

"When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it." ~ Clarence Darrow

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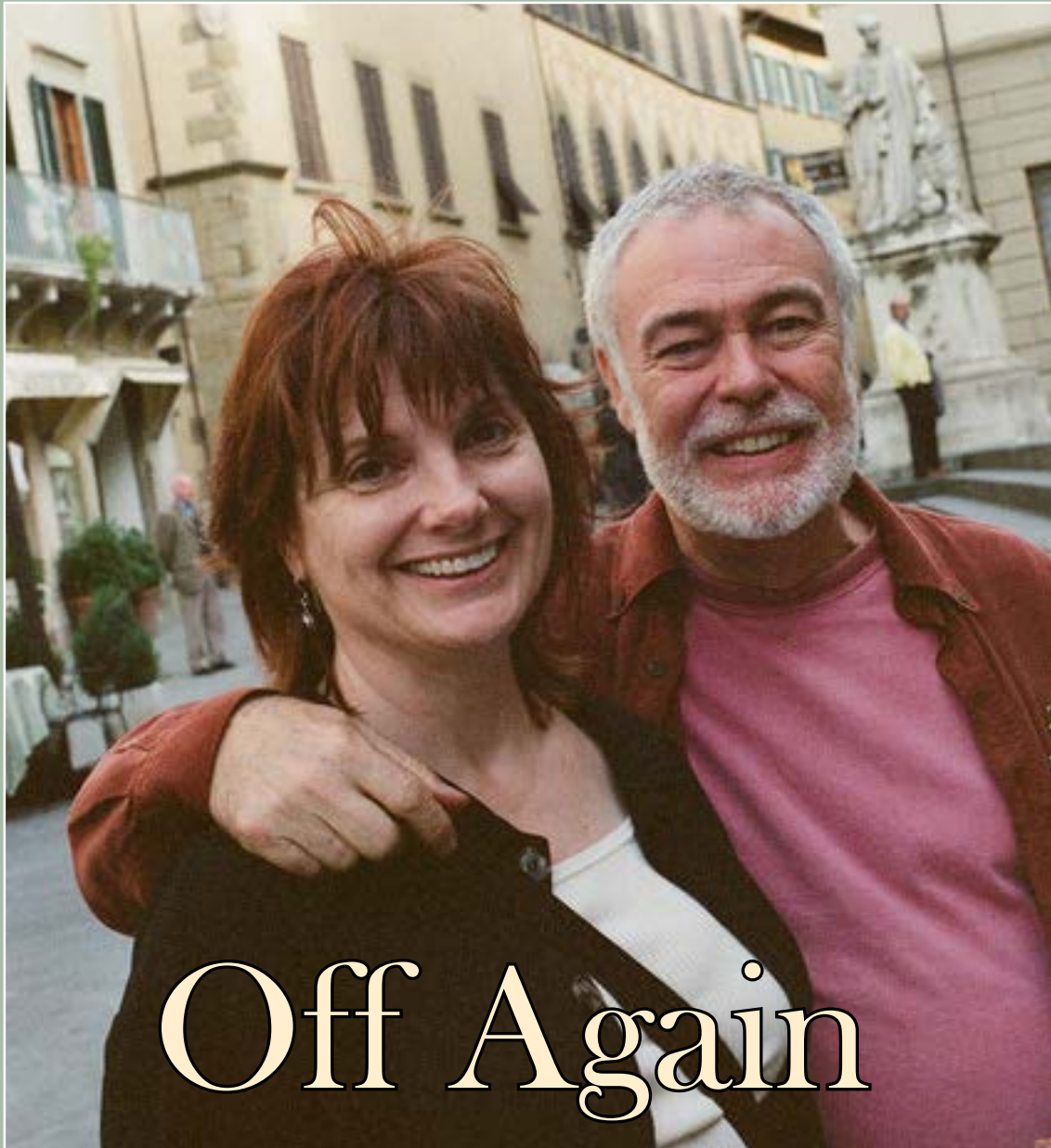


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Off Again

This time to celebrate my 79th birthday on July 28 at the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach, where, thanks to our friend, head writer **Dan Duling, Melinda** and I have added voices again this year.

Then, in early August, we're in NYC

to see my dear Yale Dramat mate, **Austin Pendleton** in the Chekov parody, **Life Sucks**, and to visit our travel mate, **Charlie Moed**, followed by a flight to Dublin for a live stage performance in an original piece by **Roger Gregg's** Crazy Dog Audio Theatre on August 16 at the

WorldCon Sci-Fi Convention.

