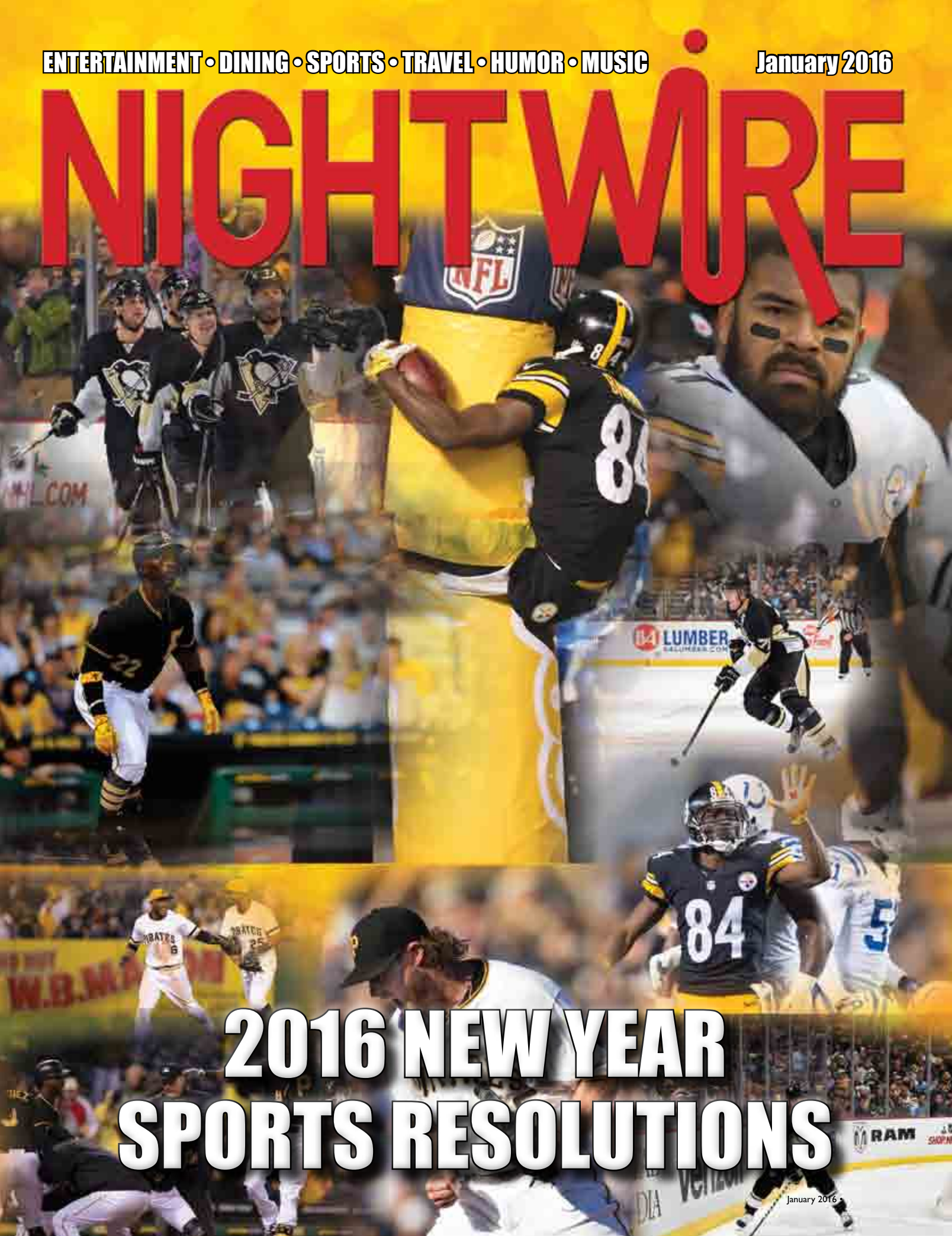


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SPORTS

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine

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It's That Time Of Year Again . . .

Although disappointment dotted the sporting landscape this past year, 2015 also brought with it plenty of cheer for the city of Pittsburgh and its professional teams. A trip back to the playoffs for the Steelers, a near 100 win season for the Pirates and a trade that brought a top tier player to the Penguins to excite the fan base and temper the frustration of another early exit from the postseason. Which is where we start our annual tradition of resolution making for the black



and gold. We're talking about playoffs. Dubbed the "City of Champions", Pittsburgh has been one in name only since 2009. While six years doesn't seem like a long time to go title-less, especially if you're from Cleveland, this proud piece of western Pennsylvania has an impatience for second place. So without further ado, here are a few must-dos in the new year . . .

The Penguins squeaked into the playoffs on the last day of the regular season in the spring and didn't stay long. Looking to find that elusive winger to skate with Crosby, General Manager Jim Rutherford went all in and traded for prolific goal scorer, Phil Kessel. Great idea in theory, but not so much in practice. When Evgeni Malkin, your points leader, ranks 33rd in the league, something just isn't right. The production hasn't been there all year and head coach Mike Johnston paid for it with his job. Winless in their first four games under new bench boss, Mike Sullivan, outscored 15-4, how can the Pens start filling up the score sheet?

Resolve to improve blue line execution. Even with a healthy Kris Letang, the Penguins have struggled on the backend all season. The plus/minus stat can be ambiguous, but when two of your defensemen, Ian Cole and your highly paid star in Letang, are last and second-to-last among blue liners in the league, that's a problem. Establishing offensive zone presence starts in the defensive zone. Trading the statuesque (not a compliment) Rob Scuderi for the more mobile Trevor Daley is a step in the right direction. Let's see how he buoys the backend as he gels with his new teammates. He'll also help on special

teams. Which brings me to my next resolution.

Resolve to figure out the power play. Obviously this is a point of focus already. Bringing in Daley to shore up the defense also provides an experienced point man on the power play. After 32 games the Penguins are third worst in the NHL with the man advantage at 14.8 percent. This continues the second half special teams slide of last season. What happened to the top ranked power play of two years ago? This fall from 5-on-4 grace has coincided with the team's downward spiral. Turn it around and confidence will grow in all aspects of the game.

It must be said, although it has been so many times, resolve to find out what ails Sidney Crosby. If it continues to be a mystery, resolve to accept he just isn't the player he once was and expect less.

The Steelers have made good on some of last year's resolutions, including getting pressure on opposing quarterbacks and generating turnovers. Through 14 games, the defense has 40 sacks, good for 3rd most in the NFL. Last year? Just 33 total. They were even in turnover ratio with 21 takeaways in 2014

and have already bested that with 26 turnovers, four more than they've committed with two more games to play. So the defense has stepped up this year, except for one nagging area...pass coverage.

Resolve to tighten up the secondary. The Steelers are giving up 279 yards through the air per game, second worst in the league, and have allowed 11 plays of 40 yards or more, tied for 3 most. Having said that, opponents aren't converting those yards into touchdowns as the Steelers allow about 20 points per game, which is better than average as scoring defenses go, but you can only stand next to the fire so long before you get burned. Defensive coordinator Keith Butler likes to use multiple fronts and schemes, although good quarterbacks carve up the zone, targeting tight ends especially. If Butler went with more man coverage, bumping guys at the line, I wouldn't be mad.

Resolve to stay on the field. Between suspensions – Martivis Bryant, Le'Veon Bell – and injuries – Ben Roethlisberger, Le'Veon Bell, Maurkice Pouncey, Kelvin Beachum – the Steelers have only had their full complement of offensive starters on the field for less than two quarters. At 9-5 and in the playoff picture, they've survived injuries pretty well, but when you look at the first four



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games of the year while Bryant was suspended, and Le'Veon Bell as well for the first two, the team went 2-2 including a very bad loss to the woeful Ravens. Keeping your nose clean is paramount when you are big part of the game plan.

Of course, resolve to win a playoff game. It's been awhile – since their run to the Super Bowl in the 2010-2011 season, since the Steelers advanced past the wild card round.

The Pirates have provided some of the most exciting moments in Pittsburgh sports over the past few years, but they have yet to get over the hump. Winning the second most games in the majors the last two seasons – behind the Cardinals, of course – have heightened expectations. What can they do to meet them?



Resolve to win the division. That starts in April. Not June. April. Each of the past two seasons, the Buccos have lost the division by two games. Last year they were 26-24 through May and the Cardinals were 33-17. Digging a seven game hole for yourself is never good strategy, even when you play 32 games over .500 the rest of the way. And when you add the Cubs into the mix as a legit threat for the division, it becomes even more important to start hot, not heat up. One proof positive way to get that done?

Resolve to beat the teams in the NL Central. The Cubs are no longer the Pirates' punching bag. The Bucs went 8-11 versus Chicago and they didn't have a winning record against anyone in the division, going 34-42 overall. Win against the bottom

feeders. Please.

This may be a futile statement, as the Pirates operate the way they operate, but resolve to invest more in their major league club. Starting pitching and first base are still in question, so why not go after proven entities like pitcher Scott Kazmir? First baseman Chris Davis is a pipedream, but why not Justin Morneau? A lefty bat would be a nice addition while waiting for Josh Bell to arrive.

2016 promises to be yet another year of potential playoff runs – hopefully the Penguins join the party – so sit back, enjoy and be thankful you don't live in Cleveland.



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At The Movies...

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

BONE TOMAHAWK

Westerns, when done correctly, are entertaining movies. The problem is many Westerns are not done correctly. BONE TOMAHAWK has many elements working for it, but just as many working against it. It boasts an excellent cast, but suffers from technical miscues, and an identity problem.

