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# TRAVEL

## 37 Tips for Traveling

1. Always pack a hat. In the winter, a knit hat will keep you warm and take up little room. In the summer, a brimmed hat will keep the sun off your face.
2. Bring a travel first aid kit with the following: ibuprofen (or other pain killer), decongestant, NyQuil, bandages, hydrocortizone cream.
3. Going somewhere with clean drinking water? Pack a reusable water bottle.
4. You will never wear that second dressy outfit, so stop packing it. -
5. Bags with wheels are amazing. That backpack might seem more agile, but have you ever seen someone trek across an airport with one of those on their back? -
6. Don't forget your camera charger. -
7. Don't pack clothes that require ironing. Hell, don't buy clothes that require ironing.
8. If you are staying with someone, get them a present. -
9. Never pack something that you haven't worn before.
10. If you hate wearing something at home, you will hate wearing it even more on a trip.
11. Pack those god-awful tennis shoes you only wear "jogging" At some point during your trip, you won't care what you look like. -
12. Do not go into a McDonald's. I don't care if you are scared and starving -
13. Tip your hotel housekeeping staff. (A good rule is to leave them about \$2 U.S./day.) -
14. Never carry your wallet in your back pocket, and never carry your purse on just your shoulder.
15. If you have an inkling that you should be taking photos of something, take them.
16. If you don't speak the local language of the place you are heading, then at least learn the following phrases: Please. Thank you. I'm sorry. Do you have those shoes in a size 37?
17. Wherever you are, wherever you are going, bring snacks.
18. You will inevitably forget something, either at home or while on your trip. Accept this reality, and pray it is not your passport or your spouse.
19. Call your credit card company before you leave and put a travel alert on your card.
20. Make photocopies of your passport and leave one with friends and another tucked into your bag. Or, better yet, scan your passport and email a copy to yourself.
21. Pack more underwear than you could ever conceivably go through.
22. Stuffing socks into your shoes can help you save space and ensure your loafers retain their shape.
23. When packing, try to match all of the pants/bottoms you are taking with all of the tops. This will prevent you from looking like a total goober by the end of your trip.
24. Do not, under ANY circumstances, use an airplane lavatory while not wearing shoes. That is not okay. I don't care how swollen your feet are.
25. Toilet paper is not a given in many parts of the world. Which is why those little packs of tissues they sell at drugstores are a godsend.
26. It is far easier to get drunk and make an ass of yourself at 30,000 feet than when you are on the ground.
27. Border control agents do not get sarcasm.
28. If you can't afford to lose it (either financially or emotionally), don't pack it.
29. If you've selected the window seat, you'd better have a big bladder.
30. Suffer from motion sickness? Ask for a drink that is half ginger ale and half club soda. It will help alleviate nausea without putting you into diabetic shock.
31. Never check any of the following: your toothbrush, your prescription medications, your deodorant, your pjs.
32. Rolling non-wrinkable items before shoving them into your suitcase really does save space.
33. If you've forgotten something, check with the hotel before running to a drugstore. Most housekeeping departments carry toothbrushes, combs, sewing kits, shower caps, and disposable razors that they will give you free of charge.
34. Budget hotels almost always offer free wi-fi. Luxury hotels will charge you for it. This is almost always the case.
35. Sleeping in while traveling is only acceptable if there is absolutely NOTHING better to do. In other words, it's never acceptable.
36. If a restaurant posts its menu in more than three languages, the food is probably going to suck.
37. And, most importantly: never, EVER leave any valuables in your vehicle. I don't care if it's safely hidden in the trunk. I don't care if you're parked in the safest part of town. Don't do it. It's not worth the risk.




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## Win Win Win No Maatta What!

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos Pittsburgh Penguins

The biggest story of the 2013-2014 season for the Penguins has to be the injuries and how the team has sustained success while major players were unable to contribute.

With just a few games left until the Olympic break, which won't actually be a break for seven Penguin players who will represent their countries in Sochi, I thought I'd take a look back on the highlights of the first half, who stepped up while others went down and what to look for post Olympics.

The biggest story of the 2013-2014 season for the Penguins has to be the injuries and how the team has sustained success while major players were unable to contribute. They have over 300 man games lost this season which is by far and away the most in the NHL. Luckily - knock on wood everyone - Sidney Crosby is one of the six players who have played in every game and has continued to show why he is the best hockey player in the world. The number one reason? He makes everyone around him better. At the time of this writing, of the eight traditional statistical categories, a Penguin leads the NHL in three of them. Crosby in points, Marc-Andre Fleury in wins and Matt Niskanen in plus-minus, with Kunitz nipping at his heels with the second highest total. As a team, they are destroying the Metropolitan Division and have a stranglehold on the Eastern Conference despite Penguins dropping like flies.

What does a team do when their top four defensemen go down in a heap? Why, lean on a teenager of course! Injuries to defensemen Kris Letang, Paul Martin, Rob Scuderi and Brooks Orpik have paved

the way for 19-year old rookie Olli Maatta to initially make the team and then to flourish on the blue line. His partner, Niskanen became the veteran presence among the defensemen as young guns from Wilkes-Barre Scranton were called up in droves. Whether the first or the third pairing, these two have been solid defensively and are sneaky offensive options. Maatta had all of five points in his first 29 games, but racked up 14 points in his next 21 games. He is high on hockey IQ and plays a smart, positionally sound game where he takes calculated chances without ever leaving his team in a poor defensive position. Niskanen has been given the nickname, "Nis-Cannon" of late for his recent scoring touch. He logged his



first goal on Oct 12th and didn't notch his second until Dec 19th, but since then he has been on a run and leads the team currently with five game winning goals.

The defense wasn't the only side of the puck to get ravaged. Offensively, the Pens have had to play without Beau Bennett, James Neal, Tanner Glass and Evgeni Malkin, who have all missed significant time this year, just to mention a few. And there is that huge gaping hole on the first line left behind by Pascal Dupuis after he had season-ending knee surgery. Chris Conner, Brian Gibbons and Jayson Megna all filled in admirably across the lines until the duct tape ripped and they all got hurt. Fortunately, Megna is back in action and brought his speed game back to the ice. He beats the other team to the crease and has an intuitive net front presence. Megna scores on over 21 percent of his shots, skates well with the puck and could be the guy to replace Dupuis alongside Crosby. Plus, he has an awesome name. Can't go wrong.

The injury bug not only attacked during the season, but beforehand as well. Backup goalie and last year's "Vokouna Matata" cult hero, Tomas Vokoun, was stricken for the second time in his career with severe blood clotting, which required surgery in September. He resumed skating late January and the timetable for his return is uncertain. However, after a rough start to his NHL career, goaltender Jeff Zatkoff has filled those pipes nicely. So nicely that the Penguins gave him a contract extension that runs through the 2015-16 season. Currently, Zatkoff has won eight of the ten games that he started in goal and was the first Penguin rookie to win six straight decisions since Johan Hedberg did in 2001. Not so bad for a 26-year old rookie.

But the only rookie from the Penguins to play in Sochi will be Olli Maatta as he joins teammate Jussi Jokinen on the Finnish team. Jussi has put in quite the year as the lone holdover from Ray Shero's trading spree at the deadline last season. He's played in



every game and has 36 points to match the number on his sweater. Sidney Crosby and Chris Kunitz will most likely be line mates on Team Canada, Evgeni Malkin will help Russia in its Olympic quest and Brooks Orpik and Paul Martin will be D-ing it up for Team USA.

How will the Olympians readjust to the NHL game? The Penguins' last game before the break is February 7th versus the Rangers. The Canadiens will be their first opponent once they resume play on February 27th. That's a 19-day layoff from a more physical game and smaller ice surface than what they will have been skating on during that time. After the 2010 Vancouver games, Evgeni Malkin was especially slow in readjusting with only five points the entire month of March. During the lockout last season, Malkin played in the KHL but upon return to the NHL, was only able to muster up nine goals in that truncated season. Kunitz hasn't played much international hockey and Maatta is so young . . . let's hope they can get right back on the ice and pick up where they've left off.

The break will give injured players more time to rehab without missing playing time. As a whole, it seems as if the team is getting healthy again. During the second half of the season, I will be watching to see if Olli Maatta continues to grow, how Marc-Andre Fleury holds up down the stretch and if General Manager Ray Shero has anything up his sleeve at the trade deadline. Right now everything is running smoothly, but as this team well knows, that can all change in the playoffs. Winning the division just won't cut it this year. It's the Stanley Cup Finals or BUST.



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# Beautifully Hand Painted Glassware

By Pittsburgh Artist Amanda Lee.

Amanda began painting glassware a little over 3 ½ years ago as gifts for the holidays for her friends and family. As an artist, she wanted to give everyone a unique gift for the holidays. She told Nightwire “I wanted it to be something handmade by me that they would enjoy for years to come.” From there she came up with the idea to hand paint glassware. Soon everyone was asking if they could buy more for themselves as well as to give as gifts. Since then, she has incorporated her glassware line and now her glasses are all over the country. She proudly told us, that she has shipped glasses to actually every state in the USA and her current production is over 13,000 pieces. Quite an accomplishment for the little shop and studio tucked in the heart of Oakmont that started with a gift giving idea.

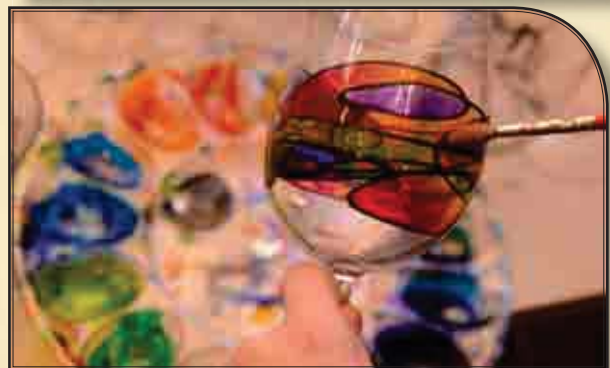
She told us her #1 selling glasses are the Steel City Skyline. Aw yes, Pittsburghers love their city and love sharing it with family and friends. Amanda has recently added a Slovak glass to her collection in honor of her heritage and the time she spent studying at the Bratislava Fine Arts Academy in Slovakia. She jokes that her Slovak friends would say “there are more Slovaks in Pittsburgh than Slovakia!” Na zdravie!

Located in the heart of Oakmont, is where you will find Amanda painting in her studio on the lower level of her shop. This unique store is brimming with hand painted glassware, truly amazing works of art. Amanda Lee said “I take great pride in hand painting every glass so that you may enjoy your cocktail in style.” Wine is an art... your glass should be as well. Her collections are classic, abstract, steel city skyline, fun and whimsical, there is definitely something for everyone. Check out her heart collection for Valentine’s Day. Her shop is so inviting with well lit displays showing off her glassware.

Her glassware is not only beautiful but also extremely durable painted with an enamel paint that will not fade, making them perfect for everyday use. Amanda does suggest hand washing the glasses to ensure their longevity. She uses only American made glassware by Luminarc. These wine glasses are 19.5 ounces, making them perfect for red or white wine. They are reasonably priced at \$17.50 or 2 for \$35.

You can check out her entire collection on her website at [www.aleeart.com](http://www.aleeart.com)

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# Food: Cat Cora's Kitchen by Gaea Introduces Kritsa Fresh Extra Virgin Olive Oil: Unrivaled Freshness Made Possible by New Light- and Oxygen-Free Production

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The world's first carbon neutral extra virgin olive oils, Kritsa Fresh Extra Virgin Olive Oils are a limited edition offering. Each package proudly celebrates its year of harvest, the oil within imbued with the powerful aroma of newly harvested olives, olive leaves and green fruitiness, providing connoisseurs with a sensory experience straight from the spout of the olive press.

To achieve its carbon neutral status, Cat Cora's Kitchen by Gaea worked closely with myclimate, a leading international not-for-profit agency dedicated to implementing climate protection measures. Cat Cora's Kitchen by Gaea is also a member of the Water Footprint Network, every day demonstrating a concerted effort to achieve a more sustainable and equitable use of water in its production practices.