After that, we're off to Scotland to celebrate Melinda's 70th birthday at one of her MacDougall clan castles on the Isle of Mull, and then on to the Isle of Skye. As you can see, when it comes to Leo adventures, the sky's the limit!

"Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough." ~ FDR

It figures

IN EVERY HUMAN CULTURE and country of planet earth, people wonder why they have so much earwax, and the sight of a person walking into a glass door brings screams of laughter. Women agonize over how to make their eyebrows attractive, while men invent cute nicknames for the female genitalia, usually based on edible items. (I'm sure you can think of at least 15.)

Any man making uninvited sexual advances is labeled a pervert and a creep, and any woman doing the same is labeled a slut. Everyone wonders how the neighbors could ever manage to procreate, but best of all, young people would much rather watch *Rugrats* than read about national heroes. Thanks!

"If you want a real friend that you can trust in Washington - get a dog!" ~ Harry Truman

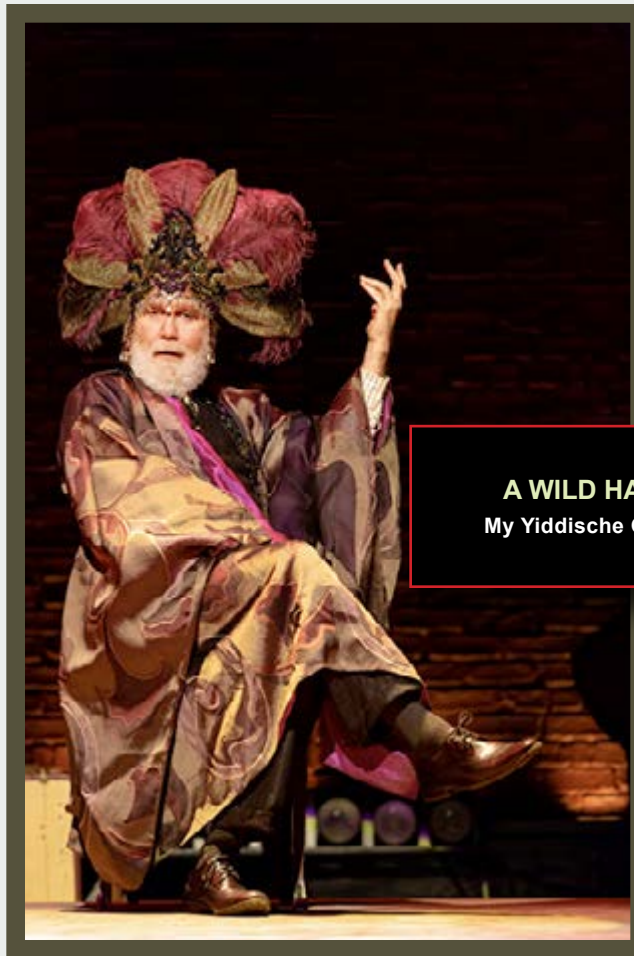
Vat's so funny?

RECENTLY, WE SAW A SPECTACULAR production of *Indecent*, about Yiddish theatre, featuring our fellow Antaeon, **Harry Groener**. It inspired me to share some timeless humor with you:

A woman goes to the post office and says to the clerk "May I have 50 Chanukah stamps please." The clerk asks, "What denomination?" And the woman says "Oy vey, has it come to this? Okay, give me six orthodox, 12 conservative, and 32 reform!"

Then, Saul was taking an oral exam in his English as a Second Language class and was asked to spell cultivate, which he did correctly. He was then asked to use the word in a sentence, and, with a big smile, responded: "Last vinter on a very cold day, I vas waiting for a bus, but it vas too cul-ti-vate, so I took the subway home."

The Italian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have wine." The Frenchman says, "I'm thirsty. I must have cognac." The Russian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have vodka." The German says, "I'm thirsty. I must have beer." The Mexican says, "I'm thirsty. I must have tequila." And the Jew says,



A WILD HARRY
My Yiddische Groener

"I'm thirsty. I must have diabetes."

And during a service at an old synagogue, when the Shema prayer was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The seated ones started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones

standing yelled at the sitting ones to stand up.

The rabbi didn't know what to do, so his

congregation suggested that he consult a housebound 98-year-old man who was one of the original founders of their temple. "Is it the tradition to stand during this prayer?" they asked, and the old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition." The one whose followers sat, said, "Then it must be the tradition

to sit during Shema." The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition, either."

