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Feature Product

nything can ruin a summer vacation, from lost luggage, to illness, or even a forgotten item. Even worse, sometimes while traveling we are caught in unexpected moments, such as when we wish that someone told us to bring an extra blanket for the hotel bed because the ones provided are quite repulsive. It is within these moments that most of us could use a printed guide that outlines all of the necessary items that should be packed for "just in case." With this in mind, I would like to present to you a few beneficial products that are easy to pack, ideal for those super unexpected moments while traveling: Salon Grafix's Travel Size Invisible Dry Shampoo, SmartMouth's On-the-Go 12 Hour Mouthwash Packets and Xlear Nasal Spray.

Oftentimes after traveling we need to quickly touch-up our appearance, whether we are going straight from the airplane to a fancy hotel, or right from a long car ride to a high-end restaurant. There is only one problem; your hair is messy, oily, and kind of smelly. This is why every traveler needs to plan ahead and pack Salon Grafix Invisible Dry Shampoo (www.salongrafix.com). Salon Grafix Invisible Dry Spray Shampoo (now available in a convenient 1oz. travel size!) will leave your hair feeling clean and refreshed without the residue. When applied, the new invisible formula quickly absorbs the oily buildup on your scalp giving you a refreshed look in a fraction of the time of a traditional shampooing!

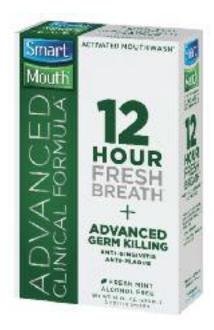
While you are spending exhaustive hours traveling in tight quarters such as a car, airplane, train, or bus; it is important to have fresh breath. One whiff of bad breath can be nauseating; don't be the culprit! If you plan on taking a long trip this summer, then you must not forget to pack SmartMouth's Onthe-Go 12 Hour Mouthwash Packets (www.smartmouth.com). These convenient mouthwash packets utilize the same zincion technology found in their larger double bottle counterparts, except now they are small, portable, and TSA approved, no mixing cup necessary. They also fit easily into any purse,

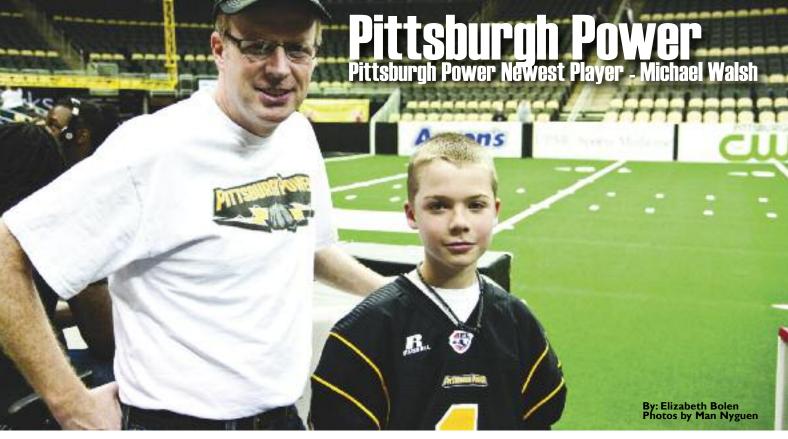




carry-on bag, or even a pocket! Now you can have that confidence of fresh breath anywhere and everywhere, literally!

Often times while traveling, especially in an airplane, we see travelers using nasal spray. This is because in an airplane, the change in cabin pressure as the plane gains and drops in altitude can wreak havoc on a congested nasal system. Also, if you have a runny nose, it is considered rude by most to honk away into a tissue especially if you are sitting next to a relative stranger. What sets Xlear Nasal Sprays (www.xlear.com, "Xlear" is pronounced "clear") apart from the rest is that they contain the key ingredient of xylitol which has been shown in clinical studies to be effective in relieving nasal discomfort as well as promoting good dental health. Essentially, xylitol is a healthy and natural sweetener with surprising benefits. Using xylitol allows us to have a hyper osmotic solution which helps pull moisture toward it. This action keeps nasal passages and sinuses moist for a much longer time than saline alone. Xlear Nasal Sprays are safe, non-addicting, natural and great tasting!





ightwire recently had the pleasure of celebrating World Wish Day[®] with the famous Pittsburgh Power and one amazing ten-year-old, Michal Walsh from Upper St. Clair. World Wish Day[®] is a global celebration of wish granting honored by The Make-A-Wish Foundation[®] of Greater Pennsylvania and Southern West Virginia. Michael, also known as "Mick", got his wish of being a member of the Pittsburgh Power fulfilled when he signed a contract with the owner, Matt Shaner. Mick not only signed with the team, but he got to truly feel like a player as he warmed up with his Pittsburgh Power teammates and gave a press conference at



the UPMC Sports Performance Complex! After signing with the team on World Wish Day®, he even went on to play in the Power's next home game. "Michael is what we call a 'character guy', a great presence in the locker room - as well as having a lot of potential for the future," said Coach Chris Siegfried. "We are very pleased to make him a part of the Pittsburgh Power". This event was especially important as Michael's granted wish signified the first partnership between the Pittsburgh Power and The Make-A-Wish Foundation[®]. Mick told us that it really felt good to be a celebrity and since he can't actually play football anymore, it was truly a dream come true to be part of a professional team. His wish to be a Pittsburgh Power player was inspired by his love of arena football. He told us he loved arena football because "its such a high energy, fast paced, high scoring game." His future plans include finishing school. He and his friends are currently building a go-kart and hope to be able to participate in races. The Make-A-Wish Foundation® sparked its beginning in 1980 when a child's wish of becoming a police officer was granted with the help of local volunteers. The memory of this first wish carries on today, more than thirty years later, as it is annually commemorated with the celebration of World Wish Day[®]. Michael's wish with the Pittsburgh Power was granted in honor of World Wish Day® which is celebrated in 36 countries! The Make-A-Wish Foundation® has a plethora of chapters, but the Greater Pennsylvania and Southern West Virginia chapter continues to make an astounding difference in the lives of suffering children by granting over 12,000 wishes.







raving to have a star-studded, red carpet evening right here in Pittsburgh? You and your guests can live "The Good Life" as you are guaranteed to receive celebrity treatment at Pittsburgh's luxurious dining and social hot spot – Savoy. Located right in the Strip on Penn Avenue, Savoy is the place for fine dining, specialty drinks, and a night to remember on their spacious, open patio. Owned by Pittsburgh's Chuck Sanders, Savoy is your chance to experience the high-end night life of cities like New York, Miami, and Vegas right here in the Steel City. Celebrities and athletes are always spotted dining and reveling in Savoy's lavish atmosphere. Furthermore, frequent Guest DJs and live music are an enjoyable addition to the entertainment – but Savoy's famous drinks can absorb the attention of everyone all on their own.

Savoy's slogan of "The Good Life" is featured on the first page of their menu and all of the fine dining prepared by executive chef, Kevin Watson, is sure to please any palate. The appetizer and lounge menu offer the perfect, mouthwatering matches to accompany your specialty drink of choice. Appetizers that are as savory as biscuits and chicken gravy yet as extravagant as house made beignets are offered to Savoy's premier guests. Paging on to the lounge menu, diners looking to add a delicious plate to indulge in along with their beverage can find fried chicken wings or even a trio crab cake and fried calamari and shrimp. Needless to say, Savoy offers upscale dishes that supplement their delectable, unique cocktails.

Savoy presents the best of the best when it comes to







treating their customers with drinks creatively crafted for the Pittsburgher that loves a magnificent night life. Guests can choose from four pages of wine. Three pages offer 132 different types of wine bottles ranging from an affordable \$15 to a more extravagant \$152 bottle. There is also a plethora of wine offered by the glass with six white wines and fifteen reds. Savoy is most known, however, for their sumptuous specialty drinks. For example, a Pittsburgh fan can show their loyalty by ordering the "Pittsburgh Fever Punch" or the "Penguin Punch". The "Bloody Capone" offers an upgraded twist to the Bloody Mary with fresh seasonings, sauces, a chili powder rim, and a tasty and unforgettable flag-like garnish. A drink named after the restaurant, "The Savoy", is a fiery orange martini that will definitely become a favorite. Another favorite for the bold-tasters to try is the "Jali Berry" martini, which boasts Red Berry Ciroc vodka, agauve nectar, a splash of champagne, and a jalapeno garnish. Other spectacular specialty drinks are the "Blueberry Mojito", the "Mango Mimosa", and the "Key Lime Martini." Once you are pleased with your favorite drink, enjoy it at the bar in the dining area, sit at one of their private lounges with bottle service tables, or take advantage of their modern patio where parties are featured on Friday and Saturday nights. Make sure to attend their well-known Saturday parties - STATUS at SAVOY. Find out about the deluxe dining, drinks, and remarkable night life by treating yourself to a night at Savoy. www.savoypgh.com









elange Bistro Bar is undoubtedly a good time for everyone. Whether you are looking for fantastic food, delicious drinks, or just plain entertainment – Melange is the place to be. Located on 6th Street in downtown Pittsburgh, they have made their mark with their famous appetizers, martinis, and karaoke!

