

Planet July High

"Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakes." ~ Carl Jung

Talk about high

It's impossible, i know, but i will be turning 81 on july 28 – which is also the date of my darling daughter kristin's 14th wedding anniversary and coming up next month it will be time to celebrate my child bride melinda's next year on our journey together around the sun.

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SET FOR ANOTHER BIG YEAR

On the imaginative set for Director Tim Maloney's
'The Faculty' at Cal State Fullerton

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And as if that weren't enough, I actually have paid work on both the 28th and the 29th. Once we get back from our relaxing retreat at **Phil & Oona's Beaverwind Camp** on Fox Island, I will reprise my recurring role as Detective Polehaus in studio on 'Adventures in Odyssey.' [Listen to a **PODCAST** about creating Polehaus.]

And next day, you can sign up to see me make a fool of myself in another steaming, streaming episode of the legendary comic radio quiz



"Says You!" Sample past shows **HERE** and to ensure my future appearances, subscribe at **SAYS YOU TICKETS**.

"Honorificabilitudinitatibus" is the longest word in Shakespeare." ~ **Dave Zobel**

SAYS I – Pre-celebrations: On Fox Island with Melinda and Oona Austin (behind the camera), above; and the latest 'Says You' teams: Carolyn Faye Fox, Paul Magid, Joyce Kulhawik, Host Dave Zobel, Murray Horwitz, Deb Heitt, me and scorekeeper Terri! (clockwise from bottom left)



Phil and 'The Faculty'

AS YOU MAY RECALL FROM THE LAST ORBIT, I had a ball digging into the role of a creepy, decrepit lawyer in the full-length "student film" by writer/director **Tim Maloney**, who now happily says, "I have everything logged and binned, ready for cutting. I think we have a winner here!"

"I had a postmortem of the experience for the students just the other day," he continues. "One of them happily recounted some conversations he had with you on set ... so thank you again, not just for a great performance, but for engaging with the students."

They all live in Orange County, which might be Saskatchewan for all its connection to the business; but we brought them a little taste of real moviemaking ...and it's made a huge difference for some of them. Their parents will never forgive me, though... Ah, the lure of tinseltown!"

"Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool."
~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

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

Pistol-packin' Momma

THE TEACHER GAVE HER FIFTH GRADE CLASS an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. The next day, the kids came back and, one by one, began to tell their stories. There were all the regular types of stuff: spilled milk and pennies saved. But then the teacher realized, much to her dismay, that little Janie had not yet spoken. "Janie," she asked, "do you have a story to share?"

"Yes, ma'am. My daddy told me a story about my Mommy. She was a Marine pilot in Syria, and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory, and all she had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol, and a survival knife. She drank the whiskey on the way down in case the bottle broke, and her parachute landed her right in the middle of 20 ISIS troops. She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife till the blade broke, and then she killed the last ISIS fighter with her bare hands."

"Good Heavens," said the stunned teacher. "What did your Daddy tell you was the moral to this horrible story?"

"Stay away from Mommy when she's been drinking."

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"We have enough Youth; how about a Fountain of Smart?" ~ Just Askin'

To the moon, Alice!

IN JULY 1969, NEIL ARMSTRONG AND BUZZ ALDRIN landed on the surface of the moon. In the months leading up to their expedition, the Apollo II astronauts trained in a remote moon-like desert in the western United



THE FRONTIER

Yuval Noah Harari, center, tells a story about Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, left and right above, that is as reliable as this photo.

Yuval Noah Harari – describing an encounter between the astronauts and one of the locals.

One day as they were training, the astronauts came across an old inhabitant who asked what they were doing there. They replied that they were part of a research expedition that would shortly travel to explore the moon. When the old man heard that, he fell silent for a few moments, and then asked the astronauts if they would do him a favor.

"What do you want?" They asked. "Well," continued the old man, "The people of my tribe believe that Holy Spirits live on the moon, so I was wondering if you could pass an important message to them from my people."

"So what's the message?" asked the astronauts. The man said something in his tribal language and then asked the astronauts to repeat it again and again until they had memorized it correctly. "What does it mean?" asked the astronauts.

"Oh, I cannot tell you. It's a secret that only our tribe and the moon spirits are allowed to know." When they returned to their base the astronauts searched and searched until they found someone who could speak the tribal language and asked him to translate the secret message.

When they repeated what they had memorized, the translator started to laugh uproariously. When he calmed down, the astronauts asked him what it meant. The man explained that the sentence they had carefully memorized meant "Don't believe a single word these people are telling you. They have come to steal your lands."