"Our Kritsa Fresh Extra Virgin Olive Oil reflects a unique marriage of age-old harvesting traditions with innovating technologies that delivers an olive oil in its purest, freshest state," said Aris Kefologianis, Founder and CEO of Gaea Products S.A. "Cat Cora's Kitchen by Gaea is dedicated to providing our customers only the highest quality products, and we are confident that this outstanding olive oil will exceed their expectations."

Kritsa Fresh Extra Virgin Olive Oil will be available at select retailers and online at [www.gaeaus.com](http://www.gaeaus.com), with a suggested retail price of \$16.99 per 500 ML bottle.

## CAT CORA'S KITCHEN BY GAEA

**Leading Greek-American celebrity chef, Cat Cora, is collaborating with Gaea, the leading Greek manufacturer of award winning foods to produce Cat Cora's Kitchen, a an extensive line of gourmet olives, olive oils, cooking sauces, tapenades, vinegars and other Greek specialties. Through this partnership, Cora and Gaea aim to raise awareness amongst American consumers about the benefits of eating a Mediterranean diet, one of the healthiest diets in the world. Ranging in price from \$3.18 to \$19.99, Cat Cora's Kitchen is available at supermarkets and specialty food stores including Whole Foods, Albertson's and Kroger. A portion of the proceeds from the Cat Cora's Kitchen products supports "Chefs for Humanity" in its fight against hunger. For more information please visit [www.gaeaus.com](http://www.gaeaus.com).**



# Cop Out Pierogies

Carl Funtal is one of the areas finest police officers. Working most of his adult life as a tough guy, protecting the public in Shaler Township as a Sergeant with the Shaler Township Police Department. Nightwire found him to be humble, gracious and an overall gentle giant. He's new business venture Cop Out Pierogies is leading the way for achieving his dream after retiring from the police force of still serving the public. He came up with the catchy name for his new business because he is a cop and once he retires, he will be out of law enforcement, but this time around, he'll be serving up delicious stuffed pockets we all know and love as "pierogies."

At 6'3" or (6'4" in his motorcycle boots), he towers over most folks, but this Pittsburgh native isn't afraid to admit he loves to cook. He's specialty is comfort food that obviously came from his Polish-Russian-Czech-Austrian heritage. Growing up in Brookline, Carl watched his mother, Laura rolling out big hunks of soft dough, cutting them into circles and stuffing them with mashed potatoes and cheese. He told us that he doesn't recall helping out too often, but he certainly learned something by watching and growing up eating pierogies.

He developed quite a reputation for making the best potato dumplings his family and friends had ever had. When they suggested he should try making them professionally, he replied "you're crazy! No!" However, with the cost of his daughters dance lessons rising, he thought.... maybe making pierogies and selling them as a fundraiser would be a fun way to help pay for their lessons.

The demand for his hand crafted delicious pierogies took off and he quickly outgrew his family kitchen... and that's how it all began. He knew he need a retail location and rented a small storefront on Butler Street in Etna where he starting selling his famous pierogies to the public as well as several restaurants in the greater Pittsburgh area. You can buy them frozen, 14 pierogies in a dozen or he'll cook them up for you on the spot. Traditional potato and cheese, mac & cheese or potato & sauerkraut pierogies for \$7.25 plus there are currently over 24 other delectable fillings to choose from. Prices range from \$7.25 to \$12.75 for specialty seafood fillings, like lump crab or shrimp. Carl told us that he has the largest selection of fillings in the Pittsburgh area and they will custom create any flavor of filling you want. Plus, his creativity has led him to create 6 delicious dessert pierogies, which he calls pie-rogies! Let me tell you, they are to die... who knew pierogies could be dessert? From blueberry cheesecake, apple maple walnut, Bavarian cream, pumpkin spice, cherry cheesecake and freaking fudge. Personally, I'm hooked on the apple maple walnut... simple deliciousness!!

Cop Out Pierogies is located in Etna – 350 Butler Street and currently open to the public on Fridays from 11am-4pm and Saturdays 11am-3pm. They are planning on extending his hours for Lent, check out their website for more details! [www.copoutpierogies.com](http://www.copoutpierogies.com) or call 412.973.0068



# Wines and Spirits

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## EDIBLE FLOWER MARTINI

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By: Rick Perrotta II

Simply put, Troegs Brewing Company has become a Pennsylvania institution as far as craft beer drinkers are concerned. The story of the the Troegner brothers, Chris and John – one brewing in Philly, one in Colorado, eventually deciding to bring their brewing skills to Harrisburg – is well known. Over the years, Troegs has gone from a few thousand barrels to 50,000, while receiving acclaim along each step of the way. A quick look at their Wikipedia page will reveal a list of awards too long to mention, including silver medals at the Great American Beer Festival for the Sunshine Pils, Nugget Nectar, HopBack, and Dead Reckoning, to go along with several gold's in the bock category for the renowned Troegenator. However, the crown jewel may have been being named GABF's 2012 Mid-Size Brewing Company and Brewer of the Year.

Nightwire magazine was fortunate enough to speak with Troegs Brewery Representative Mike Watters. During our interview Mike asked to be called "Mike" as opposed to Mr. Watters, a request we will honor here as well. According to Mike, 2014 looks to be another exciting one in the history of Troegs Brewing Company. The major news is that the brewery will begin distributing some of their higher profile beers in cans and will be releasing 3 brand new kinds of beers in what they are calling the "Hop Cycle" series.

First, the decision to distribute in cans. Mike says, "We're always trying to continue our evolution as a brewery, and it's another way for us to reach customers." It is likely apparent to most craft beer enthusiasts that cans are becoming more and more popular, the trend beginning with Oskar Blues in Colorado and reaching as far as North Country Brewing Company in Slippery Rock. However, there is more to it than that. There are certain popular beer drinking locations where glass bottles are either prohibited or discouraged, one being concerts, another being beaches. This move will help give beer drinkers options beyond the typical domestic beers.

The first of Troegs' beers to get this treatment are already on the market. The aforementioned Troegenator Doublebock can be purchased in four packs of 16oz cans. The also popular Perpetual IPA

will be available in 12 packs of 12oz cans. And in April, Troegs will be distributing the Sunshine Pils in 12 packs of 12oz cans.

As for the "Hop Cycle" series, it is "inspired by the cyclical nature of the four seasons." Mike tells me the first will be launched in the spring. It is a Helles Bock named the Cultivator. Mike says spring is traditionally the time for bock beers – when Monks would fast during lent, they would cease eating but continue drinking this thick, hearty style of beer, which the monks would of course make themselves. The Sunshine Pils will represent summer. The next will be a new fall seasonal, a harvest red IPA called the Hop Knife. The third, The Blizzard of Hops, will be released in the winter.

Along with these announcements there is more news. The Nugget Nectar and the Mad Elf can will be shedding their seasonal tags, though they will still be brewed at their normal times, spring and winter respectively. I asked Mike about the unique taste of the Nugget Nectar and he credited it to "copious amounts of dry hopping." There are other new products on the way. Troegs is releasing two separate brews, the La Grave, an effervescent bottle-conditioned triple, and the Jovial, a Chocolate Raspberry Imperial Stout, "corked and caged." This means they will be corked like champagne in smaller 375ml bottles.

If you are one of the few yet to experience what Troeg's has to offer, 2014 is a perfect time to get on board. You can also feel good knowing that you are supporting wonderful, down to Earth people as their local success story continues. For more information, please visit [www.troegs.com](http://www.troegs.com).

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### **Hop Knife**

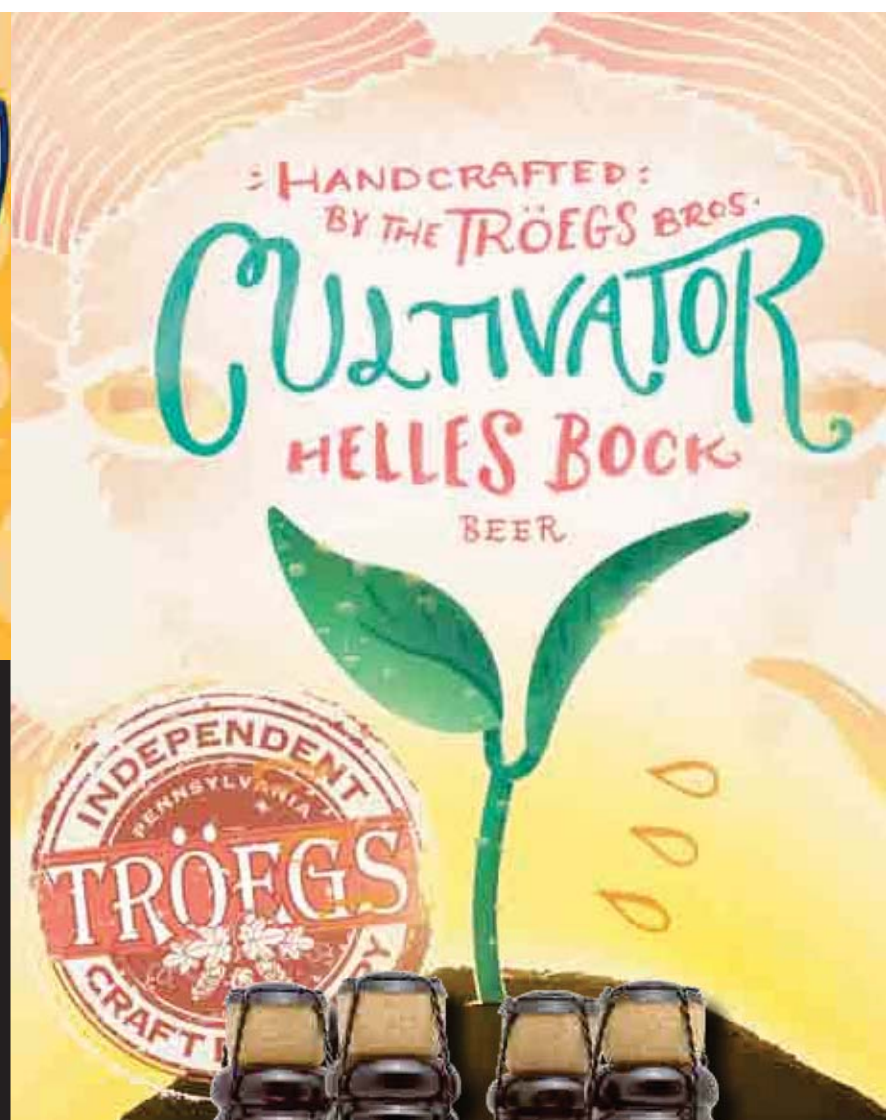
With Hop Knife, we recognize the meticulous, time-honored tradition of hand-harvesting hops at the peak of maturity. This harvest ale utilizes our hopback vessel and dry-hopping to release a bounty of intense hop flavor across the palate. (Available Fall 2014)

### **Jovial, 10.0% abv**

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# SPRECHER BREWING

By: Chris Wise

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It is estimated that over 3 million Americans, or 1 in every 105 Americans, suffer from an autoimmune disorder known as Celiac Disease. The disease wrecks havoc on the intestinal system, causing an inflammatory reaction whenever the patient ingests the gluten protein found in wheat or other comparable grains, such as barley or rye. Symptoms include pain during digestion, anemia and fatigue, and it is estimated that only 5% of those that suffer from Celiac Disease are correctly diagnosed. Thankfully, if the disorder is identified the patient can treat the disease by adhering to a strict gluten-free diet. While this solves the treating the disease, it creates an entirely new problem for the patient: many of the most popular beers in America are brewed with wheat, barley or rye, and therefore cannot be consumed by those suffering from Celiac Disease.

The idea of going through life without having another sip of beer is a terrifying thought for most of us, even if it means saving you from intense intestinal discomfort. Thankfully, as awareness of the disease and how many Americans are affected by it rises, so too do the

number of companies catering to the specific needs of a gluten-free diet. Just as the food market has exploded in the past years with options like all organic, free-range raised animals, and gluten-free foods, the beer market has begun to keep pace with the national craze. Craft breweries take pride in showing off their all-natural ingredients, green brewing processes. Sprecher Brewing and Bard's Brewing take great pride satisfying a smaller audience than the large national brewing corporations. It only makes sense then that craft beer companies have begun creating gluten-free beers in an attempt to reach the millions of American's that suffer from Celiac's Disease.

