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TRAVEL: Authentic Experiences Enliven Kentucky's Fall Festivals

ONE OF THE BEST THINGS

about visiting Kentucky in the fall is the number of opportunities to enjoy authentic Kentucky experiences through fall festivals. Most every community, large or small, hosts a festival complete with local traditions, food, music and fun. Explore them all at kentuckytourism.com. Here is just a small sampling of the many possibilities.

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Uncork a good time as bourbon lovers flock to Bardstovwn Sept. 17-22, 2013, for the 22nd annual festival celebrating the passion, history and art of making Kentucky bourbon. With more than 40 events and attractions scheduled, you can learn about bourbon mixology and cooking with bourbon, dine and dance in black-tie style and witness the World Championship Bourbon Barrel Relay. www.kybourbonfestival.com

POPPY MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, SEPT. 17-21

This 20-plus-year-old music fest takes place in Morehead. Offering more than 1,000 acres of camping and featuring 100 bands performing on dual stages, this event attracts more than 20,000 visitors and is a must-see for lovers of bluegrass music. Past performers have included Lonesome River Band and Dr. Ralph Stanley. <https://www.facebook.com/PoppyMountainBluegrass>

HORSE CAVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL, SEPT. 20-21

Celebrating the heritage of the community, this event features a downtown street festival including arts and crafts, folklife program interviews, a quilt show, antique cars and tractors, live music and a 3K walk/run. http://www.horsecaveky.com/?page=Annual_Heritage_Festival

BARBECUE ON THE RIVER TOURNAMENT AND PIG OUT & MARKET DAYS, SEPT. 26-28

This family-friendly event in Paducah features plenty food and fun. More than 50 teams compete for the Grand Champions trophy for the best western Kentucky barbecue. The festival includes live music and entertainment, a charitable 5K run and riverboat tours. <http://bbqontheriver.org>



CAVE CITY PROUD DAYS, SEPT. 27-28

This festival takes place in the downtown and antiques district of Cave City. Special events include the Old Time Outhouse and Bed Race, live music, parade, tractor and motorcycle show, street fair, 5K-10K run and more. <http://cavecityproud.com/>

ST. JAMES COURT ART SHOW, OCT. 4-6

In a tradition spanning more than five decades, one of Kentucky's premier fall events is this internationally acclaimed art show held in the Old Louisville neighborhood. Featuring 750 juried artists from around the country, the event is attended by lovers of arts and fine crafts from across the region. <http://www.stjamescourtartshow.com/>

featuring the works of juried artists. The event takes place at Old Fort Harrod State Park in Harrodsburg, and includes live demonstrations, music and entertainment, food, children's activities and more. <http://artscouncilofmercer.com/2013-events/>

So get out and enjoy Kentucky's beautiful autumn weather and experience the Bluegrass State's rich cultural traditions by taking part in a fall festival. Find more listings of festivals at <http://www.kentuckytourism.com/events/events.aspx>.



BREATHITT COUNTY HERITAGE FAIR, OCT. 4-6

Held at Douthitt Park in Jackson, this fair features live music and entertainment, a parade, craft booths, petting zoo and dog show, and outdoor concert. <http://www.breathittheritagefair.org/>

FORKLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL, OCT. 11-12

This festival hosted by Gravel Switch in Boyle County features a variety of historical exhibits including Native American artifacts and vintage farm machinery, a wildlife exhibit, living history skits, live music and entertainment, wagon rides, sorghum making, and a silent auction. <http://forklandcomctr.org/>

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STEELERS SEASON PREVIEW

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos Karl Roser and the Pittsburgh Steelers



"...expectations aren't high for this season, partly because I don't want to be disappointed, and mainly because of the offensive line. But that's how the Steelers want it. Bring on the "us against the world" mentality. Count them out and they might just surprise you. He we go."

A longer than usual offseason has given Steeler Nation plenty of time to stew over the fact that the city's beloved boys in black and gold missed the playoffs for the second time in Mike Tomlin's six year tenure as head coach. Which was made exponentially worse by the fact that the hated Ravens are defending Super Bowl Champs, wasn't it? The good thing is, last year has no bearing on this year and the slate has been wiped clean.

So what does the 2013 season have in store for fans awaiting kickoff on September 8th with bated breath? Four prime time games, with two the first month of the season. Their only Monday Night Football appearance of the year takes place in the second week at Cincinnati. The game after will be broadcast on Sunday Night Football versus the Bears, where they'll be featured once more later in the season, taking on the Bengals at home. Sandwiched in between is a match up with the Ravens on Thanksgiving night in Baltimore.

In addition to the six division games, the Steelers will be playing the NFC North, which had a combined 35-29 record last year and is only getting better. As tough a draw they are inter-conference, the Steelers will take on the AFC East as well, which is on the opposite end of the spectrum. Only the Patriots had a winning record in 2012 and after New England's tumultuous offseason, who knows what to expect in Foxboro? The other two teams? The Titans and Raiders, which recent history tells us won't be a walk in the park despite their records.

The Steelers' strength of schedule ranks 22nd out of 32 teams. Since the ranking is based on last year's performance, it's hardly ever a good indication of the ease of the upcoming season. Many of the NFL previews from major sports media outlets have both the Ravens and the Bengals finishing ahead of Pittsburgh in 2013. Who can blame them? An uninspired 2012 campaign saw the season end in mediocrity with an 8-8 record complete with losses to the Raiders, Titans, Browns and Chargers who had a combined record of 22 wins and 42 losses. Oh, I almost forgot to mention how they barely squeaked by the hapless Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles, at Heinz Field, who ended their seasons with only six victories between them. Ouch.

On the flipside, the Steelers went into New Jersey to play the Giants in the first game to take place after Hurricane Sandy devastated the area, and were able to will a win in an emotionally charged environment. They were also victors versus playoff teams including the Redskins, Ravens and Bengals. But after beginning the season 6-3, they were only able to muster two more wins the rest of the way. That left a bad taste in the mouth of Steeler Nation and plenty of question marks dotting a team that traditionally re-loads instead of rebuilds.

Let's delve into some of the questions and whether or not they have been addressed in the off season.

Running Game - Eight rushing touchdowns ALL SEASON. Adrian Peterson probably had that many in one game! I'm exaggerating of course, but that's how bleak the rushing attack was, averaging just 96 yards a contest. Only one tailback had more than 600 yards on the season, Jonathan Dwyer. The coaching staff had seen enough of Rashard Mendenhall - haven't we all - and let him and his 182 rushing yards go in free agency, where he landed with his old friend Bruce Arians, now head coach of the Arizona Cardinals. Dwyer and Isaac Redman are still on the roster battling with new additions, LaRod Stephens-Howling and Le'Veon Bell. As the second round pick out



of Michigan State, Bell figured to be the favorite to nab the starting job, however an injury laden preseason prompted the Steelers to trade LB Adrian Robinson to the Eagles for Felix Jones, a former first rounder out of Arkansas picked right before Mendenhall was by the Steelers. The last time the Steelers traded for a running back, Jerome Bettis turned in his horned helmet to don the black and gold. An electric runner when healthy, Jones could add a dimension to the running game that has been missing since Willie Parker suited up.

Offensive Line – Some would say “offensive” is an appropriate way to describe the play from the big guys up front. Charged with protecting the 100 million dollar man, last year’s patchwork line gave Big Ben lots of opportunity to create something out of nothing, that’s for sure. If he wasn’t so hard to take down, he would’ve been sacked much more than 30 times in his 13 games played. Maurkice Pouncey continues to anchor the line as one of the best centers in the league, however plagued by leg and ankle injuries through his short three year Pro Bowl career. Guard David DeCastro will have an opportunity to show why he was the 2012 first round pick after a severe knee injury limited him last season. Another second year player, Mike Adams, is on the edge with Marcus Gilbert, and the old man of the group at 27, Ramon Foster rounds out the line. These five guys have just 11 years of NFL experience combined and need to mature and gel quickly to protect their gun slinger and create holes for the running game. WITHOUT HOLDING. Which leads us to . . .

Discipline – The Steelers averaged 10.2 yards per penalty which was the most in the NFL last year. They were called for offensive holding 32 times, which also lead the league by far, with the Raiders next at 27 holding calls. New offensive line coach, Jack Bicknell Jr., was hired this year and brought a zone blocking scheme with him. If preseason is any indication, the line needs a lot of work getting to their zone and holding their blocks without drawing a flag. The tackles are the main culprits, getting beat on the edges by speed rushers. If there can be some consistency without health concerns, it’ll only be a matter of time before they get the hang of it. Hopefully.

Turnover Battle – This is the one area that irks me the most. Last year the Steelers gave the ball away ten more times than they took it away. A negative ten differential in turnovers is disastrous. The defense only had 20 takeaways all season – ten interceptions and ten fumbles. A healthy Troy Polamalu should help that cause along with an impressive rookie out of Syracuse, hard hitting safety, Shamarko Thomas. After falling into the fourth round of the 2012 draft, Thomas will be playing with a chip on his shoulder. The Steelers hope he uses that chip to dislodge the football.

Pressuring the Quarterback – Guess how many sacks led the team in 2012? Never mind, I’ll just tell you. SIX. That’s it. Both Lawrence Timmons and James Harrison notched six sacks a piece, and one of those guys is playing for the black and orange this year. As a whole, the defense logged 37, about two sacks per game. This has become a downward trend since 2010 when they took down the opposing quarterback 48 times. For a team that prides themselves on intimidating defense, there hasn’t been a lot of backfield infiltration as of late. Drafting outside linebacker Jarvis Jones in the first round is a step in the right direction and you can only hope LaMarr Woodley has a rebound season to get back into form.

Big Ben’s Backup – The team’s downside coincided with Roethlisberger’s injury last November. Shocking, I know. Besides the inspiring win in Baltimore with the determined Charlie Batch at the helm, the second string signal caller situation stunk. Badly. Ben hasn’t played a full season since 2008, missing eight games since the beginning of the 2010 season. Hometown kid Bruce Gradkowski has joined the fold along with fourth round pick, Landry Jones, from Oklahoma. If nothing else, Gradkowski brings starting QB experience and is comfortable playing at Heinz Field where he beat the Steelers as a member of the Oakland Raiders. Best case scenario is that Ben stays healthy, but if not, in Bruce we trust.

