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#### The Golden Season

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As the Penguins begin their 50th year of hockey as defending Stanley Cup Champions, the quest for the elusive back-to-back titles begins without one of the most decorated players in franchise history, Sidney Crosby.

If you have been in living in a cave in the backwoods of West Virginia, you may not have heard that the captain is dealing with another concussion. Worrisome in that he missed 107 games over two seasons back in 2011 and 2012 with a slow recovery after multiple head injuries that had him questioning whether or not he would ever get back on the ice, at 29 years old, life after hockey becomes a concern. Plus, if the Penguins are to swig more of Lord Stanley's brandy out of that fabled Cup and capture the first consecutive championships since the Detroit Red Wings in the 1997 and 1998 seasons, a healthy Crosby is key.

After the first week of the season, there's no timetable for his return and that can be frustrating for fans eager to watch the best player in the world. But for the Penguins, they'll just let recovery take its course.

"It is what it is," Head Coach Mike Sullivan says. "Injuries are part of our game, and so part of the challenge is for us to help Sid get healthy as quickly as possible. That's what

we're going to do. We don't look at it any other way. For me, frustration at this point is a useless emotion."

Yes, injuries are what they are and make the daunting task of repeating as champion even more so. In the eleven years since the salary cap was implemented, only one team has made it back to the finals after winning it all. The Red Wings. And the Pens made sure they didn't repeat.

The last time the Penguins were in this position, they put together a 101-point season but were bounced from the playoffs in the second round by Montreal.

"There's a reason why it hasn't been done for a long time," Crosby says when asked about repeating as champion.
"Everybody wants to beat you. Everyone is measuring themselves against you. You have to be ready every night and expect everyone's best.

"You have to be lucky too. You do a lot of things right, but you have to be lucky. So you need to play as well as you did in the year previous, and when you get some bounces you have to put yourself in the position to kind of create your own luck."

With a full 82-game slate under Head Coach Mike Sullivan's supercharged system, it's hard to imagine them regressing.



Last season there were a bunch of moving parts due to injuries, trades and coaching changes. Once the ice chips settled, the Penguins cruised through the second half of the season, posting a 30-11-4 record in the final 45 games.

Can we expect more of the same? Through the first five games of the season, the Pens have seven out of a possible ten points and head up the Metropolitan Division with the Washington Capitals. So far so good. This without Crosby and Stanley Cup winning goalie, Matt Murray who suffered a broken hand in the World Cup of Hockey. That didn't preclude him from signing a three-year contract extension, however.

When Murray returns, he has the chance to do something special. When is the last time a Stanley Cup champion goalie was named Rookie of the Year the following season? The Montreal Canadiens' Ken Dryden, who as a rookie won the Conn Smythe Trophy in 1971, was awarded the Calder Trophy for the 1971-72 NHL season. With just 13 regular season games played last year, Murray could join him.

The future is bright for the 22-year old goalie, as well as the other AHL call ups from last year that made names for themselves in the postseason, forwards Bryan Rust, Conor Sheary and Tom Kuhnhackl. Now that this group has graduated to the next level, the question becomes "who's next?" Does General Manager Jim Rutherford have more talent in the system? He sure does. Winger Scott Wilson broke his foot last year in March and missed the remainder of the season, so wasn't able to put his stamp on the team like the other young players, but he is thought to have the best shot of the bunch and will want to prove it. Coach Sullivan likes what he sees.

"I think he's a strong kid who's brave and goes to the net," Sullivan says. "But what I really like about Scott's game is his overall game. He's kind of like a young Chris Kunitz." A good place to be for the 24-year old. Kunitz just turned 37 and is in the last year of his contract.

If the Penguins happen to need more reinforcements at center, they have three to choose from. Oskar Sundqvist played 18 games with the Pens last season with four points and has the most experience at the NHL level. Two others have intrigued the coaches this preseason. Carter Rowney, an undrafted free agent that turned pro at 24-years old (now 27) and led the Baby Pens in scoring last season, the beginning of which was under Mike Sullivan's watch.

"I was very familiar with his game last year and I've seen his game evolve from a year ago at this point until now," says





Sullivan.

"He's a real solid, two-way centericeman. He can play at both ends of the rink. He has good size. He's strong down low. And he can win faceoffs. So I think he's only going to get better." The other is Jake Guentzel. He scored 14 points in ten Calder Cup games last year for Wilkes-Barre. Either could be ready to skate right up if needed.

In the arduous NHL season, depth is the key to success. Along with superstar players playing like superstars. Evgeni Malkin has done just that early in the season and is on a point per game pace. The waiting game is tough when it comes to Crosby and his recovery, but in the meanwhile, the Pens will stack as many wins as possible. Once he returns, this group has a legitimate chance to celebrate the franchise's 50th season with another championship.

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# **Movie Reviews**

**NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE** 

## JACK REACHER NEVER GO BACK "SOLID ACTION FLICK"

By every stretch of the imagination, this series should not work. Lee Child, author of the Jack Reacher series is a liberal, anti-gun Brit who writes about an American hero who embodies the fist-thumping, gun-shooting take no prisoners attitudes enveloping this country. So, there is a dichotomy between the character and the author's personas. Reacher is described as six foot, six inches, 250 pounds of solid muscle, with blond hair, blue eyes and hair buzzed short in military fashion. He reads like a fictional account of "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, who once, long ago, was considered for the role. Instead, we have Tom Cruise, who is a great actor, but falls considerably short on Reacher's description.

When the first Jack Reacher film was released, I moaned about the casting. The film was solid, though, fit nicely in the action genre, and Cruise pulled off the portrayal. So, even though the series has two glaring hurdles, it is proving to be a franchise Cruise can ride, much in the vein of MISSION IMPOSSIBLE. He



fills the part of Reacher nicely, even though he is nowhere near the novel's description. And, Child continues to impress with his writing on subjects that are not near and dear to his heart; unless, of course he is following Hillary's method of saying one thing to your audience while thinking a completely different thing when in private conversations. (Hope he isn't keeping his emails on an unsecure personal server.)

JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK is the second in the series, and it stands well with the first endeavor. Director Edward Zwick has fashioned a fast-paced action yarn surrounding illegal gun sales in the Middle East. It seems there is always a company, or greedy businessman, willing to deal with our enemies if the price is right. Just ask Bob Barker.



Cruise returns as Reacher, an ex-military nomad who wanders the Earth, staying off the grid, and helping people whenever he can; sort of like Caine, in KUNG FU, if Caine were in modern times and a member of Delta Force. Cruise plays this role well, always seeming to be in control, regardless of the odds stacked against him. This contrasts with his portrayal of Ethan Hunt, who frequently looks like John Belushi in ANIMAL HOUSE, when the horse dies of a heart attack.

This time around, Reacher is drawn into a mass conspiracy when one of his military associates, Major Susan Turner, played by Cobie Smulders, is framed for treason. Reacher launches an all-out assault on the military infections who have suddenly become venture capitalists, headed by General Harkness, played by Robert Knepper. Reacher's major (pardon the pun) stumbling block is The Hunter, played by Patrick Heusinger, who is an ex-special ops agent with the impression taking out Reacher could win him the World Heavyweight Championship Belt.

To further complicate the confrontation with The Hunter, there is a subplot about a young girl, Samantha Dayton, played by Danika Yarosh, who may or may not be Reacher's bastard child.

#### **KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:**

- 1. THE FIGHT IN THE BOX CAR
- 2. THE OPENING DINER SCENE
- 3. THE AIRPLANE

It is generally not good for a movie adaptation to follow its original medium. Film is its own visual representation, and should be treated as such, while still honoring the original work. The Reacher series seems to be the exception to the rule. Both films have followed the novels they were derived from very closely; yet despite having less time to develop the tale, screenwriter Richard Wenk, with a little help from the director, manages to keep all those who want to see the book on film happy. No easy feat.

Henry Jackman provides the music. He is aided by having a portion of the film, including the climax, take place in New Orleans, where he can mix swamp blues, and swing jazz riffs into the melodies. Oliver Wood is a seasoned vet behind the camera, and he shoots JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK with aplomb, especially on the fight scenes, where you can easily tell what is happening and who is winning, unlike Matt Damon's horrific action scenes in the JASON BOURNE series.

