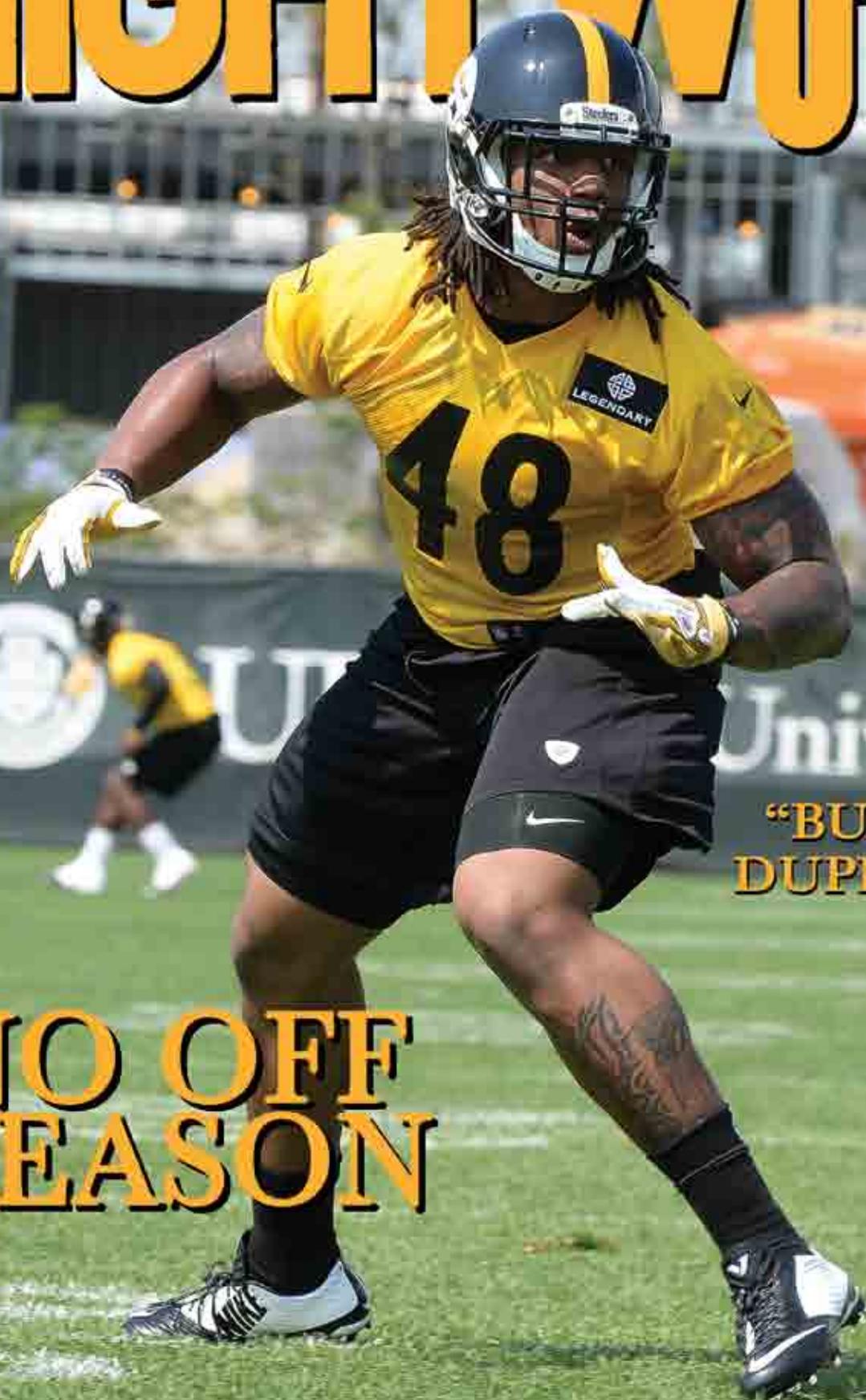


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SPORTS IN THE NFL THERE IS NO OFF SEASON



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The wheels of the new season start spinning as soon as the current one is in the books, and in some cases even before that last snap. For the Steelers, this offseason will be under the microscope even more than usual – if that’s possible - because of one word. Transition. Sure, players come and go every year. Coaches are changed like underwear in this league. Schemes get shuffled and adapted to new personnel. But for a franchise that doesn’t always follow the shake it up model, this particular offseason is going to be “on” in a big way. Eras are ending and new regimes are beginning.

In some cases, it’s literally out with the old and in with the new. This is especially true on the defensive side of the ball. You might

say these changes are overdue. Last season they mustered a paltry 33 sacks on the year, 26th in the league and their lowest total since 1989. The last time the Steelers defense was anything to email home about was in 2010 when they took down opposing quarterbacks 48 times to lead the NFL. Now, sack totals aren’t the be all end all in good defensive play, but they are a telling indicator. You’re winning the line of scrimmage battle. You’re forcing quicker decision making and hopefully poor decision making by the offense. You’re giving the secondary help. People are quick to point to the defensive backs as the weak link in the Steelers defense the last few years. They’ve been exposed because of a lack of backfield infiltration.

General Manager Kevin Colbert and Head Coach Mike Tomlin are keenly aware of the need to improve defensively. With Hall of Fame defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau resigning in January, a new generation of defense will be ushered into Heinz Field. New, but not unfamiliar as LeBeau’s long-time protégé and former linebackers coach, Keith Butler has been given the reins. Former Steelers linebackers Jerry Olsavsky and Joey Porter were promoted together and will fill Butler’s vacancy. With all the familiar faces, can we expect much to be changed in terms of scheme? The Steelers haven’t said much, but defensive lineman Cameron Heyward gave us a little something to chew on by saying “I don’t think there are going to be too many changes. It’s going to be the same details. We will have a couple of new wrinkles, but we won’t share them now.”

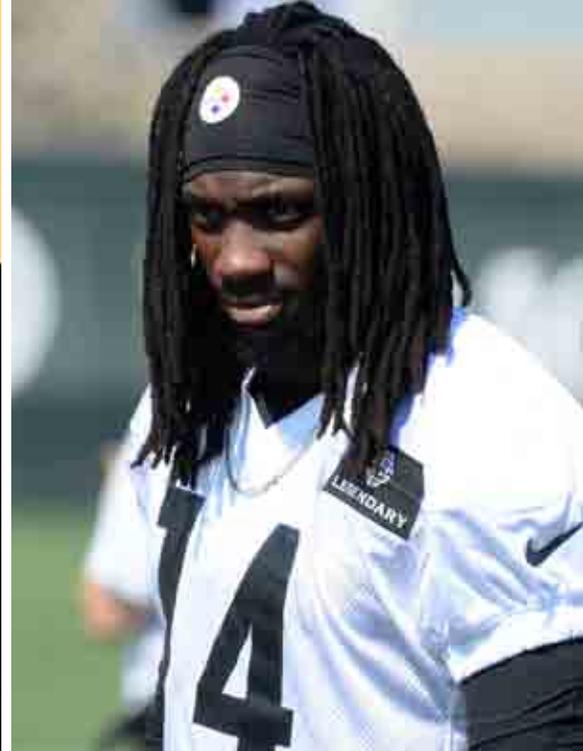
Wrinkles. Hmm, interesting. Will Mike Tomlin be more hands on? Will he draw from his experience as a defensive backs coach in Tampa Bay, which ran the Tampa 2 out of a 4-3 base defense? Probably not. Why implement a whole new system when just getting back to basics and fundamentals – like tackling – could go a long way for a group of guys that won’t have Troy Polamalu, Brett Keisel or Ike Taylor to lead them? Making the approach less



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complicated as young players will be asked to step into big roles seems like the way to go. And there will be a lot of youth on the defensive side of the ball. The Steelers used six of their eight draft picks on defense and you have guys that have been around for a couple years, but haven't seen a lot of game action. Shamarko Thomas, for instance. He who played all of two defensive snaps in 2014 will likely be your starting strong safety alongside Mike Mitchell, who looked pretty disconnected and lost most of last season. With question marks surrounding Cortez Allen's confidence to play starting cornerback in the NFL coupled with rookie Senquez Golson's inexperience and small stature, transition is an understatement in the defensive backfield.

Up front there is a little more continuity with James Harrison coming back for one more year, Cameron Heyward establishing himself as a force on the line and Lawrence Timmons continuing to play at a high level. Second year defensive end out of Notre Dame, Stephon Tuitt, looks to be a good candidate to have a breakout season. He started the last four games of 2014 at right defensive end and linemate Heyward expects big things from him, saying he "has all the talent in the world." First round picks Jarvis Jones and Ryan Shazier have yet to prove their worth and this will be a big year for the young linebackers. Especially since rookie LB Bud Dupree will be pushing them. As the third first round linebacker taken by Pittsburgh in a row, Dupree has the most upside. Jones will be venturing into bust territory if he has another uninspiring season and after an injury plagued rookie campaign, Shazier will want to show

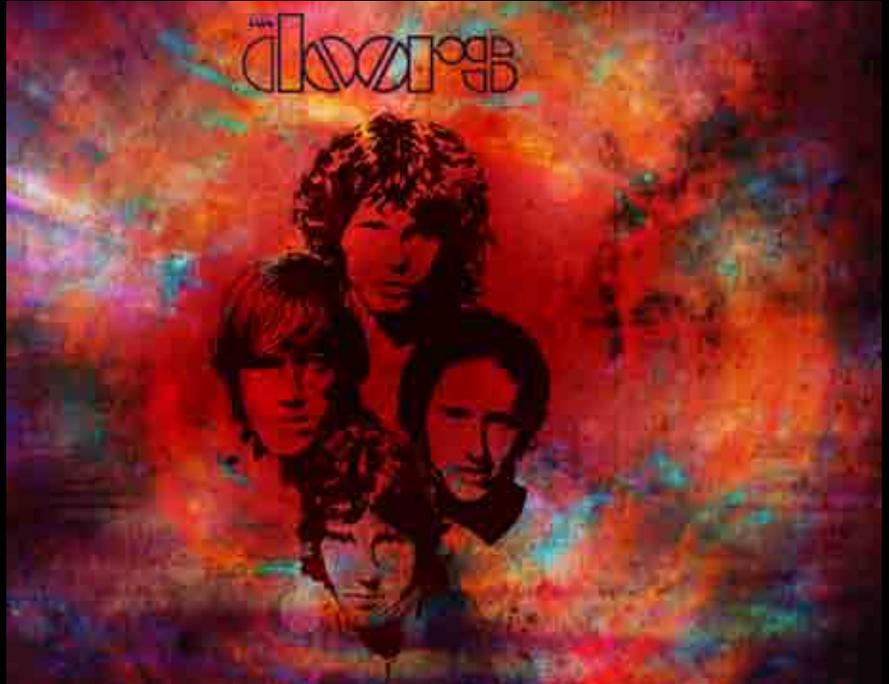
Steelernation what he's got. Plenty of fuel for the fire.

Speaking of fire, the offense was on it last year and pretty much stood pat. The Rooneys made quarterback Ben Roethlisberger a Steeler for life, and they signed 32 year old running back DeAngelo Williams as a Le'Veon Bell insurance policy. Other than drafting Auburn WR Sammie Coates and McKeesport native, Penn State TE Jesse James, the offensive side of the ball is intact. And when you average 411 yards per game, tied with the New Orleans Saints to lead the NFL, that's a good thing.

The Steelers are in the third of three offseason phases where all of this will start to come together. OTAs (Organized Team Activities) give coaches and players 10 practices to go over scheme, get used to working with new teammates and start 7 on 7, 9 on 7 and 11 on 11 drills. No pads. No live contact. This is voluntary, but you would hope that with so much change, attendance will be high. What's mandatory is minicamp, which follows the OTAs, held June 16-18. Just over a month later, the black and gold head to Latrobe for the 50th training camp at Saint Vincent College, where fans will get their first glimpse of a new defensive era.

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Interview With Robby Krieger By Supermonkey



Pittsburgh's a big classic rock town we're expecting a big crowd and I wouldn't be shocked if the show sells out. "My Dad's from Pittsburgh, he had a shoe store downtown called Krieger Shoes many years ago." I didn't know that, so you're Pittsburgher! "Yea I guess (laughing.)"

