

"Better a spectacular failure than a benign success." ~ Malcolm McLaren

## Back from the shadows again

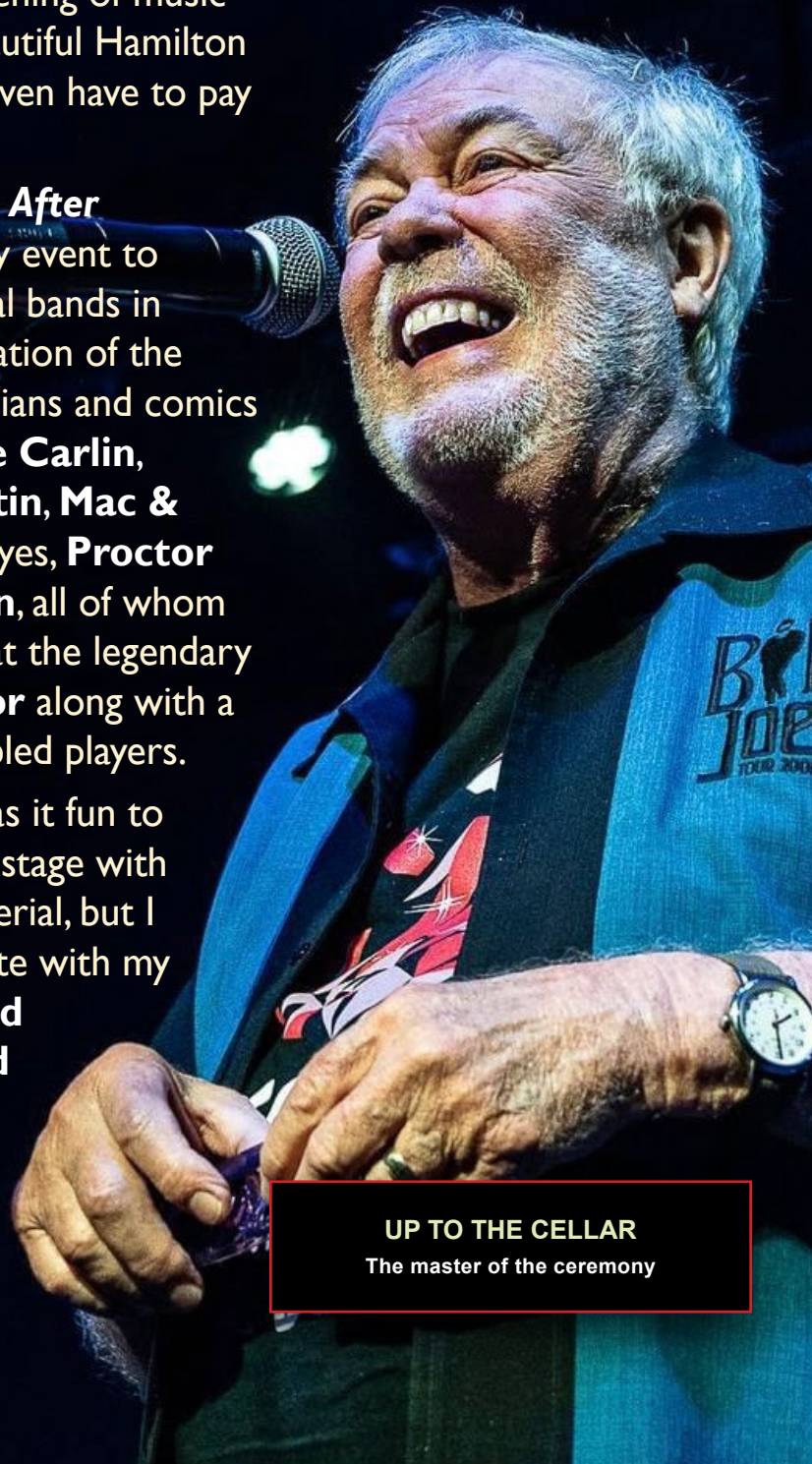
**T**hanks to my friend **Adele Abrams**, I was invited to kick off a magical evening of music on Saturday, June 15 at the beautiful Hamilton Club in Washington, DC., and I didn't even have to pay the \$10 cover charge!

The evening was one of a long-running **After Dark** charity event to support local bands in commemoration of the fabled musicians and comics like **George Carlin**, **Steve Martin**, **Mac & Jamie**, and, yes, **Proctor & Bergman**, all of whom performed at the legendary **Cellar Door** along with a roster of fabled players.

