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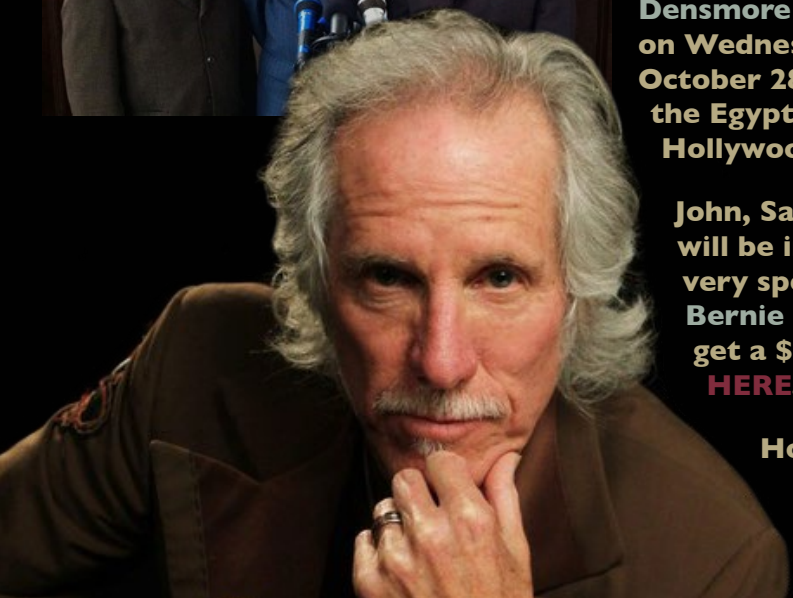
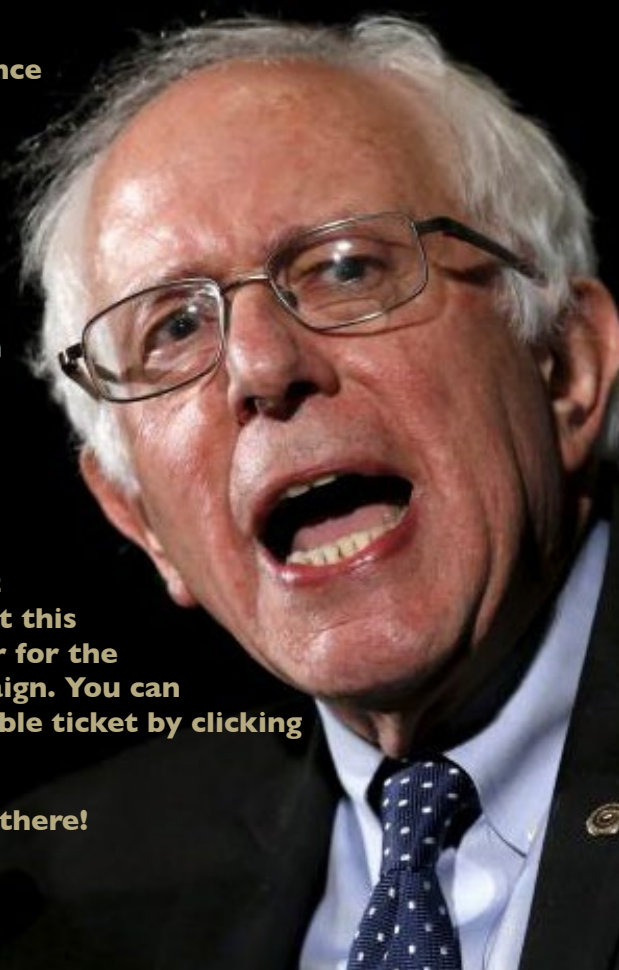


I'm excited to announce that there will be an LA premier screening of *Window of Opportunity*, a sexy political thriller in which I'm featured by writer/director Samuel Warren Joseph, produced by John Densmore of The Doors on Wednesday night, October 28 at 7:30 pm at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

John, Sam and the cast will be in attendance at this very special fundraiser for the Bernie Sanders campaign. You can get a $15 tax-deductible ticket by clicking HERE.

Hope to see you there!



"Emmy" is a variation of "Immy" – from the "Image Orthicon Tube" that made TV possible.
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

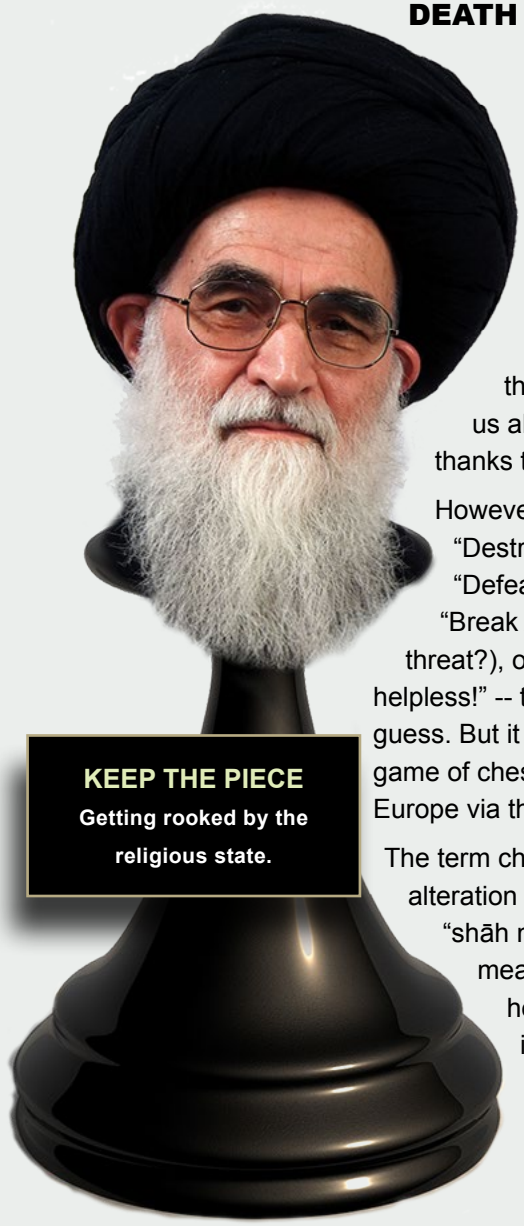
WHAT IS REALITY?

I'm sorry, but I just don't understand all this flap over Muslins! If you cotton to it, wear it, I say – who cares?

Maybe the reason Christians are against it is because they believe that the early Crusaders who discovered the cloth in the Middle East brought it back to Europe, creating a deadly fashion war that ripped the fabric of their society apart. I know it's a major tissue with **Donny Trump** and **Dr. Johnny Carson**, but I don't think the **Ku Klux Klanners** ever draped themselves in it – even though they dressed to the right, I'm told. No sheet…

"What's good for comedy is bad for America."
~ Bill Maher

DEATH TO AMERICA!



KEEP THE PIECE
Getting rooked by the religious state.

That is the disturbing chant that is so often cited as proof that the Iranians are going to build an atom bomb as soon as they can and nuke us all into crispy critters, thanks to O-bomba.

However, it could also mean "Destroy America" or "Defeat America," or even, "Break America" (a financial threat?), or "Make America helpless!" -- too late for that, I guess. But it all comes from the game of chess, which reached Europe via the Islamic world.

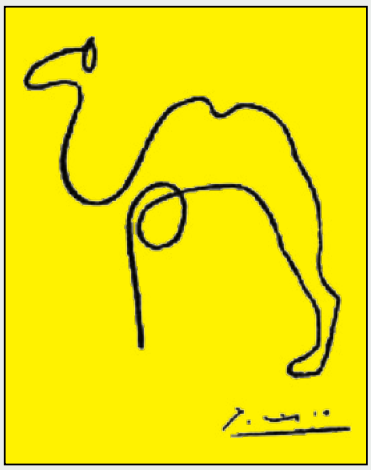
The term checkmate is an alteration of the Persian phrase "shāh māt" (شاه مات) which means "the King is helpless," or "the King is dead."

However, in Iran's Pashto language, the word māt (مات) means "destroyed or broken" or "abandoned"; and the formal translation is "surprised," as in the military sense of "ambushed." So the king is in mate when he is ambushed, at a loss, helpless, defeated, or abandoned to his fate.

"Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats." **~ Voltaire**

PICA$$O $PEAK$

Picasso was walking through the market one day when a woman spotted him, pulled out a piece of paper and said, "Mr. Picasso, I am a fan of your work. Please, could you do a little drawing for me?" Picasso smiled and quickly drew a small, but beautiful piece of art on the paper. Then, he handed the paper back to her saying, "That will be one million dollars."



"But Mr. Picasso," the woman said. "It only took you 30 seconds to draw this little masterpiece."

"My good woman," Picasso said, "It took me 30 years to learn to draw that masterpiece in 30 seconds."

"Learn what is to be taken seriously, and laugh at the rest. " **~ Herman Hesse**

THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Quora contributor **Chris Heathcote** was playing "What does the animal say?" with his 4-year-old daughter, and he asked her, "What does the cow say?" She answered, "Moooo." He asked her "What does the cat say?" She said, "Meow." Then just for fun, he tried to trip her up, and asked, "What does the tomato say?"

"I thought she would say she doesn't know," writes Chris, "but without a second of hesitation, she yelled –

"EAT THE BANANA!!!"

"Discovery is seeing what everybody else has seen, and thinking what nobody else has thought."
~ Szent-Gyorgi

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IT ADDS UP

Teaching Math in 1950s: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for $100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1960s: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for $100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or $80. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1970s: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for $100. His cost of production is $80. Did he make a profit?

Teaching Math in 1980s: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for $100. His cost of production is $80 and his profit is $20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

Teaching Math in 1990s: A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands. He does this so he can make a profit of $20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? (There are no wrong answers, and if you feel like crying, it's ok.)

Teaching Math in the 2000s: If you have special needs or just feel you need assistance because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, childhood memories, or criminal background, then don't answer and the correct answer will be provided for you. There are no wrong answers.

Teaching Math in 2030: Un hachero vende una carrtada de maderapara 100 pesos. El costo de la producciones es 80 pesos. Cuanto dinero ha hecho?

"A nation with 246 cheeses is ungovernable. "
~ French President **Charles de Gaulle**

I'M ALL THUMBS

A group of women went to a marriage seminar and were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" So, they texted their husbands: "I love you, sweetheart," and then exchanged phones so they could read aloud the messages they received.

"Who the hell is this? – Mother of my children, are you sick or what? – Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong? – What now? Did you crash the car again? – I don't understand what you mean? – What the hell did you do now? – Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need? – Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she? – If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die. – Am I dreaming?"

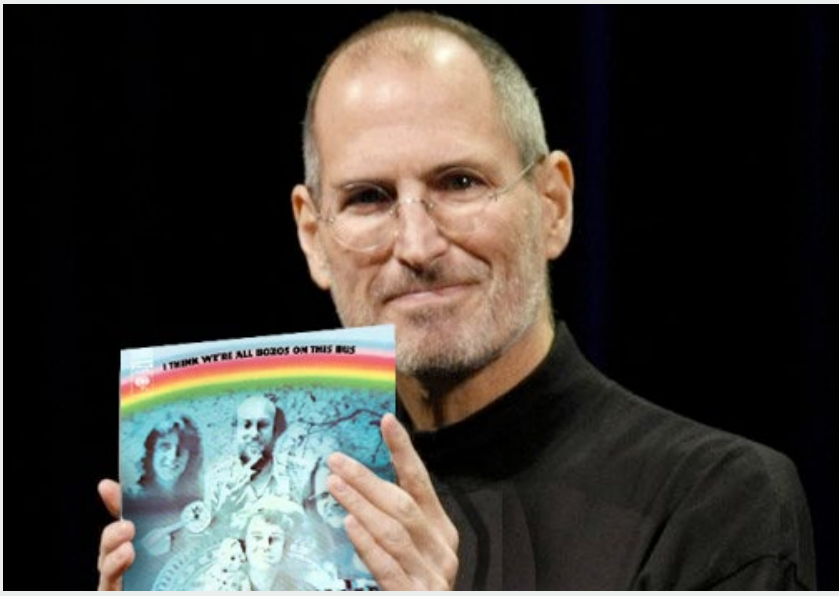
And, of course: "I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day."

"Boehner never had the Trumpness
to stand up to Obama."
~ Tea Party grandma **Bev Marinelli**

I LOVE YOU, SIRI

Tell **Siri**, "This is worker speaking, hello" on your iPhone, and she will answer, "Hello Ah-Clem. What function can I perform for you? LOL."

Well, I played the "hacker" **Ah-Clem**, a disgruntled employee of the Future Faire in the **Firesign Theatre**'s 1971 album about the upcoming computer revolution, *I Think We're All Bozos On This Bus*. I later met **Steve Jobs** at a screening of *A Bug's Life* for which **Dave Ossman** and



I did voices, and he told me he was a big fan and that's why he later recorded these homages. Furthermore, if you ask Siri: "Why does the porridge bird lay his egg in air?" she will respond, "You can't shut me down that easily."

This was the "virus" riddle we used to shut down DR MEMORY (Direct Readout Memory), the mainframe that ran the government-sponsored theme park. Listen to the CD for more surprises. It's still one our most popular and predictive.

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"I know that I have never invented anything. I have been a medium by which these things were given to the culture as fast as the culture could earn them. I give all the credit to God."
~ Philo T. Farnsworth

MADE IN CHINA

"I am your big fans. Do you know there is a boy in China who is crazy for your every smile? There are many stars received great achievements, such as **Justin Bieber**, **Avril Lavigne** and so on. However, the star who I like best is you. You are my idol. My friend once asked me, 'Who is the best actor in your heart?' I answered without hesitation: **Phil Proctor!**"

"The reason we boast is to hear someone saying nice things about us." **~ B.F. Skinner**

RETRO-ACTIVE

1955: Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter? If they raise the minimum wage to $1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store. Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for $50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President. Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.

When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon? There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly $2.00 a night to stay in a hotel. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

I'm afraid the Volkswagen is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business. It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women have to work to make ends meet. It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work. The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now. I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.

I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let **Clark Gable** get by with saying "Damn!" in *Gone With the Wind*, it seems every new movie has either "Hell" or "Damn" in it.

HIGHWAY BREAKDOWN
Sign of the times gone by.

No one can afford to be sick anymore. At $15 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood. If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a haircut, forget it.

"The principal mark of genius is not perfection but originality, the opening of new frontiers.."
~ Arthur Koestler

I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went to visit her 95-year-old grandmother and comfort her, and when she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning."

Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that two people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble.

"Oh no, my dear," replied her grandmother. "Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous, simply in with the Ding and out with the Dong."

She paused to wipe away a tear, and continued, "He'd still be alive if the ice cream truck hadn't come along."

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"Everybody thinks you reach a certain age and you're a grown-up; but it's not true. Nobody grows up until the day they croak." ~ **Keith Richards**

YOU GOTTA HAVE HEART

A cardiologist died and was given an elaborate funeral where a huge floral display shaped like a heart stood behind the casket, and following the eulogy, the heart suddenly opened and the casket rolled inside.

The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever. But at that point, one of the mourners burst into laughter, and when all eyes turned at him, he said, "I'm sorry, I was just thinking of my own funeral. I'm a gynecologist."

Then the proctologist fainted.

"In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman." ~ **Margaret Thatcher**

THOSE ARE THE BREAKS

My darling wife, **Melinda**, was relaxing at our friend **Paul Magid**'s magical 600-year-old farmhouse in Dragodena, after participating as an actor in a Playwrights' workshop in Spoleto, when she slipped in the bathroom and fractured her left wrist.

"The Italian health care system is highly bureaucratic but does work," she writes. "A doctor made a house call (remember those?), and the charge was 25 Euro. Because there was a minor fracture, all of the hospital expenses (doctors, X-rays, cast) were all gratis…but bureaucracy-wise, it took several steps to secure a follow-up appointment and required at least 20 sheets of paper to process the transactions – I think the Italian government must invest in paper as they certainly use a lot of it.

"So, I am here at our friend's home with good food, good companionship, as comfortable as possible and in good spirits and hope to fly home directly from Bologna at the end of the month when the cast is removed." *Ti amo, la mia più cara!*

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"A plausible mission of artists is to make people appreciate being alive, at least a little bit." ~ **Kurt Vonnegut**

FORWARD INTO THE PAST

And when she gets back, Melinda and I will be guest stars on Halloween night in the **Fake Radio** re-creation of the famous **Mercury Theatre** production of "War of the Worlds" at the Trepany House in the Steve Allen Theater, 4773 Hollywood Blvd., Saturday, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. $20. (323) 666-4268, TREPANYHOUSE.ORG

David Koff's talented Fake Radio troupe will recreate the night when **Orson Wells**' broadcast panicked the country, employing a cast of more than a dozen actors, with SFX, period music and costumes. Come see us…

"Never argue with an idiot because bystanders don't know who the idiot is." ~ **Mark Twain**

MESSENGERS

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"Ill fares the race which fails to salute the arts with the reverence and delight which are their due." ~ **Sir Winston Churchill**

"I really didn't say everything I said." ~ Yogi Berra