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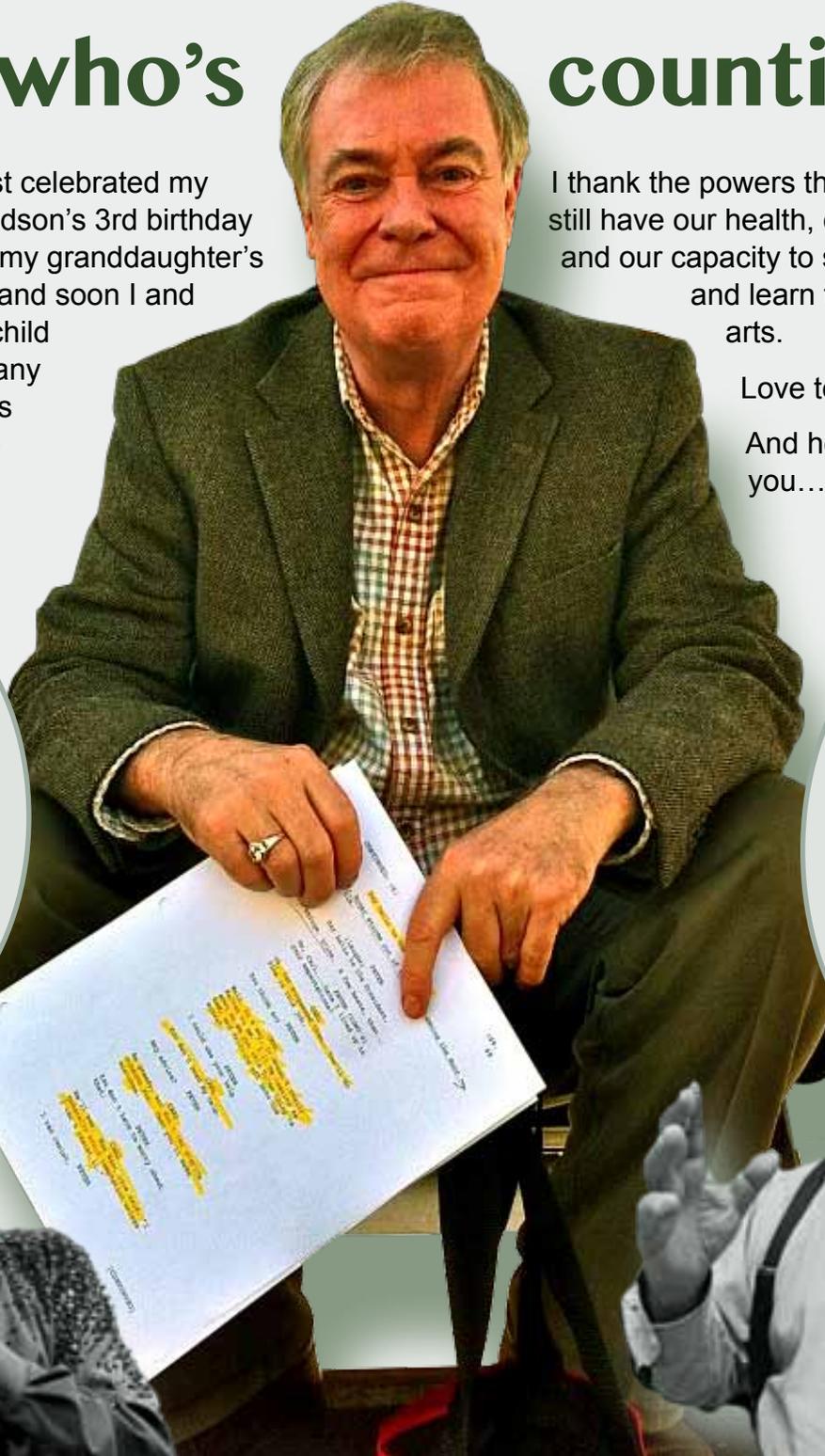
**W**e just celebrated my grandson's 3rd birthday and my granddaughter's 1st, and soon I and my child

bride **Melinda** and many of our Leo compatriots will turn another page together.

I thank the powers that be that we all still have our health, our happiness and our capacity to strive and stretch and learn together in the arts.

