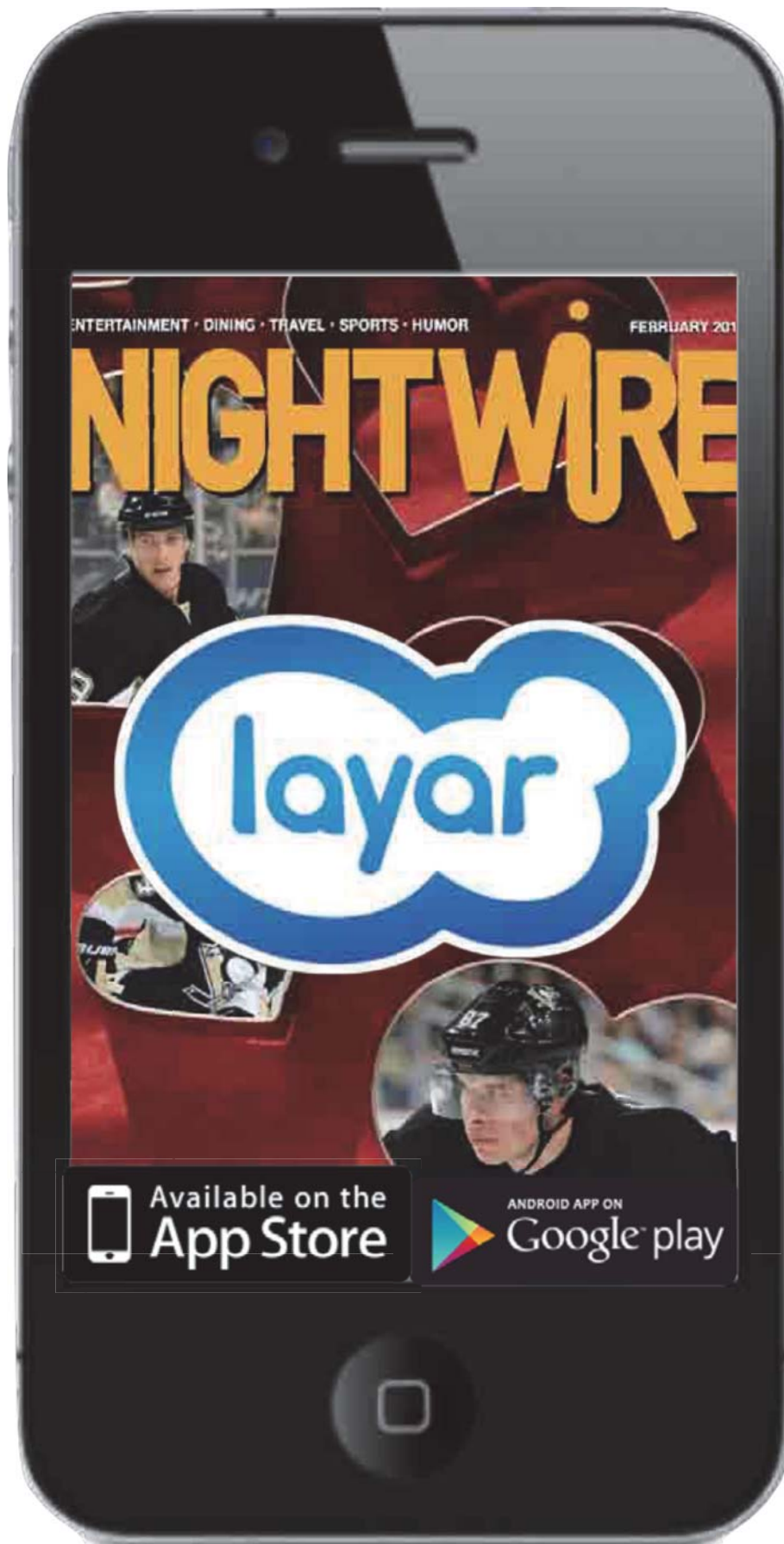


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## It's Playoff Push Time . . .

What a conundrum of a first half of the NHL season for the Penguins. Mumps, cancer, blood clots, surgeries and the usual bumps and bruises that land hockey players on the scratch list have defined much of their first 46 games. Did I mention the mumps? Every time you turned around someone was getting tested, quarantined and diagnosed with that contagion. Sidney Crosby's mumps face probably gave little kids nightmares. Pascal Dupuis and Olli Maatta are done for the season, Chris Kunitz and

Paul Martin both missed eight games, Kris Letang is concussed, Patric Hornqvist and Blake Comeau have been out 13 and 14 games respectively...and counting.

But at least Beau Bennett is lacing them up after missing October and then nearly all of December. Knock on wood.

Captain Sidney Crosby had a stretch of 29 games where he only scored four goals. Yes, the same guy that had a 25 game goal scoring streak where he notched 50 points back in 2010. The NHL's leading scorer last season. The owner of two Art Ross trophies, to be exact. When you watch him, he doesn't look like the same guy on the ice. Is that because of injury? Because of losing top line mates left and right? Who knows. What we do know is that the Penguins dropped six of their last eight games going into the All Star weekend and both Crosby and Evgeni Malkin didn't make the trip to Columbus because of lower body injuries. Crud.

It feels like the Penguins are having a crummy season, doesn't it? Like playoff success is an iffy proposition if they keep playing like this. But in reality, it's not as gloomy as it feels. Crosby did snap out of his scoring funk with four goals in his last six games leading up to the break. The team has racked up 60 points, good for fifth in the Eastern Conference and second behind Tampa Bay in the Metropolitan Division. Marc Andre Fleury is having a banner year. And even though the power play has slumped big time, you gotta think that the only place to go from there is up.

The Pens reignite their season post All Star break playing four games in six days, including a back to back set of games versus the Winnipeg Jets at home and then onto DC to play the Capitals right off the bat. They can get right back into the swing of things - like the win column - quickly and generate some momentum for the second half of the season. Who is the guy that I think can make things happen? David Perron. Actually it's two guys. Perron

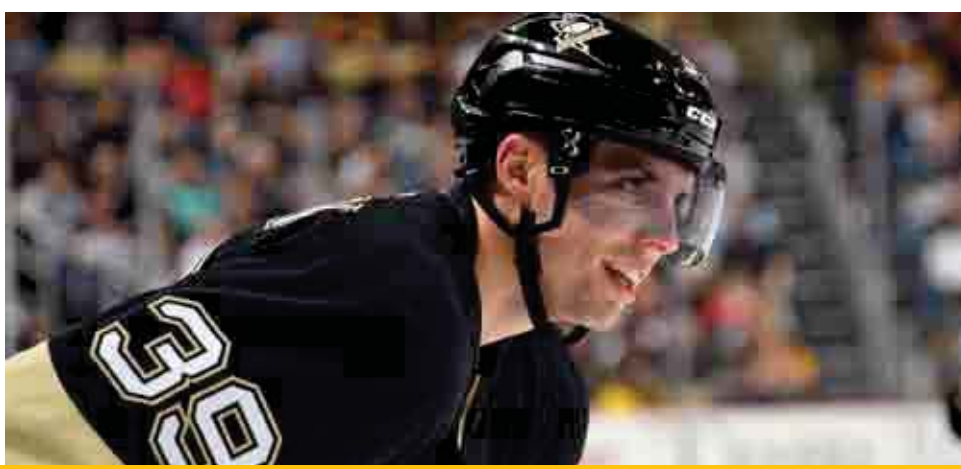


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and Hornqvist, when he is healthy, back on the ice.

When GM Jim Rutherford sets his sights on a target, he typically hits it. Need a little more mucking it up and grinding it out? Hello Patric Hornqvist. Before he was hurt, he was nearly a point per game player (29 points in 33 games). Scoring wingers dropping like flies? You want a first round pick for 26 year old David Perron, one year removed from a 28 goal season? You got it. Rutherford goes and gets what he wants - or as in this case, needs - and you have to respect the man for that. Despite scoring just five goals in 38 games before joining the Penguins, Rutherford knew Perron was an elite center away from being a big time contributor. And wouldn't you know it, he had two of those kinda guys who were looking for a sharp shooter. Voila! Perron doubled his goal total, scoring five times in his first eight games with the Penguins. Add in his two assists and he is also nearly a point per game player.

It's easy to see the potential in David Perron. He modeled his game after his boyhood idol, known for his career as a Canadien but had a cup of coffee in Pittsburgh as well, Alexi Kovalev. It's evident each time Perron takes a shot on goal. Lightning quick hands and nimble wrists. If he continues to bloom, and Hornqvist plays at the same level he did before his lower body injury sidelined him, the Penguins will have a lot of firepower at their disposal. Hornqvist will help lagging special teams, he is fourth on the team with four power play goals, not to mention add some muscle to the crease. He scores a lot of dirty goals and sometimes one of those put backs off a rebound can be the difference between a win and a loss.

Getting healthy is the biggest key to second half success for the Penguins. Having an exorbitant amount of man games lost is nothing new to the team and they again rank towards the top of the NHL in that category this year. Another thing that is nothing new? Short playoff runs. Think there is a correlation between the two? I do. The last five Stanley Cup winners - the LA Kings, Chicago Blackhawks and Boston Bruins - were the least impacted by man games lost the last five years.

The Penguins season has been full of ups and downs already, but they are positioned well to make a move in the standings and once healthy, the playoffs.

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# PyroFest 2015 – Expanding to a Two



Pyrotecnico proudly announced that their 4th Annual PyroFest (the country's largest fireworks festival) is expanding to a two-day event that will be held May 22 and 23 (Memorial Day weekend) at Cooper's Lake Campground near Slippery Rock. This new location will allow for more than three times the number of attendees and by adding an additional day will allow for more mind blowing firework displays and surprises.

Cooper's Lake Campground is located near the intersection of I79 and Route 422 and only 15 minutes from Cranberry. This new location will provide easy access, accommodate more attendees, vendors, activities, live music and with on-site parking alleviate traffic congestion.

"The new venue offers many exciting opportunities to grow PyroFest into an even bigger event," said Stephen Vitale, president and

CEO of Pyrotecnico. "The addition of another day and the larger venue that can accommodate more spectators and onsite parking is very appealing to us as we look to make PyroFest an even more spectacular event. The larger space will enable us to add more displays and incorporate additional structures that will result in more breathtaking fireworks entertainment."

PyroFest is an affordable family and community event that promotes and celebrates the international art of pyrotechnics through innovative and unique technical and visual presentations, which provides an extraordinary visual and sensory experience.

"We're excited to bring amazing fireworks displays back to Butler County," said Jack Cohen, president of the Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau. "Cooper's Lake is a great facility for this type of event, and we look forward to working with Pyrotecnico to promote





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Plus, direct from Valencia, Spain, the world famous Ricardo Caballer, S.A. Ricasa will be returning again for Pyrofest 2015! His shows are award winning and again this year he will be producing another extraordinary display. His amazing productions have thrilled audiences from Japan to Canada to their amazing production in the USA at PyroFest 2014. His world renowned fireworks display production company has delighted people all over the globe with their breath-taking firework displays. His appearance at Pyrofest 2015 promises to bring more new and innovative displays never seen before in the US. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime to see masterful, creative never before seen fireworks displays by the world famous master of fireworks, Ricardo Caballer!

