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# Chicken Latino

**Brings Peruvian Food To the Strip!**

**By: Shannon Sankey**

Three years ago Pittsburgh's Strip District was privileged with a Peruvian jewel. At Chicken Latino owner Shelbin Santos offers fresh and local rotisserie chicken marinated overnight in a brew of tasty traditional spices. While you won't hear the secret recipe from her, you'll detect garlic, rosemary, and smoky Peruvian peppers, among other authentic Latin flavors. Rotisserie chicken marinated and slowly cooked in a brick oven to seal in the juices and flavor. Their chicken is served whole (17.50), half (9.50), or in quarters (6.50). Portions are generous and complimented by delicious sides, such as soaked-to-soften, slow cooked black beans, savory spanish rice, and coleslaw.

***"If you happen to stop by during the weekend, try the signature ceviche made with lime-cured tilapia, or the Peruvian pork roast, seasoned perfectly, so tender and moist it will have you coming back every weekend for more."***

Santos, a psychologist, inherited a passion for cooking from her family in Peru, and in 2007 she set up shop in the Strip to share it with Pittsburghers. Her menu is sweet and simple, much like Chicken Latino's quaint and colorful atmosphere. Affordable appetizers include warm freshly made tortilla chips and salsa (2.99), yucca fries (compare to fried potatoes) (3.99), jalapeno poppers (3.99), and must-try sweet fried plantains (2.99). Her most popular dish features Peruvian chicken, moist, tasty and seasoned perfectly served with fresh cooked black beans atop plenty of spanish rice, with a touch of shredded cheese. Entrees range from 3.99 to 17.50.

If you happen to stop by during the weekend, try the signature ceviche made with lime-cured tilapia, or the Peruvian pork

roast, seasoned perfectly, so tender and moist it will have you coming back every weekend for more. Chicken Latino also offers American dishes like the grilled chicken sandwich, burgers, and salads. The menu also features popular Mexican meals as well but with a Peruvian twist such as burritos served crispy or soft, and chicken or veggie quesadillas. Definitely something for everyone!

What keeps guests coming is the homemade green sauce, a salsa verde, that will ignite your taste for Latin cuisine. Be warned, a little dab will do you. This secret blend of spices, cilantro, habanero, and jalapeno will take the chill right out of a Pittsburgh October. You'll need a good beverage with this, like genuine Peruvian cola, or fresh fruit juice. Fountain drinks are also available, but you can get Pepsi anywhere, right?

If you decide to get take-out, Santos asks that you call an hour ahead so she'll have time to make your meal fresh. Better yet, stay and eat in-house, where you can enjoy upbeat Peruvian art with your meal. Chicken Latino caters and is available for parties. Santos rents out the restaurant

and caters to any celebration. It is a BYOB restaurant, and best of all there is no charge for corking!

Located on 21st, Chicken Latino is an affordable, authentic Latin experience, hopefully serving up Peru to Pittsburgh for years to come. Hours Monday/Sunday are 11am-5pm, Tuesday-Thursday 11am-8pm, Friday 10am-8pm. This is one restaurant you definitely have to try... and as always, be sure and tell them your friends from Nightwire sent you!

Chicken Latino  
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# Pittsburgh Steelers

Photos by Mike Fabus, Pittsburgh Steelers Staff Photographer

**P**ittsburgh is breathing a sigh of relief after Ben Roethlisberger returned to Heinz Field after a four game suspension. Ben returned triumphantly to a completely sold out and at capacity crowd. When number 7 was called the crowd went absolutely crazy! Ben took the reigns of a three and one football team and drove the team to victory winning 28 to 10 over the Cleveland Browns. Ben completed sixteen of his twenty-seven attempted throws for 257 yards and three touchdowns.

With Ben back at QB Pittsburgh is now considered to be one of the best teams in all of football and is a 5.5 to 1 favorite to win the 2011 Super Bowl.

All is now right with the world. The Pittsburgh defense is the top in the league. Ben Roethlisberger is back and playing at top notch level and the Steelers sit a top their division.

## Celebrate Big Ben's return with the Big Ben Super Nacho Recipe!

### Ingredients for Super Nacho Recipe

- 1 pound lean ground beef
  - 2 teaspoons chili powder
  - 2 teaspoons cumin
  - Pinch of salt
  - 1 small can refried beans or bean dip
  - 1 10 or 12-ounce bag corn tortilla chips
  - 1 1/4 pounds Monterey Jack or Mozzarella cheese, grated
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 2 tomatoes, chopped
  - 1 6-ounce can black olives, chopped
- Easy to follow instructions for Super Nacho Recipe



1. Brown the ground beef in a medium skillet. Drain. Add the chili powder, cumin and salt. Set aside for a moment.
2. Spread a thin layer of refried beans or bean dip over the bottom of a platter or shallow, heat-proof bowl to anchor the first layer of chips.
3. Then spread a layer of chips over the beans, top with a layer of cheese, ground beef, onion, tomato and olives. Repeat until all the ingredients are used. Or, since this recipe usually makes about 4 layers, you can divide all the toppings into 4 portions for even layering.
4. Microwave on high until heated through, about 10 minutes, or bake at 375° for 20-30 minutes. Serve warm with sour cream and Guacamole Dip, if desired.



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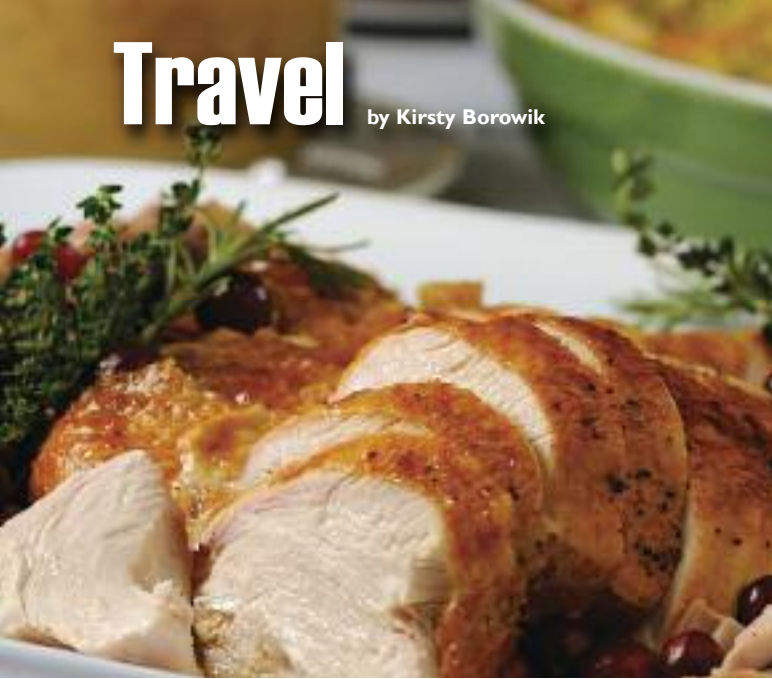
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**T**ravel During Thanksgiving, or any holiday is extra stressful. Here are some tips to help ease some of that stress.

1. Try to plan your travel at a non-peak time. For example, I am flying almost a week before and leaving the day after. My flight is about \$350 cheaper than it would have, had I decided to fly just a couple of days before or decided to stay through the weekend. If you are driving, keep in mind that traffic will be heaviest the day before and the day after. Be vigilant.
2. Don't leave too early the day after. Remember that the Friday after Thanksgiving is "Black Friday," the day most retailers have amazing sales that lure everyone to the stores very earlier in the morning. People will get up early to try to get to the stores before everyone else, and traffic will be heavy. If you must leave early on Friday, give yourself plenty of time to get to the airport.
3. If you are flying, the day before is by far the worst time, as everyone is trying to get home at the same time. Between the crowds and the overbooked flights, flying the day before is just not a good idea. If you can't travel at a non-peak time, you should be able to leave early on Thanksgiving and still make it in time for dinner, depending on the distance you have to fly.
4. If you are driving, the best time to leave is actually on Thanksgiving evening, when everyone is sleeping off the meal or engrossed in the football games.
5. Do things backwards. Get dropped off at the arrivals entrance (rather than departures), and get picked up at the departures entrance (rather than arrivals). Think about it this way: if everyone is trying to leave at the same time, the arrivals area will be practically empty. Not many flights arrive early in the morning. Likewise, getting picked up at the departures can be a good idea, as it should be less busy.
6. If you are flying through a large airport, check in at a different concourse. I used this trick at the JFK airport in New York one time. It looked like all the traffic was going to one concourse, so I went to another that looked less busy. I

got through security practically in a matter of seconds and walked to my gate about a half hour before anyone else arrived. It made for a stress-free experience and got me on the plane faster, which ensured I had room for my carry-on in the overhead compartment.

Note: This works only if the airport has concourses that are connected within the same building. Phoenix, for example, is not all in one building. You have to go outside, get on a bus, and then go through security again if you leave one concourse to get to another. Know your airport's layout before you try this one.

7. If you are driving, plan your route to avoid big cities. Most cities have a route that goes around the city, like taking 640 around Knoxville rather than staying on 40 and driving through the city. If you can't avoid the big city, at least plan your timing to avoid the big cities at peak traffic times (morning and evening commutes and lunch time).
8. Keep your radio tuned to a station that keeps you updated on accidents and road congestion. Download a program to your smart phone that gives live updates of traffic conditions. Make use of programs like Live Traffic to check the conditions before you head out on your Thanksgiving travel. Avoid these areas to avoid delays.
9. When you travel during the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be delays. It is inevitable. Try to make the most of it. Bring that book you have been meaning to read. (If you are driving, get a book on tape.) Bring some travel-friendly games. Keep your cell phone charger in your carry-on so that you can use your phone freely during long layovers and other airport delays without worrying about the battery going dead. Bring plenty of snacks so you don't have to spend too much on airport food or gas station snacks.
10. Complete routine vehicle maintenance and do extra checks on your brakes, fluids, etc., before heading out. Nothing ruins a road trip like car trouble, no matter what time of the year. However, in many parts of the country, snow can be part of the equation for your Thanksgiving travel. Especially make sure your tires are in excellent condition.