The story begins when two nefarious no-goods, Purvis and Buddy, played by David Arquette and Sid Haig, violate an Indian burial ground after bushwhacking two prospectors. The Indians, though, are not normal, but rather cannibalistic cave dwelling troglodytes. When Arquette survives the attack and seeks refuge in the nearest town, the cavemen follow and decide to take a couple of prime slabs home with them, while they're out and about. Unfortunately, the two unsuspecting souls they capture are a deputy sheriff who works under the self-righteous and decidedly aggressive Sheriff Franklin Hunt, played by Kurt Russell and the town nurse Samantha, played by Lili Simmons. Russell is in full Western mode, complete with bushy mustache from his days as Wyatt Earp in TOMBSTONE. It's not long before the sheriff is rounding up a posse to bring back the members of his flock.

Samantha is the wife of Arthur O'Dwyer, played by Patrick Wilson. He is recuperating from a broken leg, but is insistent on joining the rescue party. Also joining the team is John Brooder, played by Mathew Fox. He has eyes for Samantha and the sexual tension between the two men adds a nice subplot to the adventure. Members of the town causing the typical political nonsense include Richard Jenkins and Sean Young. While this sounds like a decent set-up, things quickly go south with a myriad of technical miscues.

Writer and Director S. Craig Zahler begins to fill the script with major inconsistencies after the set-up. For example: how is it the cannibal cave clan can travel to the town at warp speed, while it takes the posse days to make the return trip? Why insert a sequence concerning Mexican banditos, allude to them in a later scene, but never offer closure to the act? To compound the script issues, Zahler is never sure which direction he wants to take BONE TOMAHAWK. Ninety minutes of the film are pure Western, and then it switches to a horror film, in the genre of Eli Roth. Interchanging genres is not, in itself, a death knoll for a film, but it needs to be seamless, and this one is not. Editors Fred Raskin and Greg Daura don't help matters by extending the desert scenes to boring lengths. The middle of BONE TOMAHAWK drags like driving with the parking brake on.

Kurt Russell is always fun to watch; and when he's in Western garb, he is iconic. But BONE TOMAHAWK needs more than Russell's presence, and the make-up wizardry of Jodi Byrne to make it impressive on the screen.

THE GRADE FOR BONE TOMAHAWK = C

VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN

The foreign markets saved VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN. Domestically, the film couldn't break into the box office Top Ten during its opening weekend. Combined with the European tallies, the movie made well-over half its budget. Originally, the show was to open in October. Studio pundits thought that unwise and switched the premiere to

January, 2016. Then, for an unknown reason, some deranged booker opted to open the film the same weekend as Pixar's THE GOOD DINOSAUR and Sly Stallone's CREED; plus, HUNGER GAMES: THE MOCKING JAY PART II was still in a second strong week. Whoever made this decision, should be demoted. VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN is a decent film, and certainly deserves better than the fate it received due to the inexplicable selection of an horrific (pardon the pun) release date.

"Everyone knows the story..." is the quote that starts the movie; and it's true, everyone does; but this version of Mary Shelley's classic tale is told from the viewpoint of Igor, Frankenstein's faithful sidekick. It's a unique perspective; adding a new flavor to an old tale.

Daniel Radcliff is Igor, a circus hunchback who is a student of anatomy when not performing for the big tent crowds. Abused and ignored by the circus boss, he meets Dr. Victor Frankenstein one evening during a tragic circus mishap. They form a kinship which takes them on a familiar, yet fresh adventure, including Frankenstein's early work on animals and an astute Scotland Yard detective who is savvy to Frankenstein's work leagues before anyone else. VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN allows viewers to witness the



early experiments and failures that propelled the doctor to his disastrous experiment. They include a horrid homunculus concoction of animal parts that wreaks havoc in the halls of academia.

Radcliff, as Igor is invigorating. Kudos to this young actor who has diversified his roles considerably since relinquishing the Harry Potter cloak. The doctor is played by James McAvoy, and he is much better in this than he is in the X-MEN series. The detective, Turpin, is played by Andrew Scott, with another impressive performance since taking a sabbatical from SHERLOCK.

Screenwriter Max Landis does a clever job of tipping the scripting hat to previous Frankenstein endeavors. When the doctor first shows Igor his work, he displays a distended set of eyes which react to light. This scene is taken directly from Peter Cushing's portrayal of Frankenstein in the classic Hammer film. The balloons from Universal's original telling are back to harness the lightning. There is a gruesome reference to the one-armed detective from SON OF FRANKENSTEIN and naturally, Landis can't resist alluding to Mel Brook's YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN with situational scenes concerning the pronunciation of Frankenstein's name and the mention of Abby someone or other.

Cinematographer Fabian Wagner gives VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN a gothic look, while set designer Michael Standish creates a theatre in the round setting for the monster's birth. Both are imposing, and quite apropos for the venue.

For those who are Frankenstein purists, this interpretation of the tale may be unsettling. But for those, like me, who appreciate a clever retelling, VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN will provide a vigorous methodology to the definitive tale of man playing God. Check it out; I think you'll have a grand time.

GRADE FOR VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN = B

ANGUISH

I cringe every time a movie deems it necessary to include the phrase "Based on true events" in its promotions, or worse, its opening credits. It is a self-promoting cry for attention: "look here, our movie is not that good, but it will have more gravitas if we tell you this stuff actually happened, sort of." Please. If a movie can't stand on its own merits, no amount of connection to reality will help. Thus, it was with much trepidation I watched ANGUISH, as it displayed the phrase of doom more prominently than the stars of the film.

ANGUISH is billed as a horror film about possession. If only it lived up to that billing. The entire possession theme is diminished with nonsensical graphics enveloping the film regarding young people with mental disorders. It's almost as if Writer and Director Sonny Malke was fearful of presenting a movie about spirit possession and attempted to explain the phenomenon with inane medical statistics.

The film starts incredibly slow. ANGUISH doesn't pick up until the final 25 minutes. Along the way, there are a few typical template horror jump scenes, but they are telegraphed. Blame editors Andrew Coutts and Matt Drezel for stretching each sequence past the point of frightening. Coupled with the droning soundtrack of James Curd, ANGUISH languishes through its first two acts like a snail in molasses.

While the final reel moves, it's based on a lame premise. Amberly Gridley plays Lucy, a young, rather bratty impetuous child who dies tragically in a car accident while attempting to embarrass her mother. The lesson here is clear - don't argue with your mother! But, Lucy is not schooled in basic manners or societal etiquette so she dies with tremendous remorse, realizing after death she was a bit of a bitch. Her mom, Sarah, played by Karin Logue, suffers years of heartbreak for the loss of her daughter. Apparently, Sarah has no husband to help her through the ordeal. Either there was a shortage in the film's budget to hire another actor, or bitchiness runs in the female family line.

Lucy, wishing to make amends to her grieving mom, possesses the body of Tess, played by Ryan Simpkins. She is able to possess Tess because Tess suffers from mental introversion. Tess's mom, Jessica, played by Annika Marks, discovers Lucy is possessing her daughter and together the two moms attempt to save their children. Noble intentions, but the conclusion features two women, strangers to each other, who suddenly and inexplicably become possession experts and glean the proper procedures for a happy ending. Again, perhaps a limited budget prevented a more convincing ending, but the two women making all the right moves is too Deus et machina.

In short, if Malki opted to run with one form, rather than attempt to bridge both in one movie, ANGUISH would have been a stronger endeavor. As it is, the movie languishes between both, becoming a mediocre endeavor.

GRADE FOR ANGUISH = D.



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With music & lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo Swerling & Abe Burrows, and based on the stories of Damon Runyon, Pittsburgh Public Theater's production includes a cast of 21 and a live orchestra led by Music Director F. Wade Russo (*My Fair Lady*). The amazing score includes "If I Were a Bell," "I've Never Been in Love Before," "Take Back Your Mink," "Luck Be a Lady," "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat," "Marry the Man Today," and many more incomparable songs.

Guys & Dolls is set in 1950 New York City and Havana. Nathan Detroit (Joel Hurt Jones) bets bigtime gambler Sky Masterson (CMU graduate Charlie Brady) that he can't get the Save-A-Soul Mission's Sarah Brown (Kimberly Doreen Burns who starred in *Camelot* and *My Fair Lady*) to go on a date with him. Nathan is also the ringleader of the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York, which he hides from his girlfriend of 14 years, Hotbox Nightclub star Miss Adelaide (Clarksburg, WV native and Broadway veteran Kirsten Wyatt).

Other featured players are Quinn Patrick Shannon as Nicely Nicely Johnson, Gavan Pamer as Benny Southstreet, Sharon Schaller as General Cartwright, Joe Jackson as Rusty Charlie, and Larry John Meyers as Arvide Abernathy. In addition the incredible cast includes Tony Bingham, Jerry Gallagher, Michael Greer, Daina Michelle Griffith, Ashton Guthrie, Daniel Krell, Stephen Dagrosa, Stephanie Maloney, Mara Newbery, J. Alex Noble, Michael Sullivan, and Andrea Weinzierl.

The designers for *Guys & Dolls* are Michael Schweikardt (Scenic), Martha Bromelmeier (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Orchestrations are by Dan DeLange and Casting is by Cindi Rush Casting. Carol Schuberg is the Associate Choreographer. Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager and Phil Madore is the Assistant Stage Manager.



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Tröegs Brewing Company

by Brian Meyer

Have you ever watched one of those makeover shows on TV? The ones where they take someone that honestly isn't bad looking to begin with and after working with a team of stylists and artists the person in question comes out looking so amazing that you nearly forget what he or she looked like when it all started. Well, if there was a makeover show for beer and brewery design, Tröegs Brewing out of Hershey, PA would have been the grand-prize winner. Recently Tröegs Brewing underwent a massive redesign of everything from their logo to their website to the labels for every one of their beers, giving them a fresh, clean, and consistent look across just about everything.

