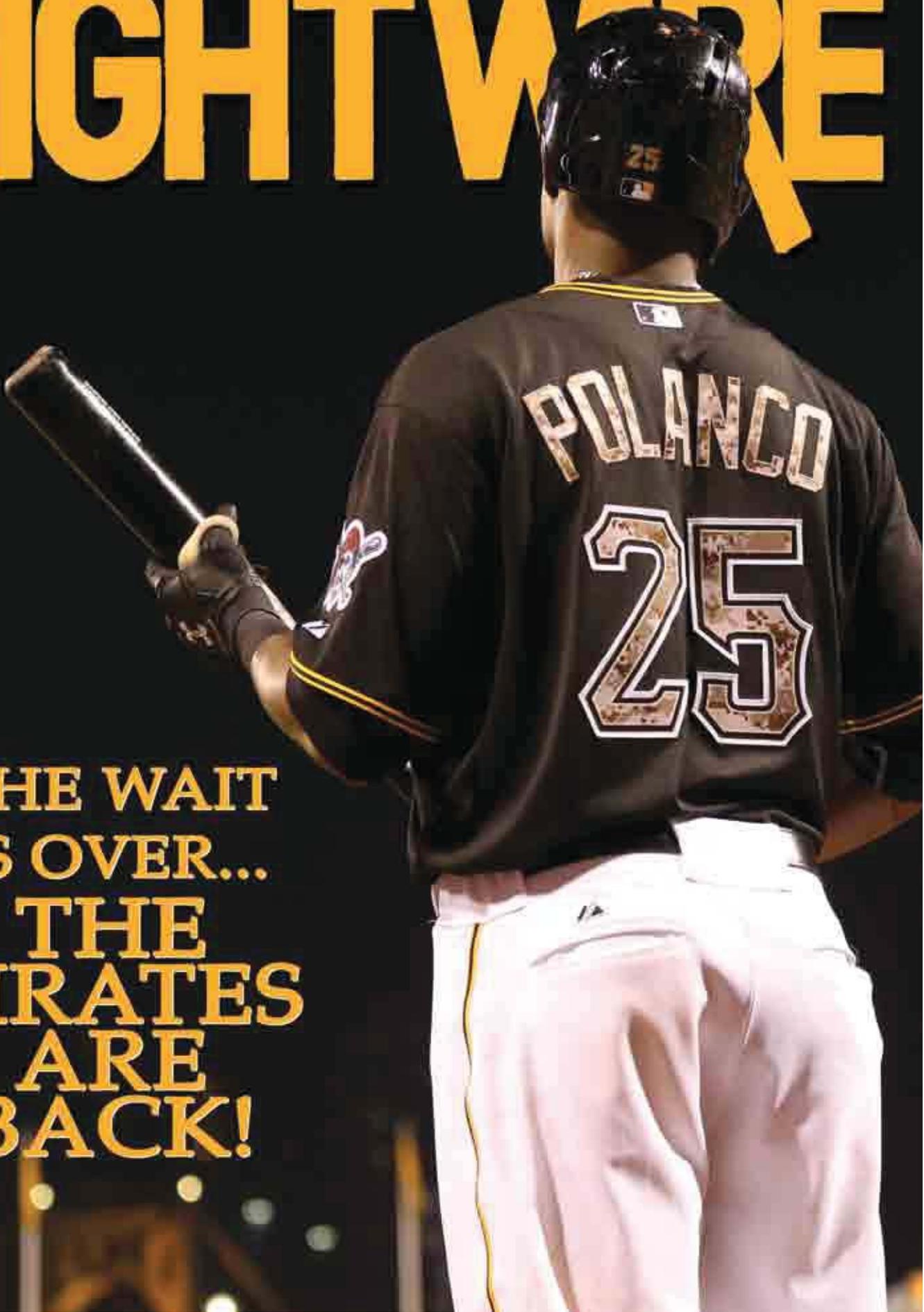
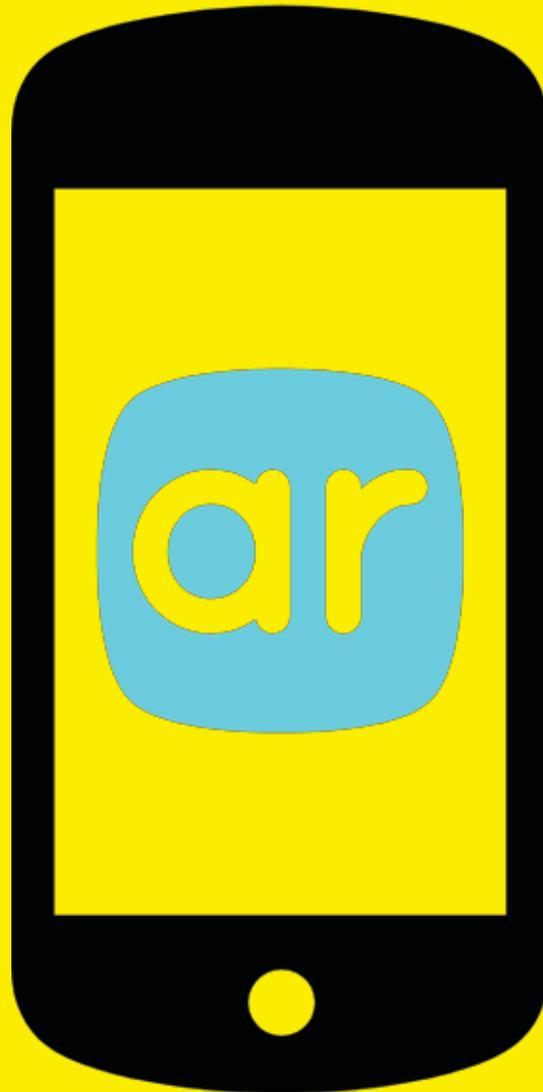


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Can You Feel It?

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos © 2015 Pittsburgh Pirates

Bucco fever is heating up. It's colder than the North Pole outside in the Steel City, literally, but baseball lovers everywhere are feeling their hearts and souls warming with the sounds of spring training. Pictures and videos are flowing in from Bradenton on the information highway so quickly it can feel like you are right there, group hugging it out with Andrew McCutchen and A.J. Burnett (and if you haven't seen that picture, get to Google). Baseball circles are including your Pittsburgh Pirates in the "best of baseball" conversation. Heck, one popular pundit thinks they are better than the hated Cardinals! After back-to-back postseason appearances, the black and gold are firmly entrenched in contention. Will they win the division this year? If they secure a wild card berth for the third season in a row, can they get to the National League Championship Series for the first time since 1992? Or the World Series for the first time since 1979? Anything can happen. That's the beauty of the start of

the season. Everyone's in first place. Technically, everyone is also in last place. Much will happen between now and October, so here's how I see it . . .

IT IS WHAT IT IS WITH PEDRO. Everyone and their mother is talking about how Pedro Alvarez is primed for a bounce back performance this season, so I'm not going to rehash his craptacular 2014 statistics or bemoan the fact he didn't volunteer for voluntary team workouts over the winter. We all know the only place to go from here is up for El Toro – possibly also to the barber shop to get that gosh forsaken beard trimmed – but regardless of what he does at first base, there's good news. The Pirates have shown that they can win without him feasting in the regular season. If he is more of a famine kinda guy for the second year in a row, so be it. He'll still be better than what they had last year at first base, plus I'm banking on a few other guys taking their games to the next level anyway. Namely Starling Marte and Gregory Polanco.

WILL IT BE THE BEST OUTFIELD IN BASEBALL? It depends. Maybe the question should be, do the Pirates potentially have the best outfield in baseball? Then the answer would be an emphatic YES. For the past two seasons we've been waiting for Marte to develop into a star. The physical capabilities are all there, but the mental game was questionable at times. Until August of last year, that is. In the final two months of the season Marte batted .354, got on base over 40 percent of the time and wreaked havoc on the base paths. He put it all together and showed us what he could do. If Gregory Polanco can do the same after getting 89 games under his belt at the major league level and filling out his frame in the offseason, Andrew McCutchen will be centering quite the talented group of outfielders.

J-HAY THE MAN...AGAIN? The baseball world is watching to see if Josh Harrison can duplicate his breakout season. If I was his coach I would remind him of that. The fact that people don't believe he can sustain that type of production. That he was a fluke. That the game will catch up to him. J Hay has gotten a lot of hype and deservedly so, however I think he skyrocketed up the depth chart because he had a chip on his shoulder. He had something to prove. Harrison has even said himself that he played hurt last year because he was fearful of coming out of the lineup, thinking he would be back on the bench. Energy will never be an issue. Sparkplug is Harrison's middle name

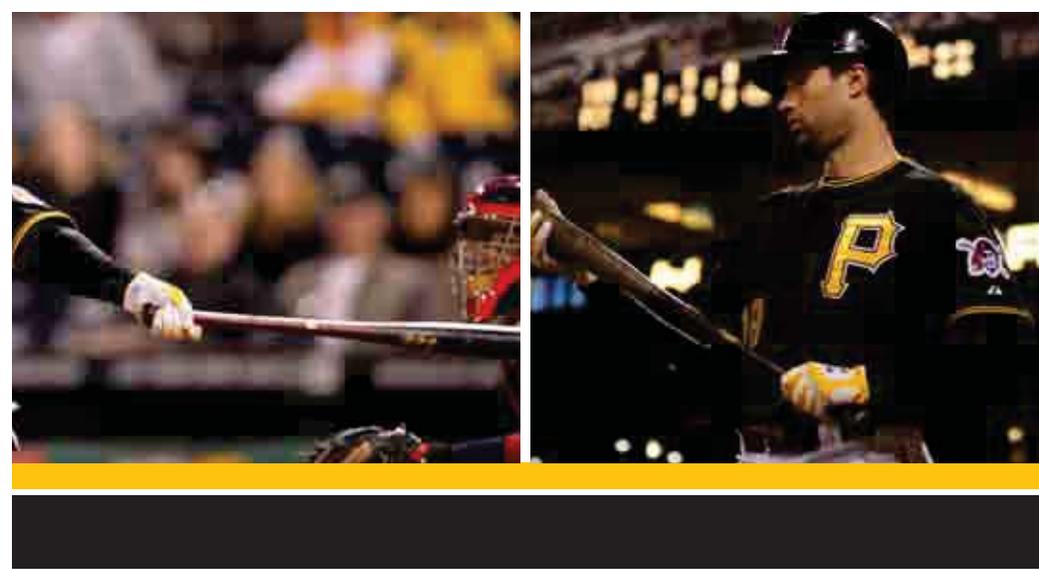
INFIELD DEPTH IS OFF THE CHARTS: A possible 30 plus dinger guy and a scrappy batting champion runner up at the corners are just the tip of the dirtberg. Neil Walker is coming off his first silver slugger season where he hit more homeruns than any other second baseman in the National League. He will be playing for a big payday the next two seasons and if he can stay on the field, he has missed 25 or more games the last three seasons, Walker will have a huge



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impact on the lineup. His fellow middle man, Jordy Mercer hit .199 the first two months of the season, but over the final four months was able to raise his average 60 points. Mercer was steady in the field with just one throwing error all year and should be pushed to build off that second half by newcomer Jung Ho Kang. The first ever winning bid by the Pirates in the international posting system brought them the opportunity to sign the power hitting infielder from the Korean Baseball Organization. And at four years and \$11 million, if Kang even sniffs his level of offensive production in the KBO, it will be a great deal for Pittsburgh. But how much playing time will he get? Will irregular reps allow him to adapt to the major league game? He is an enigma, but one that will be fun to watch.

A few under the radar additions include utility man Sean Rodriguez, who hit homers at a better rate per at bat than Pedro Alvarez last season, and Corey Hart, who will be looking to prove both the Brewers and the Mariners wrong for letting him walk. Once Travis Snider was traded to Baltimore, the off the bench power bat onus was put squarely on these guys. Hart always did damage at PNC Park when he was with Milwaukee and if he can rediscover some of that power, he will be the left handed hitter the Pirates need.

I haven't even mentioned pitching yet and I'm already JACKED for Opening Day.

BUILT ON PITCHING: This has been the drum beat by the Bucs since Neal Huntington arrived in town. It's still the case despite the recent offensive surge in the lineup. One cannot mention pitching when talking about the Pirates without mentioning catcher Russell Martin. He will not simply be replaced, although offensively his production can be made up for by other hitters kicking their own games up a notch, but his work with the pitching staff and his leadership will be hard to duplicate. I mean, who will be the clubhouse DJ? Trading lefty flame thrower Justin Wilson to the Yankees for Francisco Cervelli was a shrewd move that could pay off big. Wilson was replaced by Antonio Bastardo who strikes out over 11 batters per nine innings, not bad. It's Cervelli that holds the key to battery success. He'll give you the fire you're looking for from a leader, rates very good defensively and when healthy, can do some good work with the bat. It's the injury bug he needs to squash to become what the Pirates believe he can.