# Get Out And Vote November 2!



Let your voice be heard loud and clear We the People, By the People, and for the People!!

Wal-Mart vs. The Morons

1. Americans spend \$36,000,000 at Wal-Mart Every hour of every day.
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3. Wal-Mart will sell more from January 1 to St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) than Target sells all year.
4. Wal-Mart is bigger than Home Depot + Kroger + Target +Sears + Costco + K-Mart combined.
5. Wal-Mart employs 1.6 million people, is the world's largest private employer, and most speak English.
6. Wal-Mart is the largest company in the history of the world.
7. Wal-Mart now sells more food than Kroger and Safeway combined, and keep in mind they did this in only fifteen years.
8. During this same period, 31 big supermarket chains sought bankruptcy.
9. Wal-Mart now sells more food than any other store in the world.
10. Wal-Mart has approx 3,900 stores in the USA of which 1,906 are Super Centers; this is 1,000 more than it had five years ago.
11. This year 7.2 billion different purchasing experiences will occur at Wal-Mart stores. (Earth's population is approximately 6.5 Billion.)
12. 90% of all Americans live within fifteen miles of a Wal-Mart.

You may think that we am complaining, but really just laying the ground work for suggesting that MAYBE we should hire the guys who run Wal-Mart to fix the economy.

This should be read and understood by all Americans Democrats, Republicans, EVERYONE!!

To President Obama and all 535 voting members of the Legislature, It is now official you are ALL corrupt morons:

- a.. The U.S. Postal Service was established in 1775. You have had 234 years to get it right and it is broke.
- b.. Social Security was established in 1935. You have had 74 years to get it right and it is broke.
- c.. Fannie Mae was established in 1938. You have had 71 years to get it right and it is broke.
- d.. War on Poverty started in 1964. You have had 45 years to get it right; \$1 trillion of our money is confiscated each year and transferred to "the poor" and they only want more.
- e.. Medicare and Medicaid were established in 1965. You have had 44 years to get it right and they are broke.
- f.. Freddie Mac was established in 1970. You have had 39 years to get it right and it is broke.
- g.. The Department of Energy was created in 1977 to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. It has ballooned to 16,000 employees with a budget of \$24 billion a year and we import more oil than ever before. You had 32 years to get it right and it is an abysmal failure.

You have FAILED in every "government service" you have shoved down our throats while overspending OUR tax dollars. And you want Americans to believe you can be trusted with a government-run health care system? Maybe we ought to kick your egg-head buddy bums out of office and hire WalMart to run the government? WalMart seems to know how to run a business... why don't you guys just admit it's way beyond your pay grade, and quit?

## VOTE THEM ALL OUT THIS NOVEMBER!!!



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# Wine & Spirits



## Le Fridge

With the heat of today it's hard to imagine that December is just around the corner, but the Holidays will be here before you know it! What better way to celebrate the season, Christmas, Hanukah, the New Year and more, than popping a bottle of Veuve Clicquot and toasting great memories of 2010 the what's to come in 2011.

Veuve Clicquot's 2010 holiday collection is sure to have something for everyone on your gift list

including: Le Fridge, The Yellow Label design box with champagne stopper and the Sakura ice jacket. Veuve Clicquot Le Fridge, a stylish and retro-design tribute to Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, to chill your champagne in style for up to two hours This chic portable refrigerator (approximately \$40 per bottle) is the perfect companion for any sort of holiday party, and can be reused for years to come.

## The Veuve Clicquot Brut

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# Veuve Clicquot Rosé

The perfect gift for the fashion forward set is a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Rosé complete with the new Sakura blossom ice jacket. Designed by the Ateliers LZC, the ice jacket is an interpretation of the Sakura, the Japanese cherry blossom tree. The Ateliers

LZC, based in Paris, is a renowned design studio known for producing exclusive collections for fashion and interior design labels. This special edition item is available with each purchase of Veuve Clicquot Rosé (approximately \$60/bottle).

## Seared Duck Breast with Raspberry Gastrique

Serve with *Kendall-Jackson Zinfandel*



### Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- ½ C. red verjus
- ½ C. red wine, such as Zinfandel
- ½ pint raspberries
- 2 Tbsp. pomegranate molasses
- 20 black peppercorns
- 2 cloves
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 1 tsp. vegetable oil
- 4 duck breasts

### Servings: 6

**Raspberry Gastrique Preparation:** In a small sauce pan, caramelize the sugar over low heat. Once the sugar turns golden brown, carefully add the verjus, wine, raspberries, pomegranate molasses, peppercorns and cloves. Increase the heat to high and reduce for 5 to 7 minutes or until most of the liquid has evaporated and the sauce begins to thicken to syrup consistency. Remove from the heat and whisk in butter. Season with salt. Keep warm.

**Duck Preparation:** In a 12-inch non-stick sauté pan, heat the oil over medium-high for 2 minutes. Score the duck breast on the fat-side, being careful not to cut into the meat. Season the duck with salt and carefully place in the pan skin-side down. Reduce the heat to medium-low and slowly render as much of the fat in the skin as possible. Drain the fat that collects in the pan every 2 to 5 minutes. Continue to cook until the skin turns brown and crisps slightly, approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Flip the breasts, increase the heat back to medium-high and continue to cook for an additional 2 minutes (for medium-rare to medium). If using an instant-read thermometer, the temperature should register between 136-140°F.

**Final Preparation:** Remove the duck from the pan and rest on a cutting board for 4 to 5 minutes before cutting. Drizzle the Raspberry Gastrique on the duck and serve.

## Capellini with Clams

Serve with *Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay*



### Ingredients

- 6 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1½ lb. clams, scrubbed
- ½ C. dry white wine
- 12 oz. capellini or angel hair pasta
- ½ C. loosely packed fresh flat-leaf parsley, coarsely chopped
- 1 bunch chives, cut into ½ pieces
- kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

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### Servings: 6

In a large, heavy saucepan, melt the butter over medium-high heat and cook until the butter is brown and has released a nutty aroma, 3-4 minutes. Add the clams, increase the heat to high, and stir in the wine. Cover and cook until the clams open, 4-6 minutes. Transfer the clams with tongs or a slotted spoon to a plate. Discard any clams that don't open.

Meanwhile, in a large pot of salted boiling water, cook the pasta until al dente, about 6-8 minutes. Drain the pasta and add to the pan with the butter mixture. Add the parsley and chives. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Toss to coat evenly. Divide the pasta among 6 small plates, top each serving with an equal number of clams, and serve.

# Draft House

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# Ask The Attorney

Ask The Lawyer: "Legal Briefs" Courtesy Of Local Attorney / Mediator / Collaborative Settlement Advocate Jeff Pollock

**A**s mentioned in my previous column, while drumming up support for my 2011 East End Magistrate Campaign, a couple asked me for legal advice about their daughter's marital issues, including how best to resolve her divorce and custody matters. Here is the second part about Mediation.

Q: How does Mediation specifically address Divorce/Custody/Support/Equitable Distribution?

A: In short: Litigation is the tried and true -- and sometimes necessary way -- of resolving contentious Family Law matters, but Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods may be preferable in many cases in terms of time involved, stress exacerbated, fees incurred, costs charged, etc. The first alternative that should be considered is Mediation.

Some families and some situations call for "A Quiet Divorce" to keep the details of their divorce out of the public eye. Troubled couples with high visibility, income, or wealth may wish to use a private method like Mediation to keep their divorce terms away from public scrutiny for personal, business, or financial reasons. It is a method for resolving disputes collaboratively. In mediation, people work together to identify, discuss and jointly resolve the issues in dispute. Mediating offers significant advantages over litigation and other processes, such as: a) Saving time and money; b) Preserving valued relationships, especially if children are involved; c) Reducing stress and animosity; and d) Making the parties more invested in the outcome.

Most divorcing couples can't communicate productively on their own. But given proper help, most divorcing couples are capable of deciding how to distribute their property and support their children, just as they did during marriage. A professional mediator meets with both parties together in an effort to negotiate a fair settlement. One spouse is never pitted against the other.

Mediation is best suited for couples who want to minimize their lawyers' direct involvement in negotiation and retain more control over negotiating the terms of their divorce. Spouses can use this process to resolve parenting issues as well as financial matters. Spouses meet jointly with a mediator, usually without their attorneys present. The mediator is not an advocate for either spouse, but is a neutral facilitator chosen by both parties. Mediators come from a variety of disciplines (e.g., attorneys, financial planners or mental health professionals), but who should have training as mediators and experience in divorce. In mediation you work together with the other person to resolve your dispute without a judge or jury.

The mediator guides you through a process of identifying, discussing, and resolving the issues raised by the participants. The two parties make all decisions, including what issues are discussed, what additional information may be needed, and how each issue is resolved. The mediator assists you but does not substitute his/her judgment for yours. The mediator helps them reach a mutual resolution on their own terms. The mediator controls the process, not the outcome. The three people meet until either full agreement is reached or the negotiations fail. One of the most frustrating and painful

aspects of litigation is the feeling that someone else controls your destiny. In mediation, you are directly involved in all decision-making so you need not worry that important decisions about your future will be imposed on you.

Mediation puts you in control of the process, which helps reduce costs. The parties decide who will participate in the mediation, whether attorneys or other experts will be present, what will be the length and frequency of mediation sessions, etc. All discussions that take place with the mediator are confidential. A mediator cannot be called as a witness or forced to divulge any information in the event mediation is not successful and litigation occurs.

Resolving a dispute doesn't have to mean the end of an important relationship. The mediation process encourages effective confidential communication by: a) Affording each person opportunities to have concerns addressed; b) Improving opportunities to find common ground; c) Encouraging clear communication; d) Deterring misunderstandings; e) Making it more likely that both sides can feel like they "won;" and f) Allowing for more open sharing at meetings since the parties get to keep the written settlement papers out of the files of the Prothonotary/Dept of Court Records.

