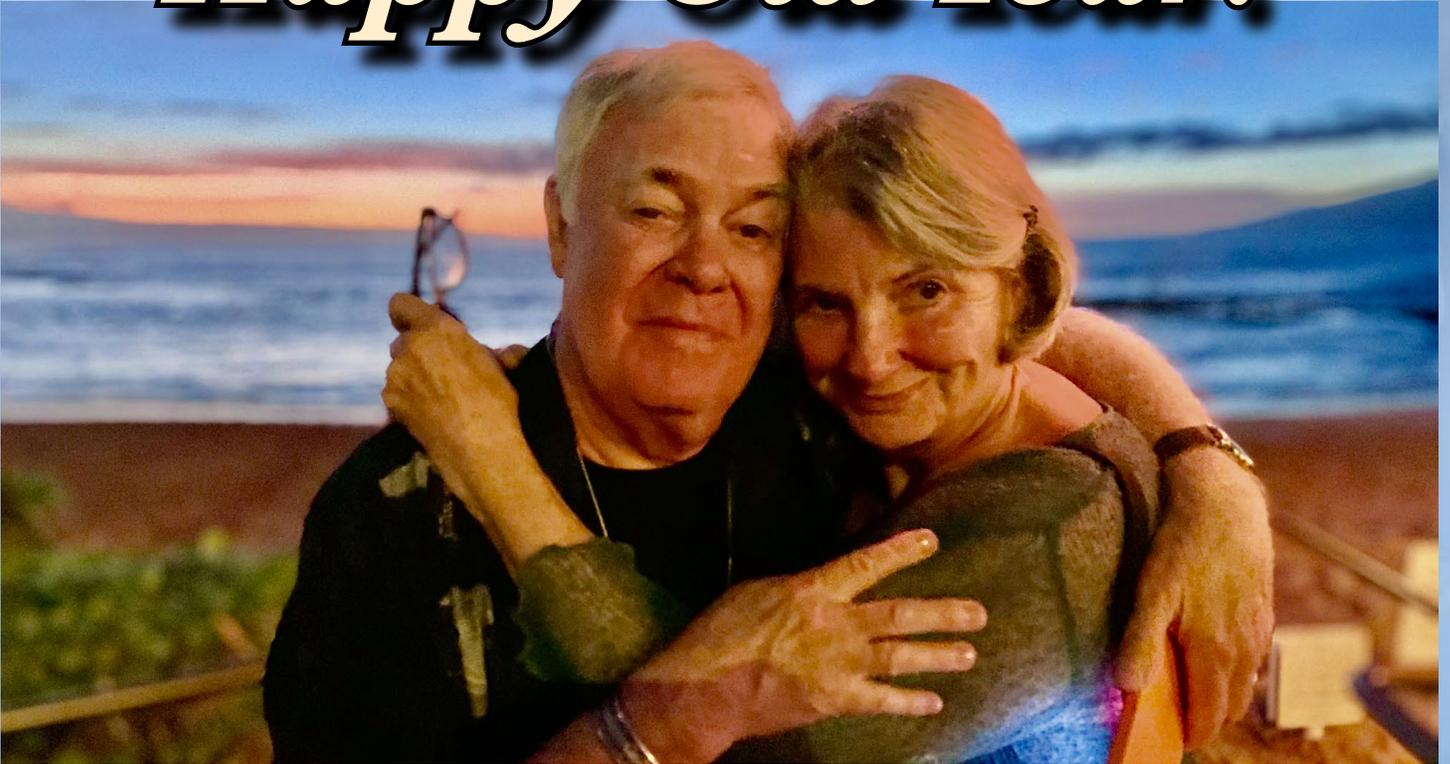


"Santa Claus has the right idea: visit people once a year." ~ Victor Borge

# Happy Old Year!



**W**ell, it was a busy year, both prosperous and preposterous, thanks to **Dr. Seuss, Jack Benny, Harry Houdini, Bonejamen Franklin, Detective Polehouse** and **Dakin Matthews**, to name a few.

