

"There are good days and there are bad days and this is one of them"~ Yogi Berra

Proctor Rules

I am presently in rehearsal for **Arthur Miller's** masterpiece *The Crucible* and it's a nightmare – for me, anyway. I'm sharing the role of the tough, old, irascible farmer **Giles Corey** with the sweet, even-tempered **Steve Hofvendahl**, but I am the only authentic **PROCTOR** in the cast, and whether or not I am a direct descendant of John Proctor (NOT played by ME – go figure), it's not been easy hearing my name tossed about like a bale of hay.

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DOUBLE VISION

Armin Shimerman (center, top photo) and Geoffrey Wade (above, right) direct two casts for the upcoming Antaeus production of Arthur Miller's classic.

Furthermore, not only are *two* wonderful Antaeans playing ME, (**Bo Foxworth** and **Chris Guilmet**) but they are being guided in the process by *two* brilliant directors, **Armin Shimerman** and **Geoffrey Wade**, who are annoyingly in sync when it comes to blocking and interpretation. Unlike the rehearsals for “The Scottish Play,” there is very little blood on the stage – so far-- and I think this is the first time the directors are doubled like the cast. And to make things even worse, we have *two* stage managers, and they are – mark this – identical twins – **Kimberly** and **Kristin Weber** (right).

And to add to my distress, being a **Yoder** of Amish/Irish descent on my mother’s side, our costume designer, **E.B. Brooks**, has decided that the Pennsylvania Dutch offer a perfect model for her vision, and you can read all about my history in *Rosanna of the Amish* by my great uncle, **Joseph W. Yoder**.

This is going to be a unique and dangerous interpretation of Miller’s timely and timeless play, but we don’t start previews until May 9. In the meantime, I’ll be appearing in two **Classicsfest** productions: *The Visit* on April 7 and 8 and *Much Ado About Nothing*, April 21 and 22.

Antaeus — Come see us!

“Morality is a form of acting, and not a particular repertoire of choices.” ~ **Susan Sontag**

SIX DEGREES OF BACON

I know it’s April Fool’s Day, but Seattle-based **J&D’s Foods** – the same people who brought you the **Bacon Coffin** and **Bacon Mayonnaise** – I kid you not – now has introduced **Bacon Condoms** claiming to “make your meat look like meat,” and in addition, they are greased with “bacon-lube.” No reason to hide this sausage, eh?

“Bacon Condoms are proudly made in America of the highest quality latex and rigorously tested to help ensure the utmost reliability and safety, for when you’re makin’ Bacon,” trumpets the press release.



WHO'S CALLING?
Twins Kimberly and Kristin Weber are stage managing Antaeus double-cast production of ‘The Crucible,’ now in rehearsals.

And soon they will be spreading the word about **Bacon Sunscreen**, because, they write, “science has shown us that 10 out of 10 people prefer the smell of Bacon to coconut, which makes this the most anticipated new product of the summer.” Just don’t let the dog in the bedroom... **READ ON**

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”
~ **Sir Winston Churchill**

NO FOOLING

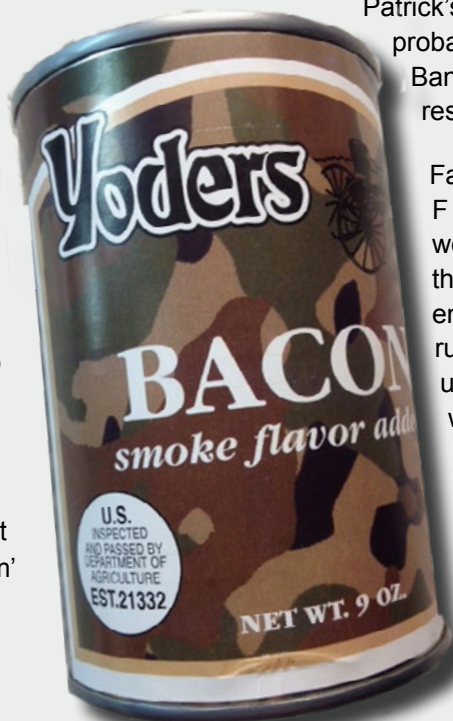
Here me read this on “Stage Time with Steven Alan Green” Monday at 10:10 – and **DOWNLOAD** it thereafter!