A word here about the fight scenes. They are rather brutal, but effective. When you watch the film, notice the frequent use of hammer fist attacks. These are hard strikes designed to incapacitate an opponent quickly. Much more realistic than the often-stylistic fighting presented in movies. While some may comment Reacher's fight scenes seem primary, they are instead basic. No dancing; no showing off. Although, they do allow Reacher one sweet leg sweep take down on The Hunter. There is nothing here that will rival Ben Affleck's belt fight in THE ACCOUNTANT, but realize if you are in a serious fight to the death, these are the techniques you will use. They are very reminiscent of the fight choreography used by Jean-Claude Van Damme in NOWHERE TO RUN, which was staged by Kali and Escrima expert Dan Innosanto, who I trained with, back in the day. But, I digress...

JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK is a most excellent action film. Like most action films, at times the timeline is ignored. For example, could Reacher and Turner make it from the airport to the downtown hotel, while a Junkanoo parade is occurring in mere minutes? Doubtful. But no action film should ever be slowed down by realistic traffic considerations.

So, timelines aside, you'll enjoy this second, in what should be a most excellent series. Decent story, solid acting and plenty of action. JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK will make a great date night, or even a solid bro night. Enjoy, this one is highly recommended.

THE GRADE FOR JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK = A



## THE ACCOUNTANT "ACTION PACKED THRILLER"

THE ACCOUNTANT, the latest endeavor from Director Gavin O'Connor starring Ben Affleck, is a most excellent thriller, with quality performances and a new lease on life for CPAs and autistic children. The film contains a marvelous blend of action and humor, sprinkled with just enough drama to make it one of the better Fall releases.

The film's most notable element is its score. Mark Isham, who continues to be one of Hollywood's busiest musicians, has been performing yeoman work his three previous films, but he bursts forth to high pinnacles on THE ACCOUNTANT. It's a sweeping and rousing score very reminiscent of the ones that dominated thrillers produced during Hollywood's Golden Age.

Christian Wolff is an autistic child with a savant aptitude for mathematics. His father is a military professional and will not accept his son's disorder as a handicap. He trains Chris with strict disciplined training, including self-defense techniques and shooting abilities. His training lands him in jail for a short time, where he befriends Francis Silverberg, played by Jeffrey Tambor. Silverberg is a master bookkeeper for the syndicate and he teaches Chris all he knows about 'cooking' books. These traits make Chris highly desirable by various government agencies.

His latest adventure concerns accounting mismanagement with LivingRobotics, a company headed by Lamar Black, played by John Lithgow. The company makes prosthetics for the handicapped and has myriad government contracts as well. When key personnel are murdered during his investigation, Chris discovers Lamar is faced with more than a book keeping error.

#### **KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:**

- 1. CONFRONTATION IN DANA'S APARTMENT
- 2. THE BELT FIGHT
- 3. THE HOUSE RAID

There are major heavyweights behind the camera for THE ACCOUNTANT. They include Seamus McGarvey as Cinematographer and Richard Pearson as Film Editor. McGarvey is best known for his work on PAN and with Gareth Edwards on GODZILLA. Pearson is currently working on KONG:



With these few minor foibles aside, THE ACCOUNTANT will provide a most excellent evening out, with a very buff Affleck for the ladies and action galore in the form of realistic martial arts and .50 caliber firepower. As Neil Diamond would say: "Pack up the baby and grab the old lady" and plan date night. THE ACCOUNTANT fits the bill.

#### THE GRADE FOR THE ACCOUNTANT = A

# SHIN GODZILLA "CAN THERE BE A BAD GODZILLA FILM?"



SKULL ISLAND. He is best known for his work on DRACULA UNTOLD and MALEFICENT and the James Bond adventure QUANTUM OF SOLACE.

THE ACCOUNTANT is a tad long, running just over two hours. There are several segments that drag, and one could easily lay the blame at Pearson's door; however, the scenes do help develop characters and re-emphasize Chris' condition.

Screenwriter Bill Dubuque has penned a gripping tale, though the money laundering ploy is rather complicated and while I understood the gist of the scam, I don't think its ramifications have the proper gravitas.



Godzilla and I share a com-patriotism unlike others. We both arrived in 1954, and our careers have paralleled each other since. It is therefore, virtually impossible for me to write poorly about a Godzilla movie. I even sat through repeated showings of GODZILLA VS. THE SMOG MONSTER and everyone, even the most die-hard fans, recognize that as a fiasco.

So, I can tell you SHIN GODZILLA, also known as GODZILLA RESURRECTION, is an interesting view, but it is more about Japanese nationalism than it is the monster; and the changes they've made to Godzilla are rather uncomfortable.

SHIN GODZILLA assumes 1954 never occurred. This is the first time Godzilla has ever shown his dorsal fins. All movies prior to this release are forgotten and ignored.

Godzilla is shown developing. He goes through the stages of amphibian development, of which we see three. The tadpole stage is comical, with big googly eyes. He looks like a giant slug with fins. There is a transformation to young adult before the creature disappears beneath the waves and leaves viewers with over an hour of political dialogue among key characters.

When Godzilla appears in adult form, he is on screen roughly 10-12 minutes. He is a slow moving lump of lava skin with useless T-Rex style arms. In PREDATOR mode, this new



version now has lower jaw mandibles. His incomparable fire is replaced by molten vomit which transforms into a laser beam that emits from his mouth, tail and fins. He lights up like a Ronko Safety Light, good for hundreds of feet of illumination! I'm not impressed with the changes; in fact, I think they're silly. The story further reveals this Godzilla can mutate at will. It can shrink itself to a small size, or even sprout wings and fly to other continents. Now there is no need for Godzilla to encounter Mothra, Ghidorah or Rodan; he can simply mutant and be all of them by himself.

Godzilla is actually a co-star in his own film. Basically, all he wants to do is make his way to the nuclear power plant to eat. In this respect, the film bears a slight resemblance to GODZILLA REBORN, though there is no Super X and no prolonged segments with the King of the Monsters. The real story is the promotion of a young generation of Japanese politicians who are strong nationals and desirous of nothing dealing with global ties.

Godzilla films have always had an undercurrent of social commentary; even the childish ones. In every film there was the theme of the dangers of nuclear power; Godzilla represents the embodiment of nature's rebellion against man's attempts to harness the sun. The environment and recycling was the theme in GODZILLA VS. HEDORAH; GODZILLA VS. THE SEA MONSTER was about genetic mutation (he warned about Monsanto years before it was popular); GODZILLA VS GIGAN concerned illegal aliens, as did MONSTER ZERO AND GHIDORAH. Perhaps Godzilla should have built a wall, and let Mexico pay for it. One of the better scenes in SHIN GODZILLA is a close-up of the monster's tail. It appears to be comprised of the screaming bodies of those who have died in nuclear holocaust. In this aspect, the movie borrows a theme from GIANT MONSTERS ALL-OUT ATTACK, in which Godzilla is a demon, though it is presented better in GMA.

In the two-hour film, Godzilla in all his forms carries about 16 minutes. The remaining time is establishing a new, young generation of Japanese leaders who want to return Japan to a strong independent country, with no responsibilities or commitments to other countries, especially to America, who they see as an overbearing enemy.

When the tadpole Godzilla emerges from the ocean, one of the government officials claims shock at the amount of destruction the creature caused for only being on land for two hours. One of the young bucks counters with the claim that in those same two hours, the Japanese government was powerless to destroy the animal because the old vanguard was too busy checking all of Japan's policies and treaties to ensure they were not offending anyone, nor overstepping their bounds. This then, becomes the running theme of the film.

#### **KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:**

- I. GODZILLA LARVA TREK TO RIVER
- 2. EMERGENCE OF ADULT GODZILLA
- 3. THE FREEZE BOMB

SHIN GODZILLA features the same type of photography the original series presented. Up angle camera shots, close ups of the head and highlights of key body parts. This Godzilla is stiff and robotic. You would never see it grappling with Destroyah, or swinging its tail to smash MUTO into a building.

The version of SHIN GODZILLA I saw was the original Japanese version. Subtitles were placed both on the bottom and top third of the screen. It was rather challenging, but even slow readers should have enough time to glean the general gist of the story. If the film is Americanized, I'm certain the story and dialogue will change considerably; American audiences aren't likely to sit through the Japanese version of a Knut Rockne speech.

For Godzilla fans everywhere, this film is a must-see. In the scheme of Godzilla films, it is nowhere near the Heisei series nor the Gareth Edwards version. It will be in my collection, but I guarantee I'll re-watch only about 12 minutes of the film.

#### THE GRADE FOR SHIN GODZILLA = C

# Saugatuck Brewing Company

The ever growing world of craft beer means that along with new local breweries there is a steady flow of established breweries expanding both their brewing capability and the area in which they distribute their beer. A great example of this type of growth is Douglas, Michigan's Saugatuck Brewing Company. Located on Lake Michigan, Douglas is also home to the state's only sand dunes, and is an important tourism area, too.

