

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." ~ Mae West

Planet Sperdvac

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What's a Sperdvac?

It's the "Society to Encourage and Preserve Radio Drama, Variety and Comedy," and for the past many years, **Melinda** and I have participated in the recreation of Old Time Radio classics at the annual convention. This year, we performed at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa from Thursday, November 7 to Sunday morning, November 10. (See flyer back page)

We both appeared in "My Favorite Husband," my darling wife, Melinda, by herself in "Mr. District Attorney" and "Dragnet," and silly old me in "The Whistler" and "The Jack Benny Show," featuring the great **Brad Zinn** as Benny, and The Edger Bergen and Charlie McCarthy Show, with me as Bergen and Mr. Zinn recreating his famous feud with Charlie as W.C. Fields!

A FIELDS DAY FOR RADIO

Brad Zinn as W.C. and me

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." ~ Vince Lombardi

"We hang the petty thieves
and appoint the great ones to public office."
~ Aesop

Cow should I know?

THERE WAS AN OLD FARMER WHO WAS
having trouble with his "service" bull who had lost
interest in the cows. Well, he called the vet and he
prescribed some pills.

After only two days on the meds the bull was mounting
every cow at least once a day, so one of the farmer's
friends asked him what was in the pills, the old farmer
replied, "I don't know. But they taste like licorice."

"Remember make-up sex? At our age,
we have to make up sex." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts



Happy Hanksgiving

ON ONE OF FRED ROGERS' PBS THANKSGIVING
shows, he invited a cuddly baby turkey to be his
guest, rather than his main course.

"When a person is very, very hungry," he said, "he or
she can't think of other kinds of food. But there are
other kinds. Music, for instance, is food for hearing. And
painting and beautiful scenes are food for the seeing.
And books are food for the soul. And loving other people
is food for the spirit. Thank you, God, for food to eat and
families and friends to love."

An ordained Presbyterian minister, Rogers declared, "I
want to be a vehicle for God, to spread his message of
love and peace."

(And the movie ain't bad, either)... Thank you, **Tom
Hanks**.

"I don't want to eat anything that had a mother."
~ Fred Rogers

Speak Engrish, Troop!

*Hear eye sit inn English class; the likelihood is
that eye won't pass,*

*An F on my report card wood bee worse than
swallowing glass!*

*It's knot that eye haven't studied, often till late
at knight,*

*Butt the rules are sew confusing, eye simply can't
get them write!*

*Hour teacher says, "Heed my advice, ewe must
study and sacrifice."*

*Butt if mouses are mice and louses are lice, how
come blouses aren't blice?*

*The confusion really abounds when adding esses
two nouns:*

*Gooses are geese, butt mooses aren't meese;
somebody scent in the clowns!!*

*Two ultimatumms are ultimata, and a couple of
datum are data...*

*Sew wouldn't ewe expect it wood bee correct fore
a bunch of plums to be plata?*

*And if more than won octopus are octopi, and the
plural of ox is oxen*

*Shouldn't a couple of busses bee bussi and a pare
of foxes bee foxen?*

*Let's talk about spelling a wile, specifically
letters witch are silent.*

*Words like "psychologist" and "wreck" shirley
make awl of us violent.*

*And another example, quite plane, witch is really
hard two explain --*

*If it's eye before e except after sea, then what
about feign and reign?*

*The final exam will determine how eye due,
weather eye pass ore fail.*

*I halve prepared as much as eye can down two the
last detail.*

*I'm ready two give it my vary best, inn just a
little wile, and then isle take a relaxing wrest a
tropical aisle...*

Thank you, Alan Balte

"Nobody knows anything." ~ William Goldman

But who's counting?

IN 1801, BRITAIN'S FIRST CENSUS WAS BEGUN, and citizens were asked to furnish their "rank, profession or occupation." Here are a few puzzling responses:

- **Knight of the thimble**, Coulourist of artificial fish, Sampler of drugs. Disinfector of railways, Fatuous pauper, Examiner of underclothing, Invisible net maker, Drowner.
- **Electric bath attendant**, Fish-bender, Proprietor of midgets, Goldfish-catcher, Cow-banger, Knocker-up of workpeople.
- **Gymnast to house painter**, Maker of sand views, Grape-dryer, Beef twister, Turnip shepherd, Random waller, Running about, 52 years an imbecile – Count as female, Emasculator!

