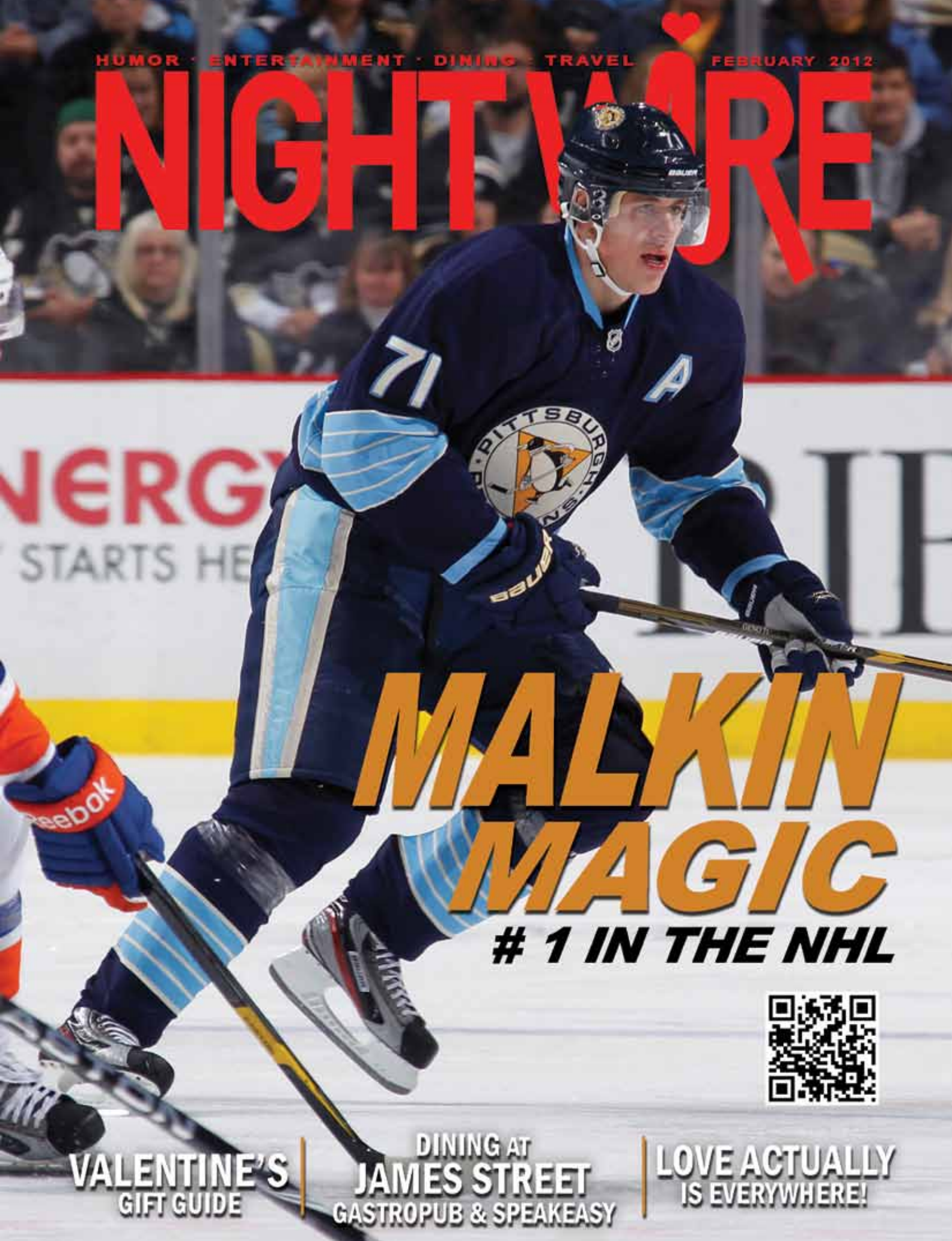


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dyed fibers will be pieced together, combined and worked to create stylish, colorful, whimsical and functional neck warmers. The Babylock machines were a huge hit at last year's event when attendees made pins from a stash that included fiber, yarns, and silk ribbons. The results were so impressive; everyone was wearing their pin throughout the remainder of the event.

Be sure not to miss this year's fashion show, which will highlight garments from local and national designers. StevenBe will rock the house as the event's emcee. Steven is the rock star of the fiber world and will also be teaching a class called "Enter a Knitter, Exit a Fiber Artist."

There will be demonstrations and classes in knitting, crochet, weaving, spinning, needle felting, welt felting, recycling and machine felting. Iris Schreier, designer and developer of ArtYarns, will teach four classes and sign books.

Yarns have evolved from just a mere ten years ago. Yarns are not only being made from the traditional wool, alpaca, angora, cashmere (goat's) silk and cotton, but also from a musk ox (qiviut), corn silk, tree bark (tencel), milk, soy and bamboo. There will be an exhibitor from Colorado who sells yarn made from buffalo. The buffalo yarn is one of the softest yarns on the market. Yarns are being spun with gems, glass beads and fabric bits contained within; they are nubby, chunky, smooth, fine and twisted. Yarns are being made from recycled jeans, cotton T-shirts and polar fleece. The novelty yarns come in a range of colors that are broader than the rainbow.

What started out as a school fundraiser, the annual Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival has grown, attracting over 2500 people from across the U.S. Barbara Grossman, festival founder and organizer, said, "I feel there is room to promote it all! Fiber enthusiasts love to go to exhibits and classes throughout the year, buy yarn and patterns and see who is doing what." This festival is a culmination of all of the yarns and fibers and classes under one roof for three days.

This festival has something for everyone. Plus, there are giveaways at the door, a Grand Prize drawing each day and a sponsored prize valued at over \$300.00.

The Pittsburgh & Knit and Crochet Festival is a private business owned and operated by Barbara Grossman. Barb can be reached at 412-963-7030 or barbgrossmanpcnh@aol.com. More information, class descriptions, teacher bios and a schedule of the festival can be found at www.pghknitandcrochet.com.

The 8th Annual Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival will take place from 1:30 to 6pm on Friday, February 10th from 9 am to 5 pm, and from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, February 11th and Sunday, February 12. Post-marketplace/class evening activities will include a fashion show on Friday at 7:30 pm and a Pajama party at 7:30 on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon from 12:00-4:00 pm, seniors over 65 may attend for only \$5.00, graciously made possible by UPMC Senior Communities.

People of all ages are looking to expand their creative horizons, and with the growing emphasis on "upcycling" in the fiber world, this festival is reaching across all ages. There has always been a steady interest in knitting and crochet, but the world of fiber is becoming increasingly more popular. This festival, now in its 8th year, offers attendees the opportunity to try a variety of techniques, including knitting and crocheting, but also introduces young and old to new ways of working with fiber. Along with the "backbone classes" offered free every year, "Teach Me 2 Knit" and "Teach Me 2 Crochet" (sponsored by Coats and Clark), the festival also offers a free class working with fiber in a different way. Attendees love to take home their "individual work of fiber art," whether it is a braided yarn necklace embellished with beads and baubles, a needle felted wall hanging, a machine felted pin, a metal shawl pin, a wet felted three-dimensional object d'art or this year's "upcycling" project.

This year's free class will once again feature the Babylock needle felting machines. Attendees will find materials available for completion of a neck warmer. Old sweaters, pieces of silk fabric, old chiffon scarves, yarns, and hand-

Tips on How To Truly Be Happy

By: Susan Apollon; Psychologist and Author



Love and forgive yourself unconditionally. Self-love and forgiveness—which may be thought of as two sides of the same coin—are at the heart of everything. Before you can make peace with any emotional baggage you may be carrying around, you must first make peace with yourself. The adage is true: If you want to love others unconditionally, you have to first love yourself. And loving yourself is really the key to resolving deep-seated feelings of pain from the past.

Choose to forgive others. Refusing to forgive other people for their wrongs (or for what you perceive as their wrongs) is one of the most toxic acts a person can commit against herself. Bad feelings that arise whenever you think of some past offense are a sign that you should forgive the person who hurt you. Doing so will dissolve the tension between the two of you and will make the event far more pleasant. And remember, you're not doing it for her or him —you're doing it for you. "Forgiveness is a function of love."

Know what you can and cannot control. Learning that you can control only your own actions and feelings is vital to becoming a happier person. Many people cannot forgive others and move away from past pain because they don't understand this fact. Control struggles are huge emotion and energy drainers. The moment you understand that you can manage only your own feelings and thoughts, you will find power you didn't know you had. When you continue to hold someone accountable for an old grievance, you allow him to hurt you all over again. But when you choose to simply let it go, you give yourself permission to heal, and you release the ghost that was holding you captive.

When grief rears up, learn to Face, Embrace, and Replace It. If you're dealing with grief—perhaps due to a death in the family, an estrangement from someone you love, or a divorce—don't try to deny your pain. Rather, make a conscious effort to work through it. A mantra on dealing with grief is "face it, embrace it, and replace it." In other words, the only way to "get over" sadness is to experience it. Grief can take on many forms, especially during holidays, birthdays, and other

meaningful times of the year. If you need to cry, cry, even if you're at work and have to leave the room. You might even set aside an evening to get in touch with your grief. Fix the cocoa you used to drink with your mother or go through your photo albums. It's healthier to feel the sadness and loss than to detach yourself from it. It's right and normal to grieve; just don't make it the dominant part of who you are.

Don't overcommit your time—or your money. Most people vow that this year they won't stretch themselves too thin (physically, emotionally, and financially), but somehow spend all their time exhausted, frazzled and broke. It is hard to feel joyful and loving when you are overcommitted. It really is okay to turn down invitations if you don't feel like being around others, or to spend the whole weekend holed up with a good book or some movies. It's your life, and you get to live it your way. Also, be careful not to live beyond your means. No one can live a peaceful life when they are deeply in debt and stressed about money. Make a strict budget if you want to get out of debt now. Your finances won't improve unless you take action—and in taking action, you will find a hidden wellspring of self-esteem because you are sculpting your own future.

Get in the joy zone. No one expects you to be bubbling over with cheer all the time, and true joy doesn't always look like



that anyway. The “joy zone” can be thought of as a space of quiet contentedness. You can achieve this state of being by simply staying true to yourself and focusing on good thoughts. Of course, you can also take little shortcuts that instantly up your joy quotient. For instance, indulge, once in a while, in a sinful dessert or sleep in sheets with a high thread count to feel pampered. Listen to your favorite feel-good album, sip a tasty wine, or attend a worship service to reconnect with a higher sense of awareness. Remember, above all, that peace and joy are contagious, so if you put it out there, chances are very good that you will get it back!

Stay in the moment. Think about the vast amount of time you spend dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. You may realize that you spend very little time actually existing in the present moment! This is very unhealthy. In fact, it is the source of virtually all anxiety and depression. Your energy is far more powerful when it is there with you as much as possible. Use the Law of Attraction to create joyful experiences (A.k.a. “Acting as if”). Every morning when you wake up, the ball is in your court regarding how you want to spend your day. If you exude bitterness, anger, or self-pity, then you can’t really expect others around you to feed you good cheer by the spoonful. Remember the law of the universe: Like attracts like. Even if you don’t necessarily feel charitable or joyful, put a smile on your face and intend to feel better and you might surprise yourself by actually feeling better. (Or as some self-help gurus like to say, “Fake it till you make it.”) You can

even use this rule to adjust the moods of those around you by spreading the joy you feel. A heartfelt “I’m so glad to see you!” can set the tone for social events and unexpected encounters alike. Don’t wait for someone else to take the initiative—sometimes you just have to take the lead.

Take care of yourself. You’ll look and feel better. Make sure that you are getting plenty of sleep. Eat well so your body will stay strong. Avoid the urge to overeat, especially if you are doing so for emotional reasons—you will just feel sluggish and cranky afterward. Spend some quiet time each day alone to help you regain your inner balance. And try to find time to exercise each day, even if it is just a ten-minute walk or some gentle stretching in the mornings. Oh, and an occasional new outfit or hairstyle wouldn’t hurt either—especially when you’re headed to a party or social gathering. When you take the time to look your best, you will feel your best!