"But the congregation fights all the time," the Rabbi said, "yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand." The old man said: "THAT is the tradition!"

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

Sign here, and here, and here

"HELLO TEAM, I AM AMAR WRITING TO you from India. I am a big fan of Philip sir following him from long. I love your voice all wherein shows and games as well.

"Is it possible anyway that I could able to get a Hand signed autograph for myself I would be very very happy to get that being a great fan of you. Just in case it is possible I am leaving my address below also in case it's not possible I still appreciate and will be a fan forever!!"

*A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Why the long face?" The horse says, "I have cancer."
~ Jackie Martling*

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Love it!

A MOTHER-IN-LAW DROPS IN UNEXPECTEDLY at her recently married son's house. She finds the door unlocked and walks in, only to discover her daughter-in-law spread out on the couch, totally naked. "What are you doing?" she asks, aghast. "I'm just waiting for Jeff to come home from work," the daughter-in-law explains. "But you're naked!"

"Not really," she says proudly. "This is my love dress! Jeff loves when I wear this dress, and it makes me happy to see him so happy!"

On her way back she thinks about the love dress, and once home she strips, showers, dabs on her best perfume and, lying provocatively on the couch, waits expectantly for her husband who eventually walks in to find his wife naked on the couch.

"What are you doing?" he exclaims. "This is my love dress," she replies, seductively. "Needs ironing," he says. "What's for dinner?"

"Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions."

~ Sir Winston Churchill

To the moon, Alice!

"FOR ME, THE MOST ironic token of that moment in history is the plaque signed by President **Richard M. Nixon**, that Apollo 11 took to the Moon. It reads: 'We came in peace for all mankind.' As the United States was dropping 7.5 megatons of conventional explosives on small nations in Southeast Asia, we congratulated ourselves on our humanity: We would harm no one on a lifeless rock."

So wrote **Carl Sagan** in *The Demon Haunted World*.

"I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!"

~ Henny Youngman

COSMIC IRONY

Landing punches from Carl

You're fired!

SINCE MY LAST REPORT, THIS EMPLOYEE reached rock-bottom and started to dig; when his IQ reaches 50, he should sell; it's hard to believe he beat out 1 million other sperm! This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot, I would not allow this employee to breed.

This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be, because he sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them. He suffers from delusions of adequacy, and when he opens his mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet. Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.

If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change. If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean, and indeed, it takes him two hours to watch "60 Minutes." If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week. He's got two brain cells; one is lost and the other is out looking for it, because he donated his brain to science before he was done with it. Let's face it, some drink from the fountain of knowledge, he only gargled.

When you see two people talking, and one looks bored, he's the other one. In fact, he's a prime candidate for

natural de-selection, and if he doesn't have ulcers, he's a carrier. He's bound to go far – and the sooner the better! He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room. (I would like to go hunting with him sometime.)

"The fact is, there's a highway to Hell and only a stairway to Heaven says a lot about the anticipated traffic."

~ Baptist Church Billboard

This is wacky

JIM AND BOB ARE SITTING in a bar, enjoying beers, and Jim says, "I gotta go, Bob. I'm signing up for night school, and I got an appointment with the Dean." He leaves the bar, crosses the street and the Dean of Admissions explains what kinds of classes he could take. "English, Math, Science, or Logic." ■ **CONTINUED**



"Logic?" Jim asks. "What the hell is that?"

"Here, I'll give you an example. Do you own a weed wacker?" Proudly, Jim responded, "Yes, I do."

"Well, if you own a weed wacker, then logically speaking you own a lawn," the Dean said. "Yes, yes, I do have a lawn!"

"Then you own a house." He said, "Yes, yes, I do have a house!"

"And if you have a house, then logically speaking you have a family." "Yes, yes, I do have a family!"

"And if you have a family, then logically speaking you have a wife. And if you have a wife, then logically speaking you're heterosexual."

"You're right! I do have a wife and I am heterosexual! Wow, I can't believe you found all of that out just because I have a weed wacker!"

"Well, that's what logic is," the Dean responded. Jim excitedly runs back to the bar and rejoins his pal. "Bob," he exclaims, "I just signed up for a class in Logic."

"Logic?" Bob asks. "What the hell is that?" And Jim says, "Here, I'll give you an example. Do you own a weed wacker?" And Bob says, "No, I don't"

"Then you're gay."