How exciting is it after all these years to still be able to step on stage to a sea of people that love to hear your music? "It never gets old, if you're into playing live, even if there's only 20 people, if they are into it, its fun."

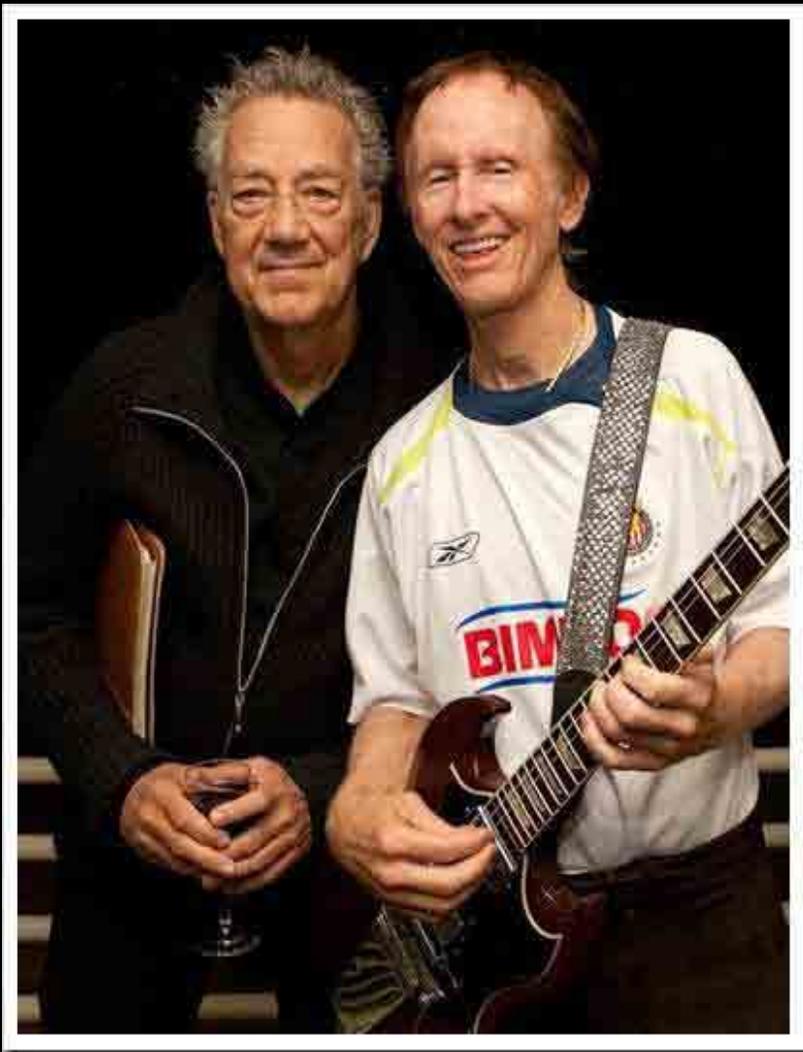
What's your favorite Doors song to play live? "When The Music's Over."

Robby you have written a lot of iconic level songs, I'd have to imagine as a great songwriter you still have a few good songs up your sleeve, what's next? "Well, I just built a studio in LA and have a lot of new projects I'm working on. After The Doors I did a lot of instrumentals. You know when you lose best lead singer of all time, it's kinda hard replace that ya know?"

Yes but you've got to play with a lot of great singers like Brett Scallions of Fuel a few years ago. How did you hook up with him, I mean, Fuel's a pretty hard rock band? "Well Ian Asbury wasn't able to hit the road with us and his name came up and it just worked out. Did you know I played on Fuel's latest album, do you like them?" Yes I did see that in the credits on their new album and yes I love Fuel. I've actually opened a few shows for Brett, super nice guy, and they're from Pennsylvania too you know? "Oh yeah that's right!"

So you have your son Waylon singing lead vocals on this tour, which has to be a special experience for the both of you. What is that like sharing the stage with him and having him get to experience a special part of your life. I thought my Dad was cool because he listened to The Doors – I couldn't imagine my Dad being in The Doors. "Waylon got into acting a few years ago and really has the gift of singing. There's all these Doors tribute acts out there and although some of them are pretty good, they are all





things.” Tom Morello was my Aunt Kim’s next door neighbor, I played basketball and video games with him when we were kids. “Seriously?” Swear to God. “Was he any good at video games?” He was better at guitar. “And of course Van Halen is back which is great to see, he’s always a blast to watch.” Eddie is the man.

What your favorite Doors album? “Love ‘em all but I’d have to say the 1st album or LA Woman. They are both pretty cool but with the 1st album we had 2+ years to put it together and hone the songs. With LA Woman it was more on the spot and some songs we just wrote in 5 minutes in the studio as we were recording.” Those are sometimes the best ones. “I agree.”

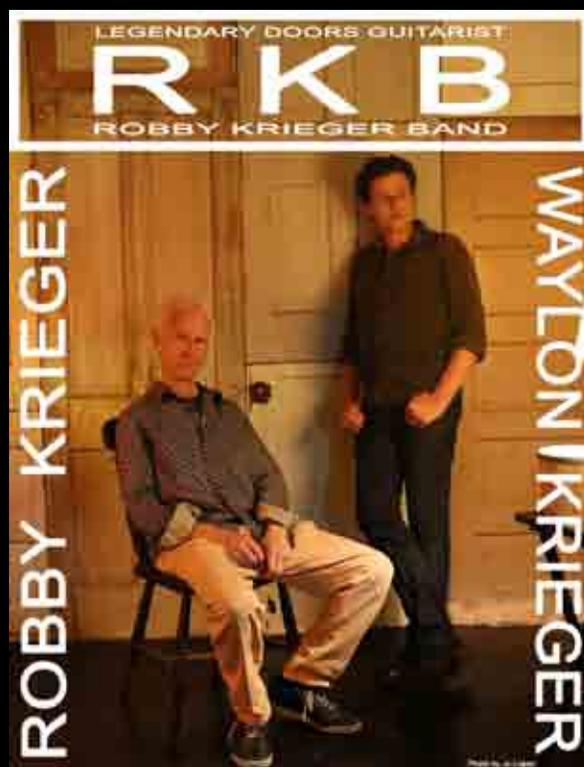
So I heard you like to wear hockey jerseys when you play live. If Mario Lemieux personally gives you a #66 Pittsburgh Penguins Jersey for June 27th at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg, will you wear it on stage? “If Mario gives me one personally I will. Medium or Small please otherwise I look like tent.” You can catch Robby Krieger at the Palace Theater in Greensburg on June 27th tickets available at www.thepalacetheater.org

just tribute acts. If anyone has the right to go out and preform these songs it’s Waylon, he has the bloodline.”

So did you ever think you’d see a day when artists would be able to record and release their own music straight to the masses? What are your thoughts on the digital revolution in music? “No good for making money as so many people just steal your music. They gotta get a handle on that. But I guess it’s good for unknown people to get their music out there.” Agreed, and with iTunes although they keep 40%, 60% of it goes right into your checking account so that’s not too bad if you can write a hit song. “That is true, it’s a lot better than 10%!”

What advice do you have for aspiring musicians today? What pearls of wisdom would you pass along to help them be more successful? “Stay away from the computer, play real music with your friends.”

Who is your favorite guitarist today, who do you see play and go “WOW!” – “Tom Morello is great he does some amazing



At The Movies...

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AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

The first Avengers movie was entertaining and set box office records. AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON is actually better than the first. It eschews the sophomore curse which has plagued Marvel superhero tales and proffers a movie that merits multiple viewings.

The most exemplary element of AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON is its script. The movie, written and directed by Joss Whedon avoids a major pitfall in most Marvel films of assuming the audience is fully aware of the characters in the Marvel universe. AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON presents each new character with an appropriate and self-explanatory introduction.

S.H.I.E.L.D. is in shambles. Framed by arch-enemy HYDRA, it is seen by the populace and government as a rogue organization. HYDRA has secured Loki's scepter, and the power crystal it contains and is attempting to weaponize it. Meanwhile, the Avengers have discovered the location of HYDRA's main fortress and are mounting an attack to break the evil establishment and reclaim the scepter. The opening battle provides a powerful action sequence and reintroduces the Scarlet Witch, Wanda Maximoff, played by Elisabeth Olsen and her twin brother Pietro, aka Quicksilver, played by Aaron Taylor-Johnson.

Once the battle is fought, HYDRA scatters and the Avengers regain the scepter, the group shows signs of dysfunction. Tony Stark (Robert Downey, Jr.) convinces Dr. Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo) to help him create an artificial intelligence that can provide peace to the Earth and make the Avengers unnecessary. All does not go well, as the AI absorbs the worst elements of Stark's personality and meshes them with remnants of HYDRA experiments. This unholy alliance produces Ultron, who seeks world oblivion.

This is a slight deviation from the comic tale. Originally, Ant-Man created Ultron. However, Ant-Man is starring in his own stand alone film, to be released next month. Marvel wants the movie to highlight the new character and did not want to introduce him in the Avengers film. Exit Ant-Man as the Ultron creator and enter the Stark-Banner combo. The switch works, especially considering the multiple approaches the Ant-Man movie went through during script development.

The Pittsburgh critics' premiere of AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON was presented in 3-D. It is both impressive and problematic. The 3-D technology excels in the long range shots and slow motion sequences. Even commonplace shots, like Tony Stark inside the Iron Man mask, are impressive and much more effective in 3-D. However, in the close-up, fast edit sequences, the 3-D reveals too much of the matting and animation, rendering a cartoon or video game visage.

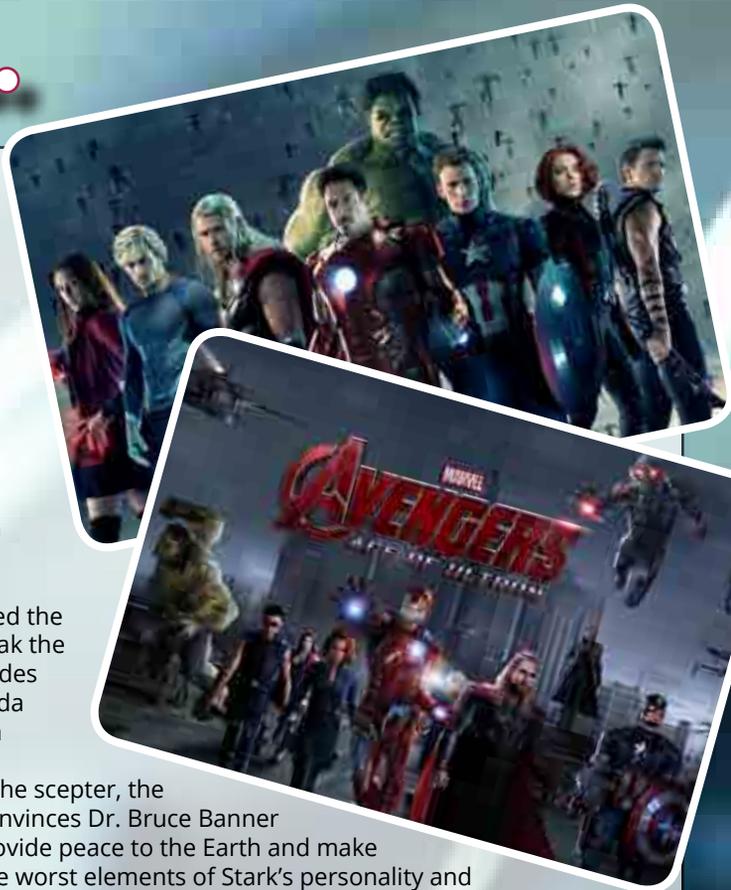
With the technical idiosyncrasies aside, AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON is exceptionally entertaining. At two and a half hours in length, it still is a roller-coaster ride of excitement. This one should not be missed, and if possible, see it in 3-D.

RATING = 10/10

RUN ALL NIGHT

Liam Neeson truly jump-started his career when he opted, during his mid-life crisis, to become an action star. Since he made TAKEN he has overshadowed all his previous endeavors, including his stint in STAR WARS. He is at it again, in what is the best action movie so far this year, RUN ALL NIGHT.