Derek Weber, Director of PyroFest, said that the company is “extremely happy” to be moving to Butler County. “It's going to let us expand the event in ways we couldn't do over the years,” he said about the increased space at Cooper's Lake. “The attendee experience will be much better with this site with it being much bigger.” Weber said one of the biggest changes is that Cooper's Lake has on-site parking compared to Hartwood Acres, where festival organizers had to operate a shuttle service to get attendees to the event. He added that Cooper's Lake also has campgrounds, another amenity for festivalgoers.

Tickets go on sale February 20 and will be available for each day or a weekend pass for both days at a discounted price. To purchase tickets or more information on Pyrofest 2015 - Visit: [www.pyrofest.com](http://www.pyrofest.com)



# Indulge your craving for eye-catching footwear with **Pedi Princess**, the first flip-flop that's just as functional as it is fashionable

Pedi Princess, the couture flip flop brand known for their innovative, pedicure-oriented design, is finding new life as an everyday necessity. Not only are they the perfect way to get the perfect pedicure, but they're also a beautiful solution for showing off her style while on-the-go.

Whether she's running errands, hitting the beach, are meeting up with the girls, she'll have the comfort and confidence she needs to shine all day long. Each pair of durable flip-flops is crafted with a cushy foot bed and their trademark rhinestone studded toe separators. These align the toes and provide just the right amount of space between each one, ensuring a smudge free appointment every time. After she's polished to perfection, she can dash out the door without having to ever take off or slip on her shoes. When it's time for a quick touchup while at home or on vacation, her Pedi Princess will always be on hand to get the job done in style.

With many of their designs ringing in at under \$20, why would anyone ever settle for boring flip flops again? Pedi Princess's creations are an affordable way to spice up her daily ensemble and are available in a wide range of fun colors and patterns. Their styles (which come in an adorable carrying bag) range from flowers and lace to zebra prints and camo, making them the perfect bridesmaids, birthday, or just because gift.

Laura Slipak, founder of Pedi Princess, is an Argentinean designer whose keen eye for patterns, colors, and fashion solutions has led her down the path to entrepreneurship. Over the years she has dabbled in the fashion world with her brand Miss Vintage, and broken into the interior design market by renovating the boutique hotel The Mod Resort in Palm Desert. After seven years of putting Pedi Princess on the backburner, Slipak decided it was time to bring it to life in 2014, providing countless women with stylish footwear that caters to their unique needs. They can be found online and at select brick-and-mortar retailers, and are available at wholesale prices for salons, boutiques, spas and more. To order or for more information visit [www.pediprincess.com](http://www.pediprincess.com)





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a gift she'll love for years to come—Soul Carrier! A unique and thoughtful gift for someone special, Soul Carrier creates beautiful and stylish handbag lines that represent the story within. Designing for the carefree, conscious and motivated modern woman, Soul Carrier makes a statement of inner strength, beauty and peace while coordinating perfectly with those favorite ripped jeans and funky sunglasses. A great way to say "I love our soul," Soul Carrier is the perfect gift and allows her to take a piece of your love with her wherever she goes!

Believing firmly that every soul's unique and true identity is the foundation for the print that people leave on the world, Soul Carrier designs products that inspire people to find the things that make them feel alive and align with their souls. With stunning bags, totes and clutches made from genuine leather in Leon, Mexico, and love and care poured into every pocket zipper and stitch, Soul Carrier creates products that will not only accompany a person on their journey, but hold up with style.

What's roomy enough to fit all daily necessities, small enough to take on a carefree outing and is an ultra-chic addition to any outfit? It's Soul Carrier's Olivia bag—a mini-shoulder bag that makes a big statement when minimalism is of the essence. Featuring



stunning leather choices in light and dark, detail color options in chic mint and sassy watermelon, and genuine leather body and strap, this is one gift that will be cherished all year round.

On-the-go women need a bag that can keep up! Now they can carry everything they need in modern and clean style with Soul Carrier's Kelly Beth bag. Featuring handy key fob, plenty of interior pockets and even an exterior pocket it's every chic woman's best bet for carrying life's daily necessities and keeping organized. Instead of chocolate covered strawberries, grab the Kelly Beth in deep brown and watermelon for a deliciously warm and flirty look that transcends the seasons.

Give simple sophistication in a neat little pouch with fun and functional Blake Emery Clutch. Inspired by the playful innocence and fearlessness of youth, this clutch is a cool and fashionable way to keep small items organized in a larger bag and functions beautifully on its own as an eye-catching clutch. Plus, with color options in dark and light brown leather and accents in watermelon or mint, who needs a box of chocolates—this clutch is as sweet as it gets!

Soul Carrier was born out of a combination of artistic passion, soul searching and determination. After overcoming a personal tragedy, founder Jennifer Paige took a leap. Rather than follow her original path of completing Law School, she followed a deep passion for design and after earning a business degree, completing design school and interning for major designer brands, created her own line of products. Dedicated to inspiring others to be inspired, igniting creativity and encouraging people to get in alignment with their souls, Jennifer and Soul Carrier delivers quality handbags with a simple message:

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# Wearable Tech From 180s Keeps You Comfortable And Connected



The new fall/winter outdoor accessories from 180s combine fashion with function to keep you comfortable and connected. The ear warmers feature a patented behind-the-head design, which fit comfortably over the ears and allows them to be worn with hats, helmets or glasses. Adjustable click-to-fit frames ensure an easy, comfortable fit on a wide variety of head sizes. They also collapse for easy storage in bag, briefcase, or purse. The full line of gloves from 180s includes ALLTouch Technology, which lets wearers operate touchscreen devices without having to take their gloves off in the cold weather. Here are some of the highlights of the new wearable technology products:

Gloves with LED – Several styles of gloves for men and women from 180s now offer integrated LED lights on the knuckles for added visibility and safety. They include the lightweight Foundation glove (\$55) with QuantumHeat for men and women, the CRG Convertible Running Glove (\$60) with a retractable hood for men and women, the Torch stretch knit glove (\$70) and the women's Keystone glove (\$70) with a quilted shell. Strobe ear warmer with LED (\$50) features a red, dual mode LED light that wraps around the back of the head, providing visibility in low light conditions. It has an innovative soft acoustic fleece shell that provides warmth and allows the wearer to hear clearly. Available in black or lime punch. Bluetooth ear warmer with Bluetooth technology (\$80) lets you take calls and listen to music from Bluetooth-enabled devices and features hi-def speakers for rich quality sound. It offers nine hours of talk time, and has Siri and Google Now voice activation. A soft shell body and fleece lining provide

warmth and comfort. Available in black, snow or strong blue.

ExoLite Sonic ear warmer (\$45) includes QuantumSound built in high definition speakers that provide top quality sound for listening to music. The sleek style is available in black as well as high visibility bright colors. The soft, breathable QuantumHeat fabric is lightweight yet provides warmth as it retains body heat. Available in black, lime punch or shocking pink.

Exolite Groove ear warmer with SONY Sports MP3 player – 180s teams up with SONY to create a year-round solution for music lovers with an active lifestyle. The ear warmer and music player can be worn together or separately, offering a variety of options. The ear warmer is ultra thin with lightweight insulation for protection in cold weather. The MP3 player is waterproof and can even be used while swimming. Ear warmers with built-in headphones (\$35) – Many of the most popular 180s ear warmers offer the option of hi-def headphones and microphones for talking and listening to music while staying warm and cozy. Styles include Tec, Lush, Urban, Getaway, Zag, Tahoe, and Down.

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# Cupid's Corner of Beers for Valentine's Day

by Brian Meyer

While chocolaty and fruity beers aren't necessarily meant for Valentine's Day, the day gives us a great excuse to look for a dark, delicious beer. The colder weather lends itself to these beers as well, and with Valentine's Day being in February, it's a perfect time to enjoy some great beer.

Forget the truffles, chocolate boxes, and bottles of wine for Valentine's Day and stick with these seven beers instead. From chocolate stouts to banana bread beer, there's something in this list for everyone. It doesn't matter if you're spending Valentine's Day with that special someone or going it alone, these beers will make the day better either way. Before getting into the beers though, let's take a look at what exactly makes a chocolate beer taste like chocolate.

## What Makes a Chocolate Beer?

So what makes a beer chocolate? The easy answer is chocolate of course, but the truth goes far deeper than this. For starters, most chocolate beers you'll find are of the stout or porter variety. These beers use a mix of roasted malts to give you the taste and color you expect from these beers. Add to this some specialized chocolate malt and you start to get some amazing bittersweet chocolate aromas and tastes without adding a single piece of actual chocolate.

A good brewer can adjust these ingredients to add in tastes of cocoa as well still without straying from the basic four ingredients of beer. To make a chocolate beer extra delicious though, many breweries add in chocolate in the form of cocoa nibs, cocoa powder, and actual chocolate of both the sweet and bittersweet variety.

These tastes can be played with to achieve the exact mix of flavors and aromas the brewer wants, which can run the gamut from hints of chocolate to full-on sweetness and chocolate syrup flavors that could easily make a beer float with ice cream!

Chocolate beers are the perfect fit for Valentine's Day, giving you your dose of alcohol and chocolate in one hit. Even if you're not a big fan of dark beers, or beer in general, each of these are definitely worth a try. We're even including a beer cocktail you can mix up yourself and a beer that's neither chocolate nor dark in case you want to try something different, too. Grab one of the beers listed below and enjoy Valentine's Day with friends or that special someone. Either way, it's a good night for some great beer.



## Southern Tier Choklat Stout

Chocolate has long been the go-to gift for Valentine's Day and for good reason. Chocolate tastes great and triggers the happy parts of your brain to make you feel great, too. Southern Tier Brewing decided to take a heavy dose of bittersweet chocolate and add it to a 10% ABV stout in hopes of making that feeling and taste even better.

Expect to taste chocolate, dark cherries, hints of vanilla, and a light woodiness in this beer, as well as a hint of alcoholic burn from the 10% ABV. Choklat from Southern Tier has some bitterness but it's backed up very well with the chocolate and maltiness of the beer. If you're enjoying one of these big bottles for Valentine's Day make sure to take it out of the fridge a little bit before enjoying, as it's best enjoyed around 48 F.

## Sam Smith Organic Chocolate Stout

If you like your chocolate beers on the sweet side then Samuel Smith Organic Chocolate Stout is about as perfect as they come. This beer starts out life as a milk stout, which means it's creamier than your average beer and a little sweet from the get-go. The brewers at Samuel Smith add to this a healthy dose of cocoa that, when paired with the sweetness of a milk stout, gives the impression of a sweet chocolaty drink.

Even before you taste this beer, the aroma is all about the chocolate. One whiff and your mouth will start watering. Surprisingly enough, even though this seems like a heavier beer, it is very approachable and doesn't wear on you like some other sweeter beers might do.

You can take this one step further and add in some Lindeman's Kriek to your Organic Chocolate Stout and make your own drinkable chocolate covered cherry! Play with the percentages to get it just how you like it, but you'll probably want more stout than Kriek in your mix.

