

My Little Speech for Paul Krassner's Celebration

At home in Venice Beach, back in the day, my roommate Rita showed me the flyer she had for Paul Krassner, the political satirist, was coming to town. He was going to be performing at the Wallenboyd Theater in downtown L.A.

"And he's staying in Scott Kelman's attic apartment" she told me, pointing over to the flyer.
show."

Paul—writer, comedian, beloved counterculture hero and publisher of his notorious magazine, was as a fine addition to our walkway. For example, Rita always invited Paul, who didn't drive, to the movies or wherever we happened to be going. We were all instant friends. I could see it from my house. At least I could see it if I went upstairs to Rita's bedroom and peeked out the window, looking out to see his light burning. It felt like love.

So, here, 35 years later, I don't really care about anything much now that my boy is going to have a Celebration of Paul Krassner may say or know or think about PK. Like, you may wonder what he would do? Or who would he vote for? And suppose that you were lucky enough to get an arrest for possession of a controlled substance. Don't understand him too quickly. But also, don't second-guess him, about political opinions. Here are a few things though that I can share that I know about Paul that are not generally known.

Here is a short list:

PK quit college 3 credits short of graduation.

PK was notoriously generous.

PK was an excellent speller

PK liked to take a vitamin C along with his Ecstasy

He never smoked a cigarette ever in his life. Also never had a cup of coffee. Or an alcoholic drink.

PK spent a year without laughing. For a year!

The most romantic name I could call PK was "Shit Head." He loved that. But that did not work. I called him Thunderheart, a name that he dubbed himself as a code name during his childhood. I am the only person allowed to call him that.

PK loved life.

PK doesn't like grapefruit or licorice.

When PK and I went to the Cannabis Cup in Amsterdam where he was inducted into the Cannabis Hall of Fame, he gave an acceptance speech, that he wanted to thank his wife Nancy (me), for never saying that he was a loser.

Okay, so thank you Thunderheart for your beautiful amazing all media archive current

Thank you Thunderheart for the lovely little silver pipe I found in the bottom drawer of the file drawer (right side), the one with the little happy face drawn on it, and filled with that we called "Noodnick."

PK switched from being right handed to being left handed recently. He began by movi

During a recent show in Chicago, a person in the audience asked PK who is the best ; and answered "I am." (big applause).

PK is fearless.

On Xmas day, our friend Julius called me to ask what I had done with Paul. I told him which he was delivered back to me). The gift bag sits on his own desk in his own offic asked me until now.

Now past mid-winter, and now with the time changing, I guess that we all imagine that but there must be a password problem. I'll have to re-boot.

Hey, Thunderheart, I bought you a 2 pack of Reeses peanut butter cups today, but yo

I also filed our taxes at Taxes by Bonnie" in Morongo Valley. Thought you'd like to knc

And Thunderheart, I want to take this opportunity to tell you that I am very disappointe Virus together. At this point all the schools are closed and no more sports and people the world waiting for the end.

I think I was pretty much the last person left to not go along with the closing down of th production of the PK Celebration originally scheduled for April first in New York City, but now I realize that —Really? You mean the show doesn't have to go on? You know even we producers over at the Celebration for PK show were "postponing"), which doe

Anyway, I surely would have asked my boy what do you think, Thunderheart? And say

Is the virus organic? Is the universe a virus? Will hugs ever come back? And what the take to change a lightbulb?

And one more thing, who remembers hugs? They were so cozy. Everybody did it. All together, hugging. Instead we now do "social distancing."

If we were hugging I would feel good and I wouldn't be worried. Because, you know, th world...Time slows... mutes... fades up...We could do this.

Perhaps now a quote from Mister Rogers as something to which PK would subscribe.

To quote Mister Rogers:

“There are 3 ways to ultimate success:

The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind, and the third way is to be kind

Nancy Cain April 1, 2020 (our 32nd wedding anniversary)