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# SPORTS

## The Steelers Gone Campin'



By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos © 2015 Pittsburgh Steelers, Courtesy of Karl Roser

Can you feel it? The excitement, the anticipation and, as there is every year for a franchise always in contention, the expectations? While the Pirates have captured the city's attention, and for good reason, the football loving fandom of this fine region still has to smell pigskin in the air.

It's so close you can almost taste it. The sights and sounds are vivid. Antonio Brown tip toeing down the sideline, Ben Roethlisberger giving a lumbering lineman the okey doke to complete a pass on the run, James Harrison busting through the line on a sack mission in what may be his final season, the roar of the crowd as Le'Veon Bell breaks away and feeds his dust to

defenders . . . it's all around right the corner.

The entire NFL season lays before us, a blank canvas on which to paint a championship portrait as hope summers eternal at St. Vincent College in Latrobe for the 50th year. All 32 teams have that optimistic view as training camp starts, but the Steelers are the first to report and the first to get to work.

By the time the calendar turns to August, the Steelers will already have five practices under their belt, including the exceedingly popular night practice on July 31st. For the record sixth time, the black and gold will participate in the Hall of Fame game to cap off the induction weekend, a day after the Steelers' second leading rusher of all-time, Jerome Bettis, gets his bust.

The Steelers are 3-2 at Tom Benson Memorial Stadium in Canton, OH and face the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday, August 9th for their first of five preseason games. But there will be plenty of on field action before the team crosses the Ohio border and competition looks to be heavy on the defensive side of the ball. For the first time in 12 years, safety Troy Polamalu and cornerback Ike Taylor won't be penciled into the secondary, and longtime coordinator, Dick LeBeau won't be deciding who replaces them as Keith Butler takes over the headset.

Third year safety, Shamarko Thomas was drafted to be the "hair" apparent to Polamalu, but due to injury has barely seen the field, with just two defensive snaps last year. He arrived at camp in a "Prove Them Wrong" shirt and that's exactly the kind of chip on his shoulder he needs to fuel a breakout season. Cornerback Cortez Allen's struggles have been well documented ever since he signed a surprising five-year, \$26 million deal before the 2014 season, and looks to rebound as does another highly paid defensive back, Mike Mitchell.

While the secondary revamps, the atrocious 27th ranked pass defense of a year ago can't all be blamed on the little guys. The



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big guys up front have to absorb blockers, not allowing them to get to the second level so that the linebackers have time and space to make plays. Defensive end Cam Heyward anchors the line and will for the foreseeable future after signing a six-year deal making him the second highest paid player on the team behind Roethlisberger. But the one to watch is second year lineman, Stephon Tuitt. If he can improve on his late season performance, he will become a force that can make a big difference. The linebacker position is where the most uncertainty lies. The 37 year old stalwart, James Harrison's presence will provide leadership and intimidation, but how many snaps will he play? First time Pro-Bowler Lawrence Timmons will hold down a spot, but what about the last three first round draft picks? Rookie Bud Dupree, Ryan Shazier and Jarvis Jones? What will they bring? Who will get the starting spots?

It'll be a competitive camp on the defensive side of the ball, although not so much on the offensive side. Rookie wide receiver, Sammie Coates will be the one to watch as he might snag a job from veteran Darius Heyward-Bey. The plight of rookies to make an impression is always good theater and St. Vincent offers an experience where spectators can watch it all.

"It's a fan friendly family vibe at St. Vincent," says Jenny Lanas

of Pittsburgh. "While I studied there in 2004, I sold water to the fans and always had fond memories and interactions with players. Once, Jerome Bettis was eating an ice cream cone while riding a bike and nearly ran me over, smiling all the way. One of my favorite moments!"

All practices open to the public begin at 2:55pm, with the exception of the aforementioned night session at 7:00pm and an early evening practice at 5:30pm on Wednesday, August 12th. The last fan attended practice will be held Friday, August 21st and camp breaks the following day before Green Bay comes to Heinz Field that Sunday. Kickoff was moved to 1:00pm to accommodate the Pirates' national appearance on Sunday Night Baseball.

Let the painting begin . . .

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# At The Movies...

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

## MINIONS

In what is a rare occurrence, I actually liked *DESPICABLE ME 2* better than *DESPICABLE ME*. It is not often a sequel is better than the original. The reason it occurred in this series was the increased role the Minions played in the second. They were a delight. When it was announced they would star in their own film, I had high hopes. Those hopes were dashed, like waves crashing on a rocky shore after the press screening for *MINIONS*. What I hoped would be a funny animated film in the vein of *TOY STORY* or *SHREK* was actually a Saturday morning cartoon aimed at tiny children who like to see bright primary colors wiping across the screen at frantic speeds.

The film attempts to bring audiences to full awareness of Minions, what and who they are. It begins with the dawn of time and provides a brief Minion history before landing squarely in the late 1960's. For some unknown and unexplained reason, the Minions exist solely to serve an evil master. They are inept at their general purpose in life and end up killing the masters they try to serve. Disheartened, they attempt to establish a Minion culture in the ice caves of the Arctic. After decades, the creatures realize they are not happy or fulfilled unless they serve an evil master, so three brave souls, Kevin, Bob and Stuart, leave the safety of the ice cave to search for an evil master who will tolerate their incompetence. Their aspirations seem foregone when they wind their way to the secret Villain-Con, held in Orlando. There, they meet Scarlett Overkill, the first woman super villain. Her ambition is to steal the Queen of England's crown, and with it, rule England with her evil edicts. She enlists the Minions to help her and whisks them off to merry ole England.

*MINIONS* is presented in 3D, and the antics of the yellow pill shaped creatures are sure to keep kids mesmerized to the screen. The best sequence is the musical number of the Beatles' "Revolution" which occurs after the credits.

Studios realize multitudes of millions of dollars can be earned at the box office if animated fare is appealing to both kids and parents. To accomplish this, there is a marvelous soundtrack for *MINIONS*. Songs from Donovan, The Doors, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Turtles, The Spencer Davis Group, The Monkees, and a plethora of 60's rock icons adorn the screen antics. Surely, most parents and grandparents have not heard these songs in years and will revel at hearing them in stereo bouncing off the theatre walls.

Screenwriter Brian Lynch also inserts myriad 60's cultural references in the hopes of appeasing the older audience. For example, when the Minions exit the London sewers on Abbey Road, they pop up just as the Fab Four are crossing the street for their famous album cover. It's cute and brings a smile, but, it's just not funny. And so go most of the references; they are cleverly placed in the story, but just as reminders, and not as funny scenes.

The movie does boast a spectacular voice-over cast, including: John Hamm, Michael Keaton, Geoffrey Rush, Steve Carrell, Outtakes fan club member John Kassir, and Sandra Bullock. The Minions themselves provide some of the film's funniest moments with their dialogue. Minions speak in gibberish combining elements of Spanish, English, French and Italian, arranged to make light of a current situation. They talk fast, so it's necessary to pay attention and most of the best lines are sandwiched between flying rockets, exploding buildings and Scarlett's ridiculous skirt, which transforms into every space vehicle ever seen on *STAR TREK*.

*MINIONS* is a silly movie. It caters strictly to the kids, and does not have the slick comedic tie-ins other recent animated fare offer to adults. It's the type of film you put on the TV for the children, and then quietly leave the room to do other, more important things.



RATING = 3/10

## SUICIDE THEORY

One of the better elements of being a film critic in a mid-level market is the ability to view films that would otherwise escape notice. *THE SUICIDE THEORY* was released last year in Australia and did so well, it will receive an American release date this month. Like many films, Pittsburgh is not currently on its radar. There will be a tiered release, and if the tiers lose steam, the 'burgh may miss this little gem. Luckily, as a well-respected and firmly established critic, and as the nation's most must see conservative film reviewer, Seven8 Media sent a preview copy of the movie to me in advance. Now I'm telling you, don't let this one slip by; it is worth seeing as it presents exceptionally provocative themes wrapped in a black comedy about suicide and fate.

Steven Ray (Steve Mauzakis) is a ruthless hitman, and he is exceptionally proficient at his trade. A quirk of fate, a senseless traffic accident, takes the life of his wife Annie, played by Zoe DePlevitz. Her death has a profound effect on Steven, greatly





affecting his trade. At this time, he coincidentally meets Percival, played by Leon Cain. Percival wants badly to die; he, too, lost the love of his life. The problem is no matter how hard he tries, and no matter what method he chooses, Percival lives. It seems his destiny is not to die. He contracts Steven to do the deed for him, but even Steven comes to question the mysterious forces surrounding Percival. Together, the two men will explore the philosophies of fate and destiny, drawing on some of the world's most profound philosophers, as they attempt to discern why Percival continues to live despite Steven's best efforts.

THE SUICIDE THEORY is well paced by Editor Ahmad Halmi, clocking in at a near perfect 98 minutes. The film is shot with a film noir aura by Cinematographer Dan Macarthur. This film could have taken disastrous turns at several key junctures, but Screenwriter Michael Kospiak stays focused on the main theme and avoids inserting political commentary or the H3L liberal agenda.

Do you believe in fate? Is one's destiny predetermined at birth? If so, where does the concept of free will fit? Is every person placed on Earth to accomplish a certain number of deeds? Do you believe you are here for a reason, or that you are where you need to be, when you need to be there? These questions and ponderings will all come crashing, like waves on a weathered shore, as the story of THE SUICIDE THEORY unfolds. It's an interesting introspective, all set around a seedy, brutal world. The final act will catch you off guard, and prompt you to think harder and deeper about fate; and perhaps your own destiny.

RATING = 8/10

### THE GALLOWS

Found footage films simply must end. It was a cute gimmick, but now the genre has become a parody of itself. THE GALLOWS is a prime example of everything wrong with found footage film. Somewhere in the confines of this movie, there is a basic been-there-done-that horror tale; but rather than brush up the story, Screenwriter and Director Travis Cluff opts instead to use the film genre to cover the movie's shortcomings.

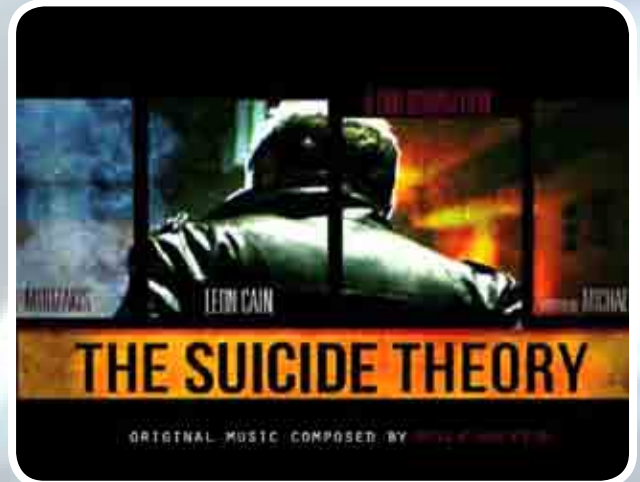
There is nothing new or exciting here. THE GALLOWS is basically a TV movie. The purpose of the film is to establish a new horror killer, in the fashion of Jason, Freddy or Michael Myers. There are several flaws with the precept. As J.J. Abrams discovered, it is near impossible to create an audience endearing horror creature in the found footage format. The audience is simply denied the essential contact with the character and instead, is reduced to quick flashes with no identification possible. And, save for an untimely death, there is no rhyme nor reason for Charlie's motive as a killer ghost; and his entry is too simplistic. Say his name once, and there he is ready to hang everyone in the room. Candy Man, Bloody Mary, and even Beetlejuice required their names to be repeated three times before manifestation. Charlie seems just a bit too eager.

Back in 1987, a local high school performed a play called THE GALLOWS. During the performance, the gallows rig tragically malfunctioned, resulting in the death of Charlie. Now, twenty years later, the school decides to reenact the play. What school board, or principal on Earth thinks this is a good idea; to revive the school's most horrific event? Undaunted, the study body preps for the big opening night. Things go terribly wrong when several of the football jocks, following a Hollywood stereotype no one seems to complain about, decide to sabotage the stage.