In theory, management has addressed these issues through the draft and by players having an offseason to get healthy again. However in practice, the preseason has given the coaching staff a lot to work on before kickoff against Tennessee. My expectations aren’t high for this season, partly because I don’t want to be disappointed, and mainly because of the offensive line. But that’s how the Steelers want it. Bring on the “us against the world” mentality. Count them out and they might just surprise you. Here we go.

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Raise The Jolly Roger

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

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Pirates, Isn't It?

General Manager Neal Huntington is a busy man these days. With one collective eye on the waiver wire and the other on the big league club, management is playing their own game as Pirates play theirs on the field. With just a handful of players on the active roster who have laced 'em up in the post season, (Barnes, Martin, Burnett, Grilli, Liriano – Rodriguez and McDonald are on the 60 Day DL) and the risk of an injury interrupting the remainder of the season, reinforcements are always welcome. Minor league deals to catcher Kelly Shoppach and reliever Kyle Farnsworth are low risk moves that add depth and playoff experience to a club that is squarely in the middle of a pennant race. And with only a few games separating the Pirates, Cardinals and Reds at the top of the NL Central, what a race it is.

There are plenty of players that get pub for their contributions to the winning product on the field, and deservedly so. Andrew McCutchen, Russell Martin and most recently Francisco Liriano, have played huge roles in the success so far this season and have been noticed for them. But there's one guy that no one could have thought would be a difference maker for the Pirates this season. As a matter of fact, he was unceremoniously welcomed in by the fan base as he took over for the much maligned Jonathan Sanchez in the beginning of the season. The Pirates won each of the eight games he started in May and June. My number one, unsung hero is pitcher, Jeanmar Gomez,

or as I like to call him, Duct Tape.

Whatever needs to be fixed, he can plug the hole for you. Need long relief? He can do that. Need a spot start? He can do that. Need to replace an injured guy in the rotation for a month? He can do that too. There's not much he can't do for you on the mound, and is efficient when he does it.

Where did he come from? After a few unspectacular seasons with the Cleveland Indians where he compiled an ERA of 5.18, the tribe traded Gomez to the Pirates for Quincy Latimore. Who? Exactly. Jeanmar is 25 years old, under team control through 2017, arbitration eligible in 2015 currently has a 3.29 ERA, and the Pirates got him for peanuts.

Jason Grilli, A.J. Burnett, Mark Melancon, Liriano and even Vin Mazzaro, Huntington and the scout team have a nose for pitching, which has been the strength of the team so far and in the playoffs, uncharted waters for these Pirates, you can never have enough arms.

I wanted to highlight Gomez here because he might get called into rotation action again as Jeff Locke has struggled mightily post All Star break after a brilliant first half of the season and could be due to skip a start or two. Plus, Wandy Rodriguez has had a setback in his rehabilitation of his forearm injury. Typically a visit to Dr. James Andrews is a precursor to bad news. An exception to that rule is the ever perseverant Jason Grilli, who came back unscathed from his trip to the



Playoff Push

Tommy John Fairy. I have a feeling Rodriguez won't be so lucky. But that's okay. The Pirates have Duct Tape Gomez to patch the hole.

They'll need all the help they can get as the month of September begins with the last match of a three game home series versus St. Louis and then the Pirates are on a nine game road trip including three a piece against the Cardinals and the Rangers. Two out of the last three series of the season are against Cincinnati – one home and one away – and you can't take teams who are out of contention lightly. Milwaukee, San Diego and the Cubs are also in the mix during the stretch run and I'm sure they wouldn't mind playing the role of monkey wrench.

Ten of the 27 games in September are against the other two teams battling to win the division. It's going to be a dog fight right to the end of the regular season. As you watch your Buccos sprint toward the playoffs, here's a fun fact. The Pirates have just surpassed 9,800 franchise wins, joining only five other clubs to have at least that many victories - the Braves, Cubs, Dodgers, Giants and Yankees.

Nice to think WINNING when you think Pittsburgh Pirates, isn't it?

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Mission Brewing

By: Chris Wise

How do you go from selling commercial property for Wells Fargo to owning and operating one of the breweries registered in California? Ask Dan Selis, who resurrected Mission Brewing after nearly 90 years of inactivity. Selis started brewing Mission beer in 2007 when he began operating a small brewery attached to a restaurant in La Jolla, California. Mission Brewery was a historic part of San Diego, starting in 1913 and being closed down by prohibition, and Dan, as a homegrown San Diegan, wanted to pay homage to that history. Dan started his beer making journey making home brews in his early twenties, and it has taken him to their current location in the Gas Lamp Quarter of San Diego.

After spending two years successfully nurturing his business, Dan Selis realized he had outgrown his first brewery. Mission moved to a new, larger complex in Chula Vista; in another two years, Mission was on the move again. This time, Mission made the jump into the historic 14,000 square foot Wonder Bread building (built in 1834) in the Gas Lamp Quarter of San Diego. The larger facility allows the brewery to produce 10,000-plus barrels a year, which, as Dan Selis explains, accommodates the incredible growth in the craft beer market. "We entered the beer industry at a great time," Dan explains. "The industry is increasing double-digits every year. In terms of dollars, it's the hottest section in alcohol."

Not only does the larger facility allow for more production, it also allows for the public to meet with the brewers face-to-face and provide feedback in the tasting room, which can

accommodate up to 400 visitors at one time. Dan explains "Now, we not only get to sell it [our beer], we can also use the tasting facility to as a lab to create new beers." Visitors will be able to sign up for tours of the facility, sample seven of the brews, or sign up for a viewing of their favorite variety getting bottled. Martin Saylor, national sales manager, explained they have tried to make the brewery as open to the public as possible, even allowing visitors to bring their dogs in with them.

How has Mission been able to expand so quickly while also maintaining a loyal following among beer aficionados? One reason is their head brewer, John Egan, has experience working with a nationally competitive beer, Stone Brewing. Coming to Mission in hopes of imparting some of his knowledge, Egan has been able to maintain the quality of their main brews in the face of increased production, while expanding their seasonal output. Mission has five mainstay brews: three German styles and two IPAs. The three German style brews are the Mission Amber, the Mission Blonde, and the Mission Hefeweizen, and the IPAs are the Mission IPA and the Shipwrecked Double IPA. In addition to these five beers, Selis explains, "John will be making a new beer every other month, and we'll test it here in the tasting room, in other bars, and in places outside of San Diego. With that feedback, we can see what's got the potential for production on a larger scale." Egan even recently came out with an Extra Pale Ale, El Conquistador EPA, in honor of his newly born son, Jasper.

While it may sound like Mission has been impossibly busy over

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the last couple of years, they also stay busy participating in local events and charities. In June of 2013, Mission hosted Pints for Pups at their brewery to help benefit San Diego's Guide Dogs for the Blind non-profit organization. On August 22, they are having a beer pairing at Morton's Steakhouse to exhibit how well Mission beers go with quality steaks. This September, they will be participating in Drink Eat Play's Septemberfest, America's answer to Oktoberfest. The festival will feature over 150 types of beer, countless food options, and “and all in all, a celebration of everything that's great about American culture.”

While Mission may have a rich history, its owner Dan Selis is resting on his laurels. Mission is constantly looking forward to come up with new recipes or get their delicious brews into the hands of those who have never tasted them. Whether you happen to be at the San Diego Padre's Petco Stadium or at your local pub, check out one of Mission's five classic brews or one of their exciting seasonal brews.

Mission IPA

Mission's take on an IPA celebrates the history of IPAs while also interpreting it in a distinctively modern American style. This IPA won the bronze medal at the Great American Beer Festival in 2007, and has been a mainstay at Mission ever since. Mission describes the IPA: “Cascade and Centennial hops are employed generously and the result is an earthy ale that is most drinkable.” If you're looking for a delicious IPA to enjoy any time, grab a case of Mission IPA.

6.8% ABV, 66 IBU

Shipwrecked Double IPA

Winner of the 2012 silver medal at the Los Angeles International Commercial Beer Competition, this double IPA is so eminently drinkable one hardly realizes it's a DIPA. With the mix of fruits and depth of the malt-backed finish, the Shipwrecked DIPA is instantly distinct. By using three types of hops, Cascade, CTZ, and Centennial hops, this DIPA provides the drinker with an intense hop profile. After a particularly hard day at the office, grab this double IPA to wash away the worries of your day.

9.25% ABV, 75 IBU

Mission Amber

This Dusseldorf-Style Altbier was winner of the gold medal at both the 2008 San Diego Professional Beer Competition and 2013 California State Fair Commercial Craft Brewing Competition, with good reason. With a lager-like spirit and toasty character, this Amber brew balances the bitterness perfectly. Mission has achieved a beer with a lingering sweet caramel taste buttressed by the generous use of Munich, Vienna and Pilsner malts. Anybody looking for a very session-able beer need look no further.

5% ABV, 43 IBU

Carrack

This Imperial Red Ale is a balance of malts and citrus which results in a brew that head salesman Martin Saylor notes “drinks like satin.”

Mission came up with this beer by dry hopping a healthy dose of kettle hops with Summit and Cascade hops. The crystal and rye malts, along with a dash of brown sugar, produce a complex, malty taste. A different brew than many others Mission has to offer, the Carrack is an intense drink which rewards the drinker with a complex taste.

10.2% ABV, 71 IBU

El Conquistador Extra Pale Ale

A Session-Style American Pale Ale, El Conquistador boasts a hoppy taste while not overloading the drinker with its alcohol content. This XPA offers drinkers a bready, malty body highlighted by the soft lemon and melon esters flavors. By dry hopping Centennial and experimental hops from the Yakima Valley, Mission has created an XPA with a pale golden color and loads of hoppy flavor. Brewed in celebration of the head brewer's son's birth, drink one down to celebrate all that is good about life.

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LAGUNITAS BREWING

By: Chris Wise



Currently standing at number six on the list of America's top independent breweries, Lagunitas is looking to make the jump to the big leagues. Opened in 1993 in Lagunitas, California by Tony Magee, Lagunitas has become one of America's favorite craft beers. With their inventive interpretations of classic brews and unique packaging scheme, Lagunitas has built its reputation around its landmark IPA and are looking to gain some new customers. Owner Tony Magee recently completed plans which will expand his brewery's capacity by 250,000 barrels a year.