Come in to Melange and take a seat at their lengthy bar or one of their cozy leather couches and be ready to order something unique. Whether it is food or drink, Melange Bistro Bar is sure to leave you satisfied. Try one of their signature cocktails like the chocolate covered pretzel martini or the bubble gum martini and get the courage to sing your heart out to your favorite karaoke song. If martinis are not your cup of tea, do not be discouraged because there are always specials on draft and bottled beers, and there is a bar stocked to make any drink you crave – from margaritas to mojitos. Furthermore, you can tantalize your taste-buds with their

famous crab cakes or delectable dishes like blue cheese fondue with filet mignon tips or bacon wrapped scallops.

Whether you are a seafood lover, a fan of chicken, or just want a taste of simplicity with macaroni and cheese, Melange has something to please.

Specials and events are featured every day of the week so be sure to check out their interactive site for the latest deals. Just a few of their specials are Wild Wing Wednesdays where everyone can enjoy discounts on wings and beer or Wine and Dine Thursdays where you can catch a riveting performance from a live band. Whether you are looking for fun, food, or drinks and nightlife, Melange is where Pittsburghers go. Melange Bistro Bar is located at 136 Sixth Street – Downtown, Pittsburgh 412-320-1990. www.melangebistrobar.com.





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he Pittsburgh Cultural Trust proudly announces the 2011 Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival music schedule that will take place June 3-12, 2011. All headline concerts are presented on the Dollar Bank Stage at Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The free live music series, a 52-year Pittsburgh tradition, is sponsored by Dollar Bank.

J. Kevin McMahon, president and CEO of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust notes, "This year's Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival promises to have the most eclectic and dynamic mix of music to date. We're starting with the announcement of the headliners for the Dollar Bank Main Stage, but stay tuned for some more exciting news in the coming weeks. Our thanks to our lead sponsor Dollar Bank for making this diverse and entertaining lineup possible."

"Dollar Bank has a long history of providing community events in Point State Park, so we are very pleased to continue this tradition of free music at the Festival," said Robert P. Oeler, President and CEO, Dollar Bank. "The Festival's programming on the Dollar Bank Stage is a hallmark event of the summer season in downtown Pittsburgh, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to the city and Cultural District. We're proud to ensure the continuity of top-quality, affordable arts programming in our region."

All concerts at Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival are free and open to the public. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in Point State Park with the exception of the Sunday performances which begin at 6:00 p.m. Additional Festival details will be announced in May, including information on the Artists Market, visual arts, family programming, performing arts and additional music programming. For information, visit 3riversartsfest.org or call 412-456-6666.

Blind Boys of Alabama - June 3rd

The Blind Boys of Alabama are recognized worldwide as living

legends of gospel music. Celebrated by The Grammys and The National Endowment for the Arts with Lifetime Achievement Awards, inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, having sung for two U.S. presidents in the White House and winners of five Grammy® Awards, they have attained the highest levels of achievement in a career that spans over 70 years and shows no signs of diminishing.

Tom Tom Club – June 4

Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth established The Tom Tom Club exactly 30 years ago as a side project during their tenure with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Talking Heads. The group celebrates their anniversary this year by playing shows around the world, reinforcing why their funky musical style has been a staple of the dance music world since the early 1980s.

James McMurtry with special guest Jonny Burke – June 6
Texan singer-songwriter James McMurtry, son of acclaimed
author Larry McMurtry (Lonesome Dove, Terms of Endearment),
grew up on a steady diet of Johnny Cash and Roy Acuff
records. McMurtry appears at this year's Three Rivers Arts Festival
just months after reissuing two of his most popular albums,
Childish Things and Live in Aught-Three. "James McMurtry is
simply fearless," wrote Elmore magazine. "While many other
singer-songwriters make veiled references to difficult subjects,
McMurtry courageously lays it out there."

Jonny Burke is a man on the move. After travelling through every state in the Continental U.S. over the past two years, the young musician has launched his full-length debut Distance and Fortune. While the disc reflects his time on the road, these aren't your typical "drivin' and cryin'" road songs. This set of tunes, according to Burke, is about "not playing it safe and practical, but allowing your future to be decided by forces of distance and fortune."



The Baseball Project with special guest J. Roddy Walston & The Business – June 7

Rock n' roll vets Scott McCaughey and Steve Wynn share an unhealthy love for music exceeded only by an even more unhealthy obsession for baseball. The compatriots blend their two passions with The Baseball Project — Volume 1: Frozen Ropes and Dying Quails, an album of buzzing guitars and baseball back stories. Drummer Linda Pitmon and Peter Buck round out the squad, as they spin tales of ill-fated drinking binges ('The Yankee Flipper', 'The Death of Big Ed Delahanty'), folk heroes ('Fernando', 'Satchel Paige Said') and, on 'Gratitude (For Curt Flood)', the overlooked man who changed the game

Piano slamming alt rockers J. Roddy Walston & The Business, led by the bandleader's barrelhouse piano stylings, shifts seamlessly through jump-up shout-a-longs ("Used to Did") to low slung, gritty travelin' blues ("Use Your Language"), to arenaworthy anthems ("I Don't Want to Hear It"). The band has built an audience the old fashioned way, through hard work and unrelenting live shows

Tea Leaf Green - June 8

San Francisco-based band Tea Leaf Green got their start in the relationship formed between guitarist Josh Clark and drummer Scott Rager, who played in a high-school band together in Arcadia, CA.Sharing some of the style and substance of musical contemporaries My Morning Jacket, Wolfmother, and the Raconteurs, Tea Leaf Green conjures the spirit of bands like '70s Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, and The Grateful Dead, taking classic sounds and giving them a present-day polish.

Formula412 - June 9

Pittsburgh's own Formula412 returns to the Festival just two





months after releasing their latest effort, Reality Show, and receiving the "Best Group" award at the 2011 Pittsburgh Hip Hop Awards. By adding live guitar, bass and drums to the traditional set-up of a DJ and an emcee, Formula412 pushes the limits of the genre and remains at the top of the Pittsburgh burgeoning hip-hop scene.

Brandi Carlile – June 10

Named Rolling Stone's "10 Artists to Watch in 2005," Brandi Carlile has toured as a headliner and supported other artists including Ray LaMontagne, Jonny Lang, Hanson, Indigo Girls, The Fray, Chris Isaak, Tori Amos and Shawn Colvin. In 2010, she won Seattle's City of Music Breakthrough Award. As Carlile's fans well know, her concerts are near legendary in their perfect communion between performer and audience. Whether she is rocking out with her full band or standing quietly, tantalizingly close to the edge of the stage singing a capella, Carlile brings a riveting intensity to every performance

Ricky Skaggs – June 11

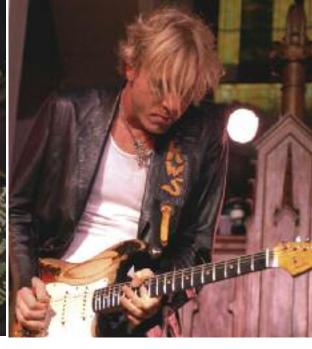
2011 marks the 52nd year since Ricky struck his first chords on a mandolin. This fourteen-time Grammy Award winner continues to do his part to lead the recent roots revival in music. With 12 consecutive Grammy-nominated classics behind him, all from his own Skaggs Family Records label, the diverse and masterful tones made by the gifted Skaggs come from a life dedicated to playing music that is both fed by the soul and felt by the heart.