Reese Mishler plays Reese Houser, a former football player who is derided by his ex-teammates for quitting the squad to be the next Olivier. Pfeifer Brown is Pfeifer Ross, the real reason Reese wants to be in the play. Ryan Shoos and Cassidy Gifford play the trouble-makers. Ryan is the high school manipulator and general jerk, while Cassidy is the school slut.

THE GALLOWS appears to be a tax write-off for the WB. The movie is more fitting for TV, and probably would make more money in direct to video or VOD campaigns. There is nothing new here, nor is there anything scary, especially with this format. Thankfully, the movie is

only 81 minutes long, so it doesn't waste too much of your time. RATING 2/10



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# Is JIM MORRISON Alive?

By: SuperMonkey



I love a good conspiracy theory just as much as the next guy, but mostly, I find them entertaining and really don't believe them. So, I present to you an interesting scenario as presented to me at the Robby Krieger concert last month at the Palace Theater.

I run into someone that I've known for quite some time a person I consider extremely credible. I'm very confident this person is not crazy. So at the concert I mention to this friend, let's call him "Dave," that I have to meet Robby Krieger back stage. He quickly replies, "Yea I know Ray (before he died) and all those guys, I have a history with them" and then introduces me to his girlfriend.

I inquire to Dave's girlfriend "How do you know the Doors?" She is standing behind Dave, she smiles, looks at Dave, then turns around and walks away silently. Dave says "Oh it's a long story." Five minutes pass, Dave and I are watching Robby, just the two of us in the back of the Palace with no one else around. Dave then proceeds to tell me that his girlfriend is Jim Morrison's daughter. Obviously I'm a little shocked and don't believe him. He swears to me that it's true, Jim's alive, he says. Jim Morrison currently resides on a ranch outside Las Vegas on Lake Isabella. He confidently states that all of the Doors are aware of the fact that he is not really dead. They have all met with him in private and are respecting his wishes to live under a new name, William Loyer.

William Loyer has been working as a rancher for the past 20 years, and lives a quiet simple life with his wife and family raising horses. He is extremely close to his childhood friend





Rick Manczerak (brother of Ray Manczerak, Keyboardist of the Doors.) All of the band members of the Doors are aware that Jim did not really die, but wanted so desperately to get out of the music business.

Then Dave pulls out his iPhone and starts showing me pictures he personally took (some with him in the pictures) with this current "Jim Morrison" who's a little older and gray, hanging out with his family, and that's states that he's actually been to his house and they talk all the time. Now all of this sounds crazy to me and I'm sure your thinking the same, but there's more. After the concert, I go home and do a Google search. Jim Morrison had been in a lot of trouble with the FBI and Police which is possibly why he moved to France. He also hated being a rock star. Another fact popped up, the media was not informed of his death for 6 days. No one but his girlfriend Pam saw his body before it was placed into the coffin, which was transported from their apartment to the grave. No autopsy was done. 7 days before he died, he bought a grave at one of the most guarded cemeteries in Paris. 3 days before he died, he was spotted walking around the cemetery. 1 day after he died he was spotted at the airport in Paris. 1 week after he died someone by the name of Jim Morrison went to the Bank of America in San Francisco and make a hefty withdraw. The teller at the bank said he recognized Jim's name and face, so he didn't ask for his ID because he knew who Jim Morrison was. The information gets more bizarre, Jim Morrison's death certificate says Douglas Morrison, and a 2nd person wrote

"James" underneath the name Douglas, which appears to be in a different person's handwriting. This death certificate has been examined by handwriting experts and they concluded that it appears to be the handwriting of Jim Morrison.

Further, Jim had on many occasions publicly expressed his desire to change his identity and to reappear as someone else. He was a big fan of poet Arthur Rimbaud who faked his own death and relocated to Africa. He had a motive as he was in big trouble back in the US. He was totally burnt out on the music business and the rock star status and success he had achieved.

I personally interviewed Robby Krieger a couple months ago and I was told by his agent "don't bring up any history or the past, just keep it focused on the show." Robby actually brought up Jim and said "When you lose the greatest lead singer of all times it's hard to recover from that." "Lose" being the key word that stands out to me now that I look back, he never said he died. I will leave you with this quote from Doors Keyboardist, Ray Manzarek himself for you to decide "If there was one guy that would have been capable of staging his own death, getting a phony death certificate, and paying off some French doctor, putting a hundred and fifty pound sack of sand into a coffin and splitting to some point on this planet, like Africa or who knows where, it is Jim Morrison, who would have been able to pull it off."

Interesting? Fact or Fiction?... you decide!

# Steve Whiteman of KIX Interview

By: SuperMonkey

Steve let's start with the obvious question: 1990, Cincinnati, KIX opened for Whitesnake. I was in the 2nd row I was making devil horns right in front of you, do you remember me? (laughing) Yes (I think he was just being polite)

**So you decided to pop out a new album titled Rock Your Face Off, how long did it take you from start to finish?**

Couple of years of piling up material, when we got the material that we felt could really make a great KIX record, we moved quickly. Our Bassist Mark, has a nice studio in his home, we all own ProTools, so once we had all of the material and songs together, it really only took about a month to track from start to finish.

**ProTools or Tape?** ProTools all the way. Technology has come a long way since we first started making records. The ease and cost efficiency is awesome and has really changed the game.

**What's your favorite track on Rock Your Face Off?** That's a tough one; I'd have to say, I like Can't Stop the Show. Me too, that's my favorite song off the new album. I really feel it really captures that KIX sound.

**What's up with all this hipster music Steve? We need bands like KIX to keep on kicking out the jams otherwise these hippies are going to keep multiplying.** I have 2 kids, they've turned me on to the band FUN, they have great song hooks. As long as it's a great melody and hook I'm in, you just have to give it a chance. **Well you a better man than me Steve. I can't take it, I need to rock.** (laughing) Well, I like what I like, I grew up on the classics like Deep Purple & Led Zeppelin, but I also listened to a lot of Soul Music like James Brown.

**How did you guys break out of Hagerstown, MD back in the day?** Touring, relentless touring. We went up and down the east coast and made a name for ourselves by touring and making fans from playing live.



**What advice do you have for aspiring musicians?** Play live, don't do it for any other reason other than you love to do it. Radio is dead, when bands like Aerosmith can't even get their new song played, what chance do we have? Get out there and play live.

**This may seem random but when you read this month's issue of Nightwire and our feature on Jim Morrison, what do you think. Is Jim Morrison alive and faked his own death?** No, he's deader than Elvis.

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# Ryeparian Ale

by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Locally-Crafted Beer Supports Clean Water in Pennsylvania  
Beer aficionados can now help to clean water by drinking beer, thanks to North Country Brewing Company, which recently released a new craft beer created especially to support the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's efforts. Portions of the sales of Ryeparian Rye Pale Ale will support the Conservancy's stream bank tree plantings in natural areas throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Trees and shrubs, planted along the banks of waterways are essential to enhancing and protecting water quality. This native vegetation reduces runoff and flooding, stabilizes stream banks, filters sediments and cools water temperatures, all of which improves water quality for drinking and the many different aquatic species that call local waterways home. And the beer's "punny" name comes from the term for these important areas: riparian buffers or zones.

Want to try the new ale? Here's where you can find Ryeparian Rye Pale Ale on draft in the Pittsburgh area:

- Park Bruges - Highland Park
- Sharp Edge Bistro - Downtown
- Dukes Upper Deck Cafe - Homestead
- Poor Richards Ale House and Grill- Wexford
- Burgatory - Robinson
- Bocktown Beer and Grill - Robinson
- North Country Brewing Company - Slippery Rock, Pa.
- Harmony Inn - Harmony, Pa.
- The beer is also available in cans in most Giant Eagle stores.



# Long Trail Brewing Company

by Brian Meyer

16.2 gallons. That's the amount of beer per 21+ adult that's brewed in the state of Vermont each year. This means to make it in Vermont a brewery has to be extra special, and thankfully Long Trail Brewing Company in Bridgewater Corners; Vermont is up to the challenge. Their lineup of beers has grown quite a bit since the original release of Long Trail Ale in 1989, and just like the number of beers offered, their commitment to green brewing practices and environmental stewardship has grown as well.

So what makes Long Trail Brewing Co. so special? To understand that not so simple question you need to look at where they've come from by learning a little history. Don't worry, there won't be a test later and it's ok to have a beer while you're reading.

## The Beginning of the Trail

The first batch of Long Trail beer to roll off the line was in 1989. This first batch of beer was brewed on a 45-barrel brewing system that's dwarfed by its modern equivalent today, but back then this was the perfect system for the fledgling brewers to work with.

Known then as the Mountain Brewers and led by founder Andy Pherson, the original goal of the team was to create an American-made alternative to pricy German and English imports.

If there was an official state beer for Vermont, in the early 90's it would have definitely been Long Trail Ale. The beer became ubiquitous with the state, mostly thanks to their move from the original brewery in the basement of the Old Wooden Mill in Bridgewater Corners to their current home the banks of the Ottauquechee River.

## Why the Long Trail?

So where did the name Long Trail come from? Sure, most breweries feel like they're on a long trail from the time they open, but this isn't the path Pherson was thinking about

when he named the company.

The brewery's name comes from the actual Long Trail that weaves through New England as well as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. This 272-mile hiking trail snakes through the Green Mountains of Vermont and much like the beer, is something the state is known for throughout the North East US.

## Green Beer

No, we're not talking about the swill that's served on St. Paddy's day that glows an unnatural shade of green. This type of green beer is something that's helping the industry be a leader in the industry.

Long Trail Brewing believes that good beer should be brewed with a focus on the environment as much as the quality of the beer, and with this in mind Long Trail focuses on what's called ECO Brew. ECO stands for Environmentally Conscious Operations and refers to how the company does business from the sourcing of ingredients to how the spent grain is dealt with.

The spent mash is given to local cattle farmers, the steam is recovered and turned back into water, and even the grease from the brewpub is used as bio diesel for the company tractor!

## The Beer

As with any brewery, the beer is really where it's at and Long Trail Brewing makes some pretty outstanding brews. From year-round favorites to seasonal treats; there's a beer for every season and taste, making Long Trail Brewing Co. a true Vermont tradition.

## Core Beers

### Long Trail Ale

First brewed in 1989, Long Trail Ale was brewed as a domestic replacement for imported beers from England and Germany. Today, Long Trail Ale is their flagship beer, making it a 25-year old gem that much like the actual Long Trail Itself, is a local tradition that will be around for years to come.

Long Trail Ale is an amber-colored beer that comes in at 5% ABV and 28 IBUs. This means it's easy to drink and not too bitter, making it a great beer for a very wide audience. Expect a nice caramel malt aroma and taste up front with a roasty finish. Great beer for BBQ, hamburgers, and anything else involving the outdoors.

### Long Trail India Pale Ale

Part of the Brewmasters Series, Long Trail's IPA first saw its release in 2005. Since then it's continued to be a great example of a classic style that dates back more than 200 years to England's colonies in India.

At 6% ABV and 48 IBUs, this beer is hoppy enough for hop heads, and approachable enough for those just starting journey into craft beer. Long Trail IPA is crisp, refreshing, and focuses on a citrus hop profile with biscuity malt undertones.





### Long Trail Double Bag Ale

Originally only offered in the Long Trail Brewing tap room, this double altbier started its life back in 1998, and features two different hop varieties and four different types of malts to give it a complex character that's still surprisingly easy to drink.

Double Bag comes in at 7.2% ABV and 39 IBUs, which give it enough body to stand up to food pairings like grilled meats while still being great all by itself. Big and malty up front with a nice alcoholic warmth in the back, Double Bag makes for an interesting and rewarding beer every time.