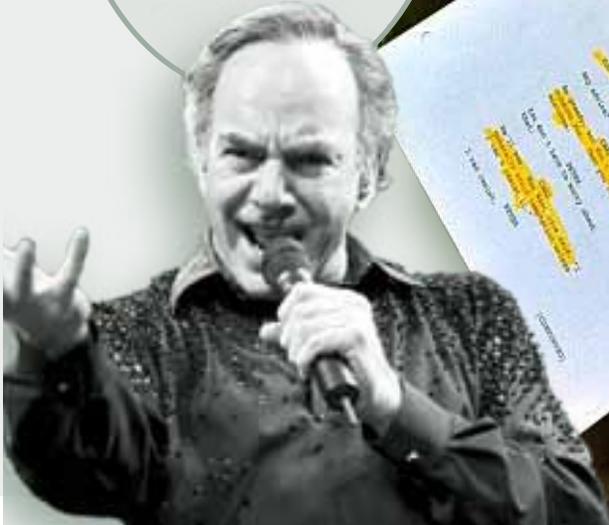
Love to you all!

And here's my gift to you...



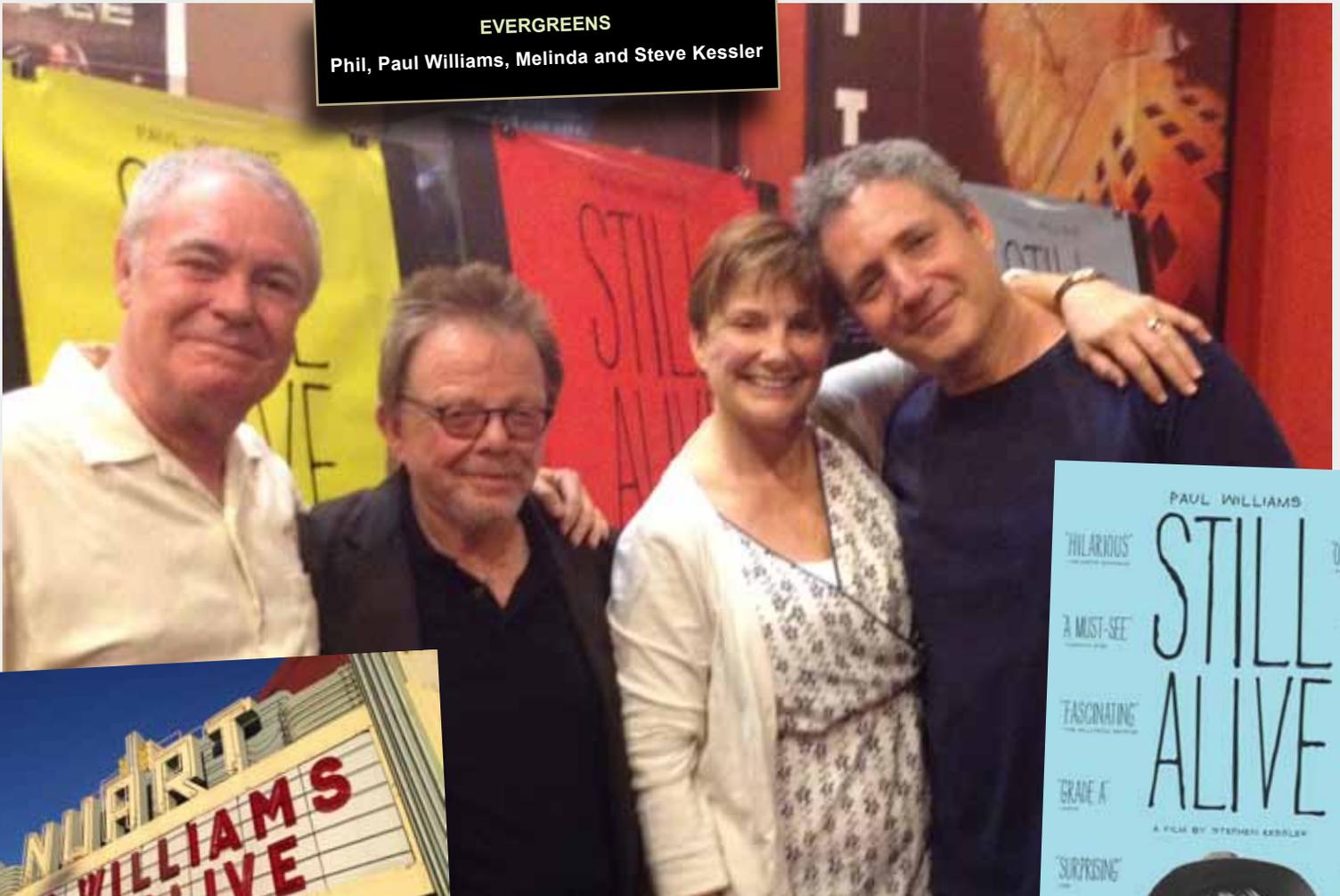
"I want to go places I've never been, do things that have never been done. New challenges scare you, but they also excite you and get you up."  
~ Neil Diamond

