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PLANET VALENTINE

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"The best remedy for life is not to get involved with anything." ~ Mondo Larry

## HARK, THE HERALD PAPER SINGS

es, we just got back from a month in Ft. Lauderdale at Zev Buffman's perennial Parker Playhouse about which the *Miami Herald* wrote:

"The plays of *The BBC Murders* are *Butter in a Lordly Dish*, *Three Blind Mice*, *Personal Call* and *Yellow Iris*. When he was running the Riverpark Center in Kentucky, Buffman got permission from the Christie estate to have them adapted for the stage, which was done by writer-directors **Judith Walcutt** and **David Ossman**, the later a founder of the counterculture comedy troupe **Firesign Theatre**. **Roy Proctor**, another Firesign founder, is in the cast..." **READ ON**

But they got it very right after our opening night:

"We had such a good time with this marvelous, groundbreaking piece and if you want to share the fun, go to my Facebook page. Let's hope this touring show will show up IN YOUR AREA in the years to come..." **IMPROVED VERSION**

"I like to paint pictures of WW2 bombers onto the sides of beautiful women"  
~ Tim Siedell

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**YOU CAN MAKE A KILLING!**  
It takes a village to murder a script!  
The cast and crew of *BBC Murders, FL.*

"When scientific power outruns moral power,  
we end up with guided missiles and misguided men."

~ Martin Luther King

## SING OUT THE OLD, BRING IN THE NEW

One of the biggest sensations of the past year was the unprecedented success of the video by Korean singer **Psy** (for Psychotic), "**Gangnam Style**," which refers to an upscale neighborhood in Seoul. But what's truly fascinating are how touching the lyrics are, even in an awkward translation. Sing along:

"Oppa is Gangnam style, Gangnam style: A girl who is warm and humane during the day, a classy girl who know how to enjoy the freedom of a cup of coffee, a girl whose heart gets hotter when night comes -- a girl with that kind of twist.

"I'm a guy -- a guy who is as warm as you during the day, a guy who one-shots his coffee before it even cools down, a guy whose heart bursts when night comes -- that kind of guy.

"On top of the running man is the flying man, baby, baby. I'm a man who knows a thing or two. On top of the running man is the flying man, baby baby. I'm a man who knows a thing or two.

"You know what I'm saying . Oppa is Gangnam style – Eh, Sexy Lady, Oppa is Gangnam style – Eh, Sexy Lady, oh oh oh oh!"

## SEE FOR YOURSELVES

"Don't cry because it's over.  
Smile because it happened."

~ Dr. Seuss

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

## INSURANCE ASSURANCE

**Alien Abduction Insurance:** Believe it or not, a London-based firm has sold more than 30,000 alien abduction insurance policies throughout Europe. Of course, you'll need to provide proof of the occurrence to file a claim. If you're a believer, a little green could save you from the little green men.

### An Ode to Women

A real woman is a man's best friend.

She will never stand him up and never let him down.

She will reassure him when he feels insecure and comfort him after a bad day.

She will inspire him to do things he never thought he could do;  
to live without fear and forget regret.

She will enable him to express his deepest emotions,  
and give in to his most intimate desires.

She will make sure he always feels as though he's the most  
handsome man in the room and will enable him to be the most confident,  
sexy, seductive and invincible...

No wait... Sorry. I'm thinking of whiskey. It's whiskey that does all that stuff.

Never mind



PSY STYLE  
Gangnam romance.

### Don't Forget Werewolves, Vampires and

**Ghosts:** Are you a little too into the TV series "True Blood?" No problem. There's an insurance policy for you, too. **The Royal Falcon Hotel** in Lowestoft, England, for example, insured its staff and customers against death and disability caused by ghosts, poltergeists and other abnormal phenomena.

**Ransom Reimbursement:** Multinational corporations have been known to secure policies for kidnapping, just in case their executives are abducted in another country while on a business trip. But individuals can also purchase this insurance if they so desire. How does it work? The insurance company will deploy a team of negotiators, and will reimburse the ransom price up to your policy limits.

**Celebrities And Other Irreplaceable Talents:** From rock stars to athletes, the list of over-the-top celebrity insurance policies is a long one, often with major payouts. In fact, just about any body part you can think of has been insured. Here are just a few.

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### **A Dutch Winemaker's Nose:**

After hearing about a man who lost his sense of smell in a car accident, winemaker **Ilja Gort** took out an \$8 million policy on his nose. Under the terms of the policy, he is barred from riding a motorcycle or working as a knife thrower's assistant or fire-breather, among other things.

**Gene Simmons:** You don't always have to insure the entire body. Gene Simmons, the legendary bassist for the '70s rock band **Kiss**, allegedly insured his tongue for \$1 million when the band was in its prime.