Of course what aids Neeson in this endeavor is excellent cinematography, fast-paced editing and his co-star, Ed Harris. Harris and Neeson are amazing talents, and their chemistry onscreen in RUN ALL NIGHT is exceptional. At the very core of the conflict and enveloping the action is the code of the warrior. Admittedly, the code is somewhat skewed when families are involved, but Harris and Neeson wield the warrior's code like two samurais from an Akira Kurosawa or John Woo film. Harris' performance here is as strong as his antagonist to Jude Law's protagonist in ENEMY AT THE GATES.



Jimmy Conlon (Neeson) and Shawn Maguire (Harris) are best friends; old buddies who served together in the war and came back to start and build a prime crime network in New York City. While Maguire served as the brains of the outfit, Conlon was the muscle; a cold-blooded assassin who ensured his friend's rise to the top. Conlon's

estranged son, Mike, played by Joel Kinnaman, is a limo driver. He is hired to escort two Albanian drug cartel members to a rendezvous, but when their deal goes awry, he is placed in conflict with Maguire's son Danny, played by Boyd Holbrook. The conflict quickly spreads to the fathers and best friends are pitted against one another in a story of revenge.

Technically, Martin Ruhe is in his milieu shooting the action sequences. The car chase is especially entertaining, presented in a fashion unique to a rather obligatory action succession. His transitions, when changing scenes are also creative. They are reminiscent of the transitions used in the TV show BURN NOTICE, but on a heavy dose of celluloid steroids.

The cinematography is backed by fast-paced, but old school editing. Dirk Westervelt doesn't bother with today's trendy and quite annoying close ups and quick edits. The action sequences are cleverly spliced, especially considering the combatants are primarily old guys. The fight in the subway bathroom is primo. All of this is augmented by a driving soundtrack by Junkie XL.

If you're a fan of action movies, you won't go wrong with RUN ALL NIGHT. Well crafted by Director Jaume Collet-Serra, RUN ALL NIGHT features most noble technical aspects and two of the screen's best performers in Neeson and Harris.

RATING = 8/10

TOMORROWLAND

The script for TOMORROWLAND was kept under lock and key until the critics' screenings. Rumor circulated about the film's story. Was it a tale of Walt Disney and how he created Disneyland? Was it a sci-fi yarn? Was it a typical teen romp? It's easier to keep a plotline secretive when the scriptwriter isn't sure of the film's direction. There are distinct sections to TOMORROWLAND including: a George Clooney liberal smug lecture; an estrogen-filled Disney girlie template; a sci-fi Armageddon tale; and an action escapade. While they all connect on the barest of threads, it leaves TOMORROWLAND as a movie in search of an identity.

Not only are TOMORROWLAND's plot lines hackneyed, so are some of its scenes as they are purloined from all-too familiar films. One can easily recognize scenes from THE ROCKETEER, MEN IN BLACK, JURASSIC PARK, STAR WARS, PIRATES OF THE CARRIBEAN, and REAL STEEL, the movie version of Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots.

George Clooney is Frank Walker, a boy genius who is whisked to TOMORROWLAND to lend his intellect to the perfect world. But Frank creates a system that does not fit into TOMORROWLAND's perfection, and as such, is banned from the dimensional Eden. Enter Brit Robertson, who plays Casey Newton. Newton is also a genius and may be the only person who can stop the Earth's destruction caused by man's interference with nature. Also starring are Hugh Laurie, Kathrin Hahn and Keegan-Michael Key.

What TOMORROWLAND actually accomplishes is a liberal version of Ayn Rand's ATLAS SHRUGGED. The premise is the greatest minds have left civilization and created their own pleasure dome in which their enhanced ideologies can rule their existence. The difference in the stories is Rand's libertarian utopia worked. The ideal world founded on liberal philosophy in TOMORROWLAND leads to total annihilation.

The editor for TOMORROWLAND is Walter Murch. Murch is, without question, one of the best cutters in Tinseltown. He does, however, have a foible. In his story telling, he always has a middle segment that is drawn out too long, tending to bog down the film's flow. It happens here in the second segment. After Clooney's opening political rant scene, the story shifts to Casey Newton's involvement. This is the typical Disney girl power sequence. It is dull, too long and not particularly interesting. I nearly bolted from the screening during this painful to watch progression, thinking the Stanley Cup playoffs would be more enjoyable at the theatre bar. Luckily, just as I was ready to leave, TOMORROWLAND took another turn; Casey arrives at Frank's house and the film shifts from girlie tale to action tale. Murch's penchant for middle film lulls nearly kills this one.

TOMORROWLAND will be a hard sell at the box office. After all the inconsistencies are dismantled, the only remaining element in the film is Clooney's hackneyed political views.

RATING = 4/10

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Reverse Bandit: 2015 Pittsburgh Marathon

by Eric Saferstein

Back in 1994, a short, stocky, slow-witted bald man decided to do everything “the opposite.” His name was Costanza. Even non-Seinfeld fans have a vague recollection of the season finale where George undergoes one of the most vivid transformations in the history of modern television. I happened to watch that episode the day before the Pittsburgh Marathon and it triggered something deep within my soul. Long story short, I came up with an idea that would irreparably alter the course of humanity. I invented the concept of “reverse bandit.”

First, a brief explanation. I’ve been a runner since high school. Cross country, track and a little soccer. I wouldn’t classify myself as passionate or obsessed. I’m more of a part-time exercise enthusiast. But I have stuck with it for the past two decades. Mostly in the 5-10 kilometer range. Keep in mind, I’ve never seriously considered the notion of doing an entire 26.2 mile marathon. It’s just way out of my league.

Some additional background. The Pittsburgh Marathon was recently ranked #8... on the planet earth. That’s right. Outclassing races in Tokyo and San Francisco, even Paris and London. We may lack the Eiffel Tower and Big Ben. But we do have the U.S. Steel Tower and Big Ben. Huzzah.

Now for those unfamiliar with the jogging industry, there’s a derogatory term for people who enter a race without the proper credentials. They’re called “race bandits.” They don’t pay the fee. They don’t sign a waiver. They don’t get a numbered tag. They just show up and run. Many have the audacity to snag a bottle of water and some will even smile while consuming an Eat’n’Park cookie. People who do this are generally not well-received. The closest approximation would be something along the lines of a “volunteer scab.” Blah.

Lest ye forget, the inspiration for this article is grounded in the George Costanza metamorphosis. As I reflected on that Seinfeld episode, a crazy idea popped into my head. What if I were to do the entire marathon... but do it in reverse? Walk not run. Start at the finish line and finish at the starting line. Just do everything the opposite. The mere thought of this was like getting a B12 shot. Let’s just say... I think it moved.

So I searched on all kinds of phrases. Reverse marathon, backwards relay, inverted racing, intransigent bandit and so on. But nothing came up. This left me even more determined and resolute. I was going to be the first ever pseudo-official reverse bandit. I was going to go where no runner had gone before, n’at.

As far as preparation went, there’s not much to describe. I went to the official website and printed out the precise directions and a nifty map. Roughly twelve distinct neighborhoods winding through the city of Pixburgh. I figured the whole escapade would last about 6 hours.

Sunday morning May 3 came early. Fortunately, my girlfriend

wakes up for work at 5 am on the weekends. And since she was heading downtown, it was a perfect fit. She could drop me off directly at the finish line.

The majority of runners choose to “carb up” with an intravenously administered, liquified entree of fettuccine alfredo. However, I opted for chicken salad, on rye, untoasted, with a side of potato salad and a cup of tea. Just kidding. I had a slice of pumpernickel, a hard boiled egg and a cup of coffee.

When most runners prepare for battle, they spend plenty of cash on electronic gadgets and expensive attire. I on the other hand had some grass-stained tennis shoes, a bottle of water and a handful of napkins. No cell phone, no money, no ipod, no keys, no identification, no nothing. On second thought, I had two things. A hastily emblazoned t-shirt with the term “reverse bandit” and something else of far greater significance. My mission, my purpose, my cause. For the last several years, I’ve been an ardent supporter of AGSAF, the Artificially Generated Stampede Awareness Foundation. No time for a thorough explanation. Suffice to say, it ain’t the Human Fund. If you wish, feel free to google it on the internet machine.

Now from what I’ve heard, the most important thing one can do before a big race is get a good night’s sleep. Instead, me and the woman went to an outdoor Hall & Oates concert at Stage AE. In the shadow of Heinz Field, that venue rarely disappoints.

Gigi dropped me off right on schedule. 5:30 am at the Boulevard of the Allies (how prophetic --- I’d need all the help I could get). She gave me some added inspiration with a prepared written statement. “Eric, most people think you’re out of touch. But I will always encourage you to do what you want, be what you are. Say it isn’t so, but you make my dreams come true. And while I wanted to join you this morning, I just can’t go for that.” We both chimed in unison, “no can do.” She then gave me a kiss and wished me luck.

I headed up Liberty Avenue through the Strip District with a moderate pace. It was cold and dark. Keep in mind, I was doing everything in reverse so except for the police, emergency med techs and race volunteers, the course was largely deserted. A few miles in, the sun began to rise. Soon after would come my first meaningful encounter. I was accosted by an elderly hippie sitting on a Victorian porch near the intersection of Friendship Avenue. He beckoned, “What the hell does reverse bandit mean?” I explained how it was a burgeoning concept in alternative competition. I clamored back, “It ain’t all about fame and fortune. Reverse bandits are here to stay. It’s the wave of the future.”

He heckled back, “Ya know, we’re living in a society! We’re supposed to act in a civilized way!” I told him I didn’t think his behavior was representative of the Friendship community in which he resided.

This was no ordinary hippie espousing peace and love. Quite the contrary, I could sense his seething bitterness and pent-up rage. And lemme tell ya something, he sure was angry that day. Like an old man trying to send back matzah ball soup in a Squirrel Hill deli. So much for Woodstock and freedom rock. I journeyed onward.

On the outskirts of Homewood, I glanced at a homeless man in an alley. He was eying up my plastic water as if it were a bottle of Dom Perignon. I wished him a pleasant afternoon but he snarled back, "Can't stand ya." Considering the recent spate of negativity, I started to wonder if I should just quit. Maybe this wasn't all worth it.

By the time I hit Shadyside, I made first contact with the paracyclists. Then a trio of elite male athletes passed me in Oakland. Things were starting to pick up. The concentration of runners was growing more dense. An old high school friend spotted me and yelled my name. I hollered back, "TARRAGON!" Note: his last name has been altered to protect against any affiliation with those deemed undesirable (me).

As I approached the Birmingham Bridge, everything turned into a sea of absolute chaos. It brought to mind images of stampeding wildebeests along the Serengeti. Everyone coming directly at me, pounding the pavement, jostling for leverage and position. I tried to keep an eye out for people I knew, but the mass of humanity had a dizzying effect. So I stuck to the sidewalk and focused on the path forward.

Fun fact for you. The Pittsburgh Marathon incorporates four bridges, crossing three landmark rivers. There's the Allegheny, Ohio and the Mon (pronounced Mahn), short for Monongahela. Hey, there's nothing wrong with a little geographical enlightenment. Even the oil and gas industry has fallen in love with our scenic waterways. Go figure. Drill baby drill. Seriously, what the frick/frack is/was that?

I began to sense a growing trend. Many of the runners were evolving into alternative life forms. There was Batman, a sumo wrestler, the infamous Super Bowl Left Shark, a couple of giant hot dogs and even the Greatest American Hero which triggered that memorable 1981 theme song in my head. "Believe it or not, it's just me." Reminiscent of an answering machine from a man who's self-described as totally inadequate, completely insecure, paranoid, neurotic. He even used to wear a toupee. I'd give him a ring, but I think he'd screen me out. "Believe it or not, I'm not home."

As I ventured deeper into the Southside, I spotted a maniacal, shirtless freak. Covered with tattoos, chiseled with bodily piercings and sporting earlobe discs the size of frisbees. He was repeatedly screaming at the top of his lungs, "Yinz got this! Yinz got this!" I think everyone has had an encounter with one of these reptilian imposters. Let me be honest. I'm a social liberal

who's very accepting of others, but the lizard people really bother me. I think it's a combination of distasteful annoyance and abhorrent revulsion.