After voicing **The Cat in The Hat, Horton the Elephant** and **The Grinch Who Stole Christmas** for **William Kates** and the magical Tonie Box toy, **the Floorwalker** in **Jack Benny's Christmas Show** for **Gregg Oppenheimer's On Line Radio Theater**, my recurring role as **Detective Polehouse** in the 30-year run of **Adventures in Odyssey**, various early American canines in **Pups of Liberty**, numerous roles along with **John Goodman** and **Melinda Peterson** in **Kely Lyon's** five-chapter podcast "**Hindsight**," with audio design by **Ted Bonnitt** – with whom I'm now appearing in **Phil & Ted's Sexy Boomer Show**, mostly LIVE every Tuesday at 1 p.m. on **KPFK-FM**, writing a bawdy sex-farce called **Sherlock Shakespeare** | *continued*

*Sunset at Nipili*  
by *Kristin Campbell*

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with my collaborator, **Samuel Joseph**, performing in the **Antaeus** reading of *Hot L Baltimore* and then acting opposite the legendary **Dakin Matthews** in writer/director **Aaron Sprecher's** poignant short film, *Old Friends*, I feel like I've finished off a damn satisfying year.

Not to mention that thanks to **Taylor Jessen** and **David Ossman**, Firesign fans have been treated to a steady

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stream of new and old material, available at [www.firesigntheatre.com](http://www.firesigntheatre.com).

Meanwhile, Melinda and I found time to see a dozen plays in trips to New York during 2022 and celebrated the Holiday season with friends and family on the enchanting island of Maui.

And although I'm losing my eyesight to Macular Degeneration, like too many of us, my Retinologist, **Dr. Hanscom**, is 'keeping an eye on it' ■ **CONTINUED**

## Hollywood Squares Lives

These great questions and answers are from the fabled game show with **Peter Marshall** as the host....

*Paul, what is a good reason for pounding meat?*

■ **Paul Lynde**: Loneliness!

*The audience laughed so long and so hard it took up almost 15 minutes of the show!*

*Do female frogs croak?*

■ If you hold their little heads under water long enough.

*If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?*

■ **Charley Weaver**: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

*True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years...*

■ **George Gobel**: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

*You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?*

■ **Don Knotts**: That's what's been keeping me awake.

*According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?*

■ **Rose Marie**: No, wait until morning.

*Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?*

■ **Weaver**: My sense of decency.

*In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say, 'I Love You'?*

■ **Vincent Price**: No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.

*What are 'Do It,' 'I Can Help,' and 'I Can't Get Enough'?*

■ **Gobel**: I don't know, but it's coming from the next apartment.

*As you grow older, do you tend to gesture more or less with your hands while talking?*

■ **Rose Marie**: You ask me one more growing old question Peter, and I'll give you a gesture you'll never forget.

*During a tornado, are you safer in the bedroom or in the closet?*

■ **Rose Marie**: Unfortunately, Peter, I'm always safe in the bedroom.

*Can boys join the Camp Fire Girls?*

■ **Marty Allen**: Only after lights out.

*When you pat a dog on its head, he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?*

■ **Lynde**: Make him bark?

*If you were pregnant for two years, what would you give birth to?*

■ **Lynde**: Whatever it is, it would never be afraid of the dark.

*According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?*

■ **Weaver**: It got me out of the army.

*It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?*

■ **Lynde**: Mine may be abused, but it certainly isn't neglected.

*Back in the old days, when Great Grandpa put horseradish on his head, what was he trying to do?*

■ **Gobel**: Get it in his mouth.

*Who stays pregnant for a longer period of time, your wife or your elephant?*

■ **Lynde**: Who told you about my elephant?

*Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?*

■ **Weaver**: His feet.

*According to Ann Landers, what are two things you should never do in bed?*

■ **Lynde**: Point and laugh!



*Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?*

■ **Lynde**: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.

*Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during the first year?*

**Weaver**: Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.

*In bowling, what's a perfect score?*

■ **Rose Marie**: Ralph, the pin boy.