### Long Trail Limbo IPA

Limbo IPA is a pretty special beer. Limbo is the first year-round seasonal to come out of Long Trail's new Farmhouse Pilot Brewery, and it's quite the beer at that. This 7.6% ABV India Pale Ale is brewed with a mix of hops from Australia and the Pacific Northwest, giving the beer taste and aroma of pineapple, mango, citrus, and even some piney undertones.

Limbo carries a hefty 8- IBU rating, making it one of the most bitter beers that Long Trail has to offer, and that's a very good thing. The bitterness plays with the citrus and pineapple character to make a beer that's hard to put down.

### Brush & Barrel Imperial Series

Long Trail wanted to make something extra special to brew in small batches, and with this in mind created the Brush & Barrel series. These imperial beers are made to be big, strong, and most importantly amazing.

Upcoming is the Imperial Pumpkin, Brewed with pumpkins, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves this beer uses more malt than the standard pumpkin ale to bring it up to 8% ABV and 30 IBUs.

### Variety Pack

Variety is the spice of life. If you can't decide on your favorite Long Trail Brewing Co. beer, then their year-round variety pack is perfect for you. This variety switches by quarter spring, summer, fall, and winter rotation. Available in 12 packs, the case includes a few standard beers as well as two of our seasonal favorites.

#### Fall Variety Pack

The Fall Survivor Pack includes:

- Long Trail Ale
- Long Trail Pumpkin Ale
- Long Trail Harvest Ale
- Long Trail India Pale Ale

### Seasonal Beers - Incoming for Fall

#### Long Trail Pumpkin Ale

As summer starts to close out, the pumpkin beers start to appear. For those chilly fall nights a hearty pumpkin beer is just about perfect. Brewed with all-natural and real pumpkins (no extracts canned pumpkin here), Pumpkin Ale is brewed using cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger to create a well-balanced beer that should remind you of your favorite pumpkin pie.

Coming in at 5.5% ABV and a low 22 IBUs, this dark amber beer comes out as the leaves start to change and is only around long enough to usher us into the coming winter before hibernating for another year.

#### Long Trail Harvest

With the fall season comes the last full harvest for the year. With the end of the growing season at hand, many a farmer will be sitting back with a beer to celebrate another year in the books. Long Trail's Harvest Ale is brewed with this in mind.

Brewed using Vermont maple syrup added during the brewing process itself, this beer has a lasting sweetness that's warming and not overpowering at all. Coming in at 4.4% ABV and only 18 IBUs, Harvest Barn Ale is a great beer to sit back and relax after all your fall activities and of course that end of season yard work.

Long Trail Brewing Co. is proudly distributed in the Pittsburgh area by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale.



# Chill Out With Otter Creek Brewing

by Brian Meyer



When it comes to chilling out and enjoying a beer, the folks at Otter Creek Brewing have it down to a science, but what else would you expect from a head brewer that drives a Micro Bus? Otter Creek Brewing calls the state of Vermont home, as do more than 40 other craft breweries, making the state the highest per capita brewery state in the US. That equates out to 16.2 gallons of beer brewed in Vermont for every over-21 resident!

In other words, standing out from this crowd takes something special. For Otter Creek that something special is their head brewer Mike Gerhart. Mike, who actually started homebrewing when he was 14, has been dedicated to the craft since then, snagging his first brewery job as a freshman in college and moving through a few other breweries in the US until finding his home in Vermont in 2009 with Otter Creek.

If you've ever seen the label of an Otter Creek beer, you've seen Mike and most likely his dog and means of transportation, too. The VW Microbus that's usually pictured with a very special dog in it is Mike's, and the dog's name is Oslow.

Even though Otter Creek Brewing is quite a bit larger than when they brewed their first batch of Copper Ale back in 1991, their dedication to quality and having a good time hasn't diminished one bit. The brewery, now owned by Fulham & Co. with The Shed Brewery and Wolavers Organic Brewery under the same roof is making some of the best beer around by keeping things local and making sure every batch passes brewer Mike's strict standards. Don't let the tie-dye headband and relaxed attitude fool you, Gerhart is crazy about quality, which is why this brewery just keeps getting better.

## A Little History

Otter Creek Brewing Co. was founded in March 1991 in Middlebury, VT by Lawrence Miller. The first beer to roll off the production line was Copper Ale, a German-style altbier. Over the course of the first five years of business, Miller (the man, not the macro) brewed and distributed 250 barrels to the town of Middlebury. Copper Ale continued to be Otter Creek's flagship beer until this year when it was retired,

Jump ahead to 2002 and Otter Creek Brewing is purchased by Wolaver's Organic Ales. At the time of this purchase Wolaver's was the nation's first USDA-certified organic brewery. In 2002 Wolaver's was also a satellite-based brewer, with several dif-

ferent locations throughout the US. The founder of Wolaver's, Morgan Wolaver, purchased Otter Creek Brewing to help consolidate his company's brewing into one location and give an overall more consistently great product. The head brewer of Shed as well as their Flagship Mountain Ale now call Middlebury, VT home.

Jump ahead to 2011 and Otter Creek Brewing purchases The Shed brand. This Shed Restaurant and Brewery was located in Stowe, VT was a legend in its own right but sadly closed their doors after nearly 50 years in business. Otter Creek purchased The Shed to continue the tradition.

2010 marked the completion of a very sizeable expansion of the brewery with the addition of six new fermenters. This addition added 30,000 barrels to overall capacity and to fill all those barrels a new filling machine was added as well. Along with new fermenters and fillers, the lab at Otter Creek has seen some major enhancements as well. Recently the brewery purchased their very own centrifuge to help control the efficiency of each batch of beer. By controlling things at this level, the beer brewed here will be better and more consistent than ever.

## The Beers

Knowing about a brewery and the people that make the beer you love is all nice and well, but when it comes down to it, what we all really get excited for are the beers. From big and hoppy to dark and stouty; there's a beer for every taste.

### Otter Creek Backseat Berner

**Style: American IPA**

**ABV: 7.0%**

**IBU: 68**

Backseat Berner is an every day IPA that's big in all the right places. Brewed with healthy doses of Citra, Simcoe, and Cascade hops, Berner is a dank and delicious brew. Backseat Berner is Otter Creek's first year-round IPA and as you'd expect from a solid IPA, it delivers tons of taste and is as noticeable as Mike's Microbus. You might even notice a similar smell coming from each.

### Otter Creek Couch Surfer

**Style: Oatmeal Stout**

**ABV: 5.4%**

**IBU: 32**







One of the newest entries into the year-round lineup at Otter Creek Brewing, Couch Surfer is a dark and delicious stout that has notes of chocolate and coffee as well as a thicker mouthfeel thanks to the oat used in the brewing process. This laid-back stout isn't one of the big and heavy ones you'd expect in the dead of winter, but instead is velvety-smooth and roasty thanks to the roasted malts used. Couch Surfer is perfect for the middle of summer or a cold winter night, as long as there's an open seat on the couch that is.

**Otter Creek Overgrown**  
**Style: American Pale Ale**  
**ABV: 5.5%**  
**IBU: 55**

There's something special about a seasonal beer. As the saying goes, absence makes the heart grow fonder, which is why we're so fond of Overgrown. This American Pale Ale is dripping with dank American hop flavor and aromas, which are balanced out by a sweet malt backbone. Overgrown is brewed to celebrate fall and the hop harvest that comes along with it, along with the hope that the harvest is indeed overgrown.

**Wolaver's Pumpkin Ale**  
**Style: Pumpkin Ale**  
**ABV: 5.35%**  
**IBU: 20**

Pumpkin beers are coming. Easily one of the most popular seasonal beer styles around, Wolaver's Brewing makes their Pumpkin Ale to celebrate the coming fall. This golden amber ale features a well balanced malt and hop profile to start with, and finishes with organic cinnamon, organic nutmeg, and organic cloves. Like any good pumpkin beer should be, this one is brewed with real organic pumpkins. To keep things local Wolaver's uses organic pumpkins from Golden Russet Farm in Shoreham, VT.

Otter Creek Brewing, Wolaver's Brewing, and The Shed Brewing can be found throughout the Pittsburgh area and are distributed by Vecenie Distributing.



# Amelia Island, Florida



**Amelia Island, Florida..**  
**For tourist information and planning:**  
**[www.ameliaisland.com](http://www.ameliaisland.com)**  
**1-800-226-3542**

Get in on a great vacation secret island. Set in the Sea Island chain, this barrier island was Florida's first luxury tourist destination and it is still winning awards (and hearts) today. Named among the Top 10 North American islands by Conde Nast Traveler's Reader's Choice Awards for seven consecutive years and recognized as a Top 25 Island in the World, Amelia Island is treasured for its long stretches of quiet beaches, natural beauty, unique history, and charming seaport character. Choose from golf, spa, dining, shopping, and a range of outdoor activities - or simply let relaxation take its course and enjoy time with loved ones. Lose yourself on Amelia Island and make memories.

Amelia Island is chock-full of historical lore: Over the past 400 years, Amelia's been the conquest of eight different provinces, including France, Spain, Mexico, and the U.S. All of that hand-changing made it a haven for pirates who, according to legend, stashed their booty all over the island. It's also the birthplace of the commercial shrimping industry—much of Florida's white shrimp is caught right off the island's coast—and the production of handmade shrimping nets still takes place there.

While on Amelia Island be sure and explore Centre Street. Once a vibrant, Victorian age, charming downtown, Fernandina Beach escaped the mass commercialization of the 20th century and boasts a beautiful 50-block historic district with

many original structures dating back to the late 19th century, including many Victorian-style mansions and Victorian cottages. Take a stroll through the heart of Amelia Island's shopping district, historic Centre Street. Visit the numerous boutiques and unique shops along the streets, it will take you back in time and you will feel like you have been transported to another era. The shops are all very uniquely different and host a wide variety of merchandise; you won't find duplicate merchandise in these little independent shops, each shop is extremely unique and different. We were really impressed with the selection and pricing, something for everyone, all very unique and totally different. Really enjoyed the shopping!

**Marriott Residence Inn**  
**2301 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**  
**Phone: 904-601-3405**  
**Website: <http://www.residenceinnameliaisland.com>**

Nightwire was hosted by this gorgeous property which is one of Amelia Island's newest treasures - "Marriott Platinum Award Winning!" Residence Inn - Amelia Island. They are conveniently located walking distance from the beach and just a short distance from all of the island's treasures - great restaurants, local businesses, area attractions, and the best that nature has to offer. Whether you are on the island for business or the vacation that your family has been dreaming of, the Residence Inn is the hotel to meet all your needs.

They offer spacious studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom suites. All suites have full kitchens, HDTV with a large selection of channels, complimentary high speed Internet connections, access to our FREE island shuttle, and many more treasures to be found. Plus they offer a daily complimentary hot breakfast each morning. You will find this a great place to relax and unwind after a productive day of working or beach combing next to their outdoor pool and hot tub or enjoy a glass of wine with family and friends next to the fire pit! Bike rentals are available at the Front Desk or you can explore onsite Egans Creek Greenway, a part of the Great Florida Birding Trail with miles of fauna and flora to discover!

The property can easily accommodate meetings and social functions of up to 50 guests in the David Levy Yulee Meeting Room, and their outdoor venue, the Tides Terrace, will add a refreshing sea breeze to your special event. For more information, please contact their Sales Department at 904-277-2440. They specialize in creating memorable moments for corporate and social groups alike. Their well-trained staff of experienced specialists will make your trip to Amelia Island a memorable experience.