Along with this redesign comes a problem though. If like me you're a huge fan of all things Tröegs, how do you find their beer now? We've all grown accustomed to knowing what that six-pack of Hopback or Troegenator looks like, so now with the change are we lost forever, drifting in a sea of hopelessness, simply wanting a pint of Perpetual IPA? Fear not, as the folks at Tröegs Brewing and at Vecenie Distributing tossed us a life preserver by providing us all the new artwork to share with you, the constant reader. So sit back and relax, grab a "vintage" Tröegs beer out of the fridge if you have one, and get to know the new Tröegs Brewing Company.

In the Beginning...

Before getting into what's new, it's worthwhile to take a quick look at where Tröegs got their start. Tröegs Brewing Company was founded in 1996 in Harrisburg, PA by the Troegner brothers John and Chris. The name Tröegs came from a combination of a nickname including their last name and the Dutch word for pub, kroeg. The first keg sold by Tröegs took place in July 1997, officially kicking off the great beer we know and love today.

Tröegs eventually outgrew the Harrisburg brewhouse and in 2011 the brewery picked up and moved to a new facility in Hershey, PA where they continue to brew today. The current brewery is nearly three times the original brewery in Harrisburg and includes a tasting room that has an amazing view of the brewhouse.

The Beers

Tröegs is known for having a solid year-round lineup of beers as well as a few seasonals that help to define their season, so to speak. While the big change here is the overall look and feel of Tröegs new packaging, there's one other big change worth noting. Since its inception, Tröegs Brewing has made one of the best pale ales not only in PA, but possibly the US. Tröegs Pale Ale has consistently been a force to reckon with in the world of hoppy beers, but just like your favorite TV show that ends its run on a high note, so too is Tröegs Pale Ale. While we're sad to see this go-to beer be put out to pasture, there's an even better beer making its debut alongside the new design to take its place, and trust us, it will easily become your next go-to beer.

Solid Sender

In place of Pale Ale, Tröegs is releasing a new beer called Solid Sender Ale. This beer comes in at 5.2% ABV and a hefty 45 IBUs. Solid Sender will be available year-round in the seasonal lineup of Tröegs beers. Solid Sender features a solid base of caramel malt paired with the citrusy, floral Cascade hops.

Solid Sender pours a medium copper with aromas of piney hops, orange pith, flowering herbs, and light malt. The taste is



balanced equally between the malt body and the citrus and pine hop character with a medium mouthfeel and a clean finish. While we're sad to see Tröegs Pale Ale go, Solid Sender is far from a replacement, standing on its own as a truly amazing and unique beer.

Perpetual IPA

The one and only Tröegs Perpetual IPA will continue to be offered year-round, and rightfully so. This 7.5% ABV American IPA with a whopping 85 IBUs is dry-hopped to give it an outstanding hop aroma and a taste that's hard to beat. Expect to get sticky citrus rind up front on this with tropical fruit, pine, and a hefty dose of bitterness in the middle, finishing up with a lightly lingering bitterness.

IPAs are one of the most interesting beers to pair with food, and Perpetual IPA is no exception. You can choose contrasting flavors like meats, aged cheese, olive oil, or caramelized sugars, or instead choose to go with complimenting flavors by choosing spicy curry dishes, coconut, citrus, grapefruit, or even mango. However you pair it, Perpetual IPA should have a...wait for it... perpetual spot in your refrigerator.

HopBack Amber Ale

Named after the device that gives this beer its unique hop character, Tröegs HopBack Amber Ale comes in at 6% ABV and 55 IBUs. The HopBack itself is a sight to behold at the brewery, and is only topped by the taste of its namesake beer. Standing 12 feet tall in the center of the Hershey brewery, Tröegs HopBack is where whole cone hops swirl in hot wort, where the delicate and amazing hop oils are released into the soon-to-be beer. This gives HopBack hints of grapefruit and pinesap in the aroma with grapefruit, caramel malt, toffee, and pine in the taste with a finish that lets the flavors linger.

Hopback makes an outstanding beer to pair with foods ranging from carrots, parsnips and rich cheeses as well as chipotle peppers, popcorn, hearty breads and caramelized fruits.

Troegenator Double Bock

What happens when monks need sustenance but don't want to break their fasting? Simple, they brew a beer that is, for the most part, liquid bread and is known as a doppelbock, or double bock. This original beer, known as "Salvator," or "Savior," is still brewed today to be higher in alcohol and full of flavor. Following this long-standing tradition, most double bocks have names that end in "ator" and Tröegs' Troegenator is no exception.

Troegenator comes in at a hefty 8.2% ABV and a nice 25 IBU. Tröegs version of the double bock is thick and almost chewy with stand-out flavors and aromas of caramel, chocolate, and dried stone fruit.

If you'd rather enjoy Troegenator with food instead of enjoying this "liquid bread" as the monks did, you'll find that root vegetables, raw shellfish, bitter greens, nuts, smoked meat, and even vanilla ice cream pair extremely well with this "savior" of the beer world.

DreamWeaver Wheat Beer

Wheat beers are a very special kind of beer. These amazing creatures offer up flavors of black pepper, clove, and banana without adding a single spice. By utilizing the natural esters found when using special wheat beer strains of yeast, this style of beer offers a combination of depth of flavor and refreshment that's hard to find anywhere else.

Tröegs offers their DreamWeaver Wheat Beer for those of us that love our beer on the wheat side, so to speak. DreamWeaver comes in at 4.8% ABV and a very low 15 IBU. This means DreamWeaver is just about perfect when it comes to alcohol content and the bitterness in this beer is nearly nonexistent.

You can enjoy DreamWeaver in all of its unfiltered, cloudy glory or pair it with grilled pork, fried chicken, aged cheese, basil, raw oysters, or even baked cookies and get a wild experience that's hard to beat at any time of the year.

Java Head Stout

Wrapping things up in the year-round lineup for Tröegs is a beer that, while offered all year, seems to fit the colder winter months perfectly. For those of us that like a little coffee with our beer, Tröegs offers their Java Head Stout. This 7.5% ABV beer has a solid 60 IBUs and features everything we love about a creamy oatmeal stout with a strong dose of locally-roasted, cold-steeped coffee. Proving that the HopBack is far from a one-trick device, the coffee is infused into Java Head with the very same 12-foot tall device that gives many of Tröegs beers



their unique hop character.

Java Head Stout is perfectly fine on its own, but gets even better when paired with citrus, raspberries, goat cheese, fatty meats like bacon, oats, figs, chocolate, and earthy root vegetables.

Nugget Nectar

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention possibly the most popular beer in the Tröegs lineup before signing off, and while this is a seasonal beer that's only available starting in January until it's all gone, it's an amazing beer that's worth more than just an honorable mention.

Nugget Nectar, which comes in at 7.5% ABV and a staggering 93 IBUs is many beer lovers main squeeze, and for good reason. Tröegs uses super fresh hops to brew this beer, which is technically categorized as an imperial amber ale, which gives it huge flavors of pine, resin, and mango while keeping the hefty bitterness evenly balanced from start to finish.

Possibly the most difficult beer to find in this list, you definitely need to pick up a case of this when you can, and enjoy it as soon as possible, as the crazy amount of dry-hopping that this beer receives gives it an aroma and taste that's hard to beat, and is best enjoyed fresh. In other words, get it while you can.

Tröegs Anthology

Finally, if you're of the mindset that decisions are hard to make, Tröegs has you covered there, too. Each season they come out with a mixed 12-pack that includes a little bit of everything, including one of their small-batch Scratch beers. For the winter months the Anthology pack includes Troegenator, Perpetual IPA, The Blizzard of Hops Winter IPA, and a Scratch Series Chocolate Stout.

While the artwork may be new and the logo is refreshed, Tröegs is still the amazing brewery we've grown to love over the years, and thankfully the beer packaging might look different, but the beer is still the same.

Tröegs Brewing Company beers are proudly distributed in and around the Pittsburgh area by Vecenie Distributing Company.



Kretzler's Tavern.... Serving North Hills For Over 60 Years!

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from the 50's and best of all, it's free to play shuffle board, so bring your friends and join in the fun. Every Saturday there is "live" music in the bar which is opened daily until 2am with no cover.

More additions in the bar coming in January are a whole new revamped happy hour bringing back their famous ½ price apps and daily drink special starting Jan 4! And as always there is plenty of "free" hot delicious popcorn in the bar, yum, my favorite, plus happy friendly bartenders and great service!

Stepping into the dining room numerous transformations have already taken place; new wood flooring, paint and seating, giving the dining room a fresh updated Bavarian feel. Soon to come are new tables that will match the handmade Amish chairs, which are gorgeous and totally made by hand in Amish country. The menu has been revamped a bit with some delicious new offerings but keeping their tried and true favorites. Kretzler's features homemade soups daily, made from scratch in their kitchen, plus daily specials along with their staples that have made this place the best dining and friendliest bar in North Hills. Plus they just added new burgers and are planning a new burger challenge...



if you can eat the entire burger you will receive a free tee shirt. Tuesday nights are "free ice cream ball night" with many flavors to choose from, spend \$30 and get one free. Wednesday nights are "kids eat free night" (up to three kids, ages 12 and under) with the purchase of 2 adult entrees. All of their food is delicately hand crafted with the same family recipes, maintaining that great quality and taste at affordable pricing.

The banquet/party room has also been updated with new carpet and fresh paint, it's a great place for any occasion or celebration. Check it out and be sure and book your 2016 party early! Great venue, price, location with plenty of free parking and a party expert to help guide and assist you for that perfect event or party!

