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The Meadows Racetrack and Casino

By: Joyce Campisi

will Host Pennsylvania's Largest-Ever Blackjack Tournament Guaranteed Prize Pool of \$200,000, with Top Prize of \$100,000



The Meadows Racetrack and Casino will host the largest-ever Blackjack Tournament in Pennsylvania beginning April 7 with multi-day satellite tournaments and concluding with the main event on June 10. In addition to invited guests, all Meadows patrons will be given the chance to earn invites to the satellite tournaments by playing table games during set qualifying dates; visit their website for more information.

"Table games have significantly grown in popularity since its introduction to Pennsylvania in 2010," said Sean Sullivan, vice president and general manager of The Meadows. "We expect a tournament of this significance to draw participation throughout the entire tri-state area."

The three satellite tournaments will consist of a total of 90 players each, with first place of each tournament earning \$10,000. Eighteen players from each satellite tournament will advance to the Main Event scheduled to begin June 9, with all vying for the top prize of \$100,000, \$25,000 for second place

and \$15,000 for third place. The total prize pool is \$200,000 and is guaranteed by the casino.

The Meadows Racetrack & Casino is a world-class entertainment destination. The Meadows features over 78 table games and more than 3,300 slot machines, premier restaurants with spectacular views of the gaming floor and the racetrack, a racing grandstand with VIP suites, a simulcast area, and an all-ages bowling center. The Meadows also offers a high limit slots area and an exclusive high limit table games room featuring exceptional service in a relaxing, upscale setting. Located on the upper level is Bistecca, an Italian steakhouse recently voted as having the best steaks in southwestern Pennsylvania. Just down the hall is Gibson's Cigars and Spirits, offering the best cigars anywhere. The best local and regional music acts can be found in the Silks Lounge. Pacers Bar also hosts happy hour and local musical artists throughout the week.

The Poker Room, located on the lower Racetrack Level, is a private, nonsmoking room complete with a bar and lounge area and an environment unmatched in the region. It features daily tournaments with popular games such as No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em, Sit and Go, and 7-card Stud. Blinds start at \$25/50 and increase at each level of the tournament.

The Meadows recently began a \$25 million expansion project to construct a new 1,400 space parking garage which is scheduled to open on April 15 as well as a 24,600-square-foot multi-purpose center opening later in the year. The property will also be home to a new hotel and retail development. "This exciting new development will add tax dollars and needed jobs, increase tourism and boost the local economy," said Sullivan. "The Meadows Racetrack and Casino is proud to continue to support investment in the area and continue to improve our guests' overall entertainment experience." The initial development is a continuation of The Meadows' investment into Washington County. The parking garage will improve accessibility and convenience for casino visitors, while the adjacent multipurpose center will be used for a number of functions from meeting and convention space to concerts,





weddings and productions. For more information, please visit www.meadowsgaming.com.

There are numerous options for dining at The Meadows. There is Devlins Trackside situated next to the racetrack. Delvins offers a wide variety of menu items while providing incredible views of live racing action. Whether you're in the

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mood for some finger foods, a tasty panini or a jumbo slice of pizza, Delvins is the perfect place for you.

Inside the Casino there is the Food Court which has something for everyone with restaurants such as Cibo, Cookies, Franks, Flame Market Grill and the Perks. It's fast, it's great and everyone can definitely find something.

Then there is the Terrace Café, which offers traditional American comfort cuisine and more. Enjoy casually delicious dining at its best. From hearty breakfasts to steaks, salads and sandwiches, Terrace Café satisfies any appetite. Great cuisine includes hand-cut steaks, Pittsburgh-style salads, thick char-grilled hamburgers and much more. The Terrace Café also offers a fantastic Trifecta, which consists of a 3 Course Meal Deal for only \$10.99 – one plate, it's great, and this special includes your choice of appetizers, main course and desserts, coffee, tea or soda fountain drinks. You can add soup or a house salad for an additional \$2.00 --what a fantastic meal--a definite triple play meal deal!!

Bistecca is an award-winning American steakhouse with a distinct Italian flair. Located on the Sky level, Bistecca offers spectacular views of both the racetrack and casino floor. Here guests can enjoy a full meal or appetizers and drinks in our lounge, patio or dining room.

From the moment you enter The Meadows, you will feel the warmth and welcoming atmosphere. There is something for everyone, from the all-ages bowling center to the upscale dining at Bistecca or Gibson's Cigars and Spirits. The Meadows will make you feel at home. They have it all: slots, table games, poker rooms, an upscale high limit table game room and lounge, horse racing, off-track betting, live entertainment in their lounges and plenty of free parking. Plus, they feature an outdoor concert venue with not a bad seat in the house. We will keep you posted as to upcoming events and concerts, and of course, watch out for Nightwire dining reviews to really pique your palate. The Meadows has it all, and more to come...

For more information on The Meadows Race Track and Casino visit: www.meadowsgaming.com

By, Susan Dunhoff
President, The Modern Matchmaker, Inc.
Professional Matchmaker & Relationship Expert



Susan Dunhoff, Owner Modern Matchmaker

What Is The Best Way To Make The First Date?

The initial call should be brief, since most people are more comfortable talking in person. The purpose of the call is just to make the date, not to interrogate someone. Men typically do not communicate as well on the phone as women do. Do not judge a person until you meet them; you may catch someone who is running late, or completely exhausted at the end of a long work-day. The man should make the initial phone call, suggest where to have the date, and ask the woman if she has any other suggestions. The date could also evolve around a particular hobby, such as tennis, that the couple share an interest in. Movies and plays are not recommended. It is important to establish an open line of communications which should last throughout the relationship. If you both want to see a movie or play that you have a passion for, make sure that you have a cocktail or dinner prior to going to the theatre, and perhaps dessert afterwards.

How Should I Dress On The Date?

Dress to impress. Physical chemistry develops in 30 seconds or less. It is important to look your best. Your attire should be appropriate for the date destination. Sweats and tennis shoes are not typically recommended, unless your date involves an athletic activity. Dress with class. Men, in particular, are visual creatures. They are born that way. It is fine for a woman to look somewhat sexy, but trashy is unacceptable. Leave something

to the imagination. Unless formal attire is requested, men should dress business-casual. Women should try not to overdo the makeup, or the costume jewelry. Men prefer an enhanced, natural look, rather than an overdone, false appearance. It is better to wear a few quality pieces of jewelry, than cheap looking necklaces and bangles from head to toe.

What Dating Tips Do You Have For Men?

Most women prefer to meet their date at the proposed destination. But, it is always nice to extend the offer to pick your date up. Some women still prefer it. It is also acceptable to meet your date at a half-way destination, if distance is an issue. Use common sense. A man should wash his car before a first date. It is a direct reflection on him. Be thoughtful. Just one red rose, for instance, adds a touch of romantic excitement that helps set the tone for the rest of the date. Be romantic. A quick kiss on the cheek and a smile does wonders. A cold, prudish handshake is not acceptable. This is a date, not a business meeting. Then, offer a sincere compliment, such as, you look so nice today. Charm her with classic etiquette, but do not overdo the chivalry routine. Open and close the car for her, and do not forget your umbrella if it calls for rain. But, do not suggest that she walks on your raincoat to avoid a puddle. Do hold the restaurant door and let her have the window view. Do let her order first and insist that she have the last bite of dessert. And of course, the man should always pay the check, and leave a proper tip, unless the woman insists on sharing the expense.

What Are Some First Date Do's And Don'ts?

Look at each date as a new beginning. Be positive and open-minded. Always be yourself-do not try to be someone you're not. Keep the conversation light-do not turn the first date into a job interview. Everyone has a past. This is not the time to discuss your life story, how much you hate your job or how bad your children are. Do not discuss sex, religion or politics on a first date. Be sure to ask about the other person-It's not all about you. Do not talk excessively on a first date. A few moments of silence are fine. Do not drink excessively on a first date, or any date, for that matter. You become more uninhibited, loose self-control, and can easily embarrass your date without realizing it. But do have a glass or two of wine or champagne, and make a toast to meeting each other. A man should not appear to be cheap on a first date, but a woman should never order the most expensive entrée either. If everything is a la carte, it is not necessary to order every course offered, unless your date strongly suggests it. Desserts can be very sensuous. Order one even if you split it. Body language is important. Do not sit across from your date with tensely crossed arms and a nervous look. Make eye contact, relax your arms, and just enjoy each other's company. If you had an enjoyable date, end the evening with a subtle kiss, and an invitation for a next date. If your date was not what you had hoped for, end the evening with a cordial good-bye or a quick hug.

Bobbie's Water Gardens And More In the North Hills



Samantha Lunn, Bobbie Henke, Owner

For those of you who don't have a pond, but have always wanted one, Bobbie's Water Gardens and More is the place to start, from expert advice on a "do-it-yourself" pond or by having their design and expert pond installation team come out and give you a free quote. What are you waiting for? Give yourself and your family a gift that will keep on giving by turning your backyard into an exotic oasis of relaxation and sheer enjoyment.

Stop in and see them today. Store hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Bobbie's Water Gardens and More is located in the North Hills across from the Shop 'n Save at 1615 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh (Millvale) 15209. Phone: 412-821-3667



Spring has sprung, and it's time to spring into action and spruce up your outside. Nightwire has found the perfect place to help you get started, right here in the North Hills (minutes from downtown) at Bobbie's Water Gardens and More. Here you will find pond supplies, fountains, statuary, wild birdseed and feeders, shrubs, flowers, Yankee Candles and so much more.

So, if you already have a pond or water garden and have questions, owner Bobbie Henke is ready and always willing to help with honest, caring expert advice. Bobbie has over 10 years experience and is definitely the "go-to girl" whenever you need help or advice. We found her to be extremely caring about her customers, always offering knowledgeable expert advice and consultations. When it comes to anything pertaining to ponds and water garden maintenance or installation, Bobbie and her knowledgeable staff are clearly there for their customers. Bobbie is just one of those people that from the moment you meet her, you will feel her sincerity, honesty and willingness to help. She told us that at Bobbie's Water Gardens, they never try to sell something just to get the sale; for them, it's more important to build that relationship and have their customers rely on them for help and their expertise. She also said that on many occasions, customers have come in asking for this and that and a multitude of things, but after a conversation with Bobbie or one of her staff, they quickly find out that didn't need half the things they were told they would need to build or maintain that perfect pond.

Bobbie's Water Gardens has a large supply of fish, fish food, pond pumps, pond liners, netting and tubing. Plus, tadpoles have just arrived in time for spring. They also offer a large selection of Comets, Shubunkins and a new supply of fresh water clams. In case you were wondering, fresh water clams are great for filtration. They also have barley straw to help control spring algae bloom. New and exciting products are arriving daily, so be sure to stop down to the store and look around.

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Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents - The News



staccato for the angry evangelist to a lyrical adagio for elegant presidential rhetoric. This unique synthesis of speech, music and video is performed by JacobTV and the intrepid Chicago-based chamber ensemble, Fulcrum Point.

THE NEWS is an antimoralistic portrait of our world and the human condition about the people and their leaders, involving freedom and democracy, war and peace, religion and politics, the economy and the environment, showbiz and entertainment. Starring Obama, Putin, Mubarak, Berlusconi, the Pope, Dutch Queen Beatrix, Lady Gaga, Michael Moore, Paris Hilton, Sarah Palin, Sarkozy and many others, involved in the financial crisis, the Arab Spring, Occupy Wall Street, global warming, etc. The melody of original speech builds the leitmotifs and the libretto for the opera. Hence it is a 'reality opera'. The synthesis of language, image and music in THE NEWS is a new form of Gesamtkunstwerk.