*It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps. One is politics, what is the other?*

■ **Lynde**: Tape measures.

and slowing its progression, **Dr. Geoffrey Grant** is also monitoring my overall health, **Dr. Cho** is keeping track of my heart, **Dr. Van Osdel**, my teeth, and gums, and thanks to my neurologist, **Dr. Lisa Cook**, I've regained my mobility, thanks to the non-addictive pain killer Lyrica.

And thus ends my last "organ recital" for 2022!

*"The better part of one's life consists of friendships." ~ A. Lincoln*

## Take it or leave it

**A**N OLD MISER WAS CLOSE TO DYING, AND due to his terrible cheapness, he had no friends nor family. So just before he died, he called his doctor, his lawyer and a minister to his bedside.

"I always heard you can't take it with you," he said, "but I am going to prove you can. I have \$90,000 in cash hidden under my mattress in three envelopes of \$30,000 each. I want each of you to grab one envelope now and just before they throw the dirt on my grave, throw the envelopes in."

Weeks later, the three attended the funeral, and true to their word, each threw their envelope into the grave, but on the way back from the cemetery, the minister said, "I don't feel so good about this, but I am going to confess, I desperately needed funds for a new church we are building, so I took out \$10,000 and threw only \$20,000 in the grave."

The doctor said, "I, too, must confess. I am building a clinic and took \$20,000 and threw in only \$10,000. I feel terrible about it."

Then the lawyer said, "Gentlemen, I'm surprised, shocked and ashamed of both of you. I don't see how you could in good conscience hold on to that money."

"I threw in a personal check for the entire amount."

*"The one thing women don't want to find in their stockings on Christmas morning, is their husband."*

*~ Joan Rivers*

## On a roll

**P**LANETEER TERRY BOLO WRITES, "HERE'S A good analogy I heard that really struck home with me. You put on a new roll of toilet paper, one of those big ones, big and fat. And wow, you got so much toilet paper you can roll some off and you still have lots left. That is youth.

"Then, after a while, the roll starts getting smaller, and rolls off faster, and the less you have the faster it rolls off ... and that, my friends, is old age."

*"I know that I know nothing." ~ Socrates*

## A blast from the past

**A**ROUND 1893 IN TEXAS, A MAN NAMED Henry Ziegland jilted his fiancée and the heart-broken girl's brother determined to defend her honor, confronted Zeigland outside his cabin and after a few words, shot him point blank. And then after the man collapsed, the girl's brother was so ashamed of his rash behavior that he turned the weapon on himself and took his own life.

However – Henry Ziegland had survived! And he was rushed to a doctor where his injuries were treated, and it was found that the bullet had only grazed his face and was found in a tree behind him where it was left untouched.

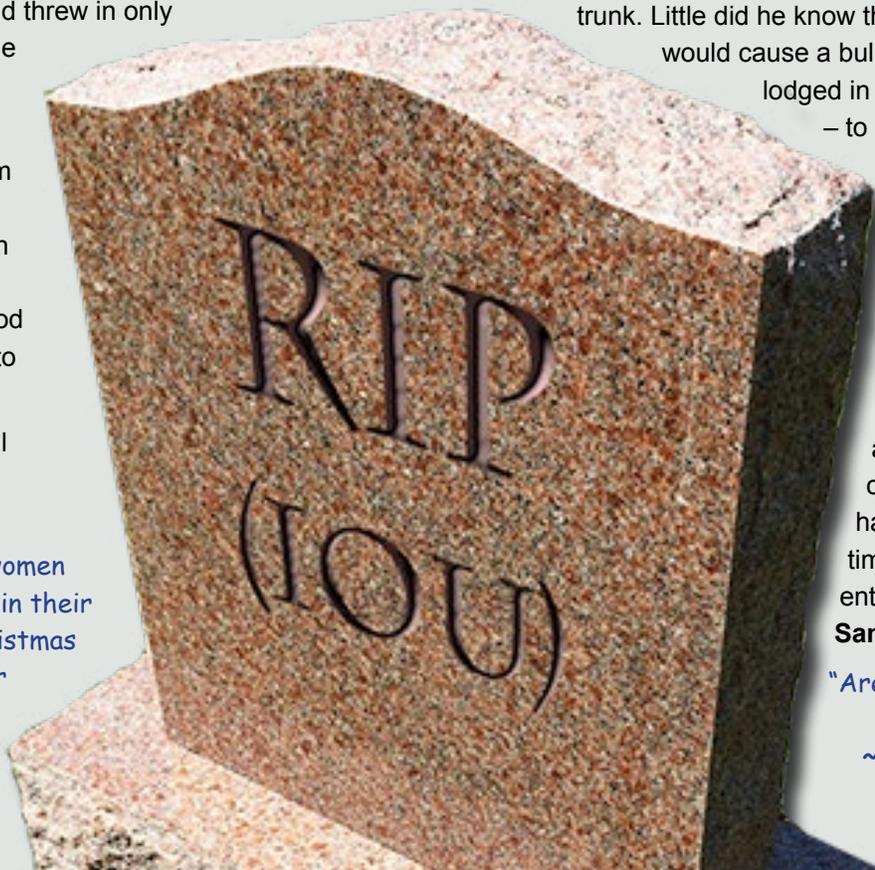
Some 20 years later, Henry decided to remove the old tree from his property by placing dynamite around the trunk. Little did he know that the resulting explosion would cause a bullet – the very one that was lodged in the tree for all those years – to strike him in the body and kill him dead!

