



"I believe in the separation of work and state." ~ Anon

A WOMAN'S POEM

*Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man who's not a creep,
One who's handsome, smart and strong,
One who loves to listen long,
One who thinks before he speaks,
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.*

*I pray he's rich and self-employed,
And when I spend, won't be annoyed,
Pull out my chair and hold my hand,
Massage my feet and help me stand.
Oh, send a king to make me queen,
A man who loves to cook and clean!
I pray this man will love no other,
And relish visits with my mother.*

"Dreams are the substance of life." ~ Henry Miller

A MAN'S POEM

*I pray for a deaf-mute gymnast nymphomaniac
With big boobs who owns a bar on a golf course,
And loves to send me fishing and drinking.
This doesn't rhyme and I don't give a damn!*

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

"Just dig a hole that's deep enough and everyone will want to jump into It."
~ Rebus Cannibus

HELLO, FEARE FRIENDS!

I - Your faithful fan, happy to follow your progress - It will be grateful if you send your autograph. In view of the fact that employees of post offices ordered last country is not in good faith, then my pre-paid envelope, or coupon, or what any other payment will not be able to reach you because it is stolen on the way to your post office employees. I'm sorry.

Hopefully in the future, you will have the opportunity to send me your autograph on their own. I am very, very sorry and saddened. Know then in Russia in a Volgograd town have your loyal fans. With best wishes and hopes,

Vladimir

If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living. ~ Yiddish Proverb

THE PSYCHIC PREDICTS

... That we'll be closing on April 18th, after excellent reviews and consistently delighted audiences of all ages, so come see us if you can. Our wonderful lead, **Jeffrey Cannata**, also told me a joke -- NOT written by our impish playwright, **Sam Bobrick**.

A down-and-out ventriloquist was advised by a friend to make a living by becoming a psychic, so he designed a business plan not unlike our protagonist, Adam Webster.

His first customer said, "I see you have three readings available at \$25, \$50, and \$100. What's the difference?"

"Well, " explained the former vent, "For \$25 I will tell you what you need to know in the voice of your deceased loved one. For \$50, you can ask me specific questions and your beloved will answer them from the other side in their own voice."

"And for \$100?" asked the impressed client.

"For \$100, sir, I will answer those questions while drinking a glass of water."

[See 'Psychic' poster, next page; **READ RELEASE**]

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now." ~ **Alan Lakein**

NO SCAM

"I received a report from the FBI here in Nigeria concerning your dealings with an imposter who contacted you with the scam letter of winning but please if you are not the right person do not further respond to me.

"I am very sorry for any inconvenience that these might have cost you and I want to use these medium to assure you that a sum of {\$8 million USD} will be release to you by the Nigeria Government as long with any fund that might have been lost to those hoodlums. Contact me via **email**." (What are you waiting for?)

"Just as others are pleased by a good horse or dog or bird, I myself am pleased to an even higher degree by good friends." ~ **Socrates**

TURN UP YOUR HEARING AIDS

Contrary to what you may have seen, the following combos DO NOT go together:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures

4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedos and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Miniskirts and varicose veins

"Only those who attempt the absurd will achieve the impossible. I think it's in my basement ... let me go upstairs and check."~ **M.C. Escher**

PARADIGM LOST

"The legitimate object of Government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done but cannot do at all, or cannot so well do, for themselves in their separate and individual capacities. But in all that people can individually do as well for themselves, Government ought NOT to interfere."

"In all those things which deal with people, be liberal, be human. In all those things which deal with people's money, or their economy, or their form of government, be conservative."

"The purpose of the...Party is to establish and maintain a peaceful world and build at home a dynamic prosperity in which every citizen fairly shares. We shall ever build anew, that our children and their children, without distinction because of race, creed or color, may know the blessings of our free land."

"We believe that basic to governmental integrity are unimpeachable ethical standards and irreproachable personal conduct by all people in government. We shall continue our insistence on honesty as an indispensable requirement of public service. We shall continue to root out corruption whenever and wherever it appears."

"We are proud of and shall continue our far-reaching and sound advances in matters of basic human needs—expansion of social security—broadened coverage in unemployment insurance —improved housing—and better health protection for all our people. We are determined that our government remain warmly responsive to the urgent social and economic problems of our people."