**Fairbanks House - Bed and Breakfast**  
**227 South 7th Street, Amelia Island, FL 32034**  
**Phone: 904-479-4814 or (888) 891-9882**  
**Website: [www.fairbankshouse.com](http://www.fairbankshouse.com)**  
**Twitter - @fairbankshouse**  
**Facebook - Fairbanks House Bed and Breakfast**

The Fairbanks House on Amelia Island has been awarded membership in Select Registry for 15 consecutive years and named to Conde Nast's Gold List. They have been featured

in publications such as The Best Romantic Escapes in Florida, Fodor's, Frommer's, Southern Living, Atlanta Journal, Miami Herald, Boston Globe and New York Times and now Nightwire!

Fairbanks House features an 8000 square foot 1885 Italianate villa and three cottages. Located in the historic district of Fernandina Beach, Fairbanks House is an easy bike ride to 13 miles of pristine beach. The mansion, cottages and pool all rest on an eco-friendly, landscaped, smoke-free acre featuring native plants, palm trees, large oaks and a butterfly garden. This inn caters to adults. Owners, Theresa and Bill Hamilton aims to please and genuinely welcome each and every guest, making you feel at home and like family.

The Fairbanks House sits on one manicured acre, the four-story Italianate-style villa is graced with dormers, bay windows, massive chimneys and balustrade balconies and porches and a fifteen-foot tower. Each of the twelve guest rooms, suites, and cottages offers magnificent splendor, superior comfort, and private baths. Guests will find queen and king size, canopy or four-poster beds, fireplaces and luxurious bathrooms with choice of Jacuzzis, claw-foot tub, or shower. The rooms are appointed with antiques, oriental rugs, and period pieces to create a special sanctuary for every guest. Cable television and telephones are provided in each room. Guests may also choose to enjoy the genteel country charm of one of the three cottages.

Breakfast at the Fairbanks House, is truly a treat and inviting with the scent of cinnamon orange pecan French toast topped with a caramel topping making its way through the mansion. The smell alone that will entice you out of our comfy beds each morning. Theresa's Gourmet breakfasts are fabulous, their presentation and quality of fresh fruits and ingredients are incredible. Breakfast is served in their grand formal dining room or out on the breezy piazzas by the pool garden where you'll definitely want to linger. This place is almost paradise on

earth, we absolutely loved it!

Fairbanks House also offers complimentary bikes, wifi, off-street parking, beach equipment (chairs, umbrellas, towels and even a backpack to carry your things in) docking stations, games and reading materials are always available. Every evening they serve complimentary drinks and delicious homemade hors d'oeuvres. In addition to all these great amenities, they add a very personal touch by making recommendations and reservations which will make your trip an amazing Amelia Island rock star experience. Oh, and I must mention the fresh homemade gourmet cookies left on the entry table every evening for you to enjoy at the end of your evening. What a great and delicious touch! Thank you Theresa!

Bill and Theresa, the owners of Fairbanks House have been "green" since well before it became fashionable. They go to great lengths to make sure that their practices are in keeping with what's best for the environment without sacrificing an ounce of pampering for their guests. They recently added two electric car charging stations featuring both Tesla and universal chargers.

Once you've arrived, you will lose yourself in the beauty and elegance of this property as well as the hospitality of the owners, you just won't want to leave. Can't wait to go back!

**Joe's 2nd Street Bistro**  
**14 S 2nd Street**  
**Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**  
**(904) 321-2558**  
**[www.joesbistro.com](http://www.joesbistro.com)**

Located in the heart of the Fernandina Beach historic district. This property is a restored 1900s home that's filled with flavor.

The island-inspired dining room is amazing and upstairs is a private dining room, but we suggest grabbing a table out on the covered porch. A meal here is almost like eating in a chef's home, a quaint and delectable experience, to say the least.

Try the grilled leg of lamb rubbed with black pepper, garlic, and herbs and served with tomato mint salsa, potatoes, and "cotton fried onions." Shrimp is Amelia Island's claim to fame, and rightfully so. It was the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry and where even now a good 80 percent of Florida's sweet Atlantic white shrimp is harvested. Each year Amelia Island proudly hosts a shrimp fest.. which I've been told is something you must experience.

Joe's serves local fresh seafood that they purchase daily. We highly recommended all of their seafood dishes which are original recipes and amazingly delicious, you can tell they take great pride and care in the preparation of each and every meal. For those of you that like landlubbers fare, we recommend the tenderloin of pork. Grilled to perfection and served with a smoked peach barbecue sauce. One of our favorites was called "Sweet Potato Hay." Sweet potatoes very finely shredded and served crisp. Even if you are not a big lover of sweet potatoes, this dish is one that might just change your mind. Plus, the steaks, we had a filet and I must say, it was one of the best filets I have ever had.

Joe's offers a wide variety of expertly freshly prepared menu choices including seafood, steak, pasta and game. The food is fabulous, their wine selection, atmosphere and attentive staff will make this one of your favorite places. Be sure and try one



of their delicious homemade desserts.. to die for! After a meal at Joe's order dessert to go, you'll be glad you did!

Don't miss it. You simply have to .....Eat at Joe's.

Kayak Tour with Kayak Amelia

13030 Heckscher Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32226

Phone:(904) 251-0016 [www.ameliaislandkayak.com](http://www.ameliaislandkayak.com)

Kayaking is a great way to get out and explore the waterways between the Atlantic Ocean and Jacksonville. The staff was extremely friendly and the equipment was in excellent condition. They have a generous parking lot and the entire facility was inviting. We were greeted by their friendly staff, which was well prepared and extremely knowledgeable and helpful in getting us ready for our excursion.

We paddled our way through Fort George/Simpson Creek estuary, a series of tributaries that wind through the salt marsh, creating what looks like the arteries of the land. The water twists and turns creating intimate canals for the resident wading birds, fishing osprey, and provides protection for newly hatched fingerlings. The estuary is a fascinating environment, the lifeblood of the ocean, and the nursery ground for most of the life in the sea.

Along our travels we saw tons of birds and fish flying through the air around us. We found a number of great stops where we pulled over to rest and captured some great photos. For the beginner or experience kayaker this was a great experience that we definitely highly recommend. It was so much fun and our guides were awesome. Thank you to everyone for making this experience so memorable.



### **Espana**

**22 S. 4th Street**

**Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**

**(904) 261-7700**

**[www.espanadowntown.com](http://www.espanadowntown.com)**

Españas specializes in traditional flavors from Spain & Portugal. They have a menu of more than 10 tapas dishes, both hot and cold, and a variety of extravagant salads and main course options. We sampled five of the tapas and each one was more delicious and enjoyable than the other each in its own very unique way. One was hot, one was spicy, one was rich and smooth all different and so beautifully presented and scrumptious. The bread was unexpectedly sweet and it so nicely accompanied the variety of dishes. I have to tell you.. I loved the olive oil/aoli dipping sauce for the bread.

They also serve authentic paellas , Spain's most traditional dish. Their paellas are cooked in a traditional Paella pan; a shallow flat pan with two handles, made in and imported from Spain. They start with extra virgin olive oil, saffron and a "sofrito", which is the combination of garlic, onion, peppers and tomato. Next, they add seasoned meats, homemade stock and rice which are cooked together until the rice soaks up the delicate flavors of the stock. Once the rice is cooked, they garnish the paella with diced roasted peppers, English peas and fresh cilantro. You will enjoy and savor every single bite!!! This is a not to be missed authentic Spanish dish.

The owners, Roberto and Marina have over 20 year's restaurant experience in both culinary arts and management. They take great pride in their original recipes, taking travels to Spain and bringing those authentic flavors to your table. They

utilize only the freshest fish, shellfish, herbs (some grown on premises) and spices for our paellas.

Other menu highlights include varied hot and cold tapas, steaks, and homemade desserts. Accompany your meal with a fine wine from their Select Wine List or try their homemade sangria. The staff will do everything possible to make your evening a memorable one.

The service was excellent; the wait staff extremely attentive and knowledgeable. You can definitely tell the owners take great pride in their restaurant and it shows by the quality of food and their paying attention to every detail. Highly recommend this restaurant. Trust us, you'll love it!

**BarZin**  
**4924 First Coast Highway, Suite 10**  
**Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**  
**(904) 310-6620**  
**[www.barzin-bistro-winebar.com](http://www.barzin-bistro-winebar.com)**

Bar Zin... neighborhood bistro offers guests a diverse menu of wines, local brews and Saki martinis. BarZin has a relaxed, upbeat atmosphere, and offers indoor and outdoor dining options with fresh made daily food offerings.

The original concept for ZinBar was that it was going to be a wine bar with a tapas food menu. Once owner, Tim Seyda discovered the Palmetto Walk site, that all changed. The location set up perfectly for a quaint little neighborhood American bistro which meant the food menu would take top billing and the wine bar would be an extension of the restaurant. The wine selection is probably the best on Amelia Island.

Guests truly feel comfortable just stopping in for a glass of wine, eating a small snack or having a complete dining experience. Zin Bar is a great neighborhood bar.

Their lunch menu offers great salads, sandwiches, burgers and grilled tacos. All are made fresh daily from the freshest and highest quality ingredients. Their dinner menu includes fresh seafood, salads, burgers and a variety of options, definitely something delicious and skillfully prepared by their chef for everyone.



Tim Seyda, owner of Zin Bar told us "The concept started over 30 years ago when I was attending the University of Minnesota. During this time I also worked downtown in a high-end classic French restaurant, Les Quatre Amis. After leaving Les Quatre Amis. I opened a 5 diamond regional American restaurant for Amfac Hotel Company. The chef at the French restaurant, Rene Debon, and the G.M., Carlo Bicacci, were my two mentors whether they knew it or not. Rene's passion and intensity in the kitchen to insure that every dish was perfect has stuck with me over all these years. Carlo's eye for attention to the smallest detail day after day was also very inspiring. I have brought my own passion and zest for life to Bar Zin with over 30 years of working in the restaurant / hospitality industry. I am truly grateful that I have the opportunity to share my dream with all of you!"

This is a must stop in and try restaurant for either lunch, dinner or just a glass of wine from their great wine list or a homemade cocktail. Simply Zin Delicious!



**Stay'N Country Ranch [www.stayncountryranch.net](http://www.stayncountryranch.net)**

There is nothing better than horseback riding on the beach, if you have never experience it.. you simply must. Stay'N Country Ranch does all the work and brings their finely groomed well trained horses to you on the beach at Peter's Point Beach. Peter's Beach is a pristine beach with crystal clear waters and blue skies. The horses are definitely well taken care of and trained to adapt for any level of rider. It is a guided beach ride and truly so much fun.

Stay' N Country Ranch is a family owned and operated ranch just off Amelia Island in Nassau County, Florida. In contrast to the nearby beautiful beaches of Amelia Island, you will find



over 43 acres of oak trees, stocked ponds, nature trails, a 20 stall horse barn with 2 indoor arenas, a walk in horse shower, tack lockers, large outdoor arena and a wonderful party barn ready for anything from a birthday party to a rustic wedding. Missy and Schad Freeman have converted a property once used to raise chickens into an equine center that offers not only horse boarding and riding lessons but a variety of activities open to the public. Trail rides are a popular activity in addition to the Children's Birthday Parties with Wagon & Pony rides. The Party Barn supports a variety of events from weddings- birthday parties-fundraising events and much more.

Don't miss a great opportunity to ride along the beach and create unforgettable memories.

**Amelia River Cruise**  
**1 N Front Street**  
**Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**  
**(904) 261-9972**  
**[www.ameliarivercruises.com](http://www.ameliarivercruises.com)**

This Sunset Cruise is an adult BYOB cruise designed especially for adults and is one of the finest ways to end the day or begin the night. The view on the Cumberland Sound can be as spectacular as a legendary Key West sunset. Enjoy a glass of your favorite BYOB beverage and listen to some of Fernandina's finest local musicians on board. With the wind in your hair and the smell of sweet salt air, you will float away to a tropical paradise where all of your worries disappear and a sense of relaxation and appreciation of nature takes over you.