Kretzler's Dining Room opened: Sunday: 11am-9pm; Monday-Thursday: 11am-11pm; Friday, Saturday: 11am-12am
Bar Hours: Sunday-Saturday: 11am-2am

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Kretzler's Tavern opened its doors 64 years ago in 1951. It's original owner was Howard (Buzz) Kretzler, father of Butch and Denny, who took over the business from their father in 1978. Now, the gauntlet has been passed on to their two sons, Brandon and Jason. This family owned business is a landmark restaurant/bar in the North Hills.

Jason and Brandon have been very busy updating and remodeling the interior and exterior. Outside they have added a new electronic sign, re-did the parking lot in front making way for a patio and possible summer outdoor seating and maybe even corn hole. Can't wait for summer to see what's next.

As you step inside the bar area changes have already begun, with the addition of new flooring, paint and 28 rotating craft beers on tap plus numerous craft bottle beers. Kretzler's now offers growlers so that you can take home your favorite craft beers. Not a craft beer aficionado? Well not to worry, Kretzler's stocks plenty of your old time favorites. Plans underway include raising the ceiling behind the bar area and adding larger big screen TV's.

The bar area is also home to a 100" projection screen TV and lots of your favorite video games, plus an authentic shuffle board

REGISTER NOW TO VOTE IN THE 2016 PITTSBURGH ROCK 'N ROLL LEGENDS AWARDS!™ Register by February 5 - Tickets on Sale Now!

It's time to "get out the vote" now that the holidays are over – and we're not talking about the Republicans vs. Democrats! This is about voting for your favorite local rock and roll legends who are the tremendously talented individuals and bands that have contributed to the rich history of rock and roll music in the Greater Pittsburgh region.

These musical luminaries will be celebrated at the third annual Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards on April 28 at STAGE AE. But you can't vote unless you're registered by February 5! Simply go to www.PittsburghRockLegends.com and click on the Email Sign-up button at the top of the page. All those registered by the deadline will receive an electronic ballot shortly thereafter, enabling them to vote for their favorite Legends.

"Fan voters will play a significant role in determining the winners for this year's event," said Rebecca Whitlinger, executive director for the Cancer Caring Center, a Pittsburgh-based charity that provides free emotional and social support services to patients and their families. The Center also hosts and is the beneficiary of the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards. "As such, we'd like to encourage as many fans as possible to participate in the process."

Fan votes will be combined with those from the Academy of Voters, comprised of nearly 200 local producers, promoters, music historians, musicians, media, educators and other music industry professionals. Together, the fans and the Academy votes will determine the awardees.

Once voting begins in February, no further registrations will be accepted. (One vote per email address.) All votes will be reviewed and certified by an independent, volunteer third-party panel of judges comprised of a local CPA, a journalist and a federal court judge, to assure that the voting process is fair and transparent. Winners will be announced in late February or early March.

The Legends Nominating Committee selected nominees in four categories for this year, with input from the Academy of Voters. More extensive biographies are available on the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends website (www.PittsburghRockLegends.com), but here's a bit of background on each 2016 nominee to start your thinking:

A. Modern Era Legends (Solo performer or band with 20+ years in the business – 2 inductees) **

Billy Price

East coast blue-eyed soul man who's entertained audiences for four decades with 15 albums. He's an institution in Pittsburgh and blues clubs all along the East Coast. He toured nationally



The Clarks left to right: Greg Joseph, Scott Blasey, Robert James and Dave Minarik, Jr.



as lead singer for guitarist Roy Buchanan for three years, and founded and led the well-regarded Keystone Rhythm Band and the Billy Price Band.

Joe Grushecky

A 2014 Heinz History Center History Maker, Grushecky is a prolific songwriter, singer and guitarist who's released 18 albums as the leader of the Iron City Houserockers or as a solo artist, often co-writing and appearing with Bruce Springsteen, who's called him "a tremendous musician and writer." Best known songs include "Pumpin' Iron," "The Good Life," "Have a Good Life, Get out Alive" and "Love's So Tough."

Rusted Root

Formed in Pittsburgh by singer/guitarist Michael Glabicki in the early '90s, the group has sold more than three million albums worldwide, and is noted for its polyrhythmic world roots music and jam rock. "Send Me on My Way" from the platinum selling album "When I Woke," reached #72 on the Billboard Top 100, and was featured in Enterprise Rent-a-Car's national marketing campaign.

The Clarks

Formed in 1986 at Indiana University of PA. Started as a cover band, eventually creating their own music. Released 12 studio and live CDs to date, including "Restless Days," "Between Now and Then," "Fast Moving Cars" and others, selling more than a quarter of a million copies. Most recent album "Rewind," released in June, 2015, a collection of classics by R.E.M., the Replacements and the Rolling Stones – the music that inspired them in the beginning.

B. Music Industry Professional Legends (Producer, promoter, manager, etc., with 20+ years in the business – 1 inductee)

Henry DeLuca

Since 1980, he brought top acts of the early rock 'n roll and rhythm and blues era to Pittsburgh, and showcased Pure Gold, a local group he helped to found and has managed since 1978. His 40 Roots of Rock and Roll shows over 34 years highlighted Pittsburgh as a major venue for live concerts. Began collaborating with T.J. Lubinsky in 1999 on Doo Wop 50, which became the all-time, #1 fundraiser for all of PBS-TV.

Joe Rock

Hit songwriter and manager for several artists, including The Skyliners and The Jaggerz. Formed The Skyliners and wrote the lyrics to hits "Since I Don't Have You" and "This I Swear." Co-wrote "I'd Die," "It Happened Today," "Lonely Way," "How Much" and "You're My Christmas Present." Managed The Jaggerz, getting them contracts with Gamble Records, Kama Sutra and RCA's Wooden Nickel and promoted the million seller hit "The Rapper."

Pat DiCesare

Concert promoter and songwriter, he played a pivotal role in bringing the Beatles to the Civic Arena in 1964. Co-founded DiCesare-Engler (DE) Productions with Rich Engler in 1973, one of the top-grossing concert promoters in the U.S., bringing great music to Western PA for over 20 years. DE's venue, the Stanley Theatre, was named the top mid-sized concert theater in the country by Billboard Magazine.

C. Legacy Legends (Solo performer or band with 40+ years in the business - 1 inductee) **

Bobby Vinton

The Canonsburg native known as the "Polish Prince," had more than 40 different singles on the national charts during the Top 40 era, nearly twice as many as any other Pittsburgh area artist. Billboard Magazine called him "the most successful love singer of the "Rock-Era." From 1962 to 72, he had more #1 records than any other solo male artist. His certified million-selling singles include "Roses Are Red," which he credits KDKA's Clark



Chuck Brinkman



Joe Grushecky

Race for breaking, as well as "I Love How You Love Me" and "My Melody of Love."

The Jaggerz

A blue-eyed soul band from Beaver County known for their rich vocals and soulful grooves. In 1970, "The Rapper," written by Donnie Iris, who sang lead on the record, was a national #1 single on Cash Box. It was certified a million-seller by the RIAA, earning them a gold record and was featured on American Bandstand. That same year, the group also charted nationally with "I Call My Baby Candy," and "What a Bummer."

The Skyliners

Many top Doo Wop lists rank "Since I Don't Have You" as the number four ballad of all time and also include "This I Swear." Other major hits include "Pennies from Heaven," "It Happened Today," "Close Your Eyes," and "Comes Love." "Since I Don't Have You" was covered by the Four Seasons, Don McLean, Guns N' Roses, Art Garfunkel, Ronnie Milsap and others, and featured in the movie soundtracks for "American Graffiti" and "Lethal Weapon 2."

The Vogues

The original Turtle Creek group was comprised of Bill Burkette, Don Miller, Chuck Blasko and Hugh Geyer, and was one of the few American acts to establish themselves in the wake of the "British Invasion" in the mid-60s. They had 14 nationally charted singles, including four Top-10 records: "You're The One," "Five O'clock World," "Magic Town," and the RIAA-certified million-seller, "Turn Around, Look at Me."



Henry DeLuca

D. Music Broadcaster Legends (DJ or VJ with 20+ years in the business – 1 inductee)

Chuck Brinkman

Dormont-born Chuck Brinkman was one of Pittsburgh's most popular radio DJs and an influential music/program director from the 1960s to the 1980s on Pittsburgh radio stations KQV, WTAE, and WFFM/WMYG. He was the big teen disc jockey on KQV, Pittsburgh's leading Top 40 radio station (1960-1972), holding the prime evening shift during the heart of the rock 'n' roll era, and remaining with the station the longest of any of its air personalities; 12 of its 16 years as a Top 40 station. Was also the inaugural host for WIIC's popular dance show, Come Alive.

Sean McDowell

Has spent his entire career in Western PA, starting at WYDD in 1978. He's been on the air nearly 23 years at WDVE, Pittsburgh's leading rock radio station, and has been the very popular afternoon drive DJ since April, 1993. Broadcasting is in his blood - his father was the late Al McDowell, who worked at KDKA-TV and radio in the 1960s and WTAE-TV in the 1970s. Sean's a rock 'n' roll and radio fan and historian, with a wealth of knowledge - especially about Pittsburgh musicians.

Terry Lee

New Eagle's Terry Lee (Trunzo) was an innovative radio personality and music industry entrepreneur who impacted Pittsburgh rock 'n roll through broadcast, live events and recordings from the 50s to the 70s. Best known from doing evenings at WMCK, his "Magic TL Sound" and the unforgettable "Music for Young Lovers" attracted thousands, despite the station's limited coverage. He hosted Come Alive, a weekly TV

dance show produced at WIIC-TV and then created the similar Terry Lee Show, which ran on WPGH-TV and KDKA-TV.