## Boulder Shake Porter

Who doesn't love a chocolate shake, right? While Boulder's Shake Porter isn't quite a chocolate shake in the traditional sense, theirs comes in at 5.9% ABV and starts off with a huge aroma that's all chocolate. You'll immediately smell cacao nibs on the nose of the beer as well as some nuttiness.

As for the taste, you should notice a nice creamy body and mouthfeel on this beer with a somewhat sweet malty taste and a slightly dry finish. Chocolate and nuttiness definitely come through in the taste and bring along with them some coffee, toastiness, and even a little toffee on the finish.

Just like most darker beers, let this one warm up just a little and you'll be rewarded with more subtle tastes and aromas as it warms. Porters aren't known for being beers that people get excited about, but the balance of chocolate and bitterness in Shake Porter give it something to definitely be excited about.

## Young's Double Chocolate Stout

Possibly one of the most well known chocolate stouts, Young's Double Chocolate Stout hails from the United Kingdom and







is most often found in tall cans that feature nitrogen widgets. The nitrogen in this beer makes it extra creamy and delicious and the can helps to protect the beer from light so you get the best beer possible.

Double Chocolate Stout starts out as a sweet milk stout before the chocolate is added. At 5.2% ABV this beer is easy enough to drink while keeping a huge amount of flavor. When you pour this beer the first thing you'll notice is the aroma that's dominated by cocoa powder and semi-sweet chocolate. While this beer has hops in it, there is little to no trace in the aroma.

Brewed with pale, crystal, and chocolate malt as well as real dark chocolate and traditional British hops, Double Chocolate Stout is definitely a beer anyone who loves stouts or chocolate needs to try.

At first taste you'll notice the same chocolate in the aroma carrying through nicely to the taste. While the beer has a creamy mouthfeel, it's far from heavy, which is great for being able to drink more than one. The taste is definitely chocolate but not overpowering and not overly sweet like some others. In short, it's a well-balanced beer that features chocolate.

### Rogue Chocolate Stout

While sweet chocolate beers are great, sometimes those of us that love a good bitter beer are left out in the cold.

Thankfully Rogue Brewing took up the challenge to make a chocolate beer with a healthy dose of bitterness and the result is their award-winning Chocolate Stout.

The aroma from this stout is all about the malt, as it is very toasted malt-forward with a smell reminiscent of a caramel macchiato. The bitter chocolate aroma comes through in the end of the nose, and carries right through to the taste.

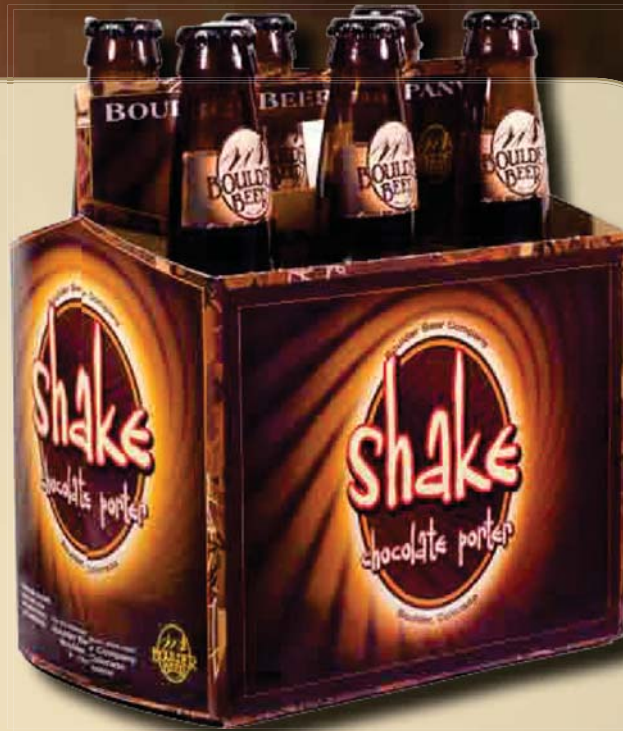
Ebony in color and with a rich, creamy head, Chocolate Stout features an earthy flavor that comes from oats and the hop varieties used to give this beer more than your standard chocolate flavor. This beer finishes with the tastes of a rich chocolate truffle that's been sprinkled with cocoa powder.

While this beer definitely has chocolate in the ingredient list, a good bit of the chocolate flavor comes from the chocolate malt that's used in the brewing process, which also helps to give the beer its dark color full body.

Chocolate Stout from Rogue Brewing comes in at 6% ABV and has a respectable 69 IBUs.

### Yard's Love Stout

What could be better to enjoy on Valentine's Day than a beer that actually has Love in the name? Love Stout from Yards Brewing in Philadelphia is brewed with roasted malts that give the beer a bittersweet chocolate flavor. While this beer has a



chocolate aroma and taste, there isn't any added chocolate in this beer. All that aroma and taste comes from the blend of roasted and chocolate malts.

The mix of malts also helps to give this 5.5% ABV beer a full body without seeming thick, and the bitterness is kept in check so you get to experience the semi-sweet nature of the beer.

Love Stout was introduced in 1997 but didn't hit it big until recently with the reintroduction of 12-ounce bottles this year. Love Stout is the perfect beer for Valentine's Day and pairs exceedingly well with oysters as well as soft cheeses, winter stews, and especially some sweet treats.

### Wells Banana Bread

Don't you just love the smell of a warm loaf of banana bread cooking in the oven? Better yet, the taste of that amazing bread is enough to make your mouth water. Wells took this idea and combined it with their traditional beers to make something that truly is the best of both worlds in one amazing beer.

Wells Banana Bread Beer comes in at 5.2% ABV features a ripe banana flavor with just a hint of bitterness. This beer keeps all the banana flavor and aroma without being overly sweet. The aroma is all bready banana thanks to the malts used in brewing mixing with the real fair-trade bananas used in the brewing process. The taste is a perfect blend of banana, malt, and just a slight bit of hops. Each works with the other to give a blended, balanced taste that isn't too harsh in any direction.

All of these beers and more can be found on draft as well as in bottles throughout the Pittsburgh area, and are proudly distributed by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale.



# A World Of Beers

by Brian Meyer

With so many amazing craft beers in the United States, it's easy to forget that around the world outstanding beers are brewed, many of them having recipes that date back more than one hundred years or more.

This means that beyond our borders there's a world of beer just waiting for us. Thankfully you don't have to travel the world to try these beers, but instead all you have to do is find a good beer bar or distributor that loves foreign beer and try them for yourself. From sweet and fruity Belgians to crisp and dry lagers, there's a lot of beer out there, all you have to do is look.

Much of the beer in European countries is of the lager variety while many of the most popular beers in the US are ales, like the IPA. Pilsners started in Europe, so it's no surprise that these beers are still the most popular in many areas there. These beers tend to be light and refreshing with a sharp hop bite and a bready, malty backbone.

This isn't to say that these are the only beers you'll find around the world, but they are definitely common in Europe. There's an enormous variety of beers outside of the United States, so many that it can be hard to determine which is the best, and what you'll like.

Lucky for you, we went ahead and found some breweries from around the world that make a variety of beers so you can get a little more worldly in your drinking and take a trip around the world in your pint glass.

#### Fullers – England

Fuller's Brewery is an independent family brewery that was founded in 1845 in the Cheshire area of London, England. Known as the Griffin Brewery, Fuller's is London's only remaining family brewery, making it something we love here in the US.

While the brewery makes a variety of beers for sale around the world, we're most familiar with their London Pride ale. This beer has been brewed by Fuller's since 1950 and features a well-rounded flavor that takes full advantage of excellent hop and malt bills.

#### Hacker-Pschorr – Germany

Located in Munich, Hacker-Pschorr was started in 1972 when two breweries, the Hacker and Pschorr breweries to be exact, merged. The history in this brewery goes back far more than 1972 though, as the Hacker Brewery was formed in 1417, almost 100 years before the Reinheitsgebot purity law of 1516!

In the US we generally see three of this brewery's offerings in the way of Munich Gold, Original Oktoberfest,



and Weisse. Munich Gold is a golden lager that has a full body and mild taste, and is possibly the most popular offering from the brewery in the US. Their Original Oktoberfest is a true Oktoberfest lager that's brewed for the yearly celebration in Munich. Weisse is their wheat beer offering that features refreshing fruity and citrus notes while keeping a dry finish.

#### Weltenburger Monastery – Germany

When it comes to brewing history, few breweries can top the history of monastery breweries. The Weltenburger Monastery Brewery started making beer in 1050 AD, giving it nearly 1,000 years of brewing history!

The brewery makes a fairly wide assortment of beers, with their most popular being the Weltenburger Kloster Barock Dunkel. This beer won the World Beer Cup award for best dunkel beer in 2004, 2008, and 2012. The monastic brewery is located on the Danube River, and features a large restaurant on the ground floor that focuses on traditional Bavarian dining.

#### Baltika – Russia

Baltika Brewery started brewing beer in 1990, but it wasn't until 1992 that the beer started being sold under the actual company's name. Baltika is the best-selling beer in Russia, and is the second largest in terms of sales in all of Europe. In fact, Baltika accounts for more than 70% of all Russian beer!

Baltika exports their beer to more than 45 countries and has 10 breweries. In short, they're a pretty big deal in Europe. Thankfully they make some pretty good beer. In the US we mostly drink their Baltika Lager and Baltika Porter.

#### Früli- Belgium

Produced near Ghent in Belgium, Früli is an extra-sweet strawberry beer that starts its life as a white ale before strawberry juice is added. Früli is distributed around the world and here in the US it's enjoyed mostly in bottles. If you're looking for a completely different and unique beer, Früli might be worth a try.







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### Brewdog- Scotland

Hailing from Scotland, BrewDog is more what we in the US think of when we talk about craft beer. The brewery aims at a more domestic variety of beers including their Punk IPA and Libertine Black Ale.

BrewDog recently made their reappearance in the Pittsburgh area, and we couldn't be happier.

### Golden Pheasant- Slovakia

Founded in 1967 and located in Hurbano-vo, Slovakia the Golden Pheasant Brewery makes some of the best beer around, and the most popular beer in all of Slovakia.

Their signature lager speaks to the tastes of the original lagers produced in this part of Europe, and their recipes harken back to these age-old recipes. The result is great beer that has a direct tie to true beer history.

### Lasko Brewery – Slovenia

Lasko brewery holds the title of the largest brewery in Slovenia, and was founded in 1825 by Franz Geyer. The brewery is named after the town in which it resides.

The brewery makes traditional lagers that are crisp, fresh, and all-around great. The choice of hops and malt gives these lagers a unique taste that sets them apart from other beers found throughout Europe, and harken back to the original lagers of Europe.

### Brunehaut – Belgium

For those of us that can't have gluten but still want an amazing beer, the offerings from Brunehaut Brewery are perfect. Their artisanal Belgian ale is both organic and gluten free, making it perfect for the gluten-free people of the world.

Technically speaking, these beers are gluten-reduced, as they start with traditional barley and through a special process the ten is removed, leaving an amazing beer safe to drink whether you can have gluten or not.