SBC as it's known locally opened their doors in June of 2005. The original brewery consisted of a three-and-a-half-barrel brew system located across the street from SBC's current location. This small brewing system was great to start with but with demand high for great beer, it was very quickly outgrown.

Fast-forward a few years to 2008 and phase 2 of Saugatuck Brewing kicked into gear with a new 25,000 square foot facility featuring a larger brewing system and Irish-themed pub. The addition of a much less manual bottling system allowed SBC to bottle their four mainstay beers in 12-ounce bottles for distribution.





Today, Saugatuck Brewing Company utilizes a state of the art 45-barrel brew system with 960 barrels of fermentation space. SBC employs 12 full time brewers and cellermen, all of whom helped to produce the 13,000 barrels of beer in 2015 alone!

#### **The Beers**

So how did Saugatuck Brewing Company grow so quickly? It wasn't gimmicks or fancy ads that got them to where they are today, but rather a constant dedication to amazing beer. From the first beers served from the original brewing system to the bottles we're lucky enough to get in Pittsburgh today, the constant dedication to quality is something that's held true throughout their growth.

With a solid lineup of year-round beers, seasonal offerings, and sampler packs, Saugatuck Brewing Company is ready and able to be your next favorite beer. Each of the beers listed below is available in 12-ounce bottles as 4 or 6-packs as well as 12 and 24-packs and on draft.



Singapore IPA – Most breweries today are judged on the quality of their IPA, and if SBC's year-round IPA is any indication, they're doing pretty great. Coming in at 7% ABV and 72 IBUs, this well-balanced IPA has a sharp bitter bite that's paired with a fresh citrus burst that finishes off slightly dry and smooth.

Serrano Pepper Ale – Who says beer can only be bitter? SBC's take on a pepper beer comes with a hearty dose of serrano peppers that give the malty amber ale a definite pepper aroma and taste that finishes up with a sharp pepper bite. Coming out at 6.8% and 45 IBUs, Serrano Pepper Ale works well by itself or paired with foods like chicken, burgers, seafood, and of course BBQ.

#### **Neapolitan Milk Stout**

Who doesn't love Neapolitan ice cream? The chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla stripes are a mainstay in the world of ice cream, and for good reason. By themselves these flavors are great, but when combined they're far more than the sum of their parts. Saugatuck Brewing took this idea to heart when they created their Neapolitan Milk Stout. This 6% ABV beer features a mild bitterness at 37 IBUs, but the real surprise here is how close this beer is to tasting like the ice cream we've all grown to love. It's like a Neapolitan Sundae in a bottle and thankfully it's available year round.





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Blueberry Maple Stout – Who says beer can't be for breakfast? SBC helps release your inner lumberjack with their Blueberry Maple Stout. This 6% ABV beer comes in at 26 IBUs and tastes just like the name suggests. This beer starts out as a rich, semi-sweet stout that has strong malt character. From there, maple and blueberries are added to give the distinct character of blueberry pancakes. From start to finish, this year round offering is one beer that's sweet and flavorful without being cloying or overpowering.

Starburst Wheat – When it comes to wheat beers, it's hard to find one that stands out from the crowd, but Saugatuck Brewing's Starburst Wheat does just that. This wheat beer comes in at 5.1% ABV and 25 IBUs, and focuses on tart, fruity flavors as well as hop flavor and mild bitterness. Thanks to the Amarillo and Motueka hops that are used in the brewing process, Starburst Wheat is bright, refreshing, and perfect for enjoying year-round.

Bonfire Brown – Fall means cooler temperatures and the smell of burning wood as people light up campfires and fireplaces to keep nice and warm. Even though it's available year-round, SBC's Bonfire Brown Ale is exactly what the colder, shorter days of fall call for. This 5.5% ABV and 20 IBU brown ale features a hint of smoky character leaves you with the warm, happy feeling that sitting around a campfire is bound to leave you with.

Snow Wizard Oak Aged Brown Ale – Brown Ales are the perfect balance of toasty malt character, rich roasted malt, and bitter chocolate all wrapped together in one delicious beer. Add to this tastes and aroma of oak aging and what you have is SBC's Snow Wizard Oak Aged Brown Ale. This beer comes in at 7% ABV and 49 IBUs, featuring that toasty malt brown ales are known for while adding in a little extra bitterness and oak character for good measure. Unlike the other beers listed above, Snow Wizard is only available October through December so check this unique brown ale out while it's still here.

Variety Pack - Having a hard time deciding which SBC beer



is right for you? Saugatuck feels your pain, which is why they created their Beer Survival Kit. This variety 12-pack features three each of four different beers as well as a seasonal specialty beer and as SBC's site states, "a surprise in every pack!"

**Stout Pack -** Fall and Winter are perfect for big, dark beers. The roasted flavor of the toasted malt and the often higher ABVs all make for a perfect way to spend those long, cold nights as we all wait for warmer weather.

SBC couldn't agree more, which is why they're offering their seasonal Stout Pack. This 12-pack variety includes 3 bottles each of Beam Me Up, Stouty, Darker Than Your Soul Stout, Neapolitan Milk Stout, and Blueberry Maple Stout. If making decisions isn't your thing, then this Stout Pack is perfect for you.

Look for Saugatuck Brewing Company's beers to be hitting shelves this month, and be one of the first to try this new-to-us brewery and see what the fuss is all about.



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In a health-enthralled society, it can be surprising to realize that many pain remedies fail to truly provide reliable, long-lasting relief. In fact, statistics state that approximately 60% of people over the age of 35 are living with joint pain, despite relying on over-the-counter remedies. While a myriad of OTC products guarantee fast relief, none are as trustworthy or created with a natural and organic foundation than 4Jointz® Joint Cream.

4Jointz® is a breakthrough revolutionary cream that provides a natural and healthier alternative to ridding soreness and pain. Combining nature and scientific evidence, the cream serves as the only remedy that offers a clinically tested and organic method to providing long-lasting support for joint pain and osteoarthritis.

Founded and created by Persis Anderson, 4Jointz® derived from Anderson's 10 years worth of research and development. Aiming to create a safer remedy than existing painkillers, Anderson worked to create a cream that would provide solutions rather than repercussions. Although many may believe that they are effective, many existing creams actually increase blood circulation, provide short-term relief and result in more pain.

What sets 4Jointz® apart from the rest is its' use of patented technology and combination of herbal ingredients. The cream blends natural allantoin with tannic acid, eucalyptus oil and proprietary botanical extracts that can function with the body's natural processes and alleviate symptoms over a 2-6 week period time.

Already having gained national recognition and support from the Australian government, clinical studies have supported 4Jointz® as a reliable and trustworthy product. The most recent clinical studies performed at the Menzies Research Institute found noteworthy results. After instructing users to apply the cream three times a day for 12 weeks, researchers found that after applying 4Jointz®, users had a statistically significant decrease in pain, stiffness and swelling. Users also grew stronger leg muscle strength and had increased mobility.

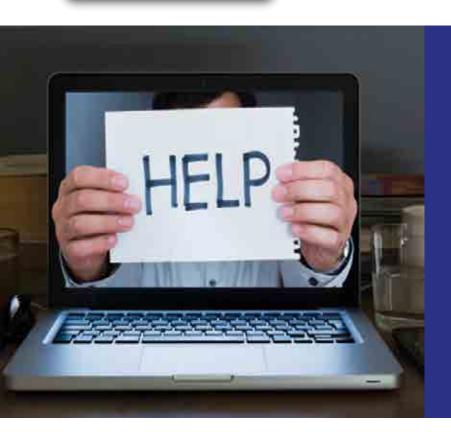
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# Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents Between Riverside and Crazy

"Pops" shares his New York apartment with family and guests in the darkly comic Pulitzer Prize winner by Stephen Adly Guirgis.

Pittsburgh Public Theater continues its 42nd season with Between Riverside and Crazy, the 2015 Pulitzer Prize winner by Stephen Adly Guirgis. Directed by Pamela Berlin (The Diary of Anne Frank last season), Between Riverside and Crazy runs November 10 – December 11, 2016 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org.