Magee managed this by purchasing the old Cinespace film studio in the Douglas Park neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois. Opening a new brewery is nothing new for owner Tony Magee, as Lagunitas has moved locations twice before. However, Lagunitas will keep its current brewery in Petaluma, California, while opening the second location in Chicago in December, 2013. This second location will not only allow Tony to expand the brewing capacity of Lagunitas, but also cut down shipping costs to the Midwest and allow Lagunitas to reach a new market.

Owner Tony Magee explains "Shipping across deserts and mountain ranges cuts down on our profits, so adding a second location, centrally located in Chicago will help us cut down on costs." The Chicago site will take over production and distribution to destinations from Denver to Maine and South Beach. Production in the tiny town of Petaluma had reached its limit, and Magee began to look to expand. As a native of Chicago, the move made sense not only on the spread sheet, but also in the heart of homegrown son of Chicago.

The brewery in Chicago will expand brewing capacity, cut down on shipping costs and allow the company to showcase their brews in the taproom. Lagunitas's current taproom in their Petaluma brewery boasts a tasting of that day's brews and some delectable munchies to fill you up while you're exploring their expansive brew menu. Not only are good food and good beer on the menu, Lagunitas has live music in their taproom Wednesday through Sunday. What more could you ask for on a warm summer afternoon in sunny California than live music, good food, good friends, and good beer?

While it may sound like Tony Magee has been solely focused on expanding his business, he and Lagunitas have never lost sight of what makes his brewery special: the love of making good beer and enjoying that beer with good people. Lagunitas

has remained active in their local community to let its customers know they appreciate all the support they have received. They do this by actively supporting charities that reach out to them on their website. All a charity has to do is submit a listing of their charity on the Lagunitas website, and Lagunitas will support them by donating a number of their brews for fundraisers. Lagunitas has supported both local and national organizations in their effort to help admirable charities.

Lagunitas makes great beers and gets involved in great charities, but they don't let it get to their heads, and they keep pushing the boundaries of brewing. Taking one look at their labels reveals they still have a sense of humor about themselves. Their Dogtown IPA boasts how far they have come from their original IPA recipe in 1993. "This is not the original Pale Ale brewed in far away 1993...It is way better. Back then the beer tasted like broccoli and kerosene and the carbonation ate right through and drained your stomach into your gut." At least they are honest about their journey. They renamed their Kronik brew Censored after the federal label-approving agency censored the name. They named one of their brews Lagunitas Sucks, to show they are not above poking fun at themselves. This irreverent attitude has allowed Lagunitas to continually push the boundaries of craft beer making, and in the process, become one of the most popular companies in the rapidly expanding craft beer markets.

LAGUNITAS IPA

The first seasonal Lagunitas ever put out, Lagunitas IPA has been cranking out since it was first introduced in 1995. Big on its hoppy-sweet finish, this pale ale balances the levels of malts and hops in order to create a highly-drinkable brew. Described by Lagunitas as "ruthlessly delicious and homicidally hopped for drinking enjoyment," this IPA is the mainstay of Lagunitas for good reason. 6.2% ABV

LAGUNITAS PILS

This Czech Style Pilsner is a lighter offer from Lagunitas, boasting loads of imported Saaz hops and a bottom-fermenting yeast strain that gives the beer its smooth finish. According to the label, "Like





Adam and Eve, Isaac and Ishmael, Mao and Confucius, Good and Evil, Day and Night, Hittites and Visigoths, John and Lorena, or Groucho and Moe, Ales and Lagers are as different as can be. Still, we must love each for who they are, separately but equally, with liberty, and justice, for all. Cheers!" While Lagunitas prides itself on its year-round IPAs, this pilsner is a great change of pace.
6% ABV

HOP STOOPID

A massively-hopped double IPA, this brew delivers on its promise to transform your state of mind. Billed as "a double-barrel dose of malt and hops guaranteed to blast right through whatever lingers from the night before," this brew is for the more adventurous IPA drinker. The Hop Stoopid combines hop extract and oils rather than flowers, which gives the beer a stronger hop flavor.
8% ABV, 102 IBUs

LITTLE SUMPIN SUMPIN

A truly unique style featuring a strong hop finish on a silky body. A filtered pale wheat ale that is great for both IPA and wheat beer fans.
7.5% ABV

MAXIMUS

First brewed in 1996, this bigger, badder version of the flagship IPA has a deeper body than the IPA. Boasting similar hops to the IPA but in much more abundance, the Maximus has a spicy finish with a lot of rose petal and increased emphasis on the hops.
8.2% ABV, 70 IBUs

Seasonals

BROWN SHUGGA

A strong American ale, Brown Shugga was originally brewed in 1997 as a botched version of Old GnarlyWine Ale resulting in this dangerous brew. Packing quite a punch at 9.99% ABV, dangerously slammable, rich, roasty, and mysteriously drinkable. According to the label, "We believe this Special Ale is Something Unique. Feeding Brown Cane Sugar to otherwise Cultured Brewery Yeast is a'kin to feeding Raw Shark to your Gerbil."
9.99% ABV, 51.1 IBUs

SUCKS ALE

Originally brewed in 2011 as a Brown Shugga substitute due to construction-induced capacity issues, Lagunitas liked it so much it had to make a return trip. Lagunitas Sucks is a "cereal medley" of barley, rye, wheat and oats.
7.85% ABV

UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION SHUTDOWN

Brewed in remembrance of the "2005 St. Patrick's Day Massacre" in which the brewery was shut down for 20 days for "operating a disorderly house" after an undercover investigation by the ABC. The brew is aggressive and bitter, much the way Lagunitas felt after the investigation. A malty and rich beer with a snappy hop finish which truly defies style, Lagunitas proudly boasts, "We did the crime. We did the time. We got the bragging rights."
9.75% ABV

LITTLE SUMPIN WILD

A higher gravity seasonal version of the year-round Little Sumpin' Sumpin' Ale. It's made with Westmalle Trappist yeast that creates those curious phenolic off-flavors that are freakin' everyone out these days. Massively dosed with boatloads of wheat and pale malt and finishes with a big, hoppy ending.
8.8% ABV

LUCKY 13

This Red Ale boasts a big Amarillo-hopped accent and was first brewed in 2006 to celebrate Lagunitas' thirteenth birthday. An "ultra-mega-mondo red ale brewed to celebrate 13 years of brewing ultra-hoppy-mega-mondo ales," the Lucky 13 is sold only in 22oz bombers.
8.9% ABV

WILCO TANGO FOXTROT

Lagunitas explains the name, "We planned to release the 2010 Recovery Ale as a follow-up to our 2009 Correction Ale, but we weren't quite recovering....WTF! So we tried to label it the Whiskey Tango Foxtrot to abide by Army call-letters, but we were told that we couldn't use the word 'whiskey' on a beer label...WTF!" A malty, robust big ol' Imperial Brown Ale that's smooth, rich, and chocolatey.
7.8% ABV

Lagunitas is distributed locally by Frank Fuhrer Wholesale.



Leinenkugel Brewing Company

Leine Orange Shandy

By: Falon Hanley



The status of the Leinenkugel brand has skyrocketed within the last few years, thanks in no small part to the popularity of its Summer Shandy. Sales of Summer Shandy

It was the first Saturday of June, 1922, a scorching spring day in the Alpine foothills of Upper Bavaria. Situated on the western edge of Perlacher Forest, Kugler Alm Biergarten was overrun by a throng of thirsty bicyclists demanding refreshment, and innkeeper Franz Kugler was not prepared. Though he had arranged for the construction of a bike trail that led right to the Kugler Alm's front door, he never anticipated the crush of 13,000 radlers descending upon his watering hole at once. As he rushed to serve his parched patrons, Kugler fretted over his quickly diminishing supply of brew. Inspiration struck when he recalled the several thousand bottles of zitronenlimonade he had stored away in the cellar. The sparkling lemon soda was, until then, of no interest to the beer-loving Bavarian public and Kugler could not figure out how to dispose of the useless inventory. Desperate to keep the radlers happy—they were the lifeblood of his business—the savvy gastronome decided to cut his dark brew with the lemon soda and

name it Radlermass, which literally translates to "cyclist's liter." Kugler fibbed, telling his patrons he purposefully crafted this thirst-quenching, low alcohol shandy for the radlers. After all, they needed to make it back down the hills without falling off their bikes! The cyclists bought Kugler's story, and the Radlermass took off, its popularity spreading throughout Bavaria and eventually, all of Germany.

When Kugler invented his Radlermass, the concept of shandy was nothing new to Europe. Variations of shandy were already being swigged by Europeans all throughout the continent for years. The English version, shandygaff, was made with equal parts ale and ginger beer. But when the Leinenkugel brothers of the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company decided in 2007 to create a shandy for the American market, they resolved to stay true to their Bavarian roots. What they came up with was Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy, an American twist on Franz Kugler's original German radler.

The Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company has a rich history of its own. In 1867, Jacob Leinenkugel, Bavarian immigrant and descendant of a long line of brewmasters, founded the original Leinenkugel Brewery in the logging town of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin with his business partner, John Miller. The soil of northern Wisconsin was just right for growing hops and grains, the rivers and Big Eddy Springs provided the perfect source for pure water, and there was no shortage of thirsty lumberjacks and sawmill workers desiring alcoholic refreshment. The brewery's beginnings were humble—Jacob and John were the only employees, and the first barrels were delivered to neighboring saloons by cart and a horse named Kate. Seventeen years later, when John Miller sold his share of the company to Jacob Leinenkugel, Jacob enlisted the help of his wife and children to keep the brewery going. Under the Leinenkugel family, the company continued to grow. Even during the Prohibition Era, when most breweries were forced to shutter their doors, the Leinenkugel's brewery adapted by creating Leino,

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a non-alcoholic “near-beer” and bottling soda water. By the time the death knell of Prohibition had sounded, the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company was the largest bottler of soda water in the region.