**Amelia Island Museum of History**  
**233 South Third Street**  
**Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**  
**(904) 261-7378**  
**[www.ameliamuseum.org](http://www.ameliamuseum.org)**

Amelia Island Museum of History, housed in the historic Nassau County jail is a great way to experience the island's 4,000 years of Florida history. A spoken history tour of the 8 flags that have flown over Amelia Museum tours begin at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**Fort Clinch State Park**  
**2601 Atlantic Ave.**  
**Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**  
**(904) 277-7274**  
**[www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch](http://www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch)**

Fort Clinch is one of the most well-preserved 19th century forts in the country. Visitors can also sunbathe, swim, and roam self-guided nature trails to discover native plants and wildlife, or explore a six-mile trail through the park with views of the biggest sand dunes in Florida. To learn more visit their website listed above.





**Allegiant Airlines**  
**[www.allegiantair.com](http://www.allegiantair.com)**

We flew Allegiant Airlines to Jacksonville for our trip to Amelia Island. Allegiant Airlines recently started direct flights from Pittsburgh to Jacksonville departing on Mondays and Fridays only. This no frills airline carrier offers flights starting at only \$56 one-way.

As with any no frills airlines and for \$56, you get what you paid for: They do charge a small online booking fee and there are charges for checked luggage as well as carry-on bags. I was a bit taken back to find that they even charge for water onboard. Sodas and cocktails I understand, but charging for water onboard the aircraft? Now, I know grab a bottle of water in the terminal. All in all, the planes were clean, the crew friendly and very pleasant, even after the hours of delay they had to endure also, (they do have Pittsburgh based crew, so they are bringing jobs to our city.)

Our Jacksonville flight was delayed for several hours getting out of Pittsburgh (the gate agents did provide us with water and snacks at the gate while we waited.) Our departure delay did slightly impact our plans for arrival day, blew the whole day in the airport, but we rescheduled and all was good. Our motto.. stay calm and carry on, really applied that day. Plus, Bar Symon was just around the corner from our gate and their cocktails, food and friendly service made our delay time fly by. Hey anytime you can get out of Pittsburgh and go to

the sun and beach and a fabulous island like Amelia Island...it a win-win no matter how long the wait.

Our return flight was on time, so no issues there. Remember, delays happen with any airlines, so be patient. If you are looking for a low cost budget carrier, check out Allegiant, it's \$56 - you can't go anywhere for \$56, but Allegiant will fly you to Florida for \$56, so give them a try. They also offer non-stop flights to Myrtle Beach, Tampa/ Clearwater and St. Pete and Punta Gorda and flights from Youngstown Airport for other destination choices.

The reviews online of this airline have not been good they are currently averaging 3 out of 10 stars, however my personal feeling is that only those passengers that are unhappy are writing reviews and those that are happy are just going on their merry way and not sharing their good experiences, why is it we always seem to focus on the bad, not the good? So, come on Pittsburgh, if you are on a budget or just looking to save money, I would definitely try Allegiant Airlines. After all, they have direct flights and are giving Pittsburgh a chance, bringing in new jobs and revenue.... how about we give them a chance?

Would Nightwire fly Allegiant Airlines again? I'd give that a definite, YES if for no other reason than to report back to you, my dear readers and tell you what a great flight we had at such a bargain fare! Check out Allegiant Air flight schedules and deals at [www.allegiantair.com](http://www.allegiantair.com)

# Veglio Michelino & Figlio Wine



Veglio Michelino & Figlio, a small, family-owned and operated winery located in the picturesque Piedmont region of northwestern Italy, announces its recently expanded collection of high-quality, prestigious wines. Produced using old-world, traditional techniques passed down through five generations, Veglio's diverse portfolio includes a delicate Barolo, refreshing Moscato d'Asti, semi-sweet Bacco Sweet Red, sparkling Re Della Notte, and two low-histamine red wines, Dolcetto D'Alba and Barbera D'Alba.

Hand-picked and bottled in Piedmont, Veglio wines are harvested from the second largest region in Italy, surrounded by the highest peaks and largest glaciers in the country. Veglio's Barolo, made from Nebbiolo grapes, is a competitively priced high-end red with a delicate yet harmonic bouquet of fruit and spices. Veglio's lighter, semi-sweet Bacco Sweet Red is a blend of 30% Barbera and 70% Dolcetto grapes that delivers a sweet, balanced flavor. Veglio's white wine portfolio includes Re Della Notte, a dry sparkling wine made from Sauvignon grapes, and Moscato d'Asti, a sweet, succulent desert wine made from Moscato grapes.

Two standout wines in the Veglio collection include its first-to-market DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata), naturally-produced low-histamine wines, Dolcetto D'Alba and Barbera D'Alba. To create these unique offerings, Osvaldo Veglio teamed up with International Wine Consultant, Sebastiano Ramello, to develop a 100% natural process of producing red wines containing less than 0.5 mg of histamine per liter. These new offerings meet a growing consumer demand for low-histamine wines, as an estimated 10% of the world's population suffer from "red wine headaches" (headaches, nausea and flushing that occurs after drinking red wine) as a result of an intolerance to the histamines present in many of the red varietals consumers drink today. Tested and endorsed by Nightwire as the "no headache" red wine. Try some, not only is it delicious,

you'll love not having to worry about getting a "wine headache."

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## **Veglio is available at PA Fine Wine and Spirits stores.**

Veglio Michelino & Figlio, a small, family-owned and operated winery located in the picturesque Piedmont region of northwestern Italy, announces its recently expanded collection of high-quality, prestigious wines. Produced using old-world, traditional techniques passed down through five generations, Veglio's diverse portfolio includes a delicate Barolo, refreshing Moscato d'Asti, semi-sweet Bacco Sweet Red, sparkling Re Della Notte, and two low-histamine red wines, Dolcetto D'Alba and Barbera D'Alba.

Hand-picked and bottled in Piedmont, Veglio wines are harvested from the second largest region in Italy, surrounded by the highest peaks and largest glaciers in the country. Veglio's Barolo, made from Nebbiolo grapes, is a competitively priced high-end red with a delicate yet harmonic bouquet of fruit and spices. Veglio's lighter, semi-sweet Bacco Sweet Red is a blend of 30% Barbera and 70% Dolcetto grapes that delivers a sweet, balanced flavor. Veglio's white wine portfolio includes Re Della Notte, a dry sparkling wine made from Sauvignon grapes, and Moscato d'Asti, a sweet, succulent desert wine made from Moscato grapes.

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"Veglio Michelino e Figlio or 'horse heads wine' as consumers endearingly refer to it, has been one of the most exciting brands I've seen introduced to the U.S. market," said Sergio Sgro, Veglio's National Spokesperson. "From its dedication in developing innovative offerings, including its first-to-market DOC, naturally-produced low-histamine wines, to its well-balanced portfolio of prestigious wines, we are confident consumers will recognize Veglio as a stand-out brand. It is an honor to know the Veglio family personally and to know that Osvaldo and his family share a piece of their heritage in every bottle."

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Veglio is available at select retailers nationwide. For more information please visit <http://vegliomichelinoefiglio.com/> and follow Veglio on Facebook and Twitter.

#### **About Veglio Wine**

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#### **About Bacco Wine & Spirits**

Bacco Wine & Spirit is a family-owned company located in Lancaster, Pa. that specializes in importing and distributing quality Italian wines throughout the United States. With a dream of importing, Italian immigrant and founder, Gesino Sgro, shares his passion for wine alongside sons Maurizio and Alessandro. Established in 2004, Bacco Wine & Spirit continues to acquire unique products from many regions throughout Italy. For more information on Bacco and its imported wines, including Veglio Michelino & Figlio wines, visit <http://baccowineandspirit.com/>



**\*Editors Note: This love poem was submitted anonymously.... I was so touched by the words that I wanted to share it in the hopes it reaches the girl for whom it was written...**

When the darkness of night comes,  
And the eyes begin to close,  
A sheepish smile creeps in,  
Because of what the mind knows,  
That soon this hope of love,  
Will actually have its dance,  
An impromptu tango for two,  
An impassioned romance,  
Today we know there is more,  
Than what the dreaming mind sees,  
There is a strong actual love,  
And it's to the ninth degrees,

A detour with cookies and a print,  
Leads to coffee and gifts at the mall,  
A romantic walk on the water,  
Finally into bed they do fall,  
No sleep for these two,  
No one wants to dream tonight,  
The fear of seven years lost,  
Preventing their souls to unite,  
The music still plays deep in their hearts,  
Even while the present conversations refrain,  
For now they must again close their eyes,

And let the dream to maintain.

In the still silence of the quiet night,  
Creeping in without any warning,  
An awful discovery is made,  
The dream gives way to morning,  
And the fear once said aloud,  
That the enemy was time,  
That in waiting to be authentic,  
The sentence wouldn't fit the crime,  
All alone with the rhythmic ocean,  
Choking down the Tito's and tears,  
Checking back the emotions,  
Attempting to turn back the fears.

Messages scrolled into the sand,  
Commitment, courage and love,  
Are soon kissed by the sea,  
And no longer seen from above,  
This doesn't diminish the gravity,  
Doesn't even lessen the tide,  
The spinning earth doesn't slow,  
Yet, we want the whole ride,  
The sun ignites the shirtless back,  
But can't equal the pain

Of the close friends instructions,  
On the beach I am to remain.

Maybe I pushed too hard,  
Or tried to love to fast,  
Either way the feelings inside,  
Will never come to pass,  
Someday I hope to understand,  
My purpose for being here,  
I hope it was for much more,  
Then a simple smile and cheer,  
Yours however is easy to define,  
With one purpose it comes,  
Unconditional love learned,  
And infinity finally succumbs.

Call Frosty, call the Marines,  
Invoke the right to bear arms,  
Attack and defeat the enemy,  
Defend the princess from all harms,  
Pray for the loving hands of God,  
To stretch down and heal,  
Providing her the strength,  
For overcoming this ordeal,  
If however this isn't enough,  
Certainly I have had a great race,  
Tell the Lord to have me,  
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**Sally**  
My name is Sally. I am almost 8 years old, and I am more than ready for my forever home. I love to sit in the window, and I would make the perfect watch-cat. I am a little sassy, so small kids would probably not be great companions, but I wouldn't mind other cats or dogs. I like to be petted and brushed, and would love to have a family spoil me rotten!

**Sidney**  
I'm Sidney and I'm an 8 year old dark tabby with a great personality. I like to play with toys as well as the other cats. I also like to be held and cuddled. I'd be great in any home including one with children and other animals.

**Cujo**  
Hi, my name is Cujo. Don't let the name fool you—I love people! I'm okay with some dogs and have been good around the kids that have visited me, but not sure about cats. I'm around 1 year old and ready to play!

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## Catholic Parrots

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him. "Father I have a problem. I have 2 female parrots, but they only know how to say one thing. "What do they say?" the priest asks "They say Hi, were hookers! Do you want to have some fun?" That' obscene! The priest exclaimed. Then he thought for a moment. "You know," he said "I have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the bible. Bring your 2 parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in together with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray, read the Bible and worship " "Thank you," the woman responded "This may very well be the solution". The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her 2 parrots in with them. After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison " Hi were hookers' do you want to have some fun"? There was a stunned silence. Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and said....."Put the beads away Frank our prayers have been answered!!"

## Senior Church Moment

A Preacher was explaining that he must move on to a larger congregation that will pay him more. There is a hush within the congregation---no one wanted him to leave. Joe Smith, who owns several car dealerships in the City stands up and proclaims, 'If the Preacher stays, I will provide him with a new Cadillac every year, and his wife with a Honda mini-van to transport their children!' The congregation sighs in relief, and applauds. Sam Brown, a successful entrepreneur and investor, stands and says, 'If the Preacher will stay on here, I'll personally double his salary, and also establish a foundation to guarantee the college education of all his children!' More sighs and loud applause! Sadie Jones, age 88, stands and announces with a smile, 'If the Preacher stays, I will give him sex!' There is total silence. The Preacher, blushing, asks her, 'Mrs. Jones, whatever possessed you to say that?' Sadie's 90 year old husband Jake is now trying to hide, holding his forehead with the palm of his hand, and shaking his head from side to side, while his wife replies, 'Well, I just asked my husband how we could help, and he said,.....'Screw him!' Isn't senility wonderful?