You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down.  
~ Ray Bradbury



## EVERGREENS

Phil, Paul Williams, Melinda and Steve Kessler



See the documentary, "Paul Williams: Still Alive" by his fan and friend, director Steve Kessler. It'll warm your heart. [\[trailer\]](#)

## OH, PEE QUIET!

Hoping to reduce DUIs, Michigan has introduced IUCs: **Interactive Urinal Communicators** (right) to selected bars and restaurants – in other words, Talking Urinal Cakes, some of which can sing and flash lights and say things like, "Listen up. That's right, I'm talking to you. Had a few drinks? Maybe a few too many? Then do yourself and everyone else a favor: call a cab or a sober friend. Oh -- and don't forget to wash your hands!"

**Wizmark** – not to be confused with **Bearwhiz** – sells the "Johnny" cakes for about \$21 apiece which can last for about three months, depending on the beer. But so far, as noted by an article in *The Detroit News*,



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none of them have been programmed to say "I'm melting... melting"... Yet!

Now my only question is – why didn't I get to read for it? Pisses me off.

"I don't try to describe the future: I try to prevent it." ~ **Ray Bradbury**

## PARTY CRASHER

Celebrated comic maverick and actor **Bill Murray** is planning to take a party-crashing trip across the country, according to my friend, Planeteer, and Neil Diamond backup musician **Tom Hensley**. So if Mr. Murray shows up on the porch of your party with a bottle of wine or a vegetable tray, please welcome him in and even allow him to crash on your couch or in a spare bedroom. Says **■ CONTINUED**

his manager, "Both options are completely acceptable."

Activities that Mr. Murray enjoys are drinking and karaoke, either of which will increase your chances of his making an appearance. Also it is extremely important that any place interested in participating hang a sheet or banner outside on party night which states in big bold letters, "BILL MURRAY CAN CRASH HERE."

And most important of all, the press release asserts, "At these parties, Mr. Murray does not want to be called Bill Murray but insists as being referred to as **Keyser Söze**, portrayed by **Kevin Spacey** in *The Usual Suspects*. "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled," says Keyser, quoting the French poet **Baudelaire** in the script by **Christopher McQuarrie**, "was convincing the world he didn't exist."

Well, I later learned that this whole thing is a hoax, and Murray doesn't even have an agent or a manager! So what? Look for my banner, Bill...

*"30 years of Reganomics, and all I got was this lousy T-shirt made in China." ~ Thom Hartmann*

*"The United States is the only country where it takes more brains to figure your tax than to earn the money to pay it." ~ Edward J. Gurney*

## DOWN UNDER

A Golfer accidentally overturned his cart and Elizabeth, an avid golfer who owned a villa on the golf course, heard the noise and yelled over to him, "Hey, are you okay? What's your name?" "Willis," he replied.

"Willis forget your troubles. Come to my villa, have something to drink, and I'll help you get the cart up later."

"That's mighty nice of you," Willis answered, "but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Aw, come on," Elizabeth insisted. She was very pretty and very persuasive.

"Well okay," Willis finally agreed. "But my wife won't like it."

After a hearty drink and some amazing sex, Willis thanked his host. "I feel really great, but I know my wife is going to be real upset."

"Don't be foolish!" Elizabeth said with a smile; she won't know anything. And by the way, where is she?"

"Under the cart!"