**** NOTE:** The most successful iteration of any band is the one nominated.

Tickets are on sale now at www.PittsburghRockLegends.com for the April 28 awards at STAGE AE, and will feature a number of exciting new elements, special VIPs and guests, an auction and special performances by area All-Star musicians that may include Joe Grushecky, Donnie Iris, B.E. Taylor, Rick Witkowski, Hermie Granati, Billy Price, Ed Manion, Johnny Angel, Rusted Root, Scott Blasey and others.

For more about the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards, or to donate an auction prize, please contact the Center at 412-622-1212 or info@cancercaring.org. To become a sponsor, contact Ida D'Errico Associates at 724-260-5331 or iderrico@comcast.net. Music industry professionals wishing to be considered for membership in the Academy of Voters, please email Mary Ann Miller at mamiller17@comcast.net before February 1.

About Us

The Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards were founded in 2014 to honor the tremendously talented individuals and organizations that have contributed to the rich history of rock and roll music in the Greater Pittsburgh region. Follow the Legends on Facebook and Twitter or visit the website at www.PittsburghRockLegends.com. The 2016 awards event is even more significant, as it's an official partner in the 2016 Pittsburgh Bicentennial@ Celebration.

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The Jaggerz Top: Thom Davies and Jim Pugliano; Center: Bill Maybray; Bottom: Donnie Iris, Jimmie Ross and Benny Faiella

The Magic Of Elkhart

By: Suzanne Ferrara

It's the sort of place that many are not aware exists; Chicagoans call it God's Country. Once you feast your eyes on the breathtakingly gorgeous terrain and serene natural beauty you completely understand and will make certain of this. The pristine lake formed by glaciers is the draw for visitors who instantly find their cares and worries melt away once they arrive in this wonderland for all seasons.

Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin is a snapshot of a Norman Rockwell scene. You will feel so at home as the warm people envelop you and make feel like you've lived there your entire life. The area offers so much to see and do, and once you visit, like the tens of thousands before; you will want to come back time and time again. It truly is like a home away from home.

The crown jewel of Elkhart is the Osthoff Resort, a AAA Four Diamond, all-suite hotel perched on the bank of Elkhart Lake. The resort, originally built in 1885 has incredible views, as it is surrounded by a lake beach, cedar trees, water features plus a myriad of walking trails. Just a few steps from the resort there is a quaint village market square with unique, locally-owned shops and restaurants housed in buildings dripping with history, some of which have grand, turn-of-the-century wooden bars.

Winding around the resort, through the village and over the hills, are signs marking the historic open road-racing circuits of Elkhart Lake which date back to 1950; and yes, despite the fact that public road racing was banned by the state legislature in 1952, tradition lives on in these parts. Racing continues in Elkhart at



Road America, a premier circuit road race course that opened in 1955 and has scores of races from motorcycles, Indy cars, to classic cars. The four-mile rolling track is internationally known, and serves as a favorite among racing professionals and celebrity drives. Got a need for speed yourself? Try out Road America's racing school.

There is something to be said about taking part in activities while you're surrounded by all of this natural beauty. Elkhart Lake offers a plethora of things to do on and around the lake. First and foremost, the Osthoff Resort under the management of Lola Roech, here you will find everything you could possibly imagine. Like the resort, Lola, a native, exudes hospitality along with "all" of her employees, which adds to the warmth of the Elkhart Lake experience. You'll know without a doubt, you are in very capable hands and there's something very special here.

This 40-acre luxury resort boasts one of the Midwest's premier spas, Aspira, which is nestled on the shores of the legendary Elkhart Lake. This spa has grand suites with fireplaces, private whirlpools and showers, a breath-taking meditation sanctuary and a yoga studio. Aspira's architectural and interior design follows the premise of the Feng shui philosophy of balance, peace and harmony, and the spa's unique holistic approach pays homage to Elkhart Lake's healing and restorative powers (a belief which dates back to the indigenous peoples.) The glacially-formed, spring-fed lake has attracted many seeking physical healing from various ailments for more than a century. Many still come here to rejuvenate their minds and renew their spirits with the clear



turquoise waters of the lake, here they find solace at Aspira.

Their signature massage, Sacred Waters, is derived from the waters of Elkhart Lake which the Native Americans considered sacred and powerful. This warm water treatment is sure to melt away your worries and relax the entire body. Another example of the spa's use of the area's natural wonders is the Cedars Massage, a therapy involving fresh cedar, picked daily from the lake shore, which is used over the body and emits a fresh, intoxicating scent. Three of the Osthoff's massage therapists studied under world renowned physical therapist John Barnes and are trained in the Myofacial Release Approach.

The Elderberry facial is also a must. Dried elderberries and chamomile flowers from the resort grounds are ground right in front of you, thus guaranteeing its freshness. The concoction releases an extraordinary scent and creates an anti-oxidant exfoliation cream of the purest form. There are more than fifty treatments from which to choose at the Aspira Spa, and that does not include hair and makeup services. You will not leave this spa feeling the same way you did when you entered, and you certainly will lose track of time and your sense of place.

Would you like to eat the same savory meals that King Louis XIV and centuries later Napoleon Bonaparte ate at their tables? Well not only can you enjoy the historically traditional cuisine that was served in wealthy French homes for hundreds of years, but you can make it yourself!

The Osthoff has its own cooking school, "L'ecole de la Maison, where resort Chef Scott Baker teaches students how to make



traditional tried-and-true French recipes that have been passed on for centuries. And you don't have to be a serious cook to attend the classes; Baker will make a complete novice feel comfortable making dishes like Mushroom Veloute with Duxelles Crostini. Students can also create the recipes of legendary French Chef Auguste Escoffier, a culinary legend who updated many French cooking methods in the late 1800s.

The cooking school is patterned after a very large traditional French kitchen and has every tool you will ever need to make that perfect dish. Chef Baker even has assistants who organize all the tools and ingredients you will need and best of all they





amazing possibilities. The Osthoff offers dozens of activities such as kayaks, pontoon boat tours and biking; while on the water, the natural features of the lake alone are breath-taking and large fresh-water fish abound. The resort also has indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, arcade, gift shop and two restaurants. Lola's on the Lake, the resort's signature restaurant, serves a variety of dishes sure to impress even the most discerning palate. The resort's Otto's Restaurant is casual fare and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. A must-try is: Otto's mouth-watering Baked Berry Pancake, a delicacy unique to the area.

The Elk Room, a resort favorite has an Old Faithful Inn feel with wooden beams, natural stone and a large fireplace in addition to mesmerizing views of the lake thanks to the floor- to-ceiling windows. There are also several seating areas and a bar which serves hand-crafted cocktails, craft beers and an extensive wine list of fine wines.

The Osthoff Resort is both very romantic and family friendly, and appeals to everyone. The accommodations are spacious and the suites have balconies overlooking the natural splendor of Elkhart Lake. Rooms are meticulously kept with fireplaces and full kitchens which will make you feel right at home. Plus for a unique shopping experience head to the Village Square, which is walking distance from the Osthoff. All of the shops and boutiques here are locally owned and carry special items, many of which you won't find anywhere else. There are a wide variety of retail businesses including Nordic Accents, Two Fish Gallery and Sculpture Garden to Lieuten-

clean up the mess. Baker's philosophy is to let students do as much as they can on their own, and guests can choose the specific cooking class they wish to attend.

To say these hands-on cooking classes are a fun experience is an understatement; in the end everyone is proud and somewhat surprised by the delectable French dishes they created at the Osthoff. Enjoying the five-course meal or dish you prepared with fellow students and friends at L'ecole de la Maison is the perfect way to end this memorable cooking experience.

If you love outdoor adventure of every kind, Elkhart Lake has some





You can get great hand-crafted cocktails, including specialty winter libations, like the Holiday Mule, which is actually a refreshing concoction any time of year.

After eating dessert “before” dinner, travel just a few blocks to the Paddock Club restaurant. The Paddock Club is in a beautifully restored historic building where you can watch the bustling activity in the open-style kitchen from a turn-of-the-century bar. Be sure to try one of their homemade pasta dishes for your entrée and then the Panna Cotta, a light, vanilla bean custard for dessert.

The resort itself is practically one-stop shopping for recreation and relaxation. Despite the seemingly endless list of amenities to partake in at the Osthoff, the only thing you’ll eventually desire is... for your visit to never end. You will certainly leave with an extended list of fun and relaxing memories and the yearning to return.

Elkhart Lake is not only loved; it’s beloved by locals and generations of visitors. Once people discover it, they come back time and time again, many for the rest of their lives. With its Norman Rockwell charm, breath-taking natural wonders, deep history and legendary anecdotes, Elkhart Lake is a destination that offers an experience like no other.

For more information go to: <http://www.elkhartlake.com/> and <http://www.osthoff.com/>



ant Dave’s Area 51 Vintage Shop. Be sure to stop at the Off the Rail Café, a local favorite which is housed in Elkhart Lake’s original railroad depot.

You don’t have to go to Napa Valley to have an extensive wine-tasting experience and education. The Vintage Elkhart Lake Wine Shop and Tasting Bar is sure to please with over 150 wines hand-selected by owner Jaclyn Stuart, an award-winning certified sommelier; Stuart pairs Wisconsin cheeses and assorted aged Balsamic vinegars, which are sold in her shop, at each wine tasting.

Enjoy more spirits at The Back Porch Bistro at the Victorian Village Resort with picture-perfect views of Elkhart Lake. This place is a local favorite for a nightcap and delectable desserts.