### Karlovacko – Croatia

While we may not get a lot of Croatian beer in the US, Karlovacko produces an amazing Czech Pilsener in their namesake beer. Like many pilsners, this beer features slight grassy aroma and taste and a sharp hop taste. If European lagers are your thing, this is one you definitely need to try.

### Obolon – Ukraine

The Obolon Brewery located in Ukraine produces a variety of beers available around the world. In the US we're most familiar with their traditional lager. This highly rated European lager is fresh, crisp, and perfectly balanced between hops and malt to give it a true lager taste.

### Primator Lager - Czech Republic

Coming out of the Czech Republic, Primator Premium Lager is a great example of a Czech Pilsener at 5% ABV. This beer has the golden color and fresh hop aroma and taste you expect, but with a slight sweet banana-ish flavor thanks to the yeast used in the brewing process.

### Zywiec – Poland

The Zywiec (pronounced zivvek) Brewery was founded in 1852 in Zywiec, Poland. The brewery produces a variety of beers ranging from 5.6% ABV to 9.5% and above.

Most common in the US is their Zywiec Beer, which is a light lager. We also get their Porter, which is a 9.5% ABV beer that's dark and malty.

### Asahi – Japan

Hailing from Japan, Asahi's most popular beer is their Super Dry, a lager that's crisp, clear, and refreshing. Asahi Super Dry is Japan's most popular beer, and is found on just about every good Japanese restaurant menu.

### Cooper's Ale's – Australia

Finishing out our list of beers around the world, we stop in Australia and their famous Cooper's Brewery. Cooper's makes a variety of ales, but their most notable is their Original Pale Ale. This is an English-style pale ale that comes in at 4.5% ABV. It's earthy hop profile is backed up nicely by a strong malt backbone, making it a true traditional English Pale Ale.

All these beers and more are available now at your local distributor or craft beer bar and are proudly distributed by Vecenie Distributing Co, Pittsburgh, PA.



# Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents - My Fair Lady

Ted Pappas directs and choreographs a cast of 23 in a new production of Lerner and Loewe's beloved musical classic.

The centerpiece of Pittsburgh Public Theater's 40th anniversary Season of Legends is *My Fair Lady*, the musical event with book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe. Directed and choreographed by Ted Pappas, *My Fair Lady* runs January 22 – February 22, 2015 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit [ppt.org](http://ppt.org). The Presenting Sponsor of *My Fair Lady* is Highmark. The Production Sponsor is The H.J. Heinz Company Foundation.

Music director F. Wade Russo (Company, 1776, Camelot) returns to lead an 11-piece live orchestra. Also returning are Benjamin Howes (Company) as Henry Higgins and Kimberly Doreen Burns (Guenevere in Camelot) as Eliza Doolittle.

Joining them will be Bill Nolte (Alfred P. Doolittle), John Little (Colonel Pickering), Joe Jackson (Freddy Eynsford-Hill), Susan McGregor-Laine (Mrs. Higgins), and Terry Wickline (Mrs. Pearce). The Ensemble features Associate Choreographer Carol Schuberg, Allison Cahill, Mark Coffin, Stephen Dargosa, Michael J. Farina, Robert Frankenberry, Zanna Fredland, Amanda Frennier, Ashton Guthrie, Daniel Krell, Christina McCann, Caroline Nicolian, J. Alex Noble, Quinn Patrick Shannon, Garret Storm, and Andrew Swackhamer.

Considered by many to be the greatest musical of all time, Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* is based on George Bernard Shaw's play and Gabriel Pascal's motion picture, *Pygmalion*. In magnificent words and music it tells the story of Eliza Doolittle,

and her teacher Henry Higgins, as she transforms from a Cockney flower girl to the fairest lady of them all. The exuberant score includes "The Rain in Spain," "On the Street Where You Live," "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

The designers for *My Fair Lady* are Michael Schweikardt (Scenery), Martha Bromelmeier (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Don Wadsworth is the Dialect Coach. Casting is by Cindi Rush Casting. Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager and Fredric H. Orner is the Assistant Stage Manager.

**January 22 – February 22, 2015**

**Performance Schedule**

**Tues. at 7 pm.**

**Wed. thru Sat. at 8 pm.**

**Sat. at 2 pm (except Jan. 31). Also 2 pm on Thurs., Feb. 19**

**Sun. at 2 & 7 pm**

**Opening Night is Friday, Jan 30**

**Ticket prices: \$23 - \$62.**

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# Lasting Romantic Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

Valentine's Day traditions are interwoven with symbols of love and gifts given on this special day are treasures symbolizing the love you share.

Valentine's Day as a day for celebrating love may have come from the Roman ritual of match making called Lupercalia. Names of eligible young men and women were drawn from a box and the couples were expected to be partners for a year. Modern celebrations are a little more toned down, but the symbols you exchange can be just as meaningful - if you get it right.

Give something that has real meaning to you and the person you love. The Valentine's Day gift you choose for your loved one says a lot about the quality of your relationship. Gifts from the heart don't have to be expensive to be remembered with love throughout the years.

Gifts of flowers or chocolates don't last forever but here are a few ideas to express your forever love with gifts that last or that creates memories that will survive the years.

- Give flowers that will last forever. If you have some talent when it comes to painting or drawing, framed originals are wonderful. Silk or glass flowers really will last forever. If your beloved has a green thumb, give flowering plants to put in the garden to enjoy year after year. If you have space, a spring flowering tree or shrub is an annual reminder of your gift of love.
- They say that love is friendship set to music, so what better gift than a collection of your favorite songs as a couple. Your mix should include love songs that you both enjoy listening to and special songs that put your feelings into words. If you want to spend some money on the gift, buy some romantic CDs, classic videos or DVDs of romantic movies, and wrap them all together with a big red ribbon.
- Jewelry is always a good idea. Start with taking time to notice if your love prefers gold, silver or platinum. Buying the right base means you pay attention to important details. If your budget is limited, costume jewelry or plated items are fine. A heart-shaped locket is a tender gift for the woman you love. Have it engraved with her initials and hide a picture of yourself or you as a couple inside. A classic sterling silver ID bracelet or cuff links with his name or initials custom-engraved tells a man he is special. A heart-shaped box for guys or bright paper wrapping tied to fresh flowers make the perfect presentation.
- OK, it may not be the most original idea, but if you do it right... it can be a gift that is treasured forever. Create your own Valentine's Day card. Compose a poem or an expression of love that expresses your personality, make a photo collage that captures your special together moments, scan the tickets from your first date, a copy of your wedding invitation, a picture of the restaurant you think of as "your special place". Hallmark has some nice sentiments, but only you know the special moments to celebrate in your life together.
- Prepare your loved one's favorite dinner and serve it on a romantically set table and dine by candlelight on Valentine's Day. For the sweetheart with a sweet tooth, make a decadent dessert such as a chocolate fondue with melted chocolate mixed with a touch of heavy cream, and serve it with fruit or cookies.
- The gift of togetherness is as precious now as it was in Roman days. If you are in a serious relationship, plan a romantic, surprise weekend travel getaway. If you haven't reached the 'travel as a couple' stage of your relationship, take lessons together to share in each other's interests. There are so many once in a lifetime moments to share -- start planning some memories together this Valentine's Day!
- Take a step beyond those sweet little candy hearts and give your sweetie a long lasting personalized gift for a favorite hobby such as mounted personalized golf or tennis balls that say, "I love you," "You're a hit!" or "Be mine."

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# Escape Room Pittsburgh! - Simply Awesome!!



Left to right. Joe Deasy. Corey Deasy

The Nightwire staff recently took the challenge.... We came, we conquered and we had a fantastic time, We Escaped!! Escape Room Pittsburgh is the city's first interactive, immersive puzzle game. The mysteries behind the doors of Escape Room, Dr. Stein's Laboratory were filled with riddles, gadgets, and mind tricks. It takes real teamwork and a cool head with the ability to stay on track and not get caught up on one clue or another. When you find a clue or have an idea, remember it could be important so share your thoughts with your teammates as you just might have the right clue to get you to the next step. We were definitely challenged by the puzzles in the room, but with only 3 minutes remaining we made it out! It was high fives and everyone excited as we exited the room. A real adrenalin rush combined with a sense of accomplishment. "We" did it! We all worked together as a team contributing something to the ultimate win.. Escape! We had never experienced anything like Escape Room and we all agreed we can't wait to try the Prison Escape and future new rooms. Current player escape percentages range between 30 to 40 percent.

Staff comments: Joe: "an entertaining adventure that will make you anxious and excited, an excellent adventure." Jennifer: "extremely mentally challenging." Lindsey: "I'd do it again in a

heartbeat, engaging, thought provoking...hell of a good time." Lawrence: "exciting, our team didn't stick to one clue - not one chief and not too many Indians, we all worked together. Pay attention to details." Mandy: "very different, not at all what I expected thought it be more guided, loved the whole experience and distractions." Joyce: "it's like being dropped into a movie set, loved every minute of it, very challenging, nerve racking, exhilarating, awesome fun experience, total team effort!"

This was a great bonding experience for our entire staff, we really had a fantastic time and would highly recommend this attraction for anyone from 14-99! Book your adventure today!

Escape Room is the brainchild of Joe Deasy and his cousin Corey Deasy. Joe had an Eureka moment during a family visit to Budapest, where they tested their skills in a tourist attraction unlike anything else they had ever experienced. They were instantly hooked and even returned later that day to take on the second room. Excited by the unique, interactive and mentally engaging type of team building activity, Joe decided to apply his creativity, game knowledge and entrepreneurship experience to bring this concept to Pittsburgh.

At Escape Room you will find owners, Corey and Joe welcoming and accommodating, they are just amazingly brilliant young business entrepreneurs, we wish them much success and based upon bookings, fantastic reviews and recommendations, they are already there! We can't wait for more rooms! This is a "must do adventure" in 2015!

Escape Room is located in Greenfield and currently offers two 60 minutes sessions. Dr. Stein's Laboratory can accommodate up to 8 people and The Prison Escape up to 5 people. You can book online at [www.escaperoompgh.com](http://www.escaperoompgh.com) admission is only \$21 per person. If you don't have the maximum number of people in your group, others may be added to join your team. Plan to arrive 15 to 20 minutes early to get signed in and short briefing along with an explanation of the rules.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 5pm to 11pm, Saturday and Sunday - 12 (noon) to 11pm.

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# Nightwire Takes You To The Movies - Mr. Turner

by Joyce Campisi

Based upon the life and career of the great British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851) played by Timothy Spall. The film is a British, French and German biographical drama film, written and directed by Mike Leigh, and starring Timothy Spall, Dorothy Atkinson, Paul Jesson, Marion Bailey, Lesley Manville and Martin Savage. It premiered in competition for the Palme d'Or at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival, where Spall won the award for Best Actor and cinematographer Dick Pope received a special jury prize for the film's cinematography.

Leigh has described Turner as "a great artist: a radical, revolutionary painter", explaining: "I felt there was scope for a film examining the tension between this very mortal, flawed individual, and the epic work, the spiritual way he had of distilling the world".