Five generations later, the Leinenkugel Brewing Company is still thriving under the management of brothers Jake and John Leinenkugel. In 1987, the company merged with beer giant, Miller Brewing Company, allowing the company to expand its reach throughout the upper Midwest, which remains the company’s core market, even as recognition of the Leinenkugel brand spreads rapidly into broader U.S. markets.

In fact, the status of the Leinenkugel brand has skyrocketed within the last few years, thanks in no small part to the popularity of its Summer Shandy. Sales of Summer Shandy, Leine’s take on the traditional German radler, account for one-third of the company’s total sales volume, despite being available only five months out of the year.

So what is a shandy fan to do during the bitter months? Until now, Leine’s lovers would have to safeguard their fall and winter supply by stocking up during the spring and summer. Thankfully, for those who just can’t do without their Leine’s branded shandy no matter the time of year, hoarding is no longer necessary.

Leinenkugel Brewing Company’s Orange Shandy, previously available only in variety packs, is now being offered on its own from

September through February. Inspired by the orange harvest, it is a substantial, multi-character brew that conjures visions of vibrant autumn days and cozy winter nights. Orange Shandy even looks like autumn, pouring a hazy, tony orange color. True to its name, the aroma delivers on the orange as well. Brewed with cluster hops and pale and wheat malts, its malt character is a bit more prominent than that of its Summer Shandy counterpart. The taste is enhanced by a spicy, peppery note that harmonizes nicely with the tangy, citrusy characters. It finishes clean, with just a hint of lingering orange sweetness.

Orange Shandy is great with anything spicy or toasty. Try it with toasted coconut shrimp or your favorite Thai noodle dish. If you’re BBQing this Labor Day, Orange Shandy provides the perfect complement to barbecued brisket and, mixed with vinaigrette, makes for a zesty fruit salad dressing. For those who really want to get creative, check out Peg’s Kitchen’s pancake recipe at leinie.com.

Proudly distributed by Wilson-McGinley, Leinenkugel’s Orange Shandy is available September through February in 12- and 16-ounce cans, 12-ounce bottles and on draft at your favorite watering hole.



North Country Brewing Company

By: Ricky Perrotta

At North Country Brewing Co., environmental and social consciousness, and community involvement are not mere buzzwords; they are the guiding principles upon which every aspect of the company is built.

In 1998, Bob and Jodi McCafferty purchased an old furniture store on Main Street in downtown Slippery Rock, parts of which are now over 200 years old. By time they had their grand opening in 2005, everything, from ceiling beams to window frames to the moldings on the floor, had been renovated. Using 95% reclaimed wood, recycled from the building itself or sourced from the surrounding area, Mr. and Mrs. McCafferty personally handcrafted the hardwoods, black walnut, and curly maple that give the present day building its charming, earthy feel.

Production Brewery Manager Jim Hicks confirmed what is immediately evident when visiting their website, northcountrybrewing.com—North Country Brewing

Co. cares deeply about its community and customers.

“That’s true, we try to keep everything as close, as local as possible,” says Mr. Hicks. “And everything we do is about being environmentally and socially conscious.”

The brewers at North Country Brewing Co. create 40 different, high-quality craft beers throughout the course of a given year, 12 of which are regularly available on tap. Local ingredients are used in the brewing of each drink. Select grains and fruits are brought in from local sources, as are spices and herbs. North Country Brewing Co. adds no preservatives or sugars to their beers, as the beverage travels a mere 10 feet from tank to mug. This also eliminates the need for glass bottles.

As little as possible goes to waste at North Country Brewing Co. Used oil from their fryers is refined and converted into biodiesel fuel. Their post-brewing practices are equally impressive. Spent grains are

used to feed local cows. They never touch a landfill. “Environmentally friendly would be the perfect way to put it,” boasts Mr. Hicks.

North Country Brewing Co. is active in the community on several levels. They are a member of the Rock chapter of the North Country Trail, and have adopted the State Game Land 95 section. They have also adopted the Veterans’ Memorial Garden in downtown Slippery Rock and assist Slippery Rock University in keeping the park clean and well maintained.

Beyond that, Mr. McCafferty has spearheaded what he calls the “Polish the Rock” initiative. Four times a year, volunteers from around Slippery Rock join together to sweep cinders from the streets, paint signs, pull weeds, or do anything that they can to beautify their town. It is a testament to what can be accomplished when individuals devote their time and efforts to the community.

North Country Brewing Company is cur-



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rently in the final phase of a new expansion, according to Mr. Hicks, and is set for completion next month. Currently, they are able to brew seven barrels of beer at once. After the expansion, that number will jump to 60 barrels. The 4 beers distributed will be the Station 33 Firehouse Red, the Buck Snort Stout, the Slimy Pebble Pils, and the Paleo IPA.

Not surprisingly, the choices made concerning distribution are dictated by a concern for the environment and customers. Beer will be available in aluminum cans as opposed to glass bottles. Mr. Hicks says that North Country Brewing Company's customers tend to prefer an active lifestyle--fishing, camping, hiking--and the cans are more convenient. "They're lighter, they can be crushed, and they are easier to dispose of." Aluminum also saves energy and is 99% recyclable. The typical plastic rings used to encircle 6 packs of beer are being replaced by hard cap plastic which is sturdier, returnable and reusable, and made up of 96% recycled plastic.

That's all good news, but perhaps the best news for local beer lovers is that North Country Brewing Company's craft selections are soon to be available in the Pittsburgh market. They will be proudly distributed by Vecenie Distributing Company.

STATION 33 FIREHOUSE RED

Station 33 Firehouse Red is an American Red Ale. It contains a fair amount of caramelly maltiness and a burnt sugar quality, from specialty malts, which is balanced with a discreet amount of hops. It pours a ruby color and has an ABV of 5.5%. It complements rich, aromatic, spicy and smoked foods and goes well with chili, BBQ, grilled poultry and meats. Station 33 Firehouse Red is one of North Country Brewing Company's top selling beers and is always available on tap.

BUCK SNORT STOUT

Buck Snort Stout is a West Coast Style Stout and features bold dark and roasted malt character that is heavily hopped with aromatic American hops. Its coloration is jet black and it has an ABV of 7.0%. Buck Snort Stout highlights the nuttiness and braised caramelized character of dishes with brown, savory sauces; it

complements silky, salty foods like oysters on the half shell.

SLIMY PEBBLE PILS

Slimy Pebble Pils is a Bohemian, or Czech, style pilsner. It features fresh maltiness, hints of caramel, plus plenty of aroma, along with bitterness from the spicy Czech hop, Saaz. It pours a brilliant gold and has an ABV of 5.0%. Slimy Pebble Pils works wells with salmon, tuna, and other high-fat, oily fish and marbled meats. The bitterness offers a pleasing contrast with sweet reductions and sauces.

PALEO IPA

Paleo IPA is an American India Pale Ale. This beer features light to moderate maltiness, nearly overwhelmed by resinous, grapefruit American Hops. It pours hazy gold and has an ABV of 6.2%. Paleo IPA complements intensely flavorful, highly spiced dishes and bold sweet desserts. As with the Station 33 Firehouse Red, the Paleo IPA is a customer favorite and always available on tap.

Northern County Brewing Company is located in Slippery Rock - 141 S Main St Slippery Rock, PA 16057 (724) 794-2337 for more information, directions and hours please visit them at www.north-countybrewing.com - proudly distributed locally by Vecenie Distributing Co.



NeriumAD

A Breakthrough Anti-Aging Skin Product

by Joyce Campisi



I am extremely excited to tell you about a new breakthrough anti-aging skin product, NeriumAD. I personally have been using NeriumAD and I'm here to tell you that this product really and truly works. After using NeriumAD, I noticed my fine lines and wrinkles starting to fade. Honestly, I was shocked at the results as I have tried other anti-wrinkle creams and never saw any noticeable difference, but with the NeriumAD, the results were amazing. I highly recommend this all natural night cream to everyone. Try it, see for yourself. And oh yes, best of all, they are so positive you will love this product that they offer a 30 day money back guarantee if you are not satisfied with your results.

A little more about the product: NeriumAD

is a remarkable product formulated after more than 10 years of scientific research and clinical testing by scientists and medical professionals. NeriumAD is the first and only product in the anti-aging market to use a patent-pending extract from the Nerium oleander plant (NAE-8). It is a night cream that addresses multiple skincare concerns at once, including the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles, discoloration, enlarged pores, and uneven skin texture. NeriumAD contains the most effective age-defying ingredients, including a proprietary protein blend that helps the skin appear youthful and tight. The NAE-8 extract also contains antioxidant benefits, which help reduce the appearance of many signs of aging.

Nerium™ International, LLC, headquartered in Addison, Texas, has been marketing breakthrough products validated by science. In 2011, the relationship marketing company partnered with Nerium SkinCare™ Inc. (a subsidiary of Nerium Biotechnology, Inc.®), to deliver the NeriumAD™ skincare line. These first-of-their-kind products—clinically proven to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles—are the result of leading-edge research into the Nerium oleander plant and its age-defying results when applied to the skin. Led by an executive team with more than 150 years of collective experience, Nerium International is committed to developing and distributing skincare products that are rooted in real science and produce real results that improve consumers' lives. For more information, please see www.neriumblog.net.

During advanced research on the uses of the Nerium oleander plant, an accidental discovery was made: the unique properties of Nerium oleander provided remarkable age-defying results when applied to the skin.

This finding led to the formation of Nerium International and the creation of the NeriumAD skincare line.

Nerium scientists developed a breakthrough process, NBio-PL2, to extract from the Nerium oleander plant in a way that preserves its unique and beneficial properties. This patent-pending extraction process yields the NAE-8 extract used to formulate the first-of-its-kind age-defying Nerium product line.

Nerium International is the first and only company that has the capability to harness the power of the Nerium oleander plant in its skincare products, which addresses multiple concerns at once, including wrinkles, discoloration, and texture. Nerium controls this main active ingredient from seed to bottle, making the Nerium skincare line both high-impact and exclusive. This is the Nerium Difference.

If you have vibrant skin and want to retain that youthful, healthy glow for life, or wish you looked ten years younger so your outward appearance matched your inner youth, NeriumAD products have you covered!