## Sprecher Brewing

Sprecher Brewing Company was started in 1985 by Randall Sprecher in Milwaukee's Walker's Point area. Milwaukee has long been a hot bed of beer making, and Randall Sprecher knows this very well. Sprecher served as a brewing supervisor for Pabst Blue Ribbon brewing company in Milwaukee, one of America's oldest and most storied breweries. Randall Sprecher decided to go out on his own and craft a unique line of beers, moving away from the simpler recipes used at national brands to the more specialized craft beers.

Sprecher Brewing enjoyed success from the start by focusing on producing great tasting beers, and in 1994 were forced to relocate to a larger facility to handle the increased demand for their great products. Sprecher explains why Americans responded so enthusiastically to their craft beers: "Like the biggest selling wines, many mass market beers are made to appeal to as broad of an audience as possible. This means they have to be produced at a highly competitive price and that they must offend no one. Much of the distinctive qualities of the traditional regional type brews is lost." Comparing millions of barrels produced a year by the major brewery corporations to the thousands of barrels produced by craft breweries yearly, it is easy to see that craft breweries can keep their eye on the quality of the beer much better than their larger competitors. By moving away from mass produced products to artfully crafting fine products, Sprecher anticipated the boom craft breweries have experienced in the past years.

Sprecher has produced quality beers since their inception back in 1985. Their Black Bavarian brew has been a mainstay since 1985,



# BARD'S GLUTEN FREE BEERS

an intensely dark lager with superb malt complexity. The Special Amber has been their best selling brew since 1985 with its creamy head, impressive hop bouquet and deep golden color. Coming out with Sprecher Light in 2005, Sprecher was beginning to branch out from their original brew line to meet more specialized demands. In 2006, by stubbornly adhering to traditional brewing methods and eschewing modern advances, Sprecher filled a gaping hole in the beer market.

Looking to come up with some recipes in honor of Milwaukee's African World Festival, the company introduced Sprecher Shakparo, building off traditional African recipes. While the original recipes contained small amounts of gluten, Sprecher responded to outpouring of customers wondering if their Shakparo was gluten-free by updating the recipe to remove the gluten, and in effect taking the beer closer to the original African recipe. Because barley and wheat are not grown in large quantities in sub-Saharan Africa, traditional Shakparos is brewed with sorghum and millet and are therefore able to be brewed gluten-free since neither sorghum nor millet contain gluten. So in 2006, Sprecher accidentally created a delicious gluten-free brew, answering the prayers of beer aficionados suffering from Celiac Disease.

## **Sprecher Shakparo**

Sprecher's gluten-free Shakparo Ale is a West African Shakparo-style beer brewed from sorghum and millet. An unfiltered, light, crisp ale with a cider or fruit profile and a dry vinous aftertaste, it is best characterized as an easy-drinking or session beer perfect for summer gatherings. Coming in at 5.7% ABV and 9 IBUs, the Sprecher Shakparo has been a hit since its inception in 2006. This beer pairs nicely with lighter fare such as sandwiches, salads, chicken, fish, and spicier foods.

Sprecher Brewing is currently in the middle of a big brewery expansion adding new bottling lines and 9 new fermentation tanks. All because of their hard root beer and growing their brands nationally like their Shakparo beer.

## **Bard's Brewing**

While Sprecher Brewing may have gotten into the gluten-free market by accident, the story behind Bard's Brewing is more deliberate if somewhat more improbable. While many stories behind craft breweries start along the lines of "Late one night I was having a beer with some friends and thought..." but for Kevin Sepowitz and Craig Belser this wasn't really an option. Both suffered from Celiac's Disease, but were suffering more from the fact this kept them from one of their favorite past times: enjoying a tasty brew.

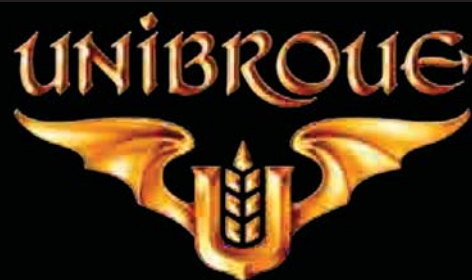
Spotting a gap in the market, Kevin Sepowitz contacted Craig Belser when he found a gluten-free beer recipe of his online, and they set about to create a delicious brew that was still gluten-free. Founding Bard's Tale Brewing in 2004, Sepowitz and Belser began looking at recipes using only the grain Sorghum, which does not contain gluten. The result was Bard's Gold Sorghum Beer, the first gluten-free beer to use nothing but malted grains of sorghum, released in November 2004 and met with universal praise from the gluten-free community. While Bard's Gold Sorghum Beer was the third gluten-free beer to be brewed in America, it was one of the

first successful gluten-free recipes because the founder's lived by one simple rule: if it doesn't taste like a real beer, they wouldn't sell it. So after perfecting the recipe and releasing it on an eager market, Bard's Tale quickly hit their production capacity and had to expand, and has been enjoying continued success ever since. Bard's was the first sorghum beer; they created and set the standard currently followed in the market today. Bard's are the only brewer that malts the sorghum just like barley is malted in traditional beer for traditional beer flavor, aroma and color. Sorghum malt is not commercially available so they had to do it themselves. However, the flavor is worth the extra effort and expense. By focusing on producing a high quality gluten-free brew, Bard's Tale has even been able to win over beer drinkers not suffering from Celiac's Disease.

## **Bard's Tale Gold Sorghum Beer**

Crisp golden colors strike the eye first, followed by a light foam head on the top, which quickly dissipates, giving way to the beer aroma with a hint of honey. Fresh apple flavors and earthy tones mingle with the strong taste of honey, which is front and center in this 4.6% ABV, 20.5 IBUs brew. This solid and dependable Amber Lager will satisfy the approximately 2 million Americans of drinking age that suffer from Celiac's disease, as well as those looking for a tasty but simple brew.

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# Abita Brewing

by Chris Wise

Nestled 30 miles north of New Orleans in the piney backwoods of Abita Springs, Abita Brewing has been churning out quality brews since it was founded in 1986 by Jim Patton and Rush Cumming, two home brewers who thought the world needed to experience their beers. In their first year, Abita Brewing produced 1,500 barrels of beer; demand for their brews grew and grew till their downtown Abita Springs brewery could no longer handle the demand. As the oldest brewery in the southeast, Abita didn't want to turn its back on the community that helped them flourish. So, instead of abandoning their small brewery in downtown Abita Springs, they converted it to a 100-seat brewpub, and moved their main production site a few miles up the road to a site that could handle the increased load.

Abita has upped production from 1,500 barrels in 1986 to 151,000 barrels of beer and 9,000 barrels of root beer in 2013. With such explosive growth, you may be skeptical that Abita has been able to maintain the same level of quality output they had in 1986. However, Abita has remained focused on the quality of the product they put out, using only the finest British and North American malted barley, German and American yeast strains, Pacific Northwest hops and the pure artesian water of Abita Springs. Abita's main brewery is perfectly located on top of a aquifer, which provides them with clean, refreshing water to use in their brew making process.

Continually looking to the future, Abita announced in 2013 they are expanding their production again. Abita's current brewery limits them to producing 210,000 barrels a year, a number they are fast approaching, and the plans for the expansion would double their capacity. By adding 17,500 to their current production facility and a new cellar with a dozen 800-barrel storage tanks, Abita is ensuring they have enough room to grow in the future. As well as adding space, Abita plans to make their brewery 30 percent more energy efficient, something Abita Brewing has stressed for a number of years. Abita Brewing was the first brewery in North America to install an energy-efficient Merlin Brewhouse, which drastically reduces their carbon dioxide emissions. They also create their own energy by operating a waste-water treatment plant on-site.

But Abita doesn't want to just tell you about their amazing brewery and energy saving techniques, they want you to visit so they can show you in person. Abita is so grateful for the support they've received from their customers over the years, they encourage all their customers to stop by, see the brewing process and sample a few of their brews, including ones still in the experimental stage. Abita estimates over 25,000 visitors passed through their doors last year alone, and hope that number only increases in the future.

Accommodating larger crowds is one of the major advantages of the expansion project. Abita currently offers guided tours Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 2 pm, and Saturday at 11 am, noon, 1 pm and 2 pm. Customers are also invited to visit the Tasting Room,

open Tuesday to Friday from 10 am until 4 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am until 3 pm. The Tasting Room is where all tours of the Abita Brewery begin and end where you can take a seat at the 24-foot, polished mahogany bar and enjoy samples of almost every Abita Beer, view Abita-inspired art and shop for Abita Beer merchandise. After the expansion is completed, Abita will have room for more private parties, and hopes to allow unguided tours through the brewery, in addition to the guided tours.

Abita's main goal is to get their delicious, high quality brews to as many customers as they can by any means necessary, whether that's expanding output to reach new markets or inviting more people to visit them in New Orleans. To taste what Abita is all about for yourself, try one of their tasty mainstays, eclectic seasonals, rotating harvest brews or grab a party pack to get a sampling of their offerings. For more information on Abita Brewery Company please visit [www.abita.com](http://www.abita.com)

## Varieties

### Amber

Amber is a Munich style lager brewed with crystal malt and Perle hops. It has a smooth, malty, slightly caramel flavor and a rich amber color. Abita Amber was the first beer offered by the brewery and continues to be their leading seller. Amber is Abita's most versatile beer for pairing with food because of its smooth, malty flavor; try it with smoked sausages, Louisiana boudin, and Cajun food. You might also enjoy it paired with a spicy gumbo or tomato-based pasta sauce.

4.5% ABV 17 IBU



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**Purple Haze**

Purple Haze is a lager brewed with real raspberries added after filtration. It is brewed with pilsner and wheat malts and Vanguard hops. The berries add a fruity aroma, tartly sweet taste and a subtle purple color and haze...you may see fruit pulp in the beer. This beer is best served with salads or light fruit desserts, such as soufflés or chiffon cakes. Many people enjoy it with chocolate desserts, or it can be enjoyed alone at the end of your meal as a desert.  
4.2% ABV 13 IBU

**Jockamo IPA**

Jockamo IPA is an American IPA brewed with pale, red, and caramel malts. This copper-colored ale is liberally hopped and dry hopped with Willamette and Columbus hops. The flavor is bold like the “Mardi Gras Indians” who march through New Orleans in suits of feathers and beads. Jockamo has a flavor that entices and excites the palate. The intense hop character adds more spice to the meal and makes it a perfect choice to team up with many spicy dishes. Jockamo goes well with wild game, grilled meats and Thai or Mexican cuisine.  
6.5% ABV 52 IBU

**Turbodog**

Turbodog is a dark brown ale brewed with pale, caramel, and chocolate malts and Willamette hops. This combination gives Turbodog its rich body and color and a sweet chocolate, toffee-like flavor. Turbodog began as a specialty ale, but has gained a huge, loyal following and has become one of Abita’s flagship brews. This ale pairs well with most meats and is great served with hamburgers or sausages. It is a good match with smoked fish and can even stand up to wild-game dishes. Turbodog is also great for marinating and braising meats and cooking such things as cabbage and greens.  
5.6% ABV 28 IBU

**Mardi Gras Bock**

Mardi Gras Bock (January – March) is the first of Abita’s seasonal brews. Abita Bock is brewed with pale, pilsner and caramel malts and German Perle hops. Mardi Gras bock is similar to German maibocks with its rich malt flavor and full body, making it a perfect choice during Carnival season in New Orleans. Gruyère, Emmental and Swiss are nice cheese choices with Bock beers, and Mardi Gras Bock goes great with roasted beef or pork. Try it with Mexican food, too.  
6.5% ABV 25 IBU