Manage your expectations. Remember that life seldom looks like a Norman Rockwell painting or a spread in *Better Homes & Gardens*. Most people’s living rooms aren’t picture perfect, even during dinner parties, and someone can usually be counted on to get sick, make judgmental comments, or burst into tears during the salad course. Dogs have accidents on new sofas, picnics get rained out, and teenagers get pregnant. In short, life is messy and complicated. Accept that fact and your happiness won’t depend on circumstances. Even the best laid plans seldom go off without a hitch.



Valentine's Day Gift Guide

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We all just need a little help. If you’ve ever been in love, you’ve probably at least considered classifying the feeling as an addiction. And guess what: you were right. As it turns out, scientists are discovering that the same chemical process that takes place with addiction takes place when we fall in love. Love is a chemical state of mind that’s part of our genes and influenced by our upbringing. We are wired for romance, and just because we had love and lost love, should we give up on ever finding love again? No, but where does one find love if one is not in a relationship? Where does one begin to look? I’ve pondered this question - searched and searched to find the answer.

Oh, you might think that perfect match is on the Internet just waiting to meet you on some dating site... really? Been there, tried that....and guess what? It simply didn’t work because what I found was most of the people on those sites are married or in a relationship looking for that something extra on the side or that spark that has gone from their current relationship. Even worse are the liars and imposters posing as something or someone they are not, posting photos taken 10 or more years ago or just looking for that Internet chat and never truly wanting to meet. I guess you could say...”Internet dating is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you’re gonna get!”



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Pittsburgh Penguin's Evgeni Malkin

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level right from training camp right into the regular season," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said. "He had a few games out with an injury, but we're looking at the last two months because Sidney came back and is out again, so we're watching Malkin play at that level without Sidney and really carry our team offensively.

"I think he's been that way for most of this year. He's been dominant on the ice. He's been good at both ends of the rink and he's been maybe the best player, the most dominant player, in the League. He's buoyed our team when we've gone through a bunch of injuries."

Malkin said he hasn't felt more pressure to produce with Crosby out; instead, it's a group effort with everyone working harder in Crosby's absence.

"I don't know, I think everyone plays harder with Sid out," Malkin said. "We're not thinking about injuries. We play our system. We know how to play. We just maybe try to play better defensively, focus. Yeah, we lose six games before, but we don't think about this now. We focused on the new game."

For his teammates, Malkin's dominance is reminiscent of his play during the 2009 Stanley Cup Playoffs, when he had 15 goals and 16 assists in 24 games as the Penguins beat the Red Wings in seven games in the Final. That performance earned Malkin the Conn Smythe Trophy.



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Since Sidney Crosby exited the lineup Dec. 5, the Pittsburgh Penguins have limped to a 9-9-0 record in his absence. If not for the heroics of Evgeni Malkin, things could be a whole lot worse.

In those 18 games without Crosby -- and not to mention Kris Letang, one of the NHL's best offensive defenseman who returned to the lineup after a two-month absence Thursday -- Malkin has 15 goals and 15 assists. He has factored in 30 of the Penguins' 53 goals during that time (56.6 percent) and has been on the ice for a whopping 34 (69.8 percent) goals during that stretch.

Malkin has two hat tricks and eight multi-point games since Crosby's departure, which has helped keep the Penguins afloat in the Eastern Conference when they otherwise might be drowning.

"I think Geno (Malkin) this year has been at a different

An advertisement for Casey's Midget Madness. On the left, a man in a black tuxedo with a white bowtie stands against a yellow background. To his right, the text "Midget Madness!" is written in large, green, stylized letters. Below that, "Mondays and Saturdays" is written in blue. On the far right, the word "Casey's" is written in large, blue, stylized letters. Below "Casey's", the text "Text MIDGET to 91944" is written in green.



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This season is the first time since that 2009 postseason that Malkin has displayed that type of dominance. Injuries to his shoulder and foot cost him 15 games in 2009-10 and factored into his slide to 28 goals and 77 points in 67 games, numbers many players would envy but a far cry from his 113-point and 106-point campaigns the previous two seasons.

While Crosby battled his concussion last season, Malkin had his own injury woes. His season was cut short after 43 games due to surgery to repair torn ligaments in his right knee. This season, soreness in that same knee kept Malkin out of the lineup for seven games, but otherwise he has been brilliant. He entered the weekend leading the League with 54 points.

The usual recovery time for a torn ACL is about a year, but Malkin made it all the way back after just six months. "You can see right now he's feeling great," said teammate Pascal Dupuis. "His body is holding up. They say for an ACL it takes a year. Well, he can be scary in six months."

"He's played very well since coming back in the lineup from the games that he missed," said Chris Kunitz, who has been on Malkin's line almost exclusively with James Neal during this 18-game run. "I think just being healthy and having the confidence and having that game face and smile on his face, you can tell he likes to be out there competing. When he's doing that, he's obviously the best player on our team. He's carrying our team quite a bit."

Kunitz and Neal have been the beneficiaries of Malkin's

return to form. Kunitz has five goals and 11 assists in the past 18 games, while Neal has 10 goals and seven assists in that time. Both received assists on Malkin's second goal Thursday, an empty-netter. It should not be the ease of the goal that is remembered, but rather the chemistry the three forwards displayed in making it happen.

"I try to play 100 percent every game, but my linemates and teammates help me score empty-net goals," Malkin said. "It's not my goal because it was a gimme chance and gimme breakaway or an empty net. It's three guys."

The Penguins were sliding hard between Dec. 29 and Jan. 11, losing six straight games. It was their worst skid since the 2005-06 season. But Malkin threw the Penguins on his back once again, delivering seven goals and two assists during their current four-game winning streak, which has vaulted them to sixth place in the East.

"He's been dominating," Kunitz said. "Every time you see him on the ice, he can either pick up the puck and wheel end to end, or it always looks like he's creating so much out there. It's been a lot of fun. I just try to get him the puck early so that he can do something special. He's obviously a key for why we've turned it around."

There's no timetable for Crosby's return, but until it happens, a healthy, happy and confident Malkin will continue to do the heavy lifting for the Penguins.

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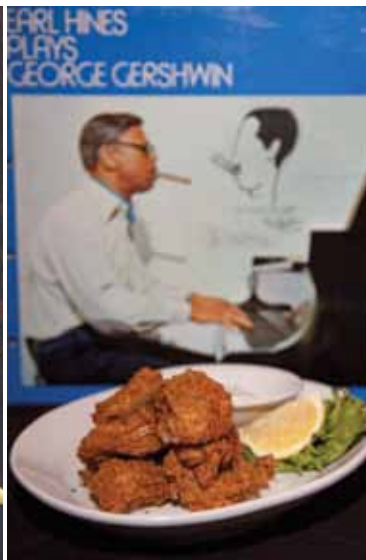
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James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy

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A little bit of history repeating itself? James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy picks right up after a well-known jazz club from back in the day. No way! Speakeasy? Nightwire wants to speak very loudly about the newest establishment in a very old neighborhood- James Street is back and it's bigger and badder than ever. You're gonna love the menu, the atmosphere and the service. I can't wait to tell you about our dining experience this month, and I can't wait to go see some live music at the Speakeasy underneath the pub.

Partners Lisa Saftner & Adam Johnston invited the Nightwire crew, and we were most happy to oblige. Little did we know that so many wonderful things would soon be presented. The appetizers were enough for at least three meals and well, when they brought us the Sweet Meat- a burger served on a donut bun- I thought I couldn't eat one more bite.

But let's start at the beginning.....

It all started for me with the Crab Cakes (\$15): all crab, all the time with these babies. I'm not ashamed to tell you that there was not one crumb of crabmeat remaining. No filler, and I mean, no filler. Even I wondered what held them together. I am going on record here to say that I think it's magic! I saw Cajun Oysters on the menu & thought, "Oh, jeez, I hope we don't have to try those!" Our publisher Joyce would never ever eat one, my husband Tim never ate one, and our photographer Manny looked skeptical. I knew I'd have to be the one to try them, and I did, though it took a bit of coaxing from Adam. I immediately I wished I hadn't. They were amazingly delicious. Soft and light, I could taste the oyster! It was definitely not what I thought! So then I ate another one and THEN came the Tiny Tunas (\$14) Ahi tuna sliders! I ate an entire one of those because (and only because) the wasabi mayonnaise was so delicious with the tuna. These tiny tuna sliders served

with avocado, citrus scented sprouts, red onion & that delicious wasabi mayonnaise were so pretty on the plate but hearty in the stomach. I was starting to worry that I ate a few too many "bites," but the food kept coming. A unanimous Nightwire favorite-- the Pipe Bombs (\$9), which were flank steak, jalapenos & pepper jack cheese in a crispy wonton wrapper accompanied by a Guinness steak sauce-- made us think of beer, so Lisa paired them with a nice Flying Dog seasonal beer. I ate at least two pieces of this! (I hope you see where this is going- I couldn't skip one thing!)

Accompaniments are important so pay attention to this at James Street. All sauces are house made and there are quite a few. For example, Suds & Spuds (\$7), beer-soaked Idaho potato chips served with tomato relish, cheddar sour cream and spicy ranch dipping sauces. I honestly couldn't pick a favorite! I liked each and every one and imagined having them "next time" with a couple of great beers. James Street has Gary's Nut Ale, one of my personal favorites. Shop local, eat local & drink local. This is definitely one of the benefits of visiting James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy- it's in a great neighborhood and there's plenty of free parking. Speaking of neighborhoods and parking in Pittsburgh, of course you can get a Pittsburgh favorite: the Pierogies (\$7). Yes, homemade pierogies.....sautéed to perfection with perfect caramelized onions, they had a cheddar sour cream sauce on top of them, and let me tell you- I wanted to eat every one of them! I tried to lie to Joyce by telling her that they had mushrooms in them so that she wouldn't want hers but she knew otherwise! Pierogies on the menu- I'm there, and I'm so happy James Street is in my neighborhood.

Sandwiches included another Nightwire favorite- the Twisted Chicken (\$8), which was brick chicken, peppered bacon, candied onion, sharp cheddar and baby spinach served on a pretzel bun. That's a whole lot of flavor on one sandwich! The only sandwich on the menu that I probably wouldn't try WAS the Turkey Burger (\$9); it sounded "too healthy" to taste like anything but we DID try it, and it DID taste like a savory & delicious healthy burger. It was topped with muenster, avocado, tomato, sprouts and onion, which was another surprise, and I'm glad I tried it. Adam acknowledged that most turkey burgers are very bland, but they were determined to bring their own version to the table, and it was awesome. Other sandwich offerings include the Crab Cake (\$15), Oyster Po'Boy (\$12) (made with those delicious fried oysters!), Pulled Pork (\$8), A Grilled Veggie (\$8) and a Flank Steak Philly (\$10). All sandwiches are served with a generous side of house cut potato chips. Don't forget the sauces!

Don't forget the burgers either.....I mentioned the Sweet Meat

(\$10) earlier and let me suggest cutting it into pieces as an appetizer. It's a definite must try. A burger served with candied bacon, fresh greens, tomato, sweet onion mayo on a house glazed donut bun. How does that not sound good: a burger with candied bacon on a glazed donut bun? I will tell you it's sticky, but candied bacon?! I think people will be trying to order that alone, it is so good! Adam thinks this sandwich will someday rival that "other" Pittsburgh sandwich, and I think he may be right. I'm telling all of my friends about it. I'm recommending it to you, and I know if you try it, you'll be telling your friends! Is this the birth of a legend?

Salads are sure to be a big hit, and we sampled the James Street Cobb (\$13), which included grilled chicken, peppered bacon, candied onion & crumbled gorgonzola served on a crispy pasta sheet; and the Caesar (\$7) with grilled baby



Crabcakes

their version of classic comfort food. Buttermilk Chicken (\$17), a boneless fried breast served with white cheddar grits and collard greens, was to die for, but I saved mine for the next day and even then, it was still delicious. The collard greens were some of the best I've ever had, and I couldn't wait to heat them up. After a couple of bites, I also saved the Pork in the Weeds (\$18), a tender pan-fried pork chop under lemon dressed greens. The pork chop was juicy and flavorful, and the citrusy greens were refreshing and beautiful; yet another favorite.