Featured artists include: Kristien Kerstens (videos); Jan Boiten (stage design, lighting, videos); JacobTV (concept, music, lyrics, direction); Josefiën Stoppelenbrug (soprano); Lori Cotler (alto); Fulcrumpoint New Music Project; and conductor Stephen Burns.

Dutch 'avant pop' composer JacobTV (Jacob Ter Veldhuis 1951) started as a rock musician and studied composition and electronic music at the Groningen Conservatory, where he was awarded the Composition Prize of the Netherlands in 1980. He became a full time composer and soon made a name for himself with melodious compositions, straight from the heart and with great effect. 'I pepper my music with sugar,' he says. Long queues at the box office of the four-day Jacob TV Festival in Rotterdam in 2001 already attested to his growing popularity. The NRC called him the 'Jeff Koons of new music' and his 'coming-out' as a composer of ultra-tonal, mellifluous music reached its climax with the video oratorio *Paradiso*, premiered the day after 9-11 and released on CD and DVD by British record label Chandos.

In the last decade JacobTV's boombox music, for live instruments with a grooving sound track based on speech melody, became internationally popular. Although JacobTV is one of the most performed European composers, he is still an outlaw in the established modern classical music scene, and was recently accused of 'musical terrorism' after a premiere at the World Harp Congress in Amsterdam. According to the Wall Street Journal his newest work 'makes many a hip-hop artist look sedate'.

In 2007 the 'box set trilogy, an anthology of his work with 12 hours of audio and video, was released by Basta and presented at a three-day JacobTV mini festival at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City.

"JacobTV is preoccupied with American media and world events and draws raw materials from those sources. His work possesses an explosive strength and raw energy combined with extraordinarily intricate architectural design," notes Limor Tomer, former curator of the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust in collaboration with The Andy Warhol Museum's Off the Wall performance series presents the world premiere of THE NEWS, a non-narrative music theater work about our times by Jacob Ter Veldhuis a.k.a. JacobTV. This self-proclaimed avantpop composer has created a reality opera, based on authentic footage from the international media. This special premiere sponsored by Joan Humphrey is part of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Distinctively Dutch Festival. The Distinctively Dutch Festival is supported by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Performing Arts Fund NL, Music Center the Netherlands and Theater Instituut Nederland. In addition, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust gratefully acknowledges the Carol R. Brown Performance Fund for support of the Festival, as well as media partners Pittsburgh City Paper and 90.5 Essential Public Media.

THE NEWS will have its world premiere at the Byham Theater on Friday, April 27, 2012, at 9 p.m. immediately following the Trust's free Gallery Crawl, featuring four exhibitions by Dutch visual artists and over two dozen venues. Tickets (\$20-\$30) for THE NEWS are available at the Box Office at Theater Square, online at trustarts.org/dutchfestival and by calling 412-456-6666. Groups can obtain discounts by calling 412-471-6930. Student tickets are \$15 and available at the Box Office and through the phone room.

Classical music outlaw and avantpop composer, Jacob Ter Veldhuis a.k.a. JacobTV has created his newest opus, THE NEWS. In an orchestrated video-opera of talking heads and political pundits, JacobTV has sampled speeches and sound bites from news media to create everything from a militant

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust in collaboration with The Andy Warhol Museum's Off the Wall performance series presents

The World Premiere of JacobTV's THE NEWS

April 27, 2012 – Byham Theater

Pittsburgh Public Theatre Presents

Around the World in 80 Days

In Mark Brown's thrilling theatrical adaptation of the Jules Verne classic, Phileas Fogg and friends create the original Amazing Race.

Pittsburgh Public Theater presents Mark Brown's adaptation of *Around the World in 80 Days*, the classic story by Jules Verne. Tony-nominated director Marcia Milgrom Dodge will stage this entertaining adventure

that runs April 12 – May 13, 2012 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org. Pittsburgh Public Theater is led by Producing Artistic Director Ted Pappas. *Around the World in 80 Days* is presented by Highmark.

In this work of highly theatrical imagination the year is 1872 and Englishman Phileas Fogg (Ron Bohmer) accepts a bet to circle the globe in just 80 days. Accompanied by his French servant Passepartout (Jeffrey Kuhn), he travels by train, steamship, sled, and even elephant. With brilliant bravery (and stunning stagecraft), they rescue an Indian princess, encounter a monsoon at sea, and escape a devious detective, among other daring deeds. In tour-de-force performances, Tom Beckett, Meera Rohit Kumbhani, and Richard B. Watson play dozens of outrageous characters in this funny, romantic, and suspenseful race around the world.

The design team is Michael Schweikardt (Scenic), Martha Bromelmeier (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach



Moore (Sound). Don Wadsworth is the Dialect Coach, casting is by McCorkle Casting, Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager, and Alicia DeMara is the Assistant Stage Manager.

Jules Verne was born in France in 1828. He became a prolific and acclaimed writer of science fiction and fantasy books, including *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* and *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, which are still popular



Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents

What: *Around the World in 80 Days*

When: April 12 – May 13, 2012

Performance Schedule

Tues. through Sat. at 8 pm (except Tues., May 8 when the show is at 7 pm).

Sat. at 2 pm (except April 21).

There will be an additional 2 pm matinee on Thurs., May 10.

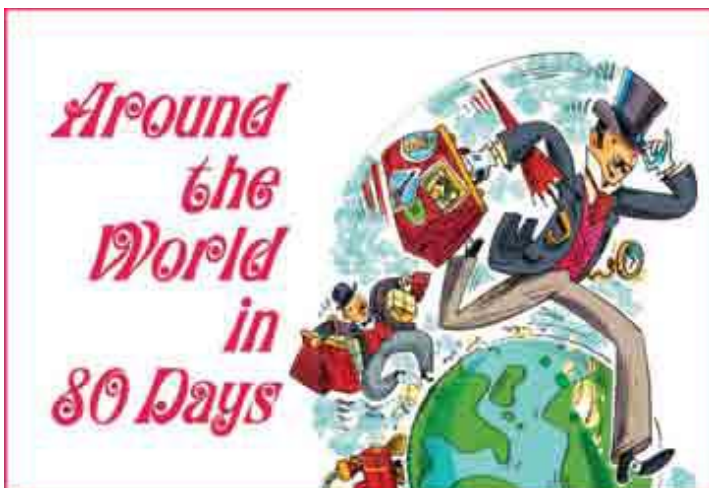
Sun. at 2 & 7 pm (except Sun. May 13 when the final show is at 2 pm)

Opening Night is Friday, April 20.

Ticket Prices

\$28 to \$60. \$15.75 for students and age 26 and younger with valid ID.

For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org



Travel

Top Places to Travel This Spring

By: Elissa Richard, Fodor's Travel

From chic new hotels to can't-miss art events, the season's top destinations are blossoming with fresh experiences.

Whether you like to taste wines near the vines in Paso Robles, or mingle with Tuscan locals before the summer crowds arrive, these trips are sure to brighten your season.

New York City

Why Go Now: Baseball season openers rally Yankees (April 13) and Mets (April 5) fans, cherry blossoms set the Brooklyn Botanic Garden ablaze (April 21–29), and the reels turn at the Tribeca Film Festival (April 18–29). The new Steins' exhibit Matisse, Picasso, and the Parisian Avant-Garde at the Met (February 28–June 3) and the Whitney Biennial (March 1–27) lead the season's exhibition calendar.

Where to Stay: Buzzworthy spring openings include the LEED-certified 168-room NoMad Hotel near Madison Square Park (opening late March); the 105-room Out NYC in Hell's Kitchen, billed as NYC's first gay hotel (opens March 1); and downtown's 463-suite Conrad New York (opens March 20), touting views of the Hudson River and Statue of Liberty.

Insider Tip: Set out with Urban Oyster for expert guide-led glimpses of authentic NYC (Manhattan food carts, Brooklyn breweries, and more).



Tuscany

Why Go Now: Before summer's tourist crowds pour in, rub elbows with the Tuscan locals for a slew of quirky, age-old spring festivals dedicated to everything from medieval-style crossbow competitions (several locations, dates vary) to luck-carrying crickets (Festa del Grillo in Florence, May 17) to cart explosions (Scoppio del Carro in Florence, April 8).

Where to Stay: While the highly anticipated opening of the 41-suite Castello di Casole, tucked into Tuscany's rolling vineyards, may now be postponed till July, travelers can instead bed down in the 2011-debuted, 10-room Villa Armena, located in a converted 16th-century manse in the postcard-perfect countryside of Siena.

Insider Tip: Explore pastoral Tuscan landscapes via a self-guided weeklong cycling tour, customized with cooking classes or wine tastings, with Pure Adventures.

Miami

Why Go Now: Beach bums-cum-culture vultures can dance it up at ULTRA Music Festival's (March 23–25) techno bash; indulge their taste buds at the Miami Wine & Food Festival (April 18–21); or partake in the Miami Beach Gay Pride celebrations (April 13–15). Sports enthusiasts, meanwhile, are anticipating the new state-of-the-art Miami Marlins stadium (it opens April 4), complete with a duo of aquariums set behind home plate.

Where to Stay: Bunk down in one of the 140 hip Philippe Starck-designed rooms of the SLS Hotel South Beach, slated to be the new epicenter of Miami cool with a bevy of hip restaurants and lounges under one roof (opens mid-May). Or, opt for the 64-room Lord Balfour, set within the heart of the Art Deco district on Ocean Drive (debut in April).

Insider Tip: For 25 cents, ride the South Beach Local bus for a quick-and-easy tour of the Art Deco Historic District.

An advertisement for Casey's restaurant. On the left, a man in a black tuxedo with a white shirt and bow tie stands against a yellow background. To his right, the text reads "Midget Madness! Mondays and Saturdays" in green and blue. Further right, the word "Casey's" is written in large, blue, bubbly letters with a white outline. Below that, it says "Text MIDGET to 91944" in green.



Paso Robles

Why Go Now: Tour the wine trails of this burgeoning California wine region in mid-May and catch the 30th annual Paso Robles Wine Festival (May 18–20), too, with 70 area wineries pouring in Downtown City Park, and a gaggle of local chefs showcasing their farm-fresh fare. Also worthwhile: the 20th annual Hospice du Rhone (April 26–28), celebrating all things Rhône.

Where to Stay: The 90-room, midrange Paso Robles Oaks Hotel will debut later this spring with a wine tasting room, pool, and spa; or, upgrade to the 16-room Hotel Cheval, which debuted in 2009 as the region's top boutique luxury hotel (and so it remains).

Insider Tip: Build your preference-based wine tasting itinerary via the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance's recently launched Interactive Trip Planner.