**Spring IPA**

Spring IPA (March-May) is a West Coast-style IPA with an up-front intense hop flavor and aroma. Amarillo and Centennial hops give the brew a rich and resinous flavor of citrus and spice. This bright pale ale has a malt sweetness that will give way to a pleasant bitterness. It pairs well with Mexican or spicy Szechwan Chinese food. Spring IPA is a nice accompaniment for cheeses with strong flavors, like sharp cheddar or goat cheese.  
6.25% ABV 65 IBU

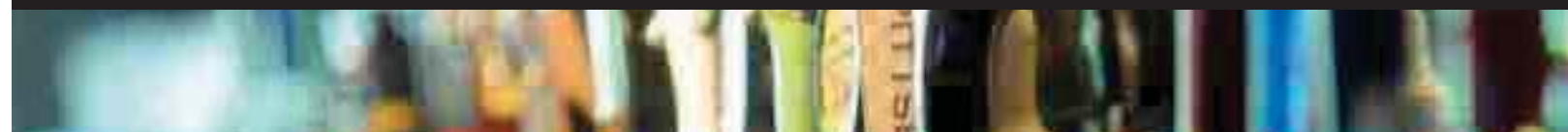
**Pecan Harvest Ale**

Abita Pecan Harvest Ale is brewed with pale, Munich, biscuit and caramel malts and Willamette hops. Real Louisiana roasted pecans are added in the brewhouse and give the ale a subtle nutty flavor and aroma. This ale is excellent accompanied with both red meat, seafood, Gouda cheese, and, no surprise here, it’s also great with nuts!  
5.1% ABV 20 IBU

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Fitness with a Twist is Pittsburgh's original pole dance studio located on the South Side of Pittsburgh and now in Greensburg. Their South Side location just recently expanded its studios to 3 full floors. They are exclusively devoted to enhancing female fitness and pioneered pole dancing for fitness in Pittsburgh. All of their instructors are certified fitness instructors. At Fitness with a Twist, you can be assured that you are getting the highest quality of fitness and training! If you are looking for a fitness class that will make you feel good both mentally and physically, you need to check out pole dancing!

They offer drop-in classes, group parties, private lessons or 6-week classes for every level of fitness; from beginner to advanced you are guaranteed a fun workout experience. Absolutely anyone can learn to do it. Ebony told us she taught a 67 year old nun to do a head stand.

Pole dancing is an exclusive opportunity for you to experience an intense, full-body workout that will boost your self-confidence and sculpt your body. Pole dancing is also a great aerobic workout. It has been found to be empowering and liberating. Imagine feeling excited about exercising once again! At Fitness with a Twist they will provide you with great instruction, a clean and safe environment, and all the fun you can handle.

Fitness with a Twist was the first studio in Pittsburgh to create and host the first, Girls-Night-Out Celebration! So whatever the occasion, bachelorette party, birthday party, fundraising events make it a memorable night and book a pole party today!

In addition to pole dancing they also offer Belly Dancing classes on Wednesdays and Sundays. Located at 70 South 21st Street on the South Side... Call - 412.377.5889 or for more information and class prices check them out on the web at [www.FitnessWithATwistPgh.com](http://www.FitnessWithATwistPgh.com)

Because of demand and the huge success of Fitness with a Twist watch for their newest addition coming soon.... Pittsburgh Pole Artist Academy.



# DATING

## First Date Conversation

By: Michael Kyle, Professional Matchmaker



If you're single, you know what it's like and get nervous for a first date. First dates can be intimidating, but it's very important that you don't let the nerves get to you. So many times I see some of my clients go out on a first date, get nervous, and end up talking about something they shouldn't have. There are a few guidelines that you can follow to make sure you don't have a slip of the tongue and scare off a potential mate.

Avoid topics of conversation that may portray you in a negative light. There's a wide variety of topics that should be avoided, to name a few: money, religion, politics, your ex's, divorce issue, child issues, health problems, and so on. These topics usually come up later, once a relationship has progressed. If you bring up any of these topics on the first date, it may scare your date away or make them get the wrong impression. When dating, you always want to portray yourself in the best light possible. First impressions go a long way.

Follow the "less is more" rule. When on a first date, the less you do the better of an impression you will make. That means don't talk too much, and don't drink too much! Alcohol sometimes makes people say things they normally wouldn't. If you find yourself having a few awkward silences during the date, don't worry! That's perfectly normal, and could be a good sign. Don't try to fill the silence with the first thoughts that pop into your head.

Now that we have what you shouldn't say covered, let's talk about what you should be saying. It's good to have a back and forth conversation, so not one person is doing all the talking. Safe topics to cover on the first date are: where your date was born, what their family is like, do they have any hobbies or passions, what type of music do they like, what books do they read, where do they like to vacation etc. The key here is to not get too personal right off the bat. The more dates you go on, the more comfortable you'll become with executing a good first date conversation. Don't forget, each first date is a new beginning so make sure you treat it like that!

If you have any questions about dating, feel free to email me your questions! They may appear in the next issue of Nightwire!

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After three months in the Pittsburgh area, See's Candies (See's), one of the most trusted and timeless candy makers in the country, celebrated the grand opening of their second shop in Pennsylvania at the South Hills Village Mall in Pittsburgh on January 10th. The new shop will serve more than 100 varieties of candy, all of which are made from scratch and with quality ingredients. American made and famous for deliciousness, See's adds no preservatives to their candy – ever.

“Our recently opened location at Ross Park Mall is already a Pittsburgh-favorite. The second shop at South Hills Village will allow us to welcome even more Pittsburgh residents in the area to become a part of the See's family,” said Ann Ostrander, V.P., Retail Sales for See's Candies. “We have opened two locations in just a few months in Pittsburgh and are excited to expand in an area where we have such a strong fan base.”

The South Hills Village shop will feature everything from the iconic black-and-white checkered décor to the friendliest customer service in Pittsburgh. At the candy counter, guests can create custom boxes of chocolates and candies to keep or wrap up and gift to others. The delicious candies that See's is famous for include boxed chocolates, truffles, nuts and chews, and lollipops – all of which are gluten free. In addition, the shop will continue the See's tradition of providing each guest with a free piece of chocolate upon arrival to the shop. See's gives away more than one million pounds of candy every year.

#### **About See's Candies:**

For over 90 years See's Candies has been dedicated to making candy Mary See's way. Only the finest, freshest ingredients are used in making each recipe. We add no preservatives to our candy. Ever. It's quality you can taste in every piece. American made, famous for deliciousness, with the friendliest customer service—since 1921.

Today, you can choose from over 100 different candies and chocolates, whether you are shopping with us online or visiting one of our iconic black-and-white checkered shops (where every visitor still gets to try a piece, it's our treat).

See's Candies has expanded from one candy shop to over 200 shops across America, and a flourishing online store. Our growth happily continues. Our commitment to taste, quality, tradition and service steadfastly remains.

Mary would be proud.





# Over the Bar Bicycle Cafe

## North Park Boathouse

By: Rick Perrotta II

"We use fresh jalapenos; I leave the seeds in for the extra spice," says North Park Boathouse chef Eric Strafalace. Mr. Strafalace is speaking of one of their signature appetizers, and our first of the night, the Old Firehouse Dip (\$7.99). He's right - the dip is much spicier than typical restaurant fare. Luckily, it's also wonderfully balanced, the jalapenos being countered by other fresh ingredients such as diced tomatoes, green onions, crispy bacon, cream cheese and shredded cheddar. On the menu, OTB rightly boasts of working with PA farmers to provide fresh, local produce. The dip is also served with fresh tortillas; the difference between the fresh and the store-bought is evident.

The Old Firehouse Dip was just one of many dishes my party and I were treated to the night we visited Over The Bar Bicycle Cafe's North Park Boathouse location. Mr. Strafalace describes more food as it is brought out. "The black bean cakes," known as the 650 Bean Cakes (\$7.99), "are thickened with corn starch rather than flour, adding corn starch instead of flour doesn't interfere with the taste." The cakes are tremendous, absolutely delicious served with sides of sour cream, guacamole, and homemade pineapple salsa, good enough to be its own appetizer. Then there's the Spoke Junkie (\$7.99), "made from freshly sliced zucchini, rolled up with 3 kinds of cheese, then hand battered." The best zucchini we have ever sampled!

The attention to detail, creativity, and quality ingredients are just a few things that set Over The Bar Bicycle Cafe apart from other restaurants. There is also the friendly staff, led by manager Jerri Lauffer, and of course the setting and atmosphere. One can see the lake while dining and when the weather is nice, patrons can sit on the dock and more intimately appreciate the beautiful landscape. Owner Mike Kotyk and his partners have done North Park a true service by spending the last 3 years and half a million dollars renovating the Boathouse, which sat mostly undisturbed for some 30 years. Not only that, Mr. Kotyk has signed a ten year lease with Allegheny County meaning taxpayers will be getting a new source of revenue and an absolutely fabulous place to dine, drink or simply relax.

Regardless of where one is seated, you are certain to enjoy your visit. Much like OTB's original South Side location, the Boathouse has an extensive craft beer selection. Impres-

sive brews such as the Southern Tier Krampus and the Bear Republic Racer 5 IPA are on tap plus over forty more beers can be ordered by the bottle including several from Oskar Blues Brewery and Pennsylvania's own Troegs Brewing Company. My choice, the Krampus, was delivered in a chalice. When ordering by the bottle, glasses were brought without having to ask, this truly added to the overall experience of OTB. They have also added another nice touch by including the Beer Advocate score of each beer on the menu.

Adding to the overall experience, many of the dishes are named after local landmarks or Pennsylvania luminaries, such as the North Ridge Nachos (\$7.99) and the Rachel Carson Wrap (\$9.99). Others are named for biking references, as Mr. Kotyk is a well-known biking enthusiast, such as the Top Gear Tenders (\$8.99) and the Dirt Rag Delight burger (\$9.99). The Dirt Rag





Delight is a must try. This juicy hamburger is served with American cheese, thick sliced dill pickles, and Wholey's homemade peanut butter. Yes, peanut butter. This sandwich was inspired by the biker's need for protein. The peanut butter adds a touch of sweetness while blending surprisingly well with the flavor the

burger. You seriously "must try" this burger!

Mr. Stralace says OTB also offers many selections for their "vegetarian and vegan friends," which are marked with a 'V.' Any of the burgers can be made with a black bean burger instead of ground beef. The Iron City Bites (\$7.99) are vegetarian wings made from seitan, which is made from

wheat but has the texture of meat. In 2011 and 2012, OTB won an award for "Best Vegetarian Soup" at the South Side soup contest. In addition, we were fortunate enough to try the B.E.L.L.A. tacos (Biking Enthusiastic Ladies Loving Adventures, \$9.99) which are stuffed with grilled balsamic marinated Portabella mushrooms, fresh avocado, Asian slaw, and homemade pico de gallo. Again, the jalapenos in the pico de gallo are evident but very nicely offset by the avocado. There are several more options, more than can be listed succinctly.

Toward the end, we were told they have one more dish they would like us to try and they bring out the Granny Gear Salad (\$11.99). The Granny Gear Salad features char-grilled chicken over mixed greens, topped with Swiss, roasted red peppers (prepared in-house, of course), julienned apples, and craisins. This terrific salad was served with an outstanding homemade poppy seed dressing, though they were kind enough to offer us other options as well including their fantastic balsamic vinaigrette.

OTB Bicycle Café North Park Boathouse is located on 10301 Pierce Mill Road in McCandless. Between the service, the music, the setting, the beer, and the level of attention given to serving a quality product with a unique twist, we had a great time with seriously amazing food. They are open 7 days a week - Monday-Wednesday: 11AM-10PM, Thursday-Saturday: 11AM-11PM and Sunday: 11AM-9PM - For more information, including the menu and contact information, please visit [www.otbbicyclecafe.com](http://www.otbbicyclecafe.com). Or for directions you can call 724.940.5000



# Humor

## Ted & Larry

Ted: "What is this you're doing?"

Larry: "The elevator dance."

Ted: "Elevator dance?"

Larry: "Yeah, there's no steps to it."