### **Troy Polamalu's Hair**

**Endorsement:** Policies on athletes don't have to be about performance. For example, this **Pittsburgh Steeler** is a star on the field, but **Proctor & Gamble** has something more specific in mind with their endorsement deal. As the star of their shampoo commercial, he has had his famous hair insured for \$1 million.

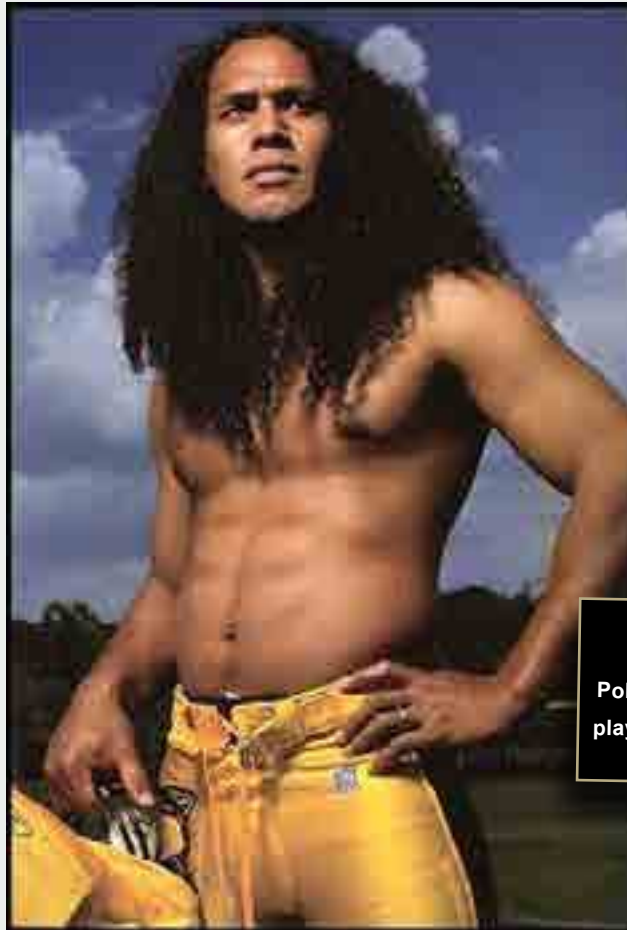
*"Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to mankind." - Albert Schweitzer*

### **A FISHY STORY**

Saturday morning I got up early, put on my long johns, dressed quietly, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, slipped quietly into the garage to hook the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. There was snow mixed with the rain and the wind was blowing 50 mph. I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

She sleepily replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that sh\*t?"



*"I believe in an aristocracy of the sensitive, the considerate and the plucky... They represent the true human tradition, the one permanent victory over cruelty and chaos."*

*~ E.M. Forster*

### **AW, SHOOT!**

The NRA was founded in 1871 by two Yankee Civil War veterans who felt that war dragged on because more urban Northerners could

**FOLLIES OF TROY**  
Polamalu's the only football player afraid of the Clippers.

not shoot as well as rural Southerners. Its motto and focus until 1977 was not fighting for constitutional rights to own and use guns, but Firearms Safety Education, Marksmanship Training, and Shooting for Recreation, which was displayed in its national headquarters. **WHA' HOPPEN'D?**

*"If sex with 4 people is called a foursome, and sex with 3 people is called a threesome, and sex with 2 people is called a twosome - now I understand why they call me handsome."*

*~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

### **CYBERNOTES**

Recent email from friends far and wide: "Thought you'd like to know that the first **Fifth Third Bank** radio spot we did ("Sign... Rrrip... Stamp... Seal...") was the recipient of a **Marcom Award**," writes **Tim Best** of the **Martin Retail Group** in Birmingham, Alabama. "The awards are based out of Dallas and are a national and international marketing honor. Our spot was selected from among 6,000 entries, and only about 8 percent of those entries wound up winning an award. So, that's pretty cool. The bank was thrilled, my bosses were pleased, and I'm very grateful," adds Tim. And best of all, he concludes, "Let's do more next year!"

Then **Scott Jonson** wrote: "My wife got drunk at dinner the other night and was blaming men for her hot flashes. I called her on it today, and she started back up: 'MENopause. MENstruation - MENTAL anguish!' My wife never makes jokes."

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And the **Firesign** has done it yet again - **CBC Radio** reports they are selling mouse kabobs in Malawi. "Rat in a Box!" **CHECK IT OUT**

"Make things as simple as possible, but no simpler."  
~ **Albert Einstein**

## HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE

A farmer had five female pigs. Times were hard, so he decided to take them to the county fair and sell them. At the fair, he met another farmer who owned five male pigs. After talking a bit, they decided to mate the pigs and split everything 50/50.