The NeriumAD product line is effective from the first application; however, you will see remarkable improvements in your skin's appearance through continuous use. Ultimately, we know you want lasting results. That's why NeriumAD is an ongoing choice, a daily ritual, which will help you achieve youthful-looking skin. No matter how young or old you are, great skin begins with NeriumAD. Are you ready to reflect your youth?

NeriumAD products are available at www.mynerium.com or you can order it locally from a personal friend of mine, Don Mervis at www.donmervis.nerium.com

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SPANK! returns to the Byham Theater on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 8:00 pm, Friday, September 20, 2013 at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets start at \$35.50 and can be purchased at www.TrustArts.org or through the Box Office at (412) 456-6666. To purchase 10 or more tickets at discounted rates, please call (412) 471-6930. This tour is presented by Mills Entertainment and The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust as part of the Cohen & Grigsby Trust Presents series.

Since its premiere in October of 2012, SPANK! has become a huge box office hit with tour dates in over 70 cities across the United States and Canada.

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“Well written comedy not to be missed” – Oakland Press

“A spankin’ good time” – The Weekender

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The story follows the writer and main character, E.B. Janet, as she sends her husband and children away to partake in a weekend of writing. Setting her sites on a tale of erotica, she enlists a bottle of chardonnay as her co-author for the weekend. Her fantasy builds around the relationship of a young innocent girl, Tasha Wood, and a handsome man that she finds herself involved with, Hugh Hansen. Producer Michael Mills promises “a laugh-filled evening that captures all of the escapist fun and absurdity of the novel, bringing the characters to light with creative and fun musical numbers.”

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The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust has overseen one of Pittsburgh’s most historic transformations: turning a seedy red-light district into a magnet destination for arts lovers, residents, visitors, and business owners. Founded in 1984, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is a non-profit arts organization whose mission is the cultural and economic revitalization of a 14-block arts and entertainment/residential neighborhood called the Cultural District. The District is one of the country’s largest land masses “curated”



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2 GINGERS® IRISH WHISKEY ANNOUNCES U.S. EXPANSION

Fastest Growing Irish Whiskey in the U.S.* Expands Availability to Nine New Markets in 2013



2 GINGERS® Irish Whiskey – the newest member of the award-winning Irish whiskey portfolio from the Kilbeggan Distilling Co.™ – announces its expansion into nine new states in 2013.

The whiskey is the delicious product of a good idea dreamed up by Kieran Folliard, a native Irishman and former owner of one of the top-selling Irish whiskey bars in the U.S. With his passion and expertise in the category, Folliard has helped 2 GINGERS® quickly become the fastest growing Irish whiskey in the U.S.* since its launch in January 2012.

Beam Inc. (NYSE:BEAM) acquired 2 GINGERS® in December 2012 and since that time has quickly expanded distribution. Currently available in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Massachusetts, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin, 2 GINGERS® will now also be available in Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington in 2013.

“The response fans have had to 2 GINGERS® thus far is remarkable, and I’m thrilled to bring this great-tasting whiskey to new markets,” said Folliard, Chief Operating Officer of 2 GINGERS® and Chief Brand Ambassador for the Kilbeggan Distilling Co.™ in the U.S. “The brand is dedicated to those who, like me, choose to actively pursue their passions, and I hope the spirit of our whiskey will inspire consumers across the country to follow their own.”

To spread the word about 2 GINGERS® in each of its key markets, Beam has enlisted nine recent Irish college graduates to act as brand ambassadors. Each ambassador was selected through the IBEC Export Orientation Programme (EOP) and attended an intensive 10-day induction course at the Kilbeggan Institute of Irish Whiskey Excellence at the Kilbeggan Distillery in Co. Westmeath.



Having worked with the distilling team on every aspect of whiskey production from distillation to maturation, each ambassador will help raise awareness of Irish whiskey in their market.

2 GINGERS® is a smooth, malty and slightly sweet premium, blended Irish whiskey. Distilled with mixability in mind, the brand created and trademarked two balanced and simple cocktails, the BIG GINGER® and SKINNY GINGER®. Genderless and appropriate for all seasons, these cocktails combine the refreshing bite of ginger ale with the caramel, vanilla and citrus undertones of 2 GINGERS®, creating the perfect recipe for spirits lovers who may not yet consider themselves whiskey drinkers.

BIG GINGER®

- **2 parts 2 GINGERS® Irish Whiskey**
- **Ginger Ale**
- **Lemon Wedge**
- **Lime Wedge**

METHOD: Pour the 2 GINGERS® Irish Whiskey into a pint glass with ice. Top with ginger ale, followed by a wedge of a lemon and lime.

SKINNY GINGER®

- **2 parts 2 GINGERS® Irish Whiskey**
- **Diet Ginger Ale**
- **Lemon Wedge**
- **Lime Wedge**

METHOD: Pour the 2 GINGERS® Irish Whiskey into a pint glass with ice. Top with diet ginger ale, followed by a wedge of a lemon and lime.

Inspired by Folliard's mother and aunt – the two fiery red-heads featured on the bottle – 2 GINGERS® originally launched in Minneapolis in January 2012. For more information on 2 GINGERS® Irish Whiskey, which sells at a suggested retail price of \$19.99 for a 750ml bottle, please visit www.2GINGERSwhiskey.com, like us [facebook.com/2GINGERS](https://www.facebook.com/2GINGERS) or follow @2GINGERSwhiskey.

Nothing beats a crisp refreshing whiskey cocktail during the warm days of summer. Here are some cocktails with a modern classic that pairs whiskey ginger ale in a twist on the Moscow Mule or Dark and Stormy cocktails. This cocktail is easy to make and makes a perfect summer sipper.

Moscow Mule Twist

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Total Time: 5 minutes

Yield: 1 Cocktail

Ingredients:

- **1 part Whiskey**
- **1 part Ginger ale**
- **Splash of Cointreau orange liqueur**
- **1 orange slice**

Preparation:

1. **Muddle an orange slice in an old-fashioned glass with a splash of Cointreau.**
2. **Add in equal parts Maker's Mark Bourbon and ginger ale.**
3. **Stir gently.**
4. **Top off with ice and serve**

CLASSIC WHISKY/WHISKEY DRINKS:

Old Fashioned

- 2 oz bourbon whiskey**
- 2 dashes Angostura® bitters**
- 1 splash water**
- 1 tsp sugar**
- 1 maraschino cherry**
- 1 orange wedge**

Mix sugar, water and angostura bitters in an old-fashioned glass. Drop in a cherry and an orange wedge. Muddle into a paste using a muddler or the back end of a spoon. Pour in bourbon, fill with ice cubes, and stir.



Manhattan

- 1 oz Johnnie Walker® Black Label Scotch whisky**
- 0.5 oz sweet vermouth**

Add Scotch or Bourbon and sweet vermouth. Mix and serve in martini glass.

Perfect Manhattan

This recipe is for a single classic, premium Manhattan. It makes a rather large, potent double that has sipping-good flavor. Knob Creek is perfect for a Manhattan. Its slightly sweet flavors stand out in this drink. Any premium sweet vermouth may be substituted. It isn't a Manhattan without bitters.

Scale ingredients to servings

- 3 oz Knob Creek® bourbon whiskey Small Batch**
- 1 oz Martini & Rossi® sweet vermouth**
- 2 dashes Angostura® bitters**
- 1 stemmed maraschino cherry**

Chill martini-type cocktail glasses. (Three ice cubes and a shot or two of water will get the job done quickly.) Put several ice cubes (not crushed) in a pitcher, or a large glass tumbler. Add bourbon, vermouth, and bitters per the recipe. Gently swirl or stir for at least 20 seconds. Do not hurry this, and absolutely do *not* shake it. Strain into chilled cocktail glass. Add stemmed Maraschino cherry.

Nightwire 10th Birthday Celebration Wrap Up

by: Falon Hanley

Packed cozily into the backroom of a smoky bar on East Carson Street, staff, family, and friends of Nightwire celebrated the magazine's 10th birthday on August 17th. The evening was sponsored in part by Blue Moon and White Diamond Vodka. It was graciously hosted by Casey's Draft House. Guests enjoyed drink specials and light refreshments. A raffle was held with prizes contributed by Drusky Entertainment, #1 concert promoter in the City, Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale Company, Galli Beer Dist. Co., Vecenie's Distributing Company, Wilson-McGinley Co. Beer Distributors, BZ Bar & Grill on the North Shore, Hal's Bar & Grill, North Hills. There were so many giveaways that nearly everybody won something. Some lucky partygoers left with concert tickets and t-shirts and others—new friends.