Now that we were satiated beyond belief, we had just enough time to catch our breath before desserts began arriving at our table! James Street serves up some fabulous desserts including Bread Pudding, Crème Brulee', and a Flourless Chocolate Death dessert served with ice cream. (That's really not the real name- but you know what I'm talking about!) I felt like I was in dessert heaven, and once again found that special dessert room in my stomach. Miraculously, I had just enough room to try each and every one. I take my job very seriously and would never overcome the guilt of passing up such beautiful desserts although I did eat most of the crème brulee' topped off with fresh fruit, yum!

James Street is a truly awesome place for food, atmosphere, drinks, desserts and "live" music.... James Street has it all and does it all... absolutely right! They are open daily from 11am for lunch and dinner, stop in and be sure and tell them your friends from Nightwire sent you!

Located at: 422 Foreland Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212 (412) 904-3335 – Call ahead for reservations and visit them on the web at jamesstreetgastropub.com for a complete listing of their "live" music schedule and events.



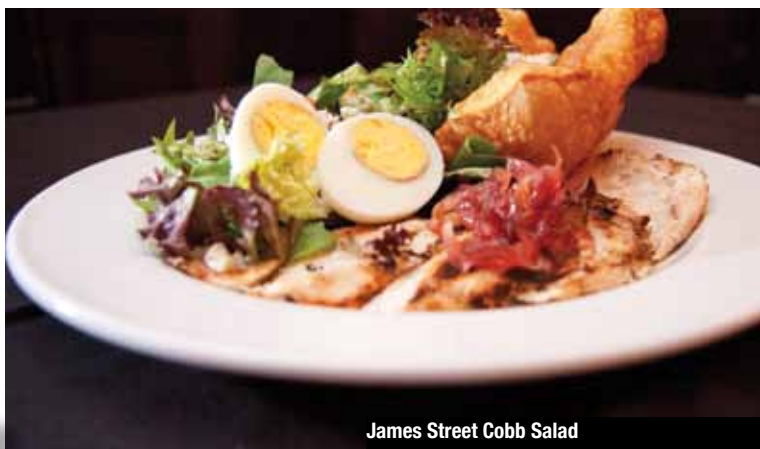
Pipe Bombs

romaine hearts, anchovies paste, crispy pasta strips, Asiago cheese with house-made Caesar dressing. Great ingredients make great salads, and other offerings include Steak (\$13), Chicken (\$11) (with your choice of grilled or buttermilk fried) and Spinach Salad (\$12). House dressings include ranch, bleu cheese, lemon-lime vinaigrette, honey mustard, creamy three onion, roasted strawberry vinaigrette and a balsamic vinaigrette. Seasonal soups are a wonderful addition- just ask your server.

When we thought we couldn't possibly eat one more bite, Adam told us we had to try the James Street Meatloaf (\$16). Personal meatloaf served with smashed redskin potatoes, warm corn fritter and a sweet creamed corn sauce. This was killing me--a corn fritter! Meatloaf! Sweet creamed corn sauce on the potatoes! I was full before the salads. The meatloaf and everything on that plate was devoured. It's nice to have real food that's really good, and I was seriously comforted by



Pierogies



James Street Cobb Salad

Wine and Spirits

EXCLUSIV VODKA

Put Less Of A Strain On Your Wallet This Valentine's Day By Celebrating Love With The Superior Taste And Low Price Of Exclusiv Vodka

Wondering how to woo your starry-eyed sweetheart with an fancy toast to love this Valentine's Day? Don't waste all your money on expensive alcohol for the salutation! With its award-winning taste and low price, Exclusiv Vodka truly is the biggest bang for your buck this Valentine's Day.

Exclusiv Vodka is a vodka that is in sync with today's times. Nowadays, people want the highest quality they can get at the most affordable price, which is what Exclusiv is all about. Exclusiv Vodka is priced low at \$9.99 and won silver in this year's L.A. Wine and Spirits Competition—a testament of its high quality that places it in the same caliber as the world's most expensive top-shelf vodkas.

Exclusiv Vodka also has a Russian heritage gifting the highest standards for the production of vodka. Stemming from the gentle rolling wheat fields of Moldova, Exclusiv Vodka is made with only the highest quality winter wheat and the finest distilling process, giving it a sweeter, more polished taste without unnecessary polishing techniques.

A review on Examiner.com states, "Exclusiv has a spice to it that I really love. Exclusiv tastes great alone and on the rocks, in simple Juice/Sprite drinks, and in more complex cocktails."

A testimonial by Beverage Underground also states, "We have discovered a gem of a vodka that shines bright both in the glass and at the bottom line without sacrificing quality, image or smoothness. Exclusiv Vodka may just be the best new 'total package' product for both on and off premise retailers and their staffs...this soft and silky distillate from Moldova is emerging as one of the best leaked secrets of spirits industry professionals."

As the testimonials show, Exclusiv Vodka is a true treat. Here are several ways to enjoy Exclusiv Vodka this Valentine's Day:



LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

1 Ounce Exclusiv Orange
Splash Grand Mariner
1 ½ Ounces Of Cranberry Juice
Squeeze Of ¼ Lime
Shake Over Ice And Pour Into Champagne Flute
Top With Exclusiv Rose' Moscato
Garnish With A Twist Of Orange

EXCLUSIV FASHONISTA

2 Ounces Excusiv Citrus
1 Ounce Sweet and Sour
½ Ounce Raspberry Liqueur
Squeeze of ¼ Lemon
Shake And Pour Into A Sugar Rimmed Cocktail Glass With Ice
Top With 4 Ounces Of Exclusiv Rose' Moscato
Garnish With Lemon Wheel And Raspberries





MOLDOVA 76

Start With A Sugar Cube And One Dash Of Grenadine (already in flute)

1 Ounce Exclusiv Classic

Squeeze Of ¼ Lemon

Shake Over Ice And Strain Into Champagne Flute

Top With Exclusiv Rose Moscato

Garnish With Lemon Twist

THE BREAKTAKER

1 Ounce Exclusiv Citrus Vodka

Squeeze Of ¼ Lemon

½ Ounce Triple Sec

½ Ounce Blue Curacao Liqueur

Shake Over Ice And Strain Into Champagne Flute

Top With Exclusiv Rose Moscato

Garnish With A Cherry

THE SPARKLE IN HER EYE

2 Ounces Exclusiv Classic

1 Ounce Triple Sec

1 Ounce White Cranberry Juice

Squeeze Of ¼ Lime

Shake Over Ice And Strain Into Martini Glass

Top With 1 Ounce Of Exclusiv Rose Moscato

Garnish A Strawberry

Exclusiv Vodka

Ordinary champagne is so cliché. Stir things up this Valentine's Day and woo your sweetheart with a delicious, sweet twist on champagne, the Exclusiv Valentine and Currency.

Created exclusively for Exclusiv Vodka, the Exclusiv Valentine is a refreshing cocktail that is the perfect way to bask in love with raspberry liquor, simple syrup, rose petals, champagne, Exclusiv Vodka and ice.

THE EXCLUSIV VALENTINE

1 1/2 oz Exclusiv Vodka

1/2 oz raspberry liquor

1/2 oz simple syrup

5 rose petals

Champagne

In a collins glass, muddle rose petals and simple syrup add ice. Pour vodka and raspberry liquor then fill with champagne.

Another unique twist on champagne is the Currency, featuring a berry sweet taste and Exclusiv's award-winning Moscato.

CURRENCY

2 ounces Exclusiv Berry

1 ounce Chambord Fill a champagne flute with Exclusiv Moscato

From the gentle rolling wheat fields of Moldova, near the shores of the Black Sea, comes an escape reminiscent of icy mountain tops and crystal clear streams. What was once only for royalty and members of high society can now also be exclusively yours.

With its Russian heritage gifting the highest standards for the production of vodka, Exclusiv Vodka is truly a world-class vodka. This luxurious tasting spirit is made with only the highest quality winter wheat and the finest distilling process, giving it a sweeter, more polished taste without polishing techniques, just like the members of high society preferred over the course of history.

Described as, "Clear. Subtle, creamy mocha aromas and flavors with hints of dried cherries and spice and a long, delicate cream and powdered sugar fade. Very smooth, tasty, and appealing," it's an expensive taste without the expensive price. Exclusiv Vodka is affordably priced at \$20 for 1.75 liters - perfect for consumers who value quality and taste, and their wallet.

About Exclusiv Vodka

Exclusiv is a renowned vodka-distiller and wine-cultivator based in Moldova, a country that just gained its independence from Russia in 1991. The manufacturer's products are steeped in Russian tradition and new to the United States. Exclusiv's low-priced vodka has won nine international awards that prove its ranking among the most famous names in vodka. Exclusiv's Rose Moscato sparkling red wine gained great popularity around Russia, and is now available in the United States as of this Summer 2011. Visit Exclusiv Vodka online at their official website and on Facebook.

Top Five Ways To Fix Furniture After The Holiday Beating

Local Experts Show The Do's and Don'ts of Proper Holiday Cleanup!



Local Fibrenew Three Rivers Owner, Jeff Hecker

Over the holidays we open our hearts, homes and sleeper sofas to the people we love. But after all the holiday merriment, after the guests have left, homeowners realize it's the furniture that bore the brunt of the celebration.

It's got to be fixed, but how and where to start?

That's why the local leather expert from Fibrenew, a leather and plastics refurbishing specialist, Jeff Hecker.

"We see a big increase in the damage of leather furniture this time of year with all the holiday parties" says Michael Wilson, CEO of Fibrenew. "Clumsy guests cause damage, but the worst disasters are caused by homeowners who don't know the best ways to clean up a mess and repair a problem. "Part of our job as leather and plastics experts is to serve as a resource, helping people understand what problems they can handle on their own and when they need to call a professional."

There are several types of leather, and the following tips apply to all fully-finished leather, which makes up 85 percent of the leather market.

1. **INK :** Your nephew, tries out his new marker set by drawing Spongebob on your leather couch. You become a crabby Patty and scramble to clean it up. **DON'T** use dish soap or hair spray to remove the marks. The degreasing agents in dish soap can permanently de-gloss and damage the top coating on the leather surface. Hair spray has alcohol in it and will ruin the surface coating on your leather. **DO** use a soft sponge and specialized leather cleaner. Buy it at most leather furniture retailers – but for serious problems your local Fibrenew franchise can help.

2. **NAIL POLISH:** You try to sexy up those toenails, but you end up polishing a couch cushion instead. **DON'T** use nail polish remover because it will take all of the color out of your leather and leave a bleached spot bigger than the nail polish spot. **DO** use a soft sponge and leather cleaner.
3. **FOOD OR WINE STAIN:** Your brother-in-law eats an entire pizza and drops a greasy cheese and his fifth glass of wine on your leather loveseat. Jeff **DON'T** use window/mirror cleaner because it contains alcohol which will dissolve and destroy the surface coating on your leather. **DO** use a damp towel to wipe up the mess and a dry one to finish the job. Fully-finished leather is pretty much water proof, so a little spill isn't going to hurt as long as you clean up quickly before it soaks through.
4. **ANIMAL SCRATCHES AND PICKS:** For the purr-fect gift, Santa brings your kids a kitty, complete with claws to test on the leather couch. **DON'T** touch up the spots with shoe polish because it makes an ugly, sticky mess. **DO** try to reduce the visibility of the problem by snipping off the cotton interior strands that often get pulled out when leather gets picked. **DO** use a hair dryer and massage minor scratches with leather cleaner to try to rub it out. Call a professional to fix larger scratches and holes - this is not a DIY kind of job.
5. **BURNS AND DISCOLORATION:** Uncle Milt dropped his cigarette ashes on the couch. **DON'T** try to rub it out and blend it with the surrounding area, you'll only make the problem bigger. **DO** bring in some help. When leather or faux leather gets damaged by heat, the only solution is to call in a professional. Regardless of size, a professional repair can make that burn look brand new and can be done on the spot in your own home.