"Catch 22" was originally titled 'Catch 18'

by its author, Joseph Heller."

~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

Bah, bah, bah!

HERE'S THE politically correct song kids are now taught to sing in Primary schools across the country:

"Baa baa, non-specified colored grain-fed halal-certified sheep.

Have you any cruelty free wool?

Yes, gender-neutral person, yes gender-neutral person, Three recycled, eco-friendly bags full!"

"The main problem with any democracy is that crowd-pleasers are generally brainless swine who can go on stage, and whup their supporters into an orgiastic frenzy - then go back to the office and sell every one of the poor bastards down the tube for a nickel apiece."

~ Hunter S. Thompson

Obligatory Old Man Joke

AN 86-YEAR-OLD MAN WENT TO HIS DOCTOR for his quarterly check-up. The doctor asked him how he was feeling, and he said, "Things are great and I've never felt better. I now have a 20-year-old bride who is pregnant with my child. So, what do you think about that Doc?"

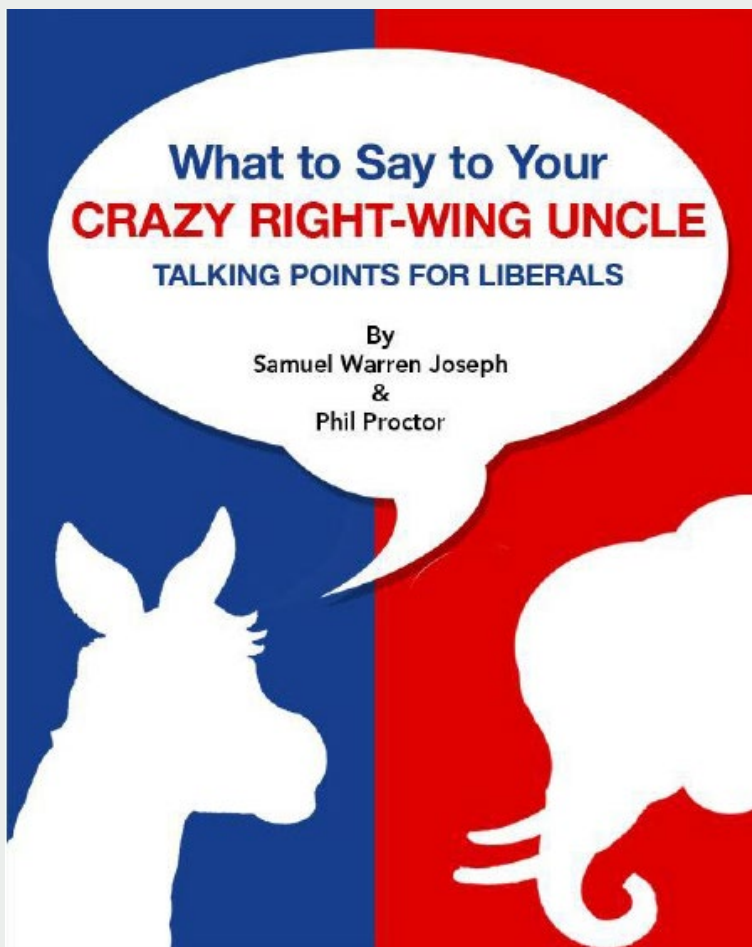
The doctor considered his question for a minute and then began to tell a story. "I have an older friend, much like you, who is an avid hunter and never misses a season. One day he was setting off to go hunting. In a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his walking cane instead of his gun."

"As he neared a lake, he came across a very large male beaver sitting at the water's edge. He realized he'd left his gun at home and so he couldn't shoot the magnificent creature. Out of habit he raised his cane, aimed it at the animal as if it were his favorite hunting rifle and went 'bang, bang.' Miraculously, two shots rang out and the beaver fell over dead. Now, what do you think of that?" asked the doctor.

The old guy said, "Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that beaver."

And the doctor said, "Well, at least your mind is still functioning."

"Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand."
~ Woody Allen



It's crazy!

MY "GOD HELP US" WRITING PARTNER, SAMUEL Joseph, and I are putting the finishing touches on our latest work with a foreword by our dear friend, Thom Hartmann, just in time for Christmas!