The origins of April Fool’s Day are shrouded in mystery, or maybe stupidity, and have something to do with the change from the **Gregorian** calendar to the **Julian** calendar, which moved the beginning of the year from March 25 to January 1, or something like it. So people took advantage of this to confuse their neighbors by

urging them to celebrate the New Year at the wrong time. Well, what the hell. There was no TV in the Middle Ages, and no atomic clocks, either. Ha, ha. Easy joke.

But let’s face it, I love April Fool’s Day because I’m a fool all the time, and April Fool’s Day is like Christmas, Easter, Valentine’s Day, Halloween, President’s Day, St.

Patrick’s Day and Bacon Day all at once. I’ve probably left some wonderful holidays out, like Bank Holidays, but hey, I’m a fool and not responsible, so “Park and Lock it.”



Fact is, the early Fooles (with a capital F for “famous” and a small e for “envy”) were respected and decapitated because they dared to tell the truth to the kings who employed them to lighten the burden of ruling. That’s why they created elaborate and unfathomable puns and riddles to obfuscate what they were really saying, so as not to lose their heads while their masters laughed their heads off. If the ruler got the joke, that was a good thing because he knew he was smart enough to get it, and he was confident that his advisors hadn’t a clue.

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But today, the only fools left in politics are the bigoted idiots that the foolish electorate puts in Congress to create confusion in the nation and generate laughter among those of us smart enough to recognize what idiots they really are. Frankly, being a professional fool, I don't find it at all funny, I find it phony and wish these fools would all get their heads cut off, or at least wouldn't get to be talking heads in the Media, which is all about "Me" these days, anyway – that is, making a profit -- and has nothing to do with the truth as we once knew it.

Whoops! Got a call... Hello? Is the light in my refrigerator on when I close the door? Sorry folks, I gotta go check. Happy April Phil's Day, everyone!

*"Why do you have to put your two cents in,
but it's only a penny for your thoughts?
Where's that extra penny going to?"
~ Just Asking*

IS BIG REALLY BETTER?

"If an institution is too big to fail, it is too big to exist," Vermont Senator **Bernie Sanders** said. "No single financial institution should be so large that its failure would cause catastrophic risk to millions of American jobs or to our nation's economic well being. No single financial institution should have holdings so extensive that its failure could send the world economy into crisis," he continued.

"We need to break up these institutions because of the tremendous damage they have done to our economy." **The Tea Party** rants about big government. Let them turn their attention to this. Two lumps, please. **READ MORE**

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~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

SAY THE SECRET WORD

A loving wife helps her husband install and set-up a new computer. Once it is completed, she tells him to select a password, a word that he'll always remember. As the computer asks him to enter it, he looks at his dear wife and with a macho smirk and a wink in his eye, he selects **mypenis**, but is annoyed when she reacts with a snort of disdain.

Unfazed, he defiantly validates the choice, but suddenly, his wife collapses with laughter and rolls on the floor in hysteria.

The computer has replied: "TOO SHORT- ACCESS DENIED!" (You can't win, fellas...)

*"I don't see what big deal is about same sex marriage.
Once you're married it's all the same sex."
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

THIS IS ONLY A TEST

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common, you so smart!

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters. You'll kick yourself when you read the answer below, unless you're our friend, puzzlemeister **Merl Reagle**, of course...

*"Man's mind, stretched to a new idea, never
goes back to its original dimensions."
~ Oliver Wendell Holmes*