Buckwheat Zydeco – June 12

Legendary zydeco trailblazer Buckwheat Zydeco is celebrating 30 years together with a recently-released and Grammy Awardwinning album entitled Lay Your Burden Down. Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural, Jr., bandleader and accordionist, returns to Three Rivers Arts Festival to perform songs from the new album and many of beloved Creole classics.







rusky Entertainment and Pittsburgh Concert Group Presents a weekend of Finger Lick'n Ribs & Rock & Roll at RIBS ON THE RIVER 3 starring ACE FREHLEY on Friday, KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD on Saturday, and LEON RUSSELL on Sunday plus all of Pittsburgh's best local acts to be announced. Featuring the world's greatest ribs from the following vendors: Florida Skin and Bones, Butch's Smack Your Lips BBQ, Sgt. Oink's, Mojo's, Hog Wild, No Bull BBW, & Pigfoot. This is a family friendly ALL AGES event at the Trib Total Media Amphitheatre (One Station Square West Lot, Pittsburgh, PA 15219) on Friday, June 17 at 5:30PM, Saturday, June 18 at 3:00PM, and Sunday, June 19 at 1:00PM. Doors open one hour prior to show time on each date. Reserved seats are only \$20 and general admission standing tickets are

just \$10. Tickets will be on sale this Saturday, May 7th at noon at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com, & charge-byphone by calling 1-800-745-3000.

Please contact Joshua Bakaitus (joshbakaitus@druskyentertainment.com) for additional information regarding this event.

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Music

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust - Jazz Fest

he Pittsburgh Cultural Trust will launch Pittsburgh JazzLive International, a new jazz festival on June 3-5, 2011, in the Cultural District. The weekend of music will include a JazzLive Crawl, outdoor stages, national and internationally renowned musicians and a visual art show. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Pittsburgh JazzLive International is produced in cooperation with Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival, June 3-12th.

Janis Burley Wilson, Director of Jazz Programs and Vice President of Education and Community Engagement for The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust says, "Pittsburgh JazzLive International is an expansion of our current year-round jazz programming, and allows the Trust to showcase our regional talent. We also see this festival as an opportunity to bring together legendary artists and the up-and-coming musicians who share with audiences what the future holds for jazz."

On Friday, June 3rd, the JazzLive Crawl will feature two dozen venues in the Cultural District from 5:30-9pm, with a variety of regional acts featured. Downtown Cultural District restaurants, galleries, and coffee shops will participate (details below). Entrance is free; however seating is available only for patrons dining at participating restaurants.

On Saturday, June 4th, the three JazzLive Summer Stages-located at 9th Street and Liberty, Liberty Avenue between 9th and 10th. Penn Avenue between 9th and 10thwill kick off with free live music at 12 noon. Pittsburghers Chelsea Baratz, Craig Davis, and jazz legend Roger Humphries, who have moved on to perform nationally and internationally, will be showcased. Center of Life, the finalist in the Monterey Jazz Festival Next Generation competition, will perform their first show since winning at Monterey. The Sean Jones Quintet, Gretchen Parlato, Gregory Porter are young, rising stars that will show us what's new and next in music. Latin jazz master, Bobby Sanabria and his Quarteto Ache, as well as African-French duo, Les Nubians, bring an international flavor to the line-up. And lastly, soul/funk/jazz sensation Soulive will close the evening.

On Sunday, June 5th, Showcase Noir, the African American artist and designer showcase will fill the halls of the Byham Theater with visual art and live jazz. The evening of June 5th, the Cultural Trust has partnered with Grey Area Productions to present soul and blues diva, Bettye LaVette at Altar Bar in the Strip District. Tickets can be purchased through the Pittsburgh JazzLive International website.

The Pittsburgh JazzLive International weekend is presented with support from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Richard King Mellon Foundation, The Pittsburgh Foundation, Macy's, Savoy Restaurant, the City of Pittsburgh and many in-kind sponsors. All artists and show times are subject to change. Please visit pittsburghjazzlive.com or call 412-456-6666 for updates and information.





Wine and Spirits Pittsburgh Wine Festival

he ninth annual Pittsburgh Wine Festival literally kicked off this year with a special guest who hails from both the pro football world and the wine world: Super Bowl winning and former NFL Coach of the Year, Dick Vermeil. Dick was on hand to sign bottles of wine from Vermeil Wines.

Coach Dick Vermeil was born and raised in Calistoga, the northernmost town in the Napa Valley, he grew up surrounded by vineyards that had been owned by his ancestors from the late 1800's to early 1900's. Vermeil's paternal great grandfathers, Jean Louis Vermeil (from Gattieres, France) and Garbaldo laccheri (from Lucca, Italy) each came to the USA as teenagers and forged their futures in the New World. The Vermeil and laccheri families would come together when Jean Louis' son, Albert (Dick Vermeil's grandfather), married into the laccheri family. The strong wine heritage of the Vermeil family has been handed-down from generation to generation. Dick helped his grandfather Albert Vermeil make the family wines, and wine was regularly served in the household even the children getting some, albeit watered-down. In fact Dick Vermeil's father Louie was once sent home from elementary school for having wine in his thermos!

Coach Vermeil's accomplishments in the wine world are now nearly as impressive as what he did in football. In fact, influential wine critic Robert M. Parker, Jr. had this to say about Vermeil and his wines, "Vermeil was raised in Napa Valley and his initial dive into the wine world is impressive. It goes against the rule-of-thumb that celebrities rarely achieve anything special in the world of wine."

After football, wine is and has always been Vermeil's biggest passion. Winemaking has been in the family for generations and, true to his roots, Vermeil partnered with

OnTheEdge Winery and began producing his own wines. He even offers a Cabernet Sauvignon named in honor of his father, Jean Louis Vermeil. This Cabernet Sauvignon is originally of French origins, its versatile grape produces exceptional wines around the globe. It's usually medium to full bodied with a fine structure that supports black and red fruit flavors with typical notes of olive, chili and herbs that add complexity. Available at select PA state stores.

Football fans will know him from his successful stints as head coach for the Philadelphia Eagles, St. Louis Rams and Kansas City Chiefs.

Dick was gracious enough to share his principles of leadership and his principles for enjoying wine.

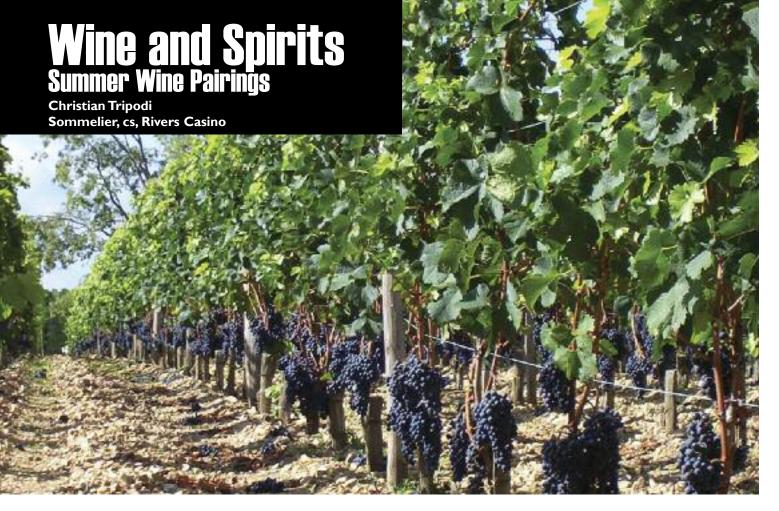
Vermeil's Seven Common Sense Principles of Leadership:

- Make sure your people know you care!
- Be a good example!
- Create an atmosphere in which people enjoy working!
- Define delegate then lead!
- Bring energy to the workplace!
- Build relationships as you implement your vision, values and process!
- Be sincere!

Common Sense Principles for Enjoying Wine

- Of the wine tastes good to you, it is good wine! (Robert
- Wine is bottled poetry (Robert Louis Stevenson)
- A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine. (Louis
- The taste of good wine is remembered long after the price is forgotten. (H. Duijker)
- · What is the definition of a good wine? It should start and end with a smile. (William Sokolin)





ummer is right around the corner, and is a festive time of year with all the weddings, college graduations and other celebrations. Pittsburghers realize that the summers in DaBurgh don't last long and we have to get in all of our serious outdoor events.

When planning these types of events we should take into account the types of food the Chef is preparing and what type of libations our guests might prefer. What we have to realize is that all these refreshments will be accommodating the situation, the company and ultimately the food. For example, let's say the Chef is preparing spicy short ribs on a hot summer day. We want to be very careful on a recommended beer or wine pairing for this dish. If you are a beer or wine drinker, the #1 rule is lower alcohol beverages with spicy food, such as; lighter lager style (Pilsner) beers or maybe a nice light Rosé from Tuscany, rule #2 if you want to do a contrast pairing with the spicy short ribs make sure there is some sweetness in the wine to sooth the spiciness, such as an off-dry to semisweet Riesling or a slightly sweet red from Northern Italy like Refosco, rule #3 make sure your beverage is refreshing and lighter in body to cool the spiciness, for example; a refreshing Sauvignon Blanc or Sparkling Wine from France.