## Need a laugh?

Sit back and enjoy this collection of funny urban legends with a punch line! A North Carolina man, having purchased a case of rare, very expensive cigars, insured them against (get this) fire! Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of fabulous cigars, and having yet to make a single premium payment on the policy, the man filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the man stated that he had lost the cigars "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in a normal fashion. The man sued — and won! In delivering his ruling, the judge stated that since the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that the cigars would be insured against fire, without defining what it considered to be unacceptable fire, it was obligated to compensate the insured for his loss. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly

appeal process, the insurance company grudgingly accepted the judge's ruling and paid the man \$15,000 for the rare cigars he lost in the fires. After the man cashed his check, however, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson. With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used as evidence against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning the rare cigars and sentenced to 24 consecutive one-year terms. So don't tick off your insurance company!

## The Kangaroo Thief

These two guys my friend knows work for Chase Bank. Every year they go to Australia for a big, bank-sponsored golf tournament. This past year, these guys and their team won the entire tournament and went on to drink lots of beers and celebrate while wearing their newly-won green tournament jackets. After drinking up a storm, they plopped into their rented car and were driving on deserted roads nearby when they accidentally hit a large kangaroo. Getting out of the car, they realized that the kangaroo had died in the accident. Being so drunk, though, they propped up the kangaroo, its lifeless head bouncing from one side to the other, dressed it in one of their new green jackets, and took pictures of themselves with their arms around it. After a few minutes of picture-taking, the guys



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were shocked when it seemed that the kangaroo came back to life! It turns out that the poor kangaroo wasn't dead, but it had passed out, and when it came back to consciousness started to box with the drunken guys! It actually broke one guy's jaw!! It then hopped away into the landscape. The men couldn't drive their rented car, as the keys were in the green jacket, which was still on the kangaroo, so they had to walk back to the tournament. A little while later, a pack of kangaroos was seen in the distance, one of them wearing the green jacket.

### **The Zoo Parking Attendant -**

Subject: A well-planned retirement

Outside the Bristol Zoo, in England, there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 coaches, or buses. It was manned by a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars 1 pound (about \$1.40) and coaches 5 (about \$7). This parking attendant worked there solid for all of 25 years. Then, one day, he just didn't turn up for work. "Oh well", said Bristol Zoo Management, "we'd better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant..." "Er... no", said the Council, "that parking lot is your responsibility." "Er... no", said Bristol Zoo management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?" "Er... NO!" insisted the Council. Sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, is a bloke who had been taking the parking lot fees, estimated at 400 pounds (about \$560) per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over 3.6 million pounds (\$7 million). And no one even knows his name.

### **In Lieu of a Loo**

A young lady has a new, well-to-do boyfriend. He suggests that she come and meet his parents by having dinner at their place. After a pleasant drive into the country he pulls into a long, impressive drive and she is shocked to find that "their place" is a huge country estate. The door is opened by a butler, who shows the couple in. It's a very impressive, stately home with history, etc. Everything goes well as they are given drinks and introduced. Being a normal, working class girl, she is a bit awestruck and worried about making a faux pas or breaking some rule of etiquette she is unaware of. After several drinks she relaxes and they are shown into the dining room for a large feast. Halfway through dinner, the girl, having drunk a fair bit, needs the loo. In her best, polite manner she asks for "the bathroom?" and is shown out of the room by a servant and pointed upstairs to a room. It's a huge house with many rooms and she finds what she thinks is the right door, only to find a "bathroom" — i.e., no toilet, just a sink and bath. As she only needs a quick wee, she locks the door, hitches up her skirt and, balancing one leg on the bath, sits on the pedestal sink. Unfortunately, it starts to tip over and she hits her head on the bath and knocked unconscious. She is awakened by a commotion as the door is pushed in and her new boyfriend and family burst in to see her, knickers down, skirt raised and soaking wet, with the broken sink on the floor and water pouring everywhere!!!

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## Biscuits for Brains

There was a sweet older lady who would often do grocery shopping for the infirm and elderly in her church. One hot, summer day a lady asked her to pick up a few things and bring them by her house in a dangerous part of Baltimore City. The sweet old lady was wary but felt that she couldn't say no, even though she was terrified of driving in the part of the city that often had shoot-outs and other drug violence. Anyway, the woman went on her way, picked up the groceries and proceeded to the lady's house. As she entered the lady's neighborhood she noticed young hoodlums gathering on every street corner. Although she had no air conditioning in the car, she rolled the windows up tightly (as a safety precaution) and suffered in the 90+ degree heat. She drove ahead until suddenly she heard a loud "POP!" and felt a jolt to the back of her head. She reached to feel the back of her head and came back with a wet oozing mess that she was sure was part of her brain! Knowing that she had been shot, the woman turned around and raced to a

local hospital. Somehow she made it to the emergency room and had the strength to walk right in. She told the attendant that she had been shot. Immediately she was rushed back to an exam room. Doctors whirled around and asked where she had been shot (since they saw no blood). She said "my head," and the doctors found a mass of the oozing white substance the woman had first noticed. Upon inspection the doctors realized that the white substance wasn't part of her brain but was instead a lump of biscuit dough (the kind in a can) that had exploded from the heat of her car!

## The Wrong Bank

- Subject: Vanilla Pudding  
This is just too funny not to share. Excerpted from an article which appeared in the Dublin Times. Once inside the bank shortly after midnight, their efforts at disabling the internal security system got underway immediately. The robbers, who expected to find one or two large safes filled with cash and valuables, were surprised to see hundreds of smaller safes scattered throughout the bank. The robbers cracked the first safe's combination, and inside they found only a bowl of vanilla pudding. As recorded on the bank's audio tape system, one robber said, "At least we'll have a bit to eat." The robbers opened up a second safe, and it also contained nothing but vanilla pudding. The process continued until all the safes were opened. They found not one pound sterling, a diamond, or an ounce of gold. Instead, all the safes contained covered bowls of pudding. Disappointed, the robbers made a quiet exit, each leaving with nothing more than a queasy, uncomfortably full stomach. The newspaper headline read: "IRELAND'S LARGEST SPERM BANK ROBBED EARLY THIS MORNING."

## The Pregnant Turkey

One year at Thanksgiving, my mom went to my sister's house for the traditional feast. Knowing how gullible my sister is, my mom decided to play a trick. She told my sister that she needed something from the store. When my sister left, my mom took the turkey out of the oven. She removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, inserted it into the turkey, and re-stuffed the turkey. She then placed the bird(s) back in the oven. When it was time for dinner, my sister pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird. With a look of total shock on her face, my mother exclaimed, "Patricia, You've cooked a pregnant bird!"

At the reality of this horrifying news, my sister started to cry. It took the family two hours to convince her that turkeys lay eggs! Yep, you got it.... SHE'S BLONDE!

## Read Label Before Using

A happy, hip, happening woman living in SF has to endure a visit from her mother, a prim and proper matronly sort from somewhere in the Midwest. The mother is in the throes of menopause, apparently very cranky and physically uncomfortable, what with hot flashes and the like, and the daughter, in an effort to help but probably also to get Mom out of the house for awhile, suggests that the mother visit her gynecologist. Mom is not fond of the idea of visiting a gynecologist in a strange city. But after the daughter assures her that the man is thoughtful, kind, humorous and sweet and implores her to go just to make sure everything is okay, the mother reluctantly assents and makes an appointment. The morning of the appointment, mother is VERY nervous and in preparation takes a shower AND a bath, deodorant head to toe, FDS vaginal spray, the whole nine yards, and heads to the gynecologist. So. Mom's in the stirrups, the doctor's mucking about down there, and he looks up, fixes her with a funny smile and says, "Looks like we've got ourselves a PARTY GIRL!!!" Mother is shocked, to say the least. "What... what did you say?!!!" He grins even wider. "I said, 'Looks like we've got ourselves a PARTY GIRL!'" and this is accompanied by a smirk and a wink. Mom is flabbergasted and doesn't utter another word for the balance of the exam, hastily dresses and runs out while avoiding his glance. Later that evening, the daughter returns home from work, inquires how the appointment went, and the mother says, "You have a very rude doctor! He called me a party girl!" "A what?" "A party girl!" Mom is sniffing now. "Why would he call me that?" "I don't know, it's very out of character for him..." the daughter puzzles. "There must be some reason. Think back. Did you say anything, maybe?" "No!" The mother bristles. "I didn't say anything like that!" "Come on, think back. What did you do before the appointment?" "Well," the mother sniffs, "I was VERY conscientious with my hygiene. I took a bath AND a shower, I used your deodorant and FDS — I hope you don't mind — and then I got dressed, and..." "Mom!" the daughter interrupts. "Mom, I don't have any FDS." The mother is silent. They both head to the bathroom where the mother points out what she mistook for FDS. It wasn't. It was orange glitter hair spray from the previous Halloween. The moral being: Read the label!



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## MasterCard Wedding

For anyone who feels they've been invited to too many weddings lately have a laugh. This is actually true. It was in a local newspaper in South Carolina and even Jay Leno mentioned it on The Tonight Show. This is a true story about a recent wedding that took place at Clemson University. It was a huge wedding with about 300 guests. After the wedding, at the reception, the groom got up on stage at the microphone to talk to the crowd. He said that he wanted to thank everyone for coming, many from long distances, to support them at their wedding. He especially wanted to thank the bride's and groom's families for coming and to thank his new father-in-law for providing such a fabulous reception. To thank everyone for coming, bringing gifts and everything, he said he wanted to give everyone a special gift just from him. So taped to the bottom of everyone's chair, including the wedding party, was a manila envelope. He said that this was his gift and told everyone to open their envelopes. Inside each envelope was an 8x10 photo of his best man having sex... with the bride. He had gotten suspicious of the two of them and hired a private detective to trail them weeks prior to the wedding. After he stood there and watched the people's reactions for a couple of minutes, he turned to the best man and said, "F--- you!" He turned to his bride and said, "F--- you!" Then he turned to the dumbfounded crowd and said, "I'm out of here!" He had the marriage annulled the first thing that Monday morning. While most of us would have broken off the engagement immediately after finding out about the affair, this guy goes through with it anyway, as if nothing was wrong.

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## Bricklayer Accident Report

This is a bricklayer's accident report, which was printed in the newsletter of the British equivalent of the Workers' Compensation Board. This is a true story. Had this guy died, he'd have received a Darwin Award for sure.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to your request for additional information in Block 3 of the accident report form. I put "Poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You asked for a fuller explanation and I trust the following details will be sufficient. I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six-storey building. When I completed my work, I found I had some bricks left over, which, when weighed later were found to be slightly in excess of 500lbs. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the side of the building on the sixth floor. Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel

out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the bricks. You will note in Block 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 135lbs. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel which was now proceeding downward at an equally impressive speed. This explains the fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collarbone, as listed in Section 3 of the accident report form. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of the excruciating pain I was now beginning to experience. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, that barrel weighed approximately 50 lbs. I refer you again to my weight. As you might imagine, I began a Rapid descent, down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, broken tooth and severe lacerations of my legs and lower body. Here my luck began to change slightly. The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, in pain, unable to move, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope and I lay there watching the empty barrel begin its journey back down onto me. This explains the two broken legs. I hope this answers your inquiry.

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## Good Luck, Mr. Gorsky

When Apollo Mission Astronaut Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, he not only gave his famous “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” statement but followed it by several remarks, usual com traffic between him, the other astronauts and Mission Control. Just before he re-entered the lander, however, he made the enigmatic remark “Good luck, Mr. Gorsky.” Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs. Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the “Good luck, Mr. Gorsky” statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled. On July 5, 1995 (in Tampa Bay, FL) while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question to Armstrong. This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had finally died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question. When he was a kid, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball which landed in the front of his neighbor’s bedroom windows. His neighbors were Mr. & Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky, “Oral sex! You want oral sex?! You’ll get oral sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!” True story.

## The Exploding Toilet

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his engine on the motorcycle and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear. The man, still holding the handlebars, was dragged through a glass patio door and along with the motorcycle dumped onto the floor inside the house. The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room, and found her husband laying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle laying next to him and the patio door shattered. The wife ran to the phone and summoned an ambulance. Because they

lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of long steps to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband. After the ambulance arrived and transported the husband to the hospital, the wife up righted the motorcycle and pushed it outside. Seeing that gas had spilled on the floor, the wife obtained some papers towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet. The husband was treated at the hospital and was released to come home. After arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He became despondent, went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated. The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband laying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs and his groin. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance. The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and dumped the husband out. He fell down the remaining steps and broke his arm. Now THAT is a bad day...