I have a feeling Gerrit Cole will take the next step in his career, finding consistency in his second full season in the big leagues and Francisco Liriano is back to strike out the world. A.J. Burnett brings the energy and will eat innings. Jeff Locke will also benefit from having his best bud back. Last season Locke pitched his best games against the Phillies with Batman looking on in approval. The back end of the rotation is quite the question mark. Will Charlie Morton ever be healthy enough to pitch to his "electric stuff" potential? Is Vance Worley a viable starter? What about Nick Kingham? As is always the case, staying on the field will be the number one factor in the success of the starting pitching. All-stars Tony Watson and Mark Melancon return and lock down the bullpen. SO there's no question marks there.

General Manager Neal Huntington has been quoted as saying this is the deepest and most talented roster he's put together in his time in Pittsburgh. And Russell Martin is a Blue Jay. But I can see why. While writing I kept thinking of players I wanted to mention because THERE ARE SO MANY that could have an impact. How will it all play out? It'll be fun to watch. And I for one will be in attendance.

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Mr Small's Is Bigtime

by Eric Saferstein



be familiar with the lead vocalist. He's the front man of The Black Crowes, a renowned southern hard rock band. Robinson's alternate band takes a less abrasive approach. However, never confuse volume with musicianship (one crucial exception... Spinal Tap, of course). Thoughtful jams and bluesy riffs elicited shrieks of joy as the crowd swayed their way through two lengthy sets. The Brotherhood doesn't rely on the same set list every night. Originality and spontaneity are the norm, not the exception. The band plays with an ethereally calming precision. Methodically drifting from one song to the next. They encored that night with a heartfelt Sugaree, a staple from the early Dead catalog. It seemed to trigger fond memories throughout the crowd.

Back in 2007, a group of us made the trek to Mr. Small's Funhouse for a Dark Star Orchestra concert. For those unfamiliar with DSO, they're a premiere touring Grateful Dead cover band. The crowd was energetic. The show was inspired. But the venue seemed a bit hollow and dank, kind of like Mo's bar on the Simpsons.

Eight years later on February 7, 2015, a different crew of us returned to the scene of the crime in Millvale, PA. When I say crime, I'm talking about a transformation. "Utterly blown away" is the only way to describe our experience. Let's try a hometown sports analogy. If a Pirates game at Three Rivers Stadium was the old Mr. Small's, then PNC Park, is by definition the new and improved version. As a matter of fact, the venue is a microcosm for the surrounding community. Millvale seems to be experiencing a reawakening. Some would call it an urban renaissance of sorts. Meet your new neighbor. It's Mr. Mill from Smallvale. Say that 10x fast.

A coarsely seasoned crowd of about 500 filtered inside for the Chris Robinson Brotherhood. You might

As fine as the show was, the venue itself is the true gem. Pittsburgh boasts some impressive sub-1000 seat venues. There's old school theaters like The Byham in the arts district and the rustic Carnegie Library in Homestead. These seem better suited for high profile comedians and acoustic acts. There's the straightforward, all-purpose Rex Theater on the Southside and the metallic-leaning Altar Bar in the Strip. And then there's Mr. Small's which bridges the gap for all musical genres. As a refurbished church, they're even set up to host private parties and weddings. Nothing is off limits or out of bounds. Perhaps that's what makes it so inviting. In today's "pay to park, herd 'em in and get 'em out" mentality, Mr. Small's is assuredly a diamond in the

Take in a show at Mr. Small's. You won't regret it. Remember, you can always think back in time, but you can never go back in time.





rough. If you asked anyone from the band, “Were there any memorable concert halls that stood apart from the rest?” I’m sure they’d reply, “Yeah dude, there was this pimped out church in Pittsburgh. Never seen anything like it.”

When I use the term “oasis” to describe Mr. Small’s, you might think I’m joking. After all, it’s right on the cusp of the Burgh just outta dahntahn. But the place literally cries out escapism. One can venture deep into the catacombs and hang out in the reclusive, aptly named War Room. You can ascend the stairs to the open-air rooftops where the views rival those of San Francisco and Paris. Or so I’m told. It was dark outside. An adjacent dining area, The Funhouse Restaurant serves traditional, upscale bar food. Craft beers and mixed drinks are readily available at reasonable prices. They even have VIP rooms and are putting the finishing touches on a

spacious balcony. The staff is friendly without being obtrusive, competent and professional but not overbearing.

But what really struck me as memorable was the sense of community. The crowd descended from all over East Ohio, Northern West Virginia and Southwestern PA. Everyone came together that night, converging upon a refurbished house of worship for a rock’n’roll revival. The atmosphere had a little bit of everything... from a hippie picnic to a biker reunion to a classic rocker (whatever that is).

Last summer, my girlfriend and I ventured to Millvale Community Days, a weekend festival in the heart of the town square. A disheveled man approached us wielding some kind of oversized granola bar. In a gruff voice, he brazenly inquired, “Sir! Ma’am! Would you like to try a supplemental nutritional replacement meal?” He barked on, “They taste really good! You see, we’re trying to establish a foothold in the community.” He seemed a little out there, kind of quasi-carnie-inspired. We were a little taken aback and politely declined the rectangular protein snack. A year has passed and we often reflect back on our instinctive dismissal. And it makes us sad. Ya wanna know why? Because Millvale is worthy of taking that chance. So here’s my advice. Throw your inhibitions to the wind and sample the amalgamation of wheat, oats and honey. Taste the rhombus bar. Eat the wholesome parallelogram. Take in a show at Mr. Small’s. You won’t regret it. Remember, you can always think back in time, but you can never go back in time. And it is those moments in time that are waiting to be had... at Mr. Small’s.





MY ANCESTORS

Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents How I Learned What I Learned

August Wilson's one-man play about coming of age in Pittsburgh. Co-conceived and directed by Todd Kreidler. Starring Eugene Lee.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's 40th anniversary Season of Legends continues with the Pittsburgh premiere of *How I Learned What I Learned*, the final play by August Wilson. *How I Learned* was co-conceived and will be directed by Todd Kreidler, a Duquesne University graduate, former Pittsburgh Public Theater staff member, and author of the recent Broadway musical, *Holler If Ya Hear Me*. *How I Learned What I Learned* runs March 5 - April 5, 2015 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org.

Mr. Wilson performed his one-man show at Seattle Repertory Theatre in 2003. The New York premiere was produced by Signature Theatre in New York City in 2013. Starring in The Public's production will be Eugene Lee, a stage, film and television actor, writer, and artist in residence at Texas State University. Last year he performed the role at Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre in Atlanta, GA.

How I Learned begins in Pittsburgh's Hill District in 1965 when Mr. Wilson was 20 years old. He tells of dropping out of school at age 15 to write poetry, and how he supported himself by cutting grass and working at Klein's and Kroger's. He talks about the neighborhood and its people, and how he was inspired by what they saw in him. He dishes about his girlfriend, Snookie, and how he almost fought a duel in her honor at Downtown's Oyster House. From the Christmas pageant in Sister Mary Eldephonse's seventh grade class to hearing John Coltrane at the Crawford Grill in 1966, Mr. Wilson reveals his outrage and passion. Sometimes shockingly provocative and often hilariously funny, *How I Learned* is an amazingly generous portrait of this uncompromising artist as a young man.

The designers for *How I Learned What I Learned* are David Gallo (Scenery and Projections), Constanza Romero (Costumes), Thom Weaver (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Fred Noel is the Production Stage Manager.

About the Playwright

August Wilson was born on April 27, 1945 in Pittsburgh's Hill District and was raised there. He went on to become one of the world's most acclaimed playwrights. His most visionary work, known as the American Century Cycle, comprises 10 plays about

the African-American experience in each decade of the 20th century. Since all but one of the plays are set in his hometown, they are also known as the Pittsburgh Cycle. The plays are: *Gem of the Ocean*, *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *The Piano Lesson*, *Seven Guitars*, *Fences*, *Two Trains Running*, *Jitney*, *King Hedley II*, and *Radio Golf*. He received numerous awards, including two Pulitzer Prizes and a Tony. He was also given the only high school diploma ever issued by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. At the time of his death in 2005, Mr. Wilson lived in Seattle, WA. Later that year the Broadway venue located at 245 West 52nd Street was renamed The August Wilson Theatre.

March 5 - April 5, 2015 Performance Schedule

Tues. at 7 pm.

Wed. thru Sat. at 8 pm (except March 18).

Sat. at 2 pm (except March 7 & 14). Also 2 pm on Thurs., April 2.

Sun. at 2 & 7 pm (except April 5 when the final performance is at 2 pm).

Opening Night is Friday, March 13.

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Panel Discussion: Monday, March 16. 7 pm.

O'Reilly Theater. Free.

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AN EXHIBITION EXPLORING GUNS IN OUR CULTURE

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UNLOADED, a multimedia group show that explores historical and social issues surrounding the availability, use, and impact of guns in our culture, will be on exhibit at SPACE, 812 Liberty Avenue, in the Cultural District, through April 26, 2015. This exhibit is presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

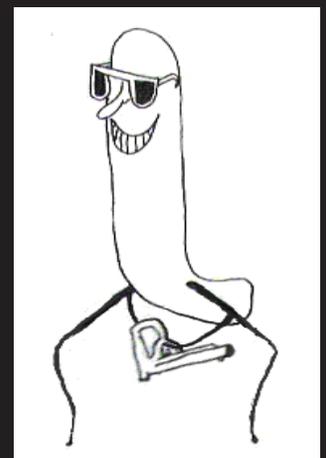
The works in UNLOADED consider age, gender, race, mental health, political affiliations, and philosophical stances as factors surrounding our attitudes and uses of guns. They reflect a number of perspectives, though none endorse the gun as a means to an end. UNLOADED is organized by Susanne Slavick, who is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Art at Carnegie Mellon University. "For over a decade, my work as an artist, and more recently as a curator, has dealt with violence, primarily the violence of war and its aftermath," Slavick says. "UNLOADED shifts the focus to violence on the home front where guns play an enormous role in wounding the well-being of society, whether through the tragedies of domestic violence, suicide, or homicide."

UNLOADED includes the sculpture *Cross for the Unforgiven* by Mel Chin that configures eight AK-47s as a Maltese cross. Frozen in perpetual opposition, they are rendered dysfunctional, unable to exact a drop of blood. With ironic sentimentality, the assemblage *Baby's First Gun* by Renee Stout commemorates a developmental milestone, while James Duesing's *Dog*—a

projected video of a hot dog holding a gun—offers a wry rendition of machismo. For the *Homeland* series, Nina Berman travelled the country photographing military weapons displays, SWAT team training, and drills designed to prepare for hypothetical terrorist attacks, in order to portray the evolution of the "American security state." Resistance to the power of guns is embodied in Vanessa German's sculptures, signs, and spoken word performances and in Jessica Fenlon's *ungun*, a video composed of degrading glitched images of instruments of violence.

The exhibition features work by local and national artists, as well as artists working in China and Germany. Artists include Lauren Adams, Nina Berman, Joshua Bienko, Casey Li Brander, Anthony Cervino, Mel Chin, Cathy Colman, Dadpranks, James Duesing, Jessica Fenlon, Vanessa German, Jinshan, Andrew Ellis Johnson, Jennifer Nagle Myers, Adrian Piper, Don Porcella, Susanne Slavick, Renee Stout, and Stephanie Syjuco.

SPACE is located at 812 Liberty Avenue. Gallery Hours: Wed & Thurs: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Fri & Sat: 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun: 11 a.m.–5 p.m. The gallery is free and open to the public. SPACE is a project of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. For more information about all gallery exhibitions featured in the Cultural District, please visit TrustArts.org.



BALLHOOTER RETURNS TO SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN

SPRING BREAK COLLEGE-FEST TO BE HELD MARCH 6-14, 2015

Celtic American Punk Band Dropkick Murphys to Headline Event

Snowshoe Mountain Resort (www.snowshoemtn.com), the #1 ski resort in the Mid-Atlantic region, announced the full event line-up of its spring break music and college party celebration. Platinum selling Celtic Punk Rock band, Dropkick Murphys will be the headlining act, playing on an outdoor festival stage in the center of Snowshoe's mountaintop village, on Sunday, March 7, 2015.