Meet retired police officer Walter "Pops" Washington (Eugene Lee, star of August Wilson's How I Learned What I Learned at The Public in 2015). His disorderly but very desirable rent-controlled apartment on New York City's Riverside Drive is at the center of the play's action. Since the death of Walter's wife, his son Junior (Bryant Bentley) has come to stay. Also making herself at home is Junior's girlfriend, the foxy Lulu (Christina Nieves). Oswaldo (Alejandro Hernandez), a former felon, has moved in too. Oh, and there's a dog. An engaged couple from the NYPD (Dawn McGee and Drew





Stone) come for dinner and bring their own agenda. Another visitor is the mysterious Church Lady (Karina Arroyave), who is anything but pious. The play is filled with social commentary: from the difference between justice and law, to the ways love is expressed, to the human potential for healing and change. According to The New York Times: "Between Riverside and Crazy is a dizzying and exciting place to be."

The design team is Michael Schweikardt (Scenic), Suzanne
Chesney (Costumes), John Lasiter (Lighting), and Zach Moore
(Sound). Randy Kovitz is the Fight Consultant and casting is by
McCorkle Casting. The Production Stage Manager is Fred Noel and
the Assistant Stage Manager is Phill Madore.

About the Playwright

One of the most acclaimed playwrights in America today, Stephen Adly Guirgis is known for the Tony-nominated The Mother\*\*\*\*er With the Hat and the plays Our Lady of 121st Street, Jesus Hopped the

A Train, The Last Days of Judas Iscariot, and In Arabia We'd All Be Kings. These last four plays were all originally produced by New York's LAByrinth Theater and directed by Philip Seymour Hoffman. Most recently Mr. Guirgis was the co-creator/writer and executive producer of the Netflix series, "The Get Down," about the rise of hip-hop in the Bronx.







#### **Between Riverside and Crazy**

November 10 - December 11, 2016

#### **Performance Schedule**

- Tuesdays at 7 pm
- Wednesdays thru Saturdays at 8 pm
- Saturdays at 2 pm (except Nov. 12 & 19) plus 2 pm on Thursday Dec. 8
- Sundays at 2 & 7 pm (except Dec. 11 when the final show is at 2 pm)
- There will be no performance on Thanksgiving, Thursday Nov. 24
- Opening Night is Friday, Nov. 18
- Ticket prices: \$25 \$62. Tickets for students and age 26 and younger are \$15.75.
- Discounts for groups of 10+ are available by contacting Casey Helm at 412.316.8200 ext. 704 or chelm@ppt.org.
- Ticket prices are subject to change
- For tickets call 412.316.1600, go to ppt.org, or visit
   The O'Reilly Theater Box Office

# Magnificent Missouri

By Suzanne Ferrara



Nestled within the hills and hollows of the heart of the Missouri Ozarks is a slice of natural heaven. Once the land of milk and honey for Native Americans who worshipped it, this pure wonder still pours out breathtaking splendor.

Today, this nature wonderland can be enjoyed just as the Native Americans and early settlers once did. One of the best ways to experience all this bountiful glory is in Ridgedale, Missouri, at what has proudly been named "America's Premier Wilderness Resort". Big Cedar Lodge is in a forested hollow in the core of the Ozarks, sprawling across 800 acres and sits on the banks of the breathtaking Table Rock Lake, one of the top recreational lakes in the Midwest.

The award-winning resort boasts world-class amenities with rustic hilltop lodges that resemble extravagant, turn-of-the century Adirondack hunting chalets; plus, there are private cottages and lake cabins surrounded by the pristine beauty of the Ozarks. It's a natural wonderland that is painted with cascading waterfalls, streams and wildlife.

Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris originally planned to develop the property as a fishing camp for employees, but the renowned conservationist soon had a bigger dream, one that would bring humanity and nature together. Big Cedar Lodge, which partially dates back to 1921, has evolved over the last 30 years into a consummate destination for families and couples, all in view of the cinematic Ozarks.

World-class fishing, boating, and even water-ski and scuba diving schools are available, and the resort's full-service marina is chock-full of a wide array of boat rentals, although guests can take advantage of free access to kayaks, canoes and paddle boats. Fishermen will find rods, reels, bait and all the supplies they need for numerous adventures, and many choose to cast their lines off the banks of Table Rock Lake, which is a nationally recognized as a top bass fishing lake.

Want some land adventure, perhaps to travel back in time like the early settlers? Take a private carriage ride or a campfire wagon tour through the winding roads of the resort, or do some horseback riding, hiking, and biking. Need more outdoor fun? Tee-off at one of two world-class golf courses, including the Top of the Rock (a par-3 PGA Tour course) and the Buffalo Ridge, an 18-Hole course.

There's even a sandy beach with beach chairs and complimentary s'mores on the bank of the pristine lake. The lake also offers great swimming, or you can take a dip in one of five swimming pools, one



of which parallels the lake with unforgettable views and another that allows you to float in the resort's lazy river. Need more fun? There's 'dive-in' movies at the pool, and scavenger hunts or minigolf on the green. Need a break from the kids? The Little Cedar Kid's Club is available with fun-filled activities and meals.

For optimum relaxation, melt your cares away at the 18,000 square-foot Cedar Creek Spa, a world-class spa with an indoor grotto pool, underwater lounges, full-body massage jets and secluded coves. (Tip: Request message therapists Erin or Jody.) Don't forget to immerse yourself in the fascinating history of this wooded hollow, where the Osage Indians left their evidence of

wooded hollow, where the Osage Indians left their evidence of life. Be sure to look over into Devil's Pool, a spring-fed pool Native Americans believed was so deep that it reached the devil himself.

The same wildlife caught by these Native Americans still roams these parts: black bears, mountain lions, bobcats and coyotes dwell deep within the forested hills and in the southern Missouri Ozark Mountains. If you are taking a leisurely hike at Big Cedar's expansive resort, during the right time of year, and you get a bit lucky, you may witness a diverse group of wildlife from the white-tailed deer, red fox, a large variety of birds, and the eye-catching

Missouri bullfrog peaking above the water's surface.

Hungry? Tempt your taste buds at four resort restaurants, two of which are housed in the restored and historic wilderness mansions of previous owners. The breakfast buffet and country brunch at Devil's Pool Restaurant is a must, and downstairs is the family-friendly Buzzard's Bar with 'Singing Cowboy', Clay Self, a Grand Ole Opry performer.

(Tips: Request lake-view rooms at the Falls Lodge which offers stunning views, or reserve the Kevin Costner cabin or any lakeside cabin that shows off the water. Be sure to visit the unforgettable Dogwood Canyon Nature Park adjacent to Big Cedar.)

After getting your fill of relaxation and outdoor activities at Big Cedar, head nine miles north on the stunning Table Rock Lake for a floating excursion like no other. Who needs a big ocean liner when you can have it all aboard the Showboat Branson Belle?

A voyage on this magnificent and vast vessel is more than just a ride on a twin-paddle wheeler; it's a journey on a quintessential American entertainment venue from a bygone era. This massive vessel is 278-feet long (near the length of a football field), floats majestically down the glistening Table Rock Lake, and is home





to what many tout as the best entertainment in Branson, Missouri. Couple that with delectable cuisine and the hypnotic views on the lake, and you and yours will surely be swept away.

Floating theaters lost their appeal to those 'new-fangled' motion pictures in the early 1930s, but leave it to the Showboat Branson Belle to offer you a chance to revisit and relive that part of American entertainment. Adding to its lure, the 'Queen of the Ozarks' is also themed after the grandiose showboats of the 1800s. Whether on board for a romantic, family-experience, or just for the showboat lure, you are in for an expedition of enchantment packed with quality entertainment, comedy and magic shows.

This drifting entertainment venue, with an unmatched variety show, will keep you captivated the entire trip. You will be awed by the moves of the four-man dance ensemble, Rhythm, also known as 'The Fastest Feet West of the Mississippi'. The paddle wheeler also showcases a local favorite, Cassandrè Faimon-Haygood, whose voice and ability to master any musical genre will whisk you away to another place and time. Top that off with the dynamic vocals and sensational dancing of The Show Men, and you will be unable to sit still in your seats.

At the heart of this fabulous entertainment is your host, comedic mastermind and sensational magician, Christopher James, who will amuse you with his undeniable talent. (Tip: There are three cruises



a day, with the lunch cruise showcasing a different show. While all shows are terrific, a favorite for return guests is the 4 p.m. dinner cruise. There is also an awesome Pirates and Princess Dinner cruise that will certainly entertain kids of all ages).

On this two-hour, six-to-eleven-mile per hour trip, you will enjoy a freshly prepared and savory 3-course meal while watching the brilliant variety show. (Note: All dinner seats will allow you to gaze through the large windows and see the pristine lake outside).

