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"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." ~ Albert Einstein

The Boomers are on a Mountain High

Yes, that's right, the BOOMERS, aka yours truly and the unruly **Jamie Alcroft**, will be performing for the first time ever before a (hopefully) LIVE audience, hosted from the piano by acclaimed composer **JP Houston** with his wife, comic actress **Julie Van Dusen**. The program is presented on its home station KVCR/NPR, available on PRX, and carried by a growing number of stations. **MORE INFO**

It's all happening at **The Tudor House** in Lake Arrowhead, high in the San Bernardino Mountains, 800 Arrowhead Villa Road. So, just call 909-336-5000 for reservations. Be there or be square.

AMERICAN PARLOR SONGBOOK

RADIO SHOW TAPING WITH **KVCR** 91.9 NPR

FUNKY ACOUSTIC POP FROM **COLESLAW**

CLEVER COMEDY DUO **BOOMERS ON A BENCH**

J.P. HOUSTON & JULIE VAN DUSEN

SATURDAY APRIL 16

THE TUDOR HOUSE · LAKE ARROWHEAD, CA

FOOD SERVICE FROM 5:30pm • SHOW AT 7pm • \$10



"If you want it - take it." ~ Fortune Cookie

ZOO STORY

A Harley biker is riding by the zoo in Washington, DC, when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the collar of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents.

The biker jumps off his hog, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering with pain, the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker carries her to her terrified parents who shower him with thanks.

A reporter has watched the whole event and says, "Sir, this was the most gallant and bravest thing I've seen a man do in my whole life."

"Why, it was nothing, really," The biker replies. "The lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger and acted as I felt was right."

"Well I'll make sure this doesn't go unnoticed," the reporter insists. "I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow's paper

MANE COURSE

The kid and the King of Beasts



will have this story on the front page. So give me some details, like what do you do for a living?"

"Well, I'm an ex-Marine," the guy replies, "and I'm presently working for the 'Elect Trump' campaign." The journalist goes to write up the story, and the following morning the biker buys a paper and reads the following on the front page:

"U.S. MARINE ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH"

And that pretty much sums up the media's approach to the news these days.

"A newspaper is a device for making the ignorant more ignorant and the crazy crazier."

~ H. L. Mencken

YOU ARE HERE

When fear becomes collective, when anger becomes collective, it's extremely dangerous. It is overwhelming...

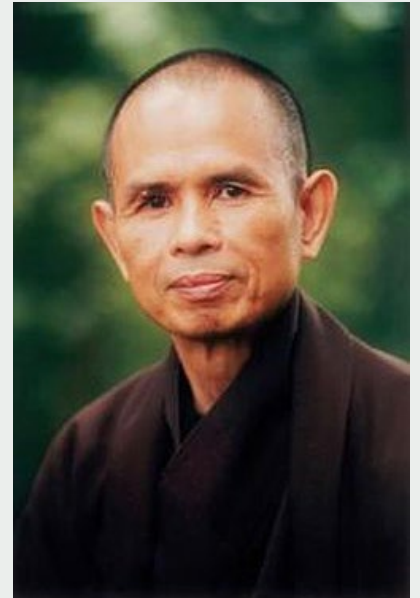
"The mass media and the military-industrial complex create a prison for us, so we continue to think, see, and act in the same way..."

"We need the courage to express ourselves even when the majority is going in the opposite direction, because a change of direction can happen only when there is a collective awakening..."

"Therefore, it is very important to say, 'I am here!' to those who share the same kind of insight."

So writes Buddhist monk **Thich Nhat Hanh** (above), author of *The Art of Power*.

"We are all greater artists than we realize."
~ Nietzsche



SEE IT – SAY IT

The *Albuquerque Journal* recently published a *Terrorist Spotting Guide* in which **Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III** of Bernalillo County issued an appeal to the populace to be on the lookout for terrorists, so here are some helpful tips:

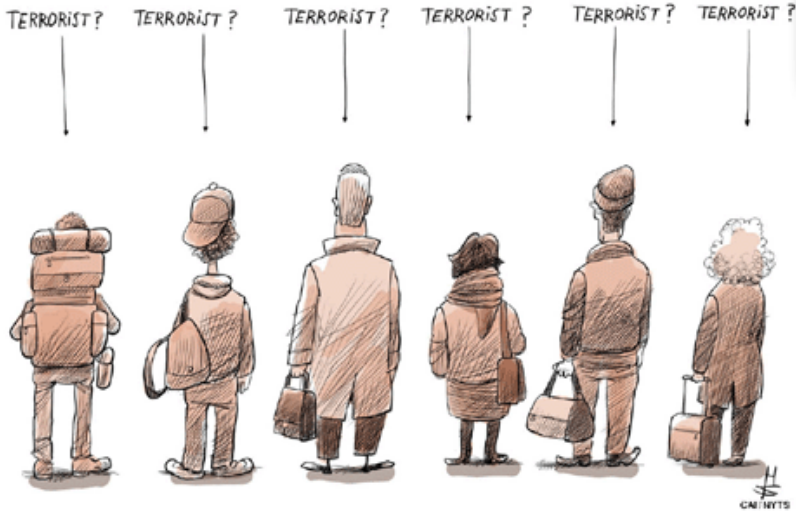
Ethnic food: Terrorists really like fried chicken, which is hard to come by in their countries. Look for people hanging around fried chicken fast food restaurants who seem to be really enjoying themselves and actually eating the mashed potatoes.

Clothing: Terrorists like to wear Levi's, Lacoste polo shirts and Nike running shoes. Anyone you see wearing this type of garb is probably a bad guy.

Car types: Terrorists like quiet inconspicuous cars, like Priuses, Yugos and Kia Elantras.