Humor

World's Shortest and Best Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, a guy asked a girl... "Will you marry me?" The girl said "NO!" and the guy lived happily ever after and went fishing, hunting, played golf and drank beer whenever he wanted.

The Hotel Bill:

Next time you think your hotel bill is too high you might want to consider this...

A husband and wife are traveling by car from Key West to Boston. After almost twenty-four hours on the road, they're too tired to continue and they decide to stop for a rest. They stop at a nice hotel and take a room, but they only plan to sleep for four hours and then get back on the road. When they check out four hours later, the desk clerk hands them a bill for \$350.00. The man explodes and demands to know why the charge is so high. He tells the clerk although it's a nice hotel, the rooms certainly aren't worth \$350.00! When the clerk tells him \$350.00 is the standard rate, the man insists on speaking to the Manager. The Manager appears, listens to the man, and then explains that the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center that were available for the

husband and wife to use. "But we didn't use them," the man complains. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explains the Manager. He goes on to explain they could have taken in one of the shows for which the hotel is famous. "The best entertainers from New York, Hollywood, and Las Vegas perform here," the Manager says. "But we didn't go to any of those shows," complains the man again. "Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replies. No matter what amenity the Manager mentions the man replies, "But we didn't use it!" The Manager is unmoved, and eventually the man gives up and agrees to pay. He writes a check and gives it to the Manager. The Manager is surprised when he looks at the check. "But sir," he says, this check is only made out for \$50.00." "That's correct," says the man. "I charged you \$300.00 for sleeping with my wife." "But I didn't!" exclaims the Manager. Well, too bad," the man replies. "she was here and you could have!"

TWO OLD MEN:

Two old men feeling they are close to their last days on earth decided to have a last night on the town. After a few drinks they end up at the local brothel. The madam takes one look at the two old geezers and whispers to her manager, "Go up to the first two rooms and put an inflated doll in each bed. I'm not wasting two of my girls on them. These two are so old and drunk they won't know the difference." The two men go up the stairs and take care of their business. As they are walking home the first one says "You know, I think my girl was dead!" "Dead?" says his friend, "why would you think that?" "Well, she never moved or made a sound all the time I was loving her." His friend says, "I think mine was a witch." "A WITCH!!! Why the heck would you say that?" "Well, I was making love to her, kissing her on the neck and I gave her a little bite, then she farted and flew out the window!!"

SHORT STORIES:

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values. Stu said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?" Leroy replied, "I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?"

Top 10 Most Common New Year Resolutions Never Kept!!

1. Lose weight – Yea, we're talking to you...just look in the mirror
2. Stop smoking – Who hasn't at least 4 or 5 times, besides I like smelling like an ashtray, annoying everyone with secondhand smoke and having bad breath!
3. Stick to a budget – But, we have all those Christmas presents to pay for

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4. Save or earn more money – In Pittsburgh? Right!
5. Find a better job – Perhaps, moving somewhere else would help us with this one
6. Become more organized – Ok...– I call it organized chaos – Don't touch my stuff!
7. Exercise more – I joined the gym...what? Now, I actually have to go?
8. Be more patient at work/with others – All those people I work with so stupid – where did they come from, Cleveland?
9. Eat better – Isn't beer the perfect food?
10. Become a better person – How could I possibly do that...I'm perfect, aren't I?

Grandma's Birth Control Pills

The doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the young doctor was looking through these, his eyes grew wide as he realized she had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?" "Yes, they help me sleep at night." "Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!" She reached out and patted the young Doctor's knee. "Yes, dear, I know that? But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year old granddaughter drinks
And believe me; it helps me sleep at night."

RANDOM SLOGANS:

- Don't piss me off! I'm running out of places to hide the bodies.
- Guys have feelings too. But, like, who cares?
- I don't believe in miracles. I rely on them.
- Next mood swing: 6 minutes.
- I hate everybody, and you're next.
- Please don't make me kill you.
- And your point is?
- I used to be schizophrenic, but we're okay now.
- I'm busy. You're ugly. Have a nice day.
- Warning: I have an attitude, and I know how to use it.
- Remember my name -- you'll be screaming it later.
- You KNOW you want me.
- Don't worry. It'll only seem kinky the first time.
- Of course I don't look busy - I did it right the first time!
- Why do people with closed minds always open their mouths?
- I'm multi-talented: I can talk and piss you off at the same time.
- You, me, whipped cream, handcuffs. Any questions?
- Do not start with me. You will not win.
- You have the right to remain silent, so please SHUT UP.

- All stressed out and no one to choke.
- I'm one of those bad things that happen to good people.
- How can I miss you if you won't go away?
- Sorry if I looked interested. I'm not.
- If we are what we eat, I'm fast, cheap and easy.
- Nobody knows I'm not wearing underwear.
- I'm out of estrogen and I have a gun.

PLAYING HOUSE:

A little girl and a little boy were at daycare. The girl approached the boy and said, "Hey, Stevie, wanna play house?" He said, "Sure! What do you want me to do?" The girl replied, "I want you to communicate." He said to her, "That word is too big. I have no idea what it means." The little girl smirked and said, "Perfect. You can be the husband."

WHY...WHY...WHY???

- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
- Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four bil-

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lion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

- Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?
- Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?
- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?
- Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

- Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
- Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
- How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?
- When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That hurt, you stupid idiot?"
- Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?
- In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

- How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And our FAVORITE.....

- The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.

CHOICES:

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!" He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation. Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person



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all of the time. How do you do it? "Michael replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or .. you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood." Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life. "Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested. "Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life." I reflected on what Michael said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back. I saw Michael about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place. "The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter," Michael replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or...I could choose to die. I chose to live." "Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Michael continued, ".the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man'. I knew I needed to take action." "What did you do?" I asked. "Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes, I replied.' The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity'." Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead." Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude... I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. After all today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

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New Years Eve One Liners

- A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.
- My new year's resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping my cup half-full with either rum, vodka, or whiskey.
- New Years Eve is the only acceptable time to wear body glitter without being mistaken for a stripper.
- I'm getting drunk just thinking about tomorrow night.
- My New Year's resolution is to stop hanging out with people who ask me about my New Year's resolutions.
- If your born in September, its pretty safe to assume your parents started out the New Year with a Bang!
- I have only one resolution. To rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have all I need and want all I have. Happy New Year!
- If 2015 was a person, I'd sue him for pain and suffering and lost wages.
- This New Year's I resolve to be less awesome since that is really the only thing I do in excess.
- You don't have to wait until midnight to see my balls drop.
- People treat New Year's like some sort of life-changing event. If your life sucked last year, it's probably still going to suck tomorrow.
- I'll remember 2015 like it was yesterday Dear Luck,can we be friends in 2016 Please?
- In 2016, may your neighbors respect you, troubles neglect you, angels protect you, and heaven accept you.
- May all your troubles last as long as your New Year resolutions.
- Dear God, my prayer for 2016 is a FAT bank account and a THIN body. Please don't mix it up like you did this year.
- I want to get so drunk that if vampires bit my neck they'd get a Bloody Mary.
- I wanna kiss you on December 31st from 11:59 pm to 12:01

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am, so I can have an amazing ending to 2015 and a beautiful beginning into 2016.

- Many things can be preserved in alcohol this New Years Eve. DIGNITY is not one of them.
- Every year I make a resolution to change myself..... this year making a resolution to be myself!
- I'm planning on finding new and interesting things to hate about my job in 2016.
- Just heard that in 2016 there will be a new device that can turn thoughts into speech. I have had that for years, it's called alcohol.
- My New Year's Resolution is to break my New Year's Resolutions....That way I succeed at something!
- Anyone who says that alcohol is a depressant isn't drinking enough of it.
- Keep the smile... Leave the tear... Hold the laugh... Leave the

pain... Think of joy... Forget the fear... Be joyous, because it's a New Year.

- New Year's is just a holiday created by calendar companies who don't want you reusing last year's calendar.
- I'm actually feeling pretty okay about not accomplishing anything this year.
- My 2016 resolution is for everyone else to gain the 50 pounds I refuse to lose.
- People think New Years is a life changing event. If your life sucked last year, it's probably still going to suck tomorrow.
- May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.
- It's officially New Year Eve, you only have a couple of hours to do all the things you will resolve not to do in the New Year.
- Tonight the Mayor is dropping the ball in New York while Congress is dropping the ball in Washington.



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- There have been many times in 2015, when I have annoyed you, disturbed you, irritated you, and bugged the hell out of you....today I just wanna tell you I plan to continue in 2016!

New Years Eve Short Jokes

- What do you tell someone you didn't see at New Year's Eve? I haven't seen you for a year!
- What happened to the Irish man who thought about the evils of drinking in the New Year? He gave up thinking.
- What's the problem with jogging on New Years Eve? The ice falls out of your drinks!
- What do you call always wanting a date for New Year's Eve? Social Security
- New Years Eve forecast: Mostly drunk with a slight chance of passing out.
- New Years Resolutions You Have No Chance At Keeping When I hear a funny joke I will not reply, "LOL, LMAO, or ROTFLMAO!"
- Start using Facebook for something other than Farmville and stupid quizzes
- I will try to figure out why I "really" need 5 facebook accounts.