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# Humor

## Wal-Mart Has Everything

One day, in line at the company cafeteria, Joe says to Mike behind him, "My elbow hurts like heck. I guess I'd better see a doctor." "Listen, you don't have to spend that kind of money," Mike replies. "There's a diagnostic computer down at Wal-Mart. Just give it a urine sample and the computer will tell you what's wrong and what to do about it. It takes ten seconds and costs ten dollars. A lot cheaper than a doctor."

So, Joe deposits a urine sample in a small jar and takes it to Wal-Mart. He deposits ten dollars and the computer lights up and asks for the urine sample. He pours the sample into the slot and waits. Ten seconds later, the computer ejects a printout: "You have tennis elbow. Soak your arm in warm water and avoid heavy activity. It will improve in two weeks. Thank you for shopping @ Wal-Mart."

That evening, while thinking how amazing this new technology was, Joe began wondering if the computer could be fooled. He mixed some tap water, a stool sample from his dog, urine samples from his wife and daughter, and a sperm sample for good measure. Joe hurries back to Wal-Mart, eager to check the results. He deposits ten dollars, pours in his concoction, and awaits the results. The computer prints the following:

1. Your tap water is too hard. Get a water softener. (Aisle 9)
  2. Your dog has ringworm. Bathe him with anti-fungal shampoo. (Aisle 7)
  3. Your daughter has a cocaine habit. Get her into rehab.
  4. Your wife is pregnant. Twins. They aren't yours. Get a lawyer.
  5. If you don't stop playing with yourself, your elbow will never get better!
- Thank you for shopping @ Wal-Mart

out this morning. Between you and me, I've had enough of this bullshit! You send the application to my house, then you ask me for my freaking address. What is going on? Do you have a gang of Neanderthal working there! Look at my damn picture. Do I look like Osama Bin Laden? I don't want to dig up Yasser Arafat. I just want to go and park my sorry old ass on a sandy beach. And, would someone please tell me why would you give a crap whether I plan on visiting a farm in the next 15 days? If I ever got the urge to do something weird to a chicken or a goat, believe you me, I'd sure as hell not want to tell anyone! Well, I have to go now, 'cause I have to go to the other end of the city and get another freaking copy of my birth certificate, to the tune of \$60. Would it be so complicated to have all the services in the same spot to assist in the issuance of a new passport the same day?? Nooooo, that'd be to easy and maybe makes sense. You'd rather have us running all over the freaking place like chickens with our heads cut off, then find some a-hole to confirm that it's really me on the damn picture - you know, the one where we're not allowed to smile?! Hey, you know why we can't smile? Because we're totally ticked off! Signed - An Irate Citizen. P.S. Remember what I said above about the picture and getting someone to confirm that it's me? Well, my family has been in this country since 1776. I have served in the military for something over 30 years and have had security clearances up the ying-yang. Sincerely, You Sure In The Hell Should Know Who.

## An Actual Letter to the Passport Office

Dear Sirs:  
I'm in the process of renewing my passport, and still cannot believe this.. How is it that Radio Shack has my address and telephone number and knows that I bought a TV cable from them back in 1987, and yet, the Federal Government is still asking me where I was born, and on what date. For pity sakes, do you guys do this by hand? My birth date you have on my social security card, and it is on all the income tax forms I've filed for the past 30 years. It is on my health insurance card, my driver's license, on the last eight damn passports I've had, on all those stupid customs declaration forms I've had to fill out before being allowed off the planes over the last 30 years, and all those insufferable census forms that are done at election times. Would somebody please take note, for the last time, that my late mother's name was Maryann, my late father's name was Robert, and I'd be absolutely astounded if that ever will change between now and when I die! apologize; I'm really stressed

## JOKE DU JOUR - QUICKIE

Tillie - Maude - Gertrude, three old ladies and their dogs were sitting on a park bench having a quiet conversation when a flasher approached. The flasher came up to the ladies, stood right in front of them and opened his trench coat. Gertrude immediately had a stroke. Then Maude also had a stroke. Tillie, being older and more feeble, couldn't reach that far.



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## Choosing a Spouse

A man wanted to get married. He was having trouble choosing among three likely candidates. He gives each woman a present of \$5,000 and watches to see what they do with the money. The first does a total makeover. She goes to a fancy beauty salon, gets her hair done, new makeup; buys several new outfits and dresses up very nicely for the man. She tells him that she has done this to be more attractive for him because she loves him so much. The man was impressed.

The second goes shopping to buy the man gifts. She gets him a new set of golf clubs, some new gizmos for his computer, and some expensive clothes. As she presents these gifts, she tells him that she has spent all the money on him because she loves him so much. Again, the man is impressed. The third invests the money in the stock market. She earns several times the \$5,000. She gives him back his \$5,000 and reinvests the remainder in a joint account. She tells him that she wants to save for their future because she loves him so much. Obviously, the man was impressed. The man thought for a long time about what each woman had done with the money he'd given her. Then he married the one with the biggest boobs. Men are like that, you know.

## Operating Humor

Five surgeons from big cities are discussing who makes the best patients to operate on, The 1st surgeon, from New York, says, "I like to see accountants on my operating table because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered." The 2nd, from Chicago, responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded. The 3rd surgeon, from Dallas, says, "No, I really think librarians are the best, everything inside them is in alphabetical order." The 4th surgeon, from Los Angeles chimes in, "You know, I like construction workers, those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over." But the 5th surgeon, from Washington D.C., shut them all up when he observed, "You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There are no guts, no heart, no brains and no spine. Plus, the head and butt are interchangeable.

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# Humor

## A Little Biblical Humor

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q.. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden ?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan the banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark ?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

PS. Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

Yup, it's in the Bible. It says ... 'He-brews' Humor is good for the soul as well as your health.

## The Broken Lawn Mower

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, playing golf 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 minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, 'When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.' The doctors said I might walk again, but I will always have a limp.

## Sex After Death

A couple made a deal that who ever died first would come back and inform the other of the afterlife. Their biggest fear was that there was no after life. After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact, "Connie ....Connie.": "Is that you, Joe?" "Yes, I've come back like we agreed." "That's wonderful! What's it like?" "Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex. I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch (you'd be proud - lots of greens) another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. After supper, it's back to golf course again. Then it's more sex until



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late at night. I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again." "Oh, Joe you surely must be in Heaven!" "Not exactly I'm a rabbit on a golf course in Arizona"

**NOTE FROM EDITOR:** Ok.. so I'm hooked on blonde jokes... come on everyone lighten up, they are just jokes, we all need to look at ourselves once in a while and laugh... ..Just remember I'm a blonde!!

### **I Want to Buy That**

A blonde goes into a nearby store and asks a clerk if she can buy the TV in the corner. The clerk looks at her and says that he doesn't serve blondes, so she goes back home and dyes her hair black. The next day she returns to the store and asks the same thing, and again, the clerk said he doesn't serve blondes. Frustrated, the blonde goes home and dyes her hair yet again, to a shade of red. Sure that a clerk would sell her the TV this time, she returns and asks a different clerk this time. To her astonishment, this clerk also says that she doesn't serve blondes. The blonde asks the clerk, "How in the world do you know I am a blonde?" The clerk looks at her disgustedly and says, "That's not a TV -- it's a microwave!"

### **Blonde Car Accident**

One day, while a blonde was out driving her car, she ran into a truck. The truck's driver made her pull over into a parking lot and get out of the car. He took a piece of chalk and drew a circle on the pavement. He told her to stand in the middle and not leave the circle. Furious, he went over to her car and slashed the tires. The blonde started laughing. This made the man angrier so he smashed her windshield. This time the blonde laughed even harder. Livid, the man broke all her windows and keyed her car. The blonde is now laughing hysterically, so the truck driver asks her what's so funny. The blonde giggles and replies, "When you weren't looking, I stepped out of the circle three times!"

### **Rowing Your Boat**

Two blondes were driving along a road by a wheat field when they saw a blonde in the middle of the field rowing a row boat. The driver blonde turned to her friend and said "You know - it's blondes like that that give us a bad name!" To this, the other blonde replies "I know it, and if I knew how to swim, I'd go out there and drown her."



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# Humor

## Question and Answer Blonde Jokes

Q: How do blonde brain cells die?

A: Alone.

Q: How do you brainwash a blonde?

A: Give her a douche and shake her upside down.

Q: How do you change a blonde's mind?

A: Blow in her ear.

Q: How do you measure a blonde's intelligence?

A: Stick a tire pressure gauge in her ear!

Q: How does a blonde kill a fish?

A: She drowns it.

Q: A blond going to London on a plane, how can you steal her window seat?

A: Tell her the seats that are going to London are all in the middle row.

Q: How do you amuse a blonde for hours?

A: Write 'Please turn over' on both sides of a piece of paper

## The Blonde and the Lawyer

A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game? The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa." Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00."

This catches the blonde's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer. Okay says the lawyer, your turn. She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the net and the library of congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mails to all his friends and coworkers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the blonde, and hands her \$500. The blonde says, "Thank you", and turns back to get some more sleep. The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, what's the answer?" Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep. And you thought blondes were dumb.

## Boat Troubles

During late spring one year, a blonde was trying out her new boat. She was unable to have her boat perform, travel through water, or do any maneuvers whatsoever no matter how hard she tried. After

trying for over three days to make it work properly, she decided to seek help. She putted the boat over to the local marina in hopes that someone there could identify her problem. Workers determined that everything from the engine to the out drive was working perfectly on the topside of the boat. So, a puzzled marina employee jumped into the water to check underneath the boat for problems. Because he was laughing so hard, he came up choking on water and gasping for air. Under the boat, still strapped in place securely, was the trailer.

## Do You Know Where You Were Going?

A policeman pulled a blonde over after he/she'd been driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Cop: Do you know where you were going?

Blonde: No, but wherever it is, it must be bad because all the cars were leaving.

## Low Self-Esteem

A guy had been feeling down for so long that he finally decided to seek the aid of a psychiatrist. He went there, lay on the couch, spilled his guts then waited for the profound wisdom of the psychiatrist to make him feel better. The psychiatrist asked me a few questions, took some notes then sat thinking in silence for a few minutes with a puzzled look on his face. Suddenly, he looked up with an expression of delight and said, "Um, I think your problem is low self-esteem. It is very common among losers."

## Loud, Mad, or Sad

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test. Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?" A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

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## You Are a Chicken

A man runs to the doctor and says, "Doctor, you've got to help me. My wife thinks she's a chicken!" The doctor asks, "How long has she had this condition?" "Two years," says the man. "Then why did it take you so long to come and see me?" asked the shrink. The man shrugs his shoulders and replies, "We needed the eggs."

## Feel Better Now

Mary was having a tough day and had stretched herself out on the couch to do a bit of what she thought to be well-deserved complaining and self-pitying. She moaned to her mom and brother, "Nobody loves me ... the whole world hates me!" Her brother, busily occupied playing a game, hardly looked up at her and passed on this encouraging word: "That's not true, Mary. Some people don't even know you."

## Who Can Say This Sentence?

The Taco Bell Chihuahua, a Doberman and a Bulldog are in a bar having a drink when a great-looking female Collie comes up to them and says, "Whoever can say liver and cheese in a

sentence can have me." So the Doberman says, "I love liver and cheese." The Collie replies, "That's not good enough." The Bulldog says, "I hate liver and cheese." She says, "That's not creative enough." Finally, the Chihuahua says, "Liver alone . . . cheese mine."