There are some other rules we can follow to pair Wine with food, for instance; say you are having a certain type of ethnic picnic with all Italian food, what better rule to follow but to get Italian wine and more specific from the region the food was created. This rule always holds true because of the simple

fact that food was created before wine and wine was made to compliment the food. Last but not least for these summertime festivities, you can't go wrong with a good bottle of bubbly or a nice light Craft or Micro Brew.

Good luck with your Summer time fun and don't forget good food, good wine, good weather and good friends are the best ingredients to a great experience.

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he first event I covered in my association with Nightwire Magazine was nothing short of spectacular. I was able to join Nightwire's editor, in exploring Totem, the cirque du soleil production, during the day before their first performance that evening in Pittsburgh. Driving over the 16th Street bridge, my heart began to race and a huge smile was planted on my face as I could see the gigantic, bright blue and yellow tent set up just for the event. Once I arrived, I stepped inside the tent and was immediately blown away by the people hard at work and all of the organization that went into every minute detail. To the left, there were seamstresses working tediously on the colorful costumes. Sequin-filled masterpieces in bright, neon colors hung from the racks, waiting for the performers to bring



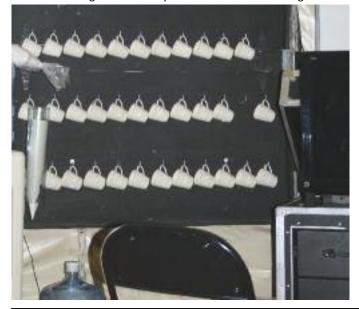
them to life. Next to the costumes, our guide showed us the drawers-upon-drawers of neatly stacked Mac make-up - a dream for the eyes of any cosmetic-loving girl. There were alittery eyelashes and eye shadows in every color imaginable. As we explored more of the tent, I noticed a bunch of coffee mugs hung in rows on a large wall - each with a name on it. One of the guides told me that all of the people involved in Totem are very environmentally conscious and drink water out of their own mugs in order to avoid the use of wasteful plastic water bottles.

My favorite part of the tour is when we got to sit down with an incredible female rings performer, Alevtyna Titarenko from the Ukraine. Her overall strength in order to do such a performance is off the charts. One may think she would be somewhat masculine seeing that she is the only female strong enough to perform with the men in this act and actually be the star of the rings. However, her long hair adorned with a butterfly clip and hot pink costume will show you otherwise. As we interviewed her, I snapped pictures of her incredibly toned physique. Alevtyna talked about her accomplishments as an athlete, she was the 2008 & 2009 World Fitness Champion. She joined Cirque as a porter, coming from the Ukraine to work here in the United States because it afforded her opportunities she would never have had in her country. Cirque saw her talent as an athlete and began training her, she very quickly became one of the shining stars of Totem. She said to do what she does you have to have good genes and she certainly has proven she is a true super star. Alevtyna has a six-year-old daughter who is eager to follow in her footsteps, however as a mother, she is hesitate to train her. We were shocked in one part of the interview when Alevtyna admitted to being afraid of heights! Keep in mind that when Alevtvna performs, she is extremely high up in the air, dangling from rings and ropes. However, she told us a little trick that helps her to conquer her fear. She revealed that she never comes down head first to avoid the feeling of free falling - rather, it is easier for her to descend backwards feet first. Imagine that! Also, she told us she keeps her eyes closed. That way, she is



more relaxed, not thinking about the height, but concentrating on her routine, which also helps her to be more in touch with her body. After our interview, she headed over to a table where her tired muscles were worked on by a masseuse. Yes, cirque has a full workout area and masseuses to keep these amazing performers in tip top shape.

After our interview we were then led through a jungle of curtains and told to be quiet as we entered the dark performance arena. Walking into the stage area was like entering another world. Although it was a bright sunny day outside, I felt as if I was in a twilight dream sequence. Bamboo-like grass and light projections that looked like water accompanied the center stage. Men were practicing with heavy wooden bars as we stepped inside and tried to take in all that surrounded us. The stage is in the center of the arena with seating circled all around it. This provides a very intimate and unique experience because no matter where you sit, you are close enough to see the performers' faces. During the





performance, the music and light projections change to help tell a story and create emotion. Make Totem a priority on your things-to-do list because they are only in Pittsburgh until June 5th. This is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience and something you will rave about and never forget.



as prices and high airfare are going to suck for summer travelers in 2011. At least that's what we've gathered from our first Great Big Summer Travel Poll. Not the most shocking discovery – travelers despise expensive gas and pricey airfare. But, other results might come as a surprise...

Results like 51.3% (1,266 votes) of those surveyed who voted "No" when asked "Is the slow economy affecting your travel plans this summer?" is a bit of a shock. 48.5% (1,232 votes) of respondents said they'll spend \$1,500 or more on summer travel this year (the second highest percentage was for 15.9%--or 403 votes--who said they'll spend \$500 - \$1000 this summer. These results are interesting as gas prices are soaring, and typically do every summer. Airlines are hiking fares, and the economy is still sluggish. So what's the deal? Take the following into consideration:

49.4% (1,254 votes) responded they are traveling in the U.S. when asked "Where are you traveling this summer?" The second most votes were by those saying they're not traveling at all at 19.7% (579 votes), followed by those traveling internationally at 16.7% (491 votes) and vacationers planning international and U.S. travel at 14.2% (419 votes)--lucky people!

As most poll participants are traveling only in the U.S., and since the biggest pet peeves of those polled were high gas prices (36.9%, 890 votes) and expensive airfare (36.9%, 890 votes), it seems likely that people are spending the majority of their money in areas within easy striking distance of travelers—their own city, state or general locale.

AOL Travel user Viegram commented: "No travel for us this

year. Airfares and gas is way too high. Family reunion canceled due to high costs. We live in Orlando so we will be doing local attractions. Plenty of discounts at the Florida attractions if you can take the stifling heat!"

People are spending more, but doing so closer to home to avoid excessive transportation costs. Instead of spending that \$1,500 on airfare or fuel, it's going to be spent on actual travel activities, amusement parks, at the beach, national parks, or weekend getaways.

What travelers aren't doing

Going on cruises. A staggering 89.4% (2,081 votes) of participants said they are not going on a cruise this summer compared with 10.6% (246 votes) who said they are.

Historically cruises are more popular in the fall, winter and spring which partly accounts for the large amount of "no" votes. It can't help that June through November is hurricane season in the Atlantic (it's May through November in the eastern Pacific). That tends to put a damper on folks wanting to get on a large boat.

Hurricanes or no, there isn't a lack of cruise options out there during the summer. There are Caribbean cruises, and plenty of routes around Europe and Alaska. Mediterranean cruises tend to be more expensive and they leave port from European cities (obviously), so there's the added cost of getting there from the U.S. And, with expensive airfare a concern among travelers, dishing out the funds for a ticket to Europe, then another \$500 and up for a cruise makes ships leaving locally during the peak times more appealing.



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The Olden Days

In 1900, fathers threatened their daughters suitors with shotguns if the girl came home late. Today, fathers break the ice by saying, "So...how long have you had that earring?"

In 1900, when fathers entered the room, children often rose to attention. Today, kids glance up and grunt, "Dad, you're invading my space." In 1900, a father was involved if he spanked the kid now and then.

Today, a father's involved only if he coaches Little League and organizes Boy Scouts and car pools. In 1900, a happy meal was when Father shared funny stories around the table.

Today, a happy meal is what Dad buys at McDonald's. In 1900, "a good day at the market" meant Father brought home feed for the horses. Today, "a good day at the market" means Dad got in early on an IPO.

In 1900, a Father's Day gift would be a hand tool. Today, he'll get a digital organizer.

In 1900, if a father had breakfast in bed, it was eggs and bacon and ham and potatoes. Today, it's Special K, soy milk, dry toast and a lecture on cholesterol.

In 1900, a father gave a pencil box for Christmas, and the kid was all smiles. Today, a father spends \$800 at Toys 'R' Us, and the kid screams: "I wanted an XBox!"

In 1900, a father smoked a pipe. If he tries that today, he gets sent outside after a lecture on lip cancer.