The farmers lived 60 miles apart. So they agreed to drive 30 miles each to a field in which the pigs could mate. The first morning, the farmer with the female pigs got up at 5 a.m., loaded the pigs into the family station wagon, which was the only vehicle he had, and drove the 30 miles.



**PIG OUT**  
Thirty miles to hog heaven.

While the pigs were mating, he asked the other farmer, "How will I know if they are pregnant?" The other farmer replied, "If they're lying in the grass in the morning, they're pregnant. If they're in the mud, they're not."

The next morning the pigs were rolling in the mud. So he hosed them off, loaded them back into the station wagon and proceeded to try again. This continued each morning for more than a week and the farmers were about worn out.

About two weeks later the farmer with the female pigs was too tired to get out of bed. He said to his wife, "Honey,

please go look outside and tell me whether the pigs are in the mud or in the grass."

"Neither," replied his wife, "they're all in the station wagon and one of them is honking the horn."

"We're rooting for more cold weather."  
~ **Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly of NYC**,  
which went without a murder for over 9 days.

## LONG LIVE THE WHIZ

In the end-of-the-year issue of *USA Today*, in the Passages section, was this entry: "**Peter Bergman**, 72, founder of Firesign Theatre, the comic quartet that channeled the absurdist sensibility and chaotic impulses of the countercultural 1960s and '70s into a popular radio show and several cult-classic albums. Complications of leukemia, March 9." And the *LA Times* also ran a **MENTION**.

"The English language is the linguist's anguish."  
~ **David Tingley**

## WELL . . .

When he died in 1974, **Jack Benny's** will read that his widow, **Sadie Marks** (better known as **Mary Livingstone**), shall have a single long-stemmed rose delivered to her every day for the rest of her life.



**HISTORIC THREESOME**  
Benny, Marks, and Eddie  
Anderson as Rochester

Sadie died nine years later on June 30, 1983. In the time between her and her husband's demise, Sadie received over 3200 roses!

Happy Valentine's Day.

An anagram for President Obama is "Dreamboat Penis."  
~ **Jon Gwynne**



## ARE WE IN GOSHEN, YET?

I will be performing for the first (and probably the last?) time in my own hometown at Sauder Auditorium in **Goshen College** on March 8, the day before Peter Bergman passed off his mortal coil. **MORE INFO**

The show is available on a DVD if you can't make it, described as "The Grammy-winning Los Angeles Guitar Quartet teams up with legendary comedian Phil Proctor (of Firesign Theatre fame) to create a unique synthesis of virtuoso narrative and musicianship in *The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote: Words and Music from the Time of Cervantes*.

**TILTING AT WINDBAGS**  
Don Proctor, the Man of La Mancha!

In telling the story of the famous knight of La Mancha, Mr. Proctor gives a tour-de-force dramatic performance, creating over a dozen different characters from the novel (including the quixotic gentleman and his trusty squire, Sancho Panza). Accompanying the action, LAGQ plays brilliant new arrangements (by LAGQ member **William Kanengiser**) of pieces from Spain's Golden Age, music that **Cervantes** could have heard during his lifetime. Filmed in front of a live audience at the Sheldon Theater in St. Louis, this is a truly innovative and unforgettable theatrical event. " **DVD INFO**

"The creation of the world is not completed so long as we have not fulfilled our creative function in it."  
~ Rabbi Mordechai M. Kaplan

## THE FLYING MAN

Much to my bemusement, I returned from our live "radio show" – to more AUDIO work in a CW cable action series called "Arrow" (I'm "the voice of the evil 'Benefactor'") and a live ham radio voice-over for the new **Tim Allen** ABC sitcom "Last Man Standing." And on this coming Saturday afternoon, Feb 18, **Melinda** and I will be participating in a 200th anniversary performance of *Pride and Prejudice*, starring **Samantha Eggar**, for **Peggy Webber's** CART group before a live audience (we hope) at the Beverly Garland Theatre. Long Live Audio!

"Time flies like an arrow.  
Fruit flies like a banana,"  
~ Artificial Intelligence pioneer **Anthony Oettinger**

## THANKS TO

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"I had a rose named after me, and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'  
~ **Eleanor Roosevelt**

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## PRANKS, TOO

- FLOATING
- DANCING
- CALLING
- GASSING
- FISHING
- PHANTING
- BUGGERING
- CARLINING
- SLOTHING
- MIXING
- PHILLING
- TRAINING
- BANKING
- SQUEEZING
- BELLING
- HOROSCOPING
- PENISING
- CONSPIRING
- LEVITATING
- TWIRLING

"If Man came from Apes, why do we still have Apes?" ~ **Bob D. Caterino**

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