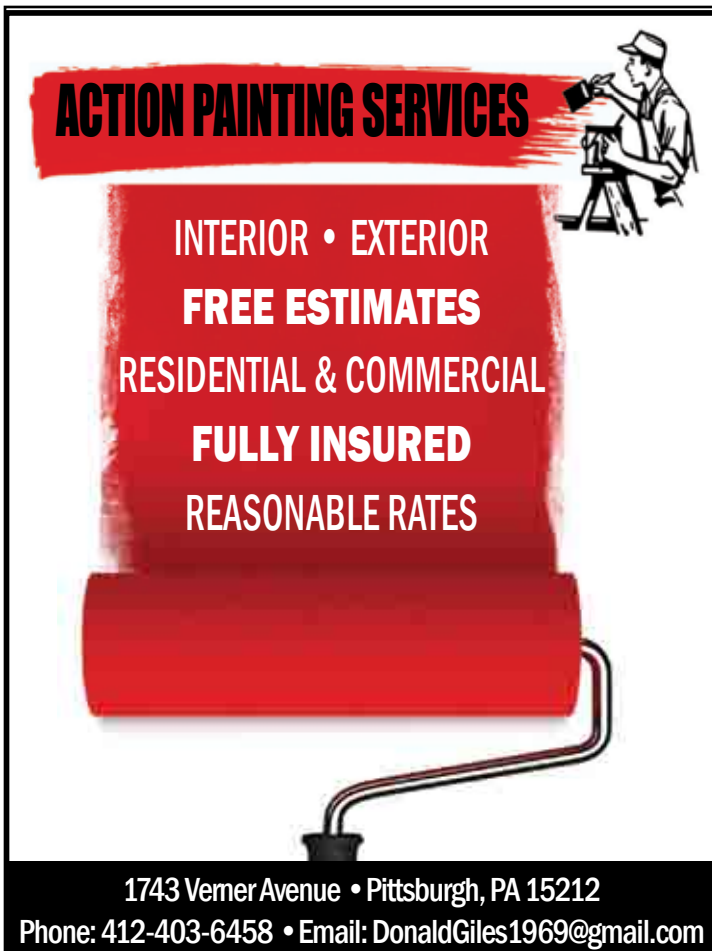
## I Didn't Get Any Money This Time

A man in a bar sees a friend at a table, drinking by himself. Approaching the friend he comments, "You look terrible. What's the problem?" "My mother died in August," he said, "and left me \$25,000." "Gee, that's tough," he replied. "Then in September," the friend continued, "My father died, leaving me \$90,000." "Wow. Two parents gone in two months. No wonder you're depressed." "And last month my aunt died, and left me \$15,000." "Three close family members lost in three months? How sad." "Then this month," continued, the friend, "absolutely nothing!"

## Reasons To Allow Drinking at Work

The below are valid reasons as to why drinking should be allowed at work. If you use them wisely, you may even be able to convince your boss into allowing alcohol.

1. It's an incentive to show up.
2. It reduces stress.
3. It leads to more honest communications.
4. It reduces complaints about low pay.
5. It cuts down on time off because you can work with a hangover.
6. Employees tell management what they think, not what management wants to hear.
7. It helps save on heating costs in the winter.
8. It encourages carpooling.
9. Increases job satisfaction because if you have a bad job you don't care.
10. It eliminates vacations because people would rather come to work.
11. It makes fellow employees look better.
12. It makes the cafeteria food taste better.
13. Bosses are more likely to hand out raises when they are wasted.
14. Salary negotiations are a lot more profitable.
15. If something does something stupid on the job, it will be quickly forgotten.



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## He Is a Very Fast Drinker

A man goes into a bar and seats himself on a stool. The bartender looks at him and says, "What'll it be buddy?" The man says, "Set me up with seven whiskey shots and make them doubles." The bartender does this and watches the man slug one down, then the next, then the next, and so on until all seven are gone almost as quickly as they were served. Staring in disbelief, the bartender asks why he's doing all this drinking. "You'd drink them this fast too if you had what I have." The bartender hastily asks, "What do you have pal?" The man quickly replies, "I have a dollar."

## You Can't Bring That Dog in This Bar

A man goes to a bar with his dog. He goes up to the bar and asks for a drink. The bartender says "You can't bring that dog in here!" The guy, without missing a beat, says "This is my seeing-eye dog." "Oh man," the bartender says, "I'm sorry, here, the first one's on me." The man takes his drink and goes to a table near the door. Another guy walks in the bar with a Chihuahua. The first guy sees him, stops him and says "You can't bring that dog in here unless you tell him it's a seeing-eye dog." The second man graciously thanks the first man and continues to the bar. He asks for a drink. The bartender says "Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!" The second man replies "This is my seeing-eye dog." The bartender says, "No, I don't think so. They do not have Chihuahuas as seeing-eye dogs." The man pauses for a half-second and replies "What?!? They gave me a Chihuahua?!?"

## The Story of a Very Short Man

A man walks into a bar and says, "Bartender, give me two shots." Bartender

says, "You want them both now or one at a time?" The guy says, "Oh, I want them both now. One's for me and one's for this little guy here," and he pulls a tiny three inch man out of his pocket. The bartender asks "He can drink?" "Oh, sure. He can drink." So the bartender pours the shots and sure enough, the little guy drinks it all up. "That's amazing" says the bartender. "What else can he do, can he walk?" The man flicks a quarter down to the end of the bar and says, "Hey, Jake. Go get that." The little guy runs down to the end of the bar and picks up the quarter. Then he runs back down and gives it to the man. The bartender is in total shock. "That's amazing" he says, "what else can he do? Does he talk?" The man says "Sure he talks, hey, Jake, tell him about that time we were in Africa and you made fun of that witch doctor's powers!"

## Top Ten Signs That You Are Too Drunk

10. You have to hold onto the lawn to keep from falling off the Earth.
9. Mosquitoes catch a buzz after attacking you.
8. The back of your head keeps getting hit by the toilet seat.
7. Your idea of cutting back is less salt.
6. You can focus better with one eye closed.
5. You fall off the floor.
5. The whole bar greets you when you come in.
4. You haven't had a driver's license in such a long time that you have forgotten what one looks like.
3. Roseanne looks good.
2. You don't recognize your wife/husband unless seen through bottom of glass.
1. You spent more time on the floor than you do standing up.

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## How Drunk are You? Official Drinking Test

This simple five question test will help determine how drunk you really are. Begin by answering each of the five questions below truthfully. Then determine your score based on question answer values provided. Lastly, compare your score to the results for a final answer.

1. Think about your wife. In your mind, is she: (a) the most beautiful woman alive; (b) a beautiful woman; (c) attractive; (d) ugly as sin?
2. Think about your job. In your mind, is it: (a) the best job on the planet; (b) a good job; (c) a decent job; (d) the most annoying job ever?
3. Try walking. What happened? Did you: (a) find it impossible to stand up; (b) fall after standing up; (c) walk fifty feet before falling flat on your face; (d) walk one thousand feet without falling.
4. How did you get to the bar? I got here in: (a) my brand new chauffer-driven limo; (b) a brand new car; (c) a used car; (d) a rented, rusted, and damaged 1950 import.
5. What do you think of your strength? I am: (a) invincible; (b)

stronger than anyone in the bar; (c) as strong as the average man; (d) a weak and pathetic being.

### Question answer values

- For every question answered with an A, add ten points.
- For every question answered with a B, add five points.
- For every question answered with a C, do not change the score.
- For every question answered with a D, subtract five points.
- For every question answered with an E, add one hundred points.

### Results

For scores ranging from fifty to 135, congratulations. You're over and above the normal drunk. Generally, at least they are able to select a valid option. An e option does not even exist on this test. You should probably check yourself into a hospital for alcohol poisoning.

For scores ranging from thirty-five to fifty, you had ten too many beers. If you plan on driving home, make out a will first--that is, if you can even remember your own name. Lastly, don't even think about standing up.

For scores ranging from fifteen to thirty-five, you have had one too many beers. Don't drive unless you want a higher insurance rate. Standing up will probably result in injury.

For scores ranging from zero to fifteen, you may want to stop drinking now. You have probably had enough beers but don't drive unless you want a ticket. If you choose to ignore the tip to stop drinking, it is not a problem; you probably still have the ability to stand up.

For scores ranging from negative twenty-five to zero, you must just be getting started! I bet you don't even have one beer in you. In terms of driving, you are probably just getting out of the car and are walking to the bar this very moment.

## Football Jokes

### Kissing' Cousins

What do you get when you put the girlfriends of a dozen Tennessee Titans fans in one room? A full set of teeth!

### Grounded

Why did the NY Jets players miss their flight for the big game? They were stuck on a broken escalator!



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### **Hit and Run**

If you see an Oakland Raiders fan on a bike, why should you not swerve to hit him? It could be your bike.

### **A Day at the Beach**

What do you get if you see a New England Patriots fan buried up to his neck in sand? More sand!

### **No Way Out**

You're trapped in a room with an angry grizzly bear, a hungry Lion, and a fan of Denver Broncos. You have a gun with two bullets. What should you do? Shoot the Bronco's fan... twice.

### **On the Bright Side**

What do you call a Buffalo Bill's fan with half a brain? Gifted!

### **Licking the Problem**

What did the average San Francisco 49er player get on his Wonderlic test? Drool!

### **Higher Education**

What does the N stand for on the sides of the Nebraska football helmets? Knowledge!

### **Southern Fun**

Why do Miami Cheerleaders wear panties? To keep their ankles warm.

### **Efficiency**

Why did UT choose Orange for the team color? So the fans could wear it on Saturday to the game, on Sunday to go hunting, and the rest of the week picking up garbage on the highways.

### **Differences**

What's the difference between a winning Browns team and a UFO? Someone has seen a UFO.

### **Shiny Ring**

What do you call a Cleveland Brown with a Super Bowl ring?. A thief

### **Desire**

Why doesn't Columbus, Ohio have a professional football team? Because then Cleveland would want one.

### **Field Location**

What do you call Bears quarterback on the Colts' 10-yard line? Lost

### **More Differences**

What's the difference between a Raiders fan and a Chimp? Ones hairy, stupid and smells, and the other is a Chimpanzee.

### **Lights Out**

How do you knock out a Raiders fan when he's been drinking? Slam the toilet seat on his head.

### **Similarities**

What do Raiders fans and laxatives have in common? Both irritate the absolute crap out of you.

### **Employment**

What do you say to a Raiders fan with a job? "I'll have a Big Mac, fries and a coke, please."

### **Time for change**

What's the difference between the Buffalo Bills and a dollar bill? You can still get four quarters out of a dollar.

### **Weather**

Where do you go in Philadelphia in case of a tornado? To the Linc - they never have a touchdown there!

### **First Grade Teacher**

A first-grade teacher explains to her class that she is a Cleveland Browns fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they are Browns fans too. Not really knowing what a Browns fan was, but wanting to be liked by their teacher, their hands fly into the air.

There is, however, one exception. Kelly has not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asks her why she has decided to be different. "Because I'm not a Browns fan" she reports.

"Then," asks the teacher, "What are you?" "I'm a Pittsburgh Steelers fan," boasts the little girl. The teacher asks Susie why she is a Steeler fan. "Well, my Dad and Mom are Steelers fans, so I'm a Steelers fan too," she responds. "That's no reason," the teacher says. "What if your mom was a moron, and your dad was an idiot. What would you be then?" Kelly smiles and says, "Then I'd be a Browns fan."

## Executions

There was a Brown's fan, a Steelers fan, and a Bug Eater. They attempted to rob a bank but got caught. They went to court and were sentenced to the electric chair. The guys operating it told them that if they survived they were free to go. The Steelers fan went first. They asked him if he had any last words to say. He told them no. He pressed the button and nothing happened so he was free to go. The bug eater went next. They asked him if he had any last words to say. He said no and pressed the button. Nothing happened and he was free to go. The Browns fan went next. They asked him if he had any last words. "I think if you plug the chair in, it'll work better."