While there are three levels of seating inside, all with great views of the show, the Captain's Row has the best seats in the house. Not only that, you can also choose from a premium dining menu which includes a mouthwatering 18oz. Prime Rib Steak with Potatoes au Gratin or Pecan encrusted Trout with Wild Rice.

There are several kid-appealing dishes including Prime Rib and Penne Pasta with meatballs. The Showboat Branson Belle also offers delectable three-course meals in both floor seating and at The Lieutenant's Row.

After your meal, take a stroll on the exterior promenades and outer decks of the paddle wheeler, where you will find everchanging panoramic views of the lake. (Tip: Be sure to get a close-eye view, from the upper deck of the two huge paddlewheels as they thrust through the lake).

After your cruise, spend the night at the luxurious Chateau on the Lake, the only AAA and four diamond hotel in Branson for 19 consecutive years. You will not be disappointed; this hotel offers unforgettable views of the lake and the lush Ozark shoreline, and offers numerous amenities.

For more information go to: www.BigCedar.com and www. silverdollarcity.com/showboat-branson.







#### **Self-Evident Truths**

- I hope they never find life on any other planet Because sure as hell our government will start sending them money!
- I just ate 4 cans of alphabet soup and just took probably the biggest vowel movement ever!
- For the rich there is therapy.... For the rest of us there is chocolate.
- Once you lick the frosting off of a cupcake it becomes and muffin...and muffins are healthy!! Your welcome!
- I have come to the conclusion that dryer lint is the cremated remains of all my missing socks!
- Unless you hear it from the horse's mouth.... Don't listen to jackasses.
- Holding onto anger is like grasping onto a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; but you are the one that

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- The invention of the word B ---- OO ---- b
   Top view Front View Side View
- Did you know? Line dancing was started by woman waiting to go to the bathroom.
- "The most memorable people in your life will be the friends who loved you even when you weren't very lovable!"
- I'm thinking of calling GHOSTBUSTERS.... Because I'm convinced I live in a Haunted House. Everytime I look in the freaking mirror, this old lady comes out and stands in front of me and blocks out my reflection.
- Relationship Tip for Men: When a woman says, "correct me if I'm wrong but..." Don't do it....it's a Trap!! DO NOT.... I Repeat DO NOT correct that woman!

#### **EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING:**

Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for woman. Follow these rules and you should have no problems.

Rule #15 – Rope – Men love rope – it takes them back origins, or at least to their Boy Scout Days.....Nothing says love like a 100 feel of 3/8" rope. And I'm sure with a little imagination, you could come up with lots of useful purposes for the rope!

Rule #14 – It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum extension ladder. Never buy a real man an step ladder, it must be an extension – something about those added inches.

Rule #13 – Chain saws... now, I must warn you, even though this is a hot item, if you buy your man a chain saw, absolutely everything will get cut down, sawed off and demolished.

Rule #12 – Label maker – within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere - socks – shorts – cups – saucers – open – close – lock – sink... hot – cold - don't say we didn't warn you.

Rule #11 – Men enjoy danger – that's why they never cook – except to "Barbecue" –Get him a monster barbecue grill with a

100 pound propane tank. Tell him the gas leaks and watch him go to town....You'll keep him busy for hours.

Rule #10 – A new remote control – ok, never mind he already has 6 – buy the one from Sharper Image that does it all – with all the bells and whistles.. and make sure you purchase the holder that attaches to his belt.. woo hoo.. here we go Steelers!!

Rule #9 – Big Screen TV with the picture in picture in picture – and no…its not possible to have too many picture little boxes on your TV screen – watch him go flip flip flip this gift will get you anything you want.

Rule #8 – Power anything – doesn't matter, nothing says love better than a power tool – he'll be in control... the man – the manly man!!

Rule #7 – Buy him anything with word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words... Hey, George, can I borrow your ratchet? Or by the way, are through using my 3/8 inch socket... this ranks right up there with shims!

Rule #6 – Electronics – now your talking... anything that makes him have more geek power is going to be a real hit!

Rule #5 – If he's the outdoors type – anything from Cabella's – the ultimate store when shopping for your man!

Rule #4 – If he likes golf – tons of new gadgets out there for the golfing nut and of course, you can't go wrong with a gift certificate to play one of those courses that he talks about all the time.

Rule #3 – Beer – the manly man drink....buy him a cases of beer (and yes, we said cases, when only one won't do) or join the beer of the month club and honey, you'll be set for the next couple of months.. you'll have him wrapped around your finger.

Rule #2 – A pair of sporting event tickets – Steelers – Penguins for him and his best friend and that does not mean YOU.. let him go with his buddies – he'll love you forever!!

Rule #1 – Give him you......try getting creative.... Surprise him wrapped in saran wrap, greet him naked wrapped in a fur coat ... but, never ever interrupt a sporting event. That's unsportsmanlike conduct and severe penalties could apply.. Happy Shopping!!

#### **TURKEY DRESSING SUPREME:**

#### Ingredients:

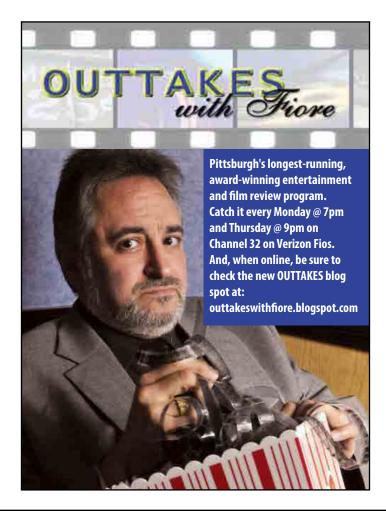
- ° 5 C. Bread Crumbs
- ° 1 C. Chopped Onion
- ° 112 C. Popcorn (Unpopped)
- ° 1/4 C. Parsley
- ° 3 C. Giblet broth
- ° 1-1/2 teaspoon Sage

#### Mixing Instructions:

- 1. Chop giblets fine. Mix all ingredients in broth.
- 2. Stuff turkey loosely. Bake slowly at 350° approximate
- 3. 5 hours or until popcorn blows the turkey's butt off.

#### How to have a healthy winter!!!!

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her Eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea. As he sat facing her old pump organ, the young minister noticed a cut-glass bowl sitting on top



of it. The bowl was filled with water. In the water floated, of all things, a condom! When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist. "Miss Beatrice", he said. "I wonder if you would tell me about this?"pointing to the bowl. "Oh, yes" she replied, "isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter!" Have a healthy winter!

#### **GETTING OLDER:**

A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, and hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, (mid eighties). The gentleman walks over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

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Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says, "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really? Like a new-born baby:?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

#### Dinner

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to some-one you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one." replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

#### Regulations

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman ---already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know", he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

#### **Steelers Fan**

A Steelers fan used to amuse himself by scaring every Browns fan he saw strutting down the street in the obnoxious orange, brown and white colors. He would swerve his van as if to hit them, and swerve back just missing them. One day, while driving along, he saw a priest. He thought he would do a good deed, and he pulled over and asked the priest, "Where are you going Father?" "I'm going to give mass at St. Joseph's church, about 2 miles down the road," replied the priest. "Climb in, Father! I'll give you a lift!" The priest climbed into the passenger seat, and they continued down the road. Suddenly, the driver saw a Browns fan walking down the road, and he instinctively swerved as if to hit him. But, as usual, he swerved back onto the road just in time. Even though he was certain that he had missed the guy, he still heard a loud "THUD." Not understanding where the noise came from, he glanced in his mirrors but still didn't see anything. He then remembered the priest so he turned to the priest and said, "I'm sorry Father, I almost hit that Browns fan." "That's OK," replied the priest, "I got him with the door."

#### The Affair:

A woman was having a daytime affair while her husband was at work. One wet and lusty day she was in bed with her boyfriend when, to her horror, she heard her husband's' car pull into the driveway. "Oh my God - hurry! Grab your clothes and jump out the window. My husband's home early!" "I can't jump out the window ~ It's raining out there!" "If my husband catches us in here, he'll kill us both!" she replied. He's got a hot temper and a gun, so the rain is the least of your problems!" So the boyfriend scoots out of bed, grabs his clothes and jumps out the window! As he ran down the street in the pouring rain, he guickly discovered He had run right into the middle of the town's annual marathon, so he started running along beside the others, about 300 of them. Being naked, with his clothes tucked under his arm, he tried to blend In as best he could. After a little while a small group of runners who had been watching him with some curiosity, jogged closer. "Do you always run in the nude?" one asked. "Oh yes!" he replied, gasping in air. "It feels so wonderfully free!" Another runner moved a long side. "Do you always run carrying your clothes with you under your arm?" Oh, yes" our friend answered breathlessly. "That way I can get dressed right at the end of the run and get in my car to go home! Then a third runner cast his eyes a little lower and queried, "Do you always wear a condom when you run? " "Nope...... just when it's raining".