## Irish Ghost Story

This story happened a while ago in Dublin, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it’s true. John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door... Only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn’t on. The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralyzed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him. Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had. A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realized he was crying... And wasn’t drunk. Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other... Look, Paddy... there’s that idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!

## 50 Terrible But Funny Jokes

1. It’s hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.
2. I used to think the brain was the most important organ. Then I thought, look what’s telling me that.
3. The midget fortune teller who kills his customers is a small medium at large.
4. A farmer in the field with his cows counted 196 of them, but when he rounded them up he had 200.
5. What does a nosey pepper do? Get jalapeño business.
6. What is Bruce Lee’s favorite drink? Wataaaaaah!



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7. The dyslexic devil worshipper sold his soul to Santa.
8. You kill vegetarian vampires with a steak to the heart.
9. There was a prison break and I saw a midget climb up the fence. As he jumped down her sneered at me and I thought, well that's a little condescending.
10. If you want to catch a squirrel just climb a tree and act like a nut.
11. So this guy with a premature ejaculation problem comes out of nowhere.
12. A magician was walking down the street and turned into a grocery store.
13. A blind man walks into a bar. And a table. And a chair.
14. Why don't you ever see hippopotamus hiding in trees? Because they're really good at it.
15. Did you hear about the crazy train killer? He had locomotives.
16. How does NASA organize their company parties? They planet.
17. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom? Because the "P" is silent.
18. What kind of shoes do ninjas wear? Sneakers.
19. Why does Snoop Dogg carry an umbrella? Fo' drizzle.
20. Did you hear about the new corduroy pillows? They're making headlines everywhere!
21. Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven was a well known six offender.
22. What time is it when you have to go to the dentist? Tooth-hurtie.
23. My friend recently got crushed by a pile of books, but he's only got his shelf to blame.
24. What did Jay-Z call his girlfriend before they got married? Feyoncé.
25. Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like banana.
26. How many kids with ADHD does it take to change a light bulb? Let's go play on our bikes.
27. What do you call dangerous precipitation? A rain of terror.
28. What's the best part about living in Switzerland? Not sure, but the flag is a big plus.
29. Two fish are in a tank. One turns to the other and asks "How do you drive this thing?"
30. Why can't a bike stand on its own? It's two tired.
31. Why didn't the lifeguard save the hippie? Because he was too far out man!
32. Last night I almost had a threesome, I only needed two more people!
33. What do you call a big pile of kittens? A meowtain.
34. I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
35. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
36. Just went to an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.
37. When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
38. I wrote a song about a tortilla. Well actually, it's more of a wrap.
39. What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
40. How did the hipster burn his tongue? He drank his coffee before it was cool.
41. PMS should just be called ovary-acting.
42. Marketing companies should use chromosomes in advertisements because sex cells.
43. Pampered cows produce spoiled milk.
44. Learn sign language, it's very handy.
45. I started a band called 999 Megabytes — we haven't gotten a gig yet.
46. You want to hear a pizza joke? Never mind, it's pretty cheesy.
47. What is the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know, and I don't care.
48. Dry erase boards are remarkable.
49. Dwarfs and midgets have very little in common.
50. How do you make Holy water? Boil the hell out of it.

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"Yup. Socks, Underwear and Viagra!"

## Jimbeaux

A State Trooper was patrolling late at night off the main highway. At nearly midnight, he sees a couple in a car in lovers' lane with the interior light brightly glowing. He carefully approaches the car to get a closer look. Then he sees a Jimbeaux behind the wheel, reading a computer magazine. He also notices a young woman in the rear seat, filing her fingernails. Puzzled by this surprising situation, the trooper walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window. The young man lowers his window. 'Uh, yes, Officer?' The trooper asks: 'What are you doing?' Jimbeaux says: 'Well, Officer, I'm reading a magazine.' Pointing towards the young woman in the back seat the trooper says: 'And, her, what is she doing?' Jimbeaux shrugs: 'Sir, I believe she's filing her fingernails.' Now, the trooper is totally confused. A young couple, alone, in a car, at night in a lover's lane and nothing obscene is happening! The trooper asks: 'What's your age, young man?' Jimbeaux says: 'I'm 22, sir.' The trooper asks: 'And her, what's her age?' The young man looks at his watch and replies: 'She'll be 18 in 11 minutes.'

## Florida Court Set Atheist Holy Day

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays." The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned." You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

## 4 Worms Church Sermon!

For those of you who missed church on Sunday, here is a recap! Four worms and a lesson to be learned!!!! A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:  
The first worm in alcohol- Dead  
The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead  
Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead  
Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.  
So the Minister asked the congregation - What did you learn from this demonstration???  
Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, 'As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!'

## The Lottery

A husband says to his wife, "What would you do if I won the Lottery?" She says, "I'd take half, then leave you!" "Excellent," he replies, "I just won 12 bucks, here's \$6, now get OUT!!"

## Computer Fix

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Richard, the 11 year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Richard clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?' He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.' I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless



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inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.' Richard grinned.. 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?' 'No,' I replied. 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.' So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T ..... Kids come up with the craziest things!

### Craig's List Personals Ad

To the Guy Who Tried to Mug Me in Cleveland night before last. Date: 01-17-14 - 1 :43 a.m. E.S.T. I was the guy wearing the black Burberry jacket that you demanded that I hand over, shortly after you pulled the knife on me and my girlfriend, threatening our lives. You also asked for my girlfriend's purse and earrings. I can only hope that you somehow come across this rather important message. First, I'd like to apologize for your embarrassment; I didn't expect you to actually crap in your pants when I drew my pistol after you took my jacket.. The evening was not that cold, and I was wearing the jacket for a reason.. My girlfriend had just bought me that Kimber Model 1911 .45 ACP pistol for my birthday, and we had picked up a shoulder holster for it that very evening. Obviously you agree that it is a very intimidating weapon when pointed at your head ... isn't it?! I know it probably wasn't fun walking back to wherever you'd come from with that brown sludge in your pants. I'm sure it was even worse walking bare-footed since I made you leave your shoes, cell phone, and wallet with me. [That prevented you from calling or running to your buddies to come help mug us again]. After I called your mother or "Momma" as you had her listed in your cell, I explained the entire episode of what you'd done.

Then I went and filled up my gas tank as well as those of four other people in the gas station, -- on your credit card. The guy with the big motor home took 150 gallons and was extremely grateful! I gave your shoes to a homeless guy outside Vinnie Van Go Go's, along with all the cash in your wallet. [That made his day!] I then threw your wallet into the big pink "pimp mobile" that was parked at the curb .... after I broke the windshield and side window and keyed the entire driver's side of the car. Later, I called a bunch of phone sex numbers from your cell phone. Verizon just now shut down the line, although I only used the phone for a little over a day now, so what 's going on with that? Earlier, I managed to get in two threatening phone calls to the DA's office and one to the FBI, while mentioning the President as my possible target. The FBI person seemed intense and we had a nice long chat (I guess while he traced your number etc.). In a way, perhaps I should apologize for not killing you ... but I feel this type of retribution is a far more appropriate punishment for your threatened crime. I wish you well as you try to sort through some of these rather immediate pressing issues, and can only hope that you have the opportunity to reflect upon, and perhaps reconsider, the career path you've chosen to pursue in life.. Remember, next time you might not be so lucky. Have a good day!

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Once upon a time there lived a king. The king had a beautiful daughter, the PRINCESS. But there was a problem. Everything the princess touched would melt. No matter what; metal, wood, stone, anything she touched would melt. Because of this, men were afraid of her. Nobody would dare marry her. The king despaired. What could he do to help his daughter? He consulted his wizards and magicians. One wizard told the king, "If your daughter touches one thing that does not melt in her hands, she will be cured." The king was overjoyed and came up with a plan. The next day, he held a competition. Any man that could bring his daughter an object that would not melt would marry her and inherit the king's wealth. Three young princes took up the challenge. The first brought a sword of the finest steel. But alas, when the princess touched it, it melted. The prince went away sadly. The second prince brought diamonds. He thought diamonds are the hardest substance in the world and would not melt. But alas, once the princess touched them, they melted. He too was sent away disappointed. The third prince approached. He told the princess, put your hand in my pocket and feel what is in there." The princess did as she was told, though she turned red. She felt something hard. She held it in her hand. And it did not melt!!! The king was overjoyed. Everybody in the kingdom was overjoyed. And the third prince married the princess and they both lived happily ever after. Question: What was in the prince's pants? M&M's of course. They melt in your mouth, not in your hand. What were you thinking??

## Irish Luck

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. 'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. 'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill .. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Someone once said: What goes around comes around. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

## Irish Wish

May there always be work for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.  
And may you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead.

## Did You Know This About Leather Dresses?

Do you know that when a woman wears a leather dress, a man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he gets weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally???

Ever wonder why? It's because she smells like a new Truck.

## Winter Poem

I found this beautiful winter poem and thought it might be a comfort to you. It was to me, and it's very well written. I felt it really captured my own feelings about winter.

'WINTER' Crap, It's Cold! .....The End

## The Open Zipper

The boss walked into the office one morning not knowing his zipper was down and his fly area wide open. His assistant walked up to him and said, 'This morning when you left your house, did you close your garage door?' The boss told her he knew he'd closed the garage door, and walked into his office puzzled by the question. As he finished his paperwork, he suddenly noticed his fly was open, and zipped it up. He then understood his assistant's question about his 'garage door.' He headed out for a cup

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of coffee and paused by her desk to ask, 'When my garage door was open, did you see my Hummer parked in there?' She smiled and said, 'No, I didn't. All I saw was an old mini van with two flat tires..'

## Things My Mother Taught Me

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: 'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'
2. My mother taught me RELIGION: 'You better pray that will come out of the carpet.'
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL: 'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'
4. My mother taught me LOGIC: 'Because I said so .. that's why.'
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: 'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.'
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT: 'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'
7. My mother taught me IRONY: 'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.'
8. My mother taught me about the scientific process of OSMOSIS : 'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.'
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: 'Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!'
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA: 'You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone.'
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER: 'This room of yours looks like a tornado went through it.'
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: 'If I told you once, I've told you a million times: Don't exaggerate!'
13. My mother taught me about the CIRCLE OF LIFE: 'I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.'
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: 'Stop acting like your father!'
15. My mother taught me about ENVY: 'There are millions of less fortunate children in the world who don't have the parents like you do.'
16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: 'Just wait until I get you home.'
17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING: 'You are going to get it when you get home!'
18. My mother taught me about MEDICAL SCIENCE: 'If you don't stop crossing your eyes, your face is going to freeze that way.'
19. My mother taught me about ESP: 'Put your sweater on. Don't you think I know when you are cold?'
20. My mother taught me HUMOR : 'When that lawn mower cuts your toes off, don't come running to me.'
21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: 'If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.'
22. My mother taught me about GENETICS: 'You're just like your father.'
23. My mother taught me about MY ROOTS: 'Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?'
24. My mother taught me WISDOM: 'When you get to be my age, you'll understand.'
25. And my favorite - My mother taught me about JUSTICE: 'One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you.'

## Jerk Gets a Ticket


A motorcycle officer stops a vehicle that has ran a red light. The driver is a real jerk and comes running back to the officer and asks why he is being harassed by the Gestapo and the officer calmly tells the driver of the red light violation. The driver goes into a tirade, and questioning the officer's ancestry, sexual orientation etc. The

officer takes it all in professional stride and writes the ticket and places an "AH" in the bottom right hand corner. The officer hands the driver the ticket and requests a signature. The driver angrily signs the ticket and notices the "AH" and demands to know what that is for. The officer removes his mirror like sunglasses and gets in the drivers face and in a low voice says "So that when we get in court in three months time, I can remember that you are an a-hole!" Three months later, in court, the driver has hired a lawyer, as his driving record is not what you would call perfect, and he expects to lose his license. The officer gives his evidence on the driver running a red light. Then under cross examination, the driver's lawyer asks if this is the ticket the officer had issued. "Yes, this is the defendant's copy of the ticket I issued," states the officer. Lawyer then asks "Is there any particular marking or notation on this ticket that you don't normally make?" The officer says "Yes in the bottom right hand corner, in the Narrative box, is the AH underlined" Lawyer: "What does the AH stand for, officer?" Officer: "Aggressive and Hostile" Lawyer: "Are you sure?" Officer: "Yes sir." Lawyer: "Are you sure that it doesn't stand for a-hole?" Officer: "Well sir, I am sure you know your client better than I do."