*"The pain in Spain is mainly Euro drain."  
~ Laurence Budd*

## *Music to my ears*

**JAZZ** – Five men on the same stage all playing different tunes.

**BLUES** – Played exclusively by people who "woke up this morning."

**WORLD MUSIC** – A dozen different types of percussion, all going at once.

**OPERA** – People singing when they should be talking.

**RAP** – People talking when they should be singing.

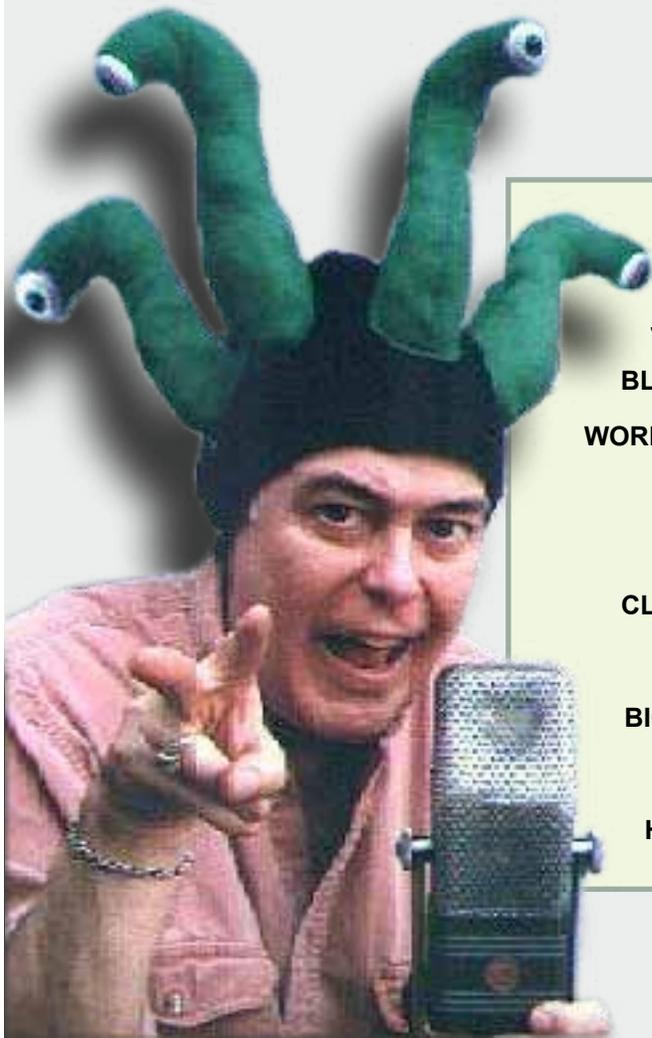
**CLASSICAL** – Discover the other music they left out of the TV spot.

**FOLK** – Endless songs about shipwrecks in the 19th century.

**BIG BAND** – 20 men who take turns to stand up -- plus a drummer.

**HEAVY METAL** – Codpiece, makeup, and chaps.

**HOUSE MUSIC** – Great, as long as it's not the house next door.



## FIGHT FOR PEACE

“War, it will be seen, is now a purely internal affair. In the past, the ruling groups of all countries, although they might recognize their common interest and therefore limit the destructiveness of war, did fight against one another, and the victor always plundered the vanquished. In our own day they are not fighting against one another at all,” wrote **George Orwell** in 1984.

“The war is waged by each ruling group against its own subjects, and the object of the war is not to make or prevent conquests of territory, but to keep the structure of society intact.

“The very word ‘war,’ therefore, has become misleading.”

*With your autograph, my collection will be more high-grade. Certainly I with understanding will concern if you refuse in connection with material expenses.*

*I will appreciate any your decision.”*

*~ Ukrainian Fan*

## WHATEVER WORKS

Melinda and I returned from our amazing live audio performance tour in Kentucky, Missouri, and Minneapolis, at the **Mark Time Awards**, to immediate work.

Melinda will be performing in a new play called *Memorizing Rome* at the Whitefire Theatre in September and is playing a touching role in an independent film.

I recorded another appearance as the evil **Dr. Vidic** in the latest installment of the blockbuster game *Assassin's Creed* and have portrayed various kookie characters in radio spots for **Fred Meyer** supermarkets and the **Fifth Third Bank**, so named because when the Third and Fifth Street banks merged in the '20s, Prohibition prevented them from naming the new entity Third Fifth

because of it's alcoholic connotations. I'll drink to that!