Not only was it fun to get back on stage with original material, but I got to reunite with my old **Starland Vocal Band** keyboardist,

**Jon Carroll**, who sang and also sat in with many of the rockin' hot local groups. ■ **CONTINUED**

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## Which reminds me

of a story ...

**A** GUY DIES AND FINDS HIMSELF WITH SEVERAL others waiting to meet St. Peter at the pearly gates. Peter asks the first in line, "So, tell me Miss, what did you do in your life on earth?"

"I was a doctor," she responds, "and I specialized in administering to afflicted people for free all over the world."

"Wonderful," says Peter. "Take that golden path leading to a row of houses, pick your favorite, and it's yours for all eternity." Then he addressed the next in line. "And you, sir, what brings you to Heaven's gate?"

"I was born to wealth," he says, "and I dedicated my life to supporting causes designed to make a better and safer life for peoples everywhere."

"Ah, yes!" exclaimed Peter. "I believe I've heard about you. So, do you see that shining platinum path that leads to a building with a gleaming penthouse on top? It is yours. Enjoy!"

"And now," he says to the next in line, "what did you accomplish during your earthly incarnation?"

"Well, Your Saintliness, I was a drummer with a Rock 'n' Roll band."

"Oh, good," Peter says. "Just go over there, through the kitchen..."

*"Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they aren't after you." ~ Joseph Heller*

## Eggs in the air

**A** FAN NAMED CRAIG TURNEY SENT US A fascinating explanation of the Zen-like question, "Why does the Porridge bird lay his egg in the air?" which is the virus that shut down the State-sponsored computer, known as **Dr.** (for Direct Readout) **Memory** in *Think We're All Bozos on this Bus*.

Craig writes: "Porridge is the British term for oatmeal. Commonwealth and U.S. military slang for an airplane is a "bird." Bombardiers, watching conventional small-yield bombs detonating on the ground, commented that it looked a lot like oatmeal/porridge bubbling away on the stove top..."

"Your albums came out during the anti-Vietnam War

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And then, Sunday morning, former **WHFS** record-spinner Adele interviewed me at **WOWD**, her first station in Takoma Park, MD, and after that, I enjoyed several days in the DeMarVa area, staying in her unique waterside circular home with her helpful housemates **Sabrina** and **Chris** in Lewes, Delaware, near Rehoboth Beach, where my Sexy Boomer partner, **Ted Bonnitt**, spent some of his misspent youth in the '60s. And the day of my flight home, I had a lunch in Arlington with my Firesign friend, **Robin Cook**.

Adele knows the local music scene like the back of her guitar-strummin' hand, and we also heard the music of soloist **Juliet Lloyd** and a popular jammin' family group, **The Sidleys**, at AMP and finally attended a dynamic outdoor concert at Wolf Trap with **Robert Plant** and **Alison Kraus**.

What a trippy trip. I'll be back!

*"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."  
~ Mahatma Gandhi*



### CO-STARING

Me and Jon Carroll, top, and  
Adele Abrams, above



protests,” he continues. “The question specifically said ‘.. lay HIS egg ...,’ not female, and illogical in a strictly biological sense. Ergo: Why were we bombing Vietnam?”

We love Craig’s “scrambled” thinking, and our archivist, **Taylor Jessen**, suggests we reward him with a set of snake knives!

*“All of us invent ourselves. Some of us just have more imagination than others.” ~ Cher*

## A class act

**O**N A FLIGHT TO L.A., MARJORIE TAYLOR Greene left her seat in coach and went to sit in first class. When the flight attendant told her she had to return to her seat, MTG said, “I’m a Congresswoman, I’m a patriot, and I’m staying right here until we reach L.A.”

The flight attendant told to the flight crew and the co-pilot went back and told MTG she needed to return to her seat. MTG repeated “I’m a Congresswoman, I’m a patriot, and I’m staying right here until we reach L.A.”

The co-pilot reported failure to the pilot, who said, “I can handle this. My dad’s a MAGA.”

So the pilot went and whispered something to MTG, who said, “Oh, okay,” and returned to her seat in coach.

The co-pilot asked the pilot “What did you say?” The pilot replied, “I told her first-class wasn’t going to L.A.”

*“A fool and his money are soon elected.”  
~ Kinky Friedman*



**JULIUS ‘GROUCHO’ MARX**  
October 2, 1890-August 19, 1977

## Happy birthday, Groucho

**T**HERE ARE AT LEAST TWO VERSIONS OF HOW Julius Henry Marx got his more famous nickname. One is that it came from his general disposition. The other, that, during the Marx Brothers’ early days in

vaudeville, he was the keeper of the act’s “grouch bag” or money purse. Groucho, himself, said, on one occasion, “my own name, I never did understand.”

