

Comedy is the last line of defense against insanity.

New This Month:

What a recent date of mine thinks of the Kardashians

I was in the NY Times twice last month

Why other comedians don't rehearse... but I do

A comedian's take on the terrible tragedy

NY Times ambiguous headlines are fun

New website

Fitting on the plane

Hillary's emails

A Halloween story

For anybody who's wondering what wine goes best with presidential debates, here's my expert opinion:

Whatever you can afford to drink LOTS OF.

Some politicians are saying that if Parisians were armed this tragedy never could have happened. Maybe so. But if Parisians were armed, every year there'd be a whole lot of dead American tourists.

I was in the New York Times twice in October. First, quoted in a story on the Ashley Madison website hack (FYI- I'm single, don't date married women and I've never used that website. But I did give them a quote they used).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/18/fashion/weddings/after-ashley-madison-breach-online-dater-s-check-credentials.html>

The reporter asked my age. I wanted them to say "... who said he'd rather omit his age than lie about it" but the editor cut that line from the story.

I also had a letter published in response to a story they ran on stand-up comedy:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/26/opinion/how-comedy-has-changed.html>

To be clear, most of Hillary's 55,000 emails were just Bill saying he'll be home late.

Darius McCollum, who has a long record of stealing city buses, commuter trains and subways, was arrested last night for stealing a Greyhound bus.

At least it's nice to see him moving into the private sector.

My friend won a Peabody Award!

And me? Last Monday I killed, absolutely killed, in front of an audience of about 25 people in a dank basement bar in the East Village.

And that's good enough for me.

You should be thinking about hiring my group The Ivy League of Comedy for your corporate or charity event:

We make them laugh- YOU get all the credit!<sup>sm</sup>

My schedule is always here: [BrainChampagne.com/shows](http://BrainChampagne.com/shows)

My color printer started printing my Ivy Stand-up logo in reddish brown instead of green. I thought something was wrong with the printer. Then I realized- fall colors!

My date: "I've never seen 'Keeping Up With The Kardashians.' I have no interest in watching them do anything."

Me: "How about falling down a flight of steps?"

Date: "That I'd watch."

Me: "I'll get to work on it. We'll call it 'Falling Down With The Kardashians.'"

When you meet your friend's girlfriend for the first time it's nice to say "It's lovely to meet you, Anna, I've heard SO much about you."

And tons of fun if her name's not Anna.

Sometimes when you post about your upcoming fancy vacation and people click 'Like' it's because they're happy to have you out of the country.

Most comedians don't rehearse. We really need to be in front of an audience in order to see what works and to work on timing.

I rehearse because I find it's good practice for being more powerful on stage. I have a good imagination and I can picture an audience in front of me. For sports, athletes are told to visualize perfect form and success. That's working for me practicing at home. Also at least once every few rehearsals I think of additional jokes or tags (additional punchlines to an existing joke of mine).

Facebook says it expects to have a big influence on choosing the next president.

I know that I can't vote until I know where Pictures Of Your Dinner stands on guns and immigration.

Headline: Anthem of the Seas: Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship That Can Hold Nearly 5,000 Passengers Arrives in US

In case you're curious about the sound of 5000 people all throwing up at the same time.

I've been sending out these monthly emails for almost 12 years. Which means that if you've been a subscriber since the beginning I've sent you over a thousand jokes. And you've paid nothing!

On Halloween a woman came to my door carrying a child. Maybe 1½ years old. I said "Isn't she a little young to be eating junk food?"

The woman said "You said the same thing to me last year."

I said "When she was about six months?"

"Yeah."

Then I notice the woman is missing some teeth. So at least she's not feeding her baby candy.

I don't know about you, but I find it suspicious that NYPD divers searched the East River and found only one gun.

Major changes/updates/improvements to the Ivy League of Comedy website. Have a look!  
[www.IvyStandup.com](http://www.IvyStandup.com)

I work in an interesting industry. A few weeks ago I posted on facebook what I called a rough day at the office- a difficult show. Even though one of the two people who'd hired me was happy with the show, I wasn't.

Then I spoke to the other person who'd hired me and he said he liked the show and quoted (and misquoted) some of my jokes back to me.

The next weekend I performed for hundreds of people in two theatres (Texas and NY).

Comedians have to keep practicing so the next night I got on stage twice, and these were not theatre shows.

First was an open-mic night at a comedy club. Everybody but me was a new comic. There were only about ten of us.

I tried some new material, some old material- got plenty of laughs.

Second show- at an uptown hostel- three audience members- two French, one Saudi. Had some fun, got some laughs, wished my French were better so I could do jokes in either language.

And I booked another theatre show (February in CT).

All in all, a decent day at the office.

Great NY Times ambiguous headline:

'Super PAC' Raising Money for Donald J. Trump to Shut Down

So, is a PAC shutting down or is there a PAC raising money for Donald Trump to shut down?

I went to see the Steve Jobs movie, and half-way through the projector ran out of power.

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