"Forget the Joneses; I keep up with the Simpsons."
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

Regnad Kcin

A palindrome is a word or phrase that is the same when read backwards or forwards, unlike Nick Danger's name on the glass of his office door. So here are a few with my comments on comments found online:

RACECAR: Off to a quick start in the Palindrome for NASCAR fans everywhere.

DAMMIT, I'M MAD: But I'm Not Insane...

NEVER ODD OR EVEN: No, this is odd, even I see that...

SATAN, OSCILLATE MY METALLIC

SONATAS: "Are metallic sonatas a metaphor?"

Is the speaker referring to the oscillations of the sonatas' soundwaves?" Devil if I know...

MARGE LETS NORAH SEE SHARON'S TELEGRAM: Recognize this? It's a famous line from the popular soap opera, "Lawyers Hospital." But where's Peggy?



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DOC, NOTE -- I DISSENT! A FAST NEVER PREVENTS A FATNESS. I DIET ON COD: Well, we'll just sushi about that...

DENNIS, NELL, EDNA, LEON, NEDRA, ANITA, ROLF, NORA, ALICE, CAROL, LEO, JANE, REED, DENA, DALE, BASIL, RAE, PENNY, LANA, DAVE, DENNY, LENA, IDA, BERNADETTE, BEN, RAY, LILA, NINA, JO, IRA, MARA, SARA, MARIO, JAN, INA, LILY, ARNE, BETTE, DAN, REBA, DIANE, LYNN, ED, EVA, DANA, LYNNE, PEARL, ISABEL, ADA, NED, DEE, RENA, JOEL, LORA, CECIL, AARON, FLORA, TINA, ARDEN, NOEL, AND ELLEN SINNED: If you see your name here, please forward your favorite palindromes, and don't look back!

Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?
~ Just Askin'

Heirs and airs

MARVIN WAS IN HOSPITAL ON HIS DEATH bed, so his family called on his favorite preacher to be with him in his final moment. But as the man of God approached his bed, Marvin's condition seemed to deteriorate, and he frantically mimed for someone to get him a pen and paper.

His Preacher quickly acquired them from a nurse and gently transferred them into the dying man's trembling hands where Marvin immediately scrawled out a message.

Yet shockingly, before they even had a chance to read his note, Marvin gave up the ghost prompting the cleric, to stuff the unread note into his jacket pocket, feeling that this just wasn't the right time to share it aloud.

It was only later, while delivering a eulogy that the pastor remembered the note, and reaching deep into his pocket he announced apologetically, "Dear friends and family, forgive me, but I suddenly recalled that right before Marvin's transition, he wrote out a note, and knowing our late friend as well as I did, I'm sure it was something from which we can all gain inspiration." And he carefully unfolded Marvin's final words and read aloud:

"HEY! YOU'RE STANDING ON MY OXYGEN TUBE"

"Time is what keeps everything from happening at once." ~ Ray Cummings

Who knew?

"THERE ARE KNOWN KNOWNS. THESE ARE things we know that we know. There are known unknowns. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns. These are things we don't know we don't know."