Meadows Silks Lounge Entertainment Schedule April 2012

April 6th - 8pm - Good Guys Band (Classic/Variety)
April 7th - 8pm - Walk of Shame (Pop/Rock)
April 13th - 8pm - Dallas Marks (Country)
April 14th - 8pm - Bon Journey (Jovi/Journey)
April 20th - 8pm - NOMad (Country)
April 21st - 8pm - Velveeta (Pop/Rock)
April 27th - 8pm - In Transit Band (Oldies/Dance)
April 28th - 8pm - No Bad Ju Ju (Pop/Dance Band)

Meadows Pacers Bar Entertainment Schedule April 2012

April 2 - 9pm - Jason Kendall
April 3 - 9pm - Sputzy - Unplugged
April 4 - 9pm - Dueling Pianos - Hermie & Harry
April 5 - 9pm - Video Mix DJ - AJ Fresh
April 6 & 7 - 9pm - Sterlin & Shuvette - Piano Bar
April 9 - 9pm - Shari Richards
April 10 - 9pm - Sputzy - Unplugged
April 11 - 9pm - Dueling Pianos - Hermie & Harry
April 12 - 9pm - Video Mix DJ - AJ Fresh
April 13 & 14 - 9pm - Mark Ferrari - Variety Duo
April 16 - 9pm - Jason Kendall
April 17 - 9pm - Sputzy - Unplugged
April 18 - 9pm - Dueling Pianos - Hermie & Harry
April 19 - 9pm - Video Mix DJ - AJ Fresh
April 20 - 9pm - Sputzy Unplugged
April 21 - 9pm - Video Mix DJ - AJ Fresh
April 23 - 9pm - Shari Richards
April 24 - 9pm - Sputzy Unplugged
April 25 - 9pm - Dueling Pianos - Hermie & Harry
April 26 - 9pm - Video Mix DJ - AJ Fresh
April 27 & 28 - 9pm - Eugene & Coleman - Variety Duo
April 30 - 9pm - Jason Kendall

Draft House

1811 E. Carson Street • South Side



Dining: Meat And Potatoes

By: Suz Pisano

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Devils On Horseback



Bone Marrow

In Pittsburgh, our great city, we like simplicity. Meat & Potatoes, the most well-known food combination, barely begins to describe this new gastropub in the heart of the Cultural District. Located next to Heinz Hall and the O'Reilly Theaters and a short half a block away from the Benedum, Meat & Potatoes is Chef Richard DeShantz' latest venture. His name is familiar from his other restaurant a bit further down the block, Nine on Nine. Our old friend, Tolga Sevdik, joins him as General Manager, and together they have created a unique but some how distinctly Pittsburgh restaurant, one that you should definitely experience. As a gastropub, you'll find many regional specialties, including Paté and Poutine- more on those later. I want to tell you about their fabulous décor and service! Mara, our server for the evening, was friendly, attentive, informative and helpful in describing food selections and making suggestions. Don't be afraid to ask questions for what I always suggest- try something different!

The full-service bar offers many specialty cocktails featuring Prohibition and Repeal selections. Take your time and peruse the selections, including a real Manhattan and a couple of Absinthe offerings. They make some serious drinks here with some unusual ingredients. We tried the Beatnik and the El Segundo. The Beatnik is a blend of Averna, Maker's Mark & port wine, a very good and sophisticated cocktail to sip. The El Segundo (my choice) contains Mezcal, yellow Chartreuse, pineapple, cilantro and jalapeno. This was a perfect blend of spicy, not too sweet, with fresh jalapeño- I loved it! It was a nice accompaniment to the Devils on Horseback (\$6) dates stuffed with chorizo and Manchego cheese. I could have eaten these all night as they were soooo good and kind of fancy, but I forgot about all that "pretense" of fancy food when the "Salty Pig" Flatbread was laid down on our table. This delicious mix of my favorite Italian meats, Sopressata, Pancetta and Coppa Secca, topped with Provolone cheese and arugula (\$12), was helping me to understand the term "gastropub" a little better: good ingredients, fresh preparation and attention to detail in the crafting of menu offerings.

We were served Fried Brussels (\$5) from the Snack section of the menu and I thought, what a better choice than French fries; and then we had some French fries! Fried Taters (\$5) are served with Black Truffle Mayo; need I say more?! The Duck Liver Paté (\$14) served in a jar topped with Sauterne jelly and grilled bread was almost literally "to die for"! I seriously wanted to eat it all. The Sauterne jelly was such a treat on this classic

delicacy. A Canadian craze, Poutine (\$7), French fries and cheese curd covered in gravy, is something you might hear about on the menu. Give it a try to see why it's served at fast food restaurants in Canada. Now I'm a little hungry writing this, but I'm getting off track by not letting you know that the menu is definitely "pub-like" with sections offering Snacks, Appetizers, Flatbreads, Mussels, Burgers, Sandwiches, Pasta, and of course, Main Courses. There is Meat & Potatoes for two: a gigantic, 34 oz. Ribeye Steak with Confit Steak Fries, House-made Steak Sauce and Bone Butter (\$55).

If you've never tried a Bone Marrow slathered on a piece of bread, Meat & Potatoes is the place to try it. My good friend managed a notorious French restaurant in town for many years, and I grew to love things that he'd make me try, like bone marrow. It's served with a house-made grilled bread, gremolata, onion relish & sea salt (\$14). (Gremolata is finely minced parsley, garlic and lemon zest, in case you didn't know.) Remember, I want you to try new things, and for this one I feel like you just might need some help! The bones are split and roasted and served with a grilled bread that you use



The Salty Pig Flatbread



Smoked Pork Chop



Smoked Brisket Tacos



Pub Burger

to scoop out the marrow. The condiments let you dress your delicacy to your own tastes. Our plate even included capers. The taste of the marrow is so rich, and when you realize that Meat & Potatoes uses only the highest quality meats, you'll relax and just enjoy. The portion is rather large, so plan to share. I was actually glad that one of our staff didn't want to try it! I felt like such a gastronome! I will definitely encourage everyone I know to try this; it's certainly a treat.

We could barely believe our eyes when Mara brought us the Pork (\$18), a gigantic smoked chop served atop house-made baked beans and spicy apple slaw. The portion is large, and we enjoyed sharing the succulent pork while fighting over the baked beans and the slaw. The apple slaw is so refreshing, and I'll bet that you've never tried anything like it. I'm certain that patrons of Meat & Potatoes request this as a side quite often. A Nightwire favorite were Tacos (\$14) consisting of smoked brisket, chard onions, coffee BBQ & pepper jack apple slaw. These tacos were so delicious that even Joyce ate some! (You might know that she barely eats due to her extremely picky palate!) The brisket was so tender, and the sauce and slaw combination was just right. Our final entrée was the Salmon (\$18), served with brussel sprout kim chi, pineapple, chili and Korean BBQ. This entrée was cooked to perfection and beautifully presented. We had a hard time deciding who would get the few bites that remained. The Main Course menu also features the following offerings: Duck Breast, Flat Iron Steak, Braised Lamb Shank, Striped Bass, and even a Chicken Pot Pie. There most definitely is something for every taste on the menu, and I understand why people that have been to Meat & Potatoes go back again and again. Whether it's for a small snack, a luscious libation or a full-out feast, Meat & Potatoes has your heart's desire.

My heart's desire is almost always DESSERT! Meat &



Salmon

Potatoes has desserts that change frequently. The night we were there, the selections included Chocolate Pot de Crème, Red Velvet Cake and Popcorn Panna Cotta. Each was served in a little jar, and each one was just as good as the next. The Popcorn Panna Cotta was so unique with a caramel popcorn flavor, and being a Panna Cotta fan, it was my favorite. I absolutely can never resist a Chocolate Pot de Crème, and it was fabulous. The Red Velvet Cake was the least dense but with the rich cream cheese icing, well, these are not desserts to be taken lightly! Meat & Potatoes makes a mean dessert! This might be a good thing to know when you need a sweet treat after a show, or a bad thing if you work in the vicinity! It's always good to know where you can get a great dessert!

Meat & Potatoes is becoming notorious for their Saturday and Sunday Brunch, which is served from 10:30 am until 2:00 pm and features specialty libations, a Bloody Mary Bar as well as their take on many brunch favorites. My friends gave the brunch rave reviews, and the menu selections are mouthwatering. I'm going to let you discover the brunch offerings on your own since the menu varies greatly from the dinner menu.

Meat & Potatoes is also open daily for lunch on weekdays. Check out all of the menus on their website- www.meatandpotatoespgh.com. The extensive website will tempt you and serve as a guide for your experience. Reservations are suggested, and weekends are the place to be at this red hot hotspot. Definitely plan ahead, but if you can't, stop in and see Annalee, the hostess, who will do her best to accommodate. There's even outdoor dining to look forward to as the weather changes.

With so many unusual, delectable, delicious, thoughtfully and artfully prepared selections, I can see why Meat & Potatoes is just the restaurant that the Cultural District needed for so long. The environment is welcoming and warm. The décor is simple, and the restaurant is really not that big. The bar seemed comfortable, and we felt right at home. This is a pub without pretension, a gathering place, and a melting pot, just like our city! Make a point to plan a visit; you won't be disappointed.

Meat & Potatoes 649 Penn Avenue - Downtown in the Cultural District Phone: 412.325.7007 or on the web at www.meatandpotatoespgh.com

Pittsburgh Craft Brew Week

April 20-28, 2012



Welcome to Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week- the first annual celebration of great local beer in the Steel City. Pittsburgh Craft Brew Week (PCBW) is a collaboration between the breweries, distributors, bottle shops and restaurants that have made a commitment to supporting craft beer in the Pittsburgh region. Beer lovers be prepared to be treated to a week of exclusive events all over the region, including some of the following:

- Beer tastings
- Dinners pairing craft beer with great local food
- Special beers brewed exclusively for PCBW
- Meeting the brewers behind your favorite beers

Through these events, Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week will highlight the Pittsburgh region's craft beer culture, expanding the reach of craft beer through education, collaboration, cooperation and responsible libation.

Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week is organized and operated by the Pittsburgh Craft Beer Alliance, a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization overseen by a board of brewery managers, restaurant managers, craft beer industry employees and others to help promote and raise awareness for Pittsburgh craft beer.

The breweries in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area will be collaborating on three different beers for the event. Here is the list of beers that you will only find around the city for Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week! Penn Brewery Team – British IPA – Cheeky Yinzer Church Brew Works Team – Sour Mash Red ale – Inaugural Ale Rock Bottom Team – Kolsch style – Home Opener

Pittsburgh Craft Brew Week Schedule of Activities

Friday - April 20 - Pizza Daddie's IPA & Pizza Challenge (all-day)

- 2:00 pm - Elwood's Pub Pittsburgh Craft Beer Tap Takeover
- 4:20 pm - The Headkeeper Tapas Bar ~ Heaven & Hell Tap Take Over
- 5:00 pm - Penn & Friends Tasting ~ Pistella Distributing
- 5:00 pm - Penn in Verona w Beer Nutz
- 5:00 pm - Zoe's Beer & Full Pint Tasting
- 6:00 pm - Beermuda Triangle IPA Tap Take Over Weekend Kick Off
- 6:00 pm - D's Monroeville & Founders Brewing Happy Hour

Saturday - April 21 - 1:00 pm - Boulder Brewing Tasting ~ Pistella Distributing

- 1:00 pm - Brooklyn Tasting ~ Beer Nutz Verona
- 1:00 pm - House of 1000 Beers – Sour & Funky Beer Tasting
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Venture Outdoors ~ East End Microbrewery Hike
- 7:00 pm - Back Door Tavern & Full Pint Happy Hour
- 7:00 pm - Hops for HEARTH

Monday - April 23 - 6:00 pm - All Saints Brewery Private Tour & Tasting

- 6:00 pm - Dive Bar & Grill Troegs Sampling
- 7:00 pm - EEBC & Salt of the Earth Beer vs Cocktails Veg Dinner
- 7:00 pm - Gender Studies 423: Women and Craft Beer
- 7:00 pm - Hollywood Gardens ~ New Holland Tasting
- 8:00 pm - Harris Grill ~ Sierra Nevada Tasting