For information or solutions call.. Jeff Hecker, Fibrenew Three Rivers @ 412-983-0796

Music RIOTGOD



Riotgod confirms January 31, 2012 North American release date for "Invisible Empire" Artwork and track listing revealed RIOTGOD began in spirit through the conversations of Monster Magnet's Bob Pantella and Jim Baglino while out on tour as early as 2006. While touring with Monster Magnet provided them with some great times and afforded them the opportunity to perform around the world, each communicated a desire to express their own musical ideas.

During their time off the road, the pair began exploring the possibilities of creating their own band. Bob began to lay down some ideas to get the ball rolling come 2007. Bob while recording ideas that would become many of the songs on RIOTGOD's first CD, also sought out musicians that would fill out the guitar and vocal slots for the then nameless band. Contacted first was Garrett Sweeny for guitar. For the vocals, many possible names had been discussed, including some



James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy "Live" Music Calendar

February

- 1st Open Mic
- 3rd Roger Huymphries Quintet 8pm-12am
- 4th Gil Snyder Combo 9pm-Midnight
- 5th Jazz Society featuring, The Trombone forum big band 6pm-9pm
- 9th Jimmy Ponder quartet 7pm-10pm
- 10th Blues Orphans 8pm-11pm
- 11th Etta Cox & Al Dowe Band 8pm-11pm
- 12th Jazz Society featuring, Tim Stevens – Leonard Johnson Project 6pm-9pm
- 15th Open mic
- 17th Jessica Lee Trio 8pm-11pm
- 18th Sweaty Betty blues band -9pm-Midnight
- 19th Jazz Society featuring, Boilermaker Jazz Band 6pm-9pm
- 24th Norm Anderson 8pm-11pm
- 25th Neon Swing Experience 8pm-12
- 26th Jazz Society featuring, Eric Johnson "Fabulous" 'A' Team. 6pm-9pm
- 29th Southern Comfort 6pm-9pm

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An advertisement for "The Crying Onion Gourmet Catering". The top half shows a close-up of a cocktail glass with a drink garnished with a lime wedge and a cherry. The background is dark with blurred lights. Text on the right says: "Welcome to The Crying Onion Gourmet Catering! Let us help you plan your holiday party!". Below this, smaller text reads: "The Crying Onion Catering Service is the Pittsburgh Area's choice for quality full-service gourmet catering. We're the perfect solution for serving your: Weddings, Banquets, Parties, Picnics, Tailgates, and any Special Occasion!". At the bottom, the logo for "The Crying Onion" is shown, featuring a green onion character with a face. Below the logo is the website "www.thecryingonion.com" and the phone number "412.537.0211". There is also a small circular seal in the bottom right corner.



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notable voices familiar via other established bands yet in the end the local NJ connection would lead to Mark Sunshine. The band began to look for shows locally booking in NYC, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The venues would range from nationally familiar clubs such as Asbury Park's Stone Pony to a gig in a Brooklyn loft. Touring for the band would be another story. Each member still fulfilled their other musical obligations, most notably Jim and Bob being called out to tour with Monster Magnet, However challenging it may always be owing to scheduling -- touring is a given.

RIOTGOD did its first mini-tour in 2009, hitting the road with fellow NJ rockers The Friends of Bill Wilson. RIOTGOD would visit the US mid-west and Canada, playing venues such as Chicago's Double Door, Detroit's Blondies, Toronto's Bovine Sex Club as well as some lesser known colorful establishments along the way. RIOTGOD is now back – with their second album. More straight, more rock, more stoner – more RIOTGOD.

Invisible Empire Track Listing:

1. Breed
2. Fool
3. Crossfade
4. Slow Death
5. Firebrand
6. Gas Station Roses
7. Tomorrow's Today
8. Saving It Up
9. Loosily Bound
10. Lost
11. Hollow Mirror
12. Rebirth

For more info visit:

<http://www.riotgod.com>

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Cold Winter

The Indians asked their Chief in autumn if the winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the winter was going to be cold and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared. Being a good leader, he then went to the next phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter to be cold?" The man on the phone responded, "This winter is going to be quite cold indeed." So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes", the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find. Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again: "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replies, "the Indians are collecting wood like crazy!"

Blonde Snowman

Q: Why does it take longer to build a blonde snowman than a regular one?

A: You have to hollow out the head.

Flying South

A bird was flying south for Winter, but he had left too late and was frozen solid in a storm. He dropped down into a pasture of cows. The biggest, fattest cow was doing a crap there, and the bird landed in it. At first he was disgusted, until he realized the poo was thawing him out! He started crying out for joy as the ice melted. A cat that was nearby heard the cries, walked over, saw the bird and ate it

There are three morals to this story:

1. Not everyone who gets you into s**t is your enemy
2. Not everyone who gets you out of s**t is your friend
3. If you are in s**t, keep your mouth shut

10 Office Rules:

1. Never walk without a document -- People with documents look like hardworking employees headed to important meetings. People with nothing in their hands look like they're headed for the cafeteria. People with a newspaper in their hand look like they're headed for the toilet. Above all, make sure you carry loads of stuff home with you at night, thus generating the false impression that you work longer hours than you really do.
2. Use computers to look busy -- Any time you use a computer, it looks like "work" to the casual observer. You can send and receive personal e-mail, chat and have a blast without doing anything remotely related to work. These aren't exactly the societal benefits that the proponents of the computer revolution would like to talk about, but they're not bad either. When you get caught by your boss -- and you will get caught -- your best defense is to claim you're teaching yourself to use new software, thus saving valuable training dollars.
3. Messy desk -- only top management can get away with a clean desk. For the rest of us, it looks like we're not working hard enough. Build huge piles of documents around your workspace. To the observer, last year's work

looks the same as today's work; it's volume that counts. Pile them high and wide. If you know somebody is coming to your cubicle, bury the document you'll need halfway down in an existing stack and rummage for it when he/she arrives.

4. Voice mail -- Never answer your phone if you have voice mail. People don't call you just because they want to give you something for nothing -- they call because they want YOU to do work for THEM. That's no way to live. Screen all your calls through voice mail. If somebody leaves a message for you and it sounds like impending work, respond during lunch hour when you know they're not there -- it looks like you're hardworking and conscientious even though you're being a devious weasel.
5. Look impatient and annoyed -- According to George Costanza, one should also always try to look impatient and annoyed to give off the impression that you're always busy.
6. Leave the office late -- Always leave the office late, especially when the boss is still around. You could read magazines and storybooks that you always wanted to read. Make sure you walk past the boss' room on your way out. Send important e-mails at unearthly hours (i.e. 9:35pm, 7:05am, etc.) and during public holidays.
7. Creative sighing for effect -- Sigh loudly when there are many people around, giving the impression that you are under extreme pressure.



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- Stacking strategy -- It is not enough to pile lots of documents on the table. Put lots of books on the floor, etc. (thick computer manuals are the best).
- Build vocabulary -- Read up on some computer magazines and pick out all the jargon and new products. Use the phrases freely when in conversation with bosses. Remember, they don't have to understand what you say, but you sure sound impressive.
- MOST IMPORTANT -- DON'T forward this to your boss by mistake!**

Tickle Me Elmo:

There is a factory in Northern Minnesota which makes the Tickle Me Elmo toys. The toy laughs when you tickle it under the arms. Well, Lena is hired at The Tickle Me Elmo factory and she reports for her first day promptly at 8:00 AM. The next day at 8:45 AM there is a knock at the Personnel Manager's door. The Foreman throws open the door and begins to rant about the new employee. He complains that she is incredibly slow and the whole line is backing up, putting the entire production line behind schedule. The Personnel Manager decides he should see this for himself, so the 2 men march down to the factory floor. When they get there the line is so backed up that there are Tickle Me Elmo's all over the factory floor and they're really beginning to pile up. At the end of the line stands Lena surrounded by mountains of Tickle Me Elmo's. She has a roll of plush red fabric and a huge bag of small marbles. The 2 men watch in amazement as she cuts a little piece of fabric, wraps it around two marbles and begins to carefully sew the little package between Elmo's legs. The Personnel Manager bursts into laughter. After several minutes of hysterics he pulls himself together and approaches Lena. "I'm sorry," he says to her, barely able to keep a straight face, "but I think you misunderstood the instructions I gave you yesterday..." "Your job is to give Elmo two test tickles."

"Out-Of-Office" E-Mail Auto-Reply:

- I am currently out at a job interview and will reply to you if I fail to get the position. Be prepared for my mood.
- You are receiving this automatic notification because I am out of the office. If I was in, chances are you wouldn't have received anything at all.
- Sorry to have missed you but I am at the doctors having my brain removed so that I may be promoted to management.
- I will be unable to delete all the unread, worthless emails you send me until I return from vacation on 4/18. Please be patient and your mail will be deleted in the order it was received.
- Thank you for your email. Your credit card has been charged \$5.99 for the first ten words and \$1.99 for each additional word in your message.
- The e-mail server is unable to verify your server connection and is unable to deliver this message. Please restart your computer and try sending again. (The beauty of this is that when you return, you can see how many in-duh-viduals did this over and over).
- Thank you for your message, which has been added to a queuing system. You are currently in 352nd place, and can expect to receive a reply in approximately 19 weeks.
- Hi. I'm thinking about what you've just sent me. Please wait by your PC for my response.
- Hi! I'm busy negotiating the salary for my new job. Don't

bother to leave me any messages.

- I've run away to join a different circus. "If you're going to work here young man," said the boss, "the number two thing you must learn is that we are very keen on cleanliness in this firm." "Did you wipe your feet on the mat as you came in?" "Oh, yes, sir," responded the young man. "And another thing the number one thing we are very keen on is truthfulness. There is no mat." said the boss.

If You Get Caught Sleeping at Your Desk

- They told me at the blood bank this might happen.
- This is just a 15 minute power-nap like they raved about in the last time management course you sent me to.
- Whew! Guess I left the top off the liquid paper.
- I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm!
- This is one of the seven habits of highly effective people!
- I was testing the keyboard for drool resistance.
- Actually I'm doing a "Stress Level Elimination Exercise Plan" (SLEEP). I learned it at the last mandatory seminar you made me attend.
- I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work related stress.
- Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.
- The coffee machine is broken.

Job Application

This is an actual job application that a 17 year old boy submitted to McDonald's in Florida... and they hired him because he was so honest and funny!

NAME: Greg Bulmash.

SEX: Not yet. Still waiting for the right person.

DESIRED POSITION: Company's President or Vice President. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying here in the first place.

DESIRED SALARY: \$185,000 a year plus stock options and a Michael Ovitz style severance package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

EDUCATION: Yes.

LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility.

SALARY: Less than I'm worth.

MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.

REASON FOR LEAVING: It sucked.

HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK: Any.

PREFERRED HOURS: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?: Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment.

MAY WE CONTACT YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER?: If I had one, would I be here?

DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL CONDITIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT YOU FROM LIFTING UP TO 50 LBS?: Of what?

DO YOU HAVE A CAR?: I think the more appropriate question here would be "Do you have a car that runs?"

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION?: I may already be a winner of the Publishers Clearing house Sweepstakes.

DO YOU SMOKE?: On the job no, on my breaks yes.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?:
Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy dumb sexy blonde super model who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.
DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?: Yes.
Absolutely.
SIGN HERE: Aries.