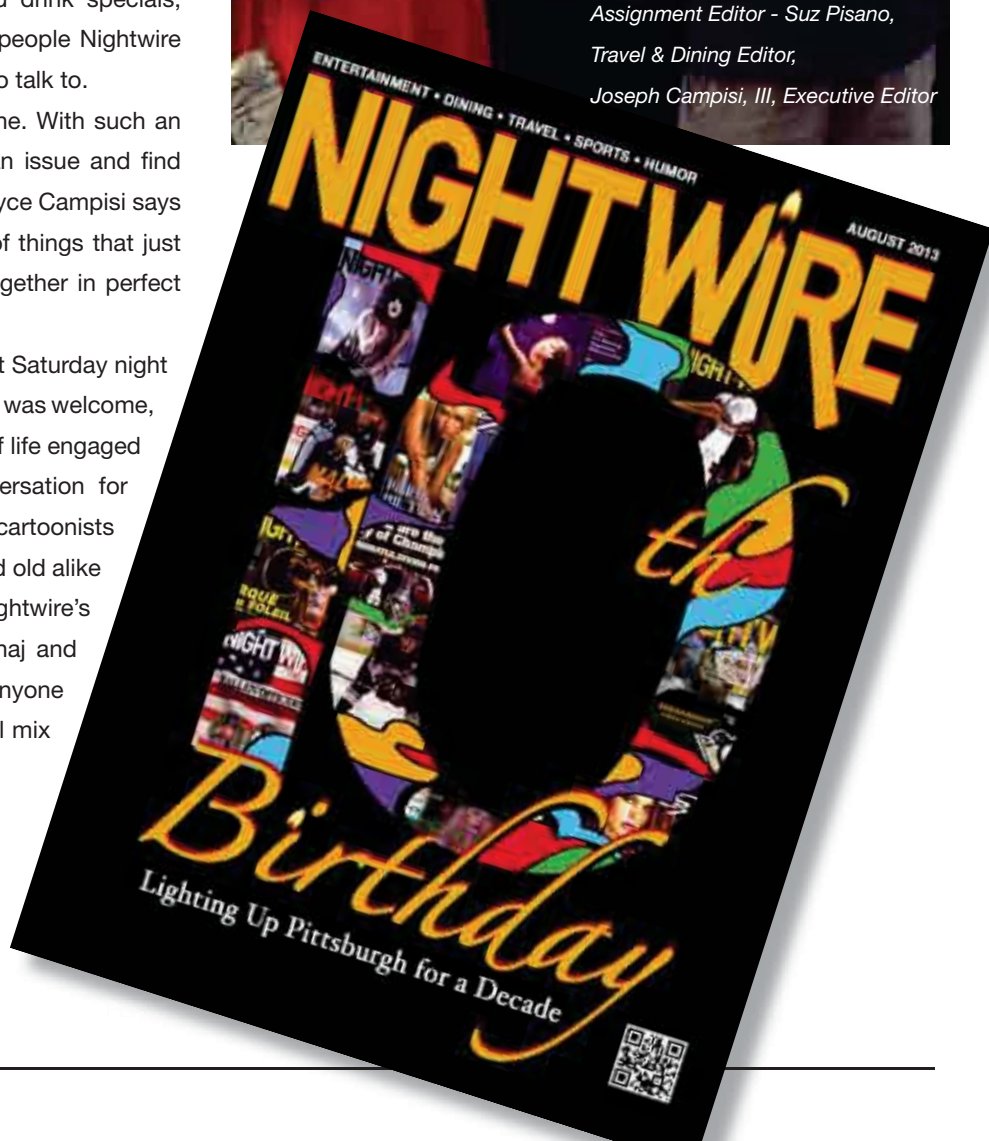
Making friends in this crowd was easy. Perhaps due in part to the awesome Blue Moon and White Diamond drink specials, but most likely because that's just the type of people Nightwire attracts: outgoing, friendly, laid-back and easy to talk to.

Nightwire is definitely a one-of-a-kind magazine. With such an eclectic mix of content, anyone can pick up an issue and find something of interest to read about. Founder Joyce Campisi says on nightwire.net that Nightwire is "a montage of things that just don't seem to fit, but somehow it all blends together in perfect harmony."

The diverse group of people who came out that Saturday night certainly echoed the spirit of Nightwire. Everyone was welcome, everyone was smiling, and folks from all walks of life engaged with one another, sharing laughter and conversation for hours. Truck-drivers and costume designers, cartoonists and bikers; gay, straight, black, white, young and old alike formed the crowd that gathered to celebrate Nightwire's 10th year of success. We danced to Nicki Minaj and sang along with Simon and Garfunkel. For anyone looking from the outside in, we were an unusual mix of people who, perhaps, didn't seem to fit



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They provided our limousine for our 10th birthday celebration. Our driver, Dave was exceptional. He was professional, courteous and on time, treating us way beyond first class. We found the limo well stocked with drinks and yes, we definitely took advantage of that! We were all amazed at how they took care of every detail. It was an amazing evening thanks to TDF Limousine. It's no wonder they are Pittsburgh's #1 limousine service. Their entire staff and our entire experience made us feel like rock stars!

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The Amazing Italian!

A salesman drove into a small town where a circus was playing, a sign was posted: DON'T MISS THE AMAZING ITALIAN! Sounded interesting enough so the salesman bought a ticket and went to the circus and took a seat. There, under the big top, in the center ring, was a table with three walnuts on it. Standing next to it was an old Italian. Suddenly, the old man dropped his pants, whipped out his huge male member, and smashed all the walnuts with three mighty swings! The crowd erupted in applause and the elderly Italian was carried off on their shoulders. Fifteen years later the salesman happened upon the same little town, and found the same circus, and saw one of the same faded signs that read: DON'T MISS THE AMAZING ITALIAN! He couldn't believe the old guy was still alive much less still doing his act! He bought a ticket. Again, the center ring was illuminated. This time however, instead of walnuts, three coconuts were placed on the table. The old Italian stood before them, then suddenly dropped his pants and smashed the coconuts with three swings of his amazing member. The crowd went wild! Flabbergasted, this salesman requested a meeting with the Italian after the show. "You're incredible," he told the Italian, but I have to know something. I saw your act 15 years ago and you were using walnuts. Why the switch from walnuts to coconuts?" "Well," said the Italian, "My eyes aren't what they used to be."

Catholic Parrots

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him. "Father I have a problem. I have 2 female parrots, but they only know how to say one thing. "What do they say?" the priest asks "They say Hi, were hookers! Do you want to have some fun?" That's obscene! The priest exclaimed. Then he thought for a moment. "You know," he said "I have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the bible. bring your 2 parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in together with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray, read the Bible and worship " "Thank you," the woman responded "This may very well be the solution". The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her 2 parrots in with them. After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison "Hi were hookers' do you want to have some fun"? There was a stunned silence. Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and said....."Put the beads away frank our prayers have been answered!!"

Senior Church Moment

A Preacher was explaining that he must move on to a larger congregation that will pay him more. There is a hush within the congregation---no one wanted him to leave. Joe Smith, who owns several car dealerships in the City stands up and proclaims, 'If the Preacher stays, I will provide him with a new Cadillac every year, and his wife with a Honda mini-van to transport their children!' The congregation sighs in relief, and applauds. Sam Brown, a successful entrepreneur and investor, stands and says, 'If the Preacher will stay on here, I'll personally double his salary, and also establish a foundation to guarantee the college education of all his children!' More sighs and loud applause. Sadie Jones, age 88, stands and announces with a smile, 'If the Preacher stays, I will give him sex!' There is total silence. The Preacher, blushing, asks her, 'Mrs. Jones, whatever possessed you to say that?' Sadie's 90 year old husband Jake is now trying to hide, holding his forehead with the palm of his hand, and shaking his head from side to side, while his wife replies, 'Well, I just asked my husband how we could help, and he said,.....'Screw him!' Isn't senility wonderful?

Wal-Mart Has Everything

One day, in line at the company cafeteria, Joe says to Mike behind him, "My elbow hurts like heck. I guess I'd better see a doctor." "Listen, you don't have to spend that kind of money," Mike replies.



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“There’s a diagnostic computer down at Wal-Mart. Just give it a urine sample and the computer will tell you what’s wrong and what to do about it. It takes ten seconds and costs ten dollars. A lot cheaper than a doctor.” So, Joe deposits a urine sample in a small jar and takes it to Wal-Mart. He deposits ten dollars, and the computer lights up and asks for the urine sample. He pours the sample into the slot and waits. Ten seconds later, the computer ejects a printout: “You have tennis elbow. Soak your arm in warm water and avoid heavy activity. It will improve in two weeks. Thank you for shopping @ Wal-Mart.” That evening, while thinking how amazing this new technology was, Joe began wondering if the computer could be fooled. He mixed some tap water, a stool sample from his dog, urine samples from his wife and daughter, and a sperm sample for good measure. Joe hurries back to Wal-Mart, eager to check the results. He deposits ten dollars, pours in his concoction, and awaits the results. The computer prints the following:

1. Your tap water is too hard. Get a water softener. (Aisle 9)
2. Your dog has ringworm. Bathe him with anti-fungal shampoo. (Aisle 7)
3. Your daughter has a cocaine habit. Get her into rehab.
4. Your wife is pregnant. Twins. They aren’t yours. Get a lawyer.
5. If you don’t stop playing with yourself, your elbow will never get better! Thank you for shopping @ Wal-Mart

An Actual Letter to the Passport Office

Dear Sirs:

I’m in the process of renewing my passport, and still cannot believe this.. How is it that Radio Shack has my address and telephone number and knows that I bought a TV cable from them back in 1987, and yet, the Federal Government is still asking me where I was born, and on what date. For pity sakes, do you guys do this by hand? My birth date you have on my social security card, and it is on all the income tax forms I’ve filed for the past 30 years. It is on my health insurance card, my driver’s license, on the last eight damn passports I’ve had, on all those stupid customs declaration forms I’ve had to fill out before being allowed off the planes over the last 30 years, and all those insufferable census forms that are done at election times. Would somebody please take note, for the last time, that my late mother’s name was Maryann, my late father’s name was Robert, and I’d be absolutely astounded if that ever will change between now and when I die! I apologize; I’m really stressed out this morning. Between you and me, I’ve had enough of this bullshit! You send the application to my house, then you ask me for my freaking address. What is going on? Do you have a gang of Neanderthal working there! Look at my damn picture. Do I

look like Osama Bin Laden? I don’t want to dig up Yasser Arafat. I just want to go and park my sorry old ass on a sandy beach. And, would someone please tell me why would you give a crap whether I plan on visiting a farm in the next 15 days? If I ever got the urge to do something weird to a chicken or a goat, believe you me, I’d sure as hell not want to tell anyone! Well, I have to go now, ‘cause I have to go to the other end of the city and get another freaking copy of my birth certificate, to the tune of \$60. Would it be so complicated to have all the services in the same spot to assist in the issuance of a new passport the same day?? Nooooo, that’d be to easy and maybe makes sense. You’d rather have us running all over the freaking place like chickens with our heads cut off, then find some a-hole to confirm that it’s really me on the damn picture - you know, the one where we’re not allowed to smile?! Hey, you know why we can’t smile? Because we’re totally ticked off!

Signed - An Irate Citizen.

P.S. Remember what I said above about the picture and getting someone to confirm that it’s me? Well, my family has been in this country since 1776 I have served in the military for something over 30 years and have had security clearances up the ying-yang. Sincerely, You Sure In The Hell Should Know Who.

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JOKE DU JOUR - QUICKIE

Tillie - Maude - Gertrude, three old ladies and their dogs were sitting on a park bench having a quiet conversation when a flasher approached. The flasher came up to the ladies, stood right in front of them and opened his trench coat.

Gertrude immediately had a stroke. Then Maude also had a stroke. Tillie, being older and more feeble, couldn't reach that far.

