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Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents: *Disgraced*

Black, White, Muslim and Jew all share the same idea of the good life, until ingrained prejudices get the best of them in Ayad Akhtar's Pulitzer Prize winner.

Pittsburgh Public Theater presents the regional premiere of Ayad Akhtar's *Disgraced*, winner of the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Directed by City Theatre Artistic Director Tracy Brigden, *Disgraced* runs March 10 – April 10, 2016 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.

In *Disgraced*, Amir (Fajer Kaisi) is a hot-shot corporate lawyer in Manhattan. He's also a Pakistani-American whose white wife, Emily (Lisa Velten Smith), is an artist interested in Islamic forms. Amir's nephew, Hussein (Justin Ahdoot), calls himself Abe in order to seem more mainstream American. But Abe is also involved in the local mosque. When its Imam is arrested, Abe and Emily convince Amir to help. But when he is mistakenly linked to the Muslim leader, Amir's world begins to unravel. Matters come to a head at a dinner party with another couple: Jory (Nafeesa Monroe), an African-American attorney and her Jewish husband, Isaac (Ryan McCarthy).

While *Disgraced* discusses religion and identity politics on a rational level, the play's greatest complexity is when its characters fall into emotional pits of pride and prejudice ingrained by family or culture. The play's dialogue is crisp, current, often funny, and extremely intelligent. Described by *The New York Times* as "sensationally entertaining," *Disgraced* is riveting to watch on stage and audiences can't wait to talk it about afterwards. Post-show talkbacks with the cast and Director of Education and Outreach Katie Conaway will take place on Thurs. March 17, Sun. March 20 and March 27 (after the matinee), and Tues. April 5.

The designers for *Disgraced* are Anne Mundell (Scenic), Robert C. T. Steele (Costumes), Phil Monat (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Fight Direction is by Catherine Moore, Casting is by Caparelliottis Casting, and Fred Noel is the Production Stage Manager.

About the Playwright

Ayad Akhtar was born in New York City and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He wrote the novel *American Dervish*, published in 25 languages worldwide and named a 2012 Best Book by *Kirkus Reviews*, *Toronto's Globe and Mail*, *Shelf-Awareness*, and *O (Oprah) Magazine*. *Disgraced* played at New York's Lincoln Center Theater in 2012, premiered at the Bush Theater in London in 2013, and won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Mr. Akhtar's play *The Invisible Hand* was nominated for the ATCA/Steinberg Award and was named Best New Work of 2013 by the St. Louis Theater Critics Circle. As a screenwriter, Mr. Akhtar was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award (Best Screenplay) for *The War Within*. He has received commissions from Lincoln Center and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. He is a graduate of Brown and Columbia universities with degrees in Theater and Film Directing.



Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents *Disgraced*

March 10 – April 10, 2016

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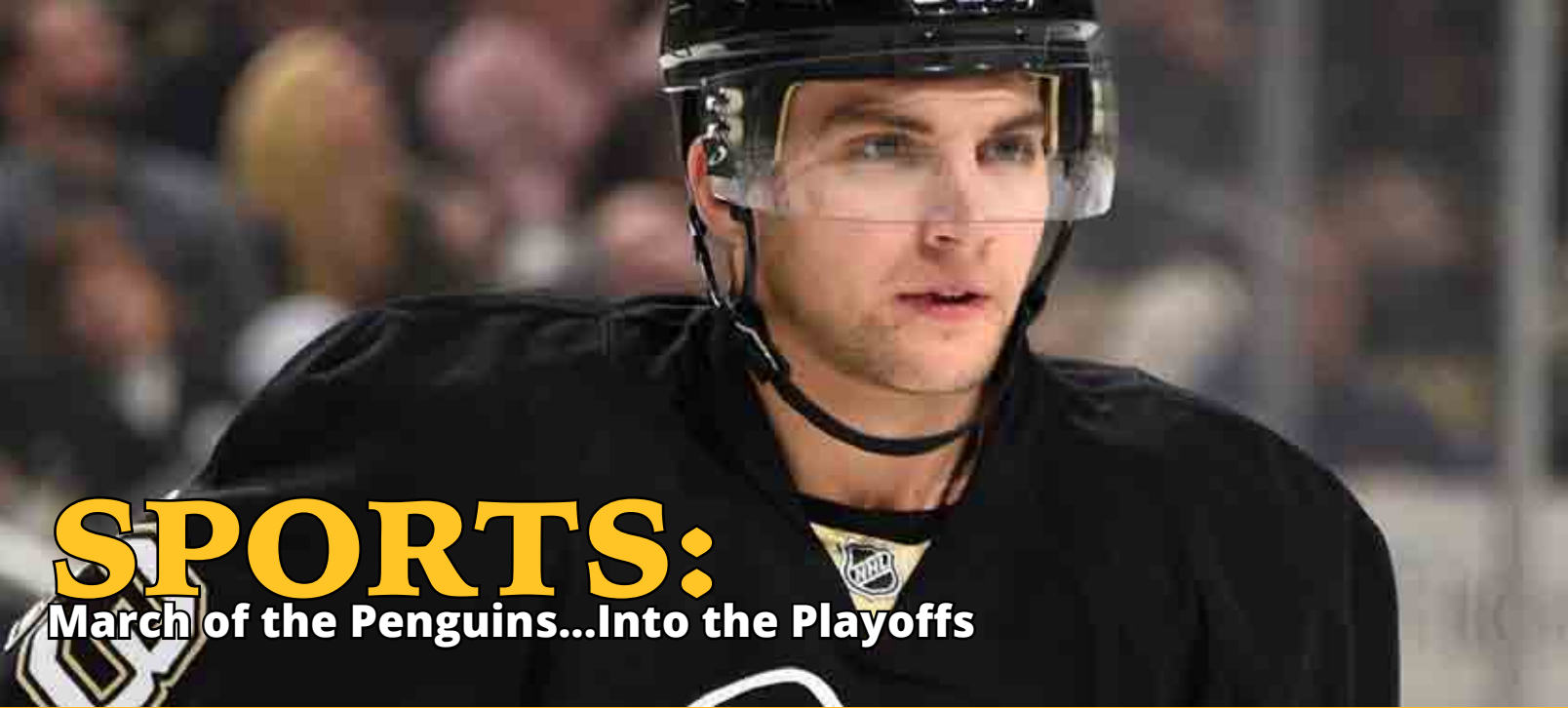
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SPORTS:

March of the Penguins...Into the Playoffs

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine
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Through 57 games, the Penguins sit in the second wild card spot in the Eastern Conference with a game in hand over several teams they're jockeying with for playoff positioning. They're navigating through a season that began with high expectations, started slow, cost coaches jobs, has seen shake ups in the roster and been plagued with injuries up and down the lines. It seems like the team has weathered the initial storm the first third of the season wrought, but as we take a look down the home stretch, can the Penguins march their way into the postseason for the tenth consecutive year?

Under Mike Johnston, the Penguins put together a 15-10-3 record in the first 28 games in the season, good for 33 points, but were on the outside of the playoff picture looking in. Granted, there was a lot of hockey to be played, but the play on the ice was not inspiring. Offense was a problem for this perceived offensive powerhouse. They only scored 5 goals or more once. Their new stud winger, Phil Kessel, wasn't averaging a hat trick a game like he was ballyhooed to do playing with superstar centers. One of which, Sidney Crosby, saw his production drop off a cliff. It felt like the Pens' streak of consecutive playoff appearances

might not stretch to double digits. This poor start led to early grumbling over Johnston's system and calls for his job. Ultimately, both were shown the door.

On December 12th Mike Sullivan was promoted from Wilkes-Barre Scranton and made the drive cross state to take his place behind the bench at Consol Energy Center. There's a can-do energy surrounding the sophomore head coach. The Pens have scored five or more goals eight times in his 29 games in Pittsburgh. Crosby has nearly doubled his point output per game. Kessel has come alive. Not to mention Kris Letang putting up 28 points in 24 games under the new regime.

It feels different. It looks different. But has the outcome been different? Since Sullivan has been in charge, the Penguins are 14-10-5. 33 points. Familiar, huh?

If the team is basically on the same point pace they were under the fireable Mike Johnston, what has to happen for the Penguins to first, make it into the postseason, and second, get beyond the first round? The obvious answer to this question is GET HEALTHY. The injury that leaves the most glaring hole is the one to Evgeni Malkin. In the eight games Geno has missed, the Pens have won four and lost

four. They're averaging just under three goals a game. In the 13 games prior to his injury, they were averaging three and a half and connected on the power play 14 times. They've scored once with the man advantage in 19 opportunities without him.

But there are injuries that casual fans may not take into consideration. Nick Bonino and Eric Fehr. While Malkin gets all the headlines, the other two centers are costing the Penguins experienced depth in the bottom six. Bonino had been out since mid January with a hand injury and in addition to the time he missed to start the year, Fehr has been sidelined the last eight games with a serious lower-body injury. While



Bonino and Malkin are skating, Fehr is expected to miss games into March. That leaves the third and fourth lines built with Baby Pens. Getting NHL guys back for the stretch run will be important.