Ways To Have Fun in the Workplace

- Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
- Find out where your boss shops and buy exactly the same outfits. Wear them one day after you boss does. This is especially effective if your boss is of a different gender than you.
- Make up nicknames for all your coworkers and refer to them only by these names. "That's a good point, Sparky." "No, I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to disagree with you there, Cha-Cha."
- Send e-mail to the rest of the company telling them exactly what you're doing. For example: "If anyone needs me, I'll be in the bathroom."
- Hi-Lite your shoes. Tell people you haven't lost them as much since you did this.
- While sitting at your desk, soak your fingers in Palmolive liquid. Call everyone Marge.
- Hang mosquito netting around your cubicle. When you emerge to get coffee or a printout or whatever, slap yourself randomly the whole way.
- Put a chair facing a printer. Sit there all day and tell people you're waiting for your document.
- Every time someone asks you to do something, anything, ask them if they want fries with that.
- Send e-mail back and forth to yourself engaging yourself in an intellectual debate. Forward the mail to a co-worker and ask her to settle the disagreement.
- Encourage your colleagues to join you in a little synchronized chair-dancing.
- Put your trash can on your desk. Label it "IN."
- Feign an unnatural and hysterical fear of staplers.
- Send e-mail messages saying there's free pizza or donuts or cake in the lunchroom. When people drift back to work complaining that they found none, lean back, pat your stomach and say, "oh you've got to be faster than that."
- Put decaf in the coffeemaker for three weeks. Once everyone has withdrawn from caffeine addiction, switch to espresso.

Memo From Accounting Department

It has come to our attention recently that many of you have been turning in timesheets that specify large amounts of "Miscellaneous Unproductive Time" (Code 5309). However, we need to know exactly what you are doing during your unproductive time. Attached below is a sheet specifying a tentative extended job code list based on our observations of employee activities. The list will allow you to specify with a fair amount of precision what you are doing during your unproductive time. Please begin using this job-code list immediately and let us know about any difficulties you encounter.
Thank you,
Accounting

Attached: Extended Job-Code List

Code Description

- 5316 Useless Meeting
- 5317 Obstructing Communications at Meeting
- 5318 Trying to Sound Knowledgeable While in Meeting
- 5319 Waiting for Break
- 5320 Waiting for Lunch
- 5321 Waiting for End of Day
- 5322 Vicious Verbal Attacks Directed at Coworker
- 5323 Vicious Verbal Attacks Directed at Coworker While Coworker is Not Present
- 5393 Covering for Incompetence of Coworker Friend
- 5400 Trying to Explain Concept to Coworker Who is Not Interested in Learning
- 5401 Trying to Explain Concept to Coworker Who is Stupid
- 5402 Trying to Explain Concept to Coworker Who Hates You
- 5481 Buying Snack
- 5482 Eating Snack
- 5500 Filling Out Timesheet
- 5501 Inventing Timesheet Entries
- 5502 Waiting for Something to Happen
- 5503 Scratching Yourself
- 5504 Sleeping
- 5510 Feeling Bored
- 5511 Feeling Horny
- 5600 Complaining About Lousy Job
- 5601 Complaining About Low Pay
- 5602 Complaining About Long Hours
- 5603 Complaining About Coworker (See Codes #5322 & #5323)
- 5604 Complaining About Boss

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5605 Complaining About Personal Problems
5640 Miscellaneous Unproductive Complaining
5701 Not Actually Present At Job
5702 Suffering from Eight-Hour Flu
6102 Ordering Out
6103 Waiting for Food Delivery to Arrive
6104 Taking It Easy While Digesting Food
6200 Using Company Resources for Personal Profit
6201 Stealing Company Goods
6202 Making Excuses After Accidentally Destroying Company Goods
6203 Using Company Phone to Make Long-Distance Personal Calls
6204 Using Company Phone to Make Long-Distance Personal Calls to Sell Stolen Company Goods
6205 Hiding from Boss
6206 Gossip
6207 Planning a Social Event (e.g. vacation, wedding, etc.)
6210 Feeling Sorry For Yourself
6211 Updating Resume
6212 Faxing Resume to Another Employer/Headhunter
6213 Out of Office on Interview
6221 Pretending to Work While Boss Is Watching
6222 Pretending to Enjoy Your Job
6223 Pretending You Like Coworker
6224 Pretending You Like Important People When in Reality They are Jerks
6238 Miscellaneous Unproductive Fantasizing
6350 Playing Pranks on the New Guy/Girl
6601 Running your own Business on Company Time (See Code

#6603)
6602 Complaining
6603 Writing a Book on Company Time
6611 Staring Into Space
6612 Staring At Computer Screen
6615 Transcendental Meditation
6969 Beating off in Broom Closet
7281 Extended Visit to the Bathroom (at least 10 minutes)
7400 Talking With Divorce Lawyer on Phone
7401 Talking With Plumber on Phone
7402 Talking With Dentist on Phone
7403 Talking With Doctor on Phone
7404 Talking With Masseuse on Phone
7405 Talking With House Painter on Phone
7406 Talking With Personal Therapist on Phone
7419 Talking With Miscellaneous Paid Professional on Phone
7425 Talking With Mistress/Boy-Toy on Phone
7931 Asking Coworker to Aid You in an Illicit Activity
8000 Recreational Drug Use
8001 Non-recreational Drug Use
8002 Liquid Lunch
8100 Reading e-mail
8102 Laughing while reading e-mail

Airplane Jokes

Occasionally, airline attendants make an effort to make the “in-flight safety lecture” and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported: “There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane...”

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Pilot - "Folks, we have reached our cruising altitude now, so I am going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move about as you wish, but please stay inside the plane till we land ... it's a bit cold outside, and if you walk on the wings it affects the flight pattern."

And, after landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Washington National, a lone voice comes over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced: "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as Hell everything has shifted."

From a Southwest Airlines employee.... "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight XXX to YYY. To operate your seatbelt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seatbelt, and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised. In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with two small children, decide now which one you love more.

Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but they'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

"As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

"Last one off the plane must clean it."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry ...Unfortunately none of them are on this flight...! Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump and I know what ya'll are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendants' fault.....it was the asphalt!"

Another Flight Attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."



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After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the Flight Attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."

Part of a Flight Attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."

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Flying Parrot

On reaching his plane seat a man is surprised to see a parrot strapped in next to him. He asks the Flight Attendant for a coffee where upon the parrot squawks "And get me a whisky

you cow!" The flustered Flight Attendant, brings back a whisky for the parrot and forgets the coffee. When this omission is pointed out to her the parrot drains its glass and bawls "And get me another whisky you idiot". Quite upset, the girl comes back shaking with another whisky but still no coffee. Unaccustomed to such slackness the man tries the parrot's approach "I've asked you twice for a coffee, go and get it now or I'll kick you". The next moment, both he and the parrot have been wrenched up and thrown out of the emergency exit by two burly Flight Attendants. Plunging downwards the parrot turns to him and says "For someone who can't fly, you complain too much!"

Gate Change

At the airport for a business trip, I settled down to wait for the boarding announcement at Gate 35. Then I heard the voice on the public address system saying, "We apologize for the inconvenience, but Delta Flight 570 will board from Gate 41." So my family picked up our luggage and carried it over to Gate 41. Not ten minutes later the public address voice told us that Flight 570 would in fact be boarding from Gate 35. So, again, we gathered our carry-on luggage and returned to the original gate. Just as we were settling down, the public address voice spoke again: "Thank you for participating in Delta's physical fitness program."

Rules Of The Airways

- Takeoffs are optional. Landings are mandatory.
- Flying is not dangerous; crashing is dangerous.
- Speed is life, altitude is life insurance. No one has ever collided with the sky.
- The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
- Flying is the second greatest thrill known to man. Landing is the first!
- Everyone knows a 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. But a 'great landing is one after which you can use the airplane again.
- The probability of survival is equal to the angle of arrival.
- Was that a landing or were we shot down?
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
- Trust your captain.... but keep your seat belt securely fastened.
- Be nice to your first officer, he may be your captain at your next airline.
- Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwind.
- A pilot is a confused soul who talks about women when he's flying, and about flying when he's with a woman.
- Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs.
- There are old pilots, and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold, pilots!
- Gravity never loses! The best you can hope for is a draw!
- Gravity SUCKS!!

Software Engineering

At a recent software engineering management course in the US, the participants were given an awkward question to answer. "If you had just boarded an airliner and discovered that your team of programmers had been responsible for the flight control software how many of you would disembark



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immediately?” Among the ensuing forest of raised hands, only one man sat motionless. When asked what he would do, he replied that he would be quite content to stay onboard. With his team’s software, he said, the plane was unlikely to even taxi as far as the runway, let alone take off.

Some fun things to do the next time you’re on one of those long international flights to kill time...

- Pinch the Flight Attendants’ butt as she passes.
- When two people kiss in the in flight movie, belch real loud.
- When there’s any nudity, hoot really loudly for a few minutes.
- Fart loudly and act shocked, looking around to see who did it.
- Fiddle around with the emergency exit, then ask a fellow passenger if he has a crowbar.
- Go into the bathroom and make rude bodily noises, then come out looking refreshed.
- “Accidentally” soda spill on the dork next to you.
- Go into the bathroom, drop your pants, then come out, yelling “We’re out of toilet paper!”
- Lead a bible study session in the back of the plane.
- Start a hot dog stand.
- Steal businessman’s laptop, play solitaire on it.
- Pick your nose and pat the person next to you.
- Show off your Batman underwear.
- Switch accents and see if anyone notices.
- Scratch your butt, then sniff your finger.
- Don’t use deodorant, then “accidentally” stick your armpit in someone’s face.
- Sneeze, using somebody’s sleeve instead of your hand to cover it.
- Snort when you laugh.
- Tell corny jokes and laugh like it’s absolutely hilarious, then expect others to do the same.
- Ride carry-on luggage down the aisle, yelling “Yeee-ha!”.
- With a desperate look, ask the Flight Attendant where the bathroom is, then look relieved and say “Never mind. Do you have any towels?”.
- Jump up and scream “AAAHHH!! I left the stove on!!”.
- Ask someone for their autograph, pretending that you think they’re Kevin Costner or Goldie Hawn (This works best when the person looks nothing like the movie star in question)
- If someone has a bad toupee, whack it off.
- Pretend you’re flying the plane.
- Get some rub-on tattoos and a leather jacket, pretend that you belong to a biker gang.

Computer Nerds

A truck driver, hauling a tractor-trailer load of computers, stops for a beer. As he approaches the bar, he sees a big sign on the door that says, “COMPUTER NERDS NOT ALLOWED - ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!” He enters and sits down. The bartender comes over to him, sniffs, and says that he smells kind of nerdy. He then asks him what he does for a living. The truck driver explains to him that he drives a truck, and the smell is just from the computers he is hauling. The bartender serves him a beer and says, “OK, truck drivers aren’t nerds.” As he is sipping his beer, a skinny guy walks in wearing a pair of glasses with tape around the middle, a pocket protector with twelve kinds of pens and pencils, and a belt that is at least

a foot too long. The bartender, without saying a word, pulls out a shotgun and blows the guy away. The truck driver asks him why he did that. The bartender replied, “Don’t worry. The computer nerds are in season because they are overpopulating Silicon Valley. You don’t even need a license.” So the truck driver finishes his beer, gets back in his truck, and heads for the freeway. Suddenly, he veers to avoid an accident, and the load shifts. The back door breaks open and computers spill out all over the road. He jumps out and sees a crowd already forming, snatching up all of the computers. The scavengers are comprised of engineers, accountants and programmers - computer geeks. Each of them wearing the nerdiest clothes he has ever seen. He can’t let them steal his whole load. So remembering what happened in the bar, he pulls out his gun and starts blasting away, killing several of them instantly. A highway patrol officer comes zooming up and jumps out of the car screaming at him to stop. The truck driver said, “What’s wrong? I thought computer nerds were in season.” “Well, sure,” says the patrolman, “But you can’t bait ‘em!”

Bill Gates’ Adventures in Heaven

Ever wondered what heaven looks like? Bill Gates died and, much to everyone’s surprise, went to Heaven. When he got there, he had to wait in the reception area. Heaven’s reception area was the size of Massachusetts. There were literally millions of people milling about, living in tents with nothing to do all day. Food and water were being distributed from the backs of trucks, while staffers with clipboards slowly worked their way through the crowd. Bill lived in a tent for three weeks until, finally, one of the staffers approached him. The staffer was a young man in his late teens, face scarred with acne.



He was wearing a blue T-shirt with the words TEAM PETER emblazoned on it in large yellow lettering.