- I resolve to work with neglected children... my own.
- Lose 20 pounds by going to the gym!
- will stop using, "So, what's your URL?" as a pickup line.
- I will spend less than five hour a day on the Internet.
- I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.
- Spend less than \$1000 for coffee at Starbucks this year.
- Lose weight by inventing an anti-gravity machine
- Stop repeating myself again, and again, and again.
- I will stop tagging pictures of myself in pictures even when I'm not in them
- I will think of a password other than "password"

New Years Resolutions You Can Actually Keep

- Read less.
- I want to gain weight.
- Put on at least 30 pounds.
- I will start buying lottery tickets at a luckier store
- Stop exercising.
- Waste of time.
- Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff.
- Watch less T.V. in standard definition
- Gain enough weight to get on The Biggest Loser.
- Watch more movie remakes.
- Start washing my hands after I use the restroom.
- Procrastinate more.
- I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.
- I will no longer waste my time relieving the past, instead I will spend it worrying about the future.
- Drink. Drink some more.
- Stop buying worthless junk on Ebay, because QVC has better specials
- Start being superstitious.
- Spend more time at work.
- Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more.
- Take up a new habit: maybe smoking!

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- Why is it that people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake up like every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you’re ON TV?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They’re going to see you naked anyway.
- Why is “bra” singular and “panties” plural?
- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?
- Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?
- If the professor on Gilligan’s Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can’t he fix a hole in a boat?
- Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don’t point to their crotch when they ask where the bathroom is?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They’re both dogs!
- If Wyle E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME

crap, why didn’t he just buy dinner?

- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
- Why did you just try singing the two songs above?
- Why do they call it an asteroid when it’s outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it’s in your butt?
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A lawyer died and arrived at the pearly gates. To his dismay, there were thousands of people ahead of him in line to see St. Peter. But, to his surprise, St. Peter left his desk at the gate and came down the long line to where the lawyer was standing. St. Peter greeted him warmly. Then St. Peter and one of his assistants took the lawyer by the hands and guided him up to the front of the line into a comfortable chair by his desk. The lawyer said, "I don't mind all this attention, but what makes me so special?" St. Peter replied, "Well, I've added up all the hours for which you billed your clients, and by my calculation you must be about 193 years old!"

Ounces of Brain for Sale

A man went to a brain store to get some brain to complete a study. He sees a sign remarking on the quality of professional brain offered at this particular brain store. He begins to question the butcher about the cost of these brains. "How much does it cost for engineer brain?" "Three dollars an ounce." "How much does it cost for programmer brain?" "Four dollars an ounce." "How much for lawyer brain?" "\$1,000 an ounce." "Why is lawyer brain so much more?" "Do you know how many lawyers we had to kill to get one ounce of brain?"

What Type of Tracks?

Two lawyers were out hunting when they came upon a couple of tracks. After close examination, the first lawyer declared them to be deer tracks. The second lawyer disagreed, insisting they must be elk tracks. They were still arguing when the train hit them.

Lawyers Give Irrelevant Information

Two women are on a transcontinental balloon voyage. Their craft is engulfed in fog, their compass gone awry. Afraid of landing in the ocean, they drift for days. Suddenly, the clouds part to show a sunlit meadow below. As they descend, they see a man walking

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his dog. One of the flyers yells to the figure far below, "Where are we?" The man yells back, "About a half mile from town." Once again, the balloonists are engulfed in the mist. One flyer says to the other, "He must have been a lawyer." The other says, "A lawyer! How do you know that?" The first says, "That's easy. The information he gave us was accurate, concise, and entirely irrelevant."

The Devil's Offer

The devil visited a lawyer's office and made him an offer. "I can arrange some things for you," the devil said. "I'll increase your income five-fold. Your partners will love you; your clients will respect you; you'll have four months of vacation each year and live to be a hundred. All I require in return is that your wife's soul, your children's souls, and their children's souls rot in hell for eternity." The lawyer thought for a moment. "What's the catch?" he asked.

You've Changed My Mind

Lawyer: "Now that you have been acquitted, will you tell me truly? Did you steal the car?" Client: "After hearing your amazing argument in court this morning, I'm beginning to think I didn't."

Get Money to Heaven

A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the saying, "You can't take it with you." After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died. He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillow cases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed. His plan: When he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning, came upon the two forgotten pillow cases stuffed with cash. "Oh, that darned old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement."

Want to Go into Space?

NASA was interviewing professionals to be sent to Mars. Only one could go and couldn't return to Earth. The first applicant, an engineer, was asked how much he wanted to be paid for going. "A million dollars," he answered, "because I want to donate it to M.I.T." The next applicant, a doctor, was asked the same question. He asked for \$2 million. "I want to give a million to my family," he explained, "and leave the other million for the advancement of medical research." The last applicant was a lawyer. When asked how much money he wanted, he whispered in the interviewer's ear, "Three million dollars."

“Why so much more than the others?” asked the interviewer. The lawyer replied, “If you give me \$3 million, I’ll give you \$1 million, I’ll keep \$1 million, and we’ll send the engineer to Mars.”

Lawyer’s Personal Injury

A golfer hooked his tee shot over a hill and onto the next fairway. Walking toward his ball, he saw a man lying on the ground, groaning with pain. “I’m an attorney,” the wincing man said, “and this is going to cost you \$5000.” “I’m sorry, I’m really sorry,” the concerned golfer replied. “But I did yell ‘fore’.” “I’ll take it,” the attorney said.

I Just Managed to Settle an Account!

A young attorney who had taken over his father’s practice rushed home elated one night. “Dad, listen,” he shouted, “I’ve finally settled that old McKinney suit.” “Settled it!” cried his astonished father. “Why, you idiot! We have been living off of that money for five years!”

An Honest Lawyer

An independent woman started her own business. She was shrewd and diligent, so business kept coming in. Pretty soon

she realized she needed an in-house counsel, and so she began interviewing young lawyers. “As I’m sure you can understand,” she started off with one of the first applicants, “in a business like this, our personal integrity must be beyond question.” She leaned forward. “Mr. Peterson, are you an ‘honest’ lawyer?” “Honest?” replied the job prospect. “Let me tell you something about honest. Why, I’m so honest that my dad lent me fifteen thousand dollars for my education and I paid back every penny the minute I tried my very first case.” “Impressive. And what sort of case was that?” He squirmed in his seat and admitted, “My dad sued me for the money.”

Did You Make a Donation?

At the United Way in a fairly small town a volunteer worker noticed that the most successful lawyer in the whole town hadn’t made a contribution. This guy was making about \$600,000 a year so the volunteer thought, “Why not call him up?” He calls up the lawyer. “Sir, according to our research you haven’t made a contribution to the United Way, would you like to do so?” The lawyer responds, “A contribution? Does your research show that I have an invalid mother who requires expensive surgery once a year just to stay alive?” The worker is feeling a bit embarrassed and says, “Well, no

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sir, I'm..." "Does your research show that my sister's husband was killed in a car accident? She has three kids and no means of support!" The worker is feeling quite embarrassed at this point. "I'm terribly sorry..." "Does your research show that my brother broke his neck on the job and now requires a full time nurse to have any kind of normal life?" The worker is completely humiliated at this point. "I am sorry sir, please forgive me..." "The gall of you people! I don't give them anything, so why should I give it to you!"

Can I Take His Place?

An attorney telephoned the governor just after midnight, insisting that he talk to him regarding a matter of utmost urgency. An aide eventually agreed to wake up the governor. "So, what is it?" grumbled the governor. "Judge Garber has just died" said the attorney, "and I want to take his place." The governor replied: "Well, it's OK with me if it's OK with the undertaker."

Lawyers on a Flight

An airliner was having engine trouble, and the pilot instructed the cabin crew to have the passengers take their seats and get prepared for an emergency landing. A few minutes later, the pilot asked the flight attendants if everyone was buckled in and ready. "All set back here, Captain," came the reply, "except the lawyers are still going around passing out business cards."

How's Business?

Two lawyers met at a cocktail party late one night. "How's business?" asked the first. "Rotten," replied the other. "Yesterday, I chased an ambulance for twenty miles. When I finally caught up to it, there were already two other lawyer hanging on to the bumper."

Trying to be Impressive

A young lawyer, starting up his private practice, was very anxious to impress potential clients. When he saw the first visitor to his office come through the door, he immediately picked up his phone and spoke into it, "I'm sorry, but my caseload is so tremendous that I'm not going to be able to look into your problem for at least a month. I'll have to get back to you then." He then turned to the man who had just walked in, and said, "Now, what can I do for you?" "Nothing," replied the man. "I'm here to hook up your phone."

I Want to Take Money with Me

As Mr. Smith was on his death bed, he attempted to formulate a plan that would allow him to take at least some of his considerable wealth with him. He called for the three men he trusted most--his lawyer, his doctor, and his clergyman. He told them, "I'm going to give you each \$30,000 in cash before I die. At my funeral, I want you to place the money in my coffin so that I can try to take it with me." All three agreed

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to do this and were given the money. At the funeral, each approached the coffin in turn and placed an envelope inside. While riding in the limousine back from the cemetery, the clergyman said, "I have to confess something to you fellows. Brother Smith was a good churchman all his life, and I know he would have wanted me to do this. The church needed a new baptistery very badly, and I took \$10,000 of the money he gave me and bought one. I only put \$20,000 in the coffin." The physician then said, "Well, since we're confiding in one another, I might as well tell you that I didn't put the full \$30,000 in the coffin either. Smith had a disease that could have been diagnosed sooner if I had this very new machine, but the machine cost \$20,000 and I couldn't afford it then. I used \$20,000 of the money to buy the machine so that I might be able to save another patient. I know that Smith would have wanted me to do that." The lawyer then said, "I'm ashamed of both of you. When I put my envelope into that coffin, it held my personal check for the full \$30,000."

What is Two Plus Two?