## Insults That Might Come in Handy

- You've got a face like a squeezed tea-bag
- - Go play in traffic
- - If you had a brain you'd be dangerous
- - If you went to a mind reader there would be no charge
- - I know when you are lying, Your lips move
- - The lights are on, but no one is home
- - You are as much use as mud guards on a tortoise
- - The Wheel's moving but the hamster's dead
- - You are as much use as a chocolate teapot
- - You are one sandwich short of a picnic
- - A pity your brain isn't as big as your bottom

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## Stella Awards

It's time once again to review the winners of the Annual "Stella Awards." The Stella Awards are named after 81 year-old Stella Liebeck of New Mexico who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's. That case inspired the Stella awards for the most frivolous, ridiculous, successful lawsuits in the United States. Here are this year's winners:

**7th Place:** Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was Ms. Robertson's son.

**6th Place:** 19-year-old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses

when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

**5th Place:** Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation, and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found, and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed to the tune of \$500,000.

**4th Place:** Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been just a little provoked at the time by Mr. Williams, who had climbed over the fence into the yard and was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

**3rd Place:** A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

**2nd Place:** Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a night club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the

floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

**1st Place:** This year's runaway winner was Mrs. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, (from an OU football game), having driven onto the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the drivers seat to go into the back & make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the RV left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising her in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded her \$1,750,000 plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons around.

## Medical Convention

At a medical convention, a male doctor and a female doctor start eyeing each other. The male doctor asks her to dinner and she accepts. As they sit down at the restaurant, she excuses herself to go and wash her hands. After dinner, one thing leads to another and they end up in her hotel bedroom. Just as things get hot, the female doctor interrupts and says she has to go and wash her hands. Once she comes back they go for it. After the sex session, she gets up and says she is going to wash her hands. As she comes back the male doc says, "I bet you are a surgeon." She confirms and asks how he knew. "Easy, you're always washing your hands." "That's very clever" she says, "I bet you're an anesthesiologist." "Wow, how did you guess?" "I didn't feel a thing!"

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## Redneck Logic

Two rednecks decided that they weren't going anywhere in life and thought they should go to college to get ahead. The first goes in to see the counselor, who tells him to take Math, History, and Logic "what's Logic?" the first redneck asks. The professor answers by saying, "Let me give you an example. Do you own a weedeater?" "I sure do." "Then I can assume, using logic, that you have a yard," replied the professor. "That's real good!" says the redneck. The professor continues, "Logic will also tell me that since you have a yard, you also own a house." Impressed, the redneck says, "Amazin!" "And since you own a house, logic dictates that you have a wife." "That's Betty Mae! This is incredible!" The redneck is obviously catching on. "Finally, since you have a wife, logically I can assume that you are heterosexual," said the professor. "You're absolutely right! Why that's the most fascinatin' thing I ever heard! I cain't wait to take that logic class!!" The redneck, proud of the new world opening up to him, walks back into the hallway, where his friend is still waiting. "So what classes are ya takin'?" asks the friend. "Math, History, and Logic!" replies the first redneck. "What in tarnation is logic???" asked his friend. "Let me give you an example. Do ya own a weedeater?" asked the first redneck. "No," his friend replied. "FAG"

## Another Lawyer Defendant:

Your Honor, I want to appointed another lawyer. Judge: And why is that? Defendant: Because the Public Defender isn't interested in my case. Judge (to Public Defender): Do you have any comments on the defendant's motion? Public Defender: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I wasn't listening.

## Sliding Down The Table

A man and a woman were having dinner in a fine restaurant. Their waitress, taking another order at a table a few paces away noticed that the man was slowly sliding down his chair and under the table, with the woman acting unconcerned. The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and out of sight under the table. Still, the woman dining across from him appeared calm and unruffled, apparently unaware that her dining companion had disappeared. After the waitress finished taking the order, she came over to the table and said to the woman, "Pardon me, ma'am, but I think your husband just slid under the table." The woman calmly looked up at her and replied firmly, "Ohh no, My husband just walked in the door."

## Sign on Beer

A guy walks into a bar and orders a drink. After a few more he needs to go to the toilets. He doesn't want anyone to steal his drink so he puts a sign on it saying, "I spat in this beer, do not drink!" After a few minutes he returns and there is another sign next to his beer saying, "So did I!"

## Terrible Golfer

A pretty terrible golfer was playing a round of golf for which he had hired a caddie. The round proved to be somewhat tortuous for the caddie to watch and he was getting a bit exasperated by the poor play of his employer. At one point the ball lay about 180 yards from the green and the as the golfer sized up his situation, he asked his caddie, "Do you think I can get there with a 5-iron?" And the caddie replied, "Eventually."



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## Trumpet

Q: How many lead trumpet players does it take to change a light bulb? A: Fifty. One to do it and the others to stand around and say, "I could do that better."

Q: What do lead trumpet players use for birth control? A: Their personality.

Q: What is the difference between a trumpet soloist and King Kong? A: King Kong is more sensitive.

Q: What's the difference between trumpet players and government bonds? A: Government bonds eventually mature and earn money.

Q: How do trumpet players traditionally greet each other? A: "Hi. I'm better than you." Q: How do you know when a trumpet player is at your door? A: The doorbell shrieks!

## Milton Berle Milton - Stand Up Jokes

- All of your life you were crazy about cars, I guess that's why you turned out to be such a crank.
- How proud you were when they named you America's best . . . then you found out they meant America's beast!
- I always wanted to write a book about you Cynthia, but somebody beat me to it. He wrote The Hounds of Baskervilles.
- I don't mind personal insults, but when you insult the jokes that I tell you're insulting Fred Allen, Bob Hope, Burns and Allen, Trevor McGee and Molly Picon.

- I have a brother who is afraid to go to sleep, he dreams he's working.
- I like to think of myself as the middleman between Fred Allen and Henry Youngman.
- I listened to Jack Benny on the radio last night, he was so funny I dropped my pad and pencil. I remember every one of your insulting jokes . . . I use them later.
- I remember the first time I met Cynthia it was at the beach. I was digging for clams and I came up with her. I take New Years with a grain of salt and three aspirins.
- I'm 83, and I feel like a 20-year-old, but unfortunately there's never one around.
- If evolution works, why do mothers only have two hands.
- Laughter is an instant vacation
- Mr. Gallop you have a beautiful tale there. If you wear your coat long enough no one will notice it.
- Poverty is not a disgrace, but it's terribly inconvenient.
- Radio . . . that wonderful invention by which I can reach millions of people . . . who fortunately can't reach me.
- Remember that night you did that oriental cooch-cooch; the cops came and threw you in the can-can.
- Remember those magical nights Cynthia . . . we would dance cheek to cheek. I'd rub my stubble against yours.
- Remember when I met you on the high seas Cynthia how coy you were. You tried to get away from me and what a fight you put up. You bent four of my harpoons.
- Remember when you had your face lifted . . . and the guy brought it back.
- That's a vicious rumor! A rumor started by a few million people.
- That is NOT a Bob Hope joke! That is a no hope joke.
- That's your little joke? Don't worry ! We'll mop it up later.
- The TV news people keep saying this could be the greatest Christmas we ever had. I kind of thought the first one was.
- We grew together. I grew up. She grew sideways.
- What an orchestra! They just sit there, but their minds are thousands of miles away with their bookies.
- You can lead a man to Congress, but you can't make him think.
- You look like a normal person, if you can find a normal person who wants to look like that.
- You look like something the dog just buried in the backyard and is trying to forget where.



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## 54 Year Old

A 54-year-old accountant leaves a letter for his wife one evening which read: "Dear Wife, I am 54 years old, and by the time you get this letter I will be at the Grand Hotel with my beautiful and sexy eighteen year old secretary." When he arrived at the hotel, there was a letter waiting for him that read as follows: "Dear Husband, I too am 54 years old, and by the time you receive this letter I will be at the Savoy Hotel with my eighteen year old boy toy. Because you are an accountant, you will surely appreciate that 18 goes into 54 many more times than 54 goes into 18."

## St Paddy's Day Shorts

- The Doctor was puzzled "I'm very sorry but I can't diagnose your trouble, Mahoney. I think it must be drink. " "Don't worry about it Dr. Kelley, I'll come back when you're sober."
- His wife had been killed in an accident and the police were questioning Finnegan. "Did she say anything before she died?" asked the sergeant. "She spoke without interruption for about forty years," said the Irishman.
- Two Irishmen were walking home after a night on the beer when a severed head rolled along the ground. Mick picked it up to his face and said to Paddy "Jez, that look like Sean?" To which Paddy replied "No Sean was taller than that"
- A cop pulls up two Irish drunks, and says to the first, "What's your name and address?" "I'm Paddy O'Day, of no fixed address." The cop turns to the second drunk, and asks the same question. "I'm Seamus O'Toole, and I live in the flat above Paddy."

## Burning Building

There were three basketball players, one from Duke, North Carolina, and Michigan State, standing on a burning buildings roof in Indianapolis. The fire department came with a blanket and yelled to the Duke player to jump. He jumped and they moved it to the right. He hit the sidewalk with a splat. They then called to the North Carolina player to jump. He said that he wouldn't jump. They said they liked North Carolina better than Duke. So he jumped and the fire department moved the blanket to the left. The North Carolina player hit with a splat on the sidewalk. Then they called to the Michigan State player to jump. He said that he wouldn't jump. The fire department said they hated Duke and North Carolina. He yelled back and said, "Lay the blanket down, and then I'll jump!"

## Materialistic Lawyer

A lawyer opened the door of his Lexus, when suddenly a car came along and hit the door, ripping it off completely. When the police arrived at the scene, the lawyer was complaining bitterly about the damage to his precious Lexus. "Officer, look what they've done to my Lexussss!!!", he whiningly said. "You lawyers are so materialistic, you make me sick!!!" retorted the officer, "You're so worried about your stupid Lexus, that you didn't even notice that your left arm was ripped off!!!" "Oh my god....", replied the lawyer, finally noticing the bloody left shoulder where his arm once was, "Where's my Rolex?"

## Paris Hilton Quotes

- Every woman should have four pets in her life. A mink in her closet, a jaguar in her garage, a tiger in her bed, and a jackass who pays for everything.
- Wal-mart... do they like make walls there?

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- Dump a whole bottle of detergent into the toilet tank. This produces great billowing suds out of the bowl on first flush. Especially great if first flusher is sitting at the time.
- Place a coin on the ground and wait for someone to bend down to pick it up. As they do, tear a piece of fabric and they'll think they just burst their pants.
- Ask somebody what time it is when he/she is holding a glass of fluid (water, beer, etc) in the hand attached to the wrist where he/she wears a watch. You'll be surprised how many people pour fluid onto themselves trying to be helpful to you.
- Tie a thin, almost invisible piece of thread to a coin and place it on the ground. Wait for someone to bend down towards it and pull it away at the last second.
- Wait 'till someone is drinking a can of fizzy soda and when their not looking drop in some sugar or a sugar sweet. The soda will fizz up and start pouring uncontrollably out of the can.
- When you visit your friends house, put some washing machine detergent in their dishwasher. Next time they run it suds will come oozing out the door.
- Glue a dime on the ground and wait for people to come by and try to pick it up.