“Hello,” said the staffer in a bored voice that could have been the voice of any clerk in any overgrown bureaucracy. “My name is Gabriel and I’ll be your induction coordinator.” Bill started to ask a question, but Gabriel interrupted him. “No, I’m not the Archangel Gabriel. I’m just a guy from Philadelphia named Gabriel who died in a car wreck at the age of 17. Now give me your name, last name first, unless you were Chinese in which case it’s first name first.” “Gates, Bill.” Gabriel started searching through the sheaf of papers on his clipboard, looking for Bill’s Record of Earthly Works. “What’s going on here?” asked Bill. “Why are all these people here? Where’s Saint Peter? Where are the Pearly Gates?” Gabriel ignored the questions until he located Bill’s records. Then Gabriel looked up in surprise. “It says here that you were the president of a large software company. Is that right?” “Yes.” “Well then, do the math chip-head! When this Saint Peter business started, it was an easy gig. Only a hundred or so people died every day, and Peter could handle it all by himself, no problem. But now there are over five billion people on earth. Jesus, when God said to ‘go forth and multiply,’ he didn’t say ‘like rabbits!’ With that large a population, ten thousand people die every hour. Over a quarter-million people a day. Do you think Peter can meet them all personally?” “I guess not.” “You guess right.” So Peter had to franchise the operation. Now, Peter is the CEO of Team Peter Enterprises, Inc. He just sits in the corporate headquarters and sets policy. Franchisees like me handle the actual inductions.” Gabriel looked through his paperwork some more, and then continued. “Your paperwork seems to be in

order. And with a background like yours, you’ll be getting a plum job assignment.” “Job assignment?” “Of course. Did you expect to spend the rest of eternity sitting on your ass and drinking ambrosia? Heaven is a big operation. You have to pull your weight around here!” Gabriel took out a triplicate form, had Bill sign at the bottom, and then tore out the middle copy and handed it to Bill. “Take this down to induction center #23 and meet up with your occupational teacher. His name is Abraham.” Bill started to ask a question, but Gabriel interrupted him. “No, he’s not *that* Abraham.” Bill walked down a muddy trail for ten miles until he came to induction center #23. He met with Abraham after a mere six-hour wait. “Heaven is centuries behind in building its data processing infrastructure,” explained Abraham. “As you’ve seen, we’re still doing everything on paper. It takes us a week just to process new entries.” “I had to wait *three* weeks,” said Bill. Abraham stared at Bill angrily, and Bill realized that he’d made a mistake. Even in Heaven, it’s best not to contradict a bureaucrat. “Well,” Bill offered, “maybe that Bosnia thing has you guys backed up.” Abraham’s look of anger faded to mere annoyance. “Your job will be to supervise Heaven’s new data processing center. We’re building the largest computing facility in creation. Half a million computers connected by a multi-segment fiber optic network, all running into a back-end server network with a thousand CPUs on a gigabit channel. Fully fault tolerant. Fully distributed processing. The works.” Bill could barely contain his excitement. “Wow! What a great job! This is really Heaven!” “We’re just finishing construction, and we’ll be starting operations soon. Would you like to go see the center now?” “You bet!” Abraham and Bill caught the shuttle bus and went to Heaven’s new data processing center. It was a truly huge facility, a hundred times bigger than the Astrodome. Workmen were crawling all over the place, getting the miles of fiber optic cables properly installed. But the center was dominated by the computers. Half a million computers, arranged neatly row-by-row, half a million Macintoshes all running Claris software! Not a PC in sight! Not a single byte of Microsoft code! The thought of spending the rest of eternity using products that he had spent his whole life working to destroy was too much for Bill. “What about PCs???” he exclaimed. “What about Windows???” “What about Excel???” “What about Word???” “You’re forgetting something,” said Abraham. “What’s that?” asked Bill plaintively. “This is Heaven,” explained Abraham. “We need a computer system that’s heavenly to use. If you want to build a data processing center based on PCs running Windows, then GO TO HELL!”

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Where Are We?

There was a pilot flying a small single engine charter plane, with a couple of very important executives on board. He was coming into Seattle airport through thick fog with less than 10m visibility when his instruments went out. So he began circling around looking for landmark. After an hour or so, he starts running pretty low on fuel and the passengers are getting very nervous. Finally, a small opening in the fog appears and he sees a tall building with one guy working alone on the fifth floor. The pilot banks the plane around, rolls down the window and shouts to the guy “Hey, where am I? To this, the solitary office worker replies “You’re in a plane.” The pilot rolls up the window, executes a 275 degree turn and proceeds to execute a perfect blind landing on the runway of the airport 5 miles away. Just as the plane stops, so does the engine as the fuel has run out. The passengers are amazed

and one asks how he did it. "Simple" replies the pilot, "I asked the guy in that building a simple question. The answer he gave me was 100 percent correct, but absolutely useless, therefore that must be Microsoft's support office and from there the airport is just a while away."

Microsoft Tester Dies Tragically At Hands Of "Pal"

REDMOND, Wa - The Microsoft Redmond Campus was rocked by tragedy today as Paul Fitzgerald, Test Engineer on the Windows NT Team, was brutally murdered in an apparently psychotic tirade by one of the "personalities" of Microsoft's latest operating system shell program, Bob. In the small hours of this morning, Java, the "friendly" coffee-drinking dinosaur, burst from the screen of Fitzgerald's computer, cutting a swath of destruction throughout the hapless worker's office and into the accompanying hallway.

The beast was quickly subdued by Microsoft Campus Security upon failing to produce a valid Microsoft keycard, avoiding what could otherwise have been a tragedy of much greater proportions. He is currently undergoing psychiatric evaluation at the Washington Institute for Perfectly Valid Life Forms Who in the Heat of the Moment Do Some Absolutely Naughty Things. Says Lars Opstad, chief spiritual healer and concert pianist, "It's touch and go right now. I don't think Java yet realizes the immensity of what he's done." Eyewitnesses say that they could hear the stegosaurus-like computer guide screaming "All I wanted was a GOOD espresso" in those terrible moments before dawn. Said Rover Retriever, another Bob personality, "This is just terrible. Java was always such a great guy. Sure, he was a little high strung, but I can't believe he would do something like this. I think we need to seriously re-examine the stress that the Bob Personality group is under so that another such incident doesn't occur." A possible precipitant to the incident could be Java's recent attempt to quit smoking as a result of a clause in his contract. Lawyers are examining whether this constitutes a violation of discriminatory hiring statutes on Microsoft's part. Microsoft Legal could not be reached for comment, but an undisclosed source asserted "We couldn't have him puffing away like that. He's a dinosaur, not a dragon. It would confuse the market." Coroner's reports say Fitzgerald died instantly of cardiac arrest, but are unclear on whether this was a result of the vicious attack or the fact that Bob installed successfully on NT.

Math Jokes

Q: What is the difference between a Ph.D. in mathematics and a large pizza?

A: A large pizza can feed a family of four...

Q: What is the difference between a mathematician and a philosopher?

A: The mathematician only needs paper, pencil, and a trash bin for his work - the philosopher can do without the trash bin...

Q: What do you get if you add two apples and three apples?

A: A high school math problem!

Q: How does one insult a mathematician?

A: You say: "Your brain is smaller than any $>0!$ "

Q: What does a mathematician present to his fiancée when he wants to propose?

A: A polynomial ring!

Q: Why do you rarely find mathematicians spending time at the beach?

A: Because they have sine and cosine to get a tan and don't need the sun!

Q: Why do mathematicians, after a dinner at a Chinese restaurant, always insist on taking the leftovers home?

A: Because they know the Chinese remainder theorem!

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi!

Another Math Joke

Teacher: "Who can tell me what 7 times 6 is?"

Student: "It's 42!"

Teacher: "Very good! - And who can tell me what 6 times 7 is?"

Same student: "It's 24!"

More Math Jokes

A mathematician is flying non-stop from Edmonton to Frankfurt. The scheduled flying time is nine hours. Some time after taking off, the pilot announces that one engine had to be turned off due to mechanical failure: "Don't worry - we're safe. The only noticeable effect this will have for us is that our total flying time will be ten hours instead of nine." A few hours into the flight, the pilot informs the passengers that another engine had to be turned off due to mechanical failure: "But don't worry - we're still safe. Only our flying time will go up to twelve hours." Some time later, a third engine fails and has to be turned off. But the pilot reassures the passengers: "Don't worry - even with one engine, we're still perfectly safe. It just means that it will take sixteen hours total for this plane to arrive in Frankfurt." The mathematician remarks to his fellow passengers: "If the last engine breaks down, too, then we'll be in the air for twenty-four hours altogether!"



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A math student is pestered by a classmate who wants to copy his homework assignment. The student hesitates, not only because he thinks it's wrong, but also because he doesn't want to be sanctioned for aiding and abetting. His classmate calms him down: "Nobody will be able to trace my homework to you: I'll be changing the names of all the constants and variables: a to b, x to y, and so on." Not quite convinced, but eager to be left alone, the student hands his completed assignment to the classmate for copying. After the deadline, the student asks: "Did you really change the names of all the variables?" "Sure!" the classmate replies. "When you called a function f, I called it g; when you called a variable x, I renamed it to y; and when you were writing about the log of $x+1$, I called it the timber of $x+1$..."

The chef instructs his apprentice: "You take two thirds of water, one third of cream, one third of broth..." The apprentice: "But that makes four thirds already!" "Well - just take a larger pot!"

"That math prof's marriage is falling apart!" "No wonder! He's into scientific computing - and she's incalculable!"

A woman in a bar tries to pick up a mathematician. "How old, do you think, am I?" she asks coyly. "Well - 18 by that fire in your eyes, 19 by that glow on your cheeks, 20 by that radiance of your face, and adding that up is something you can probably do for yourself..."

Theorem. A cat has nine tails. Proof. No cat has eight tails. Since one cat has one more tail than no cat, it must have nine tails.

The math professor just accepted a new position at a university in another city and has to move. He and his wife pack all their belongings into cardboard boxes and have them shipped off to their new home. To sort out some family matters, the wife stays behind for a few more days while her husband has already left for their new residence. The boxes arrive when the wife still hasn't rejoined her husband. When they talk on the phone in the evening, she asks him to count the boxes, just to make sure the movers didn't lose any of them. "Thirty nine boxes altogether", says the prof on the phone. "That can't be", the wife exclaims. "The movers picked up forty boxes at our old place." The prof counts once again, but again his count only reaches 39. The next morning, the wife calls the moving company and complains. The company promises to check; a few hours later, someone calls back and reports that all forty boxes did arrive. In the evening, when the prof and his wife are on the phone again, she asks: "I don't understand it. When you count, you get 39, and when they do, they get 40. That's more than strange..." "Well", the prof says. "This is a cordless phone, so you can stay on the line and count with me: zero, one, two, three,..."

"Students nowadays are so clueless", the math professor complains to a colleague. "Yesterday, a student came to my

office hours and wanted to know if General Calculus was a Roman war hero..."

It is only two weeks into the term that, in a calculus class, a student raises his hand and asks: "Will we ever need this stuff in real life?" The professor gently smiles at him and says: "Of course not - your real life will consist of flipping hamburgers at MacDonald's!"

An investment firm is hiring mathematicians. After the first round of interviews, three hopeful recent graduates - a pure mathematician, an applied mathematician, and a graduate in mathematical finance - are asked what starting salary they are expecting. The pure mathematician: "Would \$30,000 be too much?" The applied mathematician: "I think \$60,000 would be OK." The math finance person: "What about \$300,000?" The personnel officer is flabbergasted: "Do you know that we have a graduate in pure mathematics who is willing to do the same work for a tenth of what you are demanding!?" "Well, I thought of \$135,000 for me, \$135,000 for you - and \$30,000 for the pure mathematician who will do the work."

Statistics Canada is hiring mathematicians. Three recent graduates are invited for an interview: one has a degree in pure mathematics, another one in applied math, and the third one obtained his B.Sc. in statistics. All three are asked the same question: "What is one third plus two thirds?" The pure mathematician: "It's one." The applied mathematician takes out his pocket calculator, punches in the numbers, and replies: "It's 0.999999999." The statistician: "What do you want it to be?"