Child Sent To Bed

A small boy is sent to bed by his father... [Five minutes later] "Da-ad..." "What?" "I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?" "No. You had your chance. Lights out." [Five minutes later] "Da-aaaad..." "WHAT?" "I'm THIRSTY...Can I have a drink of water??" "I told you NO! If you ask again I'll have to spank you!!" [Five minutes later] "DaaaaaaaAAAAD..." "WHAT??!!" "When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a drink of water?"

Term Dictionary

Parent's Dictionary of Meanings

DUMBWAITER: one who asks if the kids would care to order dessert

FEEDBACK: the inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

FULL NAME: what you call your child when you're mad at him.

GRANDPARENTS: the people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them

HEARSAY: what toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

INDEPENDENT: how we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

OW: the first word spoken by children with older siblings PUDDLE: a small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

SHOW OFF: a child who is more talented than yours. STERILIZE: what you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.

TOP BUNK: where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING: when the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar grunting noises.

VERBAL: able to whine in words

WHODUNIT: none of the kids that live in your house

Where You Reside

...This reminds me of something yesterday at work. A colleague was relating a conversation he had with his young daughter, just a bit over 2 years old. They were discussing geography and..."Where does mommy live?" "Minneapolis." "Where does grandma live?" "Baltimore." "Where does grandpa live?" "Baltimore." "And where does daddy live?" "At work! "Needless to say, he took the morning off that next day...

At The Public Pool

The lifeguard told the father to make his young son stop urinating in the pool. "Everyone knows," the father lectured him, "that from time to time, young children will urinate in a pool." "Oh really?" said the lifeguard, "from the diving board!?!?"

Guests For Dinner

There was this little kid who had a bad habit of sucking his thumb. His father finally told him that if he didn't stop sucking his thumb, he'd get fat. Two weeks later, his father had some friends over for a game of bridge. The boy points to an obviously pregnant woman and says, "Ah, ha! I know what you've been doing!"

Go To The Hospital

Four expectant fathers were in a Minneapolis hospital waiting room, while their wives were in labor. The nurse arrived and announced to the first man, "Congratulations sir, you're the father of twins." "What a coincidence!" the man said with some obvious pride. "I work for the Minnesota Twins baseball team." The nurse returned in a little while and turned to the Continued on page 22



hh... The smell of BBQ fills the air. As you drive up Forward Avenue in Squirrel Hill, there is no way your nose can miss it! Frankie and Georgie's 4 Wood Grille has fired up the sidewalk grills and boy, are they grilling! From BBQ Chickens to succulent Ribs, Chicken Kabobs to Pulled Pork sandwiches - if you are hungry for the best BBQ around, the 4 Wood Grille is the place!

Their grills are ablaze every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 3PM till after 9PM (or until the grills are bare!). They offer eat-in or outside table dining, and of course, there is take out for people on-the-go. Their sides are all homemade, just like your momma used to make. The ribs are fall off the bones delicious and flavorful with just the right amount of homemade BBQ sauce... yummy, scrumptious, finger-licking good! The chicken is so incredibly tender, juicy, and moist that you'll find yourself craving more.

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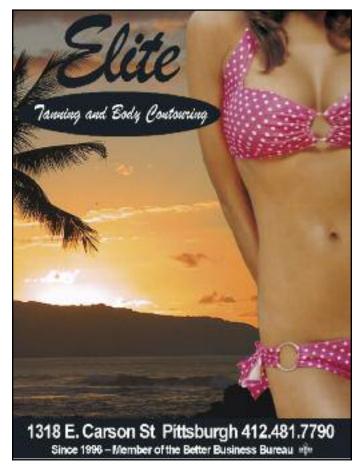
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second man, "You, sir, are the father of triplets." "Wow, that's really an incredible coincidence," he answered. "I work for the 3M Corporation. My buddies at work will never let me live this one down." An hour later, while the other two men were passing cigars around, the nurse came back. This time, she turned to the third man, who had been guiet in the corner. She announced that his wife had just given birth to quadruplets. Stunned, he barely could reply. "Don't tell me another coincidence?" asked the nurse. After finally regaining his composure, he said, "I don't believe it, I work for the Four Seasons Hotel." After hearing this, everybody's attention turned to the fourth guy, who had just fainted, flat out on the floor. The nurse rushed to his side and, after some time, he slowly gained back his consciousness. The nurse asked, "Sir, are you all right?""Yes" says the man, "I'm o.k. now. I just had a shocking thought. I work at the 7-11 Store."

Adults Have Learned

Great truths about life that adults have learned

- Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take the time to look. For example: I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- One reason to smile is that every seven minutes of every day someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring.



- · Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly payment is due.
- The best way to keep kids at home is to make a pleasant atmosphere and let the air out of their tires.
- Families are like fudge....mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- · Laughing helps. It's like jogging on the inside.
- · Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not
- · My mind not only wanders; sometimes it leaves completely.
- If you can remain calm, you just don't have all the facts.

Pass Out In Shock

The man passed out in a dead faint as he came out of his front door onto the porch. Someone dialed 911. When the paramedics arrived, they helped him regain consciousness and asked if he knew what caused him to faint. "It was enough to make anybody faint," he said. "My son asked me for the keys to the garage, and instead of driving the car out, he came out with the lawn mower."

My Wife Is Pregnant

A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor queries. "No, you idiot!" the man shouts, "This is her *husband*!"

Calming your son

In the supermarket was a man pushing a cart which contained a screaming, bellowing baby. The gentleman kept repeating softly, "Don't get excited, Albert; don't scream, Albert; don't yell, Albert; keep calm, Albert." A woman standing next to him said, "You certainly are to be commended for trying to soothe your son, Albert." The man looked at her and said, "Lady, I'm Albert."

Fathers Then and Now

Today nearly 100 years have elapsed since the first father's Day was celebrated. Fathers of 1900 didn't have it nearly as good as fathers of today; but they did have a few advantages: In 1900, fathers prayed their children would learn English. Today, fathers pray their children will speak English.

My father is so old that when he was in school, history was called current affairs.

In 1900, a father's horsepower meant his horses. Today, it's the size of his minivan.

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In 1900, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success. Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 4-car garage. And that's just the vacation home.

In 1900, a father waited for the doctor to tell him when the baby arrived. Today, a father must wear a smock, know how to breathe, and make sure film is in the video camera.

In 1900, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table.

Today, a father comes home to a note: "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at adult-Ed, Pizza in fridge."

In 1900, fathers and sons would have heart-to-heart conversations while fishing in a stream.

Today, fathers pluck the headphones off their sons' ears and shout. "WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE!!"

Famous Dad Ouotes

"Fathers are the geniuses of the house because only a person as intelligent as we could fake such stupidity. Think about your father: He doesn't know where anything is. You ask him to do something, he messes it up and your mother sends you: "Go down and see what your father's doing before he blows up the house." He's a genius at work because he doesn't want to do it, and he knows someone will be coming soon to stop him." -- Bill Cosby

"A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father". - Gabriel Garcia Marquez

"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." - George Herbert

"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get." - Tim Russert

Dad Gets Busted Poor Pastor...

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had", the child quipped.

Setting the Table

Little Susan was mother's helper. She helped set the table when guests were due for dinner. Presently everything was on, the guest came in, and everyone sat down. Then Mother noticed something was missing. "Susan," she said, "You didn't



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put a knife and fork at Mr. Smith's place." "I thought he wouldn't need them," explained Susan.
"Daddy says he always eats like a horse!"

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Backfire of an Explanation

The little girl was sitting in her father's lap as he read her a goodnight story. From time to time, she would take her eye's off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. By and by she was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke, "daddy, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart" he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh she said," then "daddy, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed honey" he assured her. "God made you just a little while ago." "Oh" she said. Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it now isn't he?"

New Dad

One day, shortly after the birth of their new baby, the mother had to go out to do some errands, so the proud father stayed home to watch his wonderful new son. Soon, the baby started to cry. The father did everything he could think of, but the baby just wouldn't stop crying. Finally, he got so worried that he decided to take the infant to the doctor. After the doctor

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listened to all the father had done to get the baby to stop crying, he began examining the baby's ears, chest and then down to the diaper area. When he opened the diaper, it was indeed full. "Here's the problem," the doctor explained. "He just needs to be changed. "The perplexed father remarked, "But the diaper package specifically says, it's good for up to 10 pounds!"

Dad Gets The Last Laugh Payback Time

On the day Mary received her learner's permit, her father agreed to take her out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front on the passenger's side?" Mary asked. "Mary, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."