Slowly but surely, the crowd began to dwindle. All that remained were some vigilant sanitation workers cleaning up a gazillion discarded cups. By the time I reached the beginning of the West End, I was alone again. I carried on through the North Side, clutching my directions. I remained beholden to a simple theory. Every direction was the opposite. Right was left. Left was right. Up was down. Black was white. Good was bad. Day was night.

In considerable pain, I made my triumphantly twisted return to the Strip District. A blister had formed on my left foot. My neck was sore and my back was killing me. But I had finally reached the starting line. The sound of silence reverberated. Hooah! Or in this case HUA, the Marine slogan which stands for heard, understood and acknowledged. I felt a calm sense of reassurance despite being actively denied all three prior characterizations.

Suddenly it dawned on me. I didn't have a ride home. So I hobbled over to the definitive finish line. The crowd was enormous. The runners alone easily tallied over 30,000. Factor in family and friends and the Point State Park throng was likely in the range of 100,000. By some sort of Sunday miracle, I spotted my old friend Tarragon. Turns out he was heading to the airport which was in my general homeward direction. Let's just say it takes a very special kind of person... who's willing to pester someone that just ran 26+ miles. My exact words, "Dude, you gotta gimme a ride, man."

On the way home, we had a fascinating discussion about asymmetric national security threats, the proliferation of cellular technology, wireless hyper-connectivity, situational awareness, civil rights and generational warfare. We even talked about my decision to embrace the role of reverse bandit.

I asked him, "Hey, I'm just curious. As a legit marathon runner, what's your honest opinion of this whole reverse bandit thing? Is what I did okay? Or am I just living a lie?"

He replied, "Saf, just remember. It's not a lie... if you believe it."

Tarragon continued, "I gotta be honest, I think what you've accomplished deserves some kind of recognition. You just need a hook. As far as Pittsburgh goes, everyone knows about the immaculate reception. How about we label your disturbing achievement as... the immaculate rejection?"

Hmm, that has a nice ring to it. I think I'll secure the domain name.

So just remember. There are those who finish first. And there are those who finish last. And then there are those who do it in reverse. Regardless, I'll be back next year. Same Burgh time. Same Burgh channel.

Have a Real “Can-Do” Summer With These Craft Beer Cans

by Brian Meyer

There’s a sacred bond that exists between warm weather and beer. While a good beer is great all year, there’s just something about a hot day that makes a beer taste better than normal. Getting more specific, warm weather doesn’t just call for a good beer, but a good beer in a can.

Craft beer has seen a resurgence of the trustworthy can as of late, and for a very good reason. Not only are cans allowed in far more places than bottles are, they’re better for the beer, too. Cans block light and air from getting to your favorite beer while letting it get cold faster. Best of all, cans are lighter and smaller than bottles, so you can fit more in your cooler. In short, if you haven’t tried a craft beer can lately, you probably should. Heck, aluminum cans are even better to recycle than bottles are, making them better for the environment, too.

While we could go on about the benefits of cans for beer, it’s the liquid inside that really matters, the container is just a way to get the beer to you, right? The move towards canning craft beer is bigger than ever this summer, with many breweries adding their best beers to cans and others only releasing their beers into them. From pilsners to pale ales to a tart gose, there’s a beer for everyone in a can this summer so get out there and enjoy some sunshine with your favorite beer.

Anderson Valley Holy Gose

– Back in the early 16th century, the people of Golsar, Germany created a beer that was brewed with salt water and spiced with coriander and hops. Allowed to ferment with lactic bacteria, this tart beverage was a rousing success. As with all things, history has a way of repeating itself and Anderson Valley is here to help. The Kimmie, The Ying, & The Holy Gose (pronounced go-zuh) is a 4.2% ABV beer that’s light yet tart with a slightly salty taste. Perfect for warmer months, this beer is only around during the warmer months so make sure to try it before it’s history again.

North Country Brewing

Co. Bucco Blonde – Blonde

ales are typically light and refreshing, making them a perfect match for warm weather, and North Country Brewing’s Bucco Blonde is no exception. This 4.9% blonde ale has a great malt body with a hint of bitterness to balance things out. This beer was brewed specifically for Pittsburgh’s very own Pirates. More specifically, for the Bucco’s pitching coach Ray Searage, also known as Uncle Ray, and proceeds go to benefit the Make a Wish foundation.

North Country Brewing

Co. Stinky Hippie – Wait,

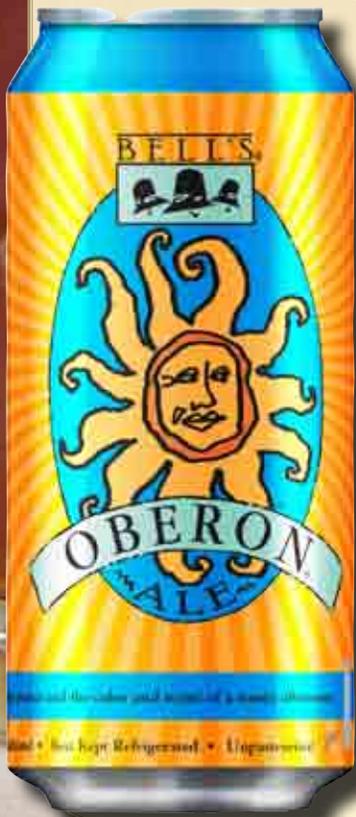
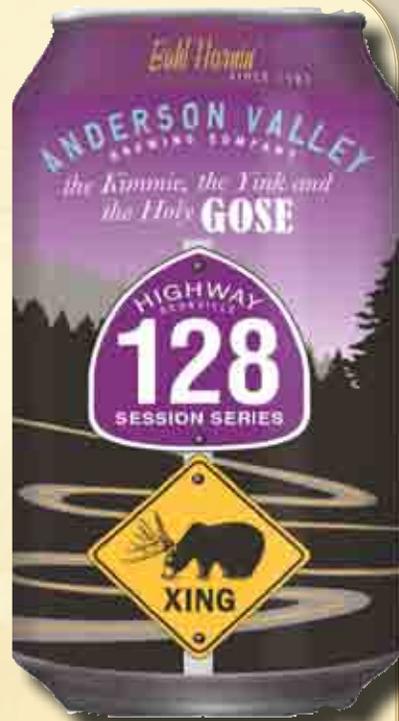
you can actually tie-dye a can? While we may not know the science behind tying a can into knots and dying it psychedelic colors, what we do know is that the beer inside the can is equally as impressive. The beer in question is another great offering from North Country Brewing Co. from Slippery Rock, PA called Stinky Hippie. This American pale ale comes in at 6% and has all the dankness you’d expect to come out of something this...colorful. Practice some peace and love of your own and give this one a try.

North Country Brewing Co. Ryeparian Rye-Pa

– So how do you make a beer even better? For starters you can put it in a can instead of a bottle, but past that, there’s really only one way, and that’s to make it charitable, too. North Country Brewing’s Riparian Rye Pale Ale is full of more than rye beer spiciness, it’s filled with a sense of charity and nature, too. For every beer sold, a portion of sales go to Western. PA’s Conservancy. That means that while you get to enjoy an amazing pale ale with a great rye body to it, you also get to support the Conservancy’s steam bank tree planting program. Pretty good deal, right?

Bell’s Brewing Oberon

– What’s better than one of the best summer beers ever in a 12oz can? One of the best summer beers in a 16oz can of course! Summertime favorite Oberon from Bell’s Brewery is out once again this summer with a twist,



thanks to the “pounder” can and a true pint pour. Light and refreshing, both sizes are available this year to help you with all your porch sitting and grass cutting, can koozie not included.

Otter Creek Brewing Fresh Slice White IPA – The call of the lawn chair and fresh cut grass is a strong one, and Fresh Slice from Otter Creek Brewing is here to answer it. This 5.5% white IPA includes a little clementine and coriander along with some very dank and delicious hops. The Belgian yeast used in this beer makes it nice and fresh tasting while being extra refreshing for nice hot days. Best of all, this is the first can ever offered by Otter Creek, so check it out while you can, as this one is only seasonal.

Heavy Seas Beer Smooth Sail – The folks at Heavy Seas Beer know a thing or two about great beer in cans. Adding to their lineup of canned beverages comes Smooth Sail. Not your average summer ale, this 4.5% ABV wheat ale includes lemon and orange peel to give it a nice citrus kick. While some Heavy Seas beers are available in bottles, this seasonal treat is only in cans, making it an easy choice for the beach or tailgating.

Victory Brewing Co. Summer Love – Coming out this summer for the first time in a can, Victory’s seasonal Summer Love is better than ever thanks to the aluminum vessel. While there are many reasons to love summer, Summer Love is possibly the best. This golden ale comes in at 5.2% ABV and features tastes of fresh, clean German malts with earthy and spicy noble European hops, finishing up with a lemony after-taste thanks to some whole flower American hops.

Troegs Brewing Sunshine Pils – Another

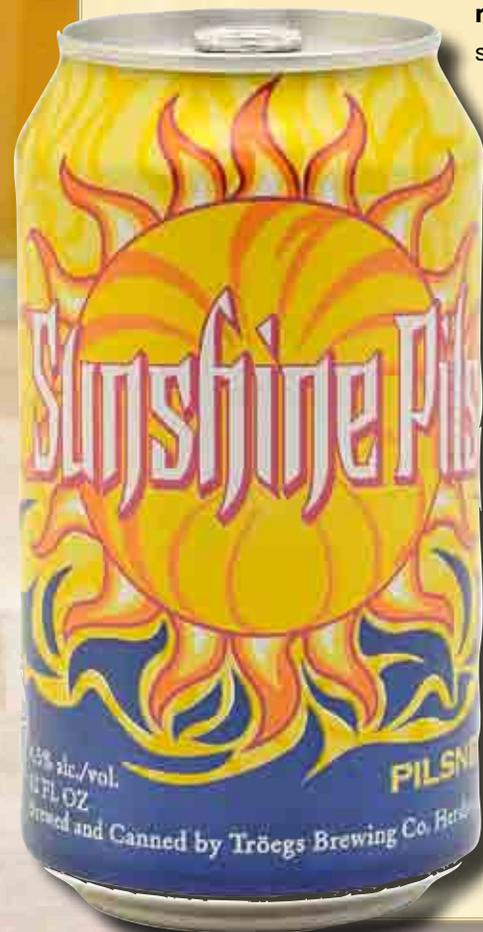
freshman in the canned beer club, Troegs Brewing’s Sunshine Pils is ready for summer in its new outfit. This straw-golden Pilsner comes in at 4.5% ABV and is possibly one of the most refreshing beers you’ll ever try. Brewed with Pilsner malt as well as Hersbrucker and Saaz hops, this Euro-style Pilsner is crisp and light while having a solid hop profile. Perfect for just about any meal or a good day of yard work, Sunshine Pils is like sunshine in a can.

Jack’s Hard Cider – Not every canned beverage this summer has to be a beer, especially with the amazing ciders available from Jack’s Hard Cider. Jack’s Original is dry, crisp, and biting refreshing...like biting into a fresh tart apple. Helen’s Blend is just as delicious, but is more fruit-forward with a balance of acids and sugars, creating a smooth finish. Jack’s Original comes in at 5.5% ABV while Helen’s Blend is slightly lower at 5%.

Oskar Blues Brewing Dale’s Pale Ale – If history is what you want, then Oskar Blues Dale’s Pale Ale is what you need to get. Oskar Blues is the first craft brewery to can their beer, and is still one of the only craft breweries in the country that relies solely on canning for individual sales. Big and hoppy, Dale’s comes in at 6.5% ABV and is as refreshing as it is bitter, and that is to say a lot on both counts. This critically acclaimed trailblazer was the first craft kid on the block in a can, and is still one of the best today.

Oskar Blues Mamas Yella Pils – Always in a can, Mama’s Little Yella Pils is a craft version of the pilsners available around the world. Brewed with 100% malted barley, Mama’s comes in at 5.3% ABV and a bitterness level that’s just right for a hot day.

All of these canned beers and more are proudly distributed in the Pittsburgh area by Vecenie Wholesale.