"No man ever distinguished himself who could not bear to be laughed at." ~ **Maria Edgeworth**

The Third Reich's

The *Greening of America* by the late **Charles Reich** presented American history as an evolution of consciousness in a three-part story. Consciousness I dates back to the country's beginnings, reflecting a Jeffersonian society of individualism, virtue, and suspicion of government.

Consciousness II, which matured in the 20th century, believed in the rise of technology, government, and big business. "Insanity, artificiality and untruth are the commonplace stuff of the Corporate State," Reich asserted.

Then, the unrest in the 1960s marked the dawn of Consciousness III which was the triumph of compassion and imagination – an awakening enabled by Sex, Drugs and Rock'n'Roll – also the title of the National Lampoon record to which I contributed.

"This is the revolution of the new generation," he wrote. "It is both necessary and inevitable, and in time it will include not only youth, but all people in America." Well, we tried, professor, we tried...

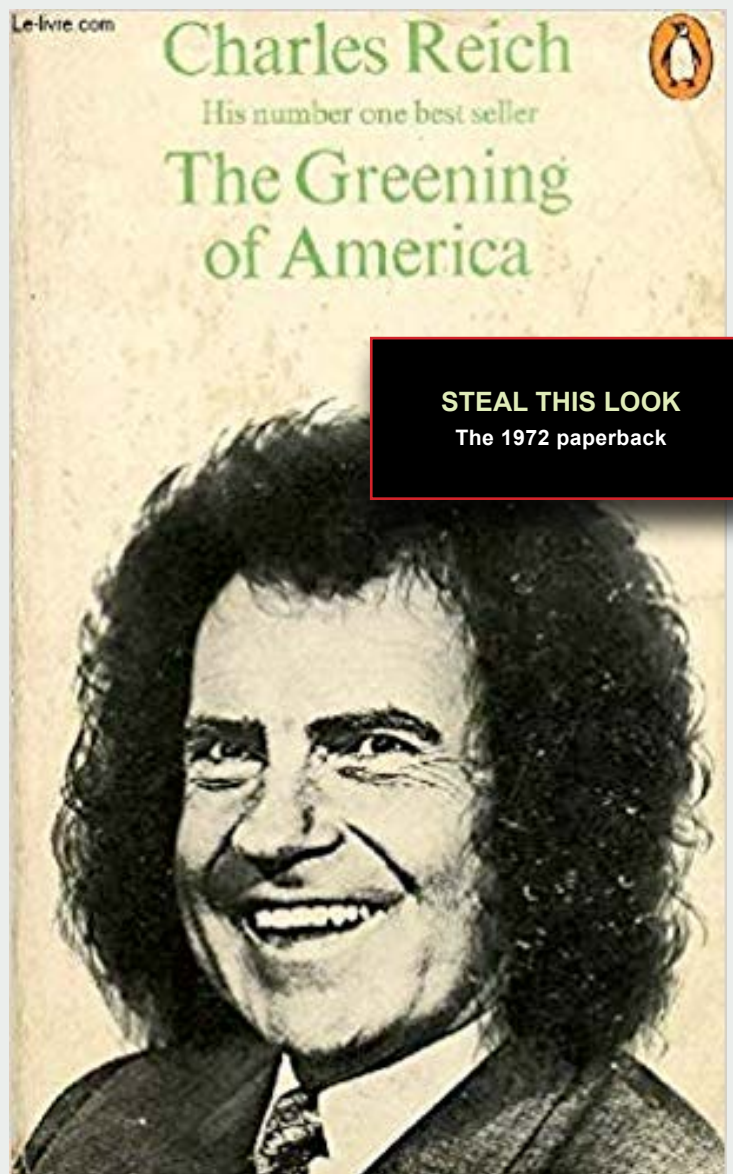
"If everyone always lies to you, the consequence is not that you believe the lies, but rather that nobody believes anything any longer." ~ **Hannah Arendt**

Who's Counting

A MATHEMATICIAN, AN ACCOUNTANT AND an economist apply for the same job. The interviewer calls in the mathematician and asks: "What does two plus two equal?" The mathematician replies: "Four." The interviewer asks: "Four, exactly?" The mathematician looks at the interviewer incredulously and says: "Exactly! – Four."

Then the interviewer calls in the accountant and asks the same question. "What does two plus two equal?" The accountant says: "On average, four - give or take ten percent, but on average, four."