Marx suffered from insomnia, which he claimed was due to a financial loss in the stock market in October 1929. He used to call people up in the middle of the night and insult them.

In the 1950s, Groucho was invited to take a tour of the New York Stock Exchange. While in the observation booth, he grabbed the public address system handset and began singing “Lydia the Tattooed Lady.”

He then walked into view, was given a loud cheer by the traders, and shouted, “Gentlemen, in 1929 I lost eight hundred thousand dollars on this floor, and I intend to get my money’s worth!”

For fifteen minutes, he sang, danced, told jokes, and all this time, the Wall Street stock ticker was running blank. (IMDb).

*“There’s Groucho, and then there’s everybody else.”  
~ Woody Allen*

## Shoes for industry

**A** PLANETEER SENT US THE FOLLOWING STORY: “My dad died in 1984. Over the next couple decades, my mother threw out or gave away most of his clothing and such, but she kept some of it, too, just for sentimental purposes.

“In 2004, my mother died, and as I was going through her house, I came across an old coat that belong to my

father. In the pocket of the coat, I found an old shoe repair ticket. The

shoe repair place was still in business next to the Safeway near my mother’s house, so just out of curiosity I took the ticket to the shoe repair shop and gave it to the man behind the counter.

“He looked at the ticket, and went into the back of the store, and after a little while, he came back out, handed me the ticket back and said,

“They’ll be ready next Tuesday.”

*“Age is of no importance unless you’re a cheese.”  
~ Billie Burke*



## Forward, into the past

**T**ODAY, LIBERATED Syndication Inc. ("Libsyn"), the leading podcasting platform for creators and advertisers, announced a new exclusive advertising deal between Libsyn Ads and **Mark Haynes Productions** (MHP) for its debut project, the groundbreaking premium audio drama *Hindsight: The Day Before*, which will begin streaming on podcast apps on July 22. The series is co-produced by **Ted Bonnitt** and **RadioPictures.com**. Bonnitt collaborated with MHP to design the series' innovative Dolby® 3D audio production

*Hindsight: The ...* is a supernatural thriller that follows Professor John Gabriel Strasser, who, after an impulse purchase at a Harlem curio shop, is sent on a life-changing journey. This drives him toward a profound and dangerous realization of who and what he is, and the mission he will have to take on in order to survive.

Written and directed by MHP partner **Kely Lyons**, the unique audio series features an A-list principal cast that includes **Santiago Cabrera**, **Sibongile Mlambo**, **Ian Anthony Dale**, **M.C. Gainey**, **Merrin Dungey**, **Aaron Stanford**, **Nolan Gerard Funk**, and **John Goodman**.



It was also the last project that features me and my darling **Melinda Peterson** in a variety of supporting roles. It was really fun to be a part of because the entire audio drama was recorded on a soundstage in Burbank, and we were allowed to move around as the script dictated!

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"Only Shallow people know themselves."  
~ Oscar Wilde

## Zoltar speaks

**D**URING A FULL MOON EVENING STROLL on the Rehobot Beach boardwalk, we paused to get our fortunes from the automaton, Zoltar. Mine seemed especially personal.

"It's time to stop waiting for things to get better when you're feeling somber. Rather, start making them better. Start with your perspective. When you are sad, know that things will soon turn around. When you are happy, don't get overzealous, and know that it can be taken from you in an instant.

"It is important to not let these changes destroy you but accept them and know that life is a constant wave of joy and loss. Don't let the waves knock you down, fight through them and the entire ocean will be yours."

"Whatever it is, I'm against it." ~ Groucho

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And farewell to my boyfan hero **Willie Mays**, to two brilliant and unique actors, **Donald Sutherland** and **Chuck Norris**, to the silly and profound musician, **Kinky Friedman**, ground-breaking comedian/artist **Martin Mull**, and to my dear Riverdale schoolmate, **Ken Burrows**, with condolences to his talented wife, **Erica Jong**, and his restaurateur brother, **Jonathan**.

And finally, my heart goes out to my friend, and Firesign Theatre archivist and producer, **Taylor Jessen**, whose mom, pioneering aviatrix **Gena Nora Jessen**, took off for parts unknown at 87. She was part of the enigmatic "Woman in Space" program, and we wish her a safe flight and a happy landing.

"A liberal is a conservative who has been arrested."  
~ Tom Wolfe

"Either the United States will destroy ignorance or ignorance will destroy the United States." ~ W.E.B. DuBois

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