Bubba and Junior

Bubba and Junior were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder." The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away. Junior shook his head and laughed. "Ain't that just like a dumb blonde! We ask for the height, and she gives us the length!"

Blonde Jokes

Q. Do you know the true reason for all of these blonde jokes?
A. Brunettes and redheads think they look smart making them all up!

Q. What do you call a brunette between two blondes???

A. LUCKY! (She finally gets some attention!)

Q. What's black and blue and lying in a ditch?

A. A Redhead who has told one too many dumb blonde jokes.

Q. What does a redhead miss the most at a party?

A. The Invitation !

Q. Why are there so many blonde jokes?

A. Because the blondes are out with all the men, the brunettes and redheads have nothing better to do on Friday and Saturday nights.

Two bored casino dealers are waiting at the crap table. A very attractive blonde woman arrived and bet twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) on a single roll of the dice. She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude." With that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!" As the dice came to a stop she jumped up and down and squealed... "YES! YES! I WON, I WON!" She hugged each of the dealers and then picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed... The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?" The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching."

Smart Blonde Joke

A blonde walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the Loan officer. She says she's going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Mercedes Benz SL 500. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank, she has the title and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car collateral for the loan. The bank's president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the blond for using a \$110,000 Benz as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then proceeds to drive the Benz into the bank's underground garage and parks it there. Two weeks later, the blonde returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The loan officer says, "Miss, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles

us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?" The blonde replies, "Where else in New York City can I park my Car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"

Finally... A Smart Blonde Joke.

There were two blondes, and they had just come from a store. The blonde that owned the mustang had locked her keys in the car. She was trying to pick the lock when she stopped to rest for a second. When she sat down, her friend said, "Hurry up, it's starting to rain and the top's down!" OK, so there's this blonde driving down the road in her brand new, candy-apple red, \$125,000 Lamborghini. She's cruising about 95, radio blaring, having a great time. She comes up on this trucker who is carrying a double-wide home and is taking up both lanes. To her disliking, he is only going about 45. To get the point across that she wants to get past, she decides to tailgate him. So, she gets to within a foot of his rear bumper. The trucker looks back and sees her on his ass, and motions for her to get off of it, but to her it looks like a wave and she waves back. Since her first attempt was futile, she decided to get a little closer and begin flashing her headlights, hopefully making herself more visible in the process. Once again the trucker sees her on his ass, and this time motions for her to pull over to the side of the road. The trucker steps out of his vehicle with a chunk of chalk and draws a circle three feet in diameter in the middle of the road. He instructs her not to move until he tells her to. Naive as she was, she agrees to it and steps inside it. The trucker goes back to his truck and pulls out a 50-ounce Louisville Slugger. He walks over to the Lamborghini and beats it, and beats it, and beats it again. When he is done, all that is left is a brand new, candy-apple red, \$125,000 pile of metal. Satisfied, he throws the bat in his truck and walks over to the blonde. When he gets

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there, to his astonishment, she is rolling around on the street laughing hysterically. He asks her, "Why are you laughing? I just beat the crap out of your car!!" She is laughing too hard to respond, but between giggles he can make out, "While you weren't looking I stepped out of the circle!"

This guy was driving in a car with a blonde. He told her to stick her head out the window and see if the blinker worked. She stuck her head out and said, "Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes..."

As a blonde crawls out of her wrecked car, the local sheriff asks her what happened. The blonde began, "It was the strangest thing! I looked up and saw a tree, so I swerved to the right. Then I saw another tree, so I swerved to left. Then there was another tree, and another and another ..." The sheriff thought for a minute and then said, "Mam ... I don't know how to tell you this, but the only thing even resembling a tree on this road for thirty miles is your air freshener."

Dumb Blonde Jokes

- Q: How do you make a blonde's eyes twinkle?
A: Shine a flashlight in their ear.
Q: What does a blond and a beer bottle have in common?
A: They're both empty from the neck up.
Q: How do you get a blond out of a tree?
A: Wave
Q: What do peroxide blondes and black men have in common?
A: They both have black roots.
Q: What does a blonde owl say?

- A: What, what?
Q: What do you get when you turn 3 blondes upside-down?
A: Two brunettes.
Q: What's the Blonde's cheer?
A: " I'm blonde, I'm blonde, I'm B.L.O.N....ah, oh well.. I'm blonde, I'm blonde, yea yea yea..."
Q: Why did the blonde scale the chain-link fence?
A: To see what was on the other side.
Q: Why did the blonde have tire tread marks on her back?
A: From crawling across the street when the sign said "DON'T WALK".
Q: Why did the blonde keep a coat hanger in her back seat?
A: In case she locks the keys in her car.
Q: Why did the blonde tip-toe past the medicine cabinet?
A: So she wouldn't wake up the sleeping pills.
Q: Why did the blonde wear condoms on her ears?
A: So she wouldn't get Hearing Aides.
Q: Why did the blonde drive into the ditch?
A: To turn the blinker off.
Q: Why did the blonde try and steal a police car?
A: She saw "911" on the back and thought it was a Porsche.
Q: Why didn't the blonde want a window seat on the plane?
A: She'd just blow dried her hair and she didn't want it blown around too much.
Q: Why did the blonde get so excited after she finished her jigsaw puzzle in only 6 months?
A: Because on the box it said From 2-4 years.
Q: How do you confuse a blonde?
A: Ask her to alphabetize a bag of M&Ms.
Q: Why does it work?
A: "Does 3 come before E or does it go between M and W?"
Q: Why did the blonde call the welfare office?
A: She wanted to know how to cook food stamps!
Q: What is the connection between a blonde and a halogen headlamp?
A: They both get screwed on the front of a Ford Escort.
Q: Did you hear about the blond skydiver?
A: She missed the Earth!
Q: Where do blondes go to meet their relatives?
A: The vegetable garden.
Q: How many blondes does it take to play tag?
A: One.
Q: What happened to the blonde tap dancer?
A: She slipped off and fell down the drain.
Q: What did the blonde say when she looked into a box of Cheerios?
A: "Oh look! Donut seeds!"
Q: What did the blonde name her pet zebra?
A: Spot.
Q: What's a blonds' favorite rock group?
A: Air Supply.
Q: Why are dumb blonde jokes so short?
A: So brunettes can remember them.
Q: Why are blondes like cornflakes ?
A: Because they're simple, easy and they taste good.
Q: Why can't blondes put in light bulbs?
A: They keep breaking them with the hammers.
Q: Did you hear about the blonde coyote?
A: Got stuck in a trap, chewed off three legs and was still stuck.
Q: When is it legal to shoot a blonde in the head?
A: When you have a tire pump to re-inflate it!
Q: What is a blonde's favorite part of a gas station?
A: The Air Pump!

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Q. What do blondes and beer bottles have in common?
 A. Their both empty from the neck up.
 Q. What do you call a dumb blonde behind a steering wheel?
 A. An airbag.
 Q. Why did the blonde like the car with a sunroof?
 A. More leg-room!
 Q. What do you call a blonde with a runny nose?
 A. FULL
 Q. What do you do if a blonde throws a grenade at you?
 A. Pull the pin and throw it back.
 Q. What's the difference between a blonde and a solar powered calculator?
 A. The blonde works in the dark!
 Q. What do you say to a Blonde that won't give in?
 A. "Have another beer."
 Q. What do Blondes say after sex?
 A1. Thanks Guys.
 A2. Are you boys all in the same band?
 A3. Do you guys all play for the Green Bay Packers?
 Q. Why'd the blonde get fired from the M&M factory?
 A. She kept throwing out all the W's.
 Q. How do blond brain cells die?
 A. Alone.
 Q. Five blondes are facing execution, a rocket scientist, a historian, a bimbo, and a mathematician. They are each hit with one bullet but, only one bleeds, which one?
 A. The bimbo, you have to be real to bleed.
 Q. Did you hear about the blonde couple that were found frozen to death in their car at a drive-in movie theater?
 A. They went to see "Closed for the Winter".

Q. What is the definition of the perfect woman?
 A. A deaf and dumb blonde nymphomaniac whose father owns a pub.
 Q. How would a blond punctuate the following?. "Fun fun fun worry worry worry"
 A. Fun period fun period fun NO PERIOD worry worry worry!
 Q. Why is the blonde's brain the size of a pea in the morning?
 A. It swells at night.
 Q. A blonde is walking down the street with a pig under her arm. She passes a person who asks "Where did you get that?"
 A. The pig says, "I won her in a raffle!"

How To Keep Your Romance Alive:

Need a little help or a few quick ideas on how to keep your romance alive? Below is a list of 102 ways to spark up your love life! Rules To Live By:

1. Laugh a lot, have a good sense of humor.
2. Look for new ways to fall in love all over again.
3. Let your love know you are there for them.
4. Show your partner you love them in every way possible.
5. Spend time apart, give each other space.
6. Add spice to your love life.
7. Avoid arguing.
8. Try new things.
9. Put your love's feelings first.
10. Keep your relationship full of surprises.
11. Trust one another.
12. Believe romance is important to your relationship.
13. Always have a good conversation with your partner.
14. Have faith in your relationship.
15. Tell your sweetheart how much they mean to you.
16. Be yourself.



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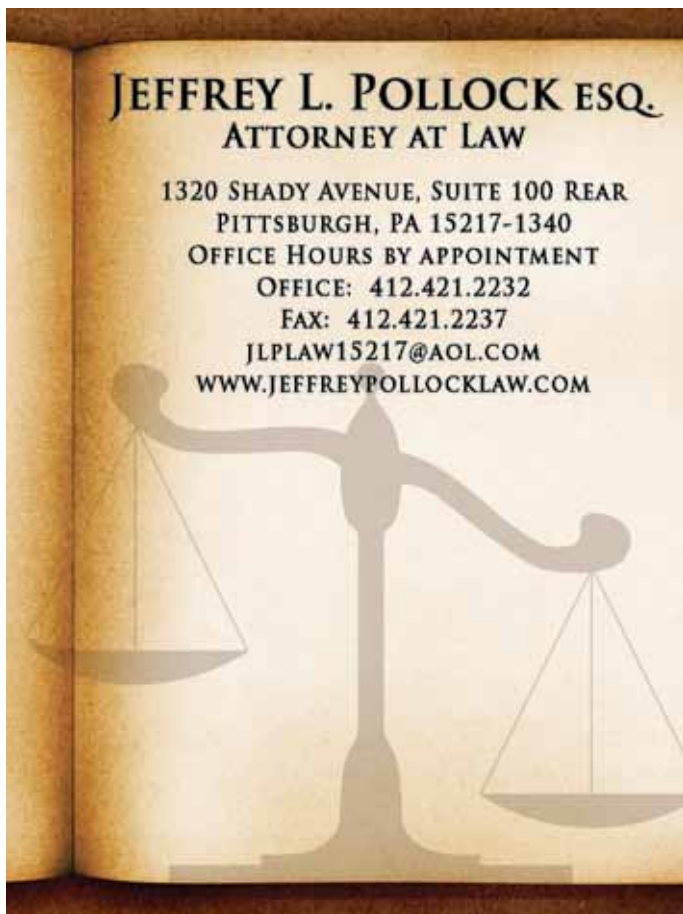
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17. Be romantic.
18. Always be there for each other.
19. Spend time together.
20. Whenever you have a misunderstanding make sure to talk about the problems and try your best to solve it together.
21. Treat your love as if they mean everything to you.
22. Treat your partner with the respect they deserve.
23. Never hang up the phone without saying I love you.
24. Never part without kissing.
25. Praise your partner often.
26. Never take your relationship for granted.
27. Make each moment with your with each other count.
28. Remember to take time for each other.
29. Keep happy.
30. Spoil your partner rotten!
31. Never go to sleep mad at each other.
32. Don't be afraid of making a fool of yourself.
33. Let your imagination be your guide.
34. Be a good listener.
35. Get to really know your partner.
36. Make yourself trustworthy.
37. Never be predictable.
38. Kiss your partner like you won't see them again.
39. Be open and honest.
40. Keep open communication with your partner.
41. Maintain a great friendship with your love!
42. Rituals of Love:
43. Take a few minutes each day to say I love you.
44. Kiss everyday.
45. Start each day with a kiss and an I love you.
46. End each day with a kiss and an I love you.
47. Plan a monthly overnight/weekend getaway.
48. Take bubble baths together at least once a month.
49. Go out on at least one date a week.
50. Take walks together as often as possible.
51. Give your love a card once a week.
52. Set one day out of each week to do something special and never miss it.
53. Say something sweet to your love every day.
54. Send an e-mail every day.
55. Every night before bed wish your partner sweet dreams.
56. Romantic Ideas:
57. Give your partner a smile or soft kiss and just let them know you are there for them.
58. Cuddle together on the couch and watch a movie.
59. Cuddle together on the couch and talk about your dreams and future plans.
60. Ask each other out on dates.
61. Write sweet letters.
62. Always hug and kiss your love.
63. Send little gifts to them by surprise.
64. Call them up at work to remind them you love them.
65. Rub their feet.
66. Place love notes in their lunch.
67. Buy their favorite cookies and hide them for your love.
68. Flirt with your sweetheart when your in a store.
69. Blow an unexpected kiss.
70. Read to each other.
71. Surprise your partner to a romantic weekend together.
72. Tell your love how sexy and beautiful they are.
73. Give special surprises like little teddy bears with "I wanna sex you up" notes or something silly like that.
74. Kiss in a lot of different ways.
75. Send a romantic e-card.
76. Stick little notes in their car.
77. Bring flowers when they least expect it.
78. Take showers together.
79. Picnic under the moonlight.
80. Give a single perfect rose for no reason at all.
81. Dance on the balcony.
82. Try new thing when making love.
83. Put on your favorite songs and dance around in the kitchen.
84. Create love, friendship and devotion page for each other.
85. Write I love you on the bathroom mirror with a soap bar.
86. Have pizza with a love note delivered to your partners work.
87. Have coded messages to send pages to each other.
88. Cuddle up with your love in the cold.
89. Go hiking.
90. Ride horses.
91. Cook together.
92. Light candles, drink wine with strawberries and have lots of loving!
93. Keep a mini mailbox, leave the flag up when you've left a love note.
94. Pretend like you're meeting for the first time.
95. Get a babysitter.
96. Making It Intimate:
97. Take one night each week and give into each other's sexual fantasies.
98. Buy new sexy clothes.
99. Get a red light bulb, a nice and sexy lingerie , make a little dinner and then comes dessert. :)
100. Send your love x-rated e-mail.