Choosing a Spouse

A man wanted to get married. He was having trouble choosing among three likely candidates. He gives each woman a present of \$5,000 and watches to see what they do with the money. The first does a total makeover. She goes to a fancy beauty salon, gets her hair done, new makeup; buys several new outfits and dresses up very nicely for the man. She tells him that she has done this to be more attractive for him because she loves him so much. The man was impressed. The second goes shopping to buy the man gifts. She gets him a new set of golf clubs, some new gizmos for his computer, and some expensive clothes. As she presents these gifts, she tells him that she has spent all the money on him because she loves him so much. Again, the man is impressed. The third invests the money in the stock market. She earns several times the \$5,000. She gives him back his \$5,000 and reinvests the remainder in a joint account. She tells him that she wants to save for their future because she loves him so much. Obviously, the man was impressed. The man thought for a long time about what each woman had done with the money he'd given her. Then he married the one with the biggest boobs. Men are like that, you know.

The Perfect Solution to Senior Health Care

While discussing the upcoming Universal Health Care Program with my sister-in-law the other day, I think we have found the solution. I am sure you have heard the ideas that if you're a senior you need to suck it up and give up the idea that you need any health care. A new hip? Unheard of. We simply can't afford to take care of you anymore. You don't need any medications for your high blood pressure, diabetes, heart problems, etc. Let's take care of the young people.. After all, they will be ruling the world very soon. So here is the solution. When you turn 70, you get a gun and 4 bullets. You are allowed to shoot 2 senators and 2 representatives. Of course, you will be sent to prison where you will get 3 meals a day, a roof over your head and all the health care you need!!! New teeth, great!!! Need glasses, no problem. New hip, knee, kidney, lung, heart? Well bring it on. And who will be paying for all of this. The same government that just told you that you are too old for health

care. And, since you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any income tax. I really think we have a Perfect Solution!!!

Operating Humor

Five surgeons from big cities are discussing who makes the best patients to operate on, The 1st surgeon, from New York, says, "I like to see accountants on my operating table because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered." The 2nd, from Chicago, responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded. The 3rd surgeon, from Dallas, says, "No, I really think librarians are the best, everything inside them is in alphabetical order." The 4th surgeon, from Los Angeles chimes in, "You know, I like construction workers, those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over." But the 5th surgeon, from Washington D.C., shut them all up when he observed, "You're all wrong. politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no brains and no spine. Plus, the head and butt are interchangeable.

A Little Biblical Humor

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q.. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden ?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan the banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark ?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

PS. Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

Yup, it's in the Bible. It says ... 'He brews'

Humor is good for the soul as well as your health.

The Broken Lawn Mower

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf always something more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, 'When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.' The doctors said I might walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Sex After Death

A couple made a deal that who ever died first would come back and inform the other of the afterlife. Their biggest fear was that there was no after life. After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact, "ConnieConnie.": "Is that you, Joe?" "Yes, I've come back like we agreed." "That's wonderful! What's it like?" "Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex. I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch (you'd be proud - lots of greens) another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. After supper, it's back to golf course again. Then it's more sex until late at night. I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again."

"Oh, Joe you surely must be in Heaven!" "Not exactly I'm a rabbit on a golf course in Arizona"

I Want to Buy That

A blonde goes into a nearby store and asks a clerk if she can buy the TV in the corner. The clerk looks at her and says that he doesn't serve blondes, so she goes back home and dyes her hair black. The next day she returns to the store and asks the same thing, and again, the clerk said he doesn't serve blondes. Frustrated, the blonde goes home and dyes her hair yet again, to a shade of red. Sure that a clerk would sell her the TV this time, she returns and asks a different clerk this time. To her astonishment, this clerk also says that she doesn't serve blondes. The blonde asks the clerk, "How in the world do you know I am a blonde?" The clerk looks at her disgustedly and says, "That's not a TV -- it's a microwave!"

Blonde Car Accident

One day, while a blonde was out driving her car, she ran into a truck. The truck's driver made her pull over into a parking lot and get out of the car. He took a piece of chalk and drew a circle on the pavement. He told her to stand in the middle and not leave the circle. Furious, he went over to her car and slashed the tires. The blonde started laughing. This made the man angrier so he smashed



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her windshield. This time the blonde laughed even harder. Livid, the man broke all her windows and keyed her car. The blonde is now laughing hysterically, so the truck driver asks her what's so funny. The blonde giggles and replies, "When you weren't looking, I stepped out of the circle three times!"

Rowing Your Boat

Two blondes were driving along a road by a wheat field when they saw a blonde in the middle of the field rowing a row boat. The driver blonde turned to her friend and said "You know - it's blondes like that that give us a bad name!" To this, the other blonde replies "I know it, and if I knew how to swim, I'd go out there and drown her."

Question and Answer Blonde Jokes

Q: How do blonde brain cells die?

A: Alone.

Q: How do you brainwash a blonde?

A: Give her a douche and shake her upside down.



Q: How do you change a blonde's mind?

A: Blow in her ear.

Q: How do you measure a blonde's intelligence?

A: Stick a tire pressure gauge in her ear!

Q: How does a blonde kill a fish?

A: She drowns it.

Q: A blond going to London on a plane, how can you steal her window seat?

A: Tell her the seats that are going to London are all in the middle row.

Q: How do you amuse a blonde for hours?

A: Write 'Please turn over' on both sides of a piece of paper

Boat Troubles

During late spring one year, a blonde was trying out her new boat. She was unable to have her boat perform, travel through water, or do any maneuvers whatsoever no matter how hard she tried. After trying for over three days to make it work properly, she decided to seek help. She putted the boat over to the local marina in hopes that someone there could identify her problem. Workers determined that everything from the engine to the outdrive was working perfectly on the topside of the boat. So, a puzzled marina employee jumped into the water to check underneath the boat for problems. Because he was laughing so hard, he came up choking on water and gasping for air. Under the boat, still strapped in place securely, was the trailer.

Do You Know Where You Were Going?

A policeman pulled a blonde over after he/she'd been driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Cop: Do you know where you were going? Blonde: No, but wherever it is, it must be bad because all the cars were leaving.

Trouble Sleeping

The woman seated herself in the psychiatrist's office. "What seems to be the problem?" the doctor asked. "Well, I, uh," she stammered. "I think I, uh, might be a nymphomaniac." "I see," he said. "I can help you, but I must advise you that my fee is \$80 an hour." "That's not bad," she replied. "How much for all night?"

Low Self-Esteem

A guy had been feeling down for so long that he finally decided to seek the aid of a psychiatrist. He went there, lay on the couch, spilled his guts then waited for the profound wisdom of the psychiatrist to make him feel better. The psychiatrist asked me a few questions, took some notes then sat thinking in silence for a few minutes with a puzzled look on his face. Suddenly, he looked up with an expression of delight and said, "Um, I think your problem is low self-esteem. It is very common among losers."

Loud, Mad, or Sad

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test. Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?" A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

You Are a Chicken

A man runs to the doctor and says, "Doctor, you've got to help

me. My wife thinks she's a chicken!" The doctor asks, "How long has she had this condition?" "Two years," says the man. "Then why did it take you so long to come and see me?" asked the shrink. The man shrugs his shoulders and replies, "We needed the eggs."

Feel Better Now

Mary was having a tough day and had stretched herself out on the couch to do a bit of what she thought to be well-deserved complaining and self-pitying. She moaned to her mom and brother, "Nobody loves me ... the whole world hates me!" Her brother, busily occupied playing a game, hardly looked up at her and passed on this encouraging word: "That's not true, Mary. Some people don't even know you."

Who Can Say This Sentence?

The Taco Bell Chihuahua, a Doberman and a Bulldog are in a bar having a drink when a great-looking female Collie comes up to them and says, "Whoever can say liver and cheese in a sentence can have me." So the Doberman says, "I love liver and cheese." The Collie replies, "That's not good enough." The Bulldog says, "I hate liver and cheese." She says, "That's not creative enough." Finally, the Chihuahua says, "Liver alone . . . cheese mine."



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I Didn't Get Any Money This Time

A man in a bar sees a friend at a table, drinking by himself. Approaching the friend he comments, "You look terrible. What's the problem?" "My mother died in August," he said, "and left me \$25,000." "Gee, that's tough," he replied. "Then in September," the friend continued, "My father died, leaving me \$90,000." "Wow. Two parents gone in two months. No wonder you're depressed." "And last month my aunt died, and left me \$15,000." "Three close family members lost in three months? How sad." "Then this month," continued, the friend, "absolutely nothing!"

Reasons To Allow Drinking at Work

The below are valid reasons as to why drinking should be allowed at work. If you use them wisely, you may even be able to convince your boss into allowing alcohol.

1. It's an incentive to show up.
2. It reduces stress.
3. It leads to more honest communications.
4. It reduces complaints about low pay.
5. It cuts down on time off because you can work with a hangover.
6. Employees tell management what they think, not what

management wants to hear.

7. It helps save on heating costs in the winter.
8. It encourages carpooling.
9. Increases job satisfaction because if you have a bad job you don't care.
10. It eliminates vacations because people would rather come to work.
11. It makes fellow employees look better.
12. It makes the cafeteria food taste better.
13. Bosses are more likely to hand out raises when they are wasted.
14. Salary negotiations are a lot more profitable.
15. If something does something stupid on the job, it will be quickly forgotten.