Ballhooter is a long-celebrated term from the logging history that preceded Snowshoe's presence on Cheat Mountain. A Ballhooter was the logger known for pitching the giant logs down the mountain with famous reckless abandon. This March, we're bringing that wild spirit back onto the mountain for one extended 9-day spring break festival. Dubbed Ballhooter Spring Break, the event features free live music in the Village, plus a Ballhooter kilt making party, a mega red cup competition, giveaways and more. The event will last from March 6-14, 2015.

"We are excited to have the Dropkick Murphys at our annual festival. We've added a slew of Irish-themed events, including a Build Your Kilt Party for students to get into the spirit," says David Dekema, marketing director, Snowshoe Mountain Resort.

Snowshoe is pleased that the event that started 3 years ago is growing in size and popularity among Spring Breakers and are planning on expanding this year's celebration.

"With over a dozen campuses in close driving proximity we love that more students are coming to our mountain to blow off a little steam, ski the mountain, listen to live music and hang out with their friends in a fun and affordable environment. We have watched this event grow in popularity and are happy to announce

we've added a lot more activities for this year's event and expanded it across 9 days," Dekema explains.

Snowshoe is offering discounted lodging and lift tickets for the Ballhooter event online at www.snowshoemtn.com or by calling Snowshoe Reservations at 877-441-4386.

Music headliner for the Sunday evening concert events include the Billboard topping Dropkick Murphys American Celtic punk band who's platinum single "I'm Shipping Up to Boston" was featured in Academy Award-winning movie *The Departed*. A band known for their loud energetic shows also include popular hits "Tessie", "Hang Em High", and "The Boys are Back".

Full Schedule of Ballhooter Spring Break Events: MARCH 6-14, 2015

Friday- March 6 - 5:00-7:30pm

Ballhooter Kilt Making Party – Connection Nightclub

Forgot to pack your kilt? No worries! Snowshoe will provide the fabric, duct tape and some spotty instructions on how to build your own Irish kilt. Enjoy special pricing on Irish-inspired beverages. Must be 21 or older with valid ID.

8:30-10:00pm

The Tilt Your Kilt Mountain Invasion Tour | Village Establishments
The clans will show their tartan pride as we join the DCFD Pipe and Drums on a parade through the Village. Must of 21 or older with valid ID.

10:00pm

Shawn Owen Band | Connection Nightclub

Cover charge: \$10 or free to all kilt bearers. Must be 21 or older with valid ID.

Saturday- March 7 - Noon-3:00pm

Ballhooter Irish Spring Games | The Boathouse, Bottom of Ballhooter Lift

4:00- 6:00pm

Ballhooter Pre-Game Happy Hour | The Junction Restaurant
Enjoy beef stews, brews and other Irish-inspired beverages.

6:00pm

Gates Open for The Celtic Invasion | The Village
FEATURING

6:30pm

Musical entertainment by: The Mahones

7:30pm

Musical entertainment by: Blood and Whiskey

8:30pm

Musical Entertainment by: Dropkick Murphys LIVE!

10:00pm

The Pietasters | Connection Nightclub



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Sunday- March 8 - 10:00am- 2:00pm

Hootenanny Pot 'O Gold Treasure Hunt | Mountain Adventure Center

Clues and beverages provide. Prizes awarded to the most treasures found.

Monday- March 9, 2015

\$30 Lift ticket with a valid College Student ID

4:00- 6:00pm

Monday Mountain Madness Dunk for Junk Contest | The Village

Free to play. Balls will be flying, towards hoops set up under the zipline. Prizes awarded to highest scorer.

Tuesday- March 10

\$30 Lift ticket with a valid College Student ID

4:00- 6:00pm

Mega Red Cup Bounce Off Competition | The Village

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Wednesday- March 11

Noon-2:00pm & 4:30-6:00pm

Human Foosball Contest | The Village

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Thursday-March 12 - 5:30-7:00pm

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Friday- March 13 - 8:00pm

Battle of the DJ's Competition located | The Village

10:00pm

Shawn Owen Band | Connection Nightclub

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6:30pm

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Finals of Battle of the DJ's competition

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About Dropkick Murphys

Dropkick Murphys are an American Celtic punk band formed in Quincy, Massachusetts in 1996. The band was initially signed to independent punk record label Hellcat Records, releasing five albums for the label, and making a name for themselves locally through constant touring and yearly St. Patrick's Day week shows, held in and around Boston. The 2004 single "Tessie" became the band's first hit and one of their biggest charting singles to date. The band's final Hellcat release, 2005's The Warrior's Code, included the song "I'm Shipping Up to Boston"; the song was featured in the 2006 Academy Award-winning movie The Departed, and went on to become the band's only Platinum-selling single to date, and remains one of their best-known songs. The band today is known for their loud, energetic live shows.

Spring Into Warmer Weather With These Fresh Beers

by Brian Meyer

No matter what Phil the Groundhog says, spring is on its way. This means more daylight, a spring ahead for our clocks, and best of all, a host of new and returning beers to enjoy that extra daylight with. Spring is a time for lighter colored and bodied beers that run the gamut in tastes from big and bitter IPAs to Mai Bocks and golden ales.

These beers tend to be a departure from the big dark beers that we all love in the winter, and while a good stout is never a bad thing, the thought of drinking a springtime beer on the porch is far too tempting, at least until we get all of this snow out of sight for another year.

A good springtime beer should awaken the taste buds and remind you that the sun is still out there...hopefully. As cold dark nights give way to bright crisp days, let the beers you drink reflect this. Check out our list of beers to try this spring and while these aren't all seasonal beers by nature, they're all perfect for this time of year.

Anderson Valley Spring Hornin' IPA

As the flowers start to come out, a great floral IPA is exactly what you want, and Anderson Valley's Spring Hornin' IPA is just that. Light in color and big on taste, you should notice aromas of lilacs, white pepper, and Bartlett pears followed up with a taste that has a strong, clean malt body and herbal hop flavors. The finish is nice and dry, with just enough bitterness to be refreshing.

Spring Hornin' comes in at 6.8% ABV and is brewed using Columbus, Golding, Nugget, and Northern Brewer hops. Spring Hornin' is a great beer for the season, and should be at the top of your list. Spring Hornin' pairs well with Fish and chips, roasted lamb, peppery Korean beef, and even oatmeal raisin cookies.

Bell's Smitten Golden Rye

Rye is a very unique ingredient for beer. It imparts a spiciness and body that's unique to the grain, and when used correctly it can make a truly amazing beer. Bell's Brewery made their Smitten Ale featuring rye to bring out these exact characteristics. On the nose you'll notice peppery rye spiciness along with a noticeable bready aroma. The taste has rye up front with a nice citrusy hop character following it up. All of this sits nicely on a malt backbone that's all about bready malt. The rye imparts a creamy mouthfeel that finishes the beer up perfectly.

Bell's Smitten Golden Rye Ale comes in at 6% ABV and is available only during the spring and early summer. Smitten is a great example of an inter-

esting take on the traditional American Pale Ale with a nice rye malt twist. Smitten Golden Rye Ale pairs very well with strong cheeses, salty snacks, and savory meats.

Dogfish Head Aprihop

Did you know there's a fruit beer made specifically for hop lovers? Dogfish Head Brewing out of Milton, DE merged two opposite ideas together to make a truly remarkable beer. Aprihop is brewed like the other IPAs at Dogfish Head, and is hopped continuously for a solid hop flavor, but the big difference here is the addition of apricot juice.

Don't expect this beer to be sweet though, the apricot juice is in place to accent the hop flavors and to help balance the beer out. You get a hint of the apricot flavor along with a healthy dose of hop flavor and aroma, partially due to the dry hopping this beer receives with Amarillo hops.

This 7% ABV beer is rich with hop flavors, with the bitterness tempered perfectly with the malt body and sweet apricot juice. Like most other IPAs, Aprihop is thirst-quenching while being fruity and crisp. Aprihop, like most solid IPAs, pairs well with Salads, swordfish, Mexican dishes, barbeque, and hummus.

North Country Bucco Blonde

North Country Brewing out of Slippery Rock, PA specifically for Pittsburgh's very own Pirates. More specifically, for the Bucco's pitching coach Ray Searage, also known as Uncle Ray.

This 4.9% ABV American Blonde Ale has a great malt body with a hint of bitterness to balance things out. While there is a nice malty sweetness to the beer, it finishes clean and dry, making for a truly refreshing beer, especially for watching the Pirates raise the Jolly Roger. Bucco Blonde Ale, much like other blondes, pairs well with cheeses like Brick, Edam, Monterey Jack, Pepper Jack, and food dishes like Italian, salads, chicken dishes, grilled foods, fish, shellfish and spicy foods

Otter Creek Citra Mantra

A newer style that's been gaining popularity in recent years is the India Pale Lager, or IPL. Similar to the IPA, just made to be a lager instead of an ale. You still get the fresh bitterness of an IPA, but with the crispness and light body of a lager.

Otter Creek Brewing's Citra Mantra is their take on the IPL style, featuring Citra hops. This gives the beer a fresh citrus flavor along with a crisp bitterness. Along with the tropical fruit character, the choice of German malts gives the beer a unique body that makes it easy to drink. The 5.75% ABV helps you to have more than one in a sitting, too. Make sure you get this one quickly though, because just like spring, this beer won't be around long. Citra Mantra pairs well with spicy dishes like Mexican and Thai, as well as savory Italian dishes like chicken parmesan.

Smuttynose Durty

Sure, springtime is all about flowers growing, birds chirping, and life coming back to the world, but it's also about all that snow thawing and melting away. Melting snow means mud, and Smuttynose Brewing would rather embrace the mud and get Durty (yep, that's how they spell it).



Durty is a hoppy brown ale that they're calling their "mud season" ale. You should taste caramel notes common to brown ales as well as the hop aroma and taste you'd expect from an IPA, all in one beer. Don't let the darker color fool you, this is a seriously fresh and crisp beer that helps to bridge the gap between the cold winter nights and the warm spring days, and at 8% ABV, it'll keep you warm if there's a rogue cold night out there still, too. Durty is a pretty unique beer, but should pair well with spicier dishes as well as fried and salty foods.

Straub Maibock

Straub Brewing out of St. Mary's, PA has been making some pretty amazing beers lately, which shouldn't surprise anyone familiar with the brewery. One of their newer offerings is a 6.9% ABV all-malt Maibock.

Straub's Maibock is literally a bock beer released in May, and this version is brewed using a combination of German and American ingredients. The nose is full of caramel and malty aromas with a little hop character to balance things out. Taste follows the taste, but adds a little more hop to back up the big malt taste. Maibocks pair very well with a variety of foods including cheeses like Gruyere, meats like ham, seafood, and even deserts like carrot cake.

Tröeg's Cultivator

With the ground thawing, it's time to start cultivating the ground and get those crops planted. Not into the whole farming business? That's fine, you can still join in with Tröeg's Cultivator Helles Bock.

This 6.9% ABV lager is a fresh and crisp beer with just enough hop bitterness to be refreshing. Brewed with floor malted Bohemian Pilsner malt and Hersbrucker and Magnum hops, Cultivator is possibly the perfect spring beer. The malt body gives the beer a little more meat than a typical lager while still staying light enough to be delicious.

Cultivator pairs very well with a variety of cheeses including

Asiago, Colby, Gruyère and Swiss. The malty sweetness and clean, dry finish of the beer also complements spicy dishes like Thai or Korean BBQ, shellfish, and a variety of fried foods.

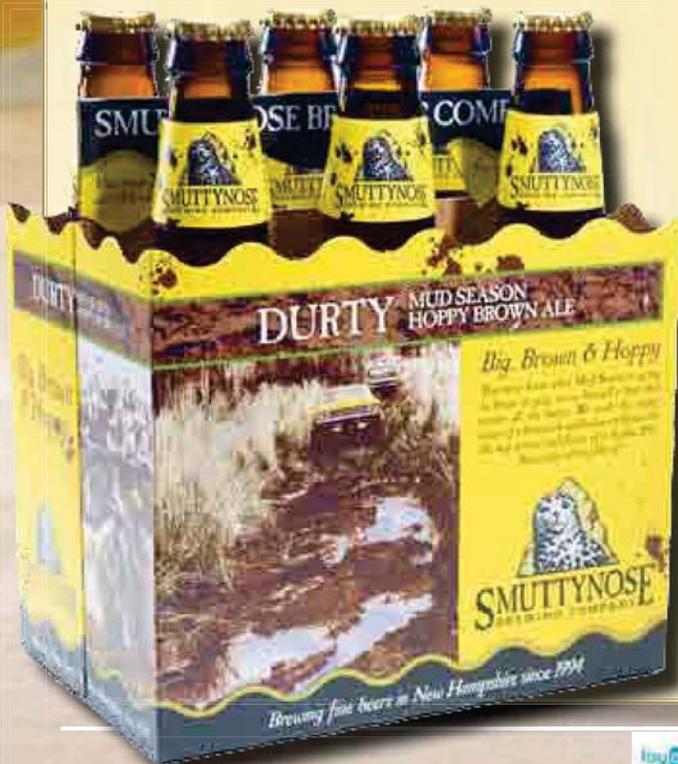
Victory Anniversary 19

Victory Brewing turned 19 years old this month, and while the brewery itself still isn't old enough for a beer, the brew created to celebrate the occasion is simply great. Instead of brewing a massively high ABV beer to celebrate, Victory chose instead to brew a session IPA that comes in at 4.5% ABV. Why, you ask? Well, Victory wanted the party to keep going and the best way to do that is to pace yourself with a great tasting beer.