The Right Choice

Ryan was out late with friends one night. Suddenly, he realized it was Father's Day and he had neglected to buy a card for his dad. After much searching, Ryan located an open store, but was disappointed to find only two cards left on the rack. Selecting one, he brought it home and presented it to his father. Upon opening it, his dad read the message: "You've been like a father to me." He looked at Ryan, puzzled. "Well, Dad," Ryan tried to explain, "it was either that or the card that said, 'Now that I'm a father too!'"

The Toy

The father of five children had won a toy at a raffle. He called his kids together to ask which one should have the present. "Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to mother? Who does everything she says?" Five small voices answered in unison. "Okay, dad, you get the toy."

The Letter

Dear Dad.

\$chool i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.

Love,

Your \$on

The Reply: (to the above)

Dear Son,

I kNOw that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.

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Dad-Isms

"You're going to sit there until you eat your dinner. I don't care if you sit there all night."

"Delayed obedience is disobedience. "

"When I say no, I mean no. Why? Because, that's why."

"If you don't stop crying, I'll give you something to cry about."

"Two wrongs do not make a right."

"As long as you tried your hardest, that's all that matters."

"I'm spanking you because I love you. This hurts me a lot more than it hurts you."

"If I didn't hear it, you didn't say it! "

"Shape up or ship out."

"That's so funny? Wipe that smile off your face."

"We'll do it the right way. My way."

"Don't ask me, ask your mother."

"This is your last warning. "

"You'll realize the value of money once you start earning. "

"Son, don't ever get married. And tell that to your kids."

"Enough is enough! "

"Do what I say, not what I do."

"When I was your age "

Dad-Isms On Life

Who said life was supposed to be fair?

Always say please and thank you. That way, you get more. If you forget, you'll be grounded till the end of the world. Shake it off. It's only pain.

A little pain never hurt anybody.

Don't take yourself so seriously, take what you do seriously! You're always a winner if you lose with a smile.

Four things come not back: time past, the spoken word, the sped arrow and a missed opportunity.

Life is a journey and you've just reached one of many speed bumps to come.

If you want to do something, do it because you want to. Don't do it because someone else did.

As long as you tried your hardest, that's all that matters.

If ifs and buts were candy and nuts then we'd all have a merry Christmas.

Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see. If you're gonna be dumb, you've gotta be tough.

Worrying about things you can't change is like a rocking chair... it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere.

It's hard to be good, and easy to be bad.

Don't tell on anybody unless you tell on yourself first.

The first liar don't stand a chance.

Laugh at yourself first, you'll take the bite out of others doing so for you.

Dad-Isms - Logic

Don't ask me, ask your mother.

I'll play catch after I read the paper.

Coffee will stunt your growth.

A little dirt never hurt anyone--just wipe it off..

Get your elbows off the table.

I'm not just talking to hear my own voice!

Stop crying or I'll give you a reason to cry.

Don't forget to check your oil.

You could drive a wooden man nuts!

You're only young once.

You're gonna like it, whether you like it or not!

The early bird gets the worm. Rise and shine!

If your friend jumped off a bridge would you?

You have things so easy!

Don't look at me in that tone of voice!

What do you think this is, your birthday?

How many times do I have to pound that into your head?

What part of NO don't you understand?

I don't care what other people are doing! I'm not everybody else's father!

Didn't your teacher learn you anything?!

Don't use that tone with me!

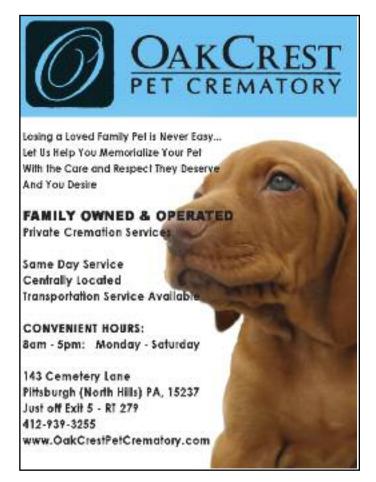
Am I talking to a brick wall?

If I catch you doing that one more time, I'll...

Wipe your feet!

Don't make me stop the car!

What did I just get finished telling you?



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My father used to tell me...

Act your age.

Just wait until I get you home!

Be home early.

Fill your mouth with food and not with words.

New born child: "I've seen raisin puddings that looked better..."

Promises, Promises! (In response to "I'll never speak to you again!)

Is that a threat, or a promise? (Likewise)

You'll be sorrreee!

Hey, did you hear me talking to you?

Even a blind pig finds an acorn now and then.

"Here I taught you everything I know and you still don't know nothing!"

If I didn't love you so much I wouldn't punish you... I would let you do whatever you wanted.

·Headache remedy: Put your head through the window and the pain will be gone.

I feel for you, but I can't reach you from here.

You should visit more often. Your mother worries.

Go tell your mother she wants you.

Dad's Oh-So-Bad Jokes

One of the basics of dad humor is pretending to take everything really literally. For example, every time I told my dad I didn't feel well as a child, he'd put his hand on my shoulder and go, "You feel just fine to me!"

Every once in a while, on family trips -- and my dad would save these so as not to overuse them -- we'd cross some railroad tracks and my dad would say, "Train's just been through here." One of my sisters would invariably respond, snottily, "Um, how do you know?" to which the old man would smile and say, "It left its tracks." My brother and I would laugh, and the girls would groan because they fell for it, again.

My all-time favorite from my dad, which he would bust out around Christmas, birthdays or pretty much any holiday: Dad: "What kind of present do you want?" Me: "I don't know." Dad: "I was going to get you a new butt, because yours is cracked."

"I was going to get you a new butt, because yours is cracked. But then you'd just sit down and crack it again." Me: Groan.

If any of my siblings tried to accuse my stepdad of farting, he would always give them a knowing look and say, "A skunk sniffs its own hole." This was so confusing that it usually shut everybody up while they tried to figure out what he was saying.

"What do you call fish with no eyes?

Fshhhh"

"What do you do if you see a spaceman?

Park in it, man."

"A cheetah and a lion are racing, and the cheetah wins. The lion says, "Hey! You a cheetah!" and the cheetah replies,

"Nah... You lion!"

"My friend bought a dog from a blacksmith. As soon as it got home, it made a bolt for the door."

"#1: Knock, knock. #2: Who's there?

#1: To.

#2: To who?

#1: To whom."

"I submitted ten puns to a pun contest, hoping one would win, but no pun in ten did."

"What do you call a nosey pepper?

Jalapeño business."

"What do clouds wear as undergarments?

Thunderwear."

"Did you hear about the scarecrow that won a Nobel Prize for being outstanding in his field?"

Dad's Bad Car Jokes

When driving past a cemetery, "You know, that is the dead center of town!"

When driving past a cemetery, 'That place is pretty popular, people are dying to get in there!'

'Where are we Dad?' 'In the car'

When an emergency service vehicle goes past with siren blazing, 'You'll not sell many ice creams going that fast.'

When driving past someone washing their car, 'you can do mine next, if you want!'

Dad's Miserable House Humor

When squeezing past in the hallway and saying "excuse me Continued Next page please" - the reply from Dad will be to lock you in a bear hug and shout "I thought you said SQUEEZE ME".

Before retiring to the bathroom for a 'number two', 'give the sewage plant a ring...let them know there's one on its way!'

'Dad I'm hungry' ... 'Hi hungry I'm dad'.

After you are struggling with something for a while, your Dad asks "Can I give you a hand?" You say yes and then he starts a slow clap.

When phone ringing Dad says 'If it's for me don't answer it.'

Me: I'm hungry.

Dad: I'm Germany, pleased to meet you.

After watching you fall over: "Have a nice trip!"

When an attractive woman appears on TV, 'Ah, She's got a nice set of.....teeth!'

Mum asks Dad to 'put the kettle on' and Dad replies 'I don't think it will fit!'

'Put the cat out' ... 'I didn't realize it was on fire'

Dad's Embarassing Restaurant Jokes

'I'll be your waiter tonight' ... 'I'll be your customer!'

Upon hearing someone in a restaurant dropping glasses or crockery - "It wasn't me!"

Anywhere with stuffed and mounted animal heads - "It must have been going pretty fast when it hit that wall!".

At the Greek Restaurant, the waiter hands your Dad the menu, and he says. 'Can you recommend something. This menu's all greek to me.'

When being offered a hot towel in a Chinese restaurant. Dad says 'No thank you, I'm full!'

Mentioning to the waiter that, 'I'm on a special seafood diet. I see food and I eat it.'

Dad's Dinner Table Comedy Routine

When asking to pass the pepper or salt, Dad will move as though to pass it, then continue his arm in a circle, returning the aforementioned condiment to its original resting place. So Continued Next page



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the salt has gone past you.