Then the interviewer calls in the economist and poses



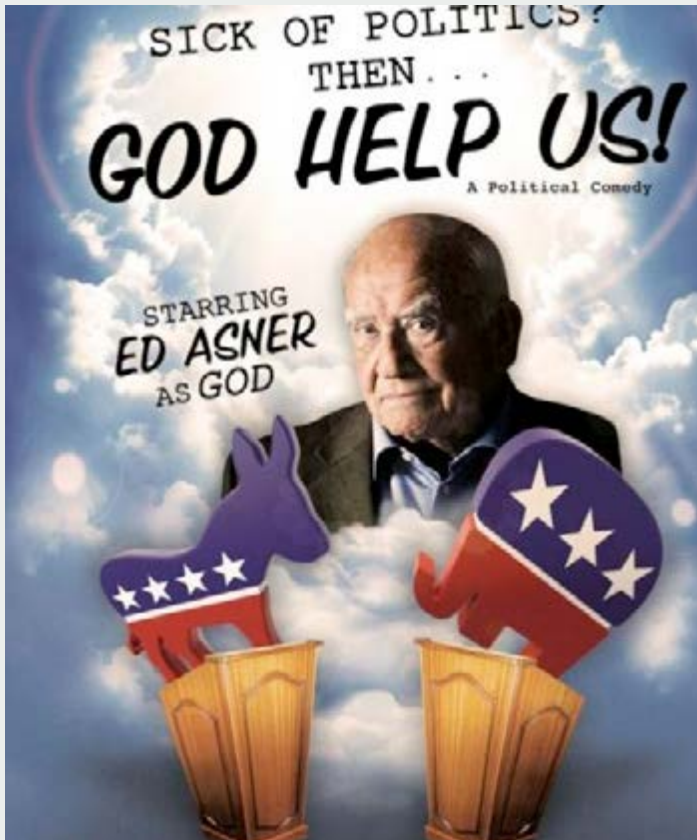
the same question. "What does two plus two equal?" The economist gets up, locks the door, closes the shade, leans close to the interviewer and whispers: "What do you want it to equal?"

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience
can never go back to its old dimensions."
~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

God Help Us

THE FUNNY POLITICAL PLAY THAT SAM JOSEPH and I co-authored, starring the great **Ed Asner** as God (type casting), produced by **Liza Asner** and directed by **Mitch Levine**, is having a great success touring the country and Canada. **HERE'S A TASTE** and our schedule to date:

- July 13, 2019 – 3 and 8 p.m. – **Sellersville Theater**, Sellersville, PA (<https://theater.st94.com/events/category/series/god-help-us-starring-ed-asner/>)
- August 10-11, 2019 – **Newport Performing Arts Center, Newport, OR** (<http://www.coastarts.org/events/>)
- August 20, 2019 – 7:30 p.m. – **Gloucester Stage**



Company, Gloucester, MA (<http://gloucesterstage.com/>)

- August 23, 2019 – 7 p.m. – **Franklin Theatre, Franklin, TN** (<https://www.franklintheatre.com/tickets/more-events/>)
- September 19, 21-22, 2019 – **Louis S. Wolk JCC in Rochester, NY** (<https://jccrochester.org/>)
- September 27-29, 2019 – **Studio Theatre Long Island, NY** (<https://www.studiotheatreli.com/>)
- October 10, 2019 – **Lebanon Opera House in New Hampshire** (www.lebanonoperahouse.org)
- October 12, 2019 – **Eastport Arts Center in Maine** (www.eastportartscenter.org)
- October 18, 2019 – **Strathspey PAC in Nova Scotia** (www.strathspeyplace.com)
- April 25, 26, 2020 – **Hampton Arts, Virginia** (<https://www.hamptonarts.net/>)

"Time exists so that everything doesn't happen at once.
Space exists so that everything doesn't happen to
YOU." ~ Susan Sontag

I THANK YOU

Allison Barenbrug, Wright J. Kevin, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Jerry Gelb, Joan Allemand, Lance Rucker, Hermester Barrington, Babamail and *The Week*. And you can still get *Where's My Fortune Cookie?*, co-authored by Brad Schreiber, at **AMAZON**, where it's rated 5 stars!

READ WHAT THE LAUGH BUTTON SAYS.

Also, my narrated version is available on Amazon, Audible, Blackstone and at **SUEMEDIAPRODUCTIONS.COM.**

"Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room." ~ Phyllis Diller

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"My country is the whole world, and my religion is to do good." ~ Thomas Paine

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