Anniversary 19 features hoppy aromas of citrus and pine along with flavors of orange peel and citrus that pair perfectly with the herbal hop notes. All of this sits nicely on a light malt body to give you a beer that's perfectly balanced and finishes dry. Anniversary 19 goes to show you that you don't need high alcohol to have a beer with huge flavor, and that sometimes less is definitely more. Anniversary 19 pairs very well with spicy foods as well as salty dishes.



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



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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day With Left Hand

by Brian Meyer

St. Patrick's Day means two things. First, that spring will be here soon and second, that it's time for a good beer. While Left Hand Brewing Co., out of Longmont, Colorado can't control the seasons...yet...they can help you on the beer front. Left Hand offers a variety of beers but what you'll definitely want for this holiday is their famous Milk Stout Nitro. Left Hand Milk Stout Nitro is the only beer brewed in the United States that puts beer and nitrogen in a bottle.

Nitrogen does something magical to a beer. First, when poured correctly, nitro beers form creamy heads that resemble whipped cream. They have a rich and creamy taste, and best of all, are lighter in your stomach than a traditional beer, since nitrogen is lighter than CO2. Left Hand Brewing Co. choose their amazing Milk Stout and Sawtooth Ale to receive the nitro treatment. So what exactly is a nitro beer all about? Here's the lowdown before taking a look at what Left Hand Brewing Co. has to offer. Got Nitro?

Today nitro beers are far more popular and widespread, even covering beers that aren't of the stout variety. Nitrogen is not very soluble in liquid, which is why nitro taps in bars have a special tap handle. This handle has a restrictor plate in it which forces the beer through small holes, making the nitrogen mix with the beer. This is why a freshly poured nitro beer has the waterfall effect while the beer settles.

While you're seeing tiny bubbles falling to the bottom of the glass, larger bubbles of nitrogen are rising to the top in the center; creating that thick creamy head that nitro beers are known for. Nitro beers actually mimic the wonderful taste of cask beer without the need to find a bar with the exact firkin you want. Milk Stout Nitro out of the bottle gives you a thick, creamy head and a creamy taste while staying relatively low in carbonation, or fizziness.



Now that you have a little background on nitro beers, check out what Left Hand Brewing has to offer this St. Paddy's Day in both nitro and standard CO2 varieties.

Milk Stout Nitro

Dark, delicious, and amazingly creamy, Milk Stout Nitro is a beer to behold. The combination of a sweet stout and nitrogen make for a beer experience unlike any other you've had. They say first impressions are everything, and pouring a Milk Stout Nitro from the bottle is amazing enough to remember. To make the beer nitrogenate properly, Left Hand tells you to "Pour Hard" by literally up-ending the bottle and allowing it to escape the bottle haphazardly into your pint glass. While you might think an overflow is imminent, think again. Just when it seems like you'll have a mess to clean up, the bottle empties and the creamy head starts to form. Let the beer sit for a minute or two, and you're left with a beauty of a beer. It starts out wild and finishes up smooth and sweet for a first impression that you'll remember.

On the nose you'll pick up brown sugar and vanilla cream with just a hint of roasted coffee. The taste follows through with the aroma, but adds roasty mocha flavors that pair perfectly with the semi-sweetness of a milk stout. There is a slight hop profile, but the small amount of bitterness in this beer comes on the finish, which is surprisingly dry and slightly roasty. The creaminess of Milk Stout Nitro gives you an amazing mouth feel that carries the complex flavors through from start to finish.

Milk Stout

If you love milk stouts but want a little less nitrogen in your beer, then the standard Milk Stout from Left hand Brewing is perfect. Don't expect this to taste like milk, but instead milk sugars help this beer to gain some additional creaminess and sweetness without affecting the 6% ABV it sits at.

Expect this beer to have an aroma featuring vanilla with tons of roasted malt and some sweetness. On first taste you'll find coffee, sweetness, and some roasted malt. There's just a little hop bitterness, but it's hard to find, as the roasted malt gives the



Brewing Company and Milk Stout Nitro



beer it's small amount of bitterness that you actually taste. The standard Milk Stout has a great carbonation and still stays smooth and easy to drink, even though it's missing the nitrogen from it's sibling.

Sawtooth Ale Nitro

Nitro beers don't always have to be dark, and a great example of this is Sawtooth Nitro from Left Hand Brewing.

With Sawtooth Nitro, the brewers took their Extra Special Bitter (ESB) at 5.3% ABV and put it in a bottle with nitrogen to give it a creamy texture and amazingly thick and creamy head.

The appearance of this beer is amazing. The golden-orange color of the beer topped with a nice thick head of pure white makes for one of the most picturesque beers you'll ever have. The aroma is light on Sawtooth Nitro, but you should pick up some caramel and just a hint of sweetness. The taste is light with malty sweetness up front and toasted caramel finishing it up. The mouthfeel is where Sawtooth Nitro really shines, as it's creamy, crisp, and medium bodied. The nitrogen in this beer kicks it up a notch and makes for a truly enjoyable experience.

Sawtooth Ale

Just like Milk Stout, you can get the amazing Sawtooth Ale with the standard CO2 carbonation, too. Sawtooth was Left Hand Brewing's original flagship beer, and for good reason. This medium-bodied beer comes in at 5.35 ABV and features

all the things we love about ESBs with a little bit more extra.

The appearance is similar to that of its nitro sibling, but without the creamy white head. This complex beer starts out with a malty sweetness that's well balanced as to not be cloying. Upon first taste, this transitions over to an herbal, earthy flavor thanks to the Magnum, US Goldings, Wilamette, and Cascade hops. Sawtooth finishes dry without being overly bitter; a truly well balanced beer.

400 Pound Monkey IPA

So far we've looked at two beers that are easy to drink and easy on the bitterness. While these are great, there comes a time for big hop flavor and the kick that only an IPA can offer. Left Hand has you covered here too with their 400 Pound Monkey.

400 Pound Monkey is an English-style IPA that has loads of herbal hop notes and a breadly malt body. English-style IPAs are traditionally better balanced than their US counterparts, making for a beer that's both bitter and malty with a great color and medium body. This 6.8% ABV beer isn't too hoppy, but is still bitter enough for every IPA fan to love. All of this hop flavor comes from the choice of Magnum, Boadicea, and Sovereign hops, which give the beer it's earthy and herbal aroma and taste.

Mountain Mixer 12 Pack

Are you one of those people that just can't decide? Find it hard to commit to only one of these beers? Well, you're not alone. Left Hand Brewing created their Mountain Mixer for people just like you. This 12-pack features 4 different beers that rotate regularly based on the season and what beers the packaging guys are loving that week.

You get three each of the four beers featured, so there's no commitment. You get to have the beers you love, and maybe even try one you haven't had before. Seems like a real win-win scenario for sure.

Coming Soon: No Good Juju Summer Seasonal

A light ale brewed with organic ginger to create a spicy aroma and unique flavor. A little Juju voodoo – fresh ginger kisses the lithe malty body, copulating with the hop in this pale ale ancestor. Emancipate yourself from the dead of winter, none but the vernal equinox can free the light

Whether you choose a variety or stick with Sawtooth, there's a pack of Left Hand beers that's just what you're looking for. This St. Paddy's Day, make the beer you drink an American craft beer, and choose Left Hand.

Left Hand Brewing is proudly distributed by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale and can be found throughout the Pittsburgh area.



PITTSBURGH ROCK 'N ROLL LEGENDS AWARDS ANNOUNCE 2015 SLATE OF NOMINEES

PUBLIC VOTING PORTAL NOW OPEN - TICKETS ON SALE FOR APRIL 23rd EVENT

The Nominating Committee for the Second Annual Pittsburgh Rock 'n Roll Legends Awards, has announced its slate of nominees for the 2015 event, set for Thursday, April 23 at the Hard Rock Café, Station Square. The event called "Rock 'N Rolling over Cancer, sponsored by UPMC/UPMC Health Plan," honors the tremendously talented individuals and organizations that have contributed to the rich history of rock and roll music in Pittsburgh, while raising money for the Pittsburgh-based Cancer Caring Center. To build on the solid foundation of last year's inaugural event with the induction of concert promoter Rich Engler, a comprehensive nomination and voting process was instituted this year, whereby a "class" of three individuals or groups in three different categories will be inducted as Legends this year and beyond.

The slate of nominees for this year's Legends Awards is:

- Modern Era Legends (Groups or solo artists with 20+ years in the business)
- Billy Price: East coast blue-eyed soul man; toured nationally as lead singer for guitarist Roy Buchanan for three years; founded and led Keystone Rhythm Band and the Billy Price Band
- Donnie Iris: Singer, gold record-winning songwriter known nationally for Top 100 hits "The Rapper," "Ah Leah," "Love is Like a Rock" and "I Can't Hear You. Front man for the Jaggerz, Wild Cherry and Donnie Iris and the Cruisers
- Joe Grushecky: Prolific songwriter, singer and guitarist who's released 18 albums as leader of the Iron City Houserockers or as a solo artist; often co-writes with Bruce Springsteen
- Rusted Root: Major touring act that continues to headline across the U.S. and Canada; platinum selling album "When I Woke," features the enduring song "Send Me On My Way," which reached #72 on the Billboard Top 100 (Nomination is for band members who played on their gold and platinum albums)

Non-performer/music professional (Individuals with 20+ years in the business)



Cindy and Rich Engler celebrate his induction as the inaugural honoree of the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards with musicians Hermie Granati and Danny Gochnour during the January 23, 2014 festivities at the Hard Rock Café.

- Joe Rock: Manager of Skyliners and Jaggerz; formed the Skyliners and wrote the lyrics to their hits "Since I Don't Have You" and "This I Swear"
- Nick Cenci: Founded Co & Ce Records with Herb Cohen and launched the careers of Lou Christie and the Vogues
- Pat DiCesare: Major long-time concert promoter and songwriter. Played a major role in bringing the Beatles to Pittsburgh in 1964
- Porky Chedwick: Pittsburgh radio icon; one of the first DJs to present racially diverse music in a major city; "Daddio of the Raddio and the "Platter Pushin' Pappa." Credited by many artists for breaking their records

Legacy Legends (Groups or solo artists with 40+ years in the business)

- Del Vikings: Had smash hits with the classic songs "Come Go with Me," "Whispering Bells" and "Cool Shake." Many lists of the top all-time Doo Wop songs rank "Come Go With Me" at #2 and also include "Whispering Bells" (Nomination is for original band members)
- Lou Christie: Million-selling singer/songwriter known for his distinctive falsetto voice, with hit singles such as the #1 song, "Lightnin' Strikes," "The Gypsy Cried," "Two Faces Have I," "Rhapsody In the Rain" and "I'm Gonna Make You Mine"
- Skyliners: Sang one of the top Doo Wop hits of all time – "Since I Don't Have You" as well as "This I Swear." They were the first group to feature a string arrangement in a rock and roll song (Nomination is for original band members)

Note: The most successful iteration of any band will be the one nominated. See more extensive nominee bios at www.Pittsburgh-RockLegends.com

Winners for this year's Legends Awards will be selected through votes cast online by the Legends Nominating Committee, the general public and the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards Academy of Voters – assembled for this purpose, and comprised of nearly 200 knowledgeable, local music industry pros. The public can register to



Joel Peresman, president and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation (right), presents Rich Engler with the first award from the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards. Peresman started his career as a college intern with DiCesare-Engler, which was one of the premier concert promotion companies in the country.

vote for their favorite nominees at www.PittsburghRockLegends.com now through March 9 at 11:59 PM. Once registered, public voters will receive a ballot via email within 24 hours (one vote per person only). Members of the Academy of Voters, who opted in to participate, will be sent ballots directly, and all of these ballots will be combined to determine the final outcome. Votes will be reviewed by an independent, volunteer third-party panel of judges comprised of a CPA, a journalist and a federal judge to assure that the voting process was fair and transparent. Winners will be announced March 19.