Although known for art Turner, the artist is regarded as one of the founders of English watercolor landscape painting. Some of most famous J. M. W. Turner paintings are Calais Pier, Dido Building Carthage, Rain, Steam and Speed, Burial at Sea, and The Grand Canal, Venice.

The film focuses on the last quarter century of the Mr. Turner's life. He was profoundly affected by the death of his esteemed father, loved by his housekeeper, Hannah Danby, whom he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea, where he eventually dies. He has an estranged ex-wife to whom he has two daughters, but when asked if has any children, he replies, "no."

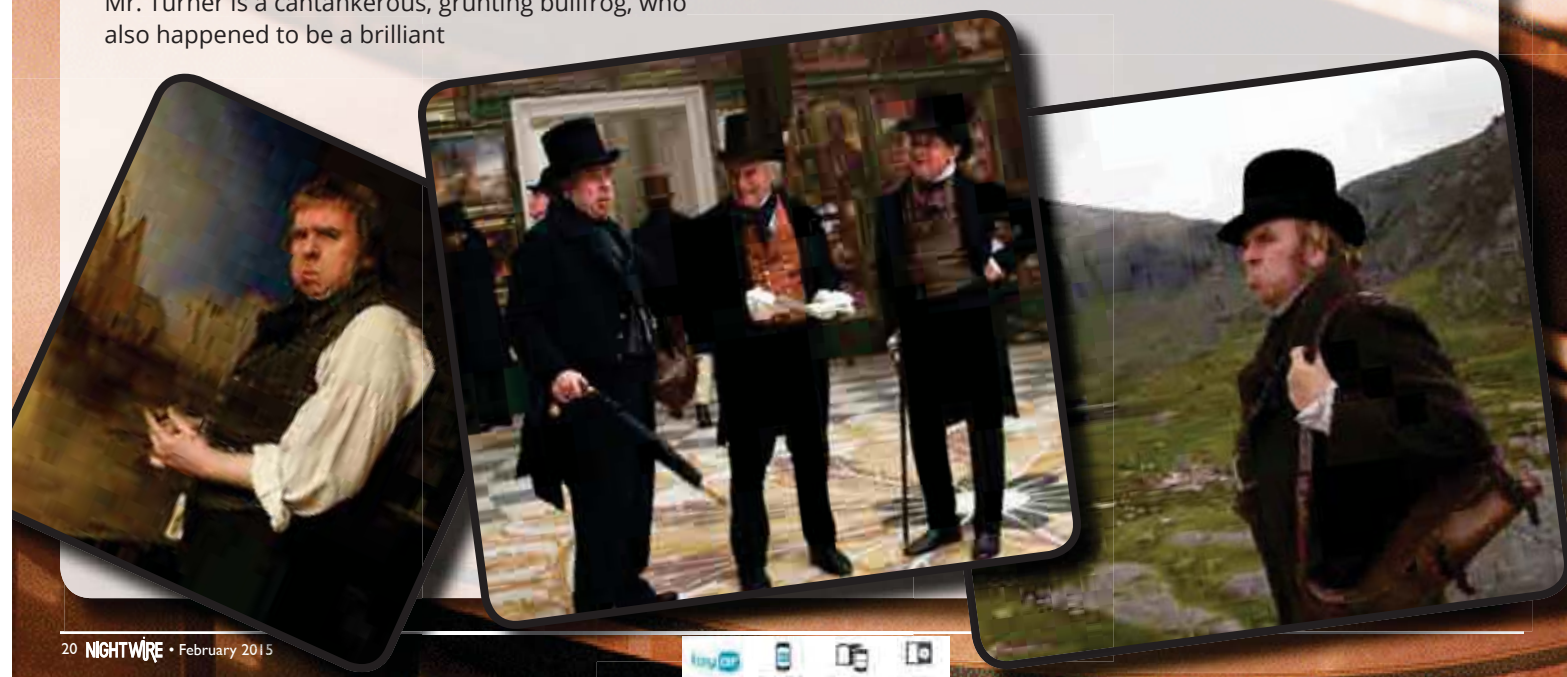
Throughout the film, Turner travels, paints, stays with the country aristocracy. He visits a brothel and is a popular anarchic member of the Royal Academy of Arts. In one powerful and unforgettable scene Turner actually has himself strapped to the mast of a ship to experience how it feels so that he can paint a snowstorm. Mr. Turner is a cantankerous, grunting bullfrog, who also happened to be a brilliant

artist, perhaps Britain's finest ever.

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"Cynicism has no place in the reviewing of art." Words to live by, for sure, and all the more so for being uttered by John Ruskin, one of the giants of 19th-century British art criticism. But nothing is quite so simple. "Mr. Turner," appears as a pretentious carrot-topped nitwit with a voice like a posh Elmer Fudd. In one scene, he offers up "controversial" theories about landscapes and seascapes to a roomful of harrumphing artists. It's all very well, one of them says, to opine and interpret, but unless you have braved the elements with brush in hand, you don't really know what you're talking about.

This film gives you the opportunity to see Mr. Turner's work as it might have looked in its original moment thanks to the brilliant cinematography of Dick Pope, who allows us to see the world as Turner saw it. And as we do, an almost alchemical transformation takes place, as our various sensory and cognitive impressions merge into a thrilling and powerful form of understanding. By the end, we may not be able to summarize Turner's life, explain his paintings or know everything about British history. But we may perhaps find that our knowledge of all those things has deepened, and the way by which we measure our own experience has grown wider. Perhaps our appreciation of art has grown deeper by considering the torment and passion that goes into each piece. A brilliant must see film!





## Rhymes With the Most Romantic First Line, But the Least Romantic Second Line:

Love may be beautiful, love may be bliss  
But I only slept with you, because I was blitzed.

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I thought that I could love no other  
Until, that is, I met your brother.

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Roses are red, violets are blue,  
sugar is sweet, and so are you.  
But the roses are wilting, the violets are  
dead, the sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.

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Of loving beauty you float with grace  
If only you could hide your face.

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Kind, intelligent, loving and hot  
This describes everything you are not.

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I want to feel your sweet embrace  
But don't take that paper bag off of your face.

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I love your smile, your face, and your eyes  
Damn, I'm good at telling lies!

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My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife:  
Marrying you screwed up my life.

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I see your face when I am dreaming.  
That's why I always wake up screaming.

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My love, you take my breath away.  
What have you stepped in to smell this way?

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My feelings for you no words can tell  
Except for maybe "Go to hell".

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What inspired this amorous rhyme?  
Two parts vodka, one part lime

## Guts and Balls -The Medical Distinction

We've all heard about people having guts or balls. But do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, the definition for each is listed below...

GUTS - is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to ask: "Are

you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

BALLS - is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the butt and having the balls to say: "You're next."

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions. Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome since both ultimately result in death.

## Job Interview

Bubba----applied for an engineering position at a Lake Charles refinery. A Yankee applied for the same job and both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the manager. Upon completion of the test, both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Bubba and said: "Thank you for your interest but we've decided to give the Yankee the job." Bubba asked: "And why are you giving him the job? We both got nine questions correct. This being Louisiana, and me being a Southern boy I should get the job!" The manager said: "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but rather on the one question that you both missed." Bubba then asked: "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?" The manager replied: "Bubba, it's like this... on question #4 the Yankee put down "I don't know." And you put down "Neither do I."



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# Humor

## Nutrition Study

For those of you who watch what you eat,  
here's the final word on nutrition and health.  
It's a relief to know the truth  
after all those conflicting  
nutritional studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than  
Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine  
and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and  
fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

Conclusion:

Eat and drink what you like---

Speaking English is apparently what kills you!!!

## INTELLIGENCE TEST:

Believe it or not, this type of test can be a good estimate of intelligence (if you excuse the cultural bias). People who did well on this type of test are likely those who are gifted with verbal ability and linguistic pattern recognition. This sort of assessment would discriminate against those with non-linguistic pattern recognition (like solving jigsaw puzzles)

and spatial intelligence (like the ability to use a map or see hidden figures in a drawing). We'll even give you one to get you started.

Scoring: 1 to 5 is Average

6 - 11 Somewhat Intelligent

12 to 18 Intelligent

19 + Genius

1: 24 H in a D = 24 Hours in a Day

2: 26 L of the A

3: 7 D of the W

4: 7 W of the W

5: 12 S of the Z

6: 66 B of the B

7: 52 C in a P (WJs)

8: 13 S in the USF

9: 18 H on a G C

10: 39 B of the O T

11: 5 T on a F

12: 90 D in a R A

13: 3 B M (S H T R)

14: 32 is the T in D F at which W F

15: 15 P in a R T

16: 3 W on a T

17: 100 C in a D

18: 11 P in a F (S) T

19: 12 M in a Y

20: 13=UFS

21: 8 T on an O

22: 29 D in F in a L Y

23: 27 B in the N T

24: 365 D in a Y

25: 13 L in a B D

26: 52 W in a Y

27: 9 L of a C

28: 60 M in an H

29: 23 P of C in the H B

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### The Tiger Puzzle:

A blonde called her boyfriend and said, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure it out or how to get it started." Her boyfriend asked, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The blonde said, "According to the picture on the box, it's a tiger." Her boyfriend decided to go over and help with the puzzle. She let him in and showed him where she had the puzzle spread all over the table. He studied the pieces for a moment, then looked at the box, then turned to her and said, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a tiger. He took her hand and said, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of hot chocolate and then.....", he sighed, ..... "Let's put all these frosted flakes back in the box."

### BOUDREAUX SELLS GI INSURANCE:

Boudreaux, the smoothest-talking Cajun in the Louisiana National Guard, got called up to active duty, one day Boudreaux's first assignment was to a military induction center, and because he was a good talker they assigned him the duty of advising new recruits about government benefits, especially the GI insurance to which they were entitled. Before long, the Captain in charge of the induction center began noticing that Boudreaux was getting a 99% sign-up rate for the more expensive supplemental form of GI insurance. This was odd, because it would cost these low-income recruits \$30.00 per month more for the higher coverage, compared to what the government was already providing at no charge. The Captain decided that he would not ask Boudreaux directly about his selling techniques, but instead he would sit in the back of the room at the next briefing and observe Boudreaux's sales pitch. Boudreaux stood up before the latest group of inductees and said, "If you got the normal GI insurance you go to Iraq and get yourself killed, the government is going to pay your beneficiary \$20,000. If you take out the supplemental insurance, which cost you only thirty dollar a month, then the government going to pay your beneficiary \$200,000!" "NOW," Boudreaux concluded, "Which bunch you think they going to send to Iraq first?"

### Life's Little Embarrassing Moments:

A guy goes to the supermarket and notices a beautiful blond woman wave at him and say hello. He's rather taken aback, because he can't place where he knows her from. So he says, "Do you know me?" To which she replies, "I think you're the father of one of my kids." Now his mind travels back to the only time he has ever been unfaithful to his wife and says, "My God, are you the stripper from my bachelor party that I laid on the pool table with all my buddies watching, while your partner whipped my butt with wet celery?" She looks into his eyes and calmly says, "No, I'm your son's math teacher."