Our summer tour prevented us from participating in **Jessica Kubzinsky's** brilliantly reviewed interpretation of *Macbeth* at our celebrated Antaeus Company in North Hollywood, but we have seen both casts and were blown away.

Go! -- or be forever cursed! **MORE INFORMATION**

*“Be careful what you water your dreams with. Water them with worry and fear and you will produce weeds that choke the life from your dream. Water them with optimism and solutions and you will cultivate success.” ~ Lao Tzu*

## A TASTE OF ALE

Fill with mingled cream and amber,  
I will drain that glass again.  
Such hilarious visions clamber  
Through the chamber of my brain.  
Quaintest thoughts - queerest fancies  
Come to life and fade away.  
What care I how time advances?  
I am drinking ale today. ~ Edgar Allen Poe

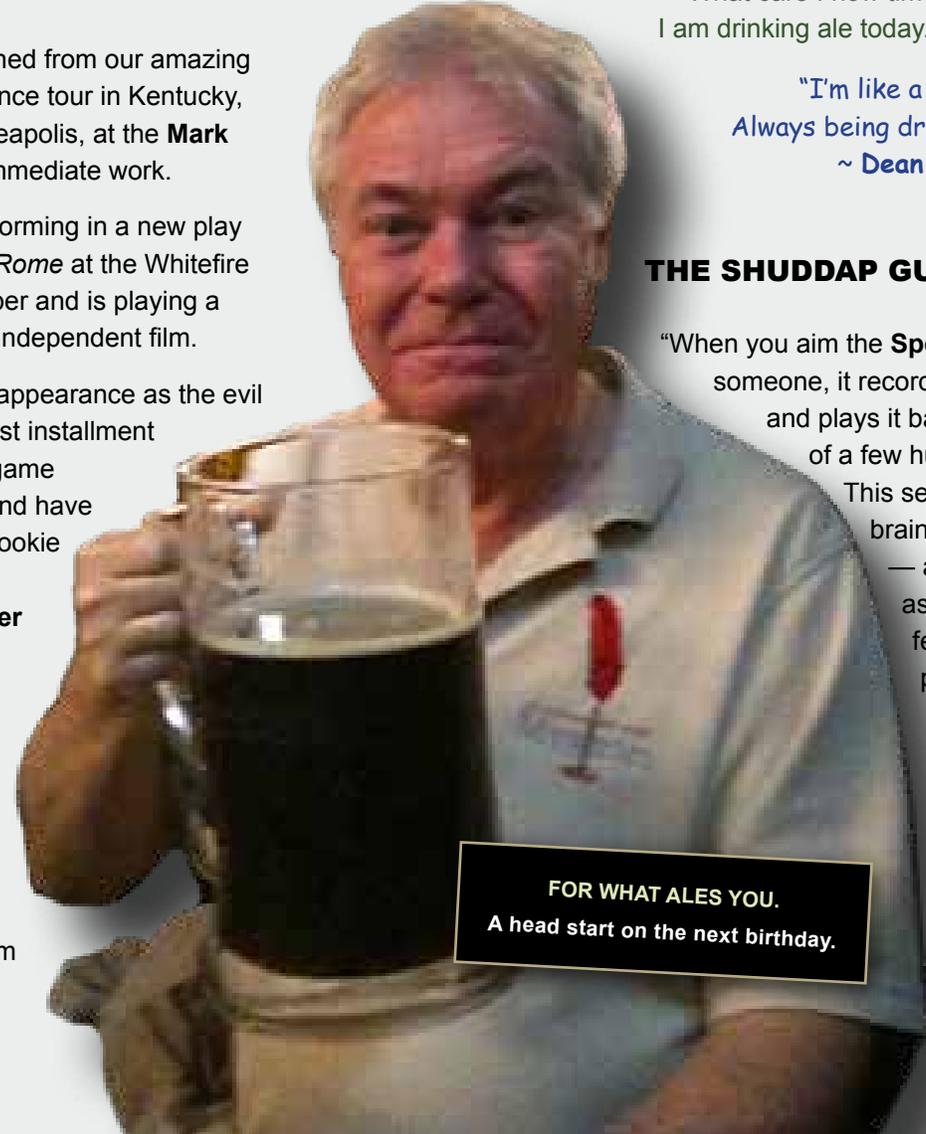
*“I'm like a fine wine.  
Always being drunk somewhere”  
~ Dean Martin*

## THE SHUDDAP GUN

“When you aim the **SpeechJammer** at someone, it records that person's voice and plays it back to him with a delay of a few hundred milliseconds.