The April 23 Awards event will feature special VIPs; musical guests, and performances by local all-star musicians such as Joe Grushecky, Donnie Iris, B.E. Taylor, Rick Witkowski and others; a commemorative Hard Rock Cafe collectible pin created especially for the event; specialty cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a live and silent auction. Additionally, this year's event will include a fashion component and other surprises. Auction items collected so far, which will be viewable online for pre-event bidding closer to the event through www.BiddingForGood.com, include event tickets, gift certificates and many autographed items from music and sports legends such as Bruce Springsteen, Fleetwood Mac, KISS, Tony Bennett, Rod Stewart, Joe Perry, Santana, Mario Lemieux, Pedro Alvarez and others.

Tickets are now on sale at www.PittsburghRockLegends.com. Prices are the same as last year: \$200 for VIP and \$150 for General Admission. Doors open at 5:30 for VIP and 6:30 for General Admission. Guests may also call the Cancer Caring Center anytime to purchase tickets at 412-622-1212.

For more information about the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards, or to learn more about becoming a sponsor or donating an auction prize, please visit www.cancercaring.org or call 412-622-1212.

About the Pittsburgh Rock 'n Roll Legends Awards

The Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards (initially launched as the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame), created as a local registry rather than a museum, honors the tremendously talented individuals and organizations that have contributed to the rich history of rock and roll in Pittsburgh. Organizers of the Legends Awards and a team of leading local musicians and industry experts have created an entity that will, over time, recognize many individuals who have played an integral role in making rock and roll music part of the fabric of life in Western Pennsylvania.

A permanent Legends display, created by Wendell August Forge, features a painting of the city skyline by highly regarded local artist Johno Prascak, which hangs at the Hard Rock Café in Station Square. It will be updated as new Legends members are inducted. Follow the Legends on Facebook and Twitter or visit the website at www.PittsburghRockLegends.com

About the Cancer Caring Center

Since 1988, the Center has been a Pittsburgh-based charity, providing free emotional and social support services to patients and their families. They help those affected by a cancer diagnosis move forward, by offering a wide variety of programming. Services include neighborhood support groups throughout the area, individual and couples counseling, a telephone helpline, a Food Bank for qualifying patients, Reiki, art therapy, "Live Well with Cancer" newsletters, programs and much more. The Center also sponsors Pet Therapy for children at Animal Friends and support groups for children who have a family member with cancer.

For more information, visit www.cancercaring.org. Follow on Twitter at and on Facebook.



Wine - Veglio Michelino & Figlio

Veglio Michelino & Figlio, a small, family-owned and operated winery located in the Piedmont region of northwestern Italy who has a diverse portfolio including a Barolo, Moscato d'Asti, Bacco Sweet Red, sparkling Re Della Notte, and first-to-market two low-histamine red wines, Dolcetto D'Alba and Barbera D'Alba.

Veglio's Barolo, made from Nebbiolo grapes, is a competitively priced high-end red with a delicate yet harmonic bouquet of fruit and spices. Veglio's lighter, semi-sweet Bacco Sweet Red is a blend of 30% Barbera and 70% Dolcetto grapes that delivers a sweet, balanced flavor. Veglio's white wine portfolio includes Re Della Notte, a dry sparkling wine made from Sauvignon grapes, and Moscato d'Asti, a sweet, succulent desert wine made from Moscato grapes.

Each low-histamine wine contains less than 0.5 mg of histamine per liter. These new offerings meet a growing consumer demand for low-histamine wines, as an estimated 10% of the world's population suffer from "red wine headaches" (headaches, nausea and flushing that occurs after drinking red wine) as a result of an intolerance to the histamines present in many of the red varieties consumers drink today. Their wines are of superior quality and taste and absolutely no "red wine headache" try it today! A Nightwire highly recommended wine!

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Lesson One:

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing?" The eagle answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Management Lesson:

To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Lesson Two:

A turkey was chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey, "but I haven't got the energy." "Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients."

The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree. He was promptly spotted by a the tree.

Management Lesson:

Bull shit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

Lesson Three:

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold, the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He laid there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him.

Management Lesson:

- (1) Not everyone who shits on you is your enemy.
- (2) Not everyone who gets you out of shit is your friend..
- (3) And when you're in deep shit, it's best to keep your mouth shut!

This ends the three minute management course.

THINGS TO PONDER:

- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
- Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe
- He's not dead, he's electroencephalographically challenged.
- You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, and then used against you.
- I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
- Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?
- Nothing is fool-proof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.
- Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.
- The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.
- You can't have everything, where would you put it?
- Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.
- The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- It was recently discovered that research causes cancer in rats.
- Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.
- I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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STORY OF MY LIFE:

Law of Mechanical Repair:

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Bath Theorem:

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters:

The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with. (Or when you're having a really bad hair day...)

Law of the Result:

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics:

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Theatre Rule:

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last

Law of Coffee:

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers:

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers. (In my case, this is known as "The Parking Lot Law" - I park our new car as far away from the building entrance and other cars as I can. There are 35 vacant parking spaces between me and the nearest vehicle. When I return to my car, I can't even open the driver's door because of the banged-up old pickup parked snugly next to me - and there are still 33 unoccupied parking spots all around us.)

Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets:

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich of landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Location:

No matter where you go, there you are.

Law of Logical Argument:

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law:

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

THE FENCE:

A little old lady is walking down the street, dragging two plastic garbage bags with her, one in each hand. There's a hole in one of the bags, and every once in a while a \$20 bill is flying out of it onto the pavement. Noticing this, a policeman stops her...."Ma'am, there are \$20 bills falling out of that bag..." "Damn!" says the little old lady....."I'd better go back and see if I can still find some. Thanks for the warning!" "Well, now, not so fast," says the cop. "How did you get all that money?" "Did you steal it?" "Oh, no", says the little old lady. "You see, my back yard backs up to the parking lot of the football stadium Each time there's a game, a lot of fans come and pee in the bushes, right into my flower beds!" "So, I go and stand behind the bushes with a big hedge clipper, and each time someone sticks his little thingie through the bushes, I say: \$20 or off it comes!"

"Hey, not a bad idea!" laughs the cop. "OK, good luck! By the way, what's in the other bag?" "Well", says the little old lady, "not all of them pay up"....

THE REDNECK CHALLENGE:

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South, and we challenge any so-called "smart" Yankee to take this exam:

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10 pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard?
(A) '65 Ford Fairlane
(B) '69 Chevrolet Chevelle
(C) '64 Pontiac GTO.
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Buds will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
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with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many dogs will be killed?

6. A man owns a Georgia house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?

7. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?

8. With a gene pool reduction of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to breed a country-western singer?

I betcha thought that there test was gonna be an easy one, didn't ya? It's okay if'n ya didn't do all that well. Just goes to show ya.... There's a hole heap of things that big city book-learning don't prepare ya for in this life.

UNEMPLOYMENT PAY:

Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so off they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Ole said, "Panty stitcher. I sew the elastic onto cotton panties." The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classed as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week unemployment pay. Sven was asked

his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week. When Ole found out he was furious. He stormed back in to the office to find out why his friend and coworker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained: Panty stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor. "What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on the panties, Sven pulls them down on his head and says, 'Yah, diesel fitter.'

Jokes for the Ladies:

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma." And they say blondes are dumb... A couple is lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world." The woman replies, "I'll miss you..." "It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied. He said - Shall we try swapping positions tonight? She said - That's a good idea... you stand by the ironing board while I sit on the sofa and fart.

Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumor

A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger... Whoosh...immediately he turned ninety!!! Gotta love that fairy!

A PRAYER....

Dear Lord,
I pray for Wisdom to understand my man;
Love to forgive him;
And Patience for his moods.
Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength,
I'll beat him to death.
AMEN

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practicing to be men.

Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?

A: Trustworthy.

Q: What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?

A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough.

Q: Why do female black widow spiders kill their males after mating?

A: To stop the snoring before it starts.

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Q: Why do men whistle when they are sitting on the toilet?

A: It helps them remember which end they need to wipe.

Q: What is the difference between men and women?

A: A woman wants one man to satisfy her every need. A man wants every woman to satisfy his one need.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder "Instruction Manuals"

Kentucky News

- A guy from Kentucky passed away and left his entire estate to his beloved widow, but she can't touch it 'til she's 14.
- How can you tell if a Kentucky redneck is married? There's dried tobacco juice on BOTH sides of his pickup truck.
- Did you hear that they have raised the minimum drinking age in Kentucky to 32? It seems they want to keep alcohol out of the high schools.
- What do they call reruns of "Hee Haw" in Kentucky? Documentaries.
- Where was the toothbrush invented? Kentucky (and West Virginia). If it had been invented anywhere else, it would have been called a teeth brush.
- A Kentucky State trooper pulls over a pickup on I-64 and says to the driver, "Got any I.D.?" and the driver replies "Bout what?"
- Did you hear about the \$3 million Kentucky State Lottery? The winner gets \$3.00 a year for a million years.
- The governor's mansion in Kentucky burned down! Yep. Pert near took out the whole trailer park. The library was a total loss, too. Both books - poof! Up in flames, and they hadn't even finished coloring one of them.
- A new law was recently passed in Kentucky . . . When a couple gets divorced they are STILL cousins.
- At the scene of the accident a trooper asked the Kentucky driver what gear he was in at the moment of impact. He replied, "tractor hat and camouflage hunting outfit"
- Folks in Kentucky now go to movies in groups of 18. They were told "17 and under are not admitted".
- A Kentucky man spoke frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only 2 minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?", the doctor asked. "No ya dummy" the man shouted, "This is her Husband!"

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THINGS TO PONDER:

1. I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
2. Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
3. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
4. Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
5. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
6. Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.
7. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.
8. Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to? |
9. Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
10. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
11. In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
12. Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
13. How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
14. Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"
15. Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes out of its butt."

DIE-HARD FOOTBALL FANS:

Four Die-Hard football fans go rock climbing one afternoon a Cowboys fan, a Packers fan, a Browns fan, and a Steelers fan. They had been arguing all the way up the mountain about who among them was the most "die-hard" fan. Upon reaching the top of the mountain, the Cowboys fan proclaimed to the other four.. "This is for the Dallas Cowboys!" and promptly threw himself off the mountain as a form of sacrifice. Not to be outdone by a Cowboys fan, the Packers fan jumped up and said..."This is for the Green Bay Packers!" and then threw himself off the mountain as a form of sacrifice. Refusing to be outdone by the Cowboy and Packer fans, the Steelers fan rose to his feet and yelled at the top of his lungs "This is for the Pittsburgh Steelers!" and without any hesitation, pushed the Cleveland Browns fan off the mountain.

BEER, FISHING, SEX & GOLF

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner. The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?" "No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied. "Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked. "No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive." "Will you spend this on greens fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked. "Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!" "Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?" the man asked. "What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?" exclaimed the homeless man. "Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting." The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf, and sex."



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THE PROFESSOR:

At Duke University, there were four sophomores taking chemistry and all of them had an "A" so far. These 4 friends were so confident, that the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time, but after all the hearty partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Duke until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire. As a result, they missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms, thinking this was going to be easythen they turned the page. * * * * On the second page was written ... For 95 points: Which tire?

Redneck Momma

A woman walks into the downtown welfare office,

trailed by 15 kids."WOW," the social worker exclaims,"are they ALL YOURS???" "Yep they are all mine," the flustered momma sighs, having heard that question a thousand times before. She says, "Sit down Leroy." All the children rush to find seats. "Well," says the social worker, "then you must be here to sign up. I'll need all your children's names." "This one's my oldest - he is Leroy." "OK, and who's next?" "Well, this one he is Leroy, also." The social worker raises an eyebrow but continues. One by one, through the oldest four, all boys, all named Leroy. Then she is introduced to the eldest girl, named Leighroy! "All right," says the case worker. "I'm seeing a pattern here. Are they ALL named Leroy?" Their Momma replied, "Well, yes-it makes it easier. When it is time to get them out of bed and ready for school, I yell, 'Leroy!' An' when it's time for dinner, I just yell 'Leroy!' an' they all comes arunnin.' An' if I need to stop the kid who's running into the street, I just yell 'Leroy' and all of them stop. It's the smartest idea I ever had, namin' them all Leroy." The social worker thinks this over for a bit, then wrinkles her forehead and says tentatively, "But what if you just want ONE kid to come, and not the whole bunch?" "I call them by their last names."



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1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

For the answers turn to page 30

TWO BLONDES

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking and one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is farther away, Florida or the moon?" The other blonde turns and says, "Hellooooooooooo, can you see Florida?"