## Office Jokes - Letters Of Recommendation

Have to write a letter of recommendation for that fired employee? Here are a few suggested phrases:

### For the chronically absent:

"A man like him is hard to find." "It seemed his career was just taking off."

### For the office drunk:

"I feel his real talent is wasted here." "We generally found him loaded with work to do." "Every hour with him was a happy hour."

### For an employee with no ambition:

"He could not care less about the number of hours he had to put in." "You would indeed be fortunate to get this person to work for you."

### For an employee who is so unproductive that the job is better left unfilled:

"I can assure you that no person would be better for the job."

### For an employee who is not worth further consideration as a job candidate:

"I would urge you to waste no time in making this candidate an offer of employment." "All in all, I cannot say enough good things about this candidate or recommend him too highly."

### For a stupid employee:

"There is nothing you can teach a man like him." "I most enthusiastically recommend this candidate with no qualifications whatsoever."

### For a dishonest employee:

"Her true ability was deceiving." "He's an unbelievable worker."

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## Passing A Football

A jumbo-sized freshman went to try out for the football team. The coach asked him if he could tackle and he said, "Hell yah, get a load of this!" And with that knocked over a telephone pole as if it were made of balsa wood. The coach was dumbfounded and asked if the boy could run, to which the boy replied, "Hell yah!" and he sprinted from end zone to end zone like lightning. The coach stood there with his mouth agape to see such a huge boy run so fast. He finally composed himself and said, "But can you pass a football?" The freshman stopped to think for a few seconds, then said, "Hell yah, if I can swallow it, I can surely pass it!"

## Jock vs. Nerd

- Michael Jordan having "retired," with \$40 million in endorsements, makes \$178,100 a day, working or not.
- If he sleeps 7 hours a night, he makes \$52,000 every night while visions of sugarplums dance in his head.
- If he goes to see a movie it'll cost him \$7.00, but he'll make \$18,550 while he's there.
- If he decides to have a 5 minute egg, he'll make \$618 while boiling it.

- He makes \$7,415/hr more than minimum wage.
- He'll make \$3,710 while watching each episode of Friends.
- If he wanted to save up for a new Acura NSX (\$90,000) it would take him a whole 12 hours.
- If someone were to hand him his salary and endorsement money, they would have to do it at the rate of \$2.00 every second.
- He'll probably pay around \$200 for a nice round of golf, but will be reimbursed \$33,390 for that round.
- Assuming he puts the federal maximum of 15% of his income into a tax account (401k), his contributions will hit the federal cap of \$9500 at 8:30 a.m. on January 1st.
- If you were given a penny for every 10 dollars made, you 'd be living comfortably at \$65,000 a year.
- He'll make about \$19.60 while watching the 100 meter dash in the Olympics, and about \$15,600 during the Boston Marathon.
- While the common person is spending about \$20 for a meal in his trendy Chicago restaurant, he'll pull in about \$5600.
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he'll still have less than Bill Gates has today.

- Game over. Nerd wins.

## ANGELS... As Explained By Children.

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.

Gregory, age 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it

-Olive, age 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.

-Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.

-Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.

-Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!!

-Jack, age 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead.

Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado.

-Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter.

-Sara, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his Son, who's a very good carpenter.

-Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it.

-Antonio, age 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.

-Ashley ~ age 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.

- Vicki , age 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.

- Sarah , age 7

As They Say .... No One Says It Better Than A Child !

## The Mysterious Sound

A man is driving down the road and breaks down near a monastery. He goes

to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down. Do you think I could stay the night?"

The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, even fix his car. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man is disappointed but thanks them anyway and goes about his merry way.

Some years later, the same man breaks down in front of the same monastery.

The monks accept him, feed him, even fix his car. That night, he hears the same strange noise that he had heard years earlier. The next morning, he asks what it is, but the monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk." The man says, "All right, all right. I'm dying to know. If the only way I can find out what that sound was is to become a monk, how do I become a monk?"

The monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of sand pebbles. When you find these numbers, you will become a monk." The man sets about his task.

Forty-five years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, "I have traveled the earth and have found what you have asked for. There are 145,236,284,232 blades of grass and 231,281,219,999,129,382 sand pebbles on the earth." The monks reply, "Congratulations. You are now a monk.

We shall now show you the way to the sound." The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is right behind that door." The man reaches for the knob, but the door is locked. He says, "Real funny. may I have the key?" The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone.

The man demands the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key, and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. He demands another key from the monks, who provide it. Behind that door is another door, this one made of sapphire.



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So it went until the man had gone through doors of emerald, silver, topaz, amethyst... Finally, the monks say, "This is the last key to the last door." The man is relieved to no end. He unlocks the door, turns the knob, and behind that door he is amazed to find the source of that strange sound. But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk.

### Asking For Directions

A Swiss guy, looking for directions, pulls up at a bus stop where two Americans are waiting. "Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asks. The two Americans just stare at him. "Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?" he tries. The two continue to stare. "Parlare Italiano?" No response. "Hablan ustedes Espanol?" Still nothing. The Swiss guy drives off, extremely disgusted. The first American turns to the second and says, "Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language." "Why?" says the other. "That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good."

### Your Boss and You

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 leave, you must be going for an interview.

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## The Car Crash

A rabbi and a priest get into a car accident and it's a bad one. Both cars are totally demolished but amazingly neither of the clerics is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi sees the priest's collar and says, "So you're a priest. I'm a rabbi. Just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but we are unhurt. God must have meant that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace the rest of our days." The priest replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God." The rabbi continues, "And look at this. Here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of Kedem wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then he hands the bottle to the priest. The priest agrees, takes a few big swigs, and hands the bottle back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap on, and hands it back to the priest. The priest asks, "Aren't you having any?" The rabbi replies, "No...I think I'll wait for the police."

## Room Service

Mary Poppins was traveling home, but due to worsening weather, she decided to stop at a hotel for the night. She approached the receptionist and asked for a room for the

night. "Certainly madam," he replied courteously. "Is the restaurant open still?" inquired Mary. "Sorry, no," came the reply, "but room service is available all night. Would you care to select something from this menu?" Mary smiled and took the menu and perused it. "Hmm, I would like cauliflower cheese please," said Mary. "Certainly, madam," he replied. "And can I have breakfast in bed?" asked Mary politely. The receptionist nodded and smiled. "In that case, I would love a couple of poached eggs, please," Mary mused. After confirming the order, Mary signed in and went up to her room for the night. The night passed uneventfully and the next morning Mary came down early to check out. The same guy was still on the desk. "Morning, madam. Sleep well?" "Yes, thank you," Mary replied. "Food to your liking?" "Well, I have to say the cauliflower cheese was exceptional, I don't think I have had better. Shame about the eggs, though....they really weren't that nice at all," replied Mary truthfully. "Oh...well, perhaps you could contribute these thoughts to our Guest Comments Book. We are always looking to improve our service and would value your opinion," said the receptionist. "OK, I will...thanks!" replied Mary....who checked out, then scribbled a comment into the book. Waving, she left to continue her journey. Curious, the receptionist picked up the book to see the comment Mary had written. *lowercheesebuteggswerequiteatrocious!*



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## The Baseball Challenge

A former manager of the New York Yankees once told about a dream he had in which he died and went to heaven.

There he was ordered to organize and manage a ball team. He said he was overwhelmed by all the available talent - Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson, Rube Waddell, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and many other superstars. Just then the phone rang. It was Satan calling to challenge the heavenly team to a game. "But you haven't got a chance of winning," said the manager. "You see I got all the great ball players up here." Satan explained, "Oh, I know that. But I've got all the umpires!"

## Handy Tips

Old telephone books make ideal personal address books. Simply cross out the names and addresses of people you don't know. Fool other drivers into thinking you have an expensive car phone by holding an old TV or video remote control up to your ear and occasionally swerving across the road and mounting the curb. Avoid parking tickets by leaving your windshield wipers turned to fast wipe whenever you leave your car parked illegally. No time for a bath? Wrap yourself in masking tape and remove the dirt by simply peeling it off. Apply red nail polish to your nails before clipping them. The red nails will be much easier to spot on your bathroom carpet. (Unless you have a red carpet, in which case

a contrasting polish should be selected.) If a person is choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a jug of boiling water down their throat and presto! The blockage is almost instantly removed.

## Football Terminology

In a never-ending effort to attract the unchurched, some churches have considered translating their unfamiliar terminology into familiar football phrases:

- **BLOCKING:** Talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.
- **DRAFT CHOICE:** The decision to sit close to an air conditioning vent.
- **END ZONE:** The pews.
- **EXTRA POINT:** What you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.
- **ILLEGAL MOTION:** Leaving before the benediction.
- **INTERFERENCE:** Talking during the organ prelude.
- **TWO-MINUTE WARNING:** The pastor's wife looking at her watch in full view of the pastor.
- **QUARTERBACK SNEAK:** Sunday School teachers entering the building five minutes after classes began.

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### 1. What is JERSEY BOYS about?

JERSEY BOYS is the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi.

This is the story of how a group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sound and sold 175 million records worldwide – all before they were thirty years old. The musical features such Four Seasons' hits as "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Sherry," "Walk Like A Man," "Oh, What A Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

JERSEY BOYS is directed by Tony Award®-winner Des McAnuff, with book by Academy Award®-winner Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice, music by Bob Gaudio (founding member of The Four Seasons), lyrics by Bob Crewe (writer/producer for The Four Seasons) and choreography by Sergio Trujillo.

### 2. What is the running time of JERSEY BOYS?

ACT 1: 1 hour 15 minutes

Intermission: 15 minutes

ACT 2: 1 hour 5 minutes

Total Running Time: 2 hours 35 minutes

### 3. For what age group is JERSEY BOYS appropriate?

JERSEY BOYS contains smoke, gun shots, strobe lights, profane "authentic Jersey language" and is not recommended for children under the age of 12. The show has a 2 hour and 35

minute running time (including intermission). We do encourage patrons to use these notes as deciding factors for the enjoyment of the performance for themselves, their children and other patrons.

### 4. Who will be in the cast?

Please visit [www.JerseyBoysTour.com](http://www.JerseyBoysTour.com) and click on the cast link for the current cast biographies. Each market will announce casting information approximately 2 months prior to the engagement.

### 5. What is the official website and social media for JERSEY BOYS tour?





Official Website: [www.JerseyBoysTour.com](http://www.JerseyBoysTour.com)  
Follow JERSEY BOYS on Twitter: @JerseyBoysInfo  
Follow JERSEY BOYS on Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/JerseyBoysBroadway](http://www.Facebook.com/JerseyBoysBroadway)  
Follow JERSEY BOYS on Instagram: @JerseyBoysTour

#### **6. Is JERSEY BOYS a “Frankie Valli or Four Seasons Tribute Concert”?**

No. JERSEY BOYS is a full-scale Broadway musical based on the lives and careers of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Though actors portray each of The Four Seasons, this is not an impersonation show but rather a musical documentary of their career as a group. The cast of 21 performers takes audiences through the rags-to-ROCK-to-riches story of The Four Seasons in this Tony, Grammy® and Olivier Award-winning Best Musical.



#### **7. Is there a cast album available for JERSEY BOYS?**

The Original Cast Recording of JERSEY BOYS is released on Rhino records and is available anywhere that music can be purchased. You can also visit [www.JerseyBoysTour.com](http://www.JerseyBoysTour.com) to hear selections from the score. The Original Cast Recording was produced by Bob Gaudio – a founding member of The Four Seasons – he won his first Grammy® Award for the Original Broadway Cast Album of JERSEY BOYS.

#### **8. Has JERSEY BOYS won any industry awards?**

JERSEY BOYS is Broadway's biggest success story! It won four 2006 Tony Awards® including Best Musical; the 2006 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album; the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical and the 2010 Helpmann Award for Best Musical (Australia), along with many other awards worldwide.

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