This seems to gum up the brain's cognitive processes — a phenomenon known as delayed auditory feedback — and can painlessly render the person unable to speak,” reports **Catherine Rampell** in the *NY Times*.

“**Kazutaka Kurihara**, one of the **SpeechJammer's** creators, sees it



**FOR WHAT ALES YOU.**  
A head start on the next birthday.

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as a tool to prevent loudmouths from overtaking meetings and public forums, and he'd like to miniaturize his invention so that it can be built into cellphones.

"It's different from conventional weapons such as samurai swords," Kurihara says. "We hope it will build a more peaceful world."

And AMEN! say I – quietly.

*"I honestly hope Romney picks a corporation for a VP. That would be very progressive of him."  
~ Michael Giuletti*

### WHATEVER FLOATS YER BOAT

"A good old boy wins a fishing boat in a local raffle. "What you gonna do with that?" asks his wife. "There ain't no water deep enough to float a boat within 100 miles of here." He says, "I won it and I'm a-gonna keep it."

His brother drops by to visit several days later and asks where her hubbie is. She points to the field in the backyard and says, "He's out there in his bass boat." So he heads out and spots his brother sitting in the boat with a fishing rod in his hand. He yells out to him, "What are you doin'?"

"I'm fishin'," he shouts back. "What does it look like I'm a-doin'?"

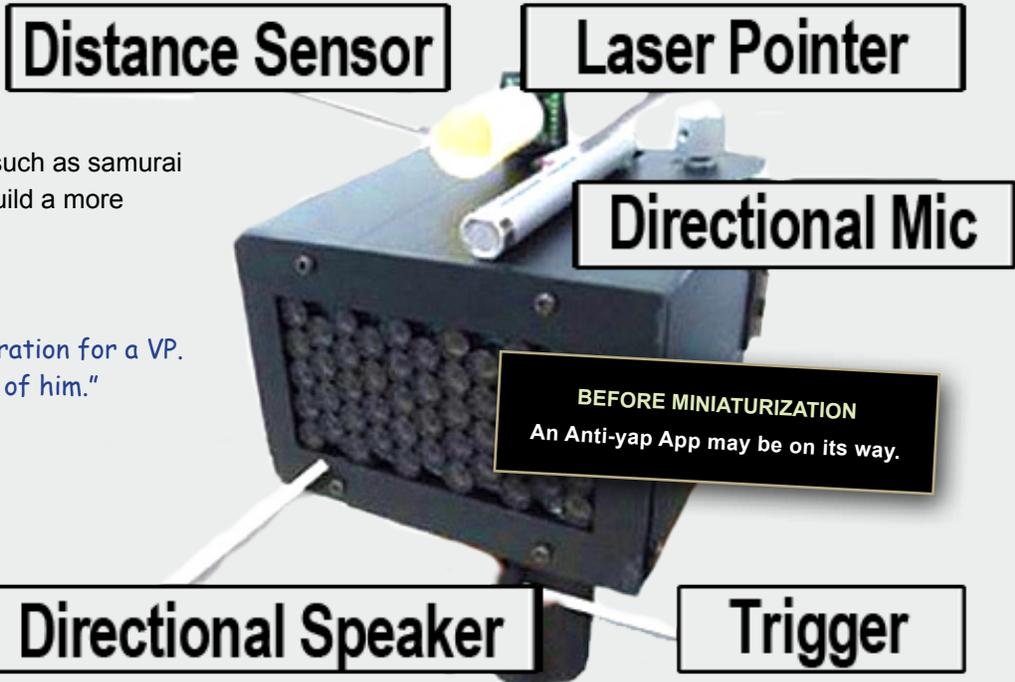
"It's people like you that give people like us a bad name," yells his brother. "You're makin' everybody think we're stupid. Heck, iffen I could swim, I'd come out there and whup your butt!"