Tuesday - April 24 - 6:00 pm - Carson St Deli & New Holland Spring Picnic

- 6:00 pm - Carson St Deli ~ New Holland Tasting
- 6:00 pm - James St Gastropub – Food & Beer Pairing
- 6:00 pm - Vegebeerian Night at Piper's Pub w East End Brewing
- 7:00 pm - "Beer Factor" ~ Beer Nutz Bottle Shop & Full Pint
- 7:00 pm - 1 for the Road Beer Emporium & Tap Room – Erie Brewing Co
- 7:00 pm - Harris Grill Bells Bacon Night Tap Take Over



Pittsburgh Craft Brew Week Schedule of Activities

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Wednesday – April 25 - 4:00 pm - Boulder Brewing Tasting ~ Beer Nutz

- 4:00 pm - Flying Dog Tasting ~ Pistella Distributing
- 5:00 pm - Church Brew Works & Cheese Pairing
- 5:00 pm - East End Brewing & TRASH Tapping
- 5:00 pm - Harris Grill ~ Great Lakes Brewing Tap Take Over
- 6:00 pm - 99 Bottles – Lavery Sampling
- 6:00 pm - Doublewide Grill ~ East Coast vs West Coast IPA Challenge
- 6:00 pm - Hough's Pub Brew with a Full Pint Brewer & Happy Hour
- 6:00 pm - The Pine ~ Fatheads Brewing ~ Full Pint Happy Hour
- 6:00 pm - Venture Outdoors ~ Weeknight Craft Brew Hike
- 6:30 pm - 1 for the Road Tap House ~ Black & Gold Brewing Tasting
- 7:00 pm - Blue Dust ~ Get Smoked with Founders Brewing
- 7:30 pm - Wooden Nickel ~ Full Pint Tasting

Thursday – April 26 - 4:00 pm - Flying Dog Tasting ~ Beer Nutz Verona

- 4:00 pm - Brian's Brewery Outlet ~ Local Craft Beer Sampling
- 4:00 pm - Front Door Tavern ~ Full Pint Brewing
- 4:00 pm - Southern Tier Tasting ~ Pistella Distributing
- 5:00 pm - Braddock's American Brasserie – Taste of PA Beer Event
- 5:00 pm - Diamond D Beer-N-At ~ Full Pint Brewing
- 5:00 pm - Southern Tier – Tap Take Over & Skype with Pin!
- 6:00 pm - PGHTEE w Commonwealth Press
- 6:30 pm - Sharp Edge Bistro Sewickley ~ New Holland Beer Dinner
- 7:00 pm - Bigelow Grille & East End Brewing Beer Dinner (veg friendly)
- 7:00 pm - Brews Bros & Founders Brewing Smoke Out
- 7:00 pm - Hal's ~ Full Pint Brewing
- 7:00 pm - Waters Edge ~ Rivertowne Brewing
- 8:00 pm - Cain's Saloon ~ Full Pint Brewing
- 9:00 pm - Perrytown Drafft House ~ East vs West IPA Challenge

Friday – April 27 - 5:00 pm - Bridgeville Beer ~ Founders Tasting

- 5:00 pm - Church Brew Works Tasting ~ Pistella Distributing
- 5:00 pm - Duffys Beer ~ Founders Tasting
- 5:00 pm - Sam Adams – Specialty Flights ~ Beer Nutz Bottle Shop
- 5:00 pm - Sharp Edge Bistro Sewickley ~ New Holland Pint Night
- 5:00 pm - Southern Tier Tasting ~ Beer Nutz Verona
- 5:00 pm - Wingham's South Side ~ Founders Brewing
- 6:00 pm - Harris Grill ~ Full Pint Happy Hour
- 6:00 pm - May Day Buffet & Beer Pairing @ Penn Brewery
- 6:00 pm - Smokin' Joes Stout Tasting
- 9:00 pm - Patrick's Pub ~ Founders & Friends Tasting

Saturday – April 28 - 10:00 am - East End Brewing Pedal Pale Ale Keg Ride!

- 1:00 pm - Brooklyn Brewing Tasting ~ Pistella Distributing
- 1:00 pm - Church Brew Works ~ Beer Nutz Verona
- 2:00 pm - Duffy's Beer – Full Pint
- 2:00 pm - Market District – Robinson ~ Full Pint Brewing
- 3:00 pm - Sharp Edge Brasserie ~ Founder's Brewing Beer Dinner
- 5:30 pm - Venture Outdoors ~ Beer Tasting Hike & Boat Cruise



Wine and Spirits

Although the winter citrus season was off to a late start in 2012, markets this spring are beginning to be flooded with a wealth of gorgeous citrus fruits, beckoning bartenders and cocktail enthusiasts to serve up drinks highlighting the fresh juices. One such blink-and-you'll-miss-it fruit is the vaunted blood orange, with its namesake sanguine hue and intoxicating aroma and taste.

Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur is a premium liqueur made with native Sicilian Sanguinello blood oranges picked at the peak of ripeness, bottling the magic for year-round enjoyment. The peak of this fleeting season, however, marks the occasion for pert, luscious cocktails made with both fresh blood oranges and Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur—a bracing remedy for the winter doldrums!

Accomplished San Francisco bartender and Solerno Brand Ambassador Jackie Patterson has concocted an array of cocktail recipes to herald the peak of the season.

Star Ruby

1 oz Solerno
1 oz fresh blood orange juice
1 oz Lillet Rouge
1 oz Hendrick's Gin
Shake ingredients with ice and fine strain into a chilled coupe glass. Garnish with an orange twist.



Blood Orange Fizz

1 oz Solerno
1 oz Hendrick's Gin
½ oz fresh blood orange juice
¾ oz fresh lemon juice
½ oz simple syrup
½ oz egg white
1 oz soda water
2 drops orange flower water
Dry shake all ingredients except soda. Hard shake with ice and fine strain into a chilled fizz glass that already has the 1 oz of soda water in the bottom of the glass. Garnish with 2 drops of orange flower water.



Blood Orange Zinger

1 oz Stolli O
1 oz Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur
1 oz fresh blood orange juice
½ oz simple syrup
½ oz fresh lemon juice
4 oz ginger beer
Shake ingredients except ginger beer with ice. Strain into a tall glass over fresh ice, fill with Ginger Beer and stir to incorporate. Garnish with a blood orange slice and a chunk of candied ginger.



Neroli

1 ½ oz Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur
½ oz Aperol
1 oz fresh orange juice (or blood orange juice!)
1 ¾ oz Prosecco
Build ingredients over ice and stir to incorporate and chill. Garnish with a blood orange slice.



Blood Orange Bellini

1 oz blood orange juice
2 oz Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur
3 oz Prosecco
Shake the Solerno and blood orange juice in a cocktail shaker with ice. Fine strain into a Champagne flute and fill with Prosecco.

Solerno & Sparkling

1 oz Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur
5 oz dry sparkling wine
Pour over ice in a tall glass and garnish with several thinly sliced blood orange wheels.



Cell Helmet - The Ultimate Protection for your iPhone



Nightwire is so thrilled to tell you about an exciting new iPhone product that will be hitting the market in early April... it's called cellhelmet! And best of all, its inventors are all from the Pittsburgh market. Plus it's being manufactured right here in the Pittsburgh area by Sun Star Inc. located in Latrobe and is currently scheduled to hit the market in early April. It will be the world's first and only case to guarantee the iPhone 4/4S inside - available for US & Canada residents. If an iPhone 4/4S breaks inside of a cellhelmet, they will repair or replace it (if deemed unrepairable) - guaranteed. Their protection covers new, used, unlocked and jailbroken iPhone 4/4S' - most coverage companies require that a phone is fresh and new, but cellhelmet does not! cellhelmet completely eliminates the need for monthly coverage premiums and offers unlimited repairs. Replacements, however, are limited to one per unit. A \$50 handling fee will be due at the time of claim (both repairs and replacements). However, when a replacement is issued, cellhelmet coverage will end. You will need to purchase a new cellhelmet (at a mere \$44.99) for additional coverage, an extremely small price compared to the cost of a new iPhone!

cellhelmet is the brainchild of Bryan McHenry, 37, from Greensburg, and his business partner Michael Kane, 29, also from Greensburg. These two entrepreneurs started selling cell phone accessories on eBay over 3 years ago out of Bryan's apartment. They both put in \$350 of their own money and with \$700, put in their first order of cases from China. In their first year, they were selling 5-10 cases of products per day. Then they hit a certain level on eBay that got them noticed and began selling over 300 items a day. Their sales included cases, chargers, screen protectors and more. At that point, they moved into a small building (only 600 sq ft) behind Mike's house, and they are currently still operating out of this location.

In the past they were selling everything for every new phone on the market. Then about a year ago, they decided to make a change: they wanted to focus solely on all Apple products. Plus, they also wanted to start manufacturing their own products. Up until this point, they were selling mostly

generic cases that they had imported from China. They had visions of making a case for the most popular phone in the world: the Apple iPhone. It was at this point they brought in David Artuso, 23, also from Greensburg. His role is product development and marketing, and he put up the initial capital to start this new venture.

These three young men wanted to make a case that was indestructible, one that could be run over with a car or thrown off a cliff. But they realized that to do this, they would need to build a brick-like case around the phone, one that would be big, bulky and ugly. The iPhone is a beautiful, sleek device so they thought, why not make a case that's slim, still protective and just add insurance on it? This is something that has never been done before, but they were able to do this by teaming up with Global Warranty Group. So, if you own an iPhone, you need the protection of cellhelmet, the newest and best protection for your iPhone on the market.

cellhelmet retails for \$44.99 - you can pre-order online at www.cellpig.com. The expected ship date is around the second week of April. cellhelmet will also be available soon at local retail stores. Order yours today and start enjoying hassle and worry-free protection for your iPhone.

Nightwire would like to congratulate and thank the guys from cellpig for allowing us to be the first to introduce their product to you!! Don't wait: pre-order the ultimate protection for your iPhone. cellhelmet is available in a variety of hot colors - check them out online at www.cellpig.com.



Cirque Du Soleil presents Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour™

in Pittsburgh on April 13, 14 and 15,



Three Pittsburgh performances from April 13 - 15 at the Petersen Events Center Pittsburgh (January 17, 2012) – The Estate of Michael Jackson and Cirque du Soleil are proud to present Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour™ in Pittsburgh on April 13, 14 and 15, 2012 at the Petersen Events Center. This once-in-a-lifetime electrifying production combines Michael Jackson music and choreography with Cirque du Soleil creativity to give fans worldwide a unique view into the spirit, passion and heart of the artistic genius who forever transformed global pop culture. Proudly sponsored by Sun Life Financial, the show is written and directed by

Jamie King, the leading concert director in pop music today, and features more than 60 international dancers, musicians and acrobats.



Tickets are on sale now for Pittsburgh performances of Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour on April 13 - 14 at 8pm and on April 15 at 4pm at the Petersen Events Center. Tickets are \$50 to \$250 each and are available at www.ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000. For additional information, visit www.cirquedusoleil.com/MichaelJackson.

A riveting fusion of visuals, dance, music and fantasy that immerses audiences in Michael's creative world, Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour unfolds Michael Jackson's artistry before the eyes of the audience. Aimed at lifelong fans as well as those experiencing Michael's creative genius for the first time, the show captures the essence, soul and inspiration of the King of Pop, celebrating a legacy that continues to transcend generations.