Freedom In A Bottle: Yards Brewing Ales Of

by Brian Meyer



Four score and far more than seven pints ago our forefathers, much like many of us, brewed their own beer. While planning the revolution that brought us the freedom we have today, our founding fathers enjoyed their fair share of ale. The founding fathers are most notably known for, well, founding a nation and a way of life for generations to come but their love of beer was as inherent in them as their belief that we should be free from Colonial England.

For example, after Thomas Jefferson stepped down from his life of public service he actually started making beer himself, taking over the duty from none other than his wife Martha. Jefferson brewed and bottled his first batch of beer at his home of Monticello in 1812, making him one of the earliest homebrewers in the new nation!

Along with plans for battles and ideas for running the United States of America as its first leader, George Washington kept a beer journal, too. This journal had brewing notes and methods for brewing in all types of weather. One of the most famous beer recipes alive today is the one Washington recorded for making small beer.

The examples go on, but the idea remains the same: beer is so closely tied with the start of our nation that it's as much a part of the USA as apple pie, chopped down cherry trees, and of course freedom. Brewing in the time of Washington and Jefferson was surprisingly similar to how it's done today, with some obvious improvements in technology helping us to make much better and more consistent beer.

To celebrate the love our founding fathers had for beer, Yards Brewing, located in our nation's original capital of Philadelphia, PA, came up with their Ales of the Revolution series. Comprised

of three different beers, the Ales of the Revolution pay homage to the beers these first leaders of the nation by making modern versions of these historic beers using ingredients from the original beer recipes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin.

Created in partnership with Philadelphia's City Tavern, a favorite bar of our founding fathers, the Ales of the Revolution showcase some unique beers that are just as good today as they were in the time of Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin.

General Washington's Tavern Porter

General Washington sent quite a few pieces of communication to his officers, but one of these came in the form of a description of a specific style of beer and how to brew it. Using molasses to aid in fermentation and taste, Washington made his porter to resemble those found in Philadelphia at the time. Washington's Tavern Porter is dark, smooth, with just a hint of dried fruit on the finish. Coming in at 7% ABV, Tavern Porter is an amazing beer that pays homage to our first president and his love of all things beer.

Poor Richard's Tavern Spruce

Benjamin Franklin had a favorite recipe for beer that included barley, molasses, and oddly enough, spruce. When used in beer, spruce can lend floral, citrusy flavors that can lean towards the resinous and piney, depending on use. While the idea of a pine tree in your beer may seem odd, remember that much like hops, spruce has been used for hundreds of years as a botanical spice, even being used as a source of vitamin C to ward off scurvy during the winter.

Poor Richard's Tavern Spruce is a highly approachable amber

The Revolution



ale that uses blue spruce clippings from a local organic farmer that are steeped in the kettle during brewing. It's been said that this recipe came about when hops were cut off from England during the war, this was Franklin's attempt at an IPA without hops (even though there are hops used in this version today). Tavern Spruce comes in at 5% ABV and is considered a Spice Ale or Indigenous Ale, and even won a bronze medal two years ago at the Great American Beer Festival for Indigenous Ales and another bronze last year for historic beers. The beer is complex with a light spruce flavor and aroma. If you haven't tried a spruce beer before, this should definitely be your first. You'll be surprised how well spruce pairs with beer.

Thomas Jefferson's Tavern Ale

Thomas Jefferson made sure that beer was served at every dinner as a "table liquor." Jefferson was so enthralled with beer that his earliest plans for his home at Monticello included specific spaces for brewing and storing beer.

Jefferson considered brewing beer a scientific pursuit, which showed in his dedication to the craft. Jefferson considered beer to be ubiquitous with life, keeping it a part of his home and his daily activities. While the beer he consumed daily was a "small beer" of lower ABV than is common today, this was done more for the want to consume it often than an inability to make higher gravity brews.

Much like any successful homebrewer, Jefferson's neighbors soon started asking for his recipes and methods for brewing, and James Madison even sent someone from his staff to

learn the Monticello way of brewing to bring back home with him.

While stronger than Jefferson's table beer, Yards' Tavern Ale still pays homage to this early brewer and founding father. Tavern Ale comes in at 8% ABV and is considered a strong golden ale. The brewmaster for Yards worked closely with Philadelphia's historic City Tavern to recreate Jefferson's recipe for us to enjoy today. Brewmaster Tom Kehoe chose honey, flaked maize, rye malt, and American hops to make this beer an amazingly unique and refreshing lesson in our nation's history.

Variety Pack

With beers this unique and amazing, it can be hard to choose only one. This is why Yards Brewing has their Ales of the Revolution variety pack. The variety pack comes in the 12-pack variety and has four of each of the Ales of the Revolution included. Pair two of these together and you've got a history lesson in a case.

Our founding fathers believed in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and each believed that these three necessities are all found in beer. What better way to celebrate the founding of our nation on July 4th than with beers that are directly tied with those great men that helped our nation stand up for ourselves and demand freedom.

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Pittsburgh Cultural Trust: Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh Bash



Come one, come all to the greatest party in the Cultural District! Run away with the circus during the 9th annual Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh bash hosted by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Partners Board. Join partygoers following the Gallery Crawl around the Cultural District to experience a night of wondrous entertainment.

7:00pm - The magnificent VIP PARTY highlights delectable bites catered by local chefs from Creative Culinary, Eleven Contemporary Kitchen, Habitat and Station complete with signature sips and spectacular amusements.

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Be the Best Motorcycle Passenger With These Great Tips

by Edgar Snyder and Associates

If you're the passenger on a motorcycle, you might not be as familiar with all the mechanics and techniques of riding. A passenger who moves at the wrong time or in the wrong way can cause a serious accident.

The best way to avoid a crash is to prevent it from happening. By knowing the right way to ride, passengers can help everyone stay safe and maintain control. We've put together this list to keep your rides safe and accident free.

Wear the Right Gear

If you're not a seasoned rider, then you might not know the right attire for your ride. Showing up in flip-flops and pair of shorts is a big mistake. Make sure you have on long, sturdy pants or jeans, a durable jacket with long sleeves, and closed-toe protective footwear. Always wear a helmet, and make sure that it fits snugly to your head. Wearing gloves can keep your hands safe in the event of a crash as well.

Ask the driver about how to dress appropriately for the temperature. They can give you some insight into dressing for warm and cold rides. You don't want to sacrifice protection just because you're hot. Here's a great list of what you should wear on your next motorcycle ride.

Know Your Footpegs

New passengers might not know about the footpegs on the back of a motorcycle. These are where you securely place your feet for the duration of the ride. At no point should you ever take your feet off the pegs while the motorcycle is in motion.

You might feel tempted to help the driver maintain balance while stopped, but taking your feet off the pegs could lead to leg burns from the exhaust, getting your foot caught in the drive chain, or worse. Keep your feet on the pegs until you're ready to dismount.

Banking Turns and You

Motorcycles, much like airplanes, lean or bank when they turn. Newer passengers might not be familiar with this sensation, so it's important to know how to handle banking turns. Always keep your body centered in the bike and in line with the driver. If he or she is banking right, look directly over the driver's right shoulder. If they're banking left, look over the left shoulder.

This will keep you lined up with the driver and help them maintain balance through the turn. Never attempt to lean out of the turn, as it could cause the driver to lose control.

"What Do I Do With My Hands?"

When you're seated behind the driver, the best place to put your hands would be on his or her hips. This allows you to understand the driver's shifting weight and helps you to mimic that weight transfer.

Don't be shy. Ask the driver what they prefer and be comfortable with your hand placement. It's important to feel safe while you're riding.

Be an Active Participant on Your Ride

When you're riding along, you should constantly be scanning for any potential dangers. After all, your driver is focused on the road. Be an extra pair of eyes and look out for any wildlife or other obstacles that may pose a threat.

If you see a deer lurking in the woods or a dog running from a front yard, gently tap the driver on the shoulder and point to the possible danger. By acting as a lookout, you can help make your ride safer.

Must-Have Motorcycle Safety Gear

Our Top Picks to Keep You Safe When You Ride

As the weather warms up and motorcycle season kicks into high gear, you may want to consider kicking your riding gear up a notch as well. New technology has led to many improvements in more traditional motorcycle equipment and to the creation of some new and innovative gear as well.

Safe riding gear can make all the difference if you are involved in an accident on your motorcycle. We've put together a list of our top safety picks to take your gear to the next level this motorcycle season.

The Basics

Before getting into the latest products, be sure that you've got the basics covered in time for the start of the season.

In the web exclusive, Attorney Edgar Snyder and Attorney Michael Rosenzweig join Hal Deily, President of the Greater Pittsburgh Motorcycle Safety Council, to talk about the different options in bike gear. Hal takes the team on a tour of a motorcycle dealership for an in-depth look at the different types of jackets, footwear, riding gloves, and helmets available.

These important motorcycle safety tips were brought to you from our friends at Edgar Snyder & Associates. www.edgarsnyder.com. 1-866-943-3427

TRAVEL: Cedar Point - Hotel Breakers



May 2015 marked the debut of the newly-renovated Hotel Breakers located along the mile-long Cedar Point Beach. Hotel Breakers completed its two-year transformation into the ultimate resort destination. It took two years to re-style, re-imagine and totally refresh and completely refurbish from the ground up the entire hotel. During the remodeling they added a new exterior along with a total modernization of the entire hotel. Hotel Breakers added a new elegant entrance portal. The hotel features classic interior finishes, newly-furnished and remodeled rooms. All guest room are now equipped with LCD TVs, new furniture, all brand new bedding and fabulous décor. Plus each guest room features a dorm-sized refrigerator and



microwave. Complimentary Wi-Fi and fitness room are also available.

Guests will find a comfortable, social setting inside the five-story rotunda that now is home to a full-service Starbucks and a refreshing new Surf Lounge Bar with a patio. The rotunda space has been transformed to house an expanded exterior green space with spectacular panoramic views of Lake Erie and an outdoor water play area with zero depth entry and splash features. The popular favorites of TGI Friday's, Perkins and TOMO Hibachi Grill will continue to be available. Hotel Breakers at Cedar Point the perfect place for families, or anyone looking for that special "get away!"

The outdoor pool deck was expanded to include a water play area with zero-depth entry, a hot tub plus new deck chairs and umbrellas (outdoor pool areas open Memorial Day Weekend).

"We want to provide a well-rounded and complete vacation experience for our guests, and the enhancements at the Hotel Breakers will help them have just that," said Jason McClure. "It will have a fun and fresh feel, is steps away from the park and it's a great place to start new family traditions."

Just as their guests arrived 110 years ago by train and ferry, they were looking for the same thing as guests are looking for in 2015 - a place to share time with family and friends. While the skyline of the park has changed over the 110 year history of the Hotel Breakers, their commitment to service hasn't.

Located just steps away from Cedar Point, The Roller Coaster Capital of the World!, the park's signature Hotel Breakers is the perfect place to stay after a perfect day.

Other amenities include two pools and Jacuzzis, access to



the Cedar Point Beach and Boardwalk, a gift shop, arcade, exercise room, three restaurants, Early Entry (access to some of the biggest rides and coasters before the park opens to the general public), discounted Cedar Point admission tickets, complimentary Wi-Fi and the comfort and convenience of staying right next to the rides and roller coasters of Cedar Point..

The charming waterfront hotel first opened its doors in 1905 as the "largest and greatest hotel on the Great Lakes." Known for its breathtaking views and cool summer breezes, Hotel Breakers has been an important part of any complete Cedar Point experience. Notable guests over the years have included celebrities such as sharpshooter Annie Oakley, comedians Abbott and Costello, composer John Philip Sousa and six U.S. presidents, including Franklin D. Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Located on a sandy peninsula along the shore of Lake Erie, Cedar Point has been named as one of the best amusement parks in the world by USA Today, TripAdvisor, The Travel Channel and more. Cedar Point's amazing lineup of roller coasters has received top billing by CBS News, Time magazine, the Los Angeles Times and many more.

Whether you will be visiting for the first time or the fiftieth, we are confident you will enjoy your stay on the shores of Lake Erie at Cedar Point's Hotel Breakers.