Health is paramount, but points are at a premium in March and April. Giving your team the best chance at winning two of them at each opportunity doesn't include backup goalie Jeff Zatkoff in net. He's 4-6-1 in his 11 starts and while he has been serviceable at times, he's a chink in the Penguins' defensive armor when he's between the pipes. There's this guy in Wilkes-Barre Scranton named Matt Murray. He's had four starts with the Penguins and has given up no more than two goals in any of them for a 1.72 goals-against average and a .938 save percentage. He's the reigning American Hockey League goaltender and rookie of the year. Yet he languishes in



the AHL while Zatkoff gives up 2.78 goals per game. Here's to hoping his former coach, Mike Sullivan, can persuade General Manager Jim Rutherford to call him up sooner rather than later. To stay.

Last year the playoffs weren't locked up until the last day of the regular season, this year it may not be any different with 14 of the 16 games in March coming against Eastern Conference teams. As the Penguins get healthy, they'll be on the march to the postseason and could go far as long as they stay out of the second wild card. A series against Washington could make it another early exit from the playoffs.

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BZ Craft Bar & Twisted Eatery.....

The newest buzz at BZ is their state-of-the-art Digital Pour board. Digital Pour is a highly techno electronic board which displays all of the beers BZ has on tap, in "real time" with an electronic, digital display, showing how much beer is left in every keg along with Brewery's logo and pricing. You'll know instantly if your favorite beer is ready to kick or if it's full or half full, etc.! BZ is the first bar in Pittsburgh to have one of these amazing boards. So if you haven't stopped in yet, BZ just gave you another reason to do so. Plus, their Director of Operations, Clint Bylo, is a Cicerone Certified Beer Server. For those of you that have never heard of that term, a Beer Cicerone is similar to a wine Sommelier, only with beer. Stop into BZ and ask Clint to recommend a great tasting beer that would be perfect - just for you.

"We gotta lotta style too - beer style. You're sure to find a beer you've always wanted to try - with over 40 different beer styles, from 5 countries, representing 33 brewers, totaling 100+ beers (30 On draft) we've got your beer! Oh, we've got some fine Liquor and tasty wines too, but make no mistake - we're a craft beer bar first and foremost!" says Eric Rimpela, VP of Operations.

"We don't have an absurd list of 750 different beers, with 600 of them sitting on a shelf getting old and skunky, or stock 18 mediocre IPA's and only 3 other beer styles, or carry lots of average, run-of-the-mill "lawnmower" beers. We're different - all the beers we stock are truly special and highly regarded within their style. We also stock a nice selection of locally brewed beers that are the pride of Pittsburgh. Customers can be assured the beer they purchase will be the finest example of beer within its style. We sell the very best - highest rated beer ranked by the independent beer rating website "Beer Advocate" said Clint.

Eric added "To ensure customers are served the best tasting beer possible (just like the brewers intended) we've done the following: (1) we've built our bar with the shorted beer lines possible (beer won't go through a 100ft of bacteria-infested



plastic lines before it goes into your glass). (2) We make it a point to clean the draft beer lines every 2 weeks or less! Most restaurants might clean their beer lines once a month! (3) We've installed "beer clean" plumbing fixtures to ensure every glass we use is "beer clean" so you'll be able to appreciate all the nuances of a great beer (long legs, smell, head retention, taste and color).

BZs happy hour is Monday through Friday 4:30pm-7pm; they offer \$2.00 off ALL craft beer, \$5.00 signature drinks & martinis and ½ off on ALL wines and ALL appetizers, making BZ the best "happy hour" on the North Shore. In addition to their happy hour they offer great daily specials: Mondays 5pm - close - \$.50 beef sliders and \$1.00 duck sliders. Tuesday's its \$1.00 ribs and Wednesday's 1/2 price Phuket 2-way Wings. (fun fact: Phuket is a island province of Thailand). Plus, join Nightwire every Sunday night from 6pm-9pm for the best "happy hour" around - \$2.00 off all craft beer and ½ price on ALL appetizers. What a great way to end your weekend!

BZs entire menu consists of daily "made from scratch" recipes with only the finest and freshest ingredients. If you haven't tried BZ Craft Bar and Twisted Eatery, what are you waiting for? Their menu definitely has something for everyone: from starters to homemade soups, small plates, salads, huge sandwiches, burgers, pizzas, mac and cheese (the best in the burg) and so much more. Check out their full menu at www.bzstac.com

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At The Movies...

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

CREED

It is always sad to see quality characters leave the screen. Rocky Balboa is a celluloid icon. Unfortunately, Sylvester Stallone is pushing 70, far past credibility for a fighter, even in professional wrestling. So, it's only logical to bring in a next generation to the story; and that is exactly what happens in CREED, the seventh film in the Balboa saga.

Rocky (Stallone) is an old man, a former champ, alien to the glamor and glitz that once dominated his lifestyle. His wife Adrian, and best friend Paulie, Adrian's brother, have passed. Rocky has settled in his hometown of Philadelphia, running the restaurant lounge that bears his wife's name.

Into Rocky's quiet life comes Adonis Johnson, played by Michael B. Jordan, who is the bastard child of Apollo Creed. Adonis, though an educated young man, harbors an anger and a penchant for fisticuffs. He seeks the one man left from



his father's glory days, and attempts to follow in Apollo's footsteps. Rocky is not ready to return to the gym or life of a fighter, but a series of events joins Adonis and Rocky on another underdog quest.

Jordan is solid in this role. He is easily received as Adonis, and his performance should help viewers forget his horrendous casting in THE FANTASTIC FOUR remake as Johnny Storm. Playing the heavy for Adonis' final match is Anthony Bellew, as Pretty Ricky Conlon. He's the light heavyweight champ, and British. Not exactly sure why the British are the heavies, but the Rocky story has already played the race card, the communist card, the ghetto card and the age card, so perhaps the British were the only ones left.

Key Scenes to look for:

1. **Rocky's graveside visit**
2. **Rocky's return to the gym**
3. **The cancer talk**

This is the first Rocky film Stallone has not scripted in

some form. It shows; for the movie is a mere retread of the first film. All film lovers will know where this plot is going from the opening reel. Jordan, Stallone and Tessa Thompson as Adonis' love interest, hold the script together, but it all has a warm left-over taste.

On the technical side, Director of Photography Maryse Alberti is inconsistent. Some shots are pristine, with the clarity of shooting with a HD Red Camera, while others have the softer feel of film. Either one is good, but to haphazardly mix them is distracting. Editors Michael Shawver and Claudia Castello don't help by extending CREED a solid 45 minutes past the necessary length.

All told, CREED is not a bad view. The final battle is a carbon copy of the first Rocky -Apollo affair, but it is still fun when the Rocky theme blurts through the sound system.

The grade for CREED = C

DEADPOOL

Too many superheroes, so little time. If given a choice, I'd relegate second and third string superheroes in both the Marvel and DC Universes to TV. ARROW, GOTHAM, THE FLASH, DAREDEVIL and LEGENDS OF TOMORROW all do a better job of introducing these characters and giving them a more powerful presence than they deserve on the Silver Screen.

That said, the latest Marvel superhero to star in his own film is DEADPOOL. DEADPOOL is Wade Wilson, who is played by Ryan Reynolds. This character should not be confused with Wade Wilson who quarterbacked both the Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons before going on to a career as a football coach. Reynolds is a fine actor, but he is determined to be a superhero. He's not big enough to play one of the starting line-up heroes, even with a wax-on six pack, and his voice is a major problem. He constantly sounds like a whining alto.

The script, penned by Rhett Reese is a bit lame.



DEADPOOL is not a mutant, but rather a man-made mutant. Through a series of medical procedures, he is burnt to a crisp and killed, only to revive with the ability to heal and not be killed. The story centers around DEADPOOL's mission of vengeance to kill the man who burned him, another man-made mutant called Ajax, played by Ed Skrein. There are two action segments in the film. The first is DEADPOOL's first run-in with Ajax, which he blows; and the final confrontation. In between, the story is an origins tale of how Wilson became DEADPOOL. This part of the movie drags, and even the plethora of uttered F-bombs can't salvage the slowness

One of the best components to this movie is Gina Carano, as Angle Dust. Carano is one of the few female actresses who can successfully fulfill Hollywood's current Woman Warrior Agenda. Even a cynic like me can readily believe she would give Colossus a run for his money. Carano is like Ronda Rousey, exuding seductive appeal and feminine fighting ferocity simultaneously.

Make-up is a key element to Wade Wilson, so it is a bit disconcerting when his burns shift from scene to scene. This continuity error lies with Make-up Designer Bill Corso. Robert Englund as Freddy Kruger in the NIGHTMARE OF ELM STREET series always looked crispy, but Reynolds looks surprisingly less burnt in some scenes than he does in others.

KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. **ANGEL DUST VS. COLOSSUS**
2. **THE 4 OR 5 MOMENTS SPEECH**
3. **12 BULLET COUNTDOWN**

DEADPOOL offers a superhero for the crass. There are numerous funny moments, funnier even than ANT-MAN, but the rest of the film is like a superhero version of TED.

THE GRADE FOR DEADPOOL = C.

THE REVENANT

I am beginning to like the manner which Alejandro G. Iñárritu approaches filmmaking. With the exception of his dreadful BIRDMAN, he brings an interesting perspective to his endeavors. That said, he combines with Editor Stephen Mirrione, to tell a simplistic tale of revenge in over two and a half hours. This causes THE REVENANT to drag mercilessly. There are no surprises; everyone knows where the film is travelling. The saving grace to the movie is without question, Cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki.

THE REVENANT begins with a group of independent



contractors hired to hunt pelts and furs. The group is taking care of business, without BTO, when they are beset by Indians. The savages want to purloin the collected pelts and trade them for guns and horses with the French. Never trust the French. Meanwhile, the guide for the pelt-hunters, Hutch Glass, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, is mutilated by a grizzly bear while on a seek and destroy mission for food. The Americans are forced to stash their booty and flee the Indians, while tending to the badly injured Glass. This does not bode well with John Fitzgerald (Tom Hardy), who feels Glass is at the core of the troop's troubles. He kills Glass' son and buries Glass alive. Naturally, our protagonist will not rest until he avenges this heinous act.

DiCaprio continues to be a stalwart in Tinseltown. He proves, with each performance, he has talent to spare. For THE REVENANT, it's not his line delivery that marks his presentation, but rather his facial emotions. His enactment is visual and is aided immensely by the work of Lubezki. He uses graphic vectors, 360 spin shots and double zoom POVs to enhance both the characters and establishing shots. Meanwhile, Tom Hardy is battling Doug Jones for the label of best chameleon actor. Hardy has started off 2016 with three roles and in each, he is barely recognizable.

Unfortunately, there is nothing more THE REVENANT has to offer. Those old enough to have seen films in the 70's will easily note the movie bears a striking resemblance to Richard Harris' MAN IN THE WILDERNESS.

THE REVENANT is another in a growing list of Hollywood films attempting to draw self-importance by adding extended scenes. It detracts here; causing THE REVENANT to drag and plod along until the final reel, which viewers will know is coming right after the first reel. If not for the excellent cinematography of Lubezki, this one could be skipped.

THE GRADE FOR THE REVENANT = C

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Brings The Sound of Music to the Benedum Center March 22 - 27



The hills are alive in Pittsburgh this March with a brand new production of *The Sound of Music* coming to the Benedum Center. Directed by three-time Tony Award®-winner Jack O'Brien, this spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the Von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences.

A now well-known production, the original Broadway musical was first performed in 1959. From this performance, *The Sound of Music* won 5 Tony® Awards including Best Musical and a Grammy Award for the Original Cast Album. Since 1959, The

Sound of Music has been performed tens of thousands of times worldwide, with over 500 professional, amateur and school productions occurring each year in North America alone.

"THE SOUND OF MUSIC has been in our ears for decades, as it deserves to be," says O'Brien, however, according to him, "It's no longer 'your mother's' familiar SOUND OF MUSIC. We are tearing off the varnish of the past from one of the great glories of our theatergoing experience and making it fresh! This is an opportunity we've all longed to create!"

The show being performed at the Benedum is part of the North American tour that kicked off in Los Angeles, CA in September 2015. For this production, O'Brien kept elements of the well-loved musical but added his own style, making this *The Sound of Music* one that will be remembered.

"Sparkling, fresh and lively." - Los Angeles Times

While undoubtedly a timeless production, *The Sound of Music* has experienced recent accreditations. Extraordinary success was seen in December, 2013 when "THE SOUND OF MUSIC Live!" aired on NBC. Viewed by over 44 million people, this was



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also the first live television production of a musical in over 50 years.

In addition, 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of the film version which first hit screens in 1965. This motion picture quickly became the most successful movie musical in history and one of the top-grossing films of all time. It was no surprise when the film received 5 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

The Sound of Music features music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, book by Howard Lindsay and Russel



Crouse, suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp.

The design and production team is comprised of Jack O'Brien (director), Danny Mefford (choreographer), Andy Einhorn (music supervision), Douglas W. Schmidt (set design), Jane Greenwood (costume design), Natasha Katz (lighting design), and Ken Travis (sound). Casting by Telsey + Company/Rachel Hoffman, CSA.

The Sound of Music cast is as follows: Ben Davis (Captain Georg von Trapp), Ashley Brown (The Mother Abbess), Merwin Foard (Max Detweiler), Teri Hansen (Elsa Schraeder), Dan Tracy (Rolf), Paige Silvester (Liesl) and Kerstin Anderson (Maria Rainer).



The von Trapp children will be played by Jeremy Michael Lanuti (Friedrich), Maria Suzanne Knasel (Louisa), Quinn Erickson (Kurt), Svea Elizabeth Johnson (Brigitta), Mackenzie Currie (Marta) and Audrey Bennett (Gretl).

O'Brien's renewed take on this musical is invigorating. Audiences in Pittsburgh will be among the first to see this all new production. All are encouraged to attend.

The Sound of Music will be performed from March 22-27, 2016 at the Benedum Center, 7th Street between Liberty and Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA. Tickets range from \$26-\$75 and are available at www.TrustArts.org, by calling (412) 392-4900, or in person at Theater Square Box Office, 655 Penn Avenue.

Fifth Annual PyroFest to Light Up Cooper's Lake May 28 and 29th



Caution: What you are going to read is not about your average fireworks display over Memorial Day weekend. Rather, a chance to feast your eyes on the return of America's largest, most jaw-dropping, awe-inspiring weekend of skyscraping glory.

Celebrating its fifth year, and returning to Cooper's Lake, PyroFest will feature four international headlining pyrotechnic companies for the first time. These techniques and products from around the globe create daytime and nighttime pyrotechnic displays.

"We are creating more than an event, we are building a phenomenon that people look forward to year-to-year," said Stephen Vitale, President and CEO of Pyrotecnico.

The action starts on Saturday May 28 with Vulcan and Ricardo Caballer Ricasa taking turns lighting up the sky. Vulcan, hailing from Guangxi, China, will bring their action-packed show "Road Trip Ramble," an extravaganza that took Bronze at the 2015 L'International des Feux Loto in Montreal.

World-renowned pyro company Ricardo Caballer Ricasa, returning to PyroFest with another electrifying display, follows Vulcan. The Spanish Company supplies pyrotechnics products to five continents and is the provider of special effects fireworks to several thematic parks, including Disney. Ricasa has won over 100 competitions across five continents.

On Sunday May 29, Sirius Pyrotechnics, from Quebec, Canada, and Pyrotecnico, the largest fireworks company in America, will ignite the sky. The work of Sirius Pyrotechnics, established

in 2006, is most recognizable from the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Pyrotecnico, headquartered in New Castle, PA, has been creating ooh's and aah's since 1889. With over 3,000 displays created across 38 states in 2015 alone, and promising a world premiere display at 2016 PyroFest, Pyrotecnico has won numerous international awards, including the coveted Gold Jupiter award. Its special effects division, Pyrotecnico FX, produces creations for major sports teams, film and television, music festivals and tours. Most recently, Pyrotecnico FX has toured with Justin Timberlake, The Weekend, Zedd, and Nicki Minaj, to name a few.

In addition to this remarkable two-day, pyro-packed lineup, PyroFest will also include a headlining performance from Rusted Root, as you've never seen them before. Pyrotecnico





FX will present a world premiere choreographed special effects production to a live performance by Rusted Root. PyroFest also features musical performances on the main stage, a military salute, food vendors, and a Kids Zone.

About Pyrotecnico

Pyrotecnico, headquartered in New Castle, Pennsylvania, is a recognized leader as an innovative full service fireworks, special effects, and laser production company. Pyrotecnico produces fireworks displays for events ranging from annual community celebrations to weddings and corporate events. Its special effects division produces pyrotechnics, flames, lasers, cryogenics, confetti/streamers, and custom designed creations for major sports teams, film and television, music festivals and tours.

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Spring Has Sprung in the Beer World

by Brian Meyer

Well, that seer of seers and prognosticators of prognosticators Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this year, which hopefully means we'll have an early spring, and while the jury's still out on whether or not the groundhog is correct, spring has definitely sprung in the beer world, no matter what the thermometer says.

From Helles Bocks to light and fruity IPAs, spring has definitely sprung in the beer world and we have the proof. Check out our favorite springtime beers below as hand-picked by Beerman Tony from Vecenie's and celebrate our favorite marmot's prediction.

Anderson Valley Brewing Co.

Spring Hornin' IPA - As the flowers start to come out, a great floral IPA is just about perfect, and Anderson Valley's Spring Hornin' IPA is just that. Light in color and big on taste, you should notice floral aromas along with 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.