- Get your friends email address and sign him up for various email newsletters from provocative sites (gay porn, communism, etc)
- If you work at a department store slip some of those anti-shoplifting strips into the lining of your friends favorite jacket
- Hand lotion inside of an air hose on the final assembly line is effective, but very vindictive.
- Use with caution Saran wrap on reading glasses that have been left on desk is good. Trimming at edge of lens is hard but effect is great. Not usually noticed when first picked up but optical quality of saran is spectacularly bad.
- Take a garbage can, fill it with water, and amateurishly balanced it on the door, ready to fall on him when he opens the door. (Now Knock on their door and run!)
- Switch the "MEN" and "WOMEN" signs on a pair of public bathrooms while they're occupied. Great at airports, hotels, and bars
- "This is the Verizon calling. There is some trouble with your line. Please do not answer any calls for the next five minutes or the person on the other end may be electrocuted. Thank you." Hang up, and wait about two minutes. Call them back. When they answer, just scream "AAAAAAAAAAAAARGH!!!" and hang up.
- Get a few copies of your friends business card. Hopefully, it has his home phone number on it. Go to your local red-light district and pass them out to the girls (or guys) saying "Call me some time."
- A popular college dorm practical joke involves collecting newspapers for about 3 months by everyone. When a guy on your floor has a three hour lab crumple up newspapers and completely fill his room from floor to ceiling.
- Go to any gag store and get a fake plastic vomit. Put it in a drinking fountain. Wet it is amazingly realistic ...
- Take an old window shade, go to a gymnastics show or anywhere else where people wear leotards, wait for someone to do a split, and tear the window shade briskly, making a very loud ripping sound ...
- Go with a couple of friends, stand near some busy street corner, and take a great interest in some point near the top of a tall building, or maybe just up in the sky. Watch the reactions of people around you.
- Go into your community bathroom/shower, fill your bathtub with hot water, empty a couple of bottles of dishwashing detergent into the tub, then drop in a few pounds of dry ice that has been crushed to small pieces.
- Take the top off the toilet tank. Inside, there is usually a vertical plastic pipe about 1 inch in diameter. Going into the top of this pipe is a little plastic tube. Turn the tube outward and, if it is long enough, then put it toward the toilet bowl with the end just sticking out. Replace the tank cover, making sure that the little plastic tube is just sticking out. When someone flushes, the tube will squirt water.

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- While your friend is sleeping put shaving cream in his/her hand and then tickle his face with a feather
- Try taping a drunk to his bed. Get a large roll of masking tape and when he passes out wind it around him and the bed.
- Make a small, off-center hole in a can of shaving cream and then heave the can into the victims open door. As the pressure spews the cream out, it will spin the can and create a real mess all over the place. Make sure you close the door after throwing it into your friends room.
- Put cherry Kool-aid in the shower head.
- Baby powder inside someone's hair dryer, causing the CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST look is also a cute one.
- You might need a reputation as an incorrigible joker for this to work. Just let the person know you are going to play a big one on him within 5 days. (Pick your time frame.) And that he will be powerless to stop you. If you do it right, he'll worry himself to pieces and make a fool of himself. Then DO NOTHING.
- Put a very kinky ad in your local newspaper, which includes your neighbor's phone number -- "call any time".

## Zing!

Every time someone calls me fat I get so depressed I cut myself... a piece of cake.

## Zebra Short Zebra Jokes

Q: What's black and white and red all over? A: A sun-burned zebra!

Q: What did the blonde name her pet zebra? A: Spot!

Q: If a quadruped has four legs and a biped has two legs, what is a zebra? A: A stri-ped.

Q: What do you get if you cross a zebra with an ape man? A: Tarzan with stripes.

Q: Did you know that scientists crossed a zebra and a donkey? A: They called it a zeedonk.

## Zebra Bar Jokes Life In A Zoo

There was this zebra who had lived her entire life in a zoo and was getting on a bit so the zoo keeper decided as a treat that she could spend her final years in bliss on a farm. The zebra was so excited, she got out of the horse float to see this huge space with green grass and hill and trees and all these strange animals. She saw a big fat weird looking brown thing and ran up to it all excited, "Hi! I'm a zebra, what are you?" "I'm a cow" said the cow. "Right, and what do you do?" asked the zebra. "I make milk for the farmer" said the cow. "Cool." The zebra then saw this funny looking little white thing and ran over to it. "Hi, I'm a zebra, what are you?" "I'm a chicken," said the chicken. "Oh, right, what do you do?" asked the zebra. "I make eggs for the farmer." said the chicken. "Right - o, great, see ya round." Then the zebra saw this very handsome beast that looked almost exactly like her without the stripes. She ran over to it and said, "Hi, I'm a zebra, what are you?" "I am a Stallion," said the stallion. "Wow," said the zebra. "What do you do?" "Take off your pajamas darling, and I'll show you."







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## Objection

You seem to be visibly distressed,' said the judge to the witness. 'Is anything the matter?' 'Well, your Honor,' said the witness, 'I swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, but every time I try, some lawyer objects.'

## Paint Job

A blonde wanting to earn extra money decided to do odd jobs for her wealthy neighbors. At the first house, the owner said, 'Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?' '\$50' she replies. The man agrees and gives her the paint and brushes and goes back in the house. The man's wife overheard their conversation and asked him if she had realized that the porch goes all around the house. 'She should. She was standing on it' A short time later the blonde came to the door to collect her money. 'You've finished already?' the man asked. 'Yeah, and I had paint left over so I gave two coats.' Impressed the man reaches for the money. 'And by the way,' the blonde added, 'it's not a porch. It's a Lexus.'

## Mid Life Crisis

A man in his 40's bought a new Lexus convertible and was out for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair, and he decided to open her up. As the needle jumped up to 90 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him. 'There's no way they can catch a Lexus,' he thought to himself and opened her up further. The

needle hit 100, 120.... then the reality of the situation hit him. 'What the hell am I doing?' he thought and pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his license without a word, and examined it and the car. 'It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift, and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go.' The guy thinks for a second and says, 'Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back.' 'Have a nice weekend,' said the officer

## GOLFER

After a particularly poor game of golf, a popular club member skipped the clubhouse and started to go home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his car, a policeman stopped him and asked, 'Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about twenty minutes ago?' 'Yes,' the golfer responded. 'Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?' 'Yes, I did. How did you know?' he asked. 'Well,' said the policeman very seriously, 'Your ball flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?' The golfer thought it over carefully and responded... 'I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb.'





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## Teenage Blonde Jokes

- None of my yoga pants have actually ever been to yoga.
  - My actual New years resolution: look like a Victoria's Secret model.
  - If pink and glitter were vitamins I would be the healthiest person alive If it's pink and if it sparkles, I either already own it or I will.
  - My mind says Victoria's Secret model, but my heart says chocolate, Starbucks, wine.
  - Too much glitter isn't enough glitter.
  - I believe shopping is the best calorie burner
  - My straightened is hotter than you."
  - Pink makes everything pretty.
  - If you don't love pink, you're wrong.
  - I can't wear it Friday night if I've already taken a picture in it.
  - The Holidays require extra glitter.
  - I wish my hair grew as fast as my nails.
  - Whenever I get blood work done, the nurse is always surprised to see glitter in the vial.
  - You can never be too blonde.
  - You only have one life to live; wear the sequins, fall in love, buy the shoes and never worry about what negative people think.
  - My blood type is pink glitter
  - My closet is full of clothes with the tags still on them but I shop anyways.
- I have this fear of wasting a really cute outfit on an insignificant day.
  - My blonde hair came from God, yours came from a box. I win.
  - It doesn't matter what time I start getting ready. I am always late.
  - Things I liked as a little girl: Pink, dressing up, and glitter.
  - Things I like now: Pink, dressing up, and glitter.
  - My room was clean until I had to figure out what to wear.
  - I don't see the world in black and white, I see it in pink and glitter.
  - Whoever said money can't buy happiness obviously never went to Victoria Secret.
  - I don't know what you mean by "too much pink"
  - There should be a Victoria's Secret Fashion Show once a month.
  - My eyelashes always hit the lenses of my sunglasses.
  - Christmas would be perfect if it snows pink glitter!
  - Blonde hair and pink were made for each other
  - I don't have too many clothes, I just don't have enough closets.
  - If it has to rain, can it at least rain glitter?
  - Studies show that women who wear pink go farther in life. I am convinced heaven and Victoria's Secret are the same thing.

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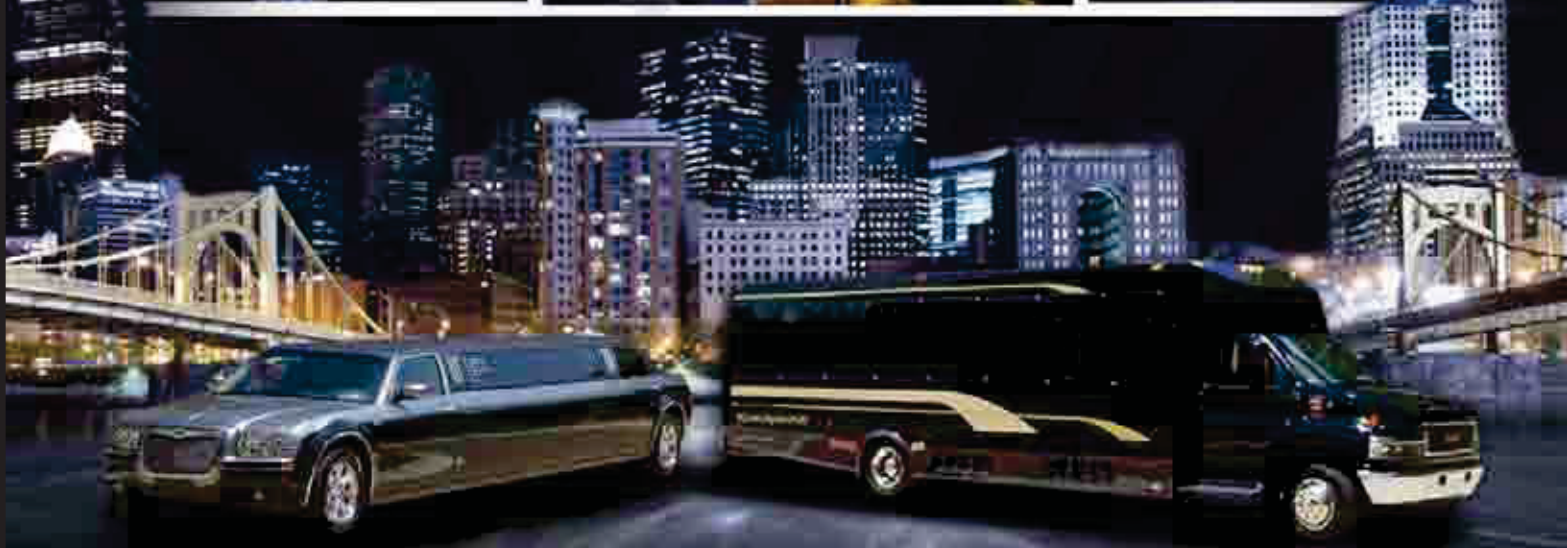
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## A Letter To Dad

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then, he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, 'Dad'. With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter, with trembling hands.

Dear, Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you. I've been finding real passion with Stacy. She is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing's, tattoos, her tight Motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only the passion, Dad. She's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so that Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it! Don't worry Dad, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit so you can get to know your many grandchildren. Love, your son, Joshua.

P.S . Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table. Call when it is safe for me to come home!

## The Principal

Boy: The principal is so dumb!  
Girl: Do you know who I am?  
Boy: No...  
Girl: I am the principal's daughter!  
Boy: Do you know who I am?  
Girl: No...  
Boy: Good! \*walks away\*

## Three Girls On An Island

There are 3 girls on a island. They are blonde, brunette and a black haired. After 3 weeks of starvation god comes down and says "go home already. I will give you 1 wish each. Use it wisley. The brunette says "I want to go home!" And poof she goes home. The black haired girl says "I want to go home!" And poof she goes home. The the blonde says "I want my friends back!"

## Drunk Driver

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident; it's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished but amazingly neither of them are hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man, that's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days." Flattered, the man replied, "Oh yes, I agree with you completely!" "This must be a sign from God!" The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then she hands the bottle to the man, The man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man. The man asks, "Aren't you having any?" The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police..."

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