He Is a Very Fast Drinker

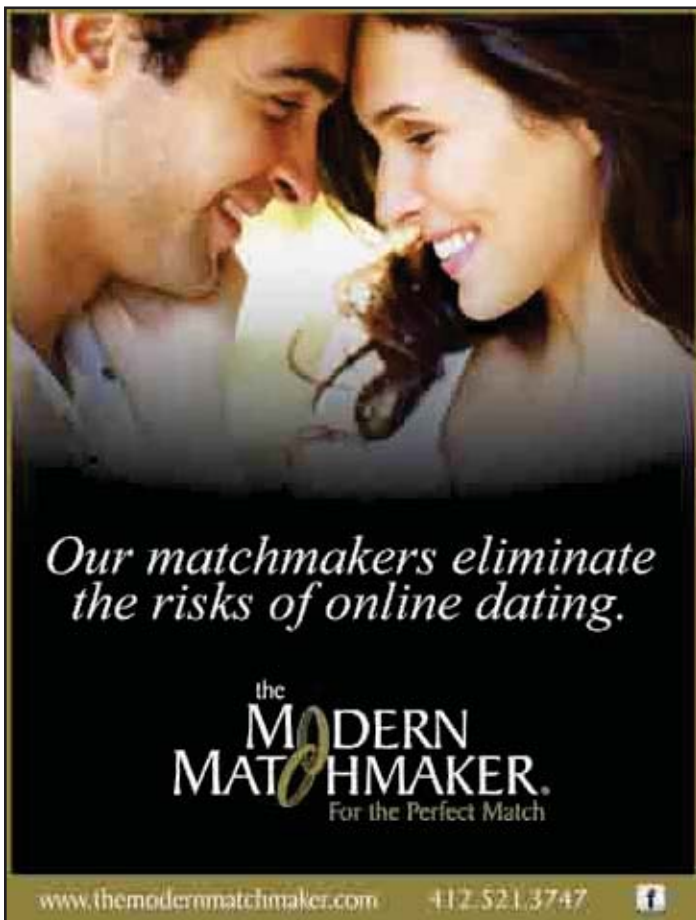
A man goes into a bar and seats himself on a stool. The bartender looks at him and says, "What'll it be buddy?" The man says, "Set me up with seven whiskey shots and make them doubles." The bartender does this and watches the man slug one down, then the next, then the next, and so on until all seven are gone almost as quickly as they were served. Staring in disbelief, the bartender asks why he's doing all this drinking. "You'd drink them this fast too if you had what I have." The bartender hastily asks, "What do you have pal?" The man quickly replies, "I have a dollar."

You Can't Bring That Dog in This Bar

A man goes to a bar with his dog. He goes up to the bar and asks for a drink. The bartender says "You can't bring that dog in here!" The guy, without missing a beat, says "This is my seeing-eye dog." "Oh man," the bartender says, "I'm sorry, here, the first one's on me." The man takes his drink and goes to a table near the door. Another guy walks in the bar with a Chihuahua. The first guy sees him, stops him and says "You can't bring that dog in here unless you tell him it's a seeing-eye dog." The second man graciously thanks the first man and continues to the bar. He asks for a drink. The bartender says "Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!" The second man replies "This is my seeing-eye dog." The bartender says, "No, I don't think so. They do not have Chihuahuas as seeing-eye dogs." The man pauses for a half-second and replies "What?!?! They gave me a Chihuahua?!?"

The Story of a Very Short Man

A man walks into a bar and says, "Bartender, give me two shots." Bartender says, "You want them both now or one at a time?" The



guy says,” Oh, I want them both now. One’s for me and one’s for this little guy here,” and he pulls a tiny three inch man out of his pocket. The bartender asks “He can drink?” “Oh, sure. He can drink.” So the bartender pours the shots and sure enough, the little guy drinks it all up. “That’s amazing” says the bartender. “What else can he do, can he walk?” The man flicks a quarter down to the end of the bar and says, “Hey, Jake. Go get that.” The little guy runs down to the end of the bar and picks up the quarter. Then he runs back down and gives it to the man. The bartender is in total shock. “That’s amazing” he says, “what else can he do? Does he talk?” The man says “Sure he talks, hey, Jake, tell him about that time we were in Africa and you made fun of that witch doctor’s powers!”

Top Ten Signs That You Are Too Drunk

10. You have to hold onto the lawn to keep from falling off the Earth.
9. Mosquitoes catch a buzz after attacking you.
8. The back of your head keeps getting hit by the toilet seat.
7. Your idea of cutting back is less salt.
6. You can focus better with one eye closed.

5. You fall off the floor.
5. The whole bar greets you when you come in.
4. You haven’t had a driver’s license in such a long time that you have forgotten what one looks like.
3. Roseanne looks good.
2. You don’t recognize your wife/husband unless seen through bottom of glass.
1. You spent more time on the floor than you do standing up.

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3. Try walking. What happened? Did you: (a) find it impossible to stand up; (b) fall after standing up; (c) walk fifty feet before falling flat on your face; (d) walk one thousand feet without falling.

4. How did you get to the bar? I got here in: (a) my brand new chauffer-driven limo; (b) a brand new car; (c) a used car; (d) a rented, rusted, and damaged 1950 import.

5. What do you think of your strength? I am: (a) invincible; (b) stronger than anyone in the bar; (c) as strong as the average man; (d) a weak and pathetic being.

Question answer values

For every question answered with an A, add ten points.

For every question answered with a B, add five points.

For every question answered with a C, do not change the score.

For every question answered with a D, subtract five points.

For every question answered with an E, add one hundred points.

Results

For scores ranging from fifty to 135, congratulations. You're over and above the normal drunk. Generally, at least they are able to

select a valid option. An e option does not even exist on this test. You should probably check yourself into a hospital for alcohol poisoning.

For scores ranging from thirty-five to fifty, you had ten too many beers. If you plan on driving home, make out a will first--that is, if you can even remember your own name. Lastly, don't even think about standing up.

For scores ranging from fifteen to thirty-five, you have had one too many beers. Don't drive unless you want a higher insurance rate. Standing up will probably result in injury.

For scores ranging from zero to fifteen, you may want to stop drinking now. You have probably had enough beers but don't drive unless you want a ticket. If you choose to ignore the tip to stop drinking, it is not a problem; you probably still have the ability to stand up.

For scores ranging from negative twenty-five to zero, you must just be getting started! I bet you don't even have one beer in you. In terms of driving, you are probably just getting out of the car and are walking to the bar this very moment.

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25 Football Jokes

1. A Voice in the Darkness
The Seven Dwarfs were marching through the forest one day they fell in a deep, dark ravine. Snow White, who was following along, peered over the edge of the steep chasm and called out to the fallen dwarfs. From the depths of the dark hole a voice returned, "The Seattle Seahawks are Super Bowl contenders." Snow White thought to herself, "Thank God... at least Dopey's survived!"
2. It's a Wonder
Why do San Diego Chargers players keep their Wonderlic results on their dash boards? So they can park in the handicap spaces.
3. Kissing' Cousins
What do you get when you put the girlfriends of a dozen Tennessee Titans fans in one room? A full set of teeth!
4. Grounded
Why did the NY Jets players miss their flight for the big game? They were stuck on a broken escalator!
5. Hit and Run
If you see an Oakland Raiders fan on a bike, why should you

- not swerve to hit him? It could be your bike.
6. A Day at the Beach
What do you get if you see a New England Patriots fan buried up to his neck in sand? More sand!
 7. No Way Out
You're trapped in a room with an angry grizzly bear, a hungry Lion, and a fan of Denver Broncos. You have a gun with two bullets. What should you do? Shoot the Bronco's fan... twice.
 8. On the Bright Side
What do you call a Buffalo Bill's fan with half a brain? Gifted!
 9. Playing Possum
Why the Arizona Cardinals are like a possum? Because they play dead at home and get killed on the road.
 10. Licking the Problem
What did the average San Francisco 49er player get on his Wonderlic test? Drool!
 11. Higher Education
What does the N stand for on the sides of the Nebraska football helmets? Knowledge!
 12. Low Blow
What's the best way to circumcise a Virginia Tech fan? Kick his sister in the chin.
 13. Southern Fun
Why do Miami Cheerleaders wear panties? To keep their ankles warm.
 14. Safety First
How do Seminoles practice safe sex? They get rid of all the animals that kick.
 15. Efficiency
Why did UT choose Orange for the team color? So the fans could wear it on Saturday to the game, on Sunday to go hunting, and the rest of the week picking up garbage on the highways.
 16. Differences
What's the difference between a winning Raiders team and a UFO? Someone has seen a UFO.
 17. Shiny Ring
What do you call a Cleveland Brown with a Super Bowl ring? A thief
 18. Desire
Why doesn't Columbus, Ohio have a professional football team? Because then Cleveland would want one.
 19. Field Location
What do you call Bears quarterback on the Colts' 10-yard line? Lost



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20. More Differences
What's the difference between a Raiders fan and a Chimp?
Ones hairy, stupid and smells, and the other is a Chimpanzee.
21. Lights Out
How do you knock out a Raiders fan when he's been drinking?
Slam the toilet seat on his head.
22. Similarities
What do Raiders fans and laxatives have in common? Both irritate the absolute crap out of you.
23. Employment
What do you say to a Raiders fan with a job? "I'll have a Big Mac, fries and a coke, please."
24. Time for change
What's the difference between the Buffalo Bills and a dollar bill? You can still get four quarters out of a dollar.
25. Weather
Where do you go in Philadelphia in case of a tornado? To the Linc - they never have a touchdown there!

First Grade Teacher

A first-grade teacher explains to her class that she is a Cleveland Browns fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they are Browns fans too. Not really knowing what a Browns fan was, but wanting to be liked by their teacher, their hands fly into the air. There is, however, one exception. Kelly has not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asks her why she has decided to be different. "Because I'm not a Browns fan" she reports. "Then," asks the teacher, "What are you?" "I'm a Pittsburgh Steelers fan," boasts the little girl. The teacher asks Susie why she is a Steeler fan. "Well, my Dad and Mom are Steelers fans, so I'm a Steelers fan too," she responds. "That's no reason," the teacher says. "What if your mom was a moron, and your dad was an idiot. What would you be then?" Kelly smiles and says, "Then I'd be a Browns fan."

Executions

There was a Brown's fan, a Steelers fan, and a Bug Eater. They attempted to rob a bank but got caught. They went to court and were sentenced to the electric chair. The guys operating it told them that if they survived they were free to go. The Steelers fan went first. They asked him if he had any last words to say. He told them no. He pressed the button and nothing happened so he was free to go. The bug eater went next. They asked him if he had any last words to say. He said no and pressed the button. Nothing happened and he was free to go. The Browns fan went next. They asked him if he had any last words. "I think if you plug the chair in, it'll work better."

The Blonde and the Lawyer

A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game? The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa." Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00." This catches the blonde's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer. Okay says the lawyer, your turn. She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the net and the library of congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mails to all his friends and coworkers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the blonde, and hands her \$500. The blonde says, "Thank you", and turns back to