Reservations for the 2015 season can be placed online at cedarpoint.com/hotelbreakers or by phone at (419) 627-2106



Olive Garden Menu Evolution By: Marian Jones



Last year, Olive Garden unveiled the most significant menu evolution in the restaurant's history, adding more than 20 new menu items that broaden the choice, variety and value it offers guests, prepared with new cooking techniques that accentuate new flavors. Olive Garden's new menu is designed to appeal to the evolving palettes and preferences of casual dining guests, while providing guests with more options to customize their meal experience at both lunch and dinner.

Menu Tasting Dishes/Descriptions

- Bruschetta Caprese (appetizer) – A traditional topping



of roma tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, basil, pesto, extra-virgin olive oil and balsamic drizzle.

- Crispy Risotto Bites (appetizer) – A bite-sized blend of Italian cheeses and rice, lightly fried and served with marinara sauce.
- Artichoke Fritti (appetizer) – Artichoke hearts lightly battered and fried, topped with Italian cheeses. Served with citrus aioli dipping sauce.
- Classic Calamari (appetizer) – Lightly breaded and fried. Served with parmesan-peppercorn sauce and marinara.
- Mediterranean Flatbread (appetizer) – Basil pesto and olive oil, topped with a blend of four Italian cheeses, artichoke hearts, olives, capers, roasted red peppers and garlic.
- Roasted Tomato Caprese Salad Topper (salad) – Fresh mozzarella bites, roasted tomato, bell pepper, basil, kale and an extra-virgin olive oil drizzle.
- Herb-Grilled Salmon (entrée, Lighter Italian Fare, under 575 calories) – Filet brushed with rosemary, parsley, oregano and olive oil. Served with steamed garlic broccoli.
- Citrus Chicken Sorrento (entrée, Lighter Italian Fare, under 575 calories) – Tender, grilled chicken breasts in a citrus honey glaze, inspired by the Italian city of Sorrento, famous for its lemon groves. Served with lightly seasoned broccoli, artichokes and roasted vegetables.
- Northern Tour of Italy (entrée) – Asiago tortelloni with meat sauce, Chicken Lombardy and fettuccine with creamy parmesan portobello sauce. –



- Last year, Olive Garden turned to fans to crowd source the next Tour of Italy dish. Fans have spoken - and you tried the winner. Inspired by Olive Garden's chef Flavio Tagliaferro and a twist on the classic Tour of Italy, this dish features ingredients and flavors of the region of Italy where Chef Flavio grew up.
- Penne with Basil Garlic Marinara (entrée, Buy One, Take One) – Freshly made marinara sauce with roasted garlic, parmesan cheese and a hint of basil served over penne pasta.
- This dish is part of the Buy One, Take One limited time

offer. Guests can choose from seven freshly made entrées, paired with a choice of unlimited homemade soup or salad and breadsticks. Then, they will receive a second entrée to enjoy later – all starting at \$12.99.

- Pappardelle Pescatore (entrée) – A traditional, coastal Italian dish with sautéed shrimp, bay scallops and clams tossed in a creamy, red pepper seafood sauce. Served with fresh asparagus, tomatoes and pappardelle pasta.
- Sicilian Cheesecake (seasonal dessert) – Our ricotta cheesecake features a shortbread cookie crust and is topped with seasonal strawberry sauce.

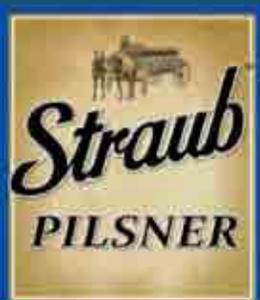
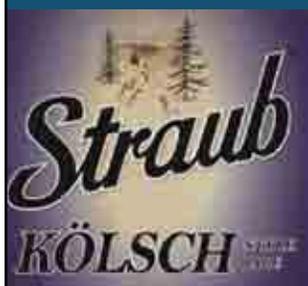


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Divine Golf

Moses and Jesus were in a threesome playing golf one day. 1st Moses pulled up to the tee and drove a long one. The ball landed in the fairway, but rolled directly toward a water hazard. Quickly Moses raised his club, the water parted and it rolled to the other side, safe and sound. Next, Jesus strolled up to the tee and hit a nice long one directly toward the same water hazard. It landed right in the center of the pond and kind of hovered over the water. Jesus casually walked out on the pond and chipped the ball onto the green. The third guy got up and randomly whacked the ball. It headed out over the fence and into oncoming traffic on a nearby street. It bounced off a truck and hit a nearby tree. From there, it bounced onto the roof of a shack close by and rolled down into the gutter, down the drain spout, out onto the fairway and straight toward the aforementioned pond. On the way to the pond, the ball hit a stone and bounced out over the water onto a lily pad, where it rested quietly. Suddenly a very large bullfrog jumped up on a lily pad and snatched the ball into his mouth. Just then, an eagle swooped down and grabbed the frog and flew away. As they passed over the green, the frog squealed with fright and dropped the ball, which bounced right into the cup for a hole in one. Moses turned to Jesus and said, "I hate playing with your Dad."

Women are like phones:

They like to be held, talked to, and touched often. But push the wrong button and your disconnected..

Golf Panties

The Swede's wife steps up to the tee and, as she bends over to place her ball, a gust of wind blows her skirt up and reveals her lack of underwear. 'Good God, woman! Why aren't you wearing any skivvies?', Ole demanded. Well, you don't give me enough housekeeping money to afford any.' The Swede immediately reaches into his pocket and says, 'For the sake of decency, here's a 50. Go and buy yourself some underwear.' Next, the Irishman's wife bends over to set her ball on the tee. Her skirt also blows up to show that she, too, is wearing no undies. 'Blessed Virgin Mary, woman! You've no knickers. Why not?' She replies, 'I can't afford any on the money you give me.' Patrick reaches into his pocket and says, 'For the sake of decency, here's a 20. Go and buy yourself some underwear!' Lastly, the Scotsman's wife bends over. The wind also takes her skirt over her head to reveal that she, too, is naked under it. 'Sweet mudder of Jaysus, Aggie! Where ta friggin hell are yer drawers? She too explains, 'You dinna give me enough money ta be able ta affarrd any. The Scotsman reaches into his pocket and says, 'Well, fer the love 'o decency, here's a comb..... Tidy yerself up a bit.



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Humor

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."

A Chicken a Horse & a Harley

On the farm lived a chicken and a horse, both of whom loved to play together. One day the two were playing, when the horse fell into a bog and began to sink. Scared for his life, the horse whinnied for the chicken to go get the farmer for help! Off the chicken ran, back to the farm. Arriving at the farm, he searched and searched for the farmer, but to no avail, for he had gone to town with the only tractor. Running around, the chicken spied the farmer's new Harley. Finding the keys in the ignition, the chicken sped off with a length of rope hoping he still had time to save his friend's life. Back at the bog, the horse was surprised, but happy, to see the chicken arrive on the shiny Harley, and he managed to get a hold of the loop of rope the chicken tossed to him. After tying the other end to the rear bumper of the farmer's bike, the chicken then drove slowly forward and, with the aid of the powerful bike, rescued the horse! Happy and proud, the chicken rode the Harley back to the farmhouse, and the farmer was none the wiser when he returned. The friendship between the two animals was cemented: Best Buddies, Best Pals. A few weeks later, the chicken fell into a mud pit, and soon, he too, began to sink and cried out to the horse to save his life! The horse thought a moment, walked over, and straddled the large puddle. Looking underneath, he told the chicken to grab his hangy-down thingy and he would then lift him out of the pit. The chicken got a good grip, and the horse pulled him up and out, saving his life. The moral of the story? (yup, you betcha, there's a moral!) 'When You're Hung Like A Horse, You Don't Need A Harley To Pick Up Chicks'

JUST A MOM?

A woman, renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office, was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. "What I mean is," explained the recorder, "do you have a job or are you just a ...?" "Of course I have a job," snapped the woman. "I'm a Mom." "We don't list 'Mom' as an occupation, 'housewife' covers it," Said the recorder emphatically. I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar.." "What is your occupation?" she probed. What made me say it? I do not know. The words simply popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations." The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written, in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire. "Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?" Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't) In the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money." There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -- ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6 month old baby) in the child development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another Mom." Motherhood! What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door. Does this make grandmothers "Senior Research associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations" And great grandmothers "Executive Senior Research Associates?" I think so!!! I also think it makes Aunts "Associate Research Assistants."

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Humor

The Joys of Golfing

It was a sunny morning, a little before 8:00 AM, on the first hole of a busy course, and I was beginning my pre-shot routine, visualizing my upcoming shot when a piercing voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker: "Would the gentleman on the women's tee box, please back up to the men's tee, please?" I could feel every eye on the course looking at me. I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement: "Would the man on the women's tee please back up to the men's tee, please!" I simply ignored the guy and kept concentrating, when once more the man yelled, "Would the man on the women's tee please back up to the men's tee, please!" I finally stopped, turned, cupped my hands and shouted back ... "Would the idiot with the microphone kindly keep quiet and let me play my second shot?!"

THINGS YOU DON'T HEAR ANYMORE.....

- Be sure to refill the ice trays, we're going to have company.
- Watch for the postman, I want to get this letter to Willie in the mail today.
- Quit slamming the screen door when you go out!
- Be sure and pull the windows down when you leave, it looks like a shower is coming up.
- Don't forget to wind the clock before you go to bed.
- Wash your feet before you go to bed, you've been playing outside all day barefooted.
- Why can't you remember to roll up your britches legs? Getting them caught in the bicycle chain so many times is tearing them up.
- You have torn the knees out of that pair of pants so many times there is nothing left to put a patch on.
- Don't you go outside with your school clothes on!
- Go comb your hair; it looks like the rats have nested in it all night.
- Be sure and pour the cream off the top of the milk when you open the new bottle.
- Take that empty bottle to the store with you so you won't have to pay a deposit on another one.
- Put a dish towel over the cake so the flies won't get on it.
- Quit jumping on the floor! I have a cake in the oven and you are going to make it fall if you don't quit!
- Let me know when the Fuller Brush man comes by, I need to get a few things from him.
- You boys stay close by, the car may not start and I will need you to help push it to get it started.
- There's a dollar in my purse, get 5 gallons of gas when you go to town.
- Open the back door and see if we can get a breeze through here, it is getting hot.
- You can walk to the store; it won't hurt you to get some exercise.
- Don't sit too close to the TV. It is hard on your eyes.
- If you pull that stunt again, I am going to wear you out!
- Don't lose that button; I'll sew it back on after a while.
- Wash under your neck before you come to the table, you have beads of dirt and sweat all under there.
- Get out from under the sewing machine; pumping it messes up the thread!
- Be sure and fill the lamps this morning so we don't have to do that tonight in the dark.
- Here, take this old magazine to the toilet with you when you go, we are almost out of paper out there.
- Go out to the well and draw a bucket of water so I can wash dishes.
- Don't turn the radio on now, I want the battery to be up when the Grand Ole Opry comes on.
- No! I don't have 10 cents for you to go to the show. Do you think money grows on trees?
- Eat those turnips, they'll make you big and strong like your daddy.
- That dog is NOT coming in this house! I don't care how cold it is out there, dogs don't stay in the house.
- Sit still! I'm trying to get your hair cut straight and you keep moving and it is all messed up.
- Hush your mouth! I don't want to hear words like that! I'll wash your mouth out with soap!
- It is time for your system to be cleaned out. I am going to give you a dose of castor oil tonight.
- If you get a spanking in school and I



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find out about it, you'll get another one when you get home.

- Quit crossing your eyes! They will get stuck that way!
- Soak your foot in this pan of kerosene so that bad cut won't get infected.
- When you take your driving test, don't forget to signal each turn. Left arm straight out the window
- for a left turn; left arm bent up at the elbow for a right turn; and straight down to the side of the door when you are going to stop.
- It's: 'Yes Ma'am!' and 'No Ma'am!' to me, young man, and don't you forget it!
- Bring back any memories?? Sure did for me, sort-of makes one sad to remember some of them.

Huh?

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven times. Oh, go ahead . . . I'll wait

Donkeys kill more people annually Than plane crashes or shark attacks.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The King of Hearts is the only king WITHOUT A MOUSTACHE

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first class.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. (Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you? That women are going the 'right' direction...)