CAR TROUBLE

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, "What's the story?" He replies, "Just crap in the carburetor." She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. "Impossible!", says the doctor. "Show me." The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left breast and screamed; then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise, she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream. The doctor said, "You're not really a redhead, are you?" "Well, no" she said, "I'm actually a blonde." "I thought so," the doctor said. "Your finger is broken!"

KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!" "NO!", the blonde yelled back; "IT'S A SCARF!"

BLONDE ON THE SUN

A Russian, an American, and a blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, "We were the first in space!" The American said, "We were the first on the moon!" The blonde said, "So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!", said the Russian. To which the blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!"

IN A VACUUM

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?" and last but not least... A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of

someone naming dogs like that?" "Hellooooooooooooo.....," answered the blond. "They're watch dogs."

Clean Comedy

You may not remember the old Jewish Catskill comics of Vaudeville days, viz., Shecky Green, Red Buttons, Totie Fields, Milton Berle, Henny Youngman, and others? You've probably heard of them before, but don't you miss their humor? Not one single swear word in their comedy.

- I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!
- What are three words a woman never wants to hear when she's making love? "Honey, I'm home!"
- Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.
- We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- My wife and I went back to the hotel where we spent our wedding night, only this time I stayed in the bathroom and cried.
- My wife and I went to a hotel where we got a waterbed. My wife called it the Dead Sea.
- She was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
- I was just in London - there is a 6-hour time difference. I'm still confused. When I go to dinner, I feel sexy. When I go to bed, I feel hungry.
- The doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.
- The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen answered, "So did my arthritis!"
- Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!" Patient: "I AM 60!" Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"



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- A doctor has a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?" The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"
- Doctor says to a man, "You're pregnant!" The man says, "How does a man get pregnant?" The doctor says, "The usual way. A little wine, a little dinner, you know?"
- Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears." Doctor: "Don't answer!"
- A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says "Okay, let's get started."
- A bum asked a Jewish fellow, "Give me \$10 till payday." The Jewish fellow responded, "When's payday?" The bum said, "I don't know! You're the one that's working!"
- There was a beautiful young woman knocking on my hotel room door all night! I finally had to let her out.
- Why do Jewish divorces cost so much? They're worth it.
- Why do Jewish men die before their wives? They want to.
- A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic says, "Are you comfortable?" The man says, "I make a good living."
- I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.
- I wish my brother would learn a trade, so I would know what kind of work he's out of.

Blind Man

A blind man enters a lesbian bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a drink. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender in a loud voice, "Hey bartender, you wanna hear a dumb blonde joke?" The bar immediately falls deathly quiet. In a deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is just fair, given that you are blind, that you should know five things..."

- One: The bartender is a blonde woman.
- Two: The bouncer is a blonde woman.
- Three: The woman sitting next to me is blonde and is a professional boxer.
- Four: The lady to your right is a blonde and is a professional wrestler.
- Five: I'm a 6-foot, 200 pound blonde woman with a Ph.D., a black belt in karate, and a very bad attitude.

Now, think about it seriously, mister. Do you still want to tell that joke?"The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head and says: "Nah. Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

CARTOON CHARACTER PERSONALITY TEST:

Everyone has a personality of a cartoon character. Have you ever asked yourself what cartoon character do you most resemble?

A group of investigators got together and analyzed the personalities of well known and modern cartoon characters. The information that was gathered was made into this test:

Answer all the questions with what describes you best, add up all your points (which are next to the answer that you choose) at the end turn to page _____ for your results.

Do not cheat by looking at page ??? before you are done.

1. Which one of the following describes the perfect date?

- a) Candlelight dinner (4 pts.)
- b) Fun/Theme Park (2 pts.)
- c) Painting in the park (5 pts.)
- d) Rock concert (1 pt.)
- e) Going to the movies (3 pts.)

2. What is your favorite type of music?

- a) Rock and Roll (2 pts.)
- b) Alternative (1 pt.)
- c) Soft Rock (4 pts.)
- d) Country (5 pts.)
- e) Pop (3 pts.)

3. What type of movies do you prefer?

- a) Comedy (2 pts.)
- b) Horror (1 pt.)
- c) Musical (3 pts.)
- d) Romance (4 pts.)
- e) Documentary (5 pts.)



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4. Which one of these occupations would you choose if you only could choose one of these?

- a) Waiter (4 pts.)
- b) Professional Sports Player (5 pts.)
- c) Teacher (3 pts.)
- d) Police (2 pts.)
- e) Cashier (1 pt)

5. What do you do with your spare time?

- a) Exercise (5 pts.)
- b) Read (4 pts.)
- c) Watch television (2 pts.)
- d) Listen to music (1 pt.)
- e) Sleep (3 pts.)

6. Which one of the following colors do you like best?

- a) Yellow (1 pt.)
- b) White (5 pts.)
- c) Sky Blue (3 pts.)
- d) Dark Blue (2 pts.)
- e) Red (4 pts.)

7. What do you prefer to eat right now?

- a) Snow (3 pts.)
- b) Pizza (2 pts.)
- c) Sushi (1 pt.)
- d) Pasta (4 pts.)
- e) Salad (5 pts.)

8. What is your favorite holiday?

- a) Halloween (1 pt.)

- b) Christmas (3 pts.)
- c) New Years (2 pts.)
- d) Valentine's Day (4 pts.)
- e) Thanksgiving (5 pts.)

9. If you could go to one of these places which one would it be?

- a) Paris (4 pts)
- b) Spain (5 pts.)
- c) Las Vegas (1 pt.)
- d) Hawaii (4 pts.)
- e) Hollywood (3 pts)

10. With which of the following would you prefer to spend time with?

- a) Someone Smart (5 pts.)
- b) Someone attractive (2 pts.)
- c) Someone who likes to Party (1 pt.)
- d) Someone who always has fun (3 pts.)
- e) Someone very sentimental (4 pts.)

Now add up your points and find out the character you most resemble. Answers can be found on Page 31

AH GOLF:

1. Winston Churchill: "Golf is like chasing a quinine pill around a cow pasture."
2. Jack Benny: "Give me the fresh air, a beautiful partner, and a nice round of golf, and you can keep the fresh air and the round of golf."
3. Lee Trevino: "You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands work."
4. Unknown: "Golf is not a game, it's bondage. It was obviously devised by a man torn with guilt, eager to atone for his sins."
5. Babe Ruth: "It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."
6. Lee Trevino: "Columbus went around the world in 1492. That isn't a lot of strokes when you consider the course."
7. Lee Trevino: "I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced."
8. Sam Snead: "These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow."
9. Paul Harvey: "Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore,' shoot six, and write down five."
10. Tommy Bolt, about the tempers of modern players: "They throw their clubs backwards, and that's wrong. You should always throw a club ahead of you so that you don't have to walk any extra distance to get it."
11. Tommy Bolt: "Putting allows the touchy golfer two to four opportunities to blow a gasket in the short space of two to forty feet."
12. Jimmy Demaret: "Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at."
13. Jack Lemmon: "If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball."
14. Lee Trevino: "If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron."

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15. Unknown: "Fifty years ago, 100 white men chasing one black man across a field was called the Ku Klux Klan. Today it's called the PGA Tour."

16. John Updike: "Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how childlike golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five."

17. "Silk Stockings" TV Show: ; "The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes and called it music."

18. Gerald Ford: "I would like to deny all allegations by Bob Hope that during my last game of golf, I hit an eagle, a birdie, an elk and a moose."

19. P.G. Wodehouse: "The least thing upsets him on the links. He missed short putts because of the uproar of butterflies in the adjoining meadows."

20. Bob Hope: "If I'm on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast, if God wants to play through, let him."

21. Ken Harrelson: "In baseball you hit your home run over the right-field fence, the left-field fence, the center-field fence. Nobody cares. In golf everything has got to be right over second base."

22. Chi Chi Rodriguez: "The first time I played the Masters, I was so nervous I drank a bottle of rum before I teed off. I shot the happiest 83 of my life."

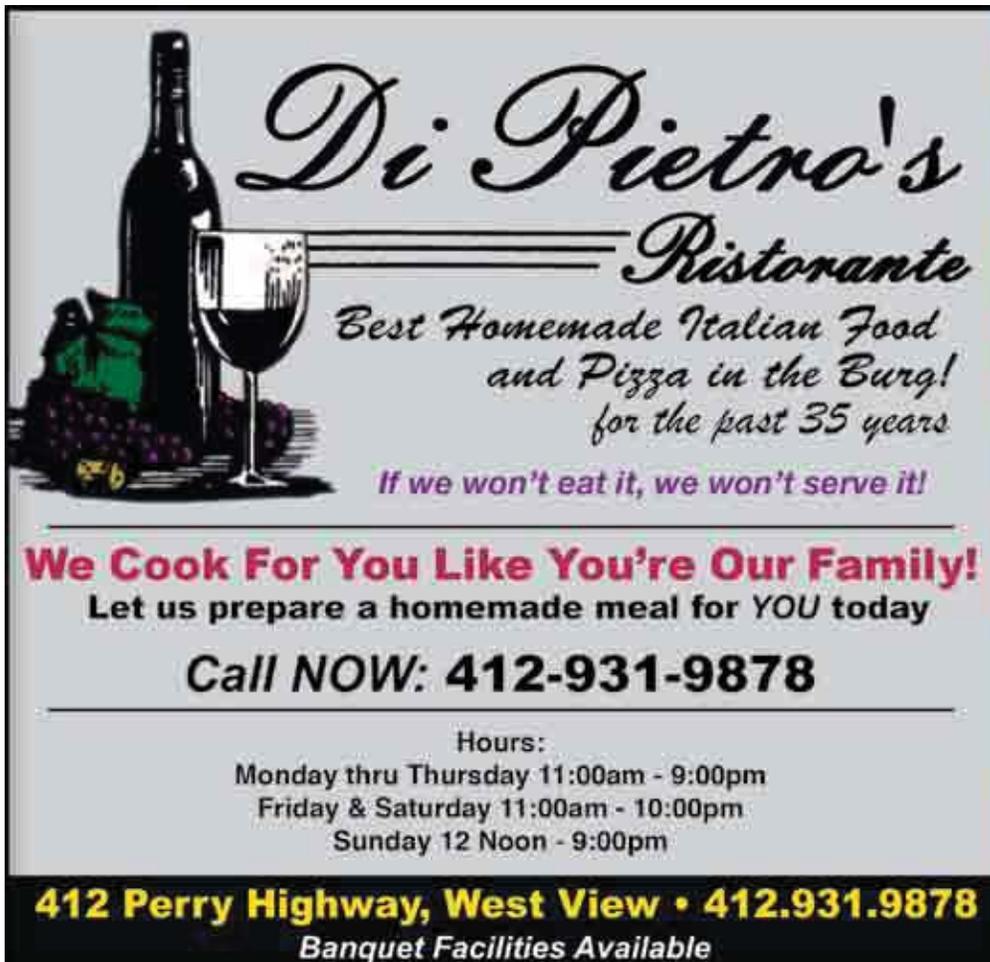
23. Chi Chi Rodriguez: "After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie

for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye."

24. Tommy Bolt, toward the end of one of his infamous high-volume, temperamental, club-throwing rounds, asked his caddie for a club recommendation for a shot of about 155 yards. His caddie said: "I'd say either a 3-iron or a wedge, sir." "A 3-iron or a wedge?" asked Bolt. "What kind of stupid choice is that?" "Those are the only two clubs you have left, sir." said the caddie.

Ron's Thoughts on Aging:

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman. My name is Ron.....Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Julie. When I took "early retirement" last year, it became necessary for Julie to get a full-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf course about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the BR club so eating out is not reasonable. I'm

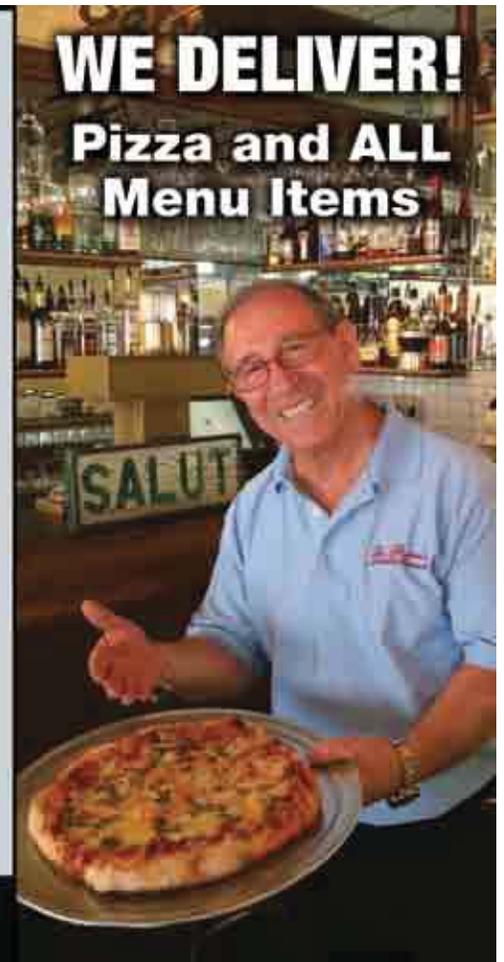


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ready for some home cooked grub when I hit that door... She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner. I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points. When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the yard. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair

man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me too. I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Julie. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other...