### Women's Butt Size Study"

There is a new study just released by the American Psychiatric Association about women and how they feel about their butts! The results were pretty interesting:

1. 85% of women think their butt is too big..
2. 10% of women think their butt is too little...
3. The other 5% say that they don't care, they love him, he's a good man, and they would have married him anyway.

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# Humor

## I Owe My Life to Chocolate:

A good piece of chocolate has about 200 calories. As I enjoy two servings per night and a few more on weekends, I consume about 3,500 calories of chocolate in a week, which equals one pound of weight per week. Therefore, in the last three and a half years, I have had chocolate caloric intake of about 180 pounds and I only weigh 165 pounds. So, without chocolate, I would have wasted away to nothing about three months ago! I owe my life to chocolate!

## Carjacked:

This is a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida...An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her car. So, at the top of her voice she said, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car, NOW!"The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad! The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why...For the same reason she did not understand why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat... A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four

or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. MORAL OF THE STORY?

If you're going to have a Senior Moment, make it memorable!!

## A Blonde's Year in Review:

- January - Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.
- February - Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels..... Hellllloooo!!!!.....bottles won't fit in printer !!!
- March - Got really excited.....finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months.....box said "2-4 years!"
- April - Trapped on escalator for hours ..... power went out!!!
- May - Tried to make Kool-Aid.....wrong instructions.... 8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!
- June - Tried to go water skiing.....couldn't find a lake with a slope.
- July - Lost breast stroke swimming competition..... learned



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- later, the other swimmers cheated, they used their arms!
- August - Got locked out of my car in rain storm..... car swamped because soft-top was open.
- September - The capital of California is "C".....isn't it???
- October - Hate M & M's.....they are so hard to peel.
- November - Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days ... instructions said 1 hour per pound and I weigh 108!
- December - Couldn't call 911 ..... "duh"..... there's no "eleven" button on the stupid phone!!!

What a year!!

### 13 Things PMS Stands For:

- 1 Pass My Shotgun
- 2 Psychotic Mood Shift
- 3 Perpetual Munching Spree
- 4 Puffy Mid-Section
- 5 People Make me Sick
- 6 Provide Me with Sweets
- 7 Pardon My Sobbing
- 8 Pimples May Surface

- 9 Pass My Sweat pants
10. Pi..y Mood Syndrome
11. Plainly Men Suck
12. Pack My Stuff and my favorite one.
13. Potential Murder Suspect

### Happy Life

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1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, who cooks from time to time, cleans up and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust and who doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed and likes to be with you.
5. It's VERY, VERY important that these four women don't know each other.



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# Humor

## See What 50 Plus Years Will Do:

You don't have to be over fifty to see how much the world has gone berserk!

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Scenario: Jack pulls into school parking lot with rifle in gun rack.

1956 - Vice Principal comes over, takes a look at Jack's rifle, goes to his car and gets his to show Jack.

2015 - School goes into lockdown, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

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Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1956 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best

friends. Nobody goes to jail, nobody arrested, nobody expelled.

2015 - Police called, SWAT team arrives, arrests Johnny and Mark. Charge them with assault, both expelled even though Johnny started it.

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Scenario: Jeffrey won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

1956 - Jeffrey sent to office and given a good paddling by Principal. Sits still in class.

2015 - Jeffrey given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. School gets extra money from state because Jeffrey has a disability.

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Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his father's car and his Dad gives him a whipping.

1956 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

2015 - Billy's Dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy removed to foster care and joins a gang. Billy's sister is told by state psychologist that she remembers being abused herself and their Dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has affair with psychologist.

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Scenario: Mark gets a headache and takes some headache medicine to school.

1956 - Mark shares headache medicine with Principal out on the smoking dock.

2015 - Police called, Mark expelled from school for drug violations. Car searched for drugs and weapons.

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Scenario: Mary turns up pregnant.

1956 - 5 High School Boys leave town. Mary does her senior year at a special

school for expectant mothers.

2015 - Middle School Counselor calls Planned Parenthood, who notifies the ACLU. Mary is driven to the next state over and gets an abortion without her parent's consent or knowledge. Mary given condoms and told to be more careful next time.

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Scenario: Pedro fails high school English.

1956: Pedro goes to summer school, passes English, goes to college.

2015: Pedro's cause is taken up by state. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English banned from core curriculum. Pedro given diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he can't speak English.

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Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the 4th of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle, blows up a red ant bed.

1956 - Ants die.

2015 - BATF, Homeland Security, FBI called. Johnny charged with domestic terrorism, FBI investigates parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated; Johnny's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

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Scenario: Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Teacher Mary, hugs him to comfort him.

1956 - In a short time Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2015 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison.



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## Brain Cramps

If you ever feel a little stupid, just dig this up and read it again; you'll begin to think you're a genius.

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(On September 17, 1994, Alabama's Heather Whitestone was selected as Miss America 1995.)

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"

--Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.

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"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

--Mariah Carey

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"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"

--Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.

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"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

--Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.

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"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"

--Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.

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"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jack-ass, and I'm just the one to do it,"

--A congressional candidate in Texas.

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"Half this game is ninety percent mental."

--Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark

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"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

--Al Gore, Vice President

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"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix."

--Dan Quayle

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"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?"

--Lee Iacocca

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"The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like

Norman Einstein."

--Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

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"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."

--Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.

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"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."

--Keppel Enderbery

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"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 2014 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

--Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

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"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record."

--Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman

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Feeling smarter yet?



# Humor

## Mildred and Chester:

Mildred and Chester knew each other from childhood but were in their seventies when they got married. They had to wait for Mildred's mother to pass away first. Back in those days there was no hanky-panky before marriage so Chester and Mildred were both still virgins. Needless to say, Chester was pretty excited on their wedding night, having waited so patiently all these years. However, Mildred was very apprehensive as she had developed a heart condition and would have to tell Chester that they could not "do it." Chester is now sitting on the bed wanting Mildred to hurry up. He detects a little reluctance on her part. Thinking that she is shy he sends her off to the bathroom to get undressed. When she reappears in her satin nightie, he gets her to sit next to him on the bed. No knowing how to get things started, he pulls the first strap on her nightie. She blushes just as red as the nightie. She is really concerned about telling Chester about her heart condition. In the meantime Chester is looking at the first breast he has seen up close since his own mother's. It is hanging there down to her belly button, gravity having taken its toll over some sixty years. He realizes her anxiety but figures she is going to have to be helped

a little he pulls the second strap and sees the second breast unroll downward before him. Poor Mildred is now beside herself. She is going to have to tell Chester about her heart. With a quivering voice and mustering up all her courage, she says, "Chester, I have acute angina." Chester says, "I hope so, 'cause you've sure got some ugly boobs."

## Getting Older

--Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied. "Two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

--Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

--The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

--I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

--I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

--An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week"



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--My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

--Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

--It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

--These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."

--Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing.

--- THE SENILITY PRAYER: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

## The Old Prospector

An old prospector walk's his tired old mule into this western town one day. He walked up to the first saloon he came to and tied his old mule to the hitch rail. As he stood there brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a gunslinger walked out of the saloon. He had a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other hand he looked at the old man and laughed. Then he said "Hey old man have you ever danced?" The old man looked up at him and said "No I never did dance, I just never did want to".A crowd had gathered by then and the gunslinger said, "Well you old foolyou're gonna dance now." And he started shooting at the old man's feet. The old man was hopping around and every body was laughing. He fired his last bullet then holstered his gun and he turned around to go back into the saloon. The old man reached up on the mule got his shotgun and pulled the hammers back making a clicking sound. The gunslinger heard this then everything got quiet. He turned around and was looking at both barrels aimed at him.The old man asked him "Did you ever kiss a mule's ass?" The gunslinger swallowed then said "No, but I've always wanted to." DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE...



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# Humor

## The Bus Stop:

One day, at a bus stop there was a girl who was wearing a skintight miniskirt. When the bus arrived and it was her turn to get on, she realized that her skirt was so tight she couldn't get her foot high enough to reach to step. Thinking it would give her enough slack to raise her leg, she reached back and unzipped her skirt a little. She still could not reach the step. Embarrassed, she reached back once again to unzip it a little more. Still, she couldn't reach the step. So, with her skirt zipper halfway down, she reached back and unzipped her skirt all the way. Thinking that she could get on the step now, she lifted up her leg only to realize that she still couldn't reach the step. So, seeing how embarrassed the girl was, the man standing behind her put his hands around her waist and lifted her up on to the first step of the bus. The girl turned around furiously and said, "How dare you touch my body that way, I don't even know you!" Shocked, the man says, "Well, maam, after you reached around and unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured that we were friends."

## The \$20.00 Bill Life Lesson:

Sometimes we just need to be reminded! A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but

first, let me do this. He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE. You are special- Don't EVER forget it." Share this story, you may never know the lives it touches, the hurting hearts it speaks to, or the hope that it can bring. Count your blessings, not your problems. "And remember: amateurs built the ark .. professionals built the Titanic!"

## BUBBA AND JIMMY JOE:

One day, Jimmy Joe was walking down Main Street when he saw his buddy Bubba driving a brand new pickup. Bubba pulled up to him with a wide grin. "Bubba, where'd you get that truck?!?" "Bobby Sue gave it to me" Bubba replied "She gave it to you? I knew she was kinda sweet on ya, But a new truck?" "Well, Jimmy Joe, let me tell you what happened. We were driving out on County Road 6, In the middle of nowhere. Bobby Sue pulled off the road, Put the truck in 4-wheel drive, and headed into the woods. She parked the truck, got out, Threw off all her clothes and said, 'Bubba, take whatever you want'. So I took the truck!" "Bubba, you're a smart man!. Them clothes woulda never fit you!"

## Quick Thinker:

A man walked into the produce section of this local supermarket and asked to buy a half head of lettuce. The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man was insistent that the boy ask his manager about the matter. Walking into the back room, the boy said to the manager: "Some idiot wants to buy a half head of lettuce." As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, and he quickly added, "And this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half."The manager approved the deal and the man went on his way.Later the manager said to the boy, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier.



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We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?" "Pittsburgh, sir" the boy replied. "Well, why did you leave Pittsburgh?" the manager asked. The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing up there but wild crazy woman and Steeler, Penguin and Pirate players!" "Really?" said the manager. "My wife is from Pittsburgh ." "No kidding?" replied the boy. "What team does she play for?"

### Women Are Cruel...

A woman went to her Doctor, The Doctor said to her after an examination, sighed and said, "I've some bad news. You have cancer, and you'd best put your affairs in order. The woman was shocked, but managed to compose herself and walk into the waiting room where her daughter had been waiting. "Well daughter, we women celebrate when things are good, and we celebrate when things don't go well. In this case, things aren't well. I have cancer. Let's head to the club and have a martini." After 3 or 4 martinis, the two were feeling a little less somber. There were some laughs and more martinis. They were eventually approached by some of the woman's old friends, who were curious as to what the two were celebrating. The woman told her friends they were drinking to her impending death. "I have been diagnosed with AIDS." The friends gave the woman their condolences, and they had a couple of more martinis. After the friends left, the woman's daughter leaned over and whispered, "Momma, I thought you said you were dying of cancer, and you just told your friends you were dying of AIDS." The woman said, "I don't want any of those bitches sleeping with your father after I'm gone."