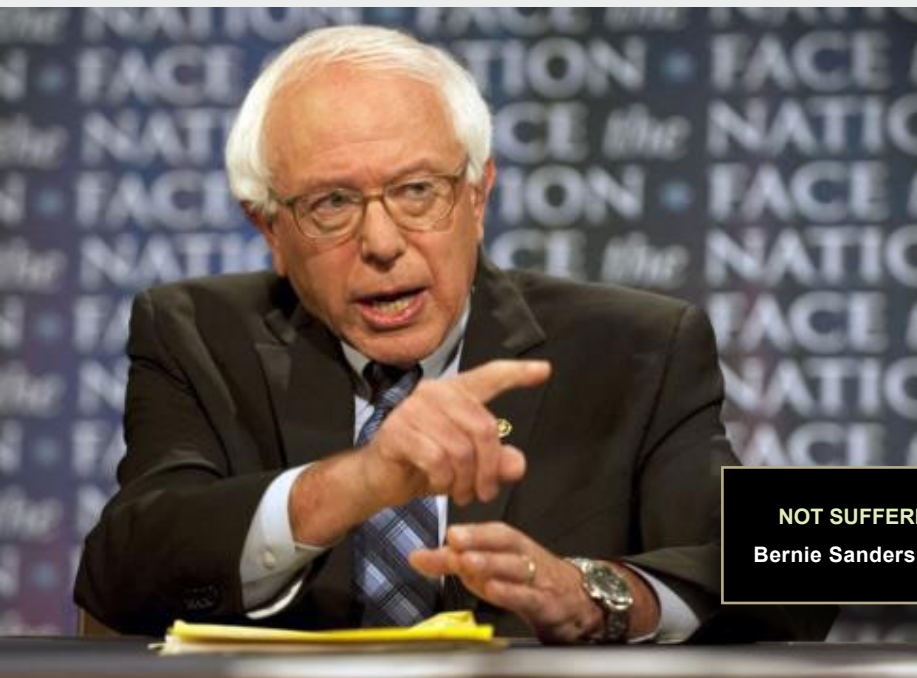
SEXPECTATIONS

A man checked into a hotel on a business trip and was a bit lonely. He thought of one of those girls you see advertised in phone booths when you're calling for a cab. He popped into a phone booth near the hotel and found an ad

for a girl calling herself **Erogonique**, a lovely young girl with all the right curves in all the right

**NOT SUFFERING FOOLS, GLADLY
Bernie Sanders makes a talking point.**

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places, beautiful wavy hair, long graceful legs – well, you get the picture! He copied the phone number and returned to his hotel.

When back in the room he figures, what the hell, give her a call: 'Hello,' the woman says. God, she sounded sexy.

'Hi, I hear you give a great massage, and I'd like you to come to my room and give me one. No, wait -- I should be straight with you. I'm in town all alone and what I really want is sex. I want it hard, I want it hot, and I want it now. Bring, toys, rubber, leather, whips, bacon condoms – everything you've got in your bag of tricks. We'll go hot and heavy all night; tie me up, cover me in chocolate syrup and whipped cream, anything you want! Now, how does that sound?'

She says, 'That sounds fantastic, but you need to press 9 for an outside line.' I told ya, fellas, you can't win.

"See me, feel me, touch me - pay me."
~ Martha Kelly

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Don't let it end like this – tell them I said something," pleaded **Pancho Villa**, and after a priest asked the Lord to have mercy on his soul, **Charles Chaplin** said, "Why not? After all it belongs to him." Before he expired, famous suspense master **Alfred Hitchcock** proclaimed, "No one knows the ending. One has to die to know what happens after death, although Catholics have their hopes."

"I'm bored with it all," said **Winston Churchill** before slipping into a coma, and **Rod Sterling**, entering his own twilight zone, intoned, "That's what I anticipate death to be – a totally unconscious void in which you float through eternity with no particular consciousness about anything" to which **Emily Dickinson** added poetically, "The fog is rising."

And when asked by his wife where he wanted to be buried, **Bob Hope** said, "Surprise me." Also funny to the end, **Chico Marx** said, "Remember honey, don't forget what I told you. Put in my coffin a deck of cards, a mashie niblick and a pretty blonde," while his dear brother **Groucho** reportedly said, "This is no way to live." He was right.

But my favorite is Chicago musician **Terry Kath**, who said, "Don't worry, it's not loaded," while pulling a trigger of a gun he held to his head.

Fellas, I tell ya again -- ya just can't win.

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts

GIVE UP?

Prepare to feel stupid, fellow fools. In all of the words listed above, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word

backwards, it will be the same word. "Tihns on!"

"Stories happen to those who tell them." ~ Thucydides

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"Life isn't about finding yourself - it's about creating yourself."
~ anonymous

"It is a fraud! You know it is a fraud" ~ Arthur Miller, 'The Crucible'

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