#### **LONG LIFE:**

An 80-year old man goes to the doctor for a Prostate checkup. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, "How do you stay in such great physical condition?""I'm a golfer," says the old guy, "and that's why I'm in such good shape." I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways." Well," says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?""Who said my dad's dead?"The doctor is amazed. "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive. How old is he?""He's 100 years old," says the old golfer. "In fact he golfed with me this morning, and that's why he's still alive he's a golfer too.""Well," the doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?""Who said my grandpa's dead?"Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfathers still living! Incredible, how old is he?""He's 118 years old," says the old golfer. The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, "So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?""No. Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today."At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married!! Why would a 118 year-old guy want to get married?" "Who said he wanted to?"

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#### MARRIED LIFE - SUCH A HAPPY ENDING!!

A couple had only been married for two weeks and the husband, although very much in love, couldn't wait to go out on the town and party with his old buddies. So, he said to his new wife, "Honey, I'll be right back." "Where are you going, Coochy Coo?" asked the wife. "I'm going to the bar, Pretty Face," he answered. I'm going to have a beer. "The wife said, "You want a beer, my love?" She opened the door to the refrigerator and showed him 25 different kinds of beer, brands from 12 different countries: Germany, Holland, Japan, India, etc. The husband didn't know what to do, and the only thing that he could think of saying was, "Yes, Lollipop... but at the bar... You know... they have frozen glasses... "He didn't get to finish the sentence, because the wife interrupted him by saying, "You want a frozen glass, Puppy Face?" She took a huge beer mug out of the freezer, so frozen that she was getting chills just holding it. The husband, looking a bit pale, said, "Yes, Tootsie Roll, but at the bar they have those hors d'oeuvres that are really delicious... I won't be long. I'll be right back. I promise. OK?""You want hors d'oeuvres, Poochie Pooh?" She opened the oven and took out 5 dishes of different hors d'oeuvres: chicken wings, pigs in blankets, mushroom caps, "But my sweet honey... at the bar.... you know there's swearing, dirty words and all that...""You want dirty words, Cutie Pie? LISTEN UP CHICKEN POOP! SIT YOUR BUTT DOWN, SHUT THE HELL UP, DRINK YOUR BEER IN YOUR FROZEN MUG AND EAT YOUR HORS D'OEUVRES BECAUSE YOUR MARRIED ASS ISN'T GOING TO NO DAMNED BAR! THAT CRAP IS OVER, GOT IT, JACKASS?" and... they lived happily ever after. Now isn't that a sweet story?

#### Woman can be amazing!!

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident on a snowy, cold Monday morning. Both of their cars are totally demolished but amazingly neither of them are hurt.God works in Mysterious ways. After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man. That's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars, there's nothing left of them, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days." Flattered, the man replies, "Oh yes, I agree with you completely; this must be a sign from God!"The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then she hands the bottle to the man.The man nods his head in agreement, opens it, drinks half the bottle, and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle and immediately puts the cap back on, and



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hands it back to the man. The man asks, "Aren't you having any? "The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police...."

#### MORAL OF THE STORY:

Women are clever, evil bitches. Don't mess with them.

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- Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship.
   She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
- We also sleep in separate beds.Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
- I take my wife everywhere..... but she keeps finding her way back.
- 4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary.
  "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said.
  So I suggested the kitchen.
- 5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- 6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" ... So I bought her an electric chair.
- 7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me "In the lake."
- She got a mud pack and looked great for two days.Then the mud fell off.
- 9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage?" . The driver said "No, jump in!"
- 10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
- I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.



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# Humor

- 12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months.I don't like to interrupt her.
- 13. The last fight was my fault though.
  My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said "Dust!"

#### **VACATION:**

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150." The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?"

The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

#### **PEANUTS:**

A tour bus driver is driving with a busload of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady. She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up. After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts. She repeats this gesture about five more times. When she is about to hand him another batch again he asks the little old lady, "Why then don't you eat the peanuts yourself?" "We can't chew them because we've no teeth", she replied. The puzzled driver asks, "Why do you buy them then?" The old lady replied, "We just love the chocolate around them." It pays to be careful around old people.

#### **MARRIAGE SEMINAR**

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes." He addressed the man, "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?"



Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?

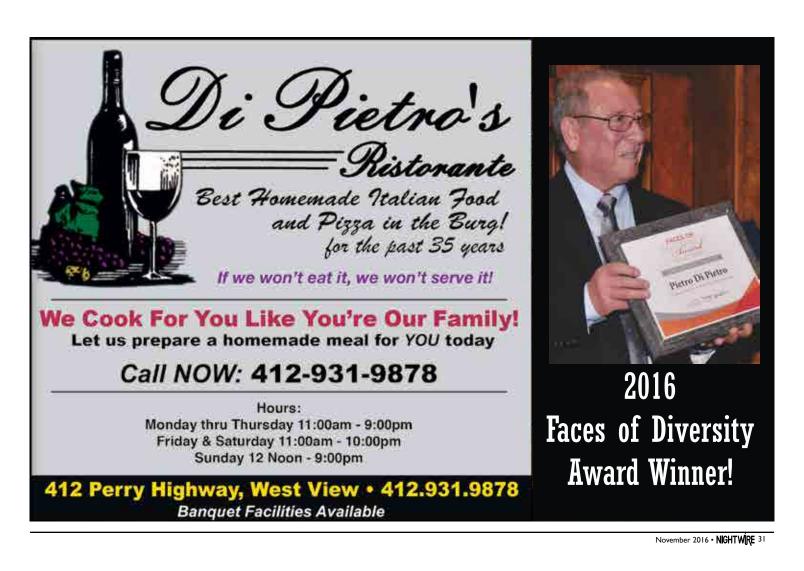
#### **HOW METROLOGISTS PREDICT WEATHER:**

It was early November and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a Chief in a modern society he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?" "It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded. So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared. A week later he

called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever." "How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked. The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."

#### **OCEAN OF BEER:**

Two Irishmen were adrift in a life boat following a dramatic escape from a burning freighter. While rummaging through the boat's provisions, one of the men stumbled across an old lamp. Secretly hoping that a genie would appear, he rubbed the lamp vigorously. To the amazement of the castaways, a genie came forth. This particular genie, however, stated that he could only







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deliver one wish, not the standard three. Without giving much thought to the matter the man blurted out, "Make the entire ocean into beer!"

The genie clapped his hands with a deafening crash, and immediately the entire sea turned into the finest brew ever sampled by mortals.

Simultaneously, the genie vanished. Only the gentle lapping of beer on the hull broke the stillness as the men considered their circumstances.

One man looked disgustedly at the other whose wish had been granted. After a long, tension filled moment, he spoke:

"Nice going idiot! Now we're going to have to pee in the boat!"

#### **LAWS MURPHY MISSED:**

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee

Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of the Telephone: When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (works every time)

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

Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result : When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Theatre Rule: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from

the aisle arrive last.

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

Murphy's Law of Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

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Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.

Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law: If the shoe fits, it's really ugly.

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it

#### **FLAGPOLE:**

Bubba and Junior were standing at the base of a flagpole in Pineville, La., looking up. A blonde lady walks by and asks what they are doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," says Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder." The woman takes a wrench from her purse, loosens a few bolts, and lays the pole

down. She then takes a tape measure from her pocket, measures, and announces, "eighteen feet, six inches" and walks away.

Junior shakes his head and laughs. "Ain't that just like a dumb blonde? We ask for the height, and she gives us the length.

#### **Shopping for a Turkey**

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

#### **Thanksgiving One Liners**

What key has legs and can't open doors? A Turkey.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!

Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off.

If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for?

Their AGE

Why can't you take a turkey to church? Because they use such FOWL language

Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes - a building can't jump at all



What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus? Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth Rock

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside

Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had the drumsticks

Why did the police arrest the turkey? They suspected it of fowl play

What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy! I'm stuffed!

#### The blonde Thanksgiving dinner

It was the first time the blonde was eating Thanksgiving dinner without her family. Trying to re-enact the tradition, she prepared a

dinner for herself alone. The next day, her mother called to see how everything went. "Oh, mother, I made myself a lovely dinner, but I had so much trouble trying to eat the turkey!" said the daughter. "Did it not taste good?" her mother asked. "I don't know, " the blonde said. "It wouldn't sit still!"