THE IMMORTAL World Tour takes place in a fantastical realm where we discover Michael's inspirational Giving Tree—the wellspring of his creativity. The secrets of Michael's inner world are unlocked—his love of music and dance, fairy tale and magic, and the fragile beauty of nature.

The underpinnings of THE IMMORTAL World Tour are Michael Jackson's powerful, inspirational music and lyrics—the driving force behind the show—brought to life with extraordinary power and breathless intensity. Through unforgettable performances Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL World Tour underscores Michael's global messages of love, peace and unity. Writer and Director Jamie King has been called one of



the most influential “movers and shakers” in the music industry, and the “Jerry Bruckheimer of tent-pole concert tours” by *Variety*. A multiple Emmy Award® and MTV Video Music Award® nominee, he has choreographed some of the most popular music videos and directed some of the highest-grossing concert tours of all time. For the past 12 years, he has served as Madonna’s creative director, and most recently directed world tours for Rihanna, Celine Dion, Spice Girls, Britney Spears and Avril Lavigne. King has worked with an array of superstars including Ricky Martin, Christina Aguilera, Mariah Carey, Shakira, George Michael, Elton John, Diana Ross, Jennifer Lopez and even Ellen DeGeneres. This is Jamie’s first show with Cirque du Soleil.

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Think Before You Speak

Here are four reasons why you should think before you speak - the last one is great! Have you ever spoken and wished that you could immediately take the words back...or that you could crawl into a hole?

Here are the Testimonials of a few people who did....

FIRST TESTIMONY:

I walked into a hair salon with my husband and three kids in tow and asked loudly, "How much do you charge for a shampoo and a blow job?" I turned around and walked back out and never went back. My husband didn't say a word... he knew better.

SECOND TESTIMONY:

I was at the golf store comparing different kinds of golf balls. I was unhappy with the women's type I had been using. After browsing for several minutes, I was approached by one of the good-looking gentlemen who works at the store. He asked if he could help me. Without thinking, I looked at him and said, "I think I like playing with men's balls."

THIRD TESTIMONY:

My sister and I were at the mall and passed by a store that sold a variety of candy and nuts. As we were looking at the display case, the boy behind the counter asked if we needed any help. I replied, "No, I'm just looking at your nuts." My sister started to laugh hysterically. The boy grinned, and I turned beet-red and walked away. To this day, my sister has never let me forget.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST TESTIMONY:

This had most of the state of Michigan laughing for 2 days and a very embarrassed female news anchor who will, in the future, likely think before she speaks. What happens when you predict snow but don't get any! We had a female news anchor that, the day after it was supposed to have snowed and didn't, turned to the weatherman and asked: "So Bob, where's that 8 inches you promised me last night?" Not only did HE have to leave the set, but half the crew did too they were laughing so hard!

15 Things You Probably Never Knew or Thought About

1. At least 5 people in this world love you so much they would die for you.
2. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
3. The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you.
4. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
5. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
6. You mean the world to someone.
7. If not for you, someone may not be living.
8. You are special and unique.
9. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.
10. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.
11. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look: you most likely turned your back on the world.
12. When you think you have no chance of getting what you want, you probably won't get it, but if you believe in yourself, probably, sooner or later, you will get it.

13. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
14. Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know.
15. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

A Minute: They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Take the time .. to live and love.

New Rules for 2012

New Rule: Stop giving me that pop-up ad on my computer for classmates.com! There's a reason you don't talk to people for 25 years. Because you don't particularly like them! Besides, I already know what the captain of the football team is doing these days: mowing my lawn.

New Rule: Don't eat anything that's served to you out a window unless you're a seagull. People are acting all shocked that a human finger was found in a bowl of Wendy's chili. Hey, it cost less than a dollar. What did you expect it to contain? Trout?

New Rule: Stop saying that teenage boys who have sex with their hot, blonde teachers are permanently damaged. I have a better description for these kids: lucky bastards.

New Rule: If you need to shave and you still collect baseball cards, you're a dope. If you're a kid, the cards are keepsakes of your idols. If you're a grown man, they're pictures of men.

New Rule: Ladies, leave your eyebrows alone. Here's how much men care about your eyebrows: do you have two of them? Okay, we're done.

New Rule: There's no such thing as flavored water. There's a whole aisle of this crap at the supermarket, water, but without that watery taste. Sorry, but flavored water is called a soft drink. You want flavored water? Pour some scotch over ice and let it melt. That's your flavored water.

New Rule: Stop messing with old people. Target is introducing a redesigned pill bottle that's square, with a bigger label. And the top is now the bottom. And by the time grandpa figures out how to open it, his ass will be in the morgue. Congratulations, Target, you just solved the Social Security crisis.

New Rule: The more complicated the Starbucks order, the bigger the a-hole. If you walk into a Starbucks and order a "decaf grande half-soy, half-low fat, iced vanilla, double-shot, gingerbread cappuccino, extra dry, light ice, with one Sweet-n'-Low and one NutraSweet," ooh, you're a huge a-hole.

New Rule: I'm not the cashier! By the time I look up from sliding my card, entering my PIN number, pressing "Enter," verifying the amount, deciding, no, I don't want cash back, and pressing "Enter" again, the kid who is supposed to be ringing me up is standing there eating my Almond Joy.

New Rule: Just because your tattoo has Chinese characters

in it doesn't make you spiritual. It's right above the crack of your ass. And it translates to "beef with broccoli." The last time you did anything spiritual, you were praying to God you weren't pregnant. You're not spiritual. You're just high.

New Rule: Competitive eating isn't a sport. It's one of the seven deadly sins. ESPN recently televised the US Open of Competitive Eating, because watching those athletes at the poker table was just too damned exciting. What's next, competitive farting? Oh wait. They're already doing that. It's called "The Howard Stern Show."

New Rule: I don't need a bigger mega M&M. If I'm extra hungry for M&Ms, I'll go nuts and eat two.

New Rule: If you're going to insist on making movies based on crappy, old television shows, then you have to give everyone in the Cineplex a remote so we can see what's playing on the other screens. Let's remember the reason something was a television show in the first place is that the idea wasn't good enough to be a movie.

New Rule: No more gift registries. You know, it used to be just for weddings. Now it's for babies and new homes and graduations from rehab. Picking out the stuff you want and having other people buy it for you isn't gift giving, it's a total scam or extortion.

Apartment For Rent

A married businessman meets a beautiful girl and agrees to spend the night with her for \$500. He spends the night with her but before he leaves, he tells her that he does not have any cash with him, but he will have his secretary write a check and mail it to her, calling the payment "RENT FOR APARTMENT." On the way to the office he regrets what he has done, realizing that the whole event was not worth the price. So he has his secretary send a check for \$250 and enclosed the following typed note:

Dear Madam :

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$250 for rent of your apartment. I am not sending the amount agreed upon, because when I rented the apartment, I was under the impression that;

- 1) it had never been occupied;
 - 2) that there was plenty of heat; and
 - 3) that it was small enough to make me feel cozy and at home.
- However, I found out that it had been previously occupied, that there wasn't any heat, and that it was entirely too large.

Upon receipt of the note, the girl immediately returned the check for \$250 with the following note:

Dear Sir,

First of all, I cannot understand how you expect a beautiful apartment to remain unoccupied indefinitely. As for the heat, there is plenty of it, if you know how to turn it on. Regarding the space, the apartment is indeed of regular size, but if you don't have enough furniture to fill it, please don't blame the landlady. Send the rent in full or we will be forced to contact your present landlady.

Wifely Hints

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first -- the truck, the car,

fishing, always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a few minutes. When I came out again, I handed her a toothbrush. "When you finish cutting the grass," I said, "you might as well sweep the sidewalk." The doctors say I will eventually walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Singles Club in the Villages:

Maude and Claude, both 91, lived in The Villages, in Florida. They met at the singles club meeting and discovered over time that they enjoyed each other's company. After several weeks of meeting for coffee, Claude asked Maude out for dinner and, much to his delight, she accepted. They had a lovely evening. They dined at the most romantic restaurant in town. Despite his age, they ended up at his place for an after-dinner drink. Things continued along a natural course and age being no inhibitor, Maude soon joined Claude for a most enjoyable roll in the hay. As they were basking in the glow of the magic moments they'd shared, each was lost for a time in their own thoughts..... Claude was thinking: "If I'd known she was a virgin, I'd have been gentler. Maude was thinking: "If I'd known he could still do it, I'd have taken off my pantyhose."

Nominated as the best short joke of the year:

A three-year-old boy was examining his testicles while taking a bath. "Mommy," he asked, "are these my brains?" She replied, "Not yet dear."

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Middle Age

A middle aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God She asked "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live". Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a Facelift, liposuction, and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way Home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?" (You'll love this!!!) God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

Holy Water

A train hits a bus load of Catholic school girls and they all perish. They are all in heaven trying to enter the pearly gates pass St. Peter. St. Peter asks the first girl, "Gloria, have you ever had contact with a man's private parts?" She giggles and shyly replies, "Well I once touched with the tip of my finger..." St. Peter says, "Ok, dip the tip of your finger in the holy water and pass through the gates." St. Peter asks the next girl the same question, "Catherine, have you ever had contact with a man's private parts?" The girl is a little reluctant but replies, "Well once I fondled and stroked one." St. Peter says "OK, dip your whole hand in the holy water and pass through the gate." All of the sudden there is a lot of commotion in the line of girls, one girl is pushing her way to the front of the line. When she reaches the front of the line St. Peter says, "Lisa! What seems to be the rush?" The girl replies, "Well, If I'm going to have to gargle that Holy Water, I want to do it before Stephanie sticks her rear in it!"

A Woman's Poem

He didn't like the casserole
And he didn't like my cake.
He said my biscuits were too hard...
Not like his mother used to make.
I didn't perk the coffee right
He didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.
I pondered for an answer
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and smacked the crap out of him...
Like his MOMMA used to do.

Little Johnny and Margaret Mary

Little Mary Margaret was not the best student in Catholic School. Usually she slept through the class. One day her teacher, called on her while she was sleeping. "Tell me Mary Margaret, who created the universe?!" When Mary Margaret didn't stir, little Johnny who was her friend sitting behind her, took his pencil and jabbed her in the rear. "God Almighty!" shouted Mary Margaret. The Nun said, "Very good!" and continued teaching her class. A little later, the Nun asked Mary Margaret, "Who is our Lord and Savior?" But Mary didn't stir from her slumber. Once again, Johnny came to her rescue and stuck Mary Margaret in the butt. "Jesus Christ!!!" shouted Mary

Margaret. Again, the Nun said, "Very good!" Mary Margaret fell back asleep. The Nun then asked her a third question..."What did Eve say to Adam after she had her twenty-third child?" And once again, Johnny came to the rescue. This time Mary Margaret jumped up and shouted, "If you stick that damn thing in me one more time, I'll break it in half!" The Nun fainted.

Time to Go Home

A man walks into a bar and asks for a beer. After drinking it, he looks in his shirt pocket and asks for another beer. After drinking that one, he looks in his shirt pocket again and asks for another beer. This happens about another seven times before the bartender asks him, "Why do you keep looking in your pocket?" The man replies, "I have a picture of my wife in there. When she looks good enough, I'll go home."