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

Most dust particles in your house are made from DEAD SKIN!

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer. So did the first 'Marlboro Man'

Walt Disney was afraid OF MICE!

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It is possible to lead a cow upstairs.... but, not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from

a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. (I keep my toothbrush in the living room now!)

And the best for last....

Turtles can breathe through their butts. (I know some people like that, don't YOU?)

Knowledge is everything!

Actual call center conversations!

Customer: 'I've been calling 700-1000 for two days and can't get through;

can you help?'

Operator: 'Where did you get that number, sir?'

Customer: 'It's on the door of your business.'

Operator: 'Sir, those are the hours that we are open.'

Samsung Electronics

Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about.'

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think it means the telephone plug on the wall..'

Humor

RAC Motoring Services

Caller: 'Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am traveling in Australia?'

Operator: 'Does the product name give you a clue?'

Caller (enquiring about legal requirements while traveling in Europe)

'If I register my car in France, and then take it to England, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?'

Directory Enquiries

Caller: 'I'd like the number of the Argo Fish Bar, please'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, there's no listing. Are you sure that the spelling is correct?'

Caller: 'Well, it used to be called the Bargo Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off.'

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: 'Woven? Are you sure?'

Caller: 'Yes. That's what it says on the label -- Woven in Scotland ...'

On another occasion a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator: 'I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on.'

Tech Support: 'I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop.'

Customer: 'OK.'

Tech Support: 'Did you get a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No.'

Tech Support: 'OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No.'

Tech Support: 'OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?'

Customer: 'Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click.'

Tech Support: 'OK. At the bottom left hand side of your screen, can you see the 'OK' button displayed?'

Customer: 'Wow! How can you see my screen from there?'

Caller: 'I deleted a file from my PC last week and I just realized that I need it. So, if I turn my system clock back two weeks will I get my file back again?'

This has to be one of the funniest things in a long time. I think this guy should have been promoted, not fired. This is a true story from the Word Helpline, which was transcribed from a recording monitoring the customer care department. Needless to say the Help Desk employee was fired; however, he/she is currently suing the WordPerfect organization for 'Termination without Cause.' Actual dialogue of a former Word Customer Support employee.

(Now I know why they record these conversations!):

Operator: 'Ridge Hall, computer assistance; may I help you?'

Caller: 'Yes, well, I'm having trouble with Word.'

Operator: 'What sort of trouble??'

Caller: 'Well, I was just typing along, and all of a sudden the words went away.'

Operator: 'Went away?'

Caller: 'They disappeared'

Operator: 'Hmm. So what does your screen look like now?'

Caller: 'Nothing.'

Operator: 'Nothing??'

Caller: 'It's blank; it won't accept anything when I type.'

Operator: 'Are you still in WordPerfect, or did you get out?'

Caller: 'How do I tell?'

Operator: 'Can you see the 'C: prompt' on the screen?'

Caller: 'What's a sea-prompt?'



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Operator: 'Never mind, can you move your cursor around the screen?'

Caller: 'There isn't any cursor; I told you, it won't accept anything I type.'

Operator: 'Does your monitor have a power indicator??'

Caller: 'What's a monitor?'

Operator: 'It's the thing with the screen on it that looks like a TV. Does it have a little light that tells you when it's on?'

Caller: 'I don't know.'

Operator: 'Well, then look on the back of the monitor and find where the power cord goes into it. Can you see that??'

Caller: 'Yes, I think so.'

Operator: 'Great. Follow the cord to the plug, and tell me if it's plugged into the wall.'

Caller: 'Yes, it is.'

Operator: 'When you were behind the monitor, did you notice that there were two cables plugged into the back of it, not just one?'

Caller: 'No.'

Operator: 'Well, there are. I need you to look back there again and find the other cable.'

Caller: 'Okay, here it is.'

Operator: 'Follow it for me, and tell me if it's plugged securely into the back of your computer.'

Caller: 'I can't reach.'

Operator: 'OK. Well, can you see if it is?'

Caller: 'No.'

Operator: 'Even if you maybe put your knee on something and lean way over?'

Caller: 'Well, it's not because I don't have the right angle -- it's because it's dark.'

Operator: 'Dark?'

Caller: 'Yes - the office light is off, and the only light I have is coming in from the window.'

Operator: 'Well, turn on the office light then.'

Caller: 'I can't.'

Operator: 'No? Why not?'

Caller: 'Because there's a power failure.'

Operator: 'A power ... A power failure? Aha. Okay, we've got it licked now. Do you still have the boxes and manuals and packing stuff that your computer came in?'

Caller: 'Well, yes, I keep them in the closet.'



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Humor

Operator: 'Good. Go get them, and unplug your system and pack it up just like it was when you got it. Then take it back to the store you bought it from.'

Caller: 'Really? Is it that bad?'

Operator: 'Yes, I'm afraid it is.'

Caller: 'Well, all right then, I suppose. What do I tell them?'

Operator: 'Tell them you're too stupid to own a computer!'

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(6) Welfare - Checks will be handed out on Fridays at the end of the 40 hour school week and the successful completion of urinalysis and a passing grade.

(7) Professional Athletes--Steroids. The FIRST time you check positive you're banned for life.

(8) Crime - We will adopt the Turkish method, the first time you steal, you lose your right hand. There is no more life sentences. If convicted of murder, you will be put to death by the same method you chose for your victim; gun, knife, strangulation, etc.

(9) One export will be allowed, Wheat. The world needs to eat. A bushel of wheat will be the exact price of a barrel of oil.

(10) All foreign aid using American taxpayer money will immediately cease, and the saved money will pay off the national debt and ultimately lower taxes. When disasters occur around the world, we'll ask the American people if they want to donate to a disaster fund, and each citizen can make the decision whether it's a worthy cause.

(11) The Pledge of Allegiance will be said every day at school and every day in Congress.

(12) The National Anthem will be played at all appropriate ceremonies, sporting events, outings, etc.

Sorry if I stepped on anyone's toes!

Signed Bill Cosby

UNBELIEVABLE MATH PROBLEM

Here is a math trick so unbelievable that it will stump you. Grab a calculator. (you won't be able to do this one in your Head)

1. Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the Area code...)
2. Multiply by 80
3. Add 1
4. Multiply by 250
5. Add to this the last 4 digits of your phone number
6. Add to this the last 4 digits of your phone number again
7. Subtract 250
8. Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer ??

25 Reasons I Owe My Mother

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

'You better pray that will come out of the carpet.'

3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'

4. My mother taught me LOGIC.

'Because I said so, that's why.'

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.'

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'

7. My mother taught me IRONY

'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.'

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.'

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

'Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!'

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

'You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone.'

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

'This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.'

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

'If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!'

13 My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

'I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.'

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

'Stop acting like your father!'

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

'There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do.'

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

'Just wait until we get home.'

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.

'You are going to get it when you get home!'

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

'If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way.'

19. My mother taught me ESP.

'Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?'

20. My mother taught me HUMOR.

'When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.'

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

'If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.'

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

'You're just like your father.'

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

'Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?'

24. My mother taught me WISDOM.

'When you get to be my age, you'll understand.'

25. And my favorite:

My mother taught me about JUSTICE

'One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!'

Perks of reaching 50 or being over 60 and heading towards 70!

01. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.

02. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.

03. No one expects you to run--anywhere.

04. People call at 9 pm and ask, did I wake you?

05. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

06. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

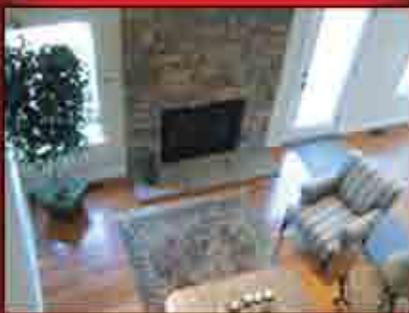
07. Things you buy now won't wear out.

08. You can eat supper at 4 pm.

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09. You can live without sex but not your glasses.

10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.

13. You sing along with elevator music.

14. Your eyes won't get much worse.

15 Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.

17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

19. You can't remember where you read this list.

Dentist Appointment

As I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist, I noticed his DDS diploma, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same mane had been in my high school class some 30 odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought... he was a balding gray haired man with a deeply lined and wrinkled face...he was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my

teeth, I asked him if he had attended Valley Park High School. Yes, yes, I did! I'm a mustang, " he gleamed with pride. "When did you graduate?" I asked. He answered, in 1975. "Why do you ask?" He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, fat ass, gray haired, decrepit son-of-a-beach asked, "what did you teach?"

WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house..
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.

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JETT

Hi, My name is Jett. I'm a 5 year old Chow/Lab mix and I am currently in the market for a new home. I am a friendly dog that gets along well with others. I am up to date on my vaccinations and I have been microchipped.



BASIL

Hi, my name is Basil. I am a 3 year old am/Staff mix who is looking for a new family. I am a very friendly dog when it comes to people and most other dogs. I am up to date on my vaccinations and have been microchipped.



GRACEY

My name is Gracey. I am a shy little 7 year old girl who likes to be petted and brushed. While I may be shy at first, I just need to get to know you then we'll be BFFs! I am spayed and microchipped, and current on all of my vaccinations.



ASHLYN

Hi, I'm Ashlyn! I am a nice one year old girl who loves everybody! I am currently in a foster home, so if you are interested in me please ask the staff how you can meet me! I am spayed and microchipped, and current on all of my vaccinations.



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2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy..
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home, dads just work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



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The main difference between http:// and https:// is It's all about keeping you secure HTTP stands for HyperText Transport Protocol, which is just a fancy way of saying it's a protocol (a language, in a manner of speaking) for information to be passed back and forth between web servers and clients. The important thing is the letter S which makes the difference between HTTP and HTTPS. The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure". If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://. This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecure' language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site. This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an http

website! But if the web address begins with https://, that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.

You understand why this is so important, right? If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with https://. If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number. PASS IT ON (You may save someone a lot of grief)

Testicle Therapy

Two women were playing golf. One teed off and watched in horror as her ball headed directly toward a foursome of men playing the next hole. The ball hit one of the men. He immediately clasped his hands together at his groin, fell to the ground and proceeded to roll around in agony. The woman rushed down to the man, and immediately began to apologize. 'Please allow me to help. I'm a Physical Therapist and I know I could relieve your pain if you'd allow me, she told him. 'Oh, no, I'll be all right. I'll be fine in a few minutes,' the man replied. He was in obvious agony, lying in the fetal position, still clasping his hands there at his groin. At her persistence, however, he finally allowed her to help. She gently took his hands away and laid them to the side, loosened his pants and put her hands inside. She administered tender and artful massage for several long moments and asked, 'How does that feel?' He replied: It feels great, but I still think my thumb's broken!

Guess

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with 'Guess' on it.
So I said 'Implants?' She hit me.

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America? Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into my own pants. Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference. Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over? AMEN, AMEN!! Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison? Wouldn't you know it.... Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever. Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?

Bumper sticker of the year:

'If you can read this, thank a teacher -and, since it's in English, thank a soldier'

The Harley-Davidson Facts

The inventor of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, Arthur Davidson, died and went to heaven. At the gates, St. Peter told Arthur. 'Since



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you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want to in heaven.' Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said, 'I want to hang out with God.' St. Peter took Arthur to the Throne Room, and introduced him to God. God recognized Arthur and commented, 'Okay, so you were the one who invented the Harley-Davidson motorcycle?' Arthur said, 'Yeah, that's me...' God commented: 'Well, what's the big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable, makes noise and pollution and can't run without a road?' Arthur was a bit embarrassed, but finally spoke, 'Excuse me, but aren't you the inventor of woman?' God said, 'Ah, yes.' 'Well,' said Arthur, professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention!

1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end suspension
2. It chatters constantly at high speeds
3. Most rear ends are too soft and wobble about too much
4. The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust
5. The maintenance costs are outrageous!!!!

'HMMMMM, you may have some good points there,' replied God, 'hold on.' God went to his Celestial supercomputer, typed in a few words and waited for the results. The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it. 'Well, it may be true that my invention is flawed,' God said to Arthur, 'but according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours.'