An engineer, a physicist, and a lawyer were being interviewed for a position as chief executive officer of a large corporation. The engineer was interviewed first, and was asked a long list of questions, ending with "How much is two plus two?" The engineer excused himself, and made a series of measurements and calculations before returning to the board room and announcing, "Four." The physicist was next interviewed, and was asked the same questions. Again, the last question was, "How much is two plus two?" Before answering the last question, he excused himself, made for the library, and did a great deal of research. After a consultation with the United States Bureau of Standards and many calculations, he also announced, "Four." The lawyer was interviewed last, and again the final ques-

tion was, "How much is two plus two?"

The lawyer drew all the shades in the room, looked outside to see if anyone was there, checked the telephone for listening devices, and then whispered, "How much do you want it to be?"

Proverbs and First Grade

A first grade school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first-graders, 6-year-olds, because the last one is a classic.

1. Don't change horses...Until they stop running!
2. Strike while the...bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before...Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of... termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but... how?
6. Don't bit the hand that...looks dirty.
7. No news is...impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a...Mr.
9. You can't teach an old dog new...math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll...stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust...me.
12. The pen is mightier than the... pigs.
13. An idle mind is...the best way to relax.
14. Where's there's smoke there's...pollution.
15. Happy the bride who...gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is...not much.
17. Two's company, three's...the Musketees.
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and... you have to blow your nose.

20. There are none so blind as..Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not... spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed... get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you...see in the picture on the box.
24. When the blind lead the blind...get out of the way.
25. A bird in the hand...is going to poop on you.
26. Better late...than pregnant.

Warning: Scam Against Older Men

Women often receive warnings about protecting themselves at the mall and in dark parking lots, etc. This is the first warning I have seen for men. I wanted to pass it on in case you haven't heard about it. A 'heads up' for those men who may be regular customers at Lowe's, Home Depot, Costco, or even Wal-Mart. This one caught me totally by surprise. Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the scam works: Two nice-looking, college-aged girls will come over to your car or truck as you are packing your purchases into your vehicle. They both start wiping... your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. (It's impossible not to look). When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No' but instead ask for a ride to McDonald's. You agree and they climb into the vehicle. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen Oct. 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th, 24th, & 29th. Also Nov. 1st & 4th, twice on the 8th, 16th, 22nd and very likely

again this upcoming weekend. So tell your friends to be careful. What a horrible way to take advantage of us older men. Warn your friends to be vigilant. Wal-Mart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I found even cheaper ones for \$.99 at the dollar store and bought them out in three of their stores. Also, you never get to eat at McDonald's. I've already lost 11 pounds just running back and forth from Lowe's, to Home Depot, to Costco, Etc. So please, send this on to all the older men that you know and warn them to be on the lookout for this scam. (The best times are just before lunch and around 4:30 in the afternoon.)

New Year Nerd Resolutions

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IF YOU'RE A NERD

1. I resolve... I resolve to... I resolve to, uh... I resolve to, uh, get my, er... I resolve to, uh, get my, er, off-line work done, too!
2. I will stop checking my e-mail at 3:00 in the morning... 4:30 is much more practical.
3. When I hear a funny joke I will not reply, "LOL... LOL!"
4. I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.
5. I will try to figure out why I *really* need 9 e-mail addresses.
6. I will stop sending e-mail to my roommate.
7. I will not buy magazines with AOL disks bound in just to get another 1.44MB disk.
8. I resolve to work with neglected children... my own.
9. I will answer my snail mail with the same enthusiasm I answer e-mail.
10. When I subscribe to a newsgroup or mailing list, I will read all the mail I get from it.
11. I will stop using, "So, what's your URL?" as a pickup line.

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12. No more downloads from alt.binaries.*
13. I resolve to back up my new 400 GB hard drive daily... well, once a week... monthly, perhaps...
14. I will spend less than five hour a day on the Internet.
15. I will limit my top ten lists to ten items.
16. I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.

New Year Resolutions for Pets

1. I will not eat other animals' poop.
2. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
3. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
4. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
5. I will no longer be beholden to the sound of the can opener.
6. Cats: Circulate a petition that sleeping become a juried competition in major animal shows.
7. Come to understand that cats are from Venus; dogs are from Mars.
8. Take time from busy schedule to stop and smell the behinds.
9. Hamster: Don't let them figure out I'm just a rat on steroids, or they'll flush me!

10. Get a bite in on that freak who gives me that shot every year.
11. Grow opposable thumb; break into pantry; decide for MYSELF how much food is *too* much.
12. Cats: Use new living room sofa as scratching post.
13. January 1st: Kill the sock! Must kill the sock!
14. January 2nd - December 31: Re-live victory over the sock.
15. The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
AND the FINAL New Year's Resolutions Made by Pets...
16. I will NOT chase the stick until I see it LEAVE THE IDIOT'S HAND

Cookie the Cat's Resolutions

1. I will not demand to get out the minute after I come in and visa versa.
2. I will not scratch wallpaper, curtains, furniture, clothing or my scratch pad.
3. I will not annoy the dog next door (unless I'm in a bad mood)
4. I will come when my human calls me (occasionally) and the Number One New Year Resolution for Cookie is...
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RESOLUTION #1:

- 2010: I will read at least 20 good books a year.
- 2011: I will read at least 10 books a year.
- 2012: I will read 5 books a year.
- 2013: I will finish The Pelican Brief
- 2014: I will read some articles in the newspaper this year.
- 2015: I will read at least one article this year.
- 2016: I will try and finish the comics section this year.

RESOLUTION #2:

- 2010: I will get my weight down below 180.
- 2011: I will watch my calories until I get below 190.
- 2012: I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200.

2013: I will try to develop a realistic attitude about my weight.

2014: I will work out 5 days a week.

2015: I will work out 3 days a week.

2016: I will try to drive past a gym at least once a week.

RESOLUTION #3:

- 2010: I will not spend my money frivolously.
- 2011: I will pay off my bank loan promptly.
- 2012: I will pay off my bank loans promptly.
- 2013: I will begin making a strong effort to be out of debt by 2014.
- 2014: I will be totally out of debt by 2015.
- 2015: I will try to pay off the debt interest by 2016.
- 2016: I will try to be out of the country by 2017.

RESOLUTION #4:

- 2013: I will try to be a better husband to Marge.
- 2014: I will not leave Marge.
- 2015: I will try for a reconciliation with Marge.
- 2016: I will try to be a better husband to Wanda.



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RESOLUTION #5:

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- 2014: I will not get involved with Wanda.
- 2015: I will not let Wanda pressure me into another marriage.
- 2016: I will stop looking at other women.

RESOLUTION #6:

- 2013: I will not let my boss push me around.
- 2014: I will not let my sadistic boss drive me to the point of suicide.
- 2015: I will stick up for my rights when my boss bullies me.
- 2016: I will tell Dr. Hodger and the group about my boss.

RESOLUTION #7:

- 2013: I will not get upset when Charlie makes jokes about my baldness.
- 2014: I will not get annoyed when Charlie kids me about my toupee.
- 2015: I will not get angry when Charlie tells the guys I wear a girdle.
- 2016: I will not speak to Charlie.

RESOLUTION #8:

- 2013: I will not take a drink before 5:00 p.m.
- 2014: I will not touch the bottle before noon.
- 2015: I will not become a "problem drinker".
- 2016: I will not miss any AA meetings.

RESOLUTION #9:

- 2013: I will see my dentist this year.
- 2014: I will have my cavities filled this year.
- 2015: I will have my root canal work done this year.
- 2016: I will get rid of my denture breath this year.

RESOLUTION #10:

- 2013: I will go to church every Sunday.
- 2014: I will go to church as often as possible.
- 2015: I will set aside time each day for prayer and meditation.
- 2016: I will try to catch the late night sermon on TV.

Don't Mess with Old Farts

A farmer went out one day and bought a brand new stud rooster for his chicken coop. The new rooster struts over to the old rooster and says, 'OK old fart, time for you to retire.' The old rooster replies, 'Come on, surely you cannot handle ALL of these chickens. Look what it has done to me. Can't you just let me have the two old hens over in the corner?'



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The young rooster says, 'Beat it: You are washed up and I am taking over.' The old rooster says, 'I tell you what, young stud. I will race you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins gets the exclusive domain over the entire chicken coop.' The young rooster laughs. 'You know you don't stand a chance, old man. So, just to be fair, I will give you a head start.' The old rooster takes off running. About 15 seconds later the young rooster takes off running after him. They round the front porch of the farmhouse and the young rooster has closed the gap. He is only about 5 feet behind the old rooster and gaining fast. The farmer, meanwhile, is sitting in his usual spot on the front porch when he sees the roosters running by. The Old Rooster is squawking and running as hard as he can. The Farmer grabs his shotgun and- BOOM - he blows the young rooster to bits. The farmer sadly shakes his head and says, 'Dammit.....third gay rooster I bought this month.' Moral of this story? Don't mess with the OLD FARTS - age, skill, wisdom, and a little treachery always overcome youth and arrogance!

A Little Laugh

98% of Americans say, "Oh NO!!!" before going into a ditch on a slippery road. The other 2% are from Pennsylvania, Minnesota and West Virginia and they say, "Hold my beer and watch this..."

Church

A man went to church one day and afterward he stopped to shake the preacher's hand. He said 'Preacher, I'll tell you, that was a damned fine sermon. Damned good!' The preacher said, 'Thank you sir, but I'd rather you didn't use profanity.' The man said, 'I was so damned impressed with that sermon I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!' The preacher said, 'No shit?'

Coma

A devoted wife had spent her lifetime taking care of her husband. Now he had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she stayed by his bedside every single day. When he came to senses, he motioned for her to come near him. As she sat by him, he said, "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you gave me support. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?" "What dear?" she asks gently. "I think you bring me bad luck."



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