### Kids Are Quick

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L"

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

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TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

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TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I."

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, "I am."

MILLIE: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

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TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the ax in his hand.

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TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

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TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, teacher, it's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?  
HAROLD: A teacher

### Double dose

A man went to the doctor's office to get a double dose of Viagra. The doctor told him that he couldn't allow him a double dose. "Why not?" asked the man. Because it's not safe," replied the doctor. "But I need it really bad," said the man." Well, why do you need it so badly?" asked the doctor. The man said, "My girlfriend is coming into town on Friday; my ex-wife will be here on Saturday; and my wife is coming home on Sunday. Can't you see? I must have a double dose. "The doctor finally relented saying, "Okay, I'll give it to you, but you have to come in on Monday morning so that I can check you to see if there are any side effects. "On Monday, the man dragged himself in; his right arm in a sling. The doctor asked, "What happened to you?" The man said, "No one showed up".

### Waking up with a Hang-over.....

Martin wakes up at home with a huge hangover. He forces himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins and a glass of water on the side table. He sits down and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. Martin looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotless, clean. So is the rest of the house. He takes the aspirins and notices a note on the table. "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go shopping. Love You!" So he goes to the kitchen and sure enough there is a hot breakfast and the morning newspaper. His son is also at the table eating. Martin asks, "Son, what happened last night? His son says, "Well, you came





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home around 3 AM, drunk and delirious. Broke some furniture, puked in the hallway, and gave yourself a black eye when you stumbled into the door. “Confused, Martin asks, “So, why is everything in order and so clean, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me?” His son replies, “Oh, that! Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you said, “Lady leave me alone! I’m married!” Moral----- Self-induced hangover -- \$100.00 Broken furniture -- \$2,000.00 Breakfast -- \$10.00 Saying The Right Thing While Drunk - PRICELESS

### **FIREMAN SEX:**

A fireman came home from work one day and told his wife, “You know, we have a wonderful system at the fire station”: BELL 1 rings and we all put on our jackets, BELL 2 rings and we all slide down the pole, BELL 3 rings and we’re on the fire truck ready to go. From now on when I say BELL 1, I want you to strip naked. When I say BELL 2, I want you to jump in bed. And when I say BELL 3, we are going to make love all night. The next night he came home from work and yelled, “BELL 1!” The wife promptly took all her clothes off. When he yelled “BELL 2!”, the wife jumped into bed. When he yelled “BELL 3!”, they began making love. After a few minutes the wife yelled “BELL 4!” “What the is BELL 4?” asked the husband? “roll out more hose, “ she replied, “you’re nowhere near the fire!!”

### **Fourth Time Married**

A middle-aged man and woman met, fell in love and got married. On their wedding night they settled into the bridal suite and the wife said to her new husband, “Please promise to be gentle. I’m still a virgin.” “But how can that be?” the startled hus-

band said. “You’ve been married three times before.” “Well,” she explained, “my first husband was a psychiatrist. All he ever wanted to do was talk about it. My second husband was a gynecologist. All he ever wanted to do was look at it. And my third husband was a stamp collector. All he ever wanted to do was.... . Oh God, I miss him!”

### **WHY REDNECKS SHOULD NEVER CALL 911**

A couple of rednecks are out in the woods hunting when one of them suddenly grabs his chest and falls to the ground. He doesn’t seem to be breathing; his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other redneck whips out his cell phone and calls 911. He gasps to the operator, “I think Bubba is dead! What should I do?” The operator, in a calm soothing voice says, “Just take it easy and follow my instructions. First, let’s make sure he’s dead.” There is a silence.....then a shot is heard. The redneck’s voice comes back on the line, “Okay, now what ?”

### **Private parts:**

An old man, Mr. Goldstein, was living the last of his life in a nursing home. One day he appeared to be very sad and depressed. Nurse Tracy asked if there was anything wrong. “Yes, Nurse Tracy,” said Mr. Goldstein, “My Private Part died today, and I am very sad.” Knowing her patients were forgetful and sometimes a little crazy, she replied, “Oh, I’m so sorry, Mr. Goldstein, please accept my condolences.” The following day, Mr. Goldstein was walking down the hall with his Private Part hanging out his pajamas, when he met Nurse Tracy. “Mr. Goldstein,” she! said, “You shouldn’t be walking down the hall like that.. Please put your Private Part back inside your pajamas.” But, Nurse Tracy,” replied Mr. Goldstein, “I told you yesterday that my Private Part



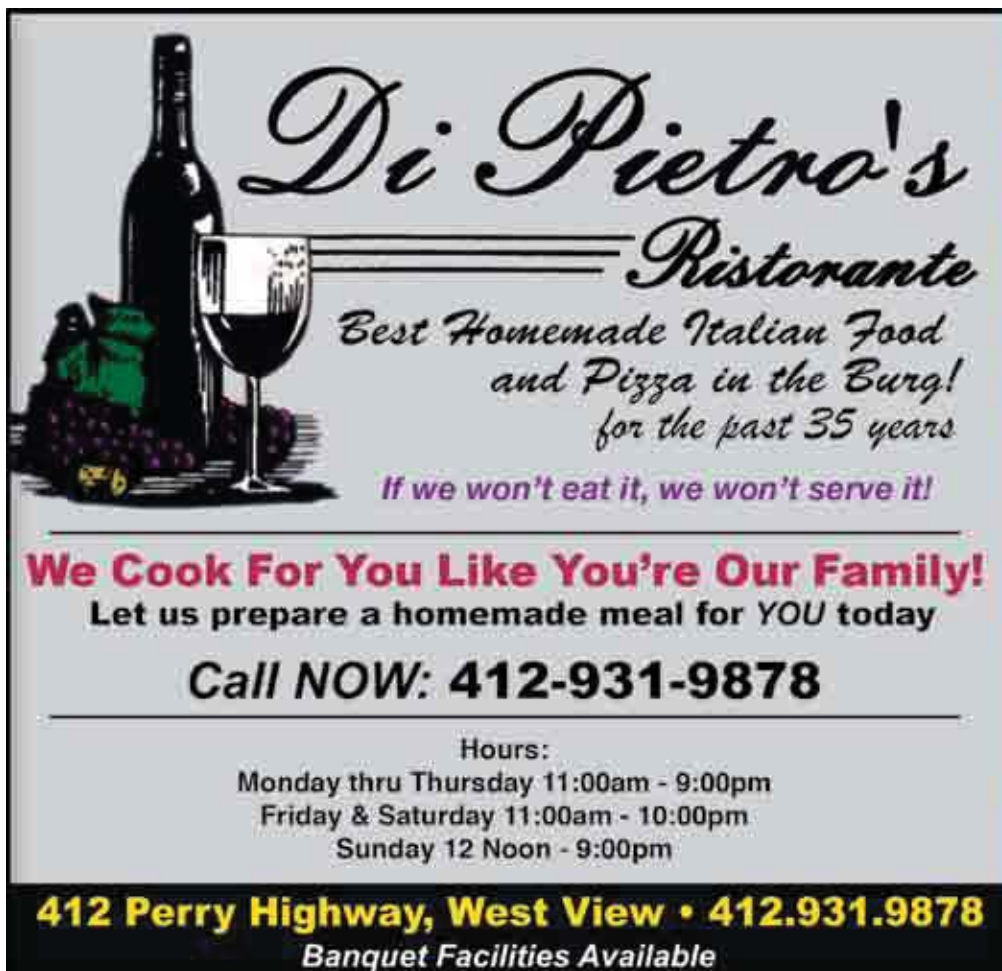


died." Yes, you did tell me that, but why is it hanging out of your pajamas?" Well," he replied, "Today's the viewing."

### INTELLIGENT TEST ANSWERS - from page 22

- 1: 24 Hours in a Day
- 2: 26 letters of the alphabet
- 3: 7 days of the week
- 4: 7 wonders of the world
- 5: 12 signs of the zodiac
- 6: 66 books of the bible
- 7: 52 cards in a pack (without jokers)
- 8: 13 stripes in the United States flag
- 9: 18 holes on a golf course
- 10: 39 books of the old testament
- 11: 5 toes on a foot
- 12: 90 degrees in a right angle
- 13: 3 blind mice (see how they run)
- 14: - 32 is the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes
- 15: 15 players in a rugby team

- 16: 3 wheels on a tricycle
- 17: 100 cents in a rand
- 18: 11 players in a football (soccer) team
- 19: 12 months in a year
- 20: 13 is unlucky for some
- 21: 8 tentacles on a octopus
- 22: 29 days in February in a leap year
- 23: 27 books in the new testament
- 24: 365 days in a year
- 25: 13 loaves in a bakers dozen
- 27: 52 weeks in a year
- 28: 9 lives of a cat
- 29: 60 minutes in a hour
- 30: 23 pairs of chromosomes in the human body
- 31: 64 squares on a chess board
- 32: 9 provinces in South Africa
- 33: 6 balls to an over in cricket
- 34: 1000 years in a millennium
- 35: 15 men on a dead mans chest



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## The Old Cowboy:

Cowboy: "Give me 3 packets of condoms, please."

Cashier: "Do you need a paper bag with that, sir?"

Cowboy: "Nah... She's purty good lookin'....."

When you are over seventy-five who gives a crap?

I was talking to a girl in the bar last night. She said,

"If you lost a few pounds, had a shave and got your haircut, you'd look all right." I said, "If I did that, I'd be talking to your

friends over there instead of you." When you are over seventy-five who gives a crap? I was telling a girl in the pub about my ability to guess what day a woman was born on just by feeling her boobs.

"Really" she said, "Go on then...try." After about thirty seconds of fondling she began to lose patience and said, "Come on, what day

was I born?" I said, "Yesterday." When you are over seventy-five who gives a crap? I got caught taking a pee in the swimming pool today. The lifeguard shouted at me so loud, I nearly fell in.

When you are over seventy-five who gives a crap? I went to the pub last night and saw a fat chick dancing on a table. I said, "Good legs." The girl giggled and said, "Do you really think so."

I said, "Definitely! Most tables would have collapsed by now." When you are over seventy-five who gives a crap?

## Steak

A seventy-five year old man goes into a restaurant. The waitress takes his order, he orders a steak. When she asks him, "how would you like it?" He replies, "the same way I like my sex!" The waitress immediately replies, "very rare then?"

## To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine.. And those who don't.

As Ben Franklin said: In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria. In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 litre of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli, (E. Coli) - bacteria found in feces. In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop.. However, we do NOT run that risk when drinking wine & beer (or tequila, rum, whiskey or other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting. Remember: Water = Poop Wine = Health Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of crap.

## 3 Grandmas

Three mischievous old Grandmas were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home when an old Grandpa walked by. And one of the old Grandmas yelled out saying, "We bet we can tell exactly how old you are." The old man said, "There is no way you can guess it, you old fools. One of the old Grandmas said, "Sure we can! Just drop your pants and under shorts and we can tell your exact age." Embarrassed just a little, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, he dropped his drawers. The Grandmas asked him to first turn around a couple of times and to jump up and down several times. Then they all piped up and said, "You're 87 years old!" Standing with his pants down around his ankles, the old gent asked, "How in the world did you guess?" Slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear, the three old ladies happily yelled in unison - - "We were at your birthday party yesterday!"