Me: I feel like a sandwich

Dad: Funny, you don't look like one....

When eating mushrooms Dad will always make a remark about how he'd like to eat more but he doesn't have mush room.

"Do you want some food to go with your gravy?"

After a large meal Dad says, "Well that was nice, what's for dinner?"

Me: Please may I leave the table?

Dad: And where are you going to leave it?

After a meal Dad says, 'good thing we ate when we did,

because I'm not a bit hungry now!'

One evening a little girl and her parents were sitting around the table eating supper. The little girl said, "Daddy, you're the boss, aren't you?" Her Daddy smiled, pleased, and said yes. The little girl continued "That's because Mummy put you in charge, right?"

Things To Not Bother Asking Dad

Me: Is it Wednesday today?

Dad: All day...

Little Boy: Dad, can you put my shirt on?

Dad: No, it doesn't fit me.

When rubbing your eye

Dad: What's up?"

Me: "There's something in my eye"

Dad: "Yeah, it's your finger"

Me: Can you make me a cup of coffee/tea?

Dad: Waves his hands over your head and says 'Poof! You are

now a cup of coffee/tea!'

Me: Where's the bin?

Dad: I haven't been anywhere!

Me: How Long's Dinner?

Dad: ... about 9 inches..

Me: What's on the TV? Dad: Just some dust.

Me: Can I have 50 bucks?

Dad: Forty dollars? What do you need thirty dollars for?

Me: How is that water?

Dad: Wet.

Me: Can I watch the TV?
Dad: Yes, but don't turn it on.

Me: Have you seen my....(whatever is missing)?

Dad: Nope. Not my responsibility.

Funny Bumper Stickers

Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.

"I is a college student."

If you can read this, I can hit my brakes and sue you.

A fool and his money are a girl's best friend.

I'm not driving fast-just flying low.

Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change.

"Your kid may be an honor student but you're still an IDIOT!"

"I souport publik edekasion"

You have the right to remain silent....Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.

Honk if you love peace and quiet.

I'm just driving this way to get you mad.

Keep honking, I'm reloading.

Hang up and drive.

Pennsylvania Road System Slogans

- 1. If you can build a better highway, we'd like to see it!
- 2. Potholes....Shmotpoles!
- 3. Highway numbers go to the highest bidder!
- 4. Land of 10,000 potholes.
- 5. We don't repair roads, we destroy them!

You Know You're From Pennsylvania If...

You only own three spices: salt, pepper, ketchup.

You design your Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

You have more miles on your snow blower than your car.

You have 10 favorite recipes for venison.

Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

The first day of "Buck Season" and "Doe Season" is a school holidav.

You call sloppy joes "barbecue."

You find -20F "a little" chilly.

You ask the waitress for "dippy eggs" for breakfast.

The trunk of your car doubles as a deep freezer.

You know the four seasons: Winter, Still Winter, Almost Winter, and Construction.

You prefer Hershey's Chocolate to Godiva.

You consider Pittsburgh to be "out west," and you know the continued Next page

fastest way to Philly is the Turnpike. You can give directions to Intercourse with a straight face.

I Am Going To Shop

"Cash, check or charge?" I asked after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I notice a remote control for a television set in her purse. "Do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked. "No," she replied. "But my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him."

The Crowded Store

It was the day of the big sale. Rumors of the sale (and some advertising in the local paper) were the main reason for the long line that formed by 8:30, the store's opening time, in front of the store. A small man pushed his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back, amid loud and colorful curses. On the man's second attempt, he was punched square in the jaw, and knocked around a bit, and then thrown to the end of the line again. As he got up the second time, he said to the person at the end of the line..."That does it! If they hit me one more time, I won't open the store!

My Wife Is Missing

The man approached the very beautiful woman in the large supermarket and asked, "You know, I've lost my wife here in

the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?" "Why?" "Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman my wife appears out of nowhere."

Headline In The Paper

HEADLINE: A hole has appeared in the ladies changing rooms at the sports club. Police are looking into it.

Problem With A Dog

Police officer: Excuse me, but your dog has been chasing a man on his bicycle. Dog owner: Are you crazy? My dog can't even ride a bicycle.

Stupid Blonde Driver

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!"

Thankful He's Drunk

The drunken wino was stumbling down the street with one foot on the curb and one foot in the gutter. A cop pulled up and said, "I've got to take you in, sir. You're obviously drunk" The wasted wino asked, "Ociffer, are ya absolutely sure I'm drunk?" "Yeah, buddy, I'm sure," said the copper. "Let's go." Obviously





relieved, the wino said "That's a relief - I thought I was a cripple."

Blonde Avoiding Trees

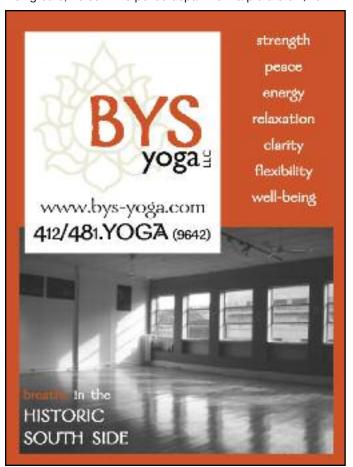
A State Trooper pulls a car over on a lonely back road and approaches the blonde lady driver. "Mam, is there a reason that you're weaving all over the road"? The woman replied, "Oh officer, thank goodness you're here!! I almost had an accident! I looked up and there was a tree right in front of me. I swerved to the left and there was another tree in front of me. I swerved to the right and there was another tree in front of me!"Reaching through the side window to the rear view mirror, the officer replied, "Ma'am... that's your air freshener."

Stopping The Hillbilly

This hillbilly is traveling across Texas when a state policeman pulls him over. "You got any I.D.?" the patrolman asked." "'Bout what?" the hillbilly replied.

Pictures From Police

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40.



The police responded with another mailed photo -- of handcuffs.

How Old Are You?

A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look," she said. "What's your secret for a long happy life?" "I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise." "That's amazing," the woman said. "How old are you?' "Twenty-six," he said.

Upset Is Unhealthy

The mother of a problem child was advised by a psychiatrist, "You are far too upset and worried about your son. I suggest you take tranquilizers regularly." On her next visit the psychiatrist asked, "Have the tranquilizers calmed you down?" "Yes," the boy's mother answered. "And how is your son now?" the psychiatrist asked. "Who cares?" the mother replied.

Feel Better Now

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

Finish The Start

My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far today, I have finished two bags of chips and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.

Biologist Studies Frogs

A noted biologist, who had been studying little green frogs in a swamp, was stumped. The frog population, despite efforts at predator control, was declining at an alarming rate. A chemist at a nearby college came up with a solution: The frogs, due to a chemical change in the swamp water, simply couldn't stay coupled long enough to reproduce successfully. The chemist then brewed up a new adhesive to assist the frogs' togetherness, which included one part sodium. It seems the little green frogs needed some monosodium glue to mate.

Ten Signs That You're At A Bad Zoo

1. When no one else is looking, you swear that the monkeys





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are mocking you.

- 2. The Bears exhibit is nothing more than the guys cut from the football team during training camp.
- 3. The stripes on the zebra tend to peel away in the heat.
- 4. The Zookeeper always wants to take the Rhino for a walk.
- 5. The Lion in the lion cage closely resembles the one from The Lion King.
- 6. The alligator in the Reptiles exhibit is nothing more than the University of Florida's Mascot.
- 7. If you deposit 50 cents, the giraffe will magically appear and talk to you.
- 8. Ask the Tour Guide too many guestions and you're suddenly dipped in some sort of sauce and placed in the Tigers den.
- 9. The Elephant appear to be two guys in a two part Elephant suit.
- 10. Two words: Hippo Dogs!

Owning A New Pet Fish

Pat: Hey, Chris! How's your new pet fish doing? You told me he was really something special.

Chris: To tell you the truth, I'm really disappointed in him. The guy who sold him to me said I could teach him to sing like a bird.

Pat: You bought a fish because you thought you could teach him to sing like a bird? I can't believe it!

Chris: Well, yeah. After all, he's a parrot fish.

Pat: I hate to tell you this, Chris, but while you might be able to teach a parrot bird to sing, you're never going to get anywhere with a parrot fish.

Chris: That's what you think! He can sing all right. The thing is, he keeps singing off-key. It's driving me crazy. Do you know how hard it is to tuna fish?

Placing Your Order

A friend and I were standing in line at a fast-food restaurant, waiting to place our order.