# Things proven to change the course of Thanksgiving

- 1. During the middle of the meal, turn to mom and say, "See mom, I told you they wouldn't notice that the turkey was four months past its expiration date. You were worried for nothing."
- When everyone goes around to say what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught" and refuse to say anything more.
- 3. Load your plate up high, then take it to the kitchen, toss it all in the blender, and take your "shake" back to the table. Announce that it's the new Thanksgiving Weight Loss Shake
- 4. Prepare a several hour long speech to give when asked about your thankfulness. If necessary, insist that no one leave or eat until



you have finished the speech.

5. Bring along old recorded football games and pop them in the VCR when dad's not looking. Make sure it is set to the last two minutes of the game when he comes into the room, turn off the VCR, and then turn on the regular TV.

6. Bring a date that only talks about the tragic and abusive conditions known to exist at turkey farms. Request that she bring photos.

## THINGS YOU CAN SAY AT THANKSGIVING AND NOT GET SLAPPED!

"Whew, that's one terrific spread!"

"I'm in the mood for a little dark meat."

"Tying the legs together keeps the inside moist."

"Talk about a huge breast!"

"It's Cool Whip time!"

"If I don't undo my pants, I'll burst!"

"Are you ready for seconds yet?"

"Are you going to come again next time?"

"It's a little dry, do you still want to eat it?"

"Just wait your turn, you'll get some!"

"Don't play with your meat."

"Just spread the legs open & stuff it in."

"Do you think you'll be able to handle all these people at once?"

"I didn't expect everyone to come at once!"

"You still have a little bit on your chin."







"Use a nice smooth stroke when you whip it."

"How long will it take after you stick it in?"

"You'll know it's ready when it pops up."

"Wow, I didn't think I could handle all of that!"

"How many are coming?"

"That's the biggest one I've ever seen!"

"Just lay back & take it easy...I'll do the rest."

"How long do I beat it before it's ready?"

#### **Thanksgiving Humor**

A few short jokes for your Turkey Day extravaganza!

- A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her. ~WC Fields~
- Did you hear about the X-rated turkey? It's served with very little dressing.
- Asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," little Johnny wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."
- Imagine... if the Pilgrims had shot a wild cat instead of a Turkey, what would we be eating for Thanksgiving?

Q: How do you keep a turkey in suspense? A: I'll tell you at Christmas.

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: It was the chicken's day off.

Q: What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?

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

Q: What key has legs and can't open doors?

A: Tur-key.

Q: What sound does a space turkey make?

A: Hubble, hubble, hubble.

Q: Why do turkeys always go "gobble, gobble"?

A: Because they never learned good table manners!

#### **Indians and Thanksgiving**

A young boy, after hearing the story of Thanksgiving and how the Indians and the Pilgrims sat down together, climbed up into his father's lap and said, "Daddy, did you know that if we were Indians, you would be a brave and Mom would be a squawk?" "That is the best description of your mother I have ever heard," replied his daddy as he ducked.

#### **Daily Bread**

The representative from Butterball goes to see the Pope and asks him to change the Lord's Prayer from "Give us our daily bread" to "Give us our daily turkey". The Pope says that it is impossible, but the Butterball rep says that they are prepared to give the church a billion dollars to change it. The Pope says he must discuss it with the head Cardinals. The next day he calls them all together and announces he has good news and bad news. "The good news", he begins "is that the church is to come into a billion dollars. The bad news is that we are losing the bread account!"

#### **Stella Awards**

It's time once again to review the winners of the Annual "Stella Awards." The Stella Awards are named after 81 year-old Stella Liebeck of New Mexico who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's. That case inspired the Stella awards for the most frivolous, ridiculous, successful lawsuits in the United States. Here are this year's winners:

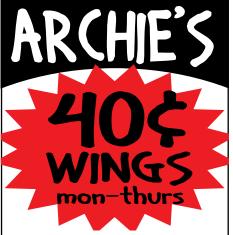
**7th Place**: Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was Ms. Robertson's son.

**6th Place**: 19-year-old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.



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2328 E. CARSON SOUTH SIDE 412.481.0852 5th Place: Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation, and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found, and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed to the tune of \$500,000.

**4th Place:** Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been just a little provoked at the time by Mr. Williams, who had climbed over the fence into the yard and was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

**3rd Place:** A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

**2nd Place:** Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a night club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms.Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover

charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

1st Place: This year's runaway winner was Mrs. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, (from an OU football game), having driven onto the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the drivers seat to go into the back & make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the RV left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mrs.Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising her in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded her \$1,750,000 plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons around.

#### **Thanksgiving**

Why did the farmer run a steamroller over his potato field on Thanksgiving Day?
Why?He wanted to raise mashed potatoes.

Why did the turkey cross the road?

I don't know.It was Thanksgiving Day, and he wanted people to think he was a chicken!

What is a turkey's favorite dessert?

I haven't a clue. Peach gobbler!

Why did the cranberries turn red?

Beats me.Because they saw the turkey dressing!

Why do pilgrims' pants always fall down? Beats me. Because they wear their belt buckles on their hats!

What did the turkey say to the computer? What? "Google, google, google."

What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede? Tell me.

Drumsticks for everyone on Thanksgiving Day!

What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day? What?

"Quack! Quack!"

What key has legs and can't open doors?

What?

A turkey.

Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey? Why?

He sensed fowl play.

What sound does a limping turkey make?

I give up!

"Wobble, wobble!"

What kind of music did the Pilgrims listen to at the first Thanksgiving feast?

What kind?

Plymouth Rock!

Sister: Mom wants your to help us fix Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Brother: Why? Is it broken?

What's the difference between a pirate and a cranberry farmer?

I don't know. What?

A pirate buries his treasure, but a cranberry farmer treasures his

berries.

Which November holiday is Dracula's favorite?

Which one? Fangs-giving!

#### The Parrot and the Turkey

A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"





## Differences Between Christmas & Chanukah Defined

- 1. Christmas is one day, same day every year, December 25. Jews also love December 25th. It's another paid day off work. We go to the movies and out for Chinese food and Israeli dancing. Chanukah is 8 days. It starts the evening of the 24th of Kislev, whenever that falls. No one is ever sure. Jews never know until a non-Jewish friend asks when Chanukah starts forcing us to consult a calendar so we don't look like idiots. We all have the same calendar, provided free with a donation from the World Jewish Congress, the kosher butcher or the local Sinai Memorial Chapel (especially in Florida ) or other Jewish funeral homes.
- Christmas is a major holiday. Chanukah is a minor holiday with the same theme as most Jewish holidays. They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat.
- Christians get wonderful presents such as jewelry, perfume, stereos, etc. Jews get practical presents such as underwear, socks or the collected works of the Rambam, which looks impressive on the bookshelf.
- 4. There is only one way to spell Christmas. No one can decide howto spell Chanukah, Chanukkah, Chanukka, Channukah,

- Hanukah, Hannukah, etc.
- Christmas is a time of great pressure for husbands and boyfriends. Their partners expect special gifts. Jewish men are relieved of that burden. No one expects a diamond ring on Hanukah.
- Christmas brings enormous electric bills. Candles are used for Chanukah. Not only are we spared enormous electric bills, but we get to feel good about not contributing to the energy crisis.
- 7. Christmas carols are beautiful...Silent Night, Come All Ye Faithful. Chanukah songs are about dreidels made from clay or having a party and dancing the hora. Of course, we are secretly pleased that many of the beautiful carols were composed and written by our tribal brethren. And don't Barbara Streisand and Neil Diamond sing them beautifully?
- 8. A home preparing for Christmas smells wonderful like the sweet smell of cookies and cakes baking. Happy people are gathered around in festive moods. A home preparing for Chanukah smells of oil, potatoes and onions. The home, as always, is full of loud people all talking at once.
- Christian women have fun baking Christmas cookies. Jewish women burn their eyes and cut their hands grating potatoes and onions for latkes on Chanukah. Another reminder of our



- suffering through the ages.
- Parents deliver presents to their children during Christmas.
   Jewish parents have no qualms about withholding a gift on any of the eight nights.
- 11. The players in the Christmas story have easy to pronounce names such as Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The players in the Chanukah story are Antiochus, Judah Maccabee and Matta whatever. No one can spellit or pronounce it. On the plus side, we can tell our friends anything and they believe we are wonderfully versed in our history.
- 12. Many Christians believe in the virgin birth. Jews think, "Yossela, Bubela, snap out of it. Your woman is pregnant, you didn't sleep with her, and now you want to blame G-d? Here's the number of my shrink".
- 13. In recent years, Christmas has become more and more commercialized. The same holds true for Chanukah, even though it is a minor holiday. It makes sense. How could we market a major holiday such as Yom Kippur? Forget about celebrating. Think observing. Come to synagogue, starve yourself for 27 hours, become one with your dehydrated soul, beat your chest, confess your sins, a guaranteed good time for you and your family. Tickets a mere \$200 per person. Better stick with Chanukah.