Thus, Henry Ziegland died because of a bullet fired at him 20 years earlier!

PS: This is often called "The 20-Year Gunshot" and actually hasn't been confirmed to have really happened, but at the same time it has not been proven entirely false – unlike **George Santos'** resume...

*"Are U left or right-handed? I am both."*

*~ Phil's Phan Letter*



## Gotta hand it to him

**T**HE LOCAL BAR WAS SO SURE THAT ITS bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet. The barkeep would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice from the fruit would win the cash prize. Many people had tried over time including construction workers and longshoremen, but nobody could do it.

One day, this scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny, squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet."

After the laughter had died down, the bartender said, "OK," grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled rind to the little man. But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and amazingly six drops fell into the glass!

As the crowd cheered, the bartender peeled out the \$1000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weightlifter, what?"

And the man replied, "I'm an IRS agent."

"When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion." ~ **A. Lincoln**

## Seekers

**G**ARY SANDY, TAYLOR JESSEN, Richard Fish, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Nick Oliva, Jamie Alcroft, Paul Willson, the Campbells, Eric Poulsen and Family, Baba-Mail and *The Week*. And a fond farewell to **Kirstie Alley**, **Barbara Walters** and **Pelé**, a happy 70th birthday to **Samuel**

**Joseph**, and congratulations to my *Fortune Cookie* co-author, **Brad Schreiber**, for receiving the **HEARST AWARD**, and to **Paul Dooley** for the release of his autobiography, *Movie Dad!*

"You can tell a lot about a person from the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights" ~ **Maya Angelou**

## Reflections of a Boomer

*I've seen fire and I've seen rain.  
I've been through the desert on a horse with no name.  
I've gone to Kansas City; I sang in the sunshine.  
I've been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.  
Like a rolling stone, I've given peace a chance.  
I've put a camel to bed and danced the last dance.  
Mr. Tambourine man played a song for me,  
I've whispered words of wisdom, let it be.  
I've fallen into a burning ring of fire and walked the line,  
To all the girls I've loved before, you were always on my mind.  
I've been everywhere, I've been so lonesome I could cry,  
I've driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.  
I've been to Itchy Coo Park in a yellow submarine.  
I've made the scene in a time machine.  
I've done the Hokey Pokey and turned myself around.  
I've welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.  
I've followed the tracks of my tears down a long and winding road.  
I've kept on searching for a heart of gold.  
I've sought shelter from the storm; I've sat on the dock of the bay.  
I've rocked around the clock on a sunshiny day.  
I've knocked on Heaven's door, while blowing in the wind.  
Joy to the world, those were the days my friend.  
Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover.  
It's been a hard day's night, the party's over...(Uncle Joe)*

"You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was." ~ **A. Lincoln**

"There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus, he does not believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus." ~ **Bob Phillips**

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