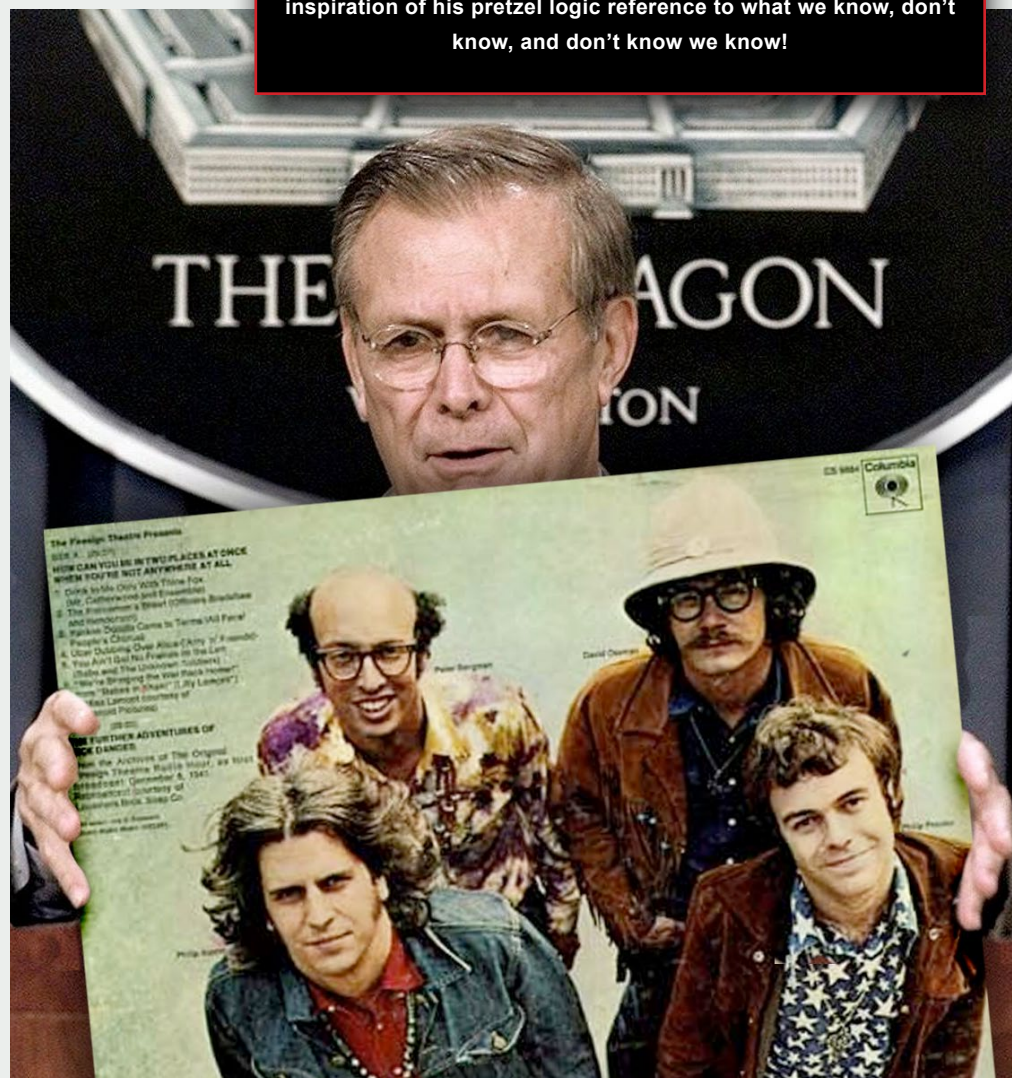
Yes, **Donald Rumsfeld** supposedly said this, but he's actually quoting the **Firesign Theatre** from our CD, **How Can You Be in Two Places at Once, When You're Not Anywhere at All**.

No wonder the Library of Congress bought our archives!

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

COMEDY UNKNOWN AND KNOWN

Donald Rumsfeld gingerly upholds the unknown unknown inspiration of his pretzel logic reference to what we know, don't know, and don't know we know!



FAREWELLS

Charlie Robinson, in a pre-publicity photo for South Coast Repertory's 2013 production of 'Death of a Salesman'



the Pasadena Playhouse and South Coast Rep where he earned rave reviews for his portrayal of Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman."

"Acting is doing something truthfully with a purpose."
~ Harvey Keitel

Crew

Jim Terr, Allen Shill, Jerry Fialka, Gil Wolin, BabaMail, Nick Oliva, Jim Meskimen, Laurence Budd, Carolyn Fox, Steven Colbert – and Kristin Campbell and family for the use of the pool – and very special thanks to our beloved **Oona Austin** for another needed getaway with familiar friends and lotsa laughs – even though because of high temps and

conflagrations, our Amtrak trip was cancelled, and we had to fly up instead.

Goodbye, Mr. Robinson

CHARLIE ROBINSON, A VERSATILE AND prolific actor whose credits ranged from Shakespeare to sitcoms and is best recognized for his long-running role as court clerk Mac Robinson in "Night Court," called it a wrap at 75.

I had the great privilege of befriending Charlie while taping several episodes of "Night Court" with **Harry Anderson**, and he and his wife **Dolorita Noonan-Robinson** were regular guests in our canyon home.

"He was truly the working actor's actor, and of all his passions, his craft took center stage, with his family being the wind beneath his wings, so he could soar to unbelievable heights!" she writes. "On behalf of my husband and family, I thank you for being a part of the audience."

He made his film debut in 1971 in *Drive, He Said*, directed by the great **Jack Nicholson**, and then worked steadily over the next 50 years, also performing regularly at both



"Out of my mind. Back in five minutes."
~ Your Captain

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"We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things get worse." ~ Greek Philosopher, Anon

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