*"Discussion is an exchange of knowledge. An argument is an exchange of ignorance."  
~ Journalist Robert Quillen*

### A TALE TOLD BY AN IDIOT

- Pythagoras' Theorem: 24 words.
- Lord's Prayer: 66 words.
- Archimedes' Principle: 67 words.
- Ten Commandments: 179 words.
- Gettysburg Address: 286 words.
- US Declaration of Independence: 1,300 words.
- US Constitution with all 27 Amendments: 7,818 words.
- EU Regulations on the Sale of CABBAGES: 26,911 words

*"If you say 'gullible' slowly, it sounds like 'oranges.'  
~ Rachel Lichtman*



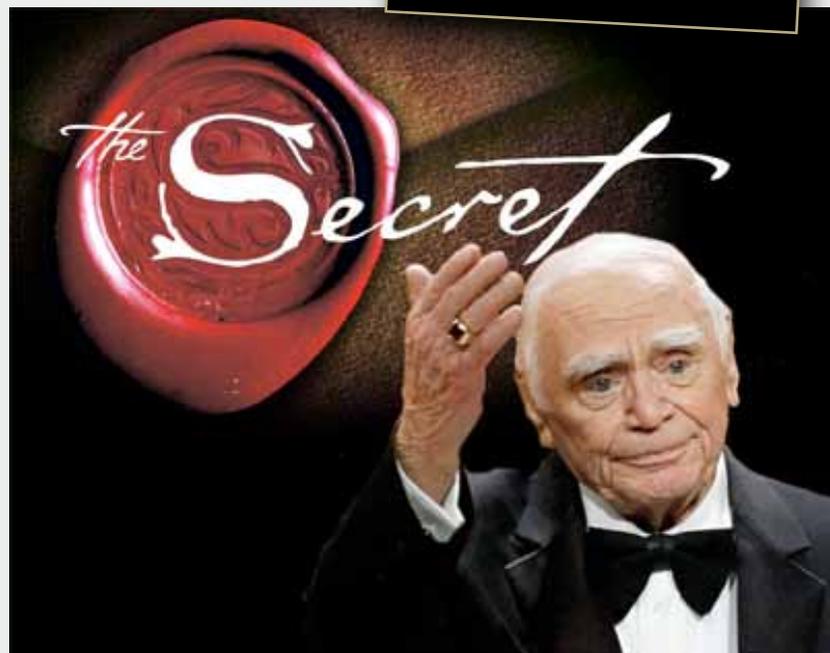
### THE SECRET

On August 14, 2007, the late, great **Ernest Borgnine** was a guest on "Fox and Friends," and when he was asked for the secret of his longevity, he laughed and said, "I don't dare tell you."

But then he whispered a line to host **Steve Doocy**, which was caught on microphone:

"I masturbate a lot."

**LONGEVITY IS AT HAND**  
The Importance of being Ernest.



## DON'T ASK

A man walks into the living room and sees his wife watching a cooking show.

"What are you watching that for?" he asks. "You can't cook. You're the worst cook in the world."

"Well," she replies, "you watch porn."

"Corporations which should be the carefully restrained creatures of the law and servants of the people are fast becoming the people's masters."  
~ President Grover Cleveland, 1888



"If you don't disclose, Mr. Romney, your nose grows!"  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

## THANKYOU

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### LILY BERGMAN COLLEGE FUND

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury refilled, public debt reduced, the arrogance of officialdom tempered and controlled and assistance to foreign lands curtailed...People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." ~ Cicero, 55 BC

"Oh, beautiful for Specious Lies, for Awful Ways of Bain." ~ Mitt Wrongway

# PLANETCLICK

## LINKYOU

**CURIOUS**  
**FUTURENOW**  
**GIMME SOME SKIN**  
**GIMME A HAND**  
**GIMME A BREAK**  
**MEOWL**  
**CRY NUNCLE**  
**SINGING WIND**  
**FACE IT**  
**MATTDANCE**  
**BORED**  
**BLAST RITES**  
**CHEVY**  
**ALIVE**  
**PING**  
**HUGS**  
**SPEED LEARNING**  
**NINJACATS**  
**WHAT'S HE DONE**  
**FIVE ON ONE**  
**CARRY TAKE ME HOME**

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