(Excerpts from the **Republican Party Platform of 1956**)

"That government is best which governs not at all; and when men are prepared for it, that will be the kind of government which they will have." ~ **Thoreau**

Falcon Theatre presents
the WORLD PREMIERE COMEDY

The Psychic

a MURDER MYSTERY
OF SORTS

written by

Sam Bobrick

directed by

Susan Morgenstern



'Adam Webster' (Jeffrey Cannata) and 'Detective Norris Coslow' (Phil Proctor) in "The Psychic" at the Falcon Theatre.

"The play's clever, Pirandello-esque twists make for a pleasant divertissement...director Susan Morgenstern deliberately toys with the audience's preconceptions in a cheeky and well-paced staging...the crispy comic Green shines as a slinky *femme fatale*...performances bode well for this satisfyingly unpredictable 'Psychic'."

-LA Times



'Laura Benson' (Dana Green) and 'Johnny Bubbles' (Richard Horvitz) in "The Psychic" at the Falcon Theatre.

"(Horvitz's) turn as the mafioso 'Johnny Bubbles' is a pistol whip to the funny bone... an energetic cast keeps the zings flying fast."

-LA Weekly

"Cannata is a likeable protagonist, enlisting our empathy for this befuddled average Joe...his deadpan retorts hit the target."

-Backstage

"A delightful murder mystery adventure...many humorous, suspenseful, unexpected twists and turns, very characteristic of the talented playwright Sam Bobrick...Bobrick shows his innate ability with this play's sharp wit and impeccable comedic timing...LA audiences...will savor the suspense and surprise that "The Psychic" delivers."

-Tolucan Times



'Roy Benson' (Cyrus Alexander) and 'Adam Webster' (Jeffrey Cannata) in "The Psychic" at the Falcon Theatre.



'Rita Malone' (Bridget Flanery) and 'Adam Webster' (Jeffrey Cannata) in "The Psychic" at the Falcon Theatre.

THE 'ISTORY OF EASTER

To start, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the equinox – (this year, that was March 20th) and the early Zoroastrians used eggs to symbolize springtime and the new life it engenders and thus Easter was appropriated from earlier pagan cultures and became a metaphor for Jesus' rebirth.

In fact, the term Easter itself is probably derived from the name Eostre – the name of a pagan Saxon goddess worshipped on a feast day on the vernal equinox. And that gets us to the Easter bunny, since Eostre's avatar was a rabbit.

Pre-Christian cultures in Germany had a similar rabbit goddess and in the early 18th century German immigrants introduced us to the both the egg and the bunny.

Danke Alles!

"Sometimes when I get up in the morning, I feel very peculiar. I feel like I've just got to bite a cat! I feel like if I don't bite a cat before sundown, I'll go crazy! But then I just take a deep breath and forget about it. That's what is known as real maturity." ~ **Snoopy**

FIRESIGN RULES!

Leonard Pierce I writes at the **A.V. Club site** that he owns his share of stand-up comedy albums, "But stand-up is essentially a live medium, and without the element of surprise, of the wild reaction comics can get when they do something truly unexpected for the crowd, it doesn't usually work for me.

"But I have a favorite comedy album, and it gets played as much as the very best music in my collection, for much the same reasons. The Firesign Theatre's entire output from 1968 to 1971 is worth having, but there is no better piece of recorded comedy in all the world than *Don't Crush That Dwarf, Hand Me The Pliers...* Technically daring, incredibly intricate and layered with meaning, brilliantly conceived and perfectly executed, and after approximately a million listens, still funny as hell.

MOUND RUSHMORE. Phil 'Philbert'
Fountain pens and inks Ossman,
Proctor, Bergman and Austin.



"The Firesigns are unique because they created a form of audio comedy—not standup, not theater, not exactly sketch comedy, not improv, but a kind of humor specifically designed for listening at album-length—that no one did before, and no one has done it since. They were just that funny—and *Don't Crush That Dwarf* is just that good, a comedy record that unequivocally deserves to be called a masterpiece."

We'll be touring again in June.