Preacher Man

Did you hear about the preacher who told his congregation that the bible covered every subject on the face of the earth. They were relieved to know that the good Lord was taking care of every facet of their lives. One woman, troubled, met with the pastor one week claiming she had looked and looked and couldn't find one subject in the Bible. When asked what subject, the woman replied... "PMS" The pastor assured her he knew the Lord had provided, but he would take it upon himself to go through the Bible during the week to find the scripture that covered PMS. The following Sunday the woman eagerly approached him... He said he'd looked and looked and finally, late Saturday night a scripture had popped into his head. Everyone was relieved that the Lord had provided. The woman, anxious to have her fears relieved asked what the scripture regarding PMS said. The Pastor, taking out his Bible, pointed to the verse: ".....and Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Bethlehem!"
END

Relatives:

A couple drove several miles down a country road, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument, and neither wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules and pigs, the wife sarcastically asked, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the husband replied, "In-laws."

Idiots Everywhere:

Idiots at Work:

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed that I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature on the credit card with the signature I just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared that signature to the one I signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

Idiots in the Neighborhood

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: too many deer were being hit by cars and he no longer wanted them to cross there.

Idiots in Food Service

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the individual behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

Idiot Sightings – Sighting #1:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate, when the airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" I said, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled and nodded knowingly, "That's why we ask."

Idiot Sightings #2

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it is safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine, when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals to blind people when the light is red. She Responded, appalled, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

Idiot Sightings #3

At a good-bye lunch for three coworkers who is leaving the company due to "downsizing," our manager spoke up and said, "this is fun. We should have lunch like this more often." Not another word was spoken. We just looked at each other like deer staring into the headlights of an approaching truck.

Idiot Sightings #4

I worked with an Individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her could not understand why her system would not turn on.

A Yankee Fan:

A first grade teacher explains to her class that she is a NY Yankees fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they are Yankee fans too. Not really knowing what a Yankees fan is, but wanting to be liked by their teacher, their hands fly into the air. There is, however, one exception. A little girl named Tracy has not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asks her why she has decided to be different. Because I'm not a Yankees fan" she retorts. "Then," asks the teacher, "what are you?" "I'm a proud Mets fan" boasts the little girl. The teacher is a little perturbed now, her face slightly red. She asks Tracy why she is a Mets fan. "Well, My Dad and Mom are Mets fans, so I'm a Mets fan too" she responds. The teacher is now angry. "That's no reason," she says loudly. "What if your mom was a moron, and your dad was an idiot. What would you be then?" Tracy smiles and says, "Then I'd be a Yankees fan."

How to Speak About Women and Be Politically Correct

She is not a babe or a chick.
She is a breasted American.

She is not a screamer or moaner.
She is vocally appreciative.

She is not easy.
She is horizontally accessible.

She is not dumb.
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She has not been around.
She is a previously enjoyed companion.

She does not get you excited.
She causes temporary blood displacement.

She does not have a killer body.
She is terminally attractive.

She does not have breast implants.
She is medically enhanced.

She does not nag you.
She becomes verbally repetitive.

She does not have major league hooters.
She is pectorally superior.

A Cure For Snoring:

A woman had a dog who snored in his sleep. She went to the vet to see if he could help. The vet told the woman to tie a ribbon around the dog's testicles and he would stop snoring. That night, the dog snored as usual. The woman went to the closet and grabbed a piece of ribbon. She tied it around the dog's testicles, and, sure enough, the dog stopped snoring. The woman was amazed. Later that night, the woman's husband returned home drunk from a night out with his buddies. He climbed into bed, fell asleep, and began snoring very loudly. The woman woke up, cursed, and thought about how well the ribbon worked on the dog. She went to the closet, grabbed a piece of ribbon, and tied it around her husband's testicles. Amazingly it worked! The woman slept soundly. The next morning the husband woke up with a hangover. He staggered to the bathroom. As he is standing in front of the toilet, he sees a blue ribbon around his scrotum. He is very confused. He walks back into the bedroom and sees a red ribbon around his dog's scrotum. He looks at the dog and says, "WOW, whatever the hell we did last night, we got first and second place.

Tonsillectomy:

Two kids are in a hospital, lying on stretchers next to each other, outside the operating room. The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?" The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous." The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze!" The second kid then asks, "What are you here for?" The first kid says, "A circumcision." And the second kid says, "Whoa! I had that done when I was born. I couldn't walk for a year!"

Appetite Suppressant:

A woman asks her husband, "Would you like some bacon and eggs? A slice of toast and maybe some grapefruit and coffee?" He declines. "Thanks for asking, but I'm not hungry right now. It's this Viagra," he says. "It's really taken the edge off my appetite." At lunchtime she asked if he would like something. "A bowl of soup, homemade muffins, or a cheese sandwich?" He declines. "The Viagra," he says, "really trashes my desire for food." Come dinnertime, she asks if he wants anything to eat. "Would you like a juicy rib-eye steak and scrumptious apple

pie? Or maybe a rotisserie chicken or tasty stir fry?" He declines again. "No, still not hungry." "Well," she says, "would you mind letting me up? I'm starving."

Senior Citizen's Bus Trip:

A senior citizens' group charts a bus from Burlington IA, to Branson MO. As they entered Missouri, an elderly woman comes up to the driver and says, "I've just been molested!" The driver felt that she had fallen asleep and had a dream.? So he tells her to go back to her seat, and sit down. A short time later, another old woman comes forward, and claims that she was just molested. ?The driver thought he had a bus load of old wackos, but who would be molesting those old ladies? About 10 minutes later, a third old lady comes up and says that she'd been molested too. The bus driver decides that he'd had enough and pulls into the first rest area.? When he turns the lights on and stands up, he sees an old man on his hands and knees crawling in the aisles. "Hey gramps, what are you doing down there?" says the bus driver. "I lost my toupee.? I thought I found it three times, but every time I try to grab it, it runs away!!"?

Indian in Training:

An Indian walks into a cafe with a shotgun in one hand pulling a male buffalo with the other. He says to the waiter, "Want coffee." The waiter says, "Sure chief, coming right up." He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee. The Indian drinks the coffee down in one gulp, turns and blasts the buffalo with the shotgun, causing parts of the animal to splatter everywhere, then just walks out. The next morning the Indian returns. He has his shotgun in one hand pulling another male buffalo with the other. He walks up to the counter and says to the waiter, "Want coffee." The waiter says, "Whoa, Tonto! We're still cleaning up your mess from yesterday. What was all that about, anyway?" The Indian smiles and proudly says, "Training for upper management position in United States Government: Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day.

Nuts:

A doctor at an insane asylum decided to take his patients to a baseball game. For weeks in advance, he coached his patients to respond to his commands. When the day of the game arrived, everything went quite well. As the National Anthem started, the doctor yelled, "Up Nuts," and the patients complied by standing up. After the anthem, he yelled, "Down Nuts," and they all sat back down in their seats. After a home run was hit, the doctor yelled, "Cheer Nuts". They all broke out into applause and cheered. When the umpire made a particularly bad call against the star of the home team, the Doctor yelled, "Booooo Nuts," and they all started booing and cat calling. Comfortable with their response, the doctor decided to go get a beer and a hot dog, leaving his assistant in charge. When he returned, there was a riot in progress. Finding his frazzled assistant, the doctor asked, "What in the world happened?" The assistant replied, "Well everything was going just fine until this guy walked by and yelled, "PEANUTS"

Top 20 Hallmark Cards:

1. "Looking back over the years that we've been together, I can't help but wonder: What the hell was I thinking?"
2. "Congratulations on your wedding day! Too bad no one likes your wife."

3. "How could two people as beautiful as you have such an ugly baby?"
4. "I've always wanted someone to hold, someone to love. After having met you, I've changed my mind."
5. "I must admit, you brought religion into my life. I never believed in Hell until I met you."
6. "As the days go by, I think of how lucky I am that you're not here to ruin it for me."
7. "If I get only one thing for Christmas, I hope it's your sister."
8. "As you grow older, Mom, I think of all the gifts you've given me. Like the need for therapy..."
9. "Thanks for being part of my life!! I never knew what evil was before this!!"
10. "Congratulations on your promotion! Before you go, would you like to take this knife out of my back? You'll probably need it again."
11. "Someday I hope to get married, but not to you."
12. "Happy Birthday! You look great for your age...Almost Lifelike!"
13. "When we were together, you always said you'd die for me. Now that we've broke up, I think it's time you kept your promise!"
14. "I knew the day would come when you would leave me for my best friend. So here's his leash, water bowl and chew toys."
15. "We have been friends for a very long time, what say we call it quits."
16. "I'm so miserable without you, it's almost like you're still here."
17. "Congratulations on your new bundle of joy. Did you ever find out who the father was?"
18. "You are such a good friend that if we were on a sinking ship and there was only one life jacket....I'd miss you heaps and think of you often."
19. "Your friends and I wanted to do something special for your birthday.... so we're having you put to sleep."
20. "Happy Birthday, Uncle Dad!!" (available only in West Virginia)

Retirement:

As we all know, when we hit retirement age we come face to face with the fact that it may be time to relocate. The big question is: where? Here are some tips.

You can live in Phoenix, Arizona where.....

1. You are willing to park 3 blocks away because you found shade.
2. You can open and drive your car without touching the car door or the steering wheel.
3. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
4. You would give anything to be able to splash cold water on your face.
5. You can attend any function wearing shorts and a tank top.
6. "Dress Code" is meaningless at high schools and universities. Picture lingerie ads.
7. You can drive for 4 hours in one direction and never leave town.
8. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
9. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!
10. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door.

You can Live in California where...

1. You make over \$350,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The high school quarterback calls a time-out to answer his cell phone.
3. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
4. You know how to eat an artichoke.
5. You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
6. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.

You Can Live In New York City Where...

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.
3. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
4. You think Central Park is "nature,"
5. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
6. You've worn out a car horn.
7. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

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You Can Live In Maine Where...

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for moose.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

You Can Live In The Deep South Where...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. 2."y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
3. 3. After five years you still hear, "You ain't from 'round here, are Ya?"
4. 4. "He needed killin' " is a valid defense.
5. 5. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean, Mary Beth, etc.

You Can Live In Colorado Where...

1. 1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

You Can Live In The Midwest Where...

1. You've never meet any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.



3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

AND You can live in Florida where...

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind -- even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
4. Cars in front of you are often driven by headless people.

50th Wedding Anniversary:

A man and his wife were celebrating 50 years together. Their three kids, all very successful and agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honor. "Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad," gushed son number one... "Sorry I'm running late... had an emergency, you know how it is, didn't have time to get you both a present." "Not to worry," said the Dad... "the important thing is that we're all here together today." Son number two arrived and announced, "you and Mom still look great, Dad just flew in from L.A. and didn't have time to get you a present... Sorry." "It's nothing," said the father, "Glad you were able to be here." Just then the daughter arrived, "Hello both of you, Happy Anniversary! I'm sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing... so I didn't have time to get you guys anything." Again the father said, "I really don't care, at least the five of us are together today." After they had all finished dessert, the father put down his knife and fork, looked up and said, "Listen up, all three of you, there's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were very poor. Despite this, we were able to raise each of you and send you to college. All through the years your mother and I knew that we loved each other very much but... we just never found the time to get married." The three kids gasp and said, "You mean we're bastards?" "Yep," said the Dad. "and cheap ones too!"

Baby Boomer Lyrics:

Some of the artists of the 60s are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate the aging baby boomers. They include:

- Herman's Hermits -- Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker.
- The Bee Gees -- How Can You Mend a Broken Hip.
- Bobby Darin -- Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash.
- Ringo Starr -- I Get By With a Little Help From Depends.
- Roberta Flack -- The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face.
- Johnny Cash -- I Can't See Clearly Now.
- Paul Simon -- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver
- The Commodores -- Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.
- Marvin Gaye -- Heard It Through the Grape Nuts.
- Leo Sayer -- You Make Me Feel Like Napping.
- The Temptations -- Papa's Got a Kidney Stone.
- Abba -- Denture Queen.
- Tony Orlando -- Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall.