What to Say to your Crazy Right-wing Uncle: Talking Points for Liberals is a fun, informative handbook for progressives to counter conservative talking points and

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disinformation. Full of funny and clever dialogue and political cartoons by Firesign friend **Phil Fountain**, this is a perfect gift for your political allies and the loved ones in your life who are driving you nuts.

Hartmann, the number one progressive radio talk show host in the U.S., writes in the book's foreword:

"Sam and Phil provide both a template for talking back to your Crazy Uncle (who's not really crazy, just misinformed) and a narrative script, both as example and detail. It's a small but important step in reclaiming truth and sanity in the midst of an insane and often nakedly untruthful media landscape."

The book addresses such hot topics as Republican scandals, gun control, abortion, the Supreme Court,

*"I have often had to eat my own words.,
and I must confess that I have always
found it a wholesome diet."
~ Winston Churchill*

Schulenberg

THE SHAKESPEARE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES thanks **Arlene Winnick** and the Schulenberg Family for creating a fund dedicated to supporting teacher enrichment in honor of **Richard Schulenberg** (pictured below with his dog Falstaff.)

Richard loved Shakespeare and believed strongly in keeping the Bard's legacy alive by encouraging a joyful

education of his work, lessons and language. He attended many events at the Clark Library and Shakespeare Center enjoying the programs, performances, and presentations at both.

The Los Angeles Shakespeare Summer Institute for Teacher Professional Development is

RICHARD SCHULENBERG

a unique, two-week institute for English and Drama teachers, presented by The Shakespeare Center of Los

Angeles and the UCLA William Andrews Clark Memorial Library. The Institute focuses on teaching Shakespeare through performance. The course features an international faculty of scholars, educators, and theatre professionals; and takes advantage of one of the world's great libraries and research centers, its contemplative gardens, and its proximity to the entertainment capital of the world.

Classes during the two-week workshop include scene analysis, acting and directing techniques, curriculum development, research techniques, and lectures by distinguished scholars and theater professionals. The course includes visits to Los Angeles area museums and attendance at theaters. LAUSD teachers gain five salary credit points with the completion of the course.

Your donation in Richard's honor subsidizes tuition and master teacher fees for this valued program. **GO HERE**

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and income inequality. For instance, in the chapter "Kids in Cages" myths about immigration are debunked. In "Corruption Eruption" the Trump swamps are laid bare. In "Going to Pot" the pros and cons of legalization are examined, as well as many more current topics.

More praise for the book:

"During the '60s, families were split right down the middle of the dining room table over the Vietnam War. Today's climate feels the same. This little book is a much-needed hand across that table."

~ **John Densmore**, drummer of The Doors and author of *NY Times* bestseller *Riders on the Storm*

"This book points out how the right-wing spinmeisters are lying through their goddamn teeth. Truth and facts are not 'alternative facts.'"

~ **Ed Asner**, winner of seven Emmy Awards and co-star of films like *Up* and *Elf*



"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."

~ David Thoreau

Gratitude

Jim Meskimen, Joan Allemand, Nick Oliva, Kenneth Wilhite Jr., Allison Barenbrug, Melinda Peterson, Spider Robinson, Michael C. Gwynne, and Gary the "Roving Genius" Hollis for all his technical support.

And you can still go to **AMAZON** for *Where's My Fortune Cookie?*, co-authored by **Brad Schreiber**.

Or purchase my personal audiobook reading with new material based on the award-winning podcast at **SUEMEDIAPRODUCTIONS.COM** or on **Amazon**, **Audible**, or **Blackstone**.

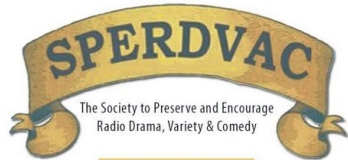
And please note that the hot links listed below represent an enhanced collection of truly bizarre and hopefully entertaining "Sites for Sore Eyes" that you, my playful Planeteers, shared with me in abundance this month.

And if you go **HERE** you can purchase tickets for **Ed Asner** as God in *God Help Us* on December 12-13 at the historic Bartell Theater in Madison, WI.

"A mind is like a parachute.
It doesn't work if it's not open."
~ Frank Zappa,
or someone like him

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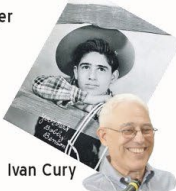
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