101. Wear sexy lingerie.
102. Send your partner sexy websites by e-mail to let them know you are thinking about them.

Something to Offend Everyone!

What is a Yankee?
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Why is divorce so expensive?
Because it's worth it.

What do you see when the Pillsbury Dough Boy bends over?
Doughnuts.

Why is air a lot like sex?
Because it's no big deal unless you're not getting any.

What do you call a smart blonde?
A golden retriever.

What do attorneys use for birth control?
Their personalities.

What's the difference between a girlfriend and wife?
45 lbs

What's the difference between a boyfriend and husband?
45 minutes

What's the fastest way to a man's heart?
Through his chest with a sharp knife.

Why do men want to marry virgins?
They can't stand criticism.

Why is it so hard for women to find men that are sensitive, caring, and good-looking?
Because those men already have boyfriends.

What's the difference between a new husband and a new dog?
After a year, the dog is still excited to see you

What makes men chase women they have no intention of marrying?
The same urge that makes dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving.

Why don't bunnies make noise when they have sex?
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What did the blonde say when she found out she was pregnant?
“Are you sure it’s mine?”

Why does Mike Tyson cry during sex?
Mace will do that to you.

Why did OJ Simpson want to move to West Virginia ?
Everyone has the same DNA.

Why do men find it difficult to make eye contact?
Breasts don’t have eyes.

Why do drivers’ education classes in Redneck schools use the car only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays?
Because on Tuesday and Thursday, the Sex Ed class uses it.

Where does an Irish family go on vacation?
A different bar.

What would you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?
A speech impediment.

What does it mean when the flag at the Post Office is flying at half-mast?
They’re hiring.

What’s the difference between a southern zoo and a northern zoo?
A southern zoo has a description of the animal on the front of the cage along with... “a recipe”.

How do you get a sweet little 80-year-old lady to say the F word?
Get another sweet little 80-year-old lady to yell *BINGO*!

What’s the difference between a northern fairytale and a southern fairytale?
A northern fairytale begins “Once upon a time...” ! -A southern fairytale begins “Y’all ain’t gonna believe this sh * it...”.

Why is there no Disneyland in China?
No one’s tall enough to go on the good rides

Things You Should Never Say to a Police Officer:

1. I can’t reach my license unless you hold my beer. (OK in Texas)
2. Sorry, Officer, I didn’t realize my radar detector wasn’t plugged in.
3. Aren’t you the guy from the Village People?
4. Hey, you must’ve been doin’ about 125 mph to keep up with me. Good job!
5. Are You Andy or Barney?
6. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
7. You’re not gonna check the trunk, are you?
8. I pay your salary!
9. Gee, Officer! That’s terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning, too!
10. Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
11. I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around.. That’s how far ahead of me they are.
12. When the Officer says “GeeYour eyes look red, have you been drinking?” You probably shouldn’t respond with, “Gee Officer your eyes look glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?”

A Little Union Humor:

A fellow stopped at for gas and, after filling up, he paid the bill and bought soft drink. He stood by his car to drink his cola and he watched a couple of men working along the roadside. . . One man would dig a hole two or three feet deep and then move on. The other man came along behind and filled in the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was about 25 feet behind filling in the old. Completely mystified, the fellow walks up to workers and say, “OK.. hold it,” he said to the men. “Can

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you tell me what's going on here with this digging?" "Well, we're union, and we work for the state," one of the men said. "But one of you is digging a hole and the other fills it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the county's money?" "You don't understand, mister," one of the men said, leaning on his shovel and wiping his brow. "Normally, there's three of us--me, Freddie, and Tom. I dig the hole, Freddie places in the tree, and Tom here puts the dirt back. Union says that just because Freddie's out sick, that don't mean that Tom & me shouldn't work!"

Working in 2012:

The businessman dragged himself home and barely made it to his chair before he dropped exhausted. His sympathetic wife was right there with a tall cool drink and a comforting word. "My, you look tired," she said. "You must have had a hard day today. What happened to make you so exhausted?" "It was terrible," her husband said. "The computer broke down and all of us had to do our own thinking."

Actual Quantas Airline Maintenance Complaints:

Quantas pilots fill out a form called a "gripe sheet", which tells Mechanics about problems with the aircraft. Mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight... Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Quantas pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded by the maintenance engineers (marked with an M). By the way, Quantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident. P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement. M: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
M: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.
M: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.
M: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
M: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
M: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
M: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
M: That's what they're for.

P: IFF inoperative.
M: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
M: Suspect you're right.



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M: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)
M: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.
M: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.
M: Cat installed.

And the best one for last...
P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
M: Took hammer away from midget

Indian Mating Season

Two Indians and a Tennessee Hillbilly were walking through the woods. All of a sudden one of the Indians ran up a hill to the mouth of a small cave. "Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!" he called into the cave and listened closely until he heard an answer, "Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo! He then tore off his clothes and ran into the cave. The Hillbilly was puzzled and asked the remaining Indian what it was all about. "Was the other Indian crazy or what?" The Indian replied "No, It is our custom during mating season when Indian men see cave, they holler 'Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!' into the opening. If they get an answer

back, it means there's a beautiful squaw in there waiting for us." Just then they came upon another cave. The second Indian ran up to the cave, stopped, and hollered, "Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!" Immediately, there was the answer. "Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!" from deep inside. He also tore off his clothes and ran into the opening. The Hillbilly wandered around in the woods alone for a while, until he spied a third large cave. As he looked in amazement at the size of the huge opening, he was thinking, "Hoo, man! Look at the size of this cave! It is bigger than those the Indians found. There must be many many, fine women in this cave!" He stood in front of the opening and hollered with all his might "Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!" Like the others, he then heard a huge answering call, "WOOOOOOOOO, WOOOOOOOOO, WOOOOOOOOO!" With a gleam in his eye and a smile on his face, he raced into the cave, tearing off his clothes as he ran. The following day, the headline of the local newspaper read.... NAKED HILLBILLY RUN OVER BY TRAIN!!!

Things To Remember When You Get Old:

Games For When We Are Older

1. Sag, you're It.
2. Hide and go pee.
3. 20 questions shouted into your good ear.
4. Kick the bucket
5. Red Rover, Red Rover, the nurse says Bend Over.
6. Musical recliners.
7. Simon says something incoherent.
8. Pin the Toupee on the bald guy.

Signs Of Menopause

1. You sell your home heating system at a yard sale.
2. You have to write post-it notes with your kids' names on them.
3. You change your underwear after a sneeze.

Old Is When

1. Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.
2. You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.
3. Getting a little action means I don't need fiber today.
4. Getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.
5. An all-nighter means not getting up to pee!

Thoughts For The Weekend

1. I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!
2. When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk."
3. Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?
4. Stress is when you wake up screaming and then you realize you haven't fallen asleep yet.
5. My husband says I never listen to him. At least I think that's what he said.
6. Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.
7. If raising children was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!
8. Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

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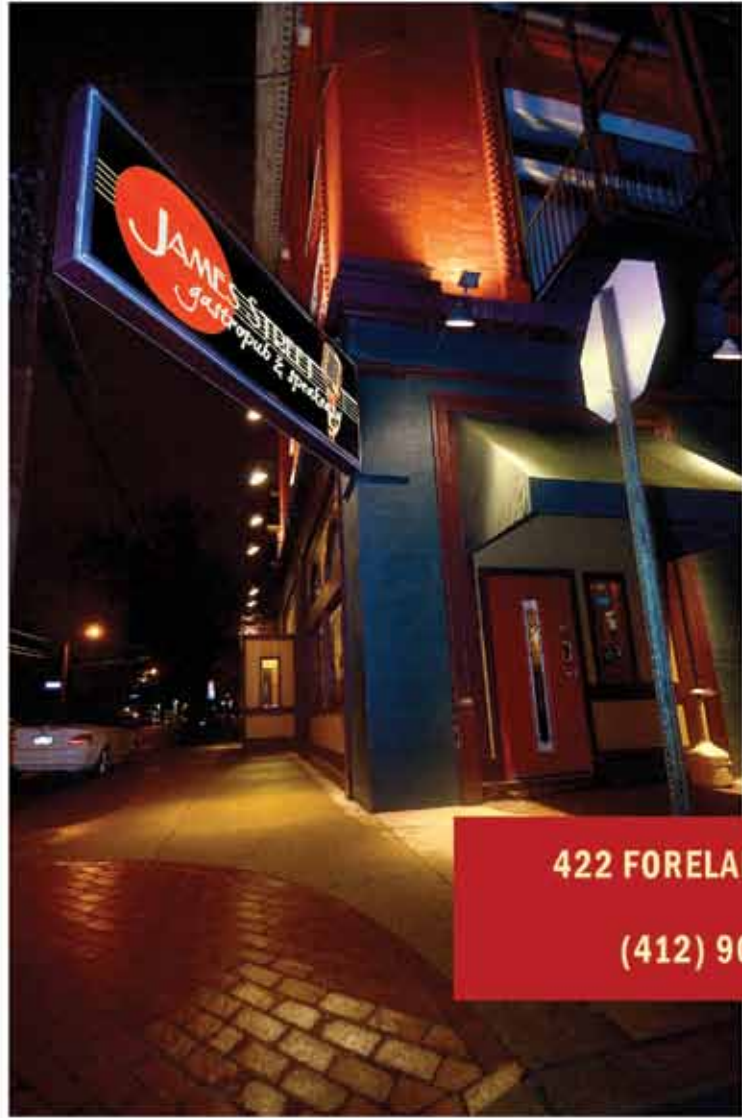
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