In summary, the benefits of Mediation are:

1) Speed A mediator can meet with a couple as often as weekly. After about 4-6 sessions, the parties usually reach the point at which an agreement can be drafted. To properly prepare for litigation, lawyers may spend at least that long just collecting information.

2) Cost Expense is a function of speed and complexity. The combined fee for a mediated agreement is usually less than the retainer that one spouse may have to pay. All of a mediator's time is spent working towards an agreement without being sidetracked by filing/arguing pleadings, discovery, and motions.

3) Professionalism A good mediator will insist on full disclosure by the parties and inform the divorcing couple of all financial and child-custody issues and possible outcomes that must be reviewed openly and provided for in the agreement. The mediator will also help the couple overcome impasses in their negotiations without needlessly pressuring either party.

4) Fairness The world of divorce is not different from the world of marriage - not everything is "fair." But two people who have worked to reach an agreement that both parties can live with feel far more satisfied with its fairness than a couple told by a judge how to conduct their affairs.

5) Closure Instead of realizing the litigators' adage that "Divorce never ends" (since a drawn-out acrimonious divorce can create painful repercussions far into the future), Mediators usually help divorcing spouses to put the past behind them. A mediated divorce arguably offers people a better chance to start anew.

If Nightwire Magazine readers have questions or suggestions for topics, please call Joyce at (412) 855-5536 or Atty. Pollock at (412) 421-2232.



# Music

Trish Imbrogno

## Above The Fold - Ben Folds Returns To Pittsburgh

**A**utumn is upon us, and that chill you feel in the air should be a reminder that another outdoor concert season is behind us and it's time to seek shelter for your live music fix. Lucky for us though, a night of blistering hot piano rock is coming to Club Zoo this November to kick off the fall when singer/keyboardist Ben Folds brings his Lonely Avenue Tour to town.

Ben Folds last performance in Pittsburgh is going to be hard to beat when he had a 100-piece backing band – the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. February 2010 brought a new experience for Ben Folds' fans – a trip to Heinz hall and a chance to experience him in a rare, intimate setting.

Folds' new album however, a collaboration with author Nick Hornby may just up that bar. Hornby is the author of the novel *High Fidelity*, which was made into a popular film starring John Cusack, and *About a Boy*, again a hit on the silver screen. *Lonely Avenue* takes Hornby's lyrics and juxtaposes them against Ben Folds' melodic and memorable piano melodies.

Ben Folds is best known as the leader of the power pop trio Ben Folds Five, but has also struck out on his own as a solo artist. Despite playing in bands in high school, his musical career didn't really get off the ground until the late '80s, as a bassist for Majosha (the outfit issued such obscure releases as *Party Night: Five Songs About Jesus and Shut Up and Listen to Majosha*). Proving his multi-instrumental talents, Folds also played drums as a session musician in Nashville. After relocating to New York, Folds started acting again (he'd done some theater in high school previously) and signed a publishing deal with Sony Music.

Moving back to North Carolina, Folds in 1994 formed Ben Folds Five, a trio that also included bassist Robert Sledge and drummer Darren Jessee. Whereas most alternative bands of the '90s specialized in distorted teen-angst rock, the guitarless trio was a refreshing break from the norm, their sound akin to such past power popsters as Todd Rundgren, Jellyfish, early Joe Jackson, and such piano-driven artists as Billy Joel and early Elton John. But like punk bands, Ben Folds Five put on a

high-energy, blistering live show. The band was signed to the independent Caroline Records shortly afterward, resulting in their self-titled debut one year later. Due to airings of their humorous anthem "Underground" (which poked fun at the politics of the punk/alternative scene) on MTV's *120 Minutes*) and constant touring, quite a buzz was stirring for the band by the time of their second album.

Released in 1997, *Whatever and Ever Amen* was pure pop perfection – easily one of the year's best releases and perhaps the best power pop release of the '90s. The band's songwriting and sound had improved even further, as evidenced by such gems as "One Angry Dwarf and 200 Solemn Faces," "Fair," "Kate," and "Battle of Who Could Care Less," plus their whimsical tribute to breakups, "Song for the Dumped." But it was the ballad "Brick" that broke the band commercially – unlike the majority of their material, which was upbeat, the song contained melancholic music and vocals, as the lyrics told the story of a teenage couple who decides to get an abortion (it has been speculated that the tale was autobiographical for Folds). The single didn't hit until several months after the album was released, which meant that the band stayed on the road for well over a year, playing with such notables as Dave Matthews, Beck, and as part of the 1997 H.O.R.D.E. festival – earning *Whatever* platinum status.

While 1998 didn't see a new studio album by the band, BF5's former label issued a 16-track rarities collection (*Naked Baby Photos*), as Folds released his first solo album, *Volume 1*, under the pseudonym *Fear of Pop*. Although the album went largely unnoticed, it included the song "In Love," which included overly dramatic vocals from none other than Captain Kirk himself, William Shatner (comparable in approach to Shatner's must-hear 1968 album, *The Transformed Man*) and which was performed on *The Conan O'Brien Show* shortly after the album's release. Ben Folds Five regrouped with 1999's *The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner*, which was a more mature work than its predecessors, although the energetic lead-off single, "Army," showed that Folds' humorous approach hadn't dulled at all.

Folds officially went solo again in 2001 with *Rockin' the Suburbs*. A series of EPs followed, with the new long-player *Songs for Silverman* dropping in 2005. He released *Supersunnyspeedgraphic: The LP* in 2006, followed by the full-length *Way to Normal* in 2008. In 2009 Folds contributed two songs to *University A Cappella*, a collection of covers of some of Folds' best tracks by various university groups.

Drusky Entertainment ([www.druskyentertainment.com](http://www.druskyentertainment.com)) Presents BEN FOLDS ([www.benfolds.com](http://www.benfolds.com)) "Lonely Avenue Tour" with special guests LADY DANVILLE ([www.myspace.com/ladydanville](http://www.myspace.com/ladydanville)) for an all ages show at Club Zoo (1630 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222) on November 11, 2010 6:00 doors, 7:00 show. General admission tickets are \$30 in advance and \$32 at the door and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling 1-800-745-3000.



# Music

By Trish Imbrogno

## Let's Get Naked - Barenaked Ladies Kick It In Da 'Burgh

Imagine a shrine for all great sayings, a Pop Psychology Hall of Fame if you will. On these special walls you'd find such stalwarts as "What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger," "Tomorrow's Another Day" and "Everything Happens For A Reason." Right over there the "Light At The End of The Tunnel" stands next to "The Great Unknown." Sure, these sayings are ubiquitous; repeated down through the ages as mantra for some, cliché for others. But now, after 20 years together, Barenaked Ladies are taking time to walk these halls and learn from another bon mot, All In Good Time.

Yes, All In Good Time is the name of the new album, the 11th from this Canadian institution, and their first as a new four-piece. Fourteen bold and adventurous new tracks, recorded in Toronto in the spring and summer of 2009, find Ed Robertson (guitar/vocals), Jim Creeggan (bass/vocals), Kevin Hearn (keyboard/guitar/vocals) and Tyler Stewart (drums/vocals) exploring a very creative and fertile phase of their careers.

"There was a little more room for people to breathe on this record" says Robertson. "It's more rocking in places and it stretches out and becomes more spacious in others. It was a really good feeling in the studio, with everyone very comfortable together and Michael at the helm."

Robertson is referring to ace producer and long-time BNL collaborator Michael Phillip Wojewoda, who produced the band's very first full length CD, 1992's *Gordon*. Wojewoda jumped at the chance to capture the group's rebirth as a quartet. "The newness of the situation inspired the band to stretch musically," says Wojewoda. "Even though there were challenges, they jumped in headfirst with enthusiasm and passion. The results are very exciting. It was great to be part of that."

The move from five to four could be a tough transition for a lesser group, but Barenaked Ladies are no ordinary rock band. Founded as a duo in 1988 by schoolmates Ed Robertson and Steven Page, the group soon grew to five members and took Canada by storm with their five-song indie cassette, *The Yellow Tape*. Over the next decade-plus, their albums *Gordon*, *Rock Spectacle*, *Stunt* and *Maroon* went multi-platinum in the U.S., and Barenaked Ladies became a top-selling, award-winning concert draw across North America and The U.K. with their frenetic blend of high-energy melodic-pop, crack

musicianship and spontaneous repartee.

Ed Robertson, the primary songwriter since the birth of the band, took a moment to share how the writing process for All In Good Time was different from past Barenaked Ladies albums. "This was a chance for me to shed some of my writing dependencies, both good and bad, and explore new ground. I allowed myself to go places that I might not have in the past. I was more literal at times, and more abstract at others, pushing the self-imposed limits I'd adhered to for too long. The writing was cathartic for me in a way that writing hadn't been since the early nineties. It had been a huge and often dark year: an arrest, a plane crash and the death of my mother. All of these things took a heavy toll on my psyche, and spurred a lot of serious exploring."

Regarding the line-up change in Barenaked Ladies, Robertson is very candid: "Our relationship with Steve Page was great and very fruitful. It lasted almost 20 years, but it was time to move on. Now we're doing something that feels really fresh and exciting to me. His departure left four singers and three multi-instrumentalists in the band, so we're not lacking for musical ideas, and now there's more room for the other writers in the band to bring songs to the table."

The results of Robertson's personal explorations can be heard in the standout first track/lead single "You Run Away," a story of missed opportunities and remorse: "I tried to be your brother / You cried and ran for cover / I made a mess, who doesn't? / I did my best but it wasn't enough."

In the brisk, angular rocker "How Long," Robertson kicks off the lines "Give it up for Anger, it makes us strong!" another echo of recent years for the famous father of three. On the power-pop "Every Subway Car," the founding singer/guitarist takes on the angst of a love-struck guerilla artiste: "Soon the world will see / Our graffiti love / Belton on my glove / They'll wonder who you are on every subway car."