Briny Melon Gose - A beer style that's gaining notoriety once again is the Gose (pronounced go-sah). These beers are slightly salty with a tart character that's akin to a sour beer, but more tart than sour. The folks over at Anderson Valley Brewing Company have brewed a few varieties of this classic beer style, including this brand-new version that's bound to please.

The classic gose is paired with subtle watermelon to give this beer a perfect harmony between acidity and fruity sweetness. The finish is nice and dry, giving you a beer that's both tart and sweet without any lingering sweetness on the finish. As with others in the style, this new gose comes in at 4.2% ABV and is available in bottles, cans, and on draft.

Bell's Brewery

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 interesting 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 Brewing Co.

Romantic Chemistry - It's a pretty big understatement to say that the bread and butter of Dogfish Head Brewing Company's beer lineup is the IPA, but it's the truth. This wildly popular style is once again being refreshed and made even better, this time by brewing the beer with mango, apricot, and ginger. Together these flavors and aromas join forces to make a beer that's one serious IPA! Coming in at 8% ABV, this beer will be available in 12-oz bottles and on draft now. If you were a fan of Aprihop, then this beer is right up your alley.

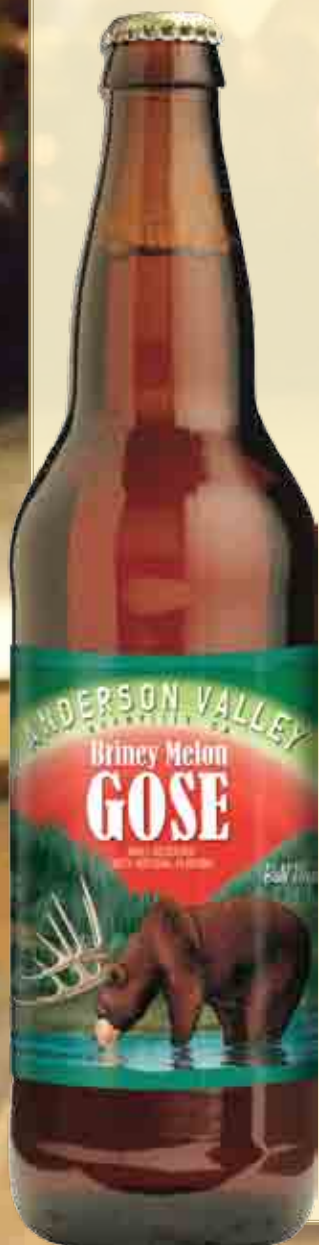
Beer to Drink Music To - The folks at Dogfish Head love their music almost as much as they love their beer. They've collaborated on quite a few music-inspired beers in the past, and keeping with this trend is the oddly named Beer to Drink Music To.

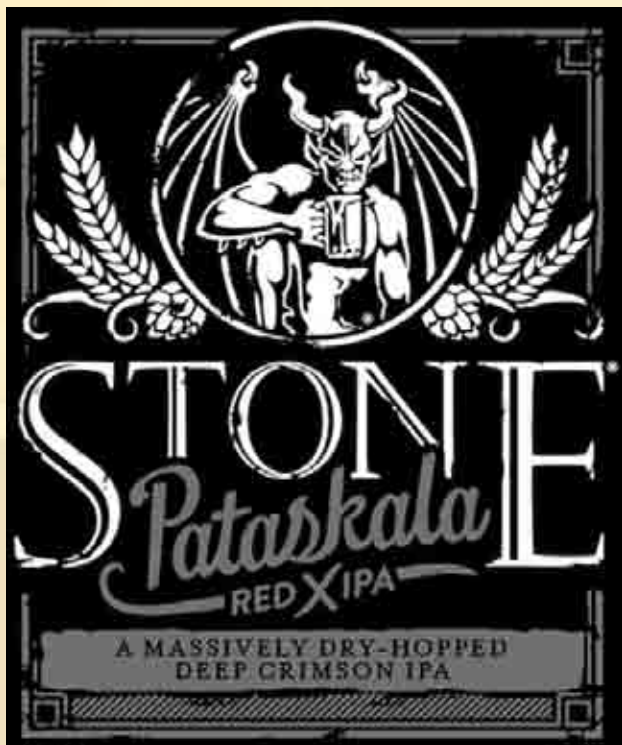
This new seasonal beer is a Belgian-style Tripel that's brewed with sweet orange peel, green cardamom, peppercorns, and vanilla. Look for this 9% ABV beer on draft and in 12-oz bottles very soon.

Otter Creek Brewing Co.

Citra Mantra - A newer style that's been gaining popularity is the India Pale Lager, or IPL. Similar to the IPA, just made as 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.





Steampipe (new) – A new beer for 2016, Steampipe from Otter Creek Brewing takes the classic California Common beer style and brings it into a year-round rotation at Otter Creek. Incase you're not familiar, the California Common beer style is a style of beer that's also known of as a "Steam Beer," and as the name suggests, originated in California.

This 6% ABV beer has a juicy kick of west-coast hops paired with the well-balanced beer style make for an easy-drinking beer that has enough bitterness for fans of the IPA to love as well as those who enjoy less bitter beers.

Stone Brewing Co.

Pataskala Red X IPA – Pat-as-kal-ah...Pa-tas-ka-la... Patas-kala...However it's pronounced the beer under the label is where it's at, anyway. This unique red IPA was first brewed in September of 2015 to support music and arts education programs in none other than Pataskala, Ohio where Stone's co-founder Greg Koch grew up. It was such a hit that Stone decided to release it to the rest of us, too.

The red part of this beer's name comes from the dark crimson color the beer pours, which comes from the malt variety used in brewing. This, paired with a massive dry-hopping of Mosaic, Cascade, and Amarillo hops give this beer a citrus-forward flavor that's backed up with biscuit and toffee notes. Coming in at 7.3% ABV and 75 IBUs, this is one beer that you don't want to miss, even if you can't pronounce it. Stone Brewing's Pataskala Red will be available in 12oz bottles and on draft.

Americano Stout (new) – As Stone Brewing often does, the trend of springtime beers has been bucked with the release of a big and dark stout. This 8.7% ABV beer is a true American stout that has rich espresso added to give the beer a heavy dose of bitterness along with the creamy near-sweetness of espresso.

Every 250-barrel batch of this beer brewed utilizes more than 250 pounds of espresso-roast beans. This, paired with

Columbus, Chinook, Amarillo, and Cascade hops give the beer a resinous citrus character that pairs very well with the coffee. In short, this is one dark beer you won't mind drinking even when the weather starts to clear.

Straub Brewing Co.

Maibock – Straub Brewing of St. Mary's, PA brews some pretty amazing beers, 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.

Legacy Sampler – Straub Brewery has been in the brewing business since 1872 and today they're not only producing quality beers that have been around for much of their history, but new and innovative beers as well. Take for example their Legacy Sampler, a mix pack of beers that show the history of Straub Brewery better than any history book ever could. The sampler includes their 1872 Lager, a 5.4% ABV pre-prohibition style lager, longtime favorite Helles Lager, a 5.5% ABV lager, Doppelbock, a 7% ABV Winter Bock, and Their 5.6% ABV IPL, Straub's take on an India Pale Ale, but in the lager style.

Tröegs Independent Brewing

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 Brewing Co.

Anniversary 20 IPA – Once again the folks at Victory Brewing have created a beer to celebrate their anniversary. Sticking with the idea that a sessionable beer is best for a celebration, their 20th Anniversary beer is a 5.5% ABV IPA.

This refreshing IPA might clock in at the top of what we'd call sessionable, but it drinks like a beer you could enjoy all night long, if you catch our drift. This beer utilizes experimental Idaho 7 hops to give the beer a surprisingly crisp citrus and pine character while keeping nice and balanced with the choice of Pilsner and CaraPils malt. This beer is out now and should be available through March on draft and in bottles, so get it while you can.

Each of these beers are proudly distributed in and around the Pittsburgh area by Vecenie Distributing.



Jules: Big Kahuna Burger. That's that Hawaiian burger joint. I hear they got some tasty burgers. I ain't never had one myself. How are they?

Brett: They're good.

Jules: Mind if I try one of yours? This is yours here, right? [Picks up burger and takes a bite] Mmm-mmmm. That is a tasty burger. Vincent, ever have a Big Kahuna Burger?*

**From the Film Pulp Fiction*

Inspiration comes in all forms to say the least. But I couldn't help but think of this quote when I sat down to eat the infamous "double" at Cheeseburger 3, a.k.a. "CB3", a.k.a. Casey's Draft House... We can get into the name thing later but this burger. I can't honestly remember the last time I had such a really delicious cheeseburger. Every time I go to one of these new burger places I get overwhelmed with choices. Truffle oil this and egg on top of that and everything in between made me almost forget what a real cheeseburger is supposed to taste like. That is until now.

CB3 is a brand starting in the kitchen of Casey's Draft House, located in Pittsburgh's historic South Side. Created with the idea that good food is always simple and fresh. All the ingredients here are fresh. Nothing pre-made or frozen. Even the appetizers are hand cut and hand dipped and hand made.



Let's start with the Double Cheeseburger. CB3 offers a single and a triple also. The double is a 7 dollar burger and is worth every penny. It consists of two patties separated with American cheese on a toasted bun. It is cooked on a flat top at high temperature to ensure that crispy, seared, caramelized texture that you just don't get at most places. The majority of toppings are free (bonus) except for the bacon or extra cheese. To be quite honest this burger is so tasty I can't think of a need for much other than the standard lettuce, tomato, onion combo that comes on each and every burger. The burger is supposed to be simple and tasty like a burger should be. There are no gimmicks when it comes to this burger or any of the other food on the menu here at CB3.

There are plenty of other items to choose from. Including chicken sandwiches, wraps, salads, hand made appetizers, and even a small Mexican section for those of you who can't go without a taco on your drunken weekend excursion. And yes the tacos are fresh and delicious. I had to try out the tacos. For any "Burger Joint" to put a taco on the menu meant to me they must have been confident their taco could hold up to the plethora of tacos available in the South Side. My verdict is that it is one of the best I have tried in the South Side.

CB3 also caught my eye with an idea that is so simple it's almost genius. They sell french fries. Well let me explain. They sell french fries in different sized pizza boxes! Genius right? That means all of you who need some carbs before heading safely home after a few



cocktails in the south side can swing by to Casey's late night and grab last call order a box of pizza fries or Mexican fries or even plain old french fries and carry them right out the door. Easy to carry and easy to eat. Kinda simple huh? Well that's what CB3 is going for here. Nice and simple but also delicious.

**Mmm-Mmmm
...That is a
tasty burger!**

Don't get me wrong here. You aren't going to have a 4 star dining experience. Casey's and CB3 are calling this a "Burger Joint"... get it? This is informal dining in its most simple of forms. No frills here. Cheap drinks and delicious inexpensive food are a combination many can enjoy and I personally prefer.

I'd also like to mention that along with the opening of CB3 @ Casey's Draft House there will be a Food Truck stopping at a place near you this summer as well. They also plan on opening a CB3 express in the strip district at "Lefty's In The Strip".

So while you are meandering the streets of South Side this St. Patrick's Day or perusing the many establishments on your next round of bar golf, make sure to stop in to CB3 @ Casey's Draft House for your next burger. It will remind you of what a burger was meant to be. When you're finished you will definitely say..."Mmmm-Mmmm...That is a tasty burger!"

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"Spring" into Costal Maine By Suzanne Ferrara

As you begin your descent towards Crescent Beach, you are instantly swept away by its breath-taking natural beauty. That's because before you reach her soft sand and lapping waves, you become spellbound by a natural habitat of native trees, flowers, and then, the seagrass-studded sand dunes of the cape.

It's an untouched natural phenomenon skirting the coastline of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

It's no wonder so many become instantly lost inside this picture of quintessential Maine, and it's not just the hypnotic sound of the surf or the scent of the fresh sea air. This snapshot of pure serenity also includes cat tails swaying in the breeze and endangered birds, like the Piping Plover, flying overhead and nesting in the dunes. It's as if you stepped into one of Claude Monet's famous seascape oil paintings, only this time... it is tranquil reality.

The rolling waves descending on the shoreline of this coastal state park are a bit calmer because of the crescent shape which acts somewhat as a buffer to the pounding waves of the Atlantic. Crescent Beach, which stretches a mile across and connects with the beautiful Kettle Cove, is also where skilled sea glass collectors painstakingly hunt for the natural wonder. While you relax on the beach, you can see uninhabited Richmond Island, a place where Native Americans and then English settlers lived centuries ago.



Crescent Beach, Cape Elizabeth

Amid this warm sea air, there's nothing like the perfect pairing of scrumptious fresh Maine lobster (taken from the many lobster shacks along the coast) with a beverage whose flavor is characteristic of the area. Simply put, lobster and a refreshing (and local) microbrew, form a delectable team.

Just four miles away from Crescent Beach on the shores of Fort Williams Park, is Portland Head Light, one of the most photographed lighthouses in the country. Here at the entrance of Portland Harbor, you can stand on the phenomenal rocky shoreline and take in the grand ocean view and watch the pounding waves crash onto the rocks. By the way, Portland Head Light was originally commissioned by George Washington and completed in 1791, is the oldest lighthouse in Maine.

The 90-acre Fort Williams Park offers picnic facilities, hiking opportunities, water sports, unlimited ocean views and tours of the historic fort structures. You can paddle a kayak through nature preserves with the help of an Audubon guide or sail on a schooner, or go paddle boarding, whale watching, and play a round of golf. You can even fish and shoot with L.L. Bean Instructors. You are also close to Portland's Old Port and the historic downtown where you can boutique shop or take a foodie or micro-beer tours. (Fun fact: according to the Brewers Association, Maine ranks 6th in the nation in the number of craft breweries per capita).



Crescent Beach, Cape Elizabeth



After all of this adventure, unforgettable lodging is a must. Complementing the unmatched Crescent Beach experience is the luxurious oceanfront Inn by the Sea which sits on five acres of indigenous seaside gardens along Crescent Beach. It's no wonder this contemporary beach resort, with its relaxed charm, earned 2015 recommendations by both Conde Naste Traveler and Travel and Leisure's Best Hotels in the World.

The Inn by the Sea is a perfect spot to take in the natural wonder which surrounds you in every direction. There are 61 elegant guest rooms and suites, many with fireplaces, and the plethora of windows and balconies gives you breath-taking views of the soothing ocean.

Preserving Cape Elizabeth's unique rural land and environment is of the utmost importance; in fact, Inn by the Sea was named a top ten American green Hotel by MSNBC and Forbes Traveler. The inn, in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, also runs a 'Rabitat' habitat restoration project aimed at protecting the endangered New England cottontail bunnies that roam nearby. The hotel's conservation efforts also include protecting the migration routes for butterflies.

The people of the Inn by the Sea exude hospitality and their dedication to the preservation and beauty of the land and ocean is evident; there are beach eco-tours, gardening tour classes and the not to be missed Bug's Life Tour, where kids can learn about endangered wildlife

including the Monarch Butterfly which is going extinct. All of the above are offered by Derrick Daly, Inn by the Sea's resident horticulturalist and master gardener.

Ultimate relaxation is paramount at the Inn by the Sea. You can choose to lounge all day in your beach chair or sip your favorite hand-crafted cocktail at the heated pool all from spots that overlook this unspoiled and wild beauty.

Take your relaxation a step further and spoil yourself with a spa treatment at the Inn by the Sea's gorgeous full-service spa. A must indulgence is the spa's Signature Sea Waves Massage, an experience that brings the ocean setting as close to you as possible. This ultimate, sea-inspired massage uses an undulating motion table which



Boardwalk from Inn by the Sea

responds to the build and tumbling of the ocean waves; it is as if you are lying on the sand feeling and hearing the crashing surf. You are soothed by the sound of the waves as you receive a synchronized massage with a restorative personalized oil blend, adds to this one-of-a-kind experience.

And yes, the spa's facial treatments and host of tranquil therapies will certainly transform you as well. Every guest at the Inn by the Sea receives a special escape. Both men and women can melt their cares away and use the soothing steam sauna (Tip: use the spas eucalyptus spray for a fresh steam inspired scent), massaging experience showers and relaxation room with refreshments. You will



Spa at Inn by the Sea, Cape Elizabeth

be greeted with towels, robes and slippers.

The Inn's unmatched hospitality is also extended to our four-legged friends who receive over-the-top pampering at the inn. Room spa services, doggie massages, yappy hour (complimentary ice-cream), handmade treats at turn down, water bowls and beach towels are just a few of the amenities and services offered to the 'VIPs' as they say (Very Important Pets). Inn by the Sea was one of the first luxury hotels to accept pets, and they've done so for nearly 20 years.

Don't be surprised if you find a cute canine lying down behind the check-in desk. The inn has a foster dog program, in which homeless dogs from the Animal Rescue of Greater Portland temporarily reside at the hotel in hopes of finding a new home--with some of the guests. And it's working: so far, guests at the inn have adopted 30 canines, and it's the hope of management that more and more guests will love and play with the dogs and then make them part of their families. Kids and adults alike find it hard not to engage with these furry sweethearts in the hotel lobby—and that is exactly what they need.

After working up an appetite, head to the inn's Sea Glass Restaurant and savor the unique flavors of Maine with the innovative dishes created by Chef Steve Sicinski. The detailed use of local fresh seafood and produce are evident in his creations, all of which you can savor while enjoying spectacular ocean views either

al fresco or inside the intimate dining room. Be sure not to miss the Poached Egg Tacos, The 207 (three-egg omelet with lobster tails), and Sweet Dream (blueberry vanilla-stuffed French toast with cinnamon custard) for breakfast.

Just eight-and-half miles from Cape Elizabeth is the bustling city of Portland which offers endless restaurants, museums, and taverns all that serve prided local brews. While downtown, check out the fascinating Portland Science Center (2016 experience exhibits included "A Journey to Our Future" and "The Robot Zoo"); next, head to the Portland Museum of Art where you can spend all day taking in three centuries of fascinating art and architecture.

Be sure to dine at a one of Maine's most famous restaurants in the heart of Portland's historic Old Port. DiMillo's On the Water, a floating restaurant and longtime family establishment, is actually a huge former car ferry that offers spectacular views of Portland Harbor from every table; inside, you feel as if you are on board a ship as the restaurant boasts nautical décor at every turn. DiMillo's, which has been serving since 1954, prides itself on serving fresh seafood and lobster dinners, and you can't go wrong with anything on the menu (be sure to try their delectable stuffed baked lobster).

A trip to Cape Elizabeth and Greater Portland would not be complete without a stop in Freeport, a place



Stuffed Baked Lobster, DiMillo's, Old Port



Seared Scallops, Jameson Tavern, Freeport

famous for more than its place in history. Freeport is a shopper's paradise with designer brand outlets mixed with locally-owned shops all within this patriotic setting. Be sure to visit L.L. Bean's flagship store which stays open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

One of the coolest and most historic spots in Freeport is Jameson Tavern, which has been serving patrons since 1779. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) claims Jameson Tavern to be the "Birthplace of Maine". In addition to several long-time ghosts (which restaurant workers say they've encountered), some of America's most legendary figures, including poets Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and John Greenleaf Whittier, are said to have walked on the tavern's centuries-

old pinewood floors. (Note: it's said that Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States, stopped at Jameson Tavern on his way to Bowdoin College in Brunswick).

And then there's the food, the wonderful, wonderful food: Jameson Tavern owner Tom Hincks, a Maine restaurant veteran with 32-years in the business, is dedicated to preparing only the freshest seafood available. The New England clam chowder, Seared Scallops, and Allies Trio (which include a lobster roll, fried full-bellied coastal clams and clam chowder) are not to be missed. Be sure to quench your thirst with one of many of tavern's local craft beers.

For more information go to visitportland.com, innbythesea.com and freeportusa.com



Brews on Tap, Jameson Tavern, Freeport



6-Poached Egg Tacos, Inn by the Sea

- *It's no wonder so*
- *many become*
- *instantly lost*
- *inside this picture*
- *of quintessential*
- *Maine...*

Humor

One Liners...

'I once had a job in a deli, but just couldn't slice it. No matter how hard I tried, I could not cut the mustard.'

100,000 sperm and you were the fastest?

42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory.

A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

A day without sunshine is like, night.

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

All generalizations are false, including this one.

All men are idiots, and I married their King.

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

Always try to be modest and be proud of it!

Anything worth taking seriously is worth making fun of.

Artificial Intelligence usually beats real stupidity.

Assassins do it from behind.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Auntie Em, Hate you, hate Kansas, taking the dog. Dorothy.

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

Beer: It's not just for breakfast anymore.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks

Borrow money from a pessimist, they don't expect it back.

Boycott shampoo! Demand the REAL pool!

C program run. C program crash. C programmer quit.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Chocolate: the OTHER major food group.

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Corduroy pillows: They're making headlines!

Criminal Lawyer is a redundancy.



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Death is hereditary.

Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how popular it remains?

Diplomacy is the art of saying good doggie while looking for a bigger stick.

Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me, either. Just leave me alone.

Don't be irreplaceable; if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

Don't drink and drive. You might hit a bump and spill your drink.

Don't tick me off! I'm running out of places to hide the bodies.

Don't take life too seriously, you won't get out alive.

Double your drive space. Delete Windows!

Duct tape is like the force, it has a light side and a dark side and it holds the universe together.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Energizer Bunny arrested and charged with battery.

Error, no keyboard. Press F1 to continue.

Ever notice how fast Windows runs? Neither did I.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted.

Few women admit their age. Few men act theirs.

For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.

Forget world peace. Visualize using your turn signal.

Friends help you move. Real friends help you move bodies.

Friends may come and go, but enemies tend to accumulate.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your mouth is moving.

Genius does what it must, talent does what it can, and you had best do what you're told.

Get a new car for your spouse; it'll be a great trade!

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

Good judgment comes from bad experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Honk if you love peace and quiet.



Humor

Honk if you want to see my finger.

How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?

How does Teflon stick to the pan?

How many of you believe in telekinesis? Raise my hand.

I am not a vegetarian because I love animals. I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.

I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.

I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame you.

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

I get enough exercise just pushing my luck.

I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.

I need someone really bad. Are you really bad?

I poured Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.

I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

I tried sniffing Coke once, but the ice cubes got stuck in my nose.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

I used to have a handle on life, and then it broke.

I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

I won't rise to the occasion, but I'll slide over to it.

I'm as confused as a baby in a topless bar.

I'm not a complete idiot, some parts are missing!

I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

If ignorance is bliss, you must be orgasmic.

If you can read this, I can slam on my brakes and sue you!

If you can't convince them, confuse them.

If you choke a smurf, what color does it turn?

If you get to it and you can't do it, well there you jolly well are, aren't you.

If you haven't much education you must use your brain.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again; it was probably worth it.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

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It IS as bad as you think, and they ARE out to get you.

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It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal the neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.

It's lonely at the top, but you eat better.

Jesus loves you, but everyone else thinks you're an asshole.

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Love may be blind but marriage is a real eye-opener.

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More hay, Trigger? No thanks, Roy, I'm stuffed!

Multitasking means screwing up several things at once.

My hockey mom can beat up your soccer mom.

My mind is like a steel trap, rusty and illegal in 37 states.

Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.

Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.

Never mess up an apology with an excuse.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

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Humor

"The secret of a happy marriage remains a secret." - Henny Youngman

A young couple were married and then embarked on their honeymoon. When they returned, the bride ran to the phone and called her mother, who asked, "How was your honeymoon, dear?" "Oh, mama!" she replied, "The honeymoon was so wonderful and romantic..." But then, suddenly she burst out crying and said "but, mama, as soon as we returned home, he started using the most horrible language... things I'd never heard before! I mean, all these awful 4-letter words!

You've got to come get me and take me home. Please mama!" "Darling, darling," her mother said, "calm down and tell me, what words could be so awful?" And, the daughter cried "please don't make me tell you, mama! I'm so embarrassed - they're just too awful! Just come and get me, please!" "Oh, darling, you must tell me what has you so upset... tell me these horrible 4-letter words!" Still sobbing, the

bride said, "Oh, mama... words like DUST, WASH, IRON, COOK...!"

During the wedding ceremony, when the minister/preacher/priest comes to the part about, "If anyone has any reason why these two people should not marry, speak up now or forever hold your peace..." have a 4-to-6 year old boy running up the aisle yelling, "Daddy, daddy." I understand from a friend who played this joke on a relative that it took almost an hour to get the wedding started again.

This couple was married for 67 years. The husband was asked; if in all those years had they ever thought of divorce. "Heavens no" he replied. Murder yes, but never divorce.

Married life is very frustrating. In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In

the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.

A lawyer got married to a woman who had previously been married 12 times. On their wedding night, they settled into the bridal suite at their hotel and the bride said to her new groom, "Please, promise to be gentle. I am still a virgin."

This puzzled the groom, since after 12 marriages, he thought that at least one of her husbands would have been able to perform. He asked his new bride to explain the phenomenon. She responded: My first husband was a Sales Representative who spent the entire marriage telling me, in grandiose terms, how great it was going to be.

My second husband was from Software Services; he was never quite sure how it was supposed to function, but he promised he would send me documentation.

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My third husband was from Field Services and repeatedly said that everything was diagnostically OK, but couldn't get the system up.

My fourth husband was from Educational Services, and you know the old saying-'Those who CAN, DO; those who can't, teach.'

My fifth husband was from the Telemarketing Department. He knew he had the order, but he wasn't quite sure when he was going to be able to deliver.

My sixth husband was an Engineer. He told me that he understood the basic process but needed three years to research, implement, and design a new state-of-the-art method.

My seventh husband was from Finance and Administration. He knew how, but he just wasn't sure whether it was his job or not.

My eighth husband was from Standards and Regulations, and he told me that he met the minimum standards but regulations weren't clear on how to do it.

My ninth husband was a Marketing Manager. Even though he had the product. he just wasn't sure how to position it.

My tenth husband was a psychiatrist. All he ever wanted to do was talk about it.

My eleventh husband was a gynecologist, and all he ever wanted to do was look at it.

My twelfth husband was a stamp collector, and all he ever wanted to do was . . . -God I miss him!

So now I've married you, and I'm really excited."
"Why is that," asked the lawyer. "Well, it should be obvious!
You're a lawyer!! I just know I'm going to get screwed this time!

Why do men want to marry virgins?
They can't stand criticism.

Q: Why does it take 450 million male sperm to fertilize one egg?
A: Because they won't stop to ask directions.

Woman don't make fools of men-most of them are the do-it-yourself types.

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Humor

A newlywed couple were spending their honeymoon in a remote log cabin resort way up the mountains of Scotland. They had registered on Saturday and they had not been seen for 5 days. An elderly couple ran the resort, and they were getting concerned about the welfare of these newlyweds. The old man decided to go and see if they were all right. He knocked on the door of the cabin and a weak voice from inside answered. The old man asked if they were OK. "Yes, we're fine. We're living on the fruits of love". The old man replied, "I thought so ... would you mind not throwing the peelings out the window ... they're choking my ducks!"

Marriage is a thing which puts a ring on a woman's finger and two under the man's eyes.

A married couple was travelling down the highway at a very rapid pace, when a patrolman put on the siren and pulled them over. The officer said to the husband "Can I see your license and registration". The husband says " Why? I wasn't doing anything wrong.", The patrolman replies "Sir I caught you on radar at 110 mph and the speed limit is 65 in this zone, I'll have to give you a ticket." Well the husband goes nuts saying that he wasn't

speeding and the patrolman should be out catching criminals instead harassing law abiding citizens like him and his wife. The patrolman is trying to reason with the husband when the wife leans over and looks at the patrolman and says "You'll have to excuse my husband, he always gets like this when he's been drinking"

What's the fastest way to a man's heart?
Through his chest with a sharp knife.

What makes men chase women they have no intention of marrying? The same urge that makes dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving!

My friend married a doctor. At a certain point he told her: "You need to do something to spice up our love-making". Shortly thereafter, he came home and found her in bed with another man who is also an M.D." Why?" asked her hubby. "You said I needed to do something to spice up our love-making; I just wanted to get a Second Opinion", she told him. On their wedding night, the young bride approached her new husband and asked for \$20, for their first lovemaking encounter. In his



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highly aroused state, her husband readily agreed. This scenario was repeated each time they made love, for the next 30 years, with him thinking that it was a cute way for her to afford new clothes and other incidentals that she needed. Arriving home around noon one day, she was surprised to find her husband in a very drunken state. Over the next few minutes, he explained that his company had gone through a process of corporate downsizing, and he had been let go - It was unlikely that at the age of 55, he'd be able to find another position that paid anywhere near what he'd been earning, and therefore, they were financially ruined. Calmly, his wife handed him a bank book which showed thirty years of deposits and interest totaling nearly \$1 million. Then, she showed him stock certificates issued by the bank which were worth over \$ 2 million and informed him that they were the largest stockholders in the bank. She explained that for 30 years, she had charged him for sex and these holdings were the results of her savings and investments. Faced with evidence of cash and investments worth over \$3 million, her husband was so astounded he could barely speak, but finally he found his voice and blurted out "If I'd had any idea what you were doing, I would have given you all my business!"

Q: What do you call two spiders who just got married?

A: Newlywebs.

Q: Why are men like parking spaces?

A: The good ones are taken and the ones left over are handicapped.

Whenever you meet a man who would make a good husband, you will usually find that he already is.

A store that sells husbands has just opened where a woman may go to choose a husband from among many men. The store is composed of 6 floors, and the men increase in positive attributes as the shopper ascends the flights. There is, however, a catch. As you open the door to any floor you may choose a man from that floor, but if you go up a floor, you cannot go back down except to exit the building. So a woman goes to the shopping center to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads: Floor 1 - These men have jobs. The woman reads the sign and says to herself, "Well, that's better than my last boyfriend, but I wonder what's further up?" So up she goes.



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The second floor sign reads:

Floor 2 - These men have jobs and love kids. The woman remarks to herself, "That's great, but I wonder what's further up?" And up she goes again.

The third floor sign reads:

Floor 3 - These men have jobs, love kids and are extremely good looking. "Hmmm, better" she says.
"But I wonder what's upstairs?"

The fourth floor sign reads:

Floor 4 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking and help with the housework. "Wow!" exclaims the woman, "very tempting. BUT, there must be something better. And again she heads up another flight.

The fifth floor sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, help with the housework and have a strong romantic streak. "Oh, mercy me! But just think...what must be awaiting me further?" So up to the sixth floor she goes.

The sixth floor sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 3,456,789,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please.

Thank you for shopping at Husband Mart. Get the hell out of here and have a nice day.

Q: Why is it more important for women to be pretty rather than smart?

A: Because men can see better than the they can think.

A man will pay two-dollars for a one-dollar item he needs, but a woman will pay one-dollar for a two-dollar item that she doesn't need.

Getting married is very much like going to the restaurant with friends. You order what you want, and when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that.

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Love is one long sweet dream, and marriage is the alarm clock.

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" And the father replied, "I don't know, son, I'm still paying for it."

It doesn't matter how often a married man changes his job, he still ends up with the same boss.

One day while a wife was working in her kitchen, a cupboard door came loose and when her husband got home, she asked him to fix it. He told her, "Do you see the word 'carpenter' written anywhere on this shirt?" She said "no," and he went on his way.

The next day while cleaning in the basement, she found the light didn't work. She changed the light bulb and did everything that she could to try to fix it, but it still wouldn't work. When her

husband got home, she asked him, "Honey, do you think you could fix the light in the basement for me?" He simply said, "Do you see the word 'electrician' written anywhere on this shirt?" She said "No," and he went into the living room to relax. The next day, a pipe in the kitchen began leaking. When her husband got home, she asked him to fix it for her, to which he replied, "No, do you see the word 'plumber' written anywhere on my shirt?" "No," she said, again. The next day, the husband returned from work and saw that everything was fixed - the pipe, the light, and even the cupboard! He asked her, "Who fixed all of this?" To which she replied, "I asked the neighbor to come over and help, and he gladly agreed." "Well, how did you repay him for his services?" he asked. "Well," she replied, "he only asked for sex, or cookies." The husband thought a moment then said "So what kind of cookies did you bake him?" The wife quickly snapped back, "do you see 'Betty Crocker' written anywhere on this shirt?"

A man was called to duty to help in the Crusades and decided that while he was gone, his wife should wear a chastity belt. So he locked her up and gave the key to his best friend, and said, "If I'm not back in four years, unlock my wife and set her free to live a normal life."



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So, off the husband went on horseback, when a half-hour later he sees a cloud of dust in the distance behind him. As it came closer he could see his best friend galloping to catch up. "What's wrong?" he asked his friend, who replied, "You fool! You gave me the wrong key!"

Three men were at a bar. Two of the men were discussing the control they had over their wives, while the third remained uninterested. After a short while, the two men turned to the third and asked, "What about you? What kind of control do you have over your wife?" The third man turned to the first two and said, "Well, just the other day I had her on her knees!" The two men were dumbfounded. "Wow that's incredible! What happened next?" they asked. The third man took a healthy swig of his beer, sighed and grumbled, "Then she started screaming at me to get out from under the bed and fight like a man!"

Husband to wife: Why do you keep reading our marriage license?

Wife to Husband: I'm looking for a loophole.

A woman worries about her future until she finds a husband, but a man never worries about the future until he takes a wife.

A nagging old woman at a party walked up to a belligerent old man and told him, "If you were my husband I would poison your drink!" To which he replied, "If you were my wife I would drink it!"

"Both of my ex-wives closed their eyes when making love, because they didn't want to see me having a good time." - Joseph Wambaugh "Marriage is a lot like the army: everyone complains, but you'd be surprised at the large number that re-enlist." - James Garner

There was a couple, 85 years old, who had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. They were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now." The old man asked St. Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied, "Remember, this is your reward in Heaven." The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man. "This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day." Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages. "Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy." The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked. "That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This IS Heaven!" The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself." The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your stupid bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago!"

Q: What's the difference between a Savings Bond and the typical male?

A: At some point, the Savings Bond will mature!



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A: Everyone is sitting on the same side of the church.

Q: What did the bra say to the hat?

A: You go on ahead, I'm going to give these two a lift.

If your wife laughs at your joke, it means you either have a good joke, or a good wife.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.'

What are two reasons why men don't mind their own business?

1. No mind. 2. No business.

What should you give a man who has everything?

A woman to show him how to work it!

Why do bachelors like smart women?

Opposites attract.

If you want a nice man go for a bald one-they try harder.

Men are like computers... hard to figure out and never have enough memory.

Men are like horoscopes.... they always tell you what to do and are usually wrong.'

Stewardess: I'm sorry, Mr. Smith, but we left your wife behind in London.

Mr. Smith: Thank goodness! I thought I was going deaf!

A man inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: "Wife wanted". Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

A woman was telling her friend , "It is I who made my husband a millionaire." "And what was he before you married him." Asked the friend. The woman replied, " A multi-millionaire".

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." And the husband replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice it."

Grooms, once you get married remember that when you have a discussion with your future wife, always remember to get the last two words in: "Yes dear".

Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

If your wife is shouting at the front door, and your dog is barking at the back door, who do you let in first? The dog, of course. At least he'll shut up after you let him in!

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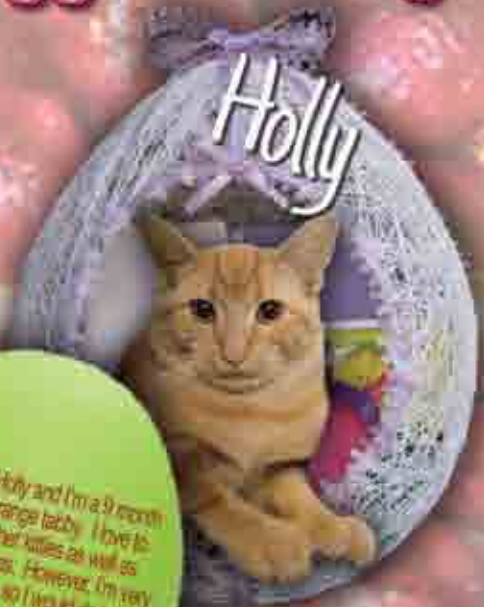
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My name is Holly and I'm a 9 month old female orange tabby. I love to be around other kitties as well as children of all ages. However, I'm very scared of dogs, so I would do best in a home without them. I love to play and snuggle when I'm tired. Will you please give me a chance to be your furrina friend?



My name is Daisy and I'm a 3 year old American Staffordshire Terrier. As I like to have all the attention, I wouldn't do well in a home with any other animals and would do best with older kids. I'd love to give hugs and licks and have a lot of energy! We could play for hours if you give me a chance in your home!



My name is Buddah and I'm a 4 year old Staffordshire Terrier. I'm very loving and good with older kids. I can be a little protective of my things so I might do best in a home with no other animals. Look at the smile on my face and tell me I can't bring you good karma!



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A man and a woman who had never met before found themselves in the same sleeping carriage of a train. After the initial embarrassment had passed, they both managed to fall asleep - the woman on the top bunk, and the man on the lower. In the middle of the night the woman leaned over the edge of the bunk and said, "I'm sorry to bother you, Sir, but I am terribly cold and was wondering if you could possibly pass me another blanket?" The man looked up with a glint in his eye and said, "I've got a better idea... why don't we pretend we're married?" "Why not?!" giggled the woman. "Good," he replied. "Get your own damn blanket!"

 One day a man came home to find his wife admiring her breasts in the mirror. He asked her what she was doing and she said, "I went to the doctor today and he told me that I have the breasts of a 16-year-old girl!" The husband replied, "Well, what did she say about your 75-year-old ass?" To which she replied, "Honey, your name never came up!!!"

 Why are married women heavier than single women?
 Because single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed, whereas married women come home, see what's in the bed and go to the fridge!

 Q: How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper?
 A: We don't know - it's never happened.

Q: What do you instantly know about a well-dressed man?

A: His wife is good at picking out clothes.

Q: Why do most women pay more attention to their appearance than to improving their minds?

A: Because most men are stupid but few are blind.

Q: What does a 75 year old woman have between her breasts that a 25 year old doesn't ?

A: Her navel.

These are actual comments made on students' report cards by teachers in the New York City public school system.

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6. The student has a "full six-pack" but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.
7. This child has been working with glue too much.
8. When your daughter's IQ reaches 50, she should sell.
9. The gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.
10. If this student were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.
11. It's impossible to believe the sperm that created this child beat out 1,000,000 others.
12. The wheel is turning but the hamster is definitely dead.

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You might be a teacher if you want to slap the next person who says, "Must be nice to work from 8 to 3:30 and have summers off."

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You might be a teacher if meeting a child's parent instantly answers this question, "Why is this kid like this?"

You might be a teacher if you would choose a mammogram over a parent conference.

You might be a teacher if you think someone should invent antibacterial pencils and crayons... and desks and chairs for that matter!

You might be a teacher if the words "I have student loans for this?" have ever come out of your mouth.

You might be a teacher if you know how many days, minutes, and seconds are left in the school year! (Jeff Foxworthy)

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion. The first student got up in front of

the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David." The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary." The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am a Baptist and this is a casserole."

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a

commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of

apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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Christian Elementary School Test

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the Bible, even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a Christian elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been retouched nor corrected. (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in). In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off. Adam and Eve were created from an Apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made

unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert, afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol. The greates miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do unto others before they do one



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to you. He also explained, a man doth not live by sweat alone. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels. The epistels were the wives of the apostals. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

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."

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



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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?

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?"

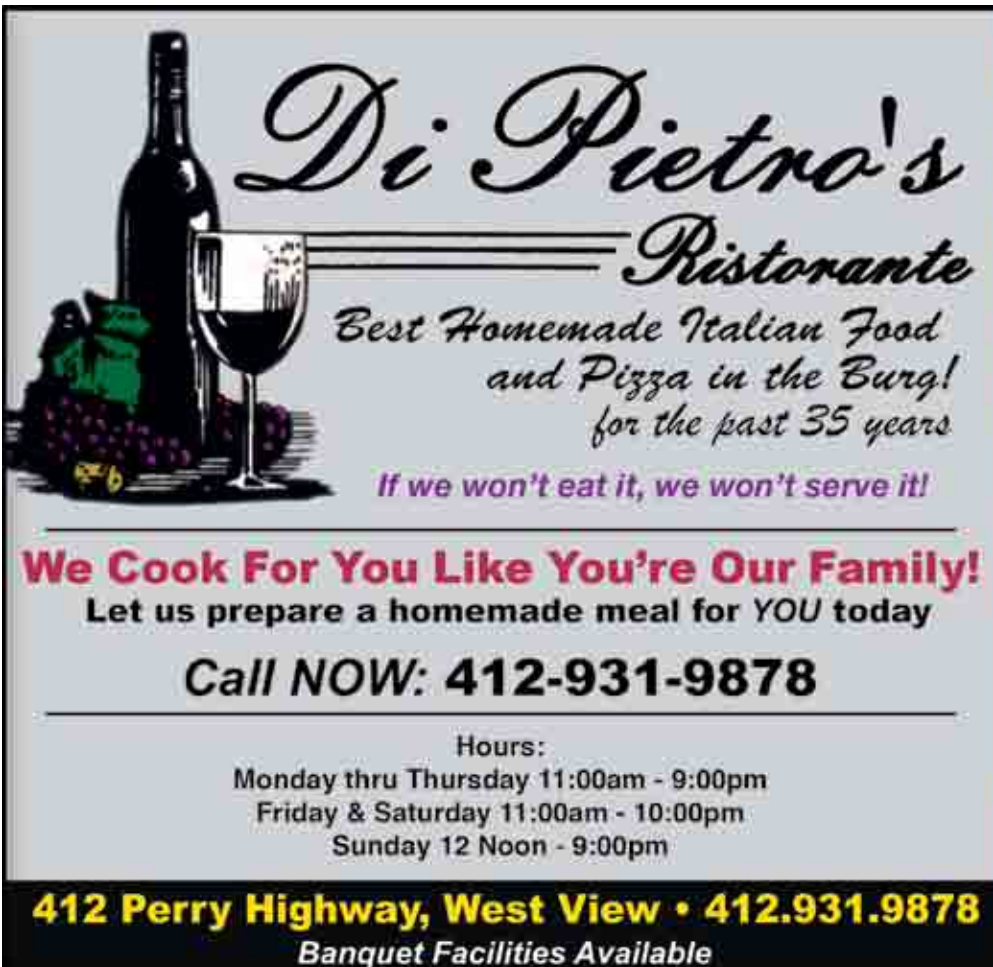
The New Priest...

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 contin-

ued, "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!"...

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!"



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Kennywood to hire 1,500 summer employees **Kennywood, Sandcastle Waterpark Begin Summer Hiring Push**

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The largest youth employer in the Tri-State area, Kennywood intends to hire about 1,500 individuals to work in departments like Rides, Games, Food & Beverage, Grounds and Public Safety. Sandcastle will hire about 400 people for the same departments and is also recruiting lifeguards.

"We're looking for hard-working, friendly individuals ready to help our guests have the best visit possible," says Joe Barron, Human Resources Director for Kennywood and Sandcastle. "In addition to a paycheck, jobs at Kennywood and Sandcastle bring lifelong friendships, great memories and a number of fantastic perks."

Beyond being a great addition to a young adult's resume, employment at Kennywood and Sandcastle brings perks such as flexible scheduling, free admission to Kennywood, Sandcastle and a number of other regional amusement parks, discounted tickets for friends and family, team-building activities such as movie nights, intramural sports competitions and discounts on park food and merchandise.

Most Kennywood and Sandcastle seasonal positions are available to applicants age 16 and older. Some job opportunities are available to those age 14 and 15. Retirees and other adults interested in seasonal work are also encouraged to apply.

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