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"
~ 1920 Memo to radio developer **David Sarnoff**

LEONARD, WE HARDLY KNEW YE

A recent Op Ed piece in the *LA Times* by Boris Dittrich focused on a certain Leonard Matlovich, who earned a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star in Vietnam but was later discharged for being gay. He's now buried in Washington's Congressional Cemetery where his gravestone reads:

"When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one."

"What's the big fuss about same sex marriage? My wife and I have been having the same sex for 25 years."
~ **Chris Erskine**

NUN OF THE ABOVE

Three Nuns are involved in a fatal car accident, and they arrive together at the pearly gates of Heaven. St. Peter greets them, and informs them that they each have to answer one question before he will allow them to enter, so St. Peter asks the first nun, "Who built an ark to keep the animals safe during The Great Flood?"

She replies, "Noah!" Bells ring and the gates of Heaven open.

St. Peter asks the second nun, "Who tempted Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit in The Garden of Eden?"

She replies, "That blasted serpent!" Bells ring again, and the gates of Heaven open.

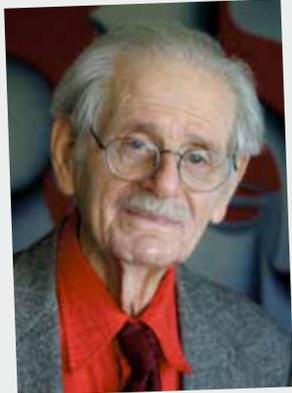
St. Peter asks the third nun, "What were Eve's first words to Adam?" She thinks for a few minutes, and finally says, "Boy, that's a hard one!"

Bells begin to ring and the gates of Heaven open.

"The point in all cases is that the deities must be made to laugh." ~ **Ree Morton**

THE GOLDEN AGE OF NORMAN

Legendary writer and radio theatre genius **Norman Corwin** (*below*) will turn 100 on May 3, 2010. To mark the occasion, the National Audio Theatre Festivals has established The Norman Corwin Award for Excellence in Audio Theatre, and Mr. Corwin has been named the recipient of the inaugural award. The handsome trophy will be presented to him on



May 1 at the Writers' Guild Theatre in Beverly Hills as part of a celebration of his life and creativity. Melinda and I will be participating in the program along with the creator of the award, our dear friend, **Richard Fish**.

"The Corwin" is the first award of its kind, and will regularly honor a leading figure in audio theatre who has made major contributions to the art form for over a decade." Mr.

Corwin has served on the NATF Advisory Board and even led seminars during workshops, the next to occur June 20-26 in West Plains, Missouri.

"Audio theatre is not just for radio," explains NATF Board Chairman **Steve Donofrio**. "It started on cylinder recordings, and today flourishes vibrantly on the Internet. For over 30 years, we have been finding, inspiring and training new young talent; fostering the development of audio theatre for modern audiences; and exploring the possibilities of new technologies."

"Experience is a comb life gives you after you lose your hair." ~ **Judith Stern**

RED INK

"One insolent, ignorant backstreet guttersnipe with as much intelligence in her brain as a squashed syphilitic slug, a sawdust-headed simpleton who cannot even manage her own family, the failed ex-Governor of Alaska now drums up support for John PharmaLobby McCain.

"So when this female opines that Obama's healthcare plan is evil when it brings affordable healthcare to 30 million

Americans, one must ask the question, who is behind the death threats to those who backed the plan?

"And as for the GOP, they can spend trillions of dollars on getting Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan but they cannot spare a few hundred thousand to keep Americans alive at home." (*Reprinted without the permission of PRAVDA, which means "The Truth" in Russian...*)

"My choices in life were either to be a piano player in a whore house or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference!" ~ **Harry S Truman**

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CLICK THE WORD TO GO TO THE SITE

"It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out, it's the grain of sand in your shoe." ~ **Robert Service**

PICKS

Paul Apple, Jeff Abraham, Wayne Newitt, Richard Schulenberg, Victor Kopcewich, Bob Joles, Nick Oliva, Paul Apple, Michael C. Gwynne, Art Peterson, Bill Coombs, Dana Snow, Garry Margolis, Jaimie Alcroft and Michael Bell.

"Being a writer in Hollywood is like going [to a Nazi rally] with a great idea for a bar-mitzvah." ~ **David Mamet**

"The grass may be greener on the other side, but you still have to mow it." ~ **Martin Crane**

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