
FLY HIGH
ALVA ED
LET'S EAT
TIREBITER'S TUNE
BUMP ME
DUCK ME
SIGNS
DOGGONE
BEACHY
COLOR
POWER
YODELING YODERS

"Whatever you're going through, remember it's not a sentence, it's just a period." ~ Steven Alan Green

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