The Remarkable Human Body

It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

- One human hair can support 3 kg (6.6 lb).
- The average man's penis is three times the length of his thumb.
- Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.
- A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.
- There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.
- Women blink twice as often as men.
- The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.
- Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.
- If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.
- Women reading this will be finished now.
- Men are still busy checking their thumbs.

Buy Made in USA

In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else and perhaps even their job. Sent to us by one of our Nightwire Readers..... My grandson likes Hershey's candy. It is marked made in Mexico now. I do not buy it any more. My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico now. I have switched to Crest. You have to read the labels on everything. This past weekend I was at Giant Eagle. I needed 60W light bulbs and

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Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off brand labeled, "Everyday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared the stats - they were the same except for the price. The GE bulbs were more money than the Everyday Value brand but the thing that surprised me the most was the fact that GE was made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - get ready for this - the USA in a company in Cleveland, Ohio . So throw out the myth that you cannot find products you use every day that are made right here.. So on to another aisle - Bounce Dryer Sheets....yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value brand was less money and MADE IN THE USA! I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years and at almost half the price!

So my challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA - the job you save may be your own or your neighbors! If you accept the challenge, pass this on to others in your address book so we can all start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Stop buying from CHINAAND MEXICO~(We should have awakened a decade ago.....)Let's get with the program.... help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the U.S.A

Grandma's Don't Know Everything

Little Tony was 9 years old and was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked her, 'Grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?' She was a little taken aback, but she decided to tell him the truth. 'It's called sexual intercourse, darling.' Little Tony said, 'Oh, OK,' and went back outside to play with the other kids... A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, "Grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds. And Jimmy's mom wants to talk to you.

CATHOLIC HORSES

One day while he was at the track playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.. Before the next race, as the horses began lining up, Mitch watched with interest the old priest step onto the track. Sure enough, as the 5th race horses came to the starting gate the priest made a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses. Mitch made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the



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horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race. Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest again blessed a horse. Mitch bet big on it, and it won. Mitch was elated.. As the races continued the priest kept blessing long shot horses, and each one ended up coming in first. By and by, Mitch was pulling in some serious money. By the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on. True to his pattern, the priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day. Mitch also observed the priest blessing the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. Mitch knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag. He then watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead

last. Mitch, in a state of shock, made his way down to the track area where the priest was. Confronting the old priest he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings -- all of it!'. The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'

The Big Decision

A man wakes up in the hospital, bandaged from head to foot. The doctor comes in and says, 'Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now, you probably won't remember, but you were in a pile-up on the freeway. You're going to be okay, you'll walk again and everything, but..... something happened. I'm trying to break this gently, but the fact is, your willy was chopped off in the wreck and we were unable to find it.'

The man groans, but the doctor goes on, 'You've got \$9000 in insurance compensation coming and we have the technology now to build you a new willy that will work as well as your old one did -better in fact! But the thing is, it doesn't come cheap. It's \$1000 an inch.' The man perks up at this. 'So,' the doctor says, 'it's for you to decide how many inches you want. But it's something you'd better discuss with your wife. I mean, if you had a five inch one before, and you decide to go for a nine-incher, she might be a bit put out. But if you had a nine inch one before, and you decide only to invest in a five-incher this time, she might be disappointed. So it's important that she plays a role in helping you make the decision.' The man agrees to talk with his wife. The doctor comes back the next day. 'So,' says the doctor, 'have you spoken with your wife?' 'I have,' says the man. 'And has she helped you in making the decision?' 'Yes, she has,' says the man. 'And what is it?' asks the doctor. 'We're getting granite countertops.'

Why Parents Drink...

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an Envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow that was addressed to 'Dad.' With the worst premonition he opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter. Dear Dad: It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you. I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But its not only the passion...Dad she's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy. In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Stacy can get better. She deserves it. Don't worry Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren. Love, Your Son John PS. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than a Report card That's in my center desk drawer. I love you. Call me when it's safe to come home.

Genie

Husband takes his wife to play her first game of golf..... Unfortunately, the wife promptly whacked her first shot right through the window of the biggest house adjacent to the course. The husband cringed, 'I warned you to be careful! Now we'll have to go up

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there, find the owner, apologize and see how much your lousy drive is going to cost us.' So the couple walked up to the house and knocked on the door. A warm voice said, 'Come on in.' When they opened the door they saw the damage that was done: glass was all over the place, and a broken antique bottle was lying on its side near the broken window. A man reclining on the couch asked, 'Are you the people that broke my window?' 'Uh...yeah, sir. We're really sorry about that,' the husband replied. 'Oh, no apology is necessary. Actually I want to thank you.... You see e, I'm a genie , and I've been trapped in that bottle for a thousand e years. Now that you've released me, I'm allowed to grant three wishes. I'll give you each one wish, but if you don't mind, I'll keep the last one for myself.' 'Wow, that's great!' the husband said. He pondered a moment and blurted out, 'I'd like a million dollars a year for the rest of my life.' 'No problem,' said the genie 'You've got it, it's the least I can do. And I'll guarantee you a long, healthy life!' 'And now you, young lady, what do you want?' the genie asked. 'I'd like to own a gorgeous home complete with servants in every country in the world,' she said. 'Consider it done,' the genie said. 'And your homes will always be safe from fire, burglary and natural disasters!' 'And now,' the couple asked in unison, what's your wish, genie?' 'Well, since I've been trapped in that bottle and haven't been with a woman in more than a thousand years, my wish is to have sex with your wife.' The husband looked at his wife and said, 'Gee, honey, you know we both now have a fortune, and all those houses "What do you think?' She mulled it over for a few moments and said, 'You know, you're right. Considering our good fortune, I guess I wouldn't mind, but what about you, honey?' 'You know I love you sweetheart,' said the husband. I'd do the same for you!" So the genie and the woman went upstairs where they spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying each other in every way. After about three hours of non-stop sex, the genie rolled over and looked directly into her eyes and asked, 'How old are you and your husband?' 'Why, we're both 35,' she responded breathlessly. ' NO S**T?' He said, 'Thirty-five years old and you both still believe in genies?'

Actual Answers on Job Applications

This reportedly is an actual job application a 17 year old boy submitted at a McDonald's fast-food establishment in Florida...and they hired him because he was so honest and funny!

NAME: Greg B. (Name withheld to protect the guilty)

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

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

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

EDUCATION: Yes.

LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility.

SALARY: Less than I'm worth.

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

REASON FOR LEAVING: I hated it

HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK: Any.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?: Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy dumb sexy blonde super model who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.

DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE?: Yes. Absolutely.

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The Bill

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.'

Jokes of the day!

- A hooker once told me she had a headache.
 - I went to a massage parlor. It was self service.
 - I was making love to this girl and she started crying. I said, "Are you going to hate yourself in the morning?" She said, "No, I hate myself now."
 - I knew a girl so ugly; they used her in prisons to cure sex offenders.
 - My wife is such a bad cook that if we leave dental floss in the kitchen, the roaches hang themselves.
 - The other day I came home and a guy was jogging naked in front of my house.
 - I asked "Why?" He said, "Because you came home early."
- Have a great Day!

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Larry

Larry is recovering in room 232 at the hospital Ok, you are asking who in the hell is 'Larry'. Larry gets home late one night and, Linda, his wife says, 'Where in the hell have you been?' Larry replies, 'I was out getting a tattoo.' 'A tattoo?' she frowned. 'What kind of tattoo did you get?' 'I got a hundred dollar bill on my privates,' he said proudly. 'What the hell were you thinking?!' She said, shaking her head in disgust. 'Why on earth would an accountant get a hundred dollar bill Tattooed on his privates?' 'Well, One, I like to watch my money grow. Two, once in a while I like to play with my money. Three, I like how money feels in my hand. And, lastly, instead of you going out shopping, you can stay right here at home and blow a hundred bucks anytime you want. Larry is recovering in room 232 at the Hospital.

A Talkative Public Bathroom

While making a cross-country trip, I had to make a stop at a rest area. I just got into a stall when I heard a voice from the stall over... -"Hey, how's is going?" Now, I am not the type to strike conversations with strangers in the restroom and didn't know what to say so finally I said..."Not bad..." Then the voice said:"So, what are you doing?" Finding it a bit weird, I hesitantly said:"Well, I'm going back to Wisconsin..." Then I heard the person say all flustered: -"Look I'll call you back, every time I ask you a question this person in the next stall answers me."

Quick Jokes

KENTUCKY:

Five million people,
Fifteen last names.

I have kleptomania,
but when it gets bad,
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Except that one where you're naked in church.
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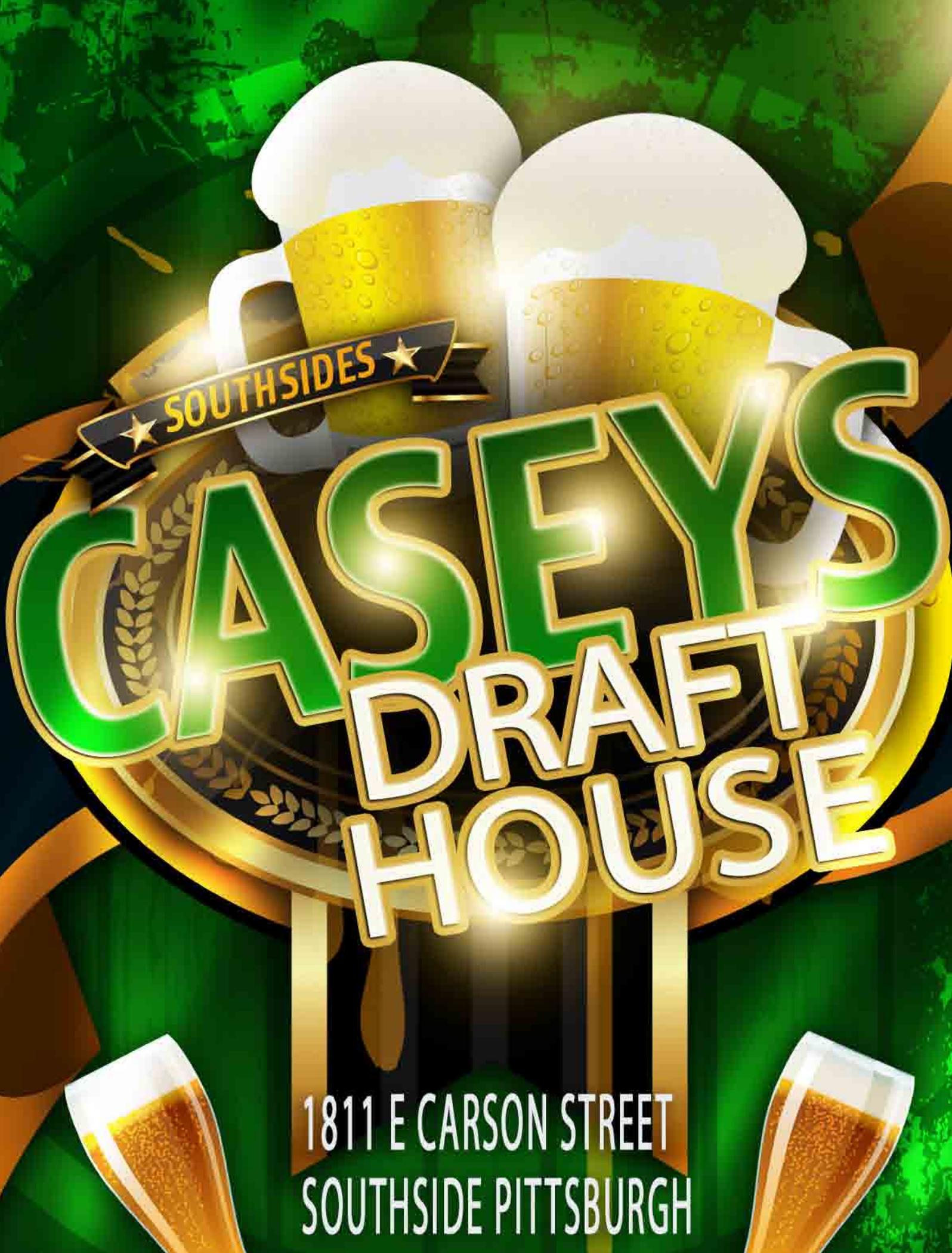
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