- Helen Reddy -- I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore.
- Willie Nelson -- On the Commode Again

Actual Science Exam Answers:

Q Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk from turning sour? (brilliant, love this!)

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g.abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts ? the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E,I, O and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean? (I do love this one...)

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section"

A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight

Senior Accountant:

A 64-year-old accountant left a letter for his wife one Friday evening that read, "Dear wife, I am 64, and by the time you receive this letter I will be at the Grand Hotel with my beautiful and sexy 18-year-old secretary." When he arrived at the hotel, there was a letter waiting for him that read, "Dear husband, I too am 64, and by the time you receive this letter I will be at the Breakwater Hotel with my handsome and virile 18-year-old boy toy. Being an accountant, you will appreciate that 18 goes into 64 many more times than 64 goes into 18."

Helpful Hints For The Inexperienced Traveler:

Be very suspicious if the advertised price of a Caribbean cruise includes the phrase "Free Ammo"

* There is no legitimate reason for a travel agent to need to know if you have experience in jungle warfare.

* Do not board a cruise ship if passengers are being issued oars.

* Legitimate travel agents do not dress in foreign military uniforms.

* In South America, say no to anyone wanting you to deliver a suitcase of powdered sugar to their grandmother in Miami.

* Consider very carefully visiting a country where the license plate motto is "Die American Pig"



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Differences Between You and Your Boss:

When you take a long time, you're slow.

When your boss takes a long time, he's thorough.

When you don't do it, you're lazy.

When your boss doesn't do it, he's too busy.

When you make a mistake, you're an idiot.

When your boss makes a mistake, he's only human.

When doing something without being told, you're overstepping your authority.

When your boss does the same thing, that's initiative.

When you take a stand, you're being bull-headed.

When your boss does it, he's being firm.

When you overlooked a rule of etiquette, you're being rude.

When your boss skips a few rules, he's being original.

When you please your boss, you're apple polishing.

When your boss pleases his boss, he's being co-operative.

When you're out of the office, you're wandering around.

When your boss is out of the office, he's on business.

When you're on a day off sick, you're always sick.

When your boss is a day off sick, he must be very ill.

When you apply for vacation, you must be going for an interview.

When your boss applies for vacation, it's because he's overworked.

Pick Your Chocolate

then turn to page 30, No cheating...

If you were buying candy and you had your choice of the following, which would you choose?

BABY RUTH

3 MUSKETEERS

BUTTERFINGER

SNICKERS

HERSHEY'S

ALMOND JOY

CLARK BAR

REESES PEANUT BUTTER CUPS

ENERGY BAR

CHOCOLATE COATED RAISINS

OK - Now that you've made your choice, this is what research says about YOU! STOP - - NO you can't change your mind So think carefully what your choice will be!!!

Now turn to page 30 for what the experts have to say about you!

Blonde's Revenge

Finally, a good blond joke that could be based upon reality.....

Guy gets on a plane and finds himself seated next to a cute blonde. He immediately turns to her and makes his move.

"You know," he says, "I've heard that flights will go quicker if

you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger. So let's talk." The blonde, who had just opened her book, closes it slowly and says to the guy, "What would you like to discuss?" "Oh, I don't know," says the guy, smiling. "How about nuclear power?" "OK," says the blonde. "That could be an interesting topic. But let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff -- grass. Yet the deer excretes little pellets, the cow turns out a flat patty, and the horse produces muffins of dried poop. Why do you suppose that is?" The guy is dumbfounded. Finally he replies, "I haven't the slightest idea." "So tell me," says the blonde, "How is it that you feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know shit?"

An Italian Mother Joke

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner...who lives with a female roommate Maria... During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate was (she had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two, and this had only made her more curious). Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and the roommate than met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates." About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?" "Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure." So Anthony sat down and wrote: Dear Mamma, I'm not saying that you 'did' take the sugar bowl from my house; I'm not saying that you 'did not' take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love, Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Mamma which read: Dear Son, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now. Love, Mamma

Lesson: Never lie to your Mamma...especially if she's Italian

Gentle Thoughts for Today

- Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.
- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are "XL."
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it

is that wrinkles don't hurt .

- Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"
- *Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.
- I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
- Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf .
- Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth... AMEN

Little Sally

Little Sally came home from school with a smile on her face and told her mother, 'Frankie own showed me his weenie today!' Before the mother could raise a concern, Sally went on to say, 'It reminded me of a peanut.' Relaxing with a hidden smile, Sally's Mom asked, 'Really small, was it?' Sally replied, 'No... salty!' Mom fainted

I Hate My Job

When you have a 'I Hate My Job' day, [even if retired you have those sometimes] try this: On your way home from work, stop at your pharmacy and go to the thermometer section and purchase a rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson.

Be very sure you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed. Change into very comfortable clothing and sit in your favorite chair. Open the package and remove the thermometer. Now, carefully place it on a table or a surface so that it will not become chipped or broken. Now the fun part begins. Take out the literature from the box and read it carefully. You will notice that in small print there is a statement: 'Every Rectal Thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested and then sanitized.' Now, close your eyes and repeat out loud five times, 'I am so glad I do not work in the thermometer quality control department at Johnson & Johnson.' Have a nice day and remember, there is always someone else with a job that is more of a pain in the ass than yours!

Before Marriage

John – Ah....At last. I can hardly wait!
Jane – Do you want me to leave?
John – NO! Don't even think about it.
Jane – Do you love me?
John – Of course! Always have and always will!
Jane – Have you ever cheated on me?
John – NO! Why are you even asking?
Jane – Will you kiss me?
John – Every chance I get!
Jane – Will you hit me?
John – Hell no! Are you crazy?
Jane – Can I trust you?
John – Yes
Jane – Darling!
After Marriage

Read from the bottom back up to the top!



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Answers from Page 28 Chocolate Quiz:

BABY RUTH - Sweet, loving, cuddly. You love all warm fuzzy items. A little nutty. Sometimes you need an ice cream cone at the end of the day.

3 MUSKETEERS - You are adventurous, love new ideas, are a champion Of underdogs and a slayer of dragons. When tempers flare up, you whip out Your saber.

BUTTERFINGER - Smooth, sexy, & articulate with your hands, you are an excellent after-dinner speaker and a good teacher. But don't try to walk and chew gum at the same time.

SNICKERS - Fun-loving, sassy, humorous. Everyone enjoys being around you, but you are a practical joker, however, you are a friend for life.

HERSHEY'S - Romantic, warm, loving. You care about other people and can be counted on in a pinch. You tend to melt.

ALMOND JOY - Sexy, always ready to give and receive, very energetic, and really likes to get into life. The opposite sex is always attracted to you.

CLARK BAR - You like sports, whether baseball, football, basketball, or soccer. If you could, you would like to participate, but enjoy watching sports. You don't like to give up the remote control.

REESES PEANUT BUTTER CUPS - You are a very fun loving person, who likes to laugh. You are fun to be with. People like to hang out with you. You are a very warm hearted person.


ENERGY BAR - Life is passing you by. Get a life! Go eat a plum.

CHOCOLATE COATED RAISINS - You go to the bathroom often.


Mental Hospital Phone Menu

Hello and thank you for calling The State Mental Hospital. Please select from the following options menu:

- If you are obsessive-compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.
- If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2 for you.
- If you have multiple personalities, press 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want, stay on the line so we can we can trace your call.
- If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be forwarded to the Mother Ship.
- If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.
- If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, nothing will make you happy anyway.
- If you are dyslexic, press 9696969696969696.
- If you are bipolar, please leave a message after the beep or before the beep or after the beep. Please wait for the beep.
- If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9.
- If you have low self-esteem, please hang up our operators are too busy to talk with you .
- If you are menopausal, put the gun down, hang up, turn on the fan, lie down and cry. You won't be crazy forever.
- If you are blonde, don't press any buttons, you'll just mess it up.



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Man Jokes

Why are all dumb blonde jokes one liners? So men can understand them.

- How are husbands like lawn mowers? They're hard to get started, they emit noxious odors, and half the time they don't work.
- What is the difference between a sofa and a man watching Monday Night Football?
- The sofa doesn't keep asking for beer.
- What do men and pantyhose have in common? They either cling, run, or don't fit right in the crotch!
- Why is it difficult to find men who are sensitive, caring and good looking? They all already have boyfriends.
- Why do men whistle when they're sitting on the toilet? Because it helps them remember which end they need to wipe.
- What should you give a man who has everything? A women to show him how to work it.
- What is the difference between Government bonds and men? Government bonds mature.
- What is a man's idea of helping with housework? Lifting his legs so you can vacuum.

- What is the difference between a man and E.T.? E.T. phoned home.
- How are men like noodles? They're always in the hot water; they lack taste and they need dough.

Words of Wisdom

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.
- It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
- Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.
- Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- Duct tape is like 'The Force,' it has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
- There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
- Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

Moms and daughters...

I was out walking with my 4 year old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that. "Why?" my daughter asked. "Because it's been on the ground, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Mommy, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart." I was thinking quickly. "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mommy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mommy." We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information. "OH...I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy." "Exactly" I replied back with a big smile on my face.

Another blonde joke...

It was a really hot day and this blonde decided to go buy a can of Coke. She went to the Coke machine and when she put her money in, a can of Coke came out -- so she kept putting money in. Now since it was such a hot day, a line had formed

behind her. Finally, a guy in line said, "Will you hurry up? We're all hot and thirsty!" And the blonde said, "No way. I'm still winning!"

Top 15 Signs You've Been Out Of College Too Long

- 15- Your potted plants stay alive.
- 14- You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
- 13- 6:00am is when you get up, not when you go to sleep.
- 12- You hear your favorite song on the elevator at work.
- 11- You go from 130 days of vacation time to 7.
- 10- Jeans and a sweater no longer qualify as "dressed up".
- 9- You're the one calling the police because those damn kids next door don't know how to turn down the stereo.
- 8- Older relatives feel comfortable telling sex jokes around you.
- 7- You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
- 6- Your car insurance goes down and your car payments go up.
- 5- You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's.
- 4- MTV News is no longer your primary source for information.
- 3- A \$4 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff".
- 2- Grocery lists are longer than macaroni & cheese, Diet Pepsi & Ho-Ho's.
- 1- Over 90% of the time you spend in front of a computer is for real work.

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• Day Two

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REAL MEN ASK FOR DIRECTIONS WHEN LOST.

Real life testimonial from the man who did.

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Catholic Priest and Nun Golfing

A Catholic priest and a nun were taking a rare afternoon off and enjoying a round of golf. The priest stepped up to the first tee and took a mighty swing. He missed the ball entirely and said "Sh..t, I missed." The good Sister told him to watch his language. On his next swing, he missed again. "Sh..t, I missed." "Father, I'm not going to play with you if you keep

swearing," the nun said tartly. The priest promised to do better and the round continued. On the 4th tee, he misses again. The usual comment followed. Sister is really mad now and says, "Father John, God is going to strike you dead if you keep swearing like that." On the next tee, Father John swings and misses again. "Sh..t, I missed." A terrible rumble is heard and a gigantic bolt of lightning comes out of the sky and strikes Sister Marie dead in her tracks. And from the sky comes a booming voice "Shoot, I missed."