#### **Grandfather Turkey**

Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could see the things you do, he'd turn over in his gravy."

#### Thanksgiving in the UK

A few years ago, an American and a British journalist were discussing Thanksgiving on a British radio program. The American asked if Thanksgiving was celebrated in the UK. "Yes," the British journalist replied, "but we celebrate it on the 6th of September." "Why then?" "That's when you chaps left."

#### **A Change in Plans**

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. I'm telling you in advance, so don't act surprised. Since Ms. Stewart won't be coming, I've made a few small changes: Our sidewalk will not be lined with homemade, paper bag luminaries. After a trial run, it was decided that no matter how cleverly done, rows of flaming lunch sacks do not have the desired welcoming effect. Once inside, our guests will note that the entry hall is not decorated with the swags of Indian corn and fall foliage I had planned to make. Instead, I've gotten the kids involved in the decorating by





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having them track in colorful autumn leaves from the front yard. The mud was their idea. The dining table will not be covered with expensive linens, fancy china, or crystal goblets. If possible, we will use dishes that match and everyone will get a fork. Since this IS Thanksgiving, we will refrain from using the plastic Peter Rabbit plate and the Santa napkins from last Christmas.

Our centerpiece will not be the tower of fresh fruit and flowers that I promised. Instead we will be displaying a hedgehog-like decoration hand-crafted from the finest construction paper. The artist assures me it is a turkey. We will be dining fashionably late. The children will entertain you while you wait. I'm sure they will be happy to share every choice comment I have made regarding Thanksgiving, pilgrims and the turkey hotline. Please remember that most of these comments were made at 5:00 a.m. upon discovering that the turkey was still hard enough to cut diamonds. As accompaniment to the children's recital, I will play a recording of tribal drumming. If the children should mention that I don't own a recording of tribal drumming, or that tribal drumming sounds suspiciously like a frozen turkey in a clothes dryer, ignore them. They are lying. We toyed with the idea of ringing a dainty silver bell to announce the start of our feast. In the end, we chose to keep our traditional method. We've also decided against a formal seating arrangement. When the smoke alarm sounds, please gather around the table and sit where you like. In the spirit of harmony, we will ask the children to sit at a separate table. In a separate room. Next door. Now, I know you have all seen pictures of one person carving a turkey in front of a crowd of appreciative onlookers. This will not be happening at our dinner. For safety reasons, the turkey will be carved in a private ceremony. I stress "private" meaning: Do not, under any circumstances, enter the kitchen to laugh at me. Do not send small, unsuspecting children to check on my progress. I have an electric knife. The turkey is unarmed. It stands to reason that I will eventually win. When I do, we will eat. I would like to take this opportunity to remind my young diners that "passing the rolls" is not a football play. Nor is it a request to bean your sister in the head with warm tasty bread. Oh, and one reminder for the adults: For the duration of the meal, and especially while in the presence of young diners, we will refer to the giblet gravy by its lesser-known name: Cheese Sauce. If a young diner questions you regarding the origins or type of Cheese Sauce, plead ignorance. Cheese Sauce stains. Before I forget, there is one last change. Instead of offering a choice between 12 different scrumptious desserts, we will be serving the traditional pumpkin pie, garnished with whipped cream and small fingerprints. You will still have a choice: take it or leave it. No, Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. She probably won't come next year either.

I am thankful. Enjoy!

#### **The GOOD Napkins**

My mother taught me to read when I was four years old (her first mistake). One day, I was in the bathroom and noticed one of the cabinet doors was ajar. I read the box in the cabinet. I then asked my mother why she was keeping 'napkins' in the bathroom. Didn't they belong in the kitchen? Not wanting to burden me with unnecessary facts, she told me that those were for "special occasions" (her second mistake). Now fast forward a few months....It's Thanksgiving Day, and my folks are leaving to pick up my uncle and his wife for dinner. Mom had assignments for all of us while they were gone. Mine was to set the table. When they returned, my uncle came in first and immediately burst into laughter. Next came his wife who gasped, then began giggling. Next came my father, who roared with laughter. Then came Mom, who almost died of embarrassment when she saw each place setting on the table with a "special occasion" napkin at each plate, with the fork carefully arranged on top. I had even tucked the little tail in so they didn't hang off the edge! My mother asked me why I used these and, of course, my response sent the other adults into further fits of laughter. "But, Mom, you SAID they were for special occasions!!!"

#### **Thanksgiving-Themed Movies**

- 14. To Kill A Walking Bird
- 13. My Best Friend's Dressing
- 12. The Texas Coleslaw Massacre
- 11. Casserolablanca
- 10. The Fabulous Baster Boys
- 9. 12 Hungry Men
- 8. Silence of the Yams
- 7. For Love of The Game Hen
- 6. I Know What You Ate Last Winter
- 5. All the President's Menu
- 4. White Meat Can't Jump
- 3. When Harry Met Salad
- 2. The Story of U.S.

and the Number 1 Upcoming Thanksgiving-Themed Movie...

1. The Wing and I

#### **Signs You Are Overdoing Thanksgiving**

- Paramedics bring in the Jaws of Life to pry you out of the EZ-Boy!
- The "Gravy Boat" your wife set out was a real 12' boat!
- You receive a Sumo Wrestler application in your e-mail
- Friday you set off 3 earthquake seismographs on your morning jog.
- Pricking your finger for cholesterol screening only yielded gravy.

- A guest quotes a Biblical passage from "The Feeding of the 5000."
- That rash on your stomach turns out to be steering wheel burn.
- Representatives from the Butterball Hall of Fame called twice.
- You consider gluttony your patriotic duty.

#### **Thanksgiving Riddles**

What do you get when you have a turkey on the beach with Broomhilda? A turkey sand-witch

What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo? A turkey that can pluck himself!
Do you have any turkeys going cheap? Nope, all our turkeys go gobble gobble.
What kind of music did Pilgrims listen to? Plymouth Rock!
What's the best way to catch a Turkey? Have someone throw one at you!
Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside!
What's full of raisins and on a secret mission? Mince spy!
Why do turkeys eat so little? Because they are always stuffed!
What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd be rolling over in his gravy!
What key has legs but can't open a door? A turKEY
What did the turkey do in the Thanksgiving Day Parade? He played his drumsticks!
Why are the cranberries red? Because they saw the turkey dressing!

Why was the world concerned when the server dropped the platter of Turkey? It meant the fall of Turkey, the ruin of Greece, and the break up of China

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
Pumpkin pi.

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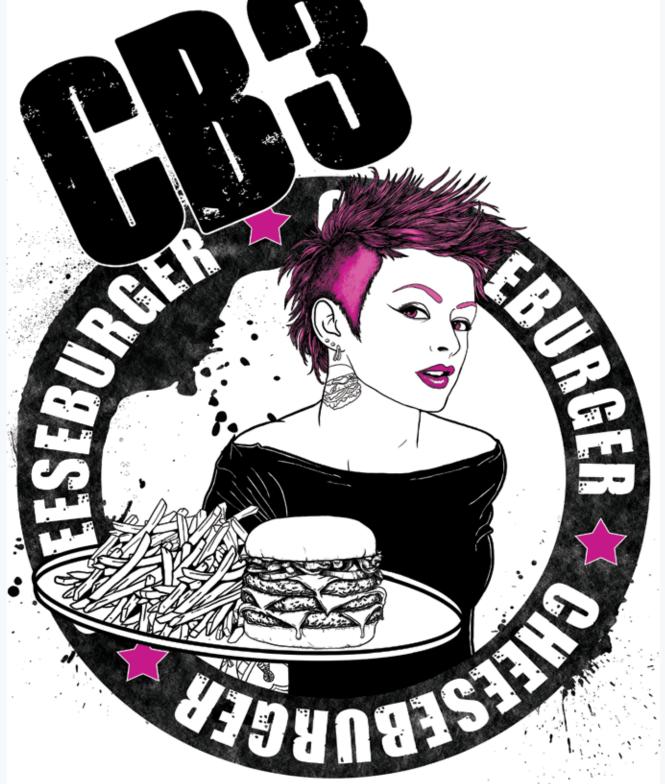
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