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ron died suddenly Thursday February 19. He was found with a Calloway extra long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II (golf club) rammed up his backside, with only 2 inches of grip showing. His wife Julie was arrested, but the all-woman Grand Jury accepted her defense that he accidentally sat down on it very suddenly.
END

Southern Medical Terms

Benign..... What you be, after you be eight.
Artery..... The study of paintings.
Bacteria..... Back door to cafeteria.
Barium..... What doctors do when patients die.
Caesarean Section.....A neighborhood in Rome.
Cat Scan..... Searching for Kitty.
Cauterize..... Made eye contact with her.
Colic..... A sheep dog.
Coma..... A punctuation mark.
D&C..... Where Washington is.
Dilate..... To live long.
Enema..... Not a friend.
Fester..... Quicker than someone else.
Fibula..... A small lie.
G.I. Series..... World Series of military baseball.
Hangnail..... What you hang your coat on.
Impotent.....Distinguished, well known.
Labor Pain..... Getting hurt at work.
Medical Staff..... A Doctor's cane.
Morbid..... A higher offer.
Nitrates..... Cheaper than day rates.
Node..... I knew it.
Outpatient..... A person who has fainted.

Pap Smear.....A fatherhood test.
Pelvis..... Second cousin to Elvis.
Post Operative..... A letter carrier.
Recovery Room..... Place to do upholstery.
Rectum..... Pretty near killed him.
Secretion..... Hiding something.
Seizure..... Roman emperor.
Tablet..... A small table.
Terminal Illness.....Getting sick at the airport.
Tumor..... One plus one more.
Urine..... Opposite of you're out.
Varicose..... Near by/close by

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ FROM PAGE 26

- Passing requires 4 correct answers
- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? 116 years
 - 2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador
 - 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? Sheep and Horses
 - 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November
 - 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur
 - 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? Dogs
 - 7) What was King George VI's first name? Albert
 - 8) What color is a purple finch? Crimson
 - 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand
 - 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane? Orange, of course. (And don't try to tell me you passed!)
Pass this on to some brilliant friends so they can feel stupid too!



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Answers to Quiz from page 27

10-16 points- You are Garfield:

You are very comfortable, easy going and you definitely know how to have fun but sometimes you take it to an extreme.

You always know what you are doing and you are always in control of your life. Others may not see things as you do, but that doesn't mean that you always have to do what is right. Try to remember your happy spirit may hurt you or others.

17-23 points- You are Snoopy:

You are fun, you are very cool and popular. You always know what's in and you never are out of style. You are good at knowing how to satisfy everyone else. You have probably disappeared for a few days more than once but you always come home with the family values that you learned. Being married and having children are important to you, but only after you have had your share of fun times.

24-28 points- You are Elmo:

You have lots of friends and you are also popular, always willing to give advice and help out a person in need. You are very optimistic and you always see the bright side of things. Some good advice: try not to be too much of a dreamer, if not you will have many conflicts with life.

29-35 points- You are Sponge Bob Square Pants:

You are the classic person that everyone loves. You are the best friend that anyone could ever have and never want to lose. You never cause harm to anyone and they always understand your feelings. Life is a journey, it's funny and calm for the most part. Stay away from traitors and jealous people, then you will be stress free.

36-43 points- You are Charlie Brown:

You are tender, you fall in love quickly but you are also very serious about all relationships. You are a family person. You have many friends and may occasionally forget a few Birthdays. Don't let your passion confuse you with reality.

44-50 points- You are Poindexter:

You are smart and definitely a thinker. Every situation is fronted with a plan. You have a brilliant mind. You demonstrate very strong family principles. Maintain a stable routine but never ignore a bad situation when it comes.



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Interesting Things You May Not Know....

Alaska:

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

Amazon:

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

Antarctica:

Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents seventy percent of

all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert; the average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

Brazil:

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

Canada:

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village.'

Chicago:

Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

Detroit:

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

Damascus, Syria:

Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul, Turkey:

Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

Los Angeles:

Los Angeles 'full name is: El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula -- and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

New York City:

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930s

who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Ohio:

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is manmade.

Pitcairn Island:

The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia, at just 1.75 sq. miles/4,53 sq. km.

Rome:

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Siberia:

Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests. -- 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is.

Sahara Desert:

In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, Algeria, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

Spain:

Spain literally means 'the land of rabbits'.

St. Paul, Minnesota:

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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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United States:

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Waterfalls:

The water of Angel Falls (the world's high

est) in Venezuela drops 3,212 feet (979 meters). They are 15 times higher than Niagara Falls.

We have always said, you should learn something new every day. Unfortunately, many of us are at that age where what we learn today, we forget tomorrow.

Side Effects of Jet Fuel

Ole and Sven were drinking buddies who worked as aircraft mechanics in Minneapolis and one day the airport was fogged in and they were stuck in the hangar with nothing to do. Ole said, "I vish ve had somethin ta drink!" Sven says, "Me too. Y'know, I hear you can drink dat yet fuel and get a buzz. Ya vanna try it?" So they pour themselves a couple of glasses of high octane hooch and got completely smashed. Next morning Ole woke up and is surprised at how good he feels. In fact he feels GREAT! NO hangover! NO bad side effects. Nothing! The phone rang. It was Sven who asks "How iss you feelin dis mornin?" Ole says, "I feel great. How bout you?" Sven says, "I feel great, too. Ya don't have no hangover?" Ole says, "No dat yet fuel iss great stuff -- no hangover, nothin. Ve oughta do dis more often." Sven agreed. "Yeah, vell, but dere's jüst vun ting." Ole asked, "Vat's dat?" Sven questioned, "Haff you broke wind yet?" Ole stopped to think. "No " "Vell, DON'T, 'cause I'm in Iowa

- A Mormon polygamist now only has one wife.
- Your bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them.
- McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce
- Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America .
- Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.
- You have a friend that had an exorcism but couldn't afford to pay for it, and they re-possessed her!
- A truckload of Americans were caught sneaking into Mexico.
- A picture is now only worth 200 words.
- The Treasure Island Casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.
- Congress says they are now looking into this Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great! The guy who made \$50 Billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 Trillion disappear!

And, finally...

You get so depressed thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, your savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., you call the Suicide Hotline. You get the call center in Pakistan, and when you tell them you are suicidal, they get all excited, and ask if you can drive a truck.

You Know Your In A Recession When....

- You get a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
- Your wife is having sex with you because she can't afford batteries.
- CEO's are now playing miniature golf.
- Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.
- A stripper was killed when her audience showered her with rolls of pennies while she danced.

TWENTY-NINE LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

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5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
10. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
12. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
13. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
14. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
15. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
16. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
17. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
18. Procrastinate Now!
19. I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?
20. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
21. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
22. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
23. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
24. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.

25. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
26. Ham and eggs... A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
27. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
28. The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
29. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on. Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends! Life is too short and friends are too FEW!

Words of Wisdom from Maxine

- Ever notice that people who tell you to calm down are the ones who got you mad in the first place?
- Ever get the feeling your stuff strutted off without you?
- You keep hitting "escape" but you're still here.
- Ever notice how men are always whining that we are suffocating them? Personally I think if you can still hear them whining you're not pressing down hard enough on the pillow.
- Did you ever notice how scary it is when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.
- I'm starting to wonder how bad 4 years with no president would be.
- Any woman can have the body of a 21 year old as long as she buys him a few drinks first.

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THE GROUP

A group of 15-year old guys discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Dairy Queen next to the Ocean View restaurant because they only had \$ 6.00 between them and Jannie Johnson, that cute girl in Social Studies, lives on that street and they might see her and they can ride their bikes there.

Ten years later, the group of 25-year-old guys discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the beer was cheap, they had free snacks, the band was good, there was no cover and there were lots of cute girls.

Ten years later, at 35 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the booze was good, it was right near the gym and if they went late enough, there wouldn't be too many whiny little kids.

Ten years later, at 45 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the martinis were big, and the waitresses had nice boobs and wore tight pants.

Ten years later, at 55 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the prices were reasonable, the wine list was good and fish is good for your cholesterol.

Ten years later, at 65 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the lighting was good and they have an early bird special.

Ten years later, at 75 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food was not too spicy, and the restaurant was handicapped accessible.

Ten years later, at 85 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before!!

Sex Therapy for Seniors

An Arizona couple, both well into their 80's, go to a sex therapist's office. The doctor asks, 'What can I do for you?' The man says, 'Will you watch us have sexual intercourse?' The doctor raises both eyebrows, but he is so amazed that such an elderly couple is asking for sexual advice that he agrees. When the couple finishes, the doctor says, 'There's absolutely nothing wrong with the way you have intercourse..' He thanks them for coming, he wishes them good luck, he charges them \$50 and he says good bye. The next week, the same couple returns and asks the sex therapist to watch again. The sex therapist is a bit puzzled, but agrees. This happens several weeks in a row. The couple makes an appointment, has intercourse with no problems, pays the doctor, then leave. Finally, after 3 months of this routine, the doctor



says, 'I'm sorry, but I have to ask. Just what are you trying to find out?' The man says, 'We're not trying to find out anything. She's married; so we can't go to her house. I'm married; and we can't go to my house. The Holiday Inn charges \$98. The Hilton charges \$139. We do it here for \$50, and Medicare pays \$43 of it, leaving my net cost of \$7. SHAME ON YOU FOR LAUGHING AT THAT...

The New Priest...

An elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now." The young priest nodded, and the elder priest continued, "And you told me that adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony." "Thank you father," answered the young priest. I'm pleased that you're open to new ideas." "All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, but I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and donations have nearly doubled since I began that!" "Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But, the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof!"...

Dear Lord:

A man was sick and tired of going to work every day while his wife stayed home. He wanted her to see what he went through so he prayed:

'Dear Lord:

I go to work every day and put in 8 hours while my wife merely stays at home. I want her to know what I go through. So, please allow her body to switch with mine for a day. God, in his infinite wisdom, granted the man's wish. The next morning, sure enough, the man awoke as a woman... He arose, cooked breakfast for his mate, awakened the kids, set out their school clothes, fed them breakfast, packed their lunches, drove them to school, came home and picked up the dry cleaning, took it to the cleaners and stopped at the bank to make a deposit, went grocery shopping, then drove home to put away the groceries, paid the bills and balanced the check book. He cleaned the cat's litter box and bathed the dog.. Then, it was already 1 P.M. and he hurried to make the beds, do the laundry, vacuum, dust, and sweep and mop the kitchen floor. Ran to the school to pick up the kids and got into an argument with them on the way home. Set out milk and cookies and got the kids organized to do their homework. Then, set up the ironing board and watched TV while he did the ironing. At 4:30 he began peeling potatoes and wash-



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ing vegetables for salad, breaded the pork chops and snapped fresh beans for supper. After supper, he cleaned the kitchen, ran the dishwasher, folded laundry, bathed the kids, and put them to bed. At 9 P.M. he was exhausted and, though his daily chores weren't finished, he went to bed where he was expected to make love, which he managed to get through without complaint. The next morning, he awoke and immediately knelt by the bed and said: - Lord, I don't know what I was thinking. I was so wrong to envy my wife's being able to stay home all day. Please, Oh! Please, let us trade back.. Amen!' The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, replied: "My son, I feel you have learned your lesson and I will be happy to change things back to the way they were. But you'll have to wait nine months, though. You got pregnant last night"

The Brain

In the hospital, where a family member lay gravely ill, the relatives gathered in the waiting room. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. 'I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news,' he said as he surveyed the worried faces. 'The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, very risky, but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the BRAIN.' The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a time, someone asked, 'How much will a brain cost?' The doctor quickly responded, '\$5,000 for a male brain; \$200 for a female brain.' The moment turned awkward. Some of the men actually had to 'try' to not smile, avoiding eye contact with the women. A man unable to control his curiosity, finally blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask, 'Why is the male brain so much more than a female brain?' The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, 'It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to price the female brains a lot lower because they've been used.'