There was a big sign posted. "No bills larger than \$20 will be accepted." The woman in front of us, pointing to the sign, remarked, "Believe me, if I HAD a bill larger than \$20, I wouldn't be eating here."

Water

Q: Ever wonder about people who pay \$2 for a bottle of Evian water?

A: Just spell "Evian" backwards!

The Results of a Study

About 85% of women are responsible for cooking the family dinner, and 84% wish they didn't have to.

Are Caterpillars Good to Eat?

Johnny: Daddy, are caterpillars good to eat?

Father: Have I not told you never to mention such things

during meals!

Mother: Why did you say that, Junior? Why did you ask the

question?

Johnny: It's because I saw one on daddy's lettuce, but now

it's gone.

Constantly Complaining about the **Temperature**

A customer was bothering the waiter in a restaurant. First, he asked that the air conditioning be turned up because he was too hot, then he asked it be turned down cause he was too cold, and so on for about half an hour. Surprisingly, the waiter was very patient, he walked back and forth and never once got angry. So finally, a second customer asked him why he didn't throw out the pest. "Oh, I really don't care or mind," said the waiter with a smile. "We don't even have an air conditioner."

Sorry for Eating the Peanuts

A man visits his aunt in the nursing home. It turns out that she is taking a nap, so he just sits down in a chair in her room, flips through a few magazines, and munches on some peanuts sitting in a bowl on the table. Eventually, the aunt wakes up, and her nephew realizes he's absentmindedly finished the entire bowl. "I'm so sorry, auntie, I've eaten all of your peanuts!" "That's okay, dear," the aunt replied. "After I've sucked the chocolate off, I don't care for them anyway."

Pennsylvania's Dumb Laws

No more than two packages of beer at a time may be purchased, unless you are buying from an official "beer distributor"

You may not catch a fish by any body part except the mouth.

_____ Motorized vehicles are not to be sold on Sundays.

You may not catch a fish with your hands.

It it illegal to sleep on top of a refrigerator outdoors.

You may not sing in the bathtub.

Fireworks stores may not sell fireworks to Pennsylvania residents.

It is illegal to have over 16 women live in a house together because that constitutes a brothel. However up to 120 men can live together, without breaking the law.

Though you do not need a fishing license to fish on your own land, but a hunting license is required to hunt on your own land.

A person is not eligible to become Governor if he/she has participated in a duel.

Any motorist who sights a team of horses coming toward him must pull well off the road, cover his car with a blanket or canvas that blends with the countryside, and let the horses pass. If the horses appear skittish, the motorist must take his car apart, piece by piece, and hide it under the nearest bushes.

Ministers are forbidden from performing marriages when either the bride or groom is drunk.

All liquor stores must be run by the state.

A special cleaning ordinance bans housewives from hiding dirt and dust under a rug in a dwelling.

It is contrary to Pennsylvania law to discharge a gun, cannon, revolver or other explosive weapon at a wedding.

Carlisle

In the middle of town, one must pay a fee of \$50 dollars a year to park on a particular block. At night, however, the cars must be moved for street cleaning. This law is enforced even if snow or ice prevents the cars from being moved.

Connellsville

One's pants may be worn no lower than five inches below the waist

Danville

All fire hydrants must be checked one hour before all fires.

Millville

One may not shoot any dog that is found wandering the streets.

Morrisville

It is required that a woman have a permit to wear cosmetics.

Every outlet or switch (which can be purchased for 59 cents) that is installed requires an electrical inspection fee of 1 dollar and 33 cents.

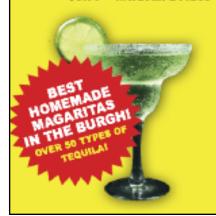
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No one is allowed to sleep on a refrigerator.

It is still illegal to bring a donkey or a mule onto a trolley car.

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You cannot walk backwards eating peanuts in front of the Barnstormers Auditorium during a performance.

Tarentum

Horses are not to be tied to parking meters.

He Is A Very Fast Drinker

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

This Tells Me That I Must be Drunk

A man walks into a bar and orders one shot. Then he looks into his shirt pocket and orders another shot. After he finishes, he looks into his shirt pocket again and orders another shot. The bartender is curious and asks him "every time you order a shot, you look in your shirt pocket. Why?" The man replies, "I

have a picture of my wife in my pocket and when she starts to look good, I go home."

Someone Stole Things from Me

A drunk phoned police to report that thieves had been in his car. "They've stolen the dashboard, the steering wheel, the brake pedal, the radio, and even the accelerator," he cried out. However, before the police investigation could start, the phone rang a second time and the same voice came over the line. "Never mind," he said with a hiccup, "I got in the back seat by mistake."

Top Ten Signs that You are too Drunk

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









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1. You spent more time on the floor than you do standing up.

Have A Life After Death

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees. "Yes, Sir." the new recruit replied. "Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."

Sleeping on the Job

Things To Say If You Get Caught Sleeping At Your Desk

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

- 5. "Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot."
- 4. "Boy, that cold medicine I took last night just won't wear
- 3. "Ah, the unique and unpredictable circadian rhythms of the workaholic!"
- 2. "I wasn't sleeping, I was trying to pick up contact lens without hands."

AND THE #1 BEST THING TO SAY IF YOU GET CAUGHT SLEEPING AT YOUR DESK:

"Amen"

Must Help the Wife

Smith goes to see his supervisor in the front office. "Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff." "We're short-handed, Smith" the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off." "Thanks, boss," says Smith "I knew I could count on you!"

Old Local Blacksmith

An old blacksmith realized he was soon going to guit working so hard. He picked out a strong young man to become his apprentice. The old fellow was crabby and exacting. "Don't ask me a lot of questions," he told the boy. "Just do whatever I tell you to do." One day the old blacksmith took an iron out of the forge and laid it on the anvil. "Get the hammer over

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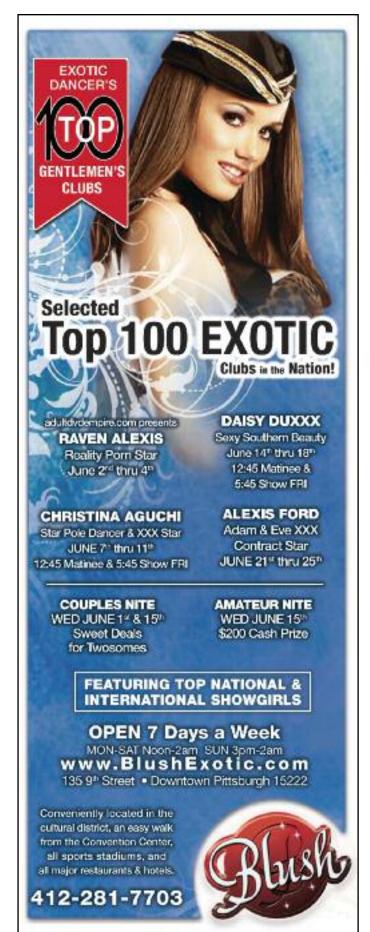




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there," he said. "When I nod my head, hit it real good and hard." Now the town is looking for a new blacksmith.

Marine Helicopter Pilot and Priest:

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. A head of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud Hawaiian shirt, leather jacket, jeans and sandals. Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, 'Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven? 'The guy replies, 'I'm Bill, retired United States Marine Corps helicopter Pilot from Conroe, Texas'. Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the Marine pilot, 'Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom.' The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff. Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, 'I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's parish for the last 43 years.' Saint Peter consult s his list. He says to the priest. 'Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom. 'Just a minute,' says the good father. 'That man was a Marine Helicopter pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be? ' Up here - we go by results,' says Saint Peter. 'When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed.

Is Sex Work?

U.S. Marine Colonel was about to start the morning briefing to his staff. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, the colonel decided to pose a question to all assembled. He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep. He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure?" A Major chimed in with 75-25% in favor of work. A Captain said it was 50-50%. A lieutenant responded with 25-75% in favor of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time. There being no consensus, the colonel turned to the PFC who was in charge of making the coffee. What was HIS opinion? Without any hesitation, the young PFC responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure." The colonel was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why? "Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them." The room fell silent. God Bless the enlisted man.

Golfing

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast . That's it", he tells his wife. I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has got so bad ..once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went." His wife sympathizes. As they sit down she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you, and give it one more try". "That's no good", sighs Arthur. "Your brother is a hundred and three. He can't help". "He may be a hundred and three", says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect". So the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes an almighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law, "Did you see the ball?" "Of course I did!", says the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight.." "Where did it go?", says Arthur. "I don't remember."



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