## A Round of Golf

A man, while playing on the front nine of a complicated golf course became confused as to where he was on the course. Looking around, he saw a lady playing ahead of him. He walked up to her, explained his confusion and asked her if she knew what hole he was playing. "I'm on the 7th hole," she replied, "and you are a hole behind me. So you must be on the 6th hole." He thanked her and

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LILLY

Hello, I'm Lilly. I am a 3 year old female with lots of personality! I love to be petted, and brushed, and I love attention. I would likely do well in a home with older children, other cats are ok; Not too sure about dogs, but probably not a good idea. I am spayed and microchipped, and current on all my vaccinations.



DEMETRIUS

Hi I'm Demetrius. I'm a senior kitty with lots of love still to give! I was surrendered to the shelter when my owner died, so I may look grumpy, but I just love pets and a warm lap. Stop in today to get to know me and to give me a second chance! I am neutered and microchipped, and current on all my vaccinations.



SABLE

Hi, my name is Sable. I am a very sweet girl looking to find a new family. I have been good with the other dogs here at the shelter but I am not sure about cats or small children. I am around 4 years old, up to date on shots, and have been microchipped.



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went back to his golf. On the back nine, the same thing happened and he approached her again with the same request. "I'm on number 14, and you're still a hole behind, so you must be on the 13th hole." Once again he thanked her and returned to his play. He finished his round and went to the clubhouse where he saw the same lady sitting at the end of the bar. He asked the bartender if he knew the lady. The bartender said that she was a sales lady and played the course often. He approached her and said, "Let me buy you a drink in appreciation for your help. I understand that you're in the sales profession. I'm in sales also. What do you sell?" "I'll tell you, but you're going to laugh," she replied. "No, I won't." "Well, if you must know," she answered, "I work for Tampax." With that, he laughed so hard he lost his balance and fell off the barstool. "See," she

said. "I knew you'd laugh!" "That's not what I'm laughing at," he replied, "I'm a salesman for Preparation H, so I'm still a hole behind you."

## The Donkey

An old man, a boy & a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey & the old man walked. As they went along they passed some people who remarked it was a shame the old man was walking and the boy was riding. The man and boy thought maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions. Then, later, they passed some people who remarked, 'What a shame, he makes that little boy walk.' So they then decided they'd both walk! Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk when they had a decent donkey to ride. So, they both rode the donkey. Now they passed some people who shamed them by saying how awful to put such a load on a poor donkey. The boy and man figured they were probably right, so they decide to carry the donkey. As they crossed the bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and he fell into the river and drowned. The moral of the story? If you try to please everyone, you might as well kiss your ass goodbye!

## Why Am I Married?

- You have two choices in life: You can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead.
- At a cocktail party, one woman said to another, 'Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?' 'Yes, I am. I married the wrong man.'
- A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: 'Husband Wanted'. Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: 'You can have mine.'
- When a woman steals your husband,

there is no better revenge than to let her keep him.

- A woman is incomplete until she is married. Then she is finished.
- A little boy asked his father, 'Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?' Father replied, 'I don't know son, I'm still paying.'
- A young son asked, 'Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?' Dad replied, 'That happens in every country, son.'
- Then there was a woman who said, 'I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late.'
- Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.
- If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say -- talk in your sleep.
- Just think if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.
- First guy says, 'My wife's an angel!' Second guy remarks, 'You're lucky, mine's still alive.'
- A Woman's Prayer: Dear Lord, I pray for: Wisdom, To understand a man, to Love and to forgive him, and for patience, For his moods. Because Lord, if I pray for Strength I'll just beat him to death'
- Husband and wife are waiting at the bus stop with their nine children. A blind man joins them after a few minutes. When the bus arrives, they find it overloaded and only the wife and the nine kids are able to fit onto the bus. So the husband and the blind man decide to walk. After a while, the husband gets irritated by the ticking of the stick of the

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blind man as he taps it on the sidewalk, and says to him, 'Why don't you put a piece of rubber at the end of your stick? That ticking sound is driving me crazy.' The blind man replies, 'If you had put a rubber at the end of YOUR stick, we'd be riding the bus, so shut the hell up.'

### Grandma's 100th Birthday

The family wheeled Grandma out on the lawn, in her wheelchair, where the activities for her 100th birthday were taking place. Grandma couldn't speak very well, but she would write notes when she needed to communicate. After a short time out on the lawn, Grandma started leaning off to the right, so some family members grabbed her, straightened her up, and stuffed pillows on her right. A short time later, she started leaning off to her left, so again the family grabbed her and stuffed pillows on her left. Soon she started leaning forward, so the family members again grabbed her, and then tied a pillowcase around her waist to hold her up. A nephew who arrived late came up to Grandma and said, "Hi, Grandma, you're Looking good! How are they treating you?" Grandma took out her little notepad and slowly wrote a note to the nephew..... "Jerks won't let me fart."

### Important Message About Growing Old

Well Crap! Now I forgot what I was gonna tell ya!

### Sex and Elderly Woman

Two elderly ladies are sitting on the front porch at Harbor Greens doing nothing. One lady turns and asks, "Do you still get horny?" The other replies, "Oh, sure I do." The first old lady asks, "What do you do about it?" The second old lady replies, "I suck on a lifesaver." After a few moments, the first old lady asks, "Who drives you to the beach?"

Three old ladies were sitting side by side in their retirement home in Florida reminiscing. The first lady recalled shopping at the local Publix and demonstrated with her hands, the length and thickness of a cucumber she could buy for a nickel. The second old lady nodded, adding that onions used to be much bigger and cheaper too, and demonstrated the size of two big onions she could buy for a nickel apiece. The third old lady remarked, "I can't hear a word you're saying, but I remember the guy you're talking about."



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A little old lady was sitting on a park bench in The Villages, a Florida Adult community. A man walks over and sits down on the other end of the bench. After a few moments, the woman asks, "Are you a stranger here?" He replies, "I lived here years ago." So, where were you all these years?" "In prison," he says. "Why did they put you in prison?" He looks at her, and very quietly says, "I killed my wife." "Oh" says the woman. "So... you're single?"

A man was telling his neighbor in St. Pete, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty."

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to his doctor in Clearwater to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. After a couple of days, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma' and 'be cheerful'," Morris replied. To which the doctor replied, "I didn't say that, Morris I said, 'You've got a heart murmur, be careful!'"

A little old man shuffled slowly into the 'Orange Dipper,' an ice cream parlor in Bellaire, and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?" "No," he replied, "hemorrhoids."

## Ducks In Heaven

Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, 'We only have one rule here in heaven: Don't step on the ducks!' So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one. Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, 'Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!' The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman. The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, very careful

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where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks. But one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on .... very tall, long eyelashes, muscular. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word. The happy woman says, 'I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?' The guy says, 'I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck.'

### Things You Don't Want To Hear During Surgery

- "Better save that. We'll need it for the autopsy."
- "Someone call the janitor - we're going to need a mop."
- "Accept this sacrifice, O Great Lord of Darkness"
- "No! Bo! Come back with that! Bad Dog!"
- "Wait a minute, if this is his spleen, then what's that?"
- "Hand me that...uh...that uh.....thingie."
- "Oh no! I just lost my Rolex."
- "Oops! Hey, has anyone ever survived 500ml of this stuff before?"

"Damn, there go the lights again..."

"Ya know, there's big money in kidneys. Hell, the guy's got two of them."

"What do you mean you want a divorce?"

### Psychological Window Into A Man's Sexual Problem

A guy went to a psychiatrist because he was having severe problems with his sex life. The psychiatrist asked him a lot of questions, but didn't seem to be getting a clear picture of the problems. Finally, he asked, "Do you ever watch your girlfriend's face while you're having sex?" "Well, yes, I did once." "Well, how did she look?" "Oh boy, she looked VERY angry!" At this point the psychiatrist felt that he was really getting somewhere and he said, "Well that's very interesting, we must look into this further. Now tell me, you say that you have only seen your girlfriend's face once during sex; that seems somewhat unusual. How did it occur that you saw her face that time?" "She was watching us through the window."



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## Little Johnny and Raw Materials

In school one day the teacher decided that in science class she would teach about materials; So she stood in the front of the class and said, "Children, if you could have one raw material in the world what would it be?" "Little Stevie raised his hand and said "I would want gold; because gold is worth a lot of money and I could buy a Porsche."

The teacher nodded and called on little Susie. Little Susie said, "I would want platinum because platinum is worth more than gold and I could buy a Corvette". The teacher smiled and then called on Little Johnny. Little Johnny stood up and said, "I would want silicon." The teacher said, "Why Johnny?" He responded by saying, "Because my mom has two bags of it and you should see all the sports cars outside our house!!"

## Top Ten Reasons to Become a Nurse

- 1) Pays better than fast food, though the hours aren't as good.
- 2) Fashionable shoes and sexy uniforms.
- 3) Needles: "Tis better to give than receive"
- 4) Reassuring your patients that all bleeding stops...eventually.
- 5) Expose yourself to rare, exciting and new diseases.
- 6) Interesting aromas.
- 7) Courteous and infallible doctors who always leave clear orders in perfectly legible handwriting.
- 8) Do enough charting to navigate around the world.
- 9) Celebrate all the holidays with your friends - at work.
- 10) Take comfort that most of your patients survive no matter what you do to them.

## You know you're a nurse if...

- You believe every patient needs TLC: Thorazine, Lorazepam and Compazine.
- You would like to meet the inventor of the call light in a dark alley one night.
- You believe not all patients are annoying ... some are unconscious.
- Your sense of humor seems to get more "warped" each year.
- You know the phone numbers of every late night food delivery place in town by heart.
- You can only tell time with a 24 hour clock.
- Almost everything can seem humorous ... eventually.
- When asked, "What color is the patient's diarrhea?" you show them your shoes.
- Every time you walk, you make a rattling noise because of all the



scissors and clamps in your pockets.

- You can tell the pharmacist more about the medicines he is dispensing than he can.
  - You carry “spare” meds in your pocket rather than wait for pharmacy to deliver.
  - You refuse to watch ER because it’s too much like the real thing and triggers “flash backs.”
  - You check the caller ID when the phone rings on your day off to see if someone from the hospital is trying to call to ask you to work.
  - You’ve been telling stories in a restaurant and had someone at another table throw up.
  - You notice that you use more four letter words now than before you became a nurse.
  - Every time someone asks you for a pen, you can find at least three of them on you.
  - You can intubate your friends at parties.
  - You don’t get excited about blood loss ... unless it’s your own.
  - You live by the motto, “To be right is only half the battle, to convince the physician is more difficult.”
  - You’ve basted your Thanksgiving turkey with a Toomey syringe.
  - You’ve told a confused patient your name was that of your coworker and to holler if they need help.
  - Eating microwave popcorn out a clean bedpan is perfectly natural.
  - Your bladder can expand to the same size as a Winnebago’s water tank.
  - When checking the level of orientation of a patient, you aren’t sure of the answer.
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