A TRIP TO SAM'S CLUB

Yesterday I was at my local SAM'S CLUB buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit, the Wonder Dog, and was in the checkout line when the woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I have, an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again.. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story..) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's butt and a car hit us both. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Better watch what you ask retired people! They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

Male or Female?

You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:

FREEZER BAGS:

They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

PHOTOCOPIERS:

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TIRES:

Tires are male, because they go bald easily and are often over-inflated.

HOT AIR BALLOONS:

Also a male object, because to get them to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under their butt.

SPONGES:

These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.

WEB PAGES:

Female, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

TRAINS:

Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.

EGG TIMERS:

Egg timers are female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.

HAMMERS:

Male, because in the last 5000 years, they've hardly changed at all, and are occasionally handy to have around.

THE REMOTE CONTROL:

Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male, but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push, he just keeps trying.

Dr. Phil's test.

(Dr. Phil scored 55, he did this test on Oprah and she got a 38.)

Some folks pay a lot of money to find this stuff out! The following test is pretty accurate and it only takes a few minutes. Answers are for who you are now and not who you were in the past. This is a real test given by Human Relations Departments at many of the major corporations today. It helps them get better insight concerning their employees and in their prospective employees. There are 10 Simple questions, so grab a pencil and paper. Record your letter answers to each question.



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1. When do you feel your best...
 - A) in the morning
 - B) during the afternoon and early evening
 - C) late at night

2. You usually walk...
 - A) fairly fast, with long steps
 - B) fairly fast, with little steps
 - C) less fast head up, looking the world in the face
 - D) less fast, head down
 - E) very slowly

3. When talking to people you...
 - A) stand with your arms folded
 - B) have your hands clasped
 - C) have one or both your hands on your hips
 - D) touch or push the person to whom you are talking
 - E) play with your ear, touch your chin, or smooth your hair

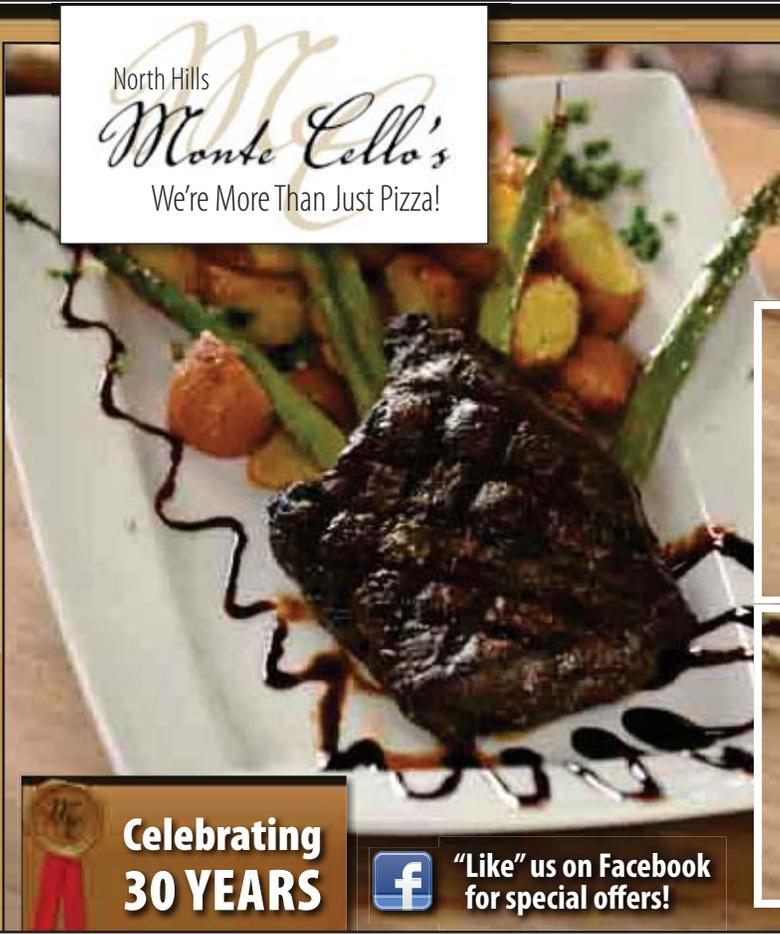
4. When relaxing, you sit with..
 - A) your knees bent with your legs neatly side by side
 - B) your legs crossed
 - C) your legs stretched out or straight
 - D) one leg curled under you

5. When something really amuses you, you react with...
 - A) big appreciated laugh
 - B) a laugh, but not a loud one
 - C) a quiet chuckle
 - D) a sheepish smile

6. When you go to a party or social gathering you...
 - A) make a loud entrance so everyone notices you
 - B) make a quiet entrance, looking around for someone you know
 - C) make the quietest entrance, trying to stay unnoticed

7. You're working very hard, concentrating hard, and you're interrupted...
 - A) welcome the break
 - B) feel extremely irritated
 - C) vary between these two extremes

8. Which of the following colors do you like most...
 - A) Red or orange
 - B) black
 - C) yellow or light blue
 - D) green
 - E) dark blue or purple
 - F) white
 - G) brown or gray



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9. When you are in bed at night, in those last few moments before going to sleep you are....

- A) stretched out on your back
- B) stretched out face down on your stomach
- C) on your side, slightly curled
- D) with your head on one arm
- E) with your head under the covers

10. You often dream that you are...

- A) falling
- B) fighting or struggling
- C) searching for something or somebody
- D) flying or floating
- E) you usually have dreamless sleep
- F) your dreams are always pleasant

POINTS:

- 1. (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 6
- 2. (a) 6 (b) 4 (c) 7 (d) 2 (e) 1
- 3. (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 5 (d) 7 (e) 6
- 4. (a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 2 (d) 1
- 5. (a) 6 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 5 (e) 2
- 6. (a) 6 (b) 4 (c) 2
- 7. (a) 6 (b) 2 (c) 4

8. (a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 5 (d) 4 (e) 3 (f) 2 (g) 1

9. (a) 7 (b) 6 (c) 4 (d) 2 (e) 1

10 (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 5 (e) 6 (f) 1

Now add up the total number of points.

OVER 60 POINTS: Others see you as someone they should “handle with care.” You’re seen as vain, self-centered, and extremely dominant. Others may admire you, wishing they could be more like you, but don’t always trust you, hesitating to become too deeply involved with you.

51 TO 60 POINTS: Others see you as an exciting, highly volatile, rather impulsive personality, a natural leader, who’s quick to make decisions, though not always the right ones. They see you as bold and adventuresome, someone who will try anything once, someone who takes chances and enjoys an adventure. They enjoy being in your company because of the excitement you radiate.

41 TO 50 POINTS: Others see you as fresh, lively, charming, amusing, practical, and always interesting, someone who’s constantly in the center of attention, but sufficiently well-balanced not to let it go to their head. They also see you as kind, considerate, and understanding, someone who’ll always cheer them up and help them out.

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31 TO 40 POINTS: Others see you as sensible, cautious, careful & practical. They see you as clever, gifted, or talented, but modest. Not a person who makes friends too quickly or easily, but someone who's extremely loyal to friends you do make and who expects the same loyalty in return. Those who really get to know you, realize it takes a lot to shake your trust in your friends, but equally that it takes you a long time to get over if that trust is ever broken.

21 TO 30 POINTS: Your friends see you as painstaking and fussy. They see you as very cautious, extremely careful, a slow and steady plodder. It would really surprise them if you ever did something impulsively or on the spur of the moment, expecting you to examine everything carefully from every angle and then, usually decide against it.. They think this reaction is caused partly by your careful nature.

UNDER 21 POINTS: People think you are shy, nervous, and indecisive, someone who needs looking after, who always wants someone else to make the decisions and who doesn't want to get involved with anyone or anything! They see you as a worrier who always sees problems that don't exist. Some people think you're boring. Only those who know you well, know that you aren't.

Medicine Man

For his 75th birthday, a man got a gift certificate from his wife. The certificate paid for a visit to a medicine man living on a nearby reservation who was rumored to have a wonderful cure for erectile dysfunction. After being persuaded, he drove to the reservation, handed his ticket to the medicine man and wondered what he was in for. The old medicine man slowly, methodically produced a potion, handed it to him, and with a grip on his shoulder, warned, "This is powerful medicine and it must be respected. You take only a teaspoonful and then say '1-2-3'. When you do that, you will become more manly than you have ever been in your life and you can perform as long as you want." The man was encouraged. As he walked away, he turned and asked, "How do I stop the medicine from working?" "Your partner must say '1-2-3-4'," he responded. "But when she does, the medicine will not work again until the next full moon." The old gent was very eager to see if it worked so he went home, showered, shaved, took a spoonful of medicine and then invited his wife to join him in the bedroom. When she came in, he took off his clothes and said, "1-2-3!" Immediately, he was the manliest of men. His wife, excited, began tearing off her clothes. And then she asked, "What was the 1-2-3 for?" And that, boys and girls, is why we should never end our sentences with a preposition, because we could end up with a dangling participle.

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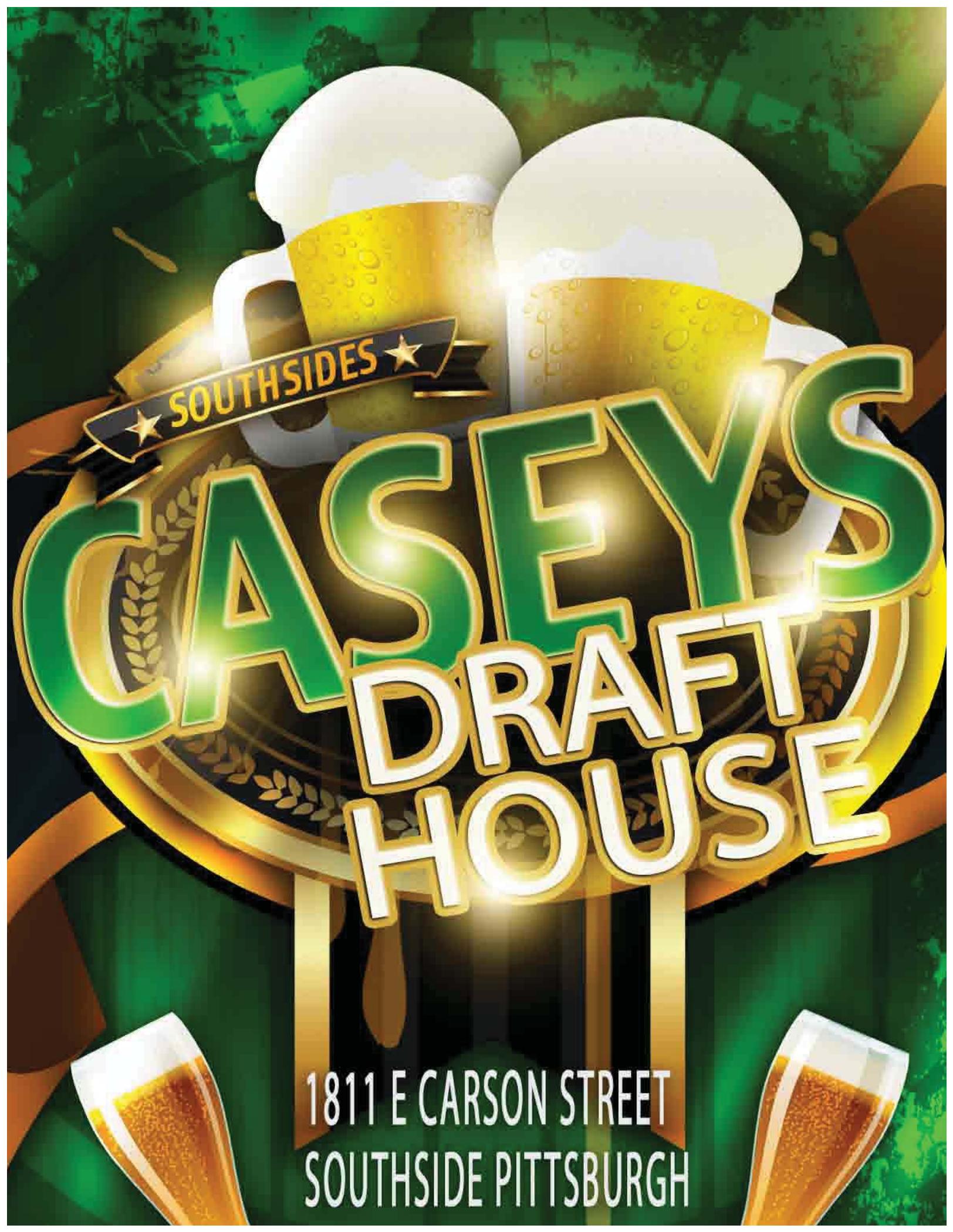
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