Finally, Robertson finds three rhymes for the apparently unrhymable word Orange in a Django Reinhardt meets Jay-Z beer-hall sing-along called "Four Seconds": "Oh Flip, The light is turning Orange / Coat ripped, when I caught it in the door hinge / I slipped when the lady in the 4 inch / Bought it in a store in Germany." Even after a couple of years of ups and downs, Barenaked Ladies have hung on to their abstract senses of humour.

The result of new contributions from within is a recording that is stylistically adventurous, musically diverse and the most emotionally riveting and honest work by the band to date. "We had a bizarre year in 08," says drummer and vocalist Tyler Stewart. "A lot of upheaval, a lot of changes, but 12 months later we're stronger than we've ever been. We had to dig deep and redefine ourselves. Right now it feels really, really good to be in Barenaked Ladies."

All In Good Time, the 11th Studio Album from Barenaked Ladies, drops in March 2010. You can catch a sneak peek in Pittsburgh on Thursday, November 11 at Carnegie Library Music Hall of Homestead. For more information, visit [WWW.BARENAKEDLADIES.COM](http://WWW.BARENAKEDLADIES.COM), [WWW.DRUSKYENTERTAINMENT.COM](http://WWW.DRUSKYENTERTAINMENT.COM), or [WWW.LIBRARYMUSICALL.COM](http://WWW.LIBRARYMUSICALL.COM)



# Music

By Trish Imbrogno Photos by Todd Brunozi

## Got Wood? Two Bands, One Amazing Low-End



I'm a bassist. We're a strange breed. For instance, I'm writing an article about another bassist. Not a band, not a musical, not a symphony performance. A bassist. One man, one instrument – well, two, he plays vertically and horizontally – and two amazing ensembles of completely different genres with which he plays.

I learned about Chris Wood when I was at a music school party in 1998. After many, many beers, some jazzier friends put on Combustication. I remember asking at least five times, "Who is this?" Thoroughly irritated, they screamed at me, "MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD." I said, "Oh, like a law firm."

Medeski, Martin and Wood (MMW), however, is much more than a law firm. Formed in 1992, MMW is a jazz trio consisting of piano/keys, bass and drums. Don't think jazz like you normally would in Pittsburgh... they are the opposite end of the spectrum from Joe Negri, Sean Jones, or Catch 22. MMW takes jazz out to the edge until you wonder, "How are they going to bring this back?" Every time, like a miracle, it comes back to the head and the groove kicks in.

It's no miracle. All of these guys are the epitome of professional musicians. Chris Wood spent a short stint at New England Conservatory studying academic music. Realizing that he could be doing much more with the bass, he dropped out of classes completely and stayed only for the private lessons with geniuses like Dave Holland, Geri Allen, Bob Moses, George Garzone, and Jerry Bergoozi. Lessons were really all Chris needed, especially with the pedagogs he had at his disposal coupled with his natural talent.

Chris also had other major influences in his playing, but long before he hit college. His father, Bill Wood was always playing guitar and singing folk tunes around the house. A student at Harvard in the late 50's, Bill was heavily influenced by the burgeoning folk scene of that period and

played and recorded with many of the pioneers in the genre (you can still see Bill's face on the cover of a booklet included in a Joan Baez box set).

Also, keeping Chris' influences current was his brother Oliver who turned him onto sixties rock like The Doors, Jimi Hendrix, The Who and the Beatles. Oliver had followed his father's footsteps as a guitar player and in that spirit, got an electric bass for Christmas one year. While Chris was in 7th grade his brother switched to the electric guitar leaving the bass behind. Chris picked up the leftovers and began his journey.

Oliver and Chris Wood grew up in Boulder, Colorado, the sons of a Poet and a Microbiologist. Oliver moved to Atlanta and became a southerner. Chris moved to New York City and became a Yankee. After years of musical and geographical separation they have reunited as The Wood Brothers.

While in Atlanta, Oliver soaked up the roots of blues, the soul of the south, and found he had a talent for writing and singing songs. His band, King Johnson (named after Freddy King and Robert Johnson) toured mostly in the southern states. Meanwhile, Chris was living in Manhattan playing everything from free jazz to rock and roll. This is where he met his band mates to form Medeski Martin & Wood.

The Wood Brothers collaboration combines their shared childhood influences with everything they've learned since leaving home. Their music has a rootsy feel that blends blues, folk, and rock music in a guitar/bass duo.

MMW hits Pittsburgh on Saturday, November 13, at Mr. Smalls in Millvale. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [www.mrsmalls.com](http://www.mrsmalls.com). The Wood Brothers grace us with their pure musical style on Thursday, December 9, at Club Café on the South Side. This show was rescheduled from August, so seats are extremely limited and available for \$15 at [www.clubcafelive.com](http://www.clubcafelive.com).



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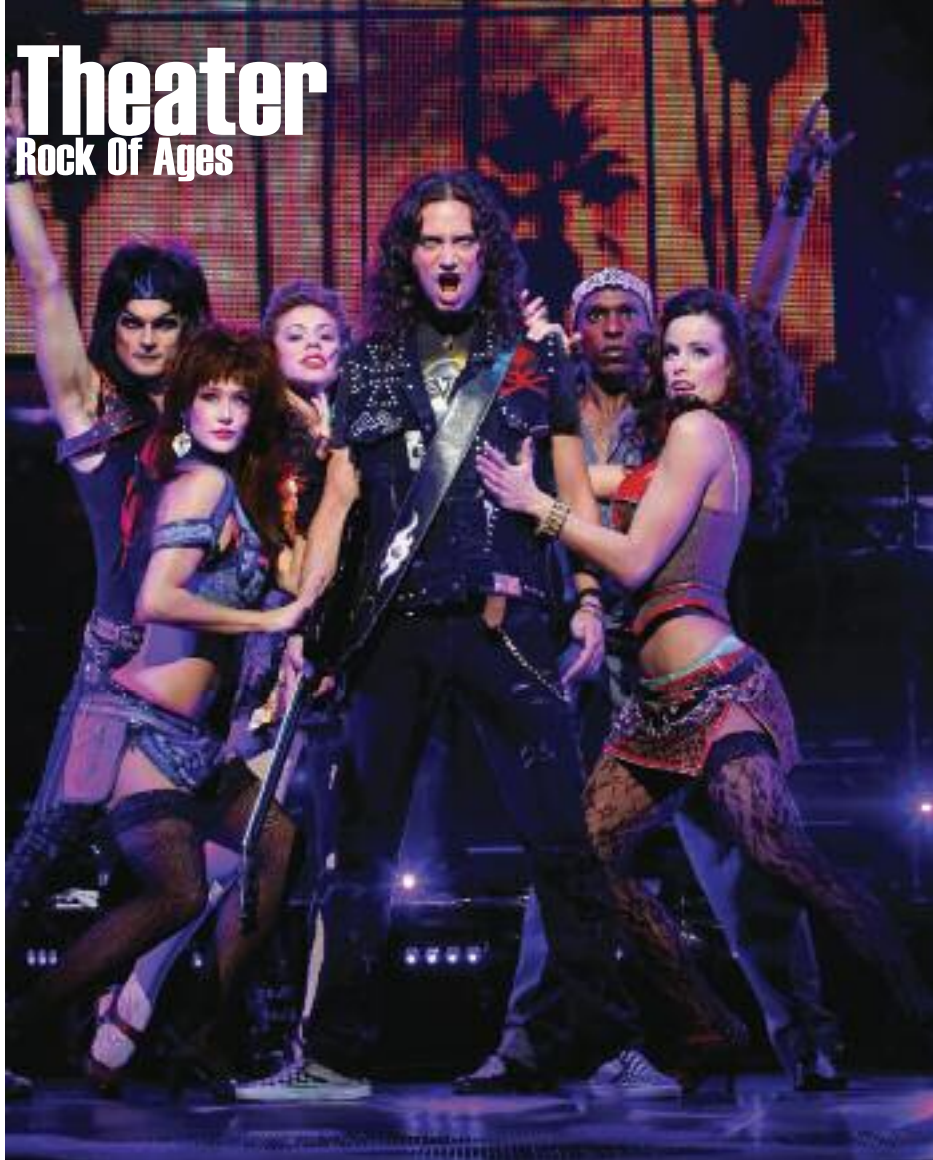
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# Theater

## Rock Of Ages



**F**ive-time Tony Award® nominated smash-hit musical ROCK OF AGES comes to Pittsburgh's Benedum Center, November 23-28, 2010. This tour is part of the PNC Broadway Across America – Pittsburgh series, presented by The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Pittsburgh Symphony and Broadway Across America.

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Coming to you, direct from Broadway, Tony Award® Nominee Constantine Maroulis of "American Idol" fame, will reprise his acclaimed performance as Drew in the First National Tour of the five-time Tony Award® nominated smash-hit musical ROCK OF AGES. Rolling Stone says, "Rock of Ages has found a perfect lead in Maroulis," and so like Bartles & James, big hair and Dep, some things are just

meant for each other.

ROCK OF AGES is directed by Tony Award Nominee Kristin Hanggi (Bare, Pussycat Dolls on the Sunset Strip) and choreographed by Kelly Devine (Jersey Boys – Associate Choreographer). The book is by Chris D'Arienzo (writer and director of the film Barry Munday), the original arrangements are by David Gibbs (Counting Crows, Film: That Thing You Do) and the Music Supervision, Arrangements & Orchestrations are by Ethan Popp (Tarzan; Europe: We Will Rock You, Mamma Mia).