Top Country Songs

15. If I Can't Be Number One In Your Life, Then Number Two On You
14. If The Phone Don't Ring, You'll Know It's Me
13. How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?
12. I Liked You Better Before I Got To Know You So Well
11. I Still Miss You Baby, But My Aim's Gettin' Better
10. I Wouldn't Take Her To A Dog Fight 'Cause I'm Afraid She'd Win
9. I'll Marry You Tomorrow But Let's Honeymoon Tonight
8. I'm So Miserable Without You It's Like Having You Here
7. If I Had Shot You When I Wanted To I'd Be Out Of Prison By Now
6. My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend And I Sure Do Miss Him
5. She Got The Ring And I Got The Finger
4. You're The Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly
3. Her Teeth Was Stained But Her Heart Was Pure
2. She's Looking Better After Every Beer
1. I Haven't Gone To Bed With Any Ugly Women, But I've Sure As Hell Woke Up With A Few

An Example Of How The News Can Distort A Story

A biker is riding by the zoo, when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his bike, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly. A reporter has seen the whole scene, and addressing the biker, says - Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I saw a man do in my whole life. Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger, and acted as I felt right. Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow's papers will have this on the first page. What motorcycle do you ride? A Harley Davidson. The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, and reads, on first page: BIKER GANG MEMBER ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH.

How To Stay Young

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2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love , whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Two Doctors

Two doctors (a psychiatrist and a proctologist) opened an office in a small town and put up a sign reading: "Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors." The town council was not happy with the sign, so the doctors changed it to read: "Schizoids and Hemorrhoids." This was not acceptable either. So, in an effort to satisfy the council, they changed the sign to "Catatonics and High Colonics." No go. Next they tried "Manic Depressives and Anal Retentive." Thumbs down, again. Then came "Minds and Behinds." Still....no good. Another attempt resulted in "Lost Souls and Butt Holes." Totally unacceptable! So they tried "Analysis and Anal Cysts." No way. "Nuts and Butts?" Nope. "Freaks and Cheeks?" Still no go. "Loons and Moons?" Forget it. Almost at their wit's end, the doctors finally came up with: "Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones, Odds and Ends." Everyone loved it!!

Car Break In

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm.. An officer is on the way.' A few minutes later, the officer radios in. 'Disregard.' He says.. She got in the back-seat by mistake.'

Family

Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?' The 94 year old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses 'Was I going up the stairs or down?' The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

I Can Hear Just Fine!

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.' And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer.'

Supersex

A little old lady was running up ! And down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say 'Supersex..' She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair Flipping her gown at him, she said, 'Supersex.' He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, 'I'll take the soup.'

Romance

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said: 'You used to hold my hand when we were courting.' Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep. A few moments later she said: 'Then you used to kiss me.' Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep. Thirty seconds later she said: 'Then you used to bite my Neck.' Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed. 'Where are you going?' she asked. 'To get my teeth!'

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Old Friends

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, 'Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is.' Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, 'How soon do you need to know?'

Senior Driving

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!' 'Hell,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

Driving

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself 'I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light.' After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, 'Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!' Mildred turned to her and said, 'Oh! Am I driving?'

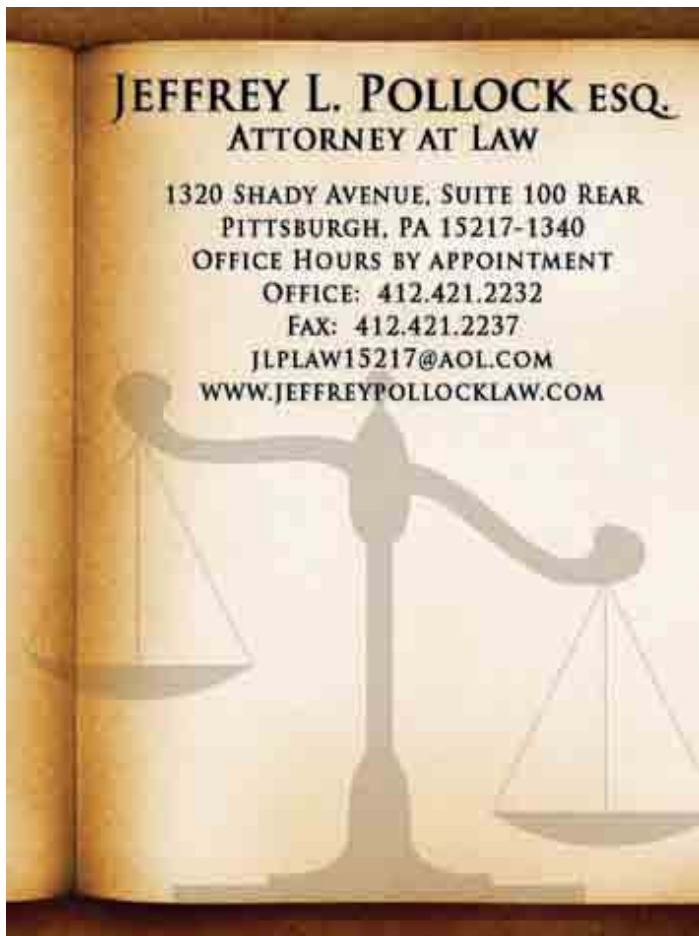
Skinny Dipping...

An elderly man in West Virginia had owned a large farm for several Years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple, and peach trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!' The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.' Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator.' Some old men can still think fast.

Irish Lent

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers. Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies. "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia ... We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town were pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink. Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening. He orders only two

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beers.. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know the two beers and all. The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, me self, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

Irishman and the Mormon

You gotta love those Irish! A Mormon was seated next to an Irishman on a flight from London. After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken. The Irishman asked for a whiskey, which was promptly brought and placed before him. The flight attendant then asked the Mormon if he would like a drink. He replied in disgust, "I'd rather be savagely raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips." The Irishman then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "Me, too; I didn't know we had a choice!"

Blonde Cooking Diary:

It's fun to cook for Tom.

- Today I made angel food cake. The recipe said beat 12 eggs separately. The neighbors were nice enough to loan me some extra bowls.
- Tom wanted fruit salad for supper. The recipe said serve without dressing. So I didn't dress. What a surprise when Tom brought a friend home for supper.
- A good day for rice. The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice.. It seemed kind of silly but I took a bath anyway. I can't say it improved the rice any.
- Today Tom asked for salad again I tried a new recipe. It said prepare ingredients; lay on a bed of lettuce one hour before serving.
- Tom asked me why was rolling around in the garden.. I found an easy recipe for cookies. It said put the ingredients in a bowl and beat it. There must have been something wrong with this recipe. When I got back, everything was the same as when I left.
- Tom did the shopping today and brought home a chicken. He asked me to dress it for Sunday. I don't have any clothes that fit it, and for some reason Tom keeps counting to ten.
- Tom's folks came to dinner. I wanted to serve roast but all I had was hamburger. Suddenly I had a flash of genius.. I put the hamburger in the oven and set the controls for roast. It still came out hamburger, much to my disappointment..
- GOOD NIGHT DEAR DIARY. This has been a very exciting week! I am eager for tomorrow to come so I can try out a new recipe on Tom. If I can talk Tom into buying a bigger oven, I would like to surprise him with a chocolate moose.

7 Reasons Why You Shouldn't Mess with a Child

Reason 1

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher

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reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

Reason 2

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Reason 3

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year old. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

Reason 4

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Reason 5

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, he's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead. "

Reason 6

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet aren't empty."

Reason 7

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want - God is watching the apples."

Squirrels

Two guys decide to go on a hunting trip. When their friend hears about it, he begged to go. The two men are skeptical,

because every time their friend goes, he scares away all the game. The friend promises that if he is allowed to go, he will stay at the campsite, because he likes to camp more than hunt. They agree and they start on their trip. Once camp is set up, the two men decide to go hunt, and their friend stays behind. After several hours they finally spot a ten point buck, but a shrill scream scares the buck away. The two men run back to camp, only to find their friend standing there looking up into the trees. "What's wrong?" They asked. "Yeah, you scared off our game." "I'm sorry, fellas. I didn't scream when the snake fell out of the tree and wrapped around my neck. I didn't yell when the bear came out of the woods and mauled me nearly to death. But those squirrels....." Two of them climbed up my pants leg. The first squirrel asked the second, "Do we eat them now, or do we take them home?". That's when I lost it.....

Confessional

A married Irishman went into the confessional and said to his Priest, 'I almost had an affair with another woman.' The priest said, 'What do you mean, almost?' The Irishman said, 'Well, we got undressed and rubbed ourselves together, but then stopped.' The priest said, 'Rubbing is the same as putting it in. You're not to see that woman again. For your penance, say five Hail Mary's and put \$50 in the poor box.' The Irishman left the confessional, said his prayers and then walked over to the poor box. He paused for a moment and then started to leave. The priest, who was watching, quickly ran over to him saying, 'I saw that. You didn't put any money in the poor box!' The Irishman replied, 'Yes, but I rubbed the \$50 on the box and according to you, that's the same as putting it in!'

Lemon Squeeze

There once was a religious young woman who went to confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.' The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.' The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad, passionate love to me seven times.' The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.' The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?' The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that silly grin off of your face.'

Catholic Dog

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?' Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

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us?' 'I can!' 'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?' 'I do!' 'Is he a member of your congregation?' 'He is!' 'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?' 'He will.'

Confession:

An elderly man walks into a confessional. The following conversation ensues: Man: 'I am 92 years old, have a wonderful wife of 70 years, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Yesterday, I picked up two college girls, hitchhiking. We went to a motel, where I had sex with each of them three times.' Priest: 'Are you sorry for your sins?' Man: 'What sins?' Priest: 'What kind of a Catholic are you?' Man: 'I'm Jewish.' Priest: 'Why are you telling me all this then?' Man: 'I'm 92 years old . I'm telling everybody!'

Possibly The Best Blonde Joke Ever

A blonde walks into a pharmacy and asks the assistant for some rectum Deodorant. The pharmacist, a little bemused, explains to the woman that they don't sell rectum deodorant and never have. Unfazed, the blonde assures the pharmacist that she has been buying the stuff from this store on a regular basis and would like some more. 'I'm sorry,' says the pharmacist, 'We don't have any.' 'But, I always buy it here,' says the blonde 'Do you have the container that it came in?' asks the pharmacist. 'Yes,' said the blonde, 'I'll go home and get it.' She returns with the container and hands it to the pharmacist who looks at it and says to her, 'This is just a normal stick of underarm deodorant.' Annoyed, the blonde snatches the container back and reads out loud from the container .. (Are you ready for this one!?) 'to apply, push up bottom.'

An 80 Couple

An 80 year old couple were having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to get checked out to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived at the doctors, they explained to the doctor about the problems they were having with their memory. After checking the couple out, the doctor told them that they were physically okay but might want to start writing things down and make notes to help them remember things. The couple thanked the doctor and left. Later that night while watching TV, the man got up from his chair and his wife asked, "Where are you going?" He replied, "To the kitchen." She asked, "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" He replied, "Sure." She then asked him, "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" He said, "No, I can remember that." She then said, "Well I would also like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down because I know you'll forget that." He said, "I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries." She replied, "Well I also would like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that so you better write it down." With irritation in his voice, he said, "I don't need to write that down! I can remember that." He then fumes into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes he returned from the kitchen and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stared at the plate for a moment and said angrily: "I TOLD you to write it down! You forgot my toast!"



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