Hair styles: Many sleeper cell members wear their hair

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IDENTITY PARADE

Cartoonist Sakurai thinks we're back to profiling.

"I will not vote for Hillary Clinton. The last Clinton presidency left a bad taste in my mouth and as we get closer to November of this election year, citizens must remember that they cannot trust Hillary Clinton to create American jobs.

"The last time she was asked to give someone a job, she outsourced it to me, and I simply blew it."

*"Did you wake up grumpy this morning?
No, I let her sleep..."
~ Mark Wenzel*

medium length, above the ears, and neatly trimmed in back. This hair style facilitates quickly donning their bulletproof turbans.

Tattoos: Terrorists are careful not to display tattoos that might expose them. Look for small tattoos on the forearms that say things like "Born to raise hell" or "Marsha forever." "Marsha forever" is code for "Allahu Akbar."

Accessories: Terrorists usually wear Casio G-shock watches and carry android cell phones. Their favorite ring tone is The Carpenters' song "Close To You." They may also be using Axe body cologne and deodorant, a dead giveaway.

Accents: Terrorists have a hard time losing their foreign accents and phrases. Listen for people using words like Dude, Holy Toledo! or Put a sock in it! And of course, anyone saying "I'll have the five-dollar big-box chicken meal, please."

And if they ask for extra mashed potatoes - Bingo!

*"One day, in retrospect,
the years of struggle
will strike you as
the most beautiful."
~ Sigmund Freud*

WHAT THE HILL

Monica Lewinsky released the following statement on former First Lady **Hillary Clinton's** run for President:

DEAD ON

A father told his three sons when he sent them to the university: "I feel it's my duty to provide you with the best possible education, and you do not owe me anything for that. However, I want you to appreciate it. As a token, please each put \$1,000 into my coffin when I die."

And so it happened. His sons became a doctor, a lawyer and a financial planner, each very successful financially; and when their father's time had come and they saw their father in the coffin, they remembered his wish.

First, it was the doctor who put ten \$100 bills onto the chest of the deceased.

Then came the financial planner, who also put \$1,000 there.

Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He dipped into his pocket, took out his checkbook, wrote a check for \$3,000, put it into his father's coffin, and took the \$2,000 in cash.

He later went on to become a member of Congress.

*In Brazil, "to pay the duck" means
to pay for someone else's mistakes."
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

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COVERED GIRL

More moans from Monica

PLANET GOFERS

BOOM
SHOES
LIBS RULE
GOSHEN
BANG
ZINK OOT!
PUNKED
GUILTY
NIPPON

WHO AM US, ANYWAY

Phones – wireless

Cooking – fireless

Cars – keyless

Food – fatless

Tires – tubeless

Youth – jobless

Relationships – meaningless

Attitudes – careless

Babies – fatherless

Feelings – heartless

Children – mannerless

Leaders – shameless

Government -- clueless

Politicians -- obstructionist

You and Me -- scared shitless

"If you're struggling in life,
it's important to remember
that nobody cares."

~ Fortune Cookie

six foot six, but he was so much taller than that."

Jacobs – a radio pioneer of the 60s, who developed the "Boss Jocks" format and is described as "bursting out of his skull" with ideas by our mutual friend, Rock photographer **Henry Diltz**.

Emerson – the keyboardist with **Emerson, Lake & Palmer**, who embraced **Bob Moog's** synthesizer keyboard, calling it "the world's most dangerous synth."

And **Shandling** – who after escaping death as a young man, fearlessly blazed an independent and dare I say, surreal comic path, by embracing alter egos that expressed the fragility and responsibility of national celebrity. "What I want at my funeral," he announced, "is an actual boxing referee to do a count; and at 5, just wave it off and say, 'He's not getting up.'"

"The very first Mensa meeting was assembled to solve the world's problems and the only things agreed upon were the date, time, and place of the next meeting."

~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

PLANET HELPERS

Martin Lewis, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Rob Lewine, Robert Riddle, Bonnie Medina, Steven F. Scharff, Mark Sommerfield, Michael Fish, Victor Kopcewich, Joan Allemand – and thanks to **Bonnie Peterson** and **Sam Dawson** for their awesome hospitality during our recent "lost weekend" down south.

And thanks once again to **Michael** and **Clark** for hosting another blockbuster "On the Air" fundraiser for **Dezarts Performs in Palm Springs**, where **Melinda**

played Rosie the Irish maid in "My Favorite Husband" starring **Joyce Bullifant** as **Lucille Ball**, and I, a phony French Maitre d' in "Johnny Diamond, Private Eye," all directed by **Gregg Oppenheimer**.

"If you want to know what God thinks about money,
just look at the people He gave it to."

~ Dorothy Parker



DROPPING LIKE FLIES

The longer I wait to finish a **Planet**, the more wonderful souls check out of Hotel Earth. **Merle Haggard**, just today, and earlier **Garry Shandling**, **Earl Hamner**, **Keith Emerson**, **Ron Jacobs**, **Patty Duke** and **Ken Howard** (both of whom led our actors' union). I knew and worked with so many of them, I feel truly blessed, but I'm also hard pressed to do them justice:

Duke – whom I met on a Broadway stage after a performance of "The Miracle Worker", was a fearless advocate of bipolar issues as well as being an Oscar-winning actress and our SAG president from 1985 to 1988.

Haggard – a true outlaw and a raw and honest country-western icon.

Hamner – who created "The Waltons" among so many TV classics, striving always to create "an honest, positive statement on the affirmation of man."

Howard – with whom I worked on several Screen Actor Guild committees was best commemorated by George Clooney who wrote: "Today his obituary read that he was

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." ~ Albert Einstein

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