Scenic design is by Beowulf Boritt (Spelling Bee, LoveMusik), costume design is by Tony Nominee Gregory Gale (Cyrano, The Wedding Singer), lighting design is by Jason Lyons (The Threepenny Opera), sound design is by Tony Nominee Peter Hylenski (Shrek), and projection design is by Zachary Borovay (A Catered Affair). ROCK OF AGES is produced by Matthew Weaver, Carl Levin, Jeff Davis, Barry Habib, Scott Prisand, Janet Billig Rich, Hillary Weaver, Relativity Media and The Araca Group.

ROCK OF AGES opened on April 7, 2009 at Broadway's Brooks Atkinson Theatre to critical acclaim, following an off Broadway engagement in the fall of 2008. The Broadway production was nominated for five 2009 Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, and New Line Records released the Original Broadway Cast Recording in July, 2009, featuring 28 songs from the show. A New Line Cinema/Warner Bros. film of the musical, directed by Adam Shankman (Hairspray), is scheduled to be released in 2011. ROCK OF AGES opened to rave reviews at the legendary Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto, Canada in May, 2010 and premiered at the Comedy Theatre, Melbourne, Australia in April, 2011.

## Where is it?

Tickets (\$24-\$61) are available at the Box Office at Theater Square (655 Penn Avenue), by phone (412) 456-6666 or online at [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org). For group discounts, please call 412-471-6930. Parental advisory: some of the costumes, dancing and language performed in ROCK OF AGES may not be appropriate for kids under the age of 14.



**D**on't miss this rare opportunity to hear one of Cuba's greatest musical ambassadors as The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents Omara Portuondo on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Byham Theater. From starring in the Buena Vista Social Club, to dancing in the famed Tropicana Cabaret, to lending her lush vocal styling to the Quarteto Las d'Aida, Omara Portuondo has proven herself as a legendary Havana singer as well as an extraordinary performer. This performance is part of the Cohen & Grigsby Trust Presents series.

Born in Havana in 1930, Omara Portuondo began her career as a dancer in the acclaimed Tropicana Cabaret, alongside her sister Haydee. In 1952, Omara and Haydee, while involved with the Cabaret, began to experiment with their vocal talents and passion. Together, with Elena Burke and Moraima Secada, they set up a vocal quartet, directed by pianist Aida Diestro. This group, Quarteto Las d'Aida, became one of the greatest quartets in the history of Cuban music. Omara stayed with the Quarteto Las d'Aida for 15 years. Ms. Portuondo also performed as a duo with Rolando Espinosa during her dance career and this experience presented her with the opportunity to become a teacher of dance in the 1960's at the Escuela de Instructores de Arte.

Omara later joined one of Cuba's most important orchestras, La Orquesta Aragón, with which she traveled all over the world and also recorded several albums, such as the one she did with Adalberto Álvarez in 1984, Palabras, and Desafíos, with Chucho Valdés.

What really catapulted Omara Portuondo to her international fame was her appearance on the album and film Buena Vista Social Club (World Circuit), on which she sang "Veinte Años" with Compay Segundo, and "Silencio" with Ibrahim Ferre. In the following years she traveled the world and recorded various songs with a star-studded group which included great names

of Cuban music such as Rubén González, Orlando "Cachaíto" López and Manuel "Guajiro" Mirabal.

In addition, to her musical work, the International Red Cross in Montreaux appointed her International Ambassador (2004), making her the first Cuban artist to achieve such a distinction; and her recording, Flor de amor was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Traditional Tropical Record category. In the 16th edition of the Billboard Latin Music Awards, in 2005, Flor de amor obtained the Tropical Record of the Year award in the female category. Ms. Portuondo's recording Gracias is an album that highlights her 60 year career

and includes a selection of songs that have most defined her career.

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is a non-profit organization whose mission is the cultural and economic development of Pittsburgh's 14-block Cultural District through public and private support. The Trust presents and encourages diverse performing and visual arts programs within the District, and is an impetus for additional development in downtown Pittsburgh. In addition to the Trust Presents series, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents the PNC Broadway Across America-Pittsburgh series, Pittsburgh Dance Council, Pittsburgh International Children's Theater and Children's Festival, CD Live, JazzLive, First Night Pittsburgh, Gallery Crawl, and Three Rivers Arts Festival, among other Cultural District and arts events. The Trust owns Theater Square and the Cabaret at Theater Square; James E Rohr Building & Arts Education Center; the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts; Byham, O'Reilly, and Harris Theaters; visual arts galleries: Wood Street Galleries, at 601 Wood Street; SPACE, at 812 Liberty Avenue and 937 Liberty, a multipurpose performance and exhibit space, among other downtown arts facilities. [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org)

## Where is it?

Tickets (\$25.75 - \$42.75) for the Omara Portuondo performance on November 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Byham Theater, may be purchased at the Box Office at Theater Square, 655 Penn Avenue, online at [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org), or by calling (412) 456-6666. To purchase 10 or more tickets at special discounted rates, please call (412) 471-6930.

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# Saga

## Hibachi Steakhouse & Sushi Bar



Saga is the latest addition in Settler's Ridge Center, located in Robinson Township. We found SAGA's atmosphere to be extremely inviting, tastefully decorated with silk foliage and a beautiful waterfall in the entry. In addition to a full bar and beautiful hibachi room, SAGA features a sushi bar draped in vines and wrapped in enchanting hazy blue lighting spanning the length of the ceiling, with large, private booths. They also offer outdoor seating, ideal for a warm fall evening. Upon entering, we were promptly greeted by the manager Sun, and Jason, one of Saga's partners. Saga was comfortably busy for Thursday early

***"We watch mesmerized as he turns stir-fry into a fascinating experience. He quickly ignites the grill and flames erupt like an inferno."***

evening. Since opening on April 8th, Saga is already seeing repeat business and building a solid customer base. We cannot wait to tell you why!

We start at the bar. Happy Hour at SAGA is from 4:30pm - 6:30pm, with two-dollar domestics and two-dollars off well drinks. SAGA offers a full bar. Bar Manager Gina started us with a Pineapple Passion (\$6.00). This is a creamy coconut rum concoction with pineapple juice. Gina likens it to a "pineapple cotton candy", not too sweet, not too fruity - a perfect blend of flavors. If you are planning to take a date

or want to cozy up to someone special during this holiday season, we recommend the SAGA Volcano (\$14.00). This drink is large enough to share with two straws; a definite "Must try!" The Volcano is a combination of gin, rum, and vodka with tangy orange and pineapple juices, served flaming! They also offer an award winning "living & breathing" wine list that compliments both their lunch and dinner selections.

Gina definitely knows her way around the bar. She has created a whole menu to choose from of original martinis.

She quickly reminds us that Saga has plenty of non-alcoholic options and fun specialty drinks for children. We tried a Japanese orange soda - highly carbonated and tastily tart in a colorful glass bottle. SAGA offers Edamame, salted soybeans (in pods) a healthy alternative to bar nuts. They were delicious; we could not stop eating them.

Next came our appetizer, an artful array of sashimi (\$5-\$7.00 a la carte) nestled in flowers and

bamboo, the presentation was spectacular. There was fresh cut Ahi tuna, salmon, flounder, snapper, and yellow fin. Definitely tender, delicious, top quality and the freshness of an ocean catch.

Next, we were off to the hibachi grill. The room is spacious yet extremely comfortable and personal. The servers quickly served us a bowl of soup, a clear chicken and beef based broth garnished with mushroom and shallots very tasty, and definitely not salty. Next, the salads served with Saga's homemade house dressing, very creamy with a hint



of apples and oranges, one of the best Japanese dressings we have ever tried.

Hibachi Chef Victor emerged from the kitchen and introduces himself. With ten years of experience, he is engaging and poised at the grill. We watch mesmerized as he turns stir-fry into a fascinating experience. He quickly ignites the grill and flames erupt like an inferno. He balances and cracks an egg with just a spatula, quickly slices an onion into a flaming and steaming volcano. A minute into this charismatic show, he quickly proceeds to make a heart-shaped rice mound sizzling on the grill, which he brings to life with a throb from the spatula. Next, we watch as the vegetables cook, with precision and care. Then he proudly presents us with a glimpse of what's going onto the grill. He turns this meat and seafood platter into mouth watering delicacies all seasoned to perfection and not overly saturated with soy sauce. Saga only uses low sodium soy sauce, which truly enhances and lets the flavors blend rather than over powered with soy sauce. The filet was melt in your mouth tender, cooked to perfection. The chicken was moist and extremely flavorful as was the shrimp and scallops, delicious! The lobster tails were perfectly grilled and succulent – no dipping butter required, you will want to savor every bite. SAGA serves very generous portions and their prices are extremely moderate for the quality and quantity of food they serve. Entrees range from \$15- \$39.00, there is also a children's menu available \$10.00 - \$12.00. Saga is by far the best Japanese Steak house in the greater Pittsburgh area, they offer a variety of fresh seafood and traditional dishes with great service in a professional, friendly and elegant environment. Saga is definitely the premier address for serious seafood and service where your experience will be unforgettable. Saga experience the difference!

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# Thanksgiving Humor

BY NIGHTWIRE

How did Albert Einstein celebrate Thanksgiving?

He was very thankful.

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What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?

If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!

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How many cooks does it take to stuff a turkey?

One, but you really have to squeeze him in!

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A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

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Why can't you take a turkey to church?

Because they use such FOWL language.

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Why did the turkey sit on the tomahawk?

To try to hatchet!

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Teacher: "What did the Indians bring to the first Thanksgiving?"

Student: "Baseballs."

Teacher: "Baseballs?"

Student: "Yeah, they were Cleveland Indians!"

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What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

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Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?

Yes - a building can't jump at all.

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What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?

The letter G!

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A poultry farmer was experimenting to breed turkeys with more legs for greater profits. Finally, he succeeded. While narrating the results to his friends, he told them, "The turkey I bred had six legs!" His friends who had got quite excited, eagerly asked, "What about the taste?" The father said with a long-drawn face, "Do you think it is so easy to catch it?"

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Teacher: "Why do we have a Thanksgiving holiday?"

Student: "So we know when to start Christmas shopping!"

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Two pilgrims go out hunting. One has two blunderbusses (guns).

The second pilgrim asks, "Why do you have two blunderbusses?"

The first pilgrim explains, "I usually miss the first time I shoot. By taking two I can shoot again". The second pilgrim thinks for a while and then says, "Why not just take the second one, and

only shoot once?"

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What do you get if you cross a pointy black hat and some leftover turkey?

A Witch-bone

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What would you get if you crossed a turkey with an evil spirit?

A poultrygeist!

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Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?

The turkey, he's already been stuffed!

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What are unhappy cranberries called?

Blueberries!

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What's the best thing to put into a pumpkin pie?

Your teeth.

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Why didn't the Pilgrim want to make the bread?

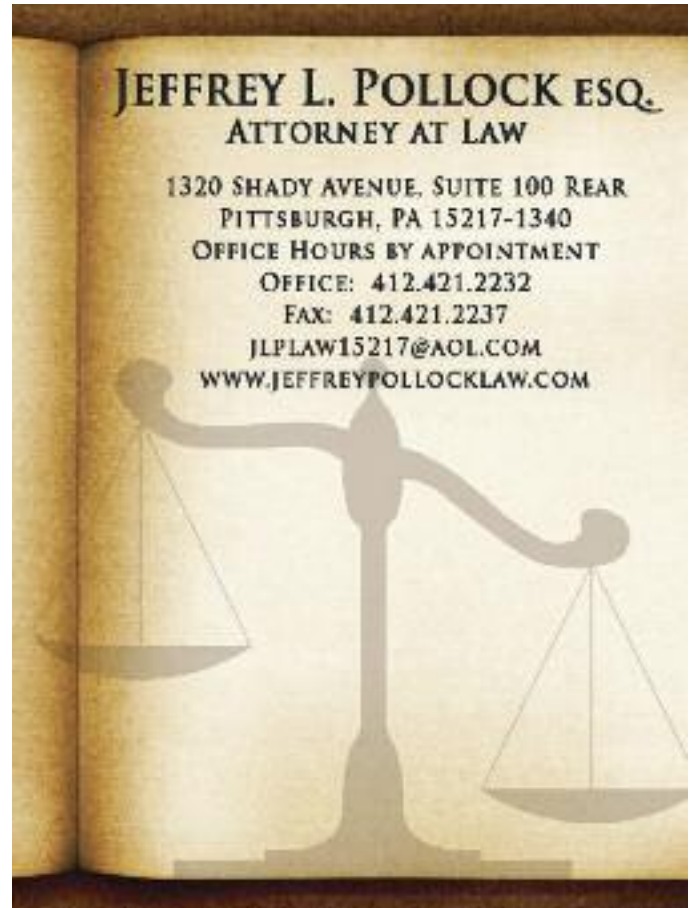
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What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a baked fruit dessert?

Peach gobbler!

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# Thanksgiving Humor

BY NIGHTWIRE

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Asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," a student wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."  
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Why did they let the turkey join the band?  
Because he had the drumsticks.  
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Why did the pilgrim's pants keep falling off?  
The buckle was on his hat!  
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If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for?  
Their age!  
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Why did the police arrest the turkey?  
They suspected it of fowl play!  
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What would you get if you crossed Thanksgiving and Easter?  
Feaster Sunday!  
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What did the turkey say before it was roasted?  
Boy! I'm stuffed!  
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Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?  
The outside.  
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Why did the Pilgrim eat a candle?  
He wanted a light snack!  
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"I was going to serve sweet potatoes with Thanksgiving dinner, but I sat on them.  
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"So what are you serving now?" "Squash."  
Teacher: "Where did the Pilgrims come from?"  
Student: "Their parents, of course!"  
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"You know an ancestor of mine came over on the Mayflower."  
"Really? Which rat was he?"  
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How does a Turkey drink her wine?  
In a gobble-let  
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What did General Patton do on Thanksgiving?  
He gave tanks.  
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What do turkeys use to clean themselves?  
They use "feather dusters!"  
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Why did the Pilgrims eat turkey on Thanksgiving?  
They couldn't get the moose in the oven!

Why did the turkey eat his meal so quickly?  
Because he was a gobbler.

What was the main thing the Pilgrims did during the first winter?  
Starve.

Why did Johnny get such low grades after Thanksgiving?  
Because everything is marked down after the holidays.

What did the monster say to the Thanksgiving turkey?  
"Pleased to eat you!"

What did the little turkey say to the big turkey?  
"Peck" on someone your own size!

What do you get after eating way too much turkey and dressing?  
Dessert, of course!

## Elegant Poetry

### A Woman's Poem:

Before I lay me down to sleep,

I pray for a man who's not a creep,  
One who's handsome, smart and strong.  
One who loves to listen long,  
One who thinks before he speaks,  
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.  
I pray he's rich and self-employed,  
And when I spend, won't be annoyed.  
Pull out my chair and hold my hand.  
Massage my feet and help me stand.  
Oh send a king to make me queen.  
A man who loves to cook and clean.  
I pray this man will love no other.  
And relish visits with my mother.

### A Man's Poem:

I pray for a deaf-mute gymnast nymphomaniac with  
big tits who owns a bar on a golf course,  
and loves to send me fishing and drinking. This  
doesn't rhyme and I don't give a s\*\*t.

## Grandad..... Remembering the Good Old Days

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## Next Time at the MDs Office...

There's nothing worse than a snotty doctor's receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong in a room full of other patients. I know most of us have experienced this, and I love the way this old guy handled it. An 86 year old man walked into a crowded doctor's office. As he approached the desk, the receptionist said, "Yes sir, what are you seeing the doctor for today?" "There's something wrong with my dick," he replied. The receptionist became irritated and said, "You shouldn't come into a crowded office and say things like that." "Why not? You asked me what was wrong and I told you," he said. The receptionist replied, "You've obviously caused some embarrassment in this roomful of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and then discussed the problem further with the doctor in private." The man replied, "You shouldn't ask people things in a room full of others, if the answer could embarrass anyone." The man walked out, waited several minutes and then reentered. The receptionist smiled smugly and asked, "Yes?" "There's something wrong with my ear," he stated. The receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice. "And what is wrong with your ear, Sir?" "I can't piss out of it," the man replied. The doctor's office erupted in laughter.

## Giving The Finger

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous weapon was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as "plucking the yew" (or "pluck yew"). Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, See, we can still pluck yew! "PLUCK YEW!" Since 'pluck yew' is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually hanged to a labiodental fricative 'F', and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute! It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as "giving the bird." IT IS STILL AN APPROPRIATE SALUTE TO THE FRENCH TODAY! And yew thought yew knew everything! Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values. Stu said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, Did you?" Leroy replied, "I'm not sure, What was her maiden name?"

## Quips

A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?" The father replied. "Well son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine"

"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce Court Judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week," "That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

A doctor examined a woman, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all." "Me neither doc," said the husband. "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you. The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

This guy had met his wife at a bar where she was wearing the tightest pants he's ever seen. At that time his curiosity got the best of him, so he walked over and asked her, "How do you

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get into those pants?" She had looked him and replied "Well, you could start by buying me a drink."

Moe: "My wife got me to believe in religion."

Joe: "Really?"

Moe: "Yeah. Until I married her I didn't believe in hell."

## What a Word!!

A woman arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the gates. She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her. They saw her and began calling greetings to her "Hello - How are you! We've been waiting for you! Good to see you." When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?" "You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her. "Which word?" the woman asked. "Love." The woman correctly spelled "Love" and Saint Peter welcomed her into Heaven. About a year later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of Heaven for him that day. While the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived. "I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?" "Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the multi-state lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a huge mansion. And, my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation in Cancun and I went water skiing today. I fell and hit my head, and here I am. What a bummer! How do I get in?" "You have to spell a word," the woman told him. "Which word?" her husband asked. "Czechoslovakia." Moral of the story: Never make a woman angry ... there'll be Hell to pay later.

## Wife vs Husband

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

## Words

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men..." The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

## Creation

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be

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# Humor

BY NIGHTWIRE

so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time. " The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

## Who Does What

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, " You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says..... "HEBREWS"

## Dusty Underwear

One morning a husband took a pair of underwear out of the drawer. "What the ? ? ?" he said to himself as a little "dust" cloud appeared when he shook them out. "April," he hollered into the bathroom, "why did you put talcum powder in my underwear?" She shot back: "It's not talcum powder. It's 'Miracle Grow'."

## Little Girl

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"

## Kindergarten Teacher

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."

## Sunday School Teacher

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten

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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."

## Gray Hair

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?"

## Class Photo

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."

## Science Class

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."

## She was Soooooooo Blonde . .

- \* She thought a quarterback was a refund.
- \* She thought General Motors was in the army.
- \* She thought Meow Mix was a CD for cats.
- \* She thought Boyz II Men was a day care center.
- \* At the bottom of an application where it says "Sign here:" she wrote "Sagittarius."
- \* She took the ruler to bed to see how long she slept.
- \* She sent a fax with a stamp on it.
- \* Under "education" on her job application, she put "Hooked On Phonics."
- \* She tripped over a cordless phone.
- \* She spent 20 minutes looking at the orange juice can because it said "Concentrate."
- \* She told me to meet her at the corner of "WALK" and "DON'T WALK."
- \* She tried to put M&M's in alphabetical order.
- \* She studied for a blood test.
- \* She sold the car for gas money.
- \* When she missed bus #44 she took bus #22 twice instead.
- \* When she went to the airport and saw a sign that said, "Airport Left," she turned around and went home.
- \* When she heard that 90% of all crimes occur around the

home, she moved.

- \* She thought if she spoke her mind, she'd be speechless.
  - \* She thought that she could not use her AM radio after lunch.
  - \* She had a shirt that said "TGIF," which she thought stood for "This Goes In Front."
- and the number one...

She thinks Taco Bell is the Mexican phone company

## The Wisdom of Steve Wright!

I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.

- 2- Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- 3- Half the people you know are below average.
- 4- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5- 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feels so good.
- 7- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8- If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
- 9- All those who believe in psycho-kinesis, raise my hand.
- 10- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11- I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.
- 12- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 13- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 14- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 15- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

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# Humor

BY NIGHTWIRE

- 16- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 17- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to avoid work.
- 18- Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now.
- 19- I intend to live forever -- so far, so good.
- 20- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 21- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 22- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 23- My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 24- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- 25- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 26- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 27- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 28- The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- 29- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- 30- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 31- The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to

catch up.

32- The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.

33- Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.

## Texas Teacher:

Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. Finally, when the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet. He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. And, once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner they got the boots off and he said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em." Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up the grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

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Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."

## Computer Gender:

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. "House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa."

"Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz." A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation. The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computer"), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is impossible to understand for everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval;
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it. (No chuckling... this gets better!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ("el computer"), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem;
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won!

## Farting At Tiffany's

A lady walks into Tiffany's. She looks around, spots a beautiful diamond bracelet and walks over to inspect it. As she bends over to look more closely, she unexpectedly farts. Very embarrassed, she looks around nervously to see if anyone notice her little whoops and prays that a salesperson was not anywhere near. As she turns around, her worst nightmare materializes in the form of a salesman standing right behind her. Good looking as well, cool as a cucumber, he displays all of the qualities one would expect of a professional in a store like Tiffany's. He politely greets the lady with. "good day, madam, how may we help you today?" Blushing and uncomfortable, but still hoping that the salesman somehow missed her little "incident", she asks, "sir, what is the price of this lovely bracelet?" He answers, "madam, if you farted just looking at it - you're going to shit when I tell you the price."

## Parting Shot

One day, Jimmy Jones was walking Down Main Street and saw his Buddy, Bubba, driving a brand new pickup. Bubba

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pulled up to him with a wide grin. 'Bubba, where'd you get that truck?' 'Tammie give it to me,' Bubba replied. 'She give it to ya? I know'd she wuz kinda sweet on ya - But a new truck?' 'Well, Jimmy Jones, let me tell you what happened. We wuz drivin' out on County Road 6, in the middle of nowhere. Tammie pulled off the road, put the truck in 4-wheel drive, and headed into the woods. She parked the truck, got out, threw off all her clothes and said, Bubba, take whatever you want.' 'So I took the truck!' Bubba, yore a smart man! Them clothes woulda never fit ya!

## Jews Sank the Titanic

An airliner leaves Heathrow Airport under the control of a Jewish captain. His co-pilot is Chinese. It's the first time they've flown together and an awkward silence between the two seems to indicate a mutual dislike. Once they reach cruising altitude, the Jewish captain activates the auto-pilot, leans back in his seat and mutters, 'I don't like Chinese..' 'No rike Chinese?' asks the co-pilot, ... 'rhy not?' 'You people bombed Pearl Harbor, that's why!' 'No, no', the co-pilot protests, 'Chinese not bomb Peahl Hahbah! That Japanese, not Chinese.' 'Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese... ..doesn't matter, you're all alike!' There's a few minutes of silence.. 'I no rike Jews!' the co-pilot suddenly announces. 'Oh yeah, why not?' asks the captain. 'Jews sink Titanic!' says the co-pilot. 'What? That's insane! Jews didn't sink the Titanic!'

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exclaims the captain, 'It was an iceberg!' 'Iceberg, Goldberg, Rosenberg, .... nomattah... all same !!!'

## Inner Peace: This is so true

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without a glass of wine,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
...Then You Are Probably  
...The family dog!!  
And you thought we were going to get all spiritual.

## Just Wondering

A young Arab asks his father: What is this weird hat that we are wearing? It's a "chechia" because in the desert it protects our heads from the sun! And what is this type of robed clothing that we are wearing? It's a "djbellah" because in the desert it is very hot and it protects your body! And

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what are these ugly shoe type sandals that we have on our feet? These are "babouches", which keep us from burning our feet when in the desert! Tell me, papa...Yes, my son? . Why are we living in Brooklyn and still wearing all this shit ?

## God's Creation

After three weeks in the Garden of Eden, God came to visit Eve. 'So, how is everything going?' inquired God. 'It is all so beautiful, God,' she replied. 'The sunrises and sunsets are breathtaking, the smells, the sights, everything is wonderful, but I have just one problem.. It's these breasts you have given me. The middle one pushes the other two out and I am constantly knocking them with my arms, catching them on branches and snagging them on bushes. They're a real pain.' And Eve went on to tell God that since many other parts of her body came in pairs, such as her limbs, eyes, ears, etc She felt that having only two breasts might leave her body more 'symmetrically balanced'. 'That's a fair point,' replied God, 'But it was my first shot at this, you know. I gave the animals six breasts, so I figured that you needed only half of those, but I see that you are right. I will fix it up right away.' And God reached down, removed the middle breast and tossed it into the bushes. Three weeks passed and God once again visited Eve in the Garden of Eden. 'Well, Eve, how is my favorite creation?' 'Just fantastic,' she replied, 'But for one oversight. You see, all the animals are paired off. The ewe has a ram and the cow has her bull. All the animals have a mate except me. I feel so alone.' God thought for a moment and said, 'You know, Eve, you are right. How could I have overlooked this? You do need a mate and I will immediately create a man from a part of you. Let's see....where did I put that useless boob?' Now doesn't THAT make more sense than the rib story?

## The Divorced Barbie Doll

One day a father gets out of work and on his way home he suddenly remembers that it's his daughter's birthday. He pulls over to a Toy Shop and asks the salesperson, 'How much for one of those Barbie's in the display window?' The salesperson answers, 'Which one do you mean, Sir? We have: Work Out Barbie for \$19.95, Shopping Barbie for \$19.95, Beach Barbie for \$19.95, Disco Barbie for \$19.95, Ballerina Barbie for \$19.95, Astronaut Barbie for \$19.95, Skater Barbie for \$19.95, and Divorced Barbie for \$265.95'. The amazed father asks: 'It's what?! Why is the Divorced Barbie \$265.95 and the others only \$19.95?' The annoyed salesperson rolls her eyes, sighs, and answers: 'Sir, Divorced Barbie comes with: Ken's Car, Ken's House, Ken's Boat, Ken's Furniture, Ken's Computer, one of Ken's Friends, and a key chain made with Ken's balls.

## Virginity Test Kit

Mario is planning to marry and asks his family doctor how he could tell if his bride-to-be is still a virgin. His doctor says, "Mario, all the Italian men I know use three things for what we call a Do-It-Yourself Virginity Test Kit. A small can of red paint, a small can of blue paint and a shovel." Mario asks, "And what do I do with these things, doc?" The doctor replies, "Before you climb into bed on your wedding night, you paint one of your balls red and the other ball blue. If she says, 'That's the strangest pair of balls I've ever seen', you hit her with the shovel."

## How old is Grandpa???

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The Grandfather replied, 'Well, let me think a minute, I was born before:

Television  
Penicillin  
Polio shots  
Frozen foods  
Xerox  
Contact lenses  
Frisbees

There were no:  
Credit cards  
Laser beams or  
Ball-point pens

Man had not invented:  
Pantyhose  
Air conditioners  
Dishwashers  
Clothes dryers  
And the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and  
Man hadn't yet walked on the moon

## Your Grandmother and I got married first, . . . ..and then lived together.

Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, 'Sir'. And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, 'Sir.' We were before gay-rights, computer- dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship

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# Humor

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meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends-not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny , and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey. If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan ' on it, it was junk The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald 's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 &10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, . but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

## In my day:

'Grass' was mowed,  
'Coke' was a cold drink,  
'Pot' was something your mother cooked in and

'Rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby.  
'Aids' were helpers in the Principal's office,  
'Chip' meant a piece of wood,  
'Hardware' was found in a hardware store and  
'Software' wasn't even a word.  
And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap... and how old do you think I am? I bet you have this old man in mind...you are in for a shock! Read on to see -- pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time. Are you ready ????? This man would be only 62 years old.

## Clothes dryers

And the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and Man hadn't yet walked on the moon

## Blood Transfusion

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## Good Tips

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## Eight Words With Two Meanings:

1. THINGY (thing-ee) n.

Female: Any part under a car's hood.

Male: The strap fastener on a woman's bra.

2. VULNERABLE (vul-ne-ra-bel) adj.

Female: Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

Male: Playing football without a cup.

3. COMMUNICATION (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon) n.

Female: The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

Male: Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.

4. COMMITMENT (ko-mit-ment) n.

Female: A desire to get married and raise a family.

Male: Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one.

5. ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n.

Female: A good movie, concert, play or book.

Male: Anything that can be done while drinking beer.

6. FLATULENCE (flach-u-lens) n.

Female: An embarrassing byproduct of indigestion.

Male: A source of entertainment, self-expression, male bonding.

7. MAKING LOVE (may-king luv) n.

Female..... The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve.

Male: Call it whatever you want, just as long as we do it.

8. REMOTE CONTROL (ri-moht kon-trohl) n.

Female: A device for changing from one TV channel to another.

Male: A device for scanning through all 375 channels every 5 minutes.

## Bathtub Test:

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criteria is that defines whether a patient should be institutionalized or not. "Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub with water, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask the patient to empty the water out of the tub."

Okay, here's your test:

1. Would you use the spoon?
2. Would you use the teacup?
3. Would you use the bucket?

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would choose the bucket since it is larger than the teacup or spoon." "No," answered the Director. "A normal person would pull out the stopper." So, how did you do? I've been committed

## The Elevator

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this Father?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat, old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. The father said quietly to his son... "Go get your mother."

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## Pills

A man goes to the doctor with a swollen leg. After a careful examination, the doctor gives the man a pill big enough to choke a horse. "I'll be right back with some water," the doctor tells him. The doctor has been gone a while and the man loses patience. He hobbles out to the drinking fountain, forces the pill down his throat and gobbles down water until the pill clears his throat. He hobbles back into the examining room. The doctor comes back with a bucket of warm water. "Ok, after the tablet dissolves, soak that leg for at least 30 minutes."

## Push Ups

A drunk staggers into a bar demanding a beer. The bartender informs him that he is not allowed to serve alcohol to drunken patrons. After a few harsh words, the bartender suggested that the drunk prove he isn't drunk by doing twenty push-ups on the floor. As he was doing the push-ups, another drunk staggers into the bar and sees this guy on the floor doing push-ups. He looks at him for a minute and then nudges him in the ribs saying, "Hey, Pal, I think your girl friend has gone home."

## Ride Home

A man is having a few drinks at a bar when he looks over and notices a drunk guy passed out at a table nearby. The bartender tells him the drunk is Mr. Murphy and asks the man if he could drive Mr. Murphy home. Being a good Samaritan, the man agrees. The bartender writes down the address and gives it to him. The man walks over and tries to wake Mr. Murphy but Mr. Murphy is groggy and quite drunk. The man helps Mr. Murphy to his feet and Mr. Murphy falls to the floor in a heap. "Jeez," the man says wondering how anyone could drink so much. He takes Murphy by the arm and practically drags him out to the car. Once there he leans him against the side of his car while he looks for his keys. Mr. Murphy slides down to the ground. The man finds his keys and manages to get Murphy positioned in the car. He then drives to the address the bartender gave him. He opens the passenger door and helps Mr. Murphy out and the guy falls to the ground. Cursing softly, now, the man helps him to his feet and practically drags him to the front door. He lets go of Mr. Murphy to knock on the door and the guy falls down again. He helps him to his feet as Mrs. Murphy answers the door. "Hi, Mrs. Murphy, Your husband had a little too much to drink tonight so I gave him a ride home." "That was nice of you," she says, looking around... "But where's his wheelchair?"

## Hardware Store:

Bubba was fixing a door and he found that he needed a new hinge, so he sent his wife, Mary Louise, to the hardware store. At the hardware store, Mary Louise saw a beautiful teapot on a top shelf while she was waiting for Joe Bob, the manager, to finish waiting on a customer. When Joe Bob was finished,

Mary Louise asked how much for the teapot. Joe Bob replied, "That's silver and it costs \$100!" "My goodness, that sure is a lot of money!" Mary Louise exclaimed. Then she proceeded to describe the hinge that Bubba had sent her to buy, and Joe Bob went to the back room to find it. From the back room Joe Bob yelled, "Mary Louise, you wanna screw for that hinge?" Mary Louise replied, "No, but I will for the teapot." This is why you can't send a woman to a hardware store!

## Three Blondes:

Three blondes were applying for the last available position on the Texas Highway Patrol. The detective conducting the interview looked at the 3 of them and said, "So ya'll want to be a cop, eh?" The blondes all nodded. The detective got up, opened a file drawer and pulled out a file folder. Sitting back down, he opened it up and withdrew a picture, and said, "To be a detective, you have to be able to detect. You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities such as scars, etc." So he stuck the photo in the face of the 1st blonde and withdrew it after about 2 seconds. "Now, he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about the man?" The blonde immediately said, "Yes, I did. He has only one eye! The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture! It's a profile of his face! You're dismissed!" The 1st blonde hung her head and walked out of the office. The detective then turned to the 2nd blonde, stuck the photo in her face for 2 seconds, pulled it back and said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?" "Yes! He only has one ear!" The detective put his head in his hand and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just told the other lady? This is a profile of the man's face! Of course you can only see one ear!! You're excused, too!" The 2nd blonde sheepishly walked out of the office. The detective turned his attention to the 3rd and last blonde and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but....." He flashed the photo in her face for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying "All right. Did you notice anything distinguishing or unusual about this man?" The blonde said, "I did. This man wears contact lenses." The detective frowned, took another look at the picture and began looking at some of the papers in the folder. He looked up at the blonde with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts... How in the world could you tell that by looking at this picture?" The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "Well duh! With only one eye and one ear, he certainly can't wear glasses!"

## Quickies:

The old man had died. A wonderful funeral was in progress and the country preacher talked at length of the good traits of the deceased; what an honest man he was, what a loving husband and kind father he had been. The widow meanwhile was ever so slightly shaking her head, as she intently listened to the preacher's words. Finally, the widow leaned over and whispered to one of her children...."Erica, honey, go on up

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# Humor

BY NIGHTWIRE

there and take a look in the coffin and see if that's your pa in there."

A man and a woman who had never met before, but were both married to other people, found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train. Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly... he in the upper bunk and she in the lower. At 1:00 AM, the man leaned over and gently woke the woman saying, "Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold." "I have a better idea," she replied suggestively. "Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married." "Wow! That's a great idea!" he exclaimed. "Good," she replied. "Get your own damn blanket." After a moment of silence, he farted.

## How they make rubber gloves!

A dentist noticed that his next patient, an elderly lady, was looking very nervous so he decided to tell her a little joke as he put on his gloves. "Do you know how they make these gloves?" he asked. "No, I don't," she replied "Well," he spoofed, "there's a building in China with a big tank of latex and workers of all hand sizes walk up to the tank, dip in their hands, let them dry, then peel off the gloves and throw

them into boxes of the right size." She didn't crack a smile. "Oh, well. I tried," he thought. But five minutes later, during a delicate portion of the dental procedure, she burst out laughing. "What's so funny?" he asked. "I was just picturing how condoms are made!" she said.

## Because I'm a Man:

Because I'm a man, when I lock my keys in the car I will fiddle with a wire long after hypothermia, or heat stroke, has set in. AAA is not an option. I will win.

Because I'm a man, when the car isn't running very well, I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up, one of us will say to the other, "I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all these computers and everything, I wouldn't know where to start." We will then drink beer and break wind as a form of Holy Communion.

Because I'm a man, when I catch a cold, I need someone to bring me soup and take care of me while I lie in bed and moan. You're a woman. You never get as sick as I do, so for you this isn't a problem.

Because I'm a man, I can be relied upon to purchase basic groceries at the store, like milk or bread. I cannot be expected to find exotic items like "cumin" or "tofu." For all I know, these



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are the same thing. And never, under any circumstances, expect me to pick up anything for which "feminine hygiene product" is a euphemism.

Because I'm a man, when one of our appliances stops working, I will insist on taking it apart, despite evidence that this will just cost me twice as much, once the repair person gets here and has to put it back together.

Because I'm a man, I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss an entire show looking for it (though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator)...applies to engineers mainly.

Because I'm a man, there is no need to ask me what I'm thinking about. The answer is always either sex, cars or football. I have to make up something else when you ask, so don't ask.

Because I'm a man, I do not want to visit your mother, or have your mother come visit us, or talk to her when she calls, or think about her any more than I have to. Whatever you got her for Mother's Day is okay; I don't need to see it. And don't forget to pick up something for my mother too.

Because I'm a man, you don't have to ask me if I liked the movie. Chances are, if you're crying at the end of it, I didn't....and if you are feeling amorous afterwards...then I will certainly at least remember the name and recommend it to others.

Because I'm a man, I think what you're wearing is fine. I thought what you were wearing five minutes ago was fine, too. Either pair of shoes is fine. With the belt or without it, looks fine. Your hair is fine. You look fine. Can we just go now?

Because I'm a man, and this is, after all, the year 2010, I will share equally in the housework. You just do the laundry, the cooking, the cleaning, the vacuuming, and the dishes, and I'll do the rest... like looking for my socks, or like wandering around in the garden with a drink in my hand wondering what to do.

This has been a public service message for Women to better understand the Male

## A Thanksgiving Poem:

Was the night of Thanksgiving  
But, I just couldn't sleep  
I tried counting backwards,  
I tried counting sheep  
The leftovers beckoned –  
The dark meat and white,  
I fought the temptation  
Throughout the whole night  
But, the thought of a snack  
Just kept on coming back  
So, I raced to the kitchen,  
Flung open the door

And gazed at the fridge  
Full of goodies galore  
I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,  
Gravy, corn, stuffing, bread and tomatoes  
I feel myself swelling, so plump and so round,  
Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground  
I crashed through the ceiling,  
Floating into the sky  
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie  
But, I managed to yell as I soared past the trees..  
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## Thanksgiving Toast:

May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump. May your potatoes' n gravy have nary a lump, may your yams be delicious, may your pies take the prize, may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs!! HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!

## Bubba Died

Bubba died in a fire and his body was burned pretty badly. The morgue needed someone to identify the body, so they sent for his two best friends, Darryl and Gomer. The three men had always done everything together. Darryl arrived first and when the mortician pulled back the sheet. Darryl said, "Yup, his face is burned up pretty bad. You better roll him over." The mortician rolled him over, and Darryl said, "Nope, ain't Bubba." The mortician thought this was rather strange. Then he brought Gomer in to identify the body. Gomer looked at the body and said, "Yup, he's pretty well burnt up. Roll him over." The mortician rolled him over and Gomer said, "no, it ain't Bubba." The mortician asked, "How can you tell?" Gomer said, "Well, Bubba had two assholes." "What? He had two assholes?" asked the mortician. Yup, I've never seen 'em, but everyone knew he had two assholes. Every time we went to town, folks would say, "Here comes Bubba with them two assholes!"

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- Step 7: Turn oven the on
- Step 8: Take 4 whisks of drinky
- Step 9: Turk the bastey
- Step 10: Whiskey another bottle of get
- Step 11: Stick a turkey in the thermometer
- Step 12: Glass yourself a pour of whiskey
- Step 13: Bake the whiskey for 4 hours
- Step 14: Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 15: Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 16: Floor the turkey up off the pick
- Step 17: Turk the carvey
- Step 18: Get yourself another scottle of botch
- Step 19: Tet the sable and pour yourself a glass of turkey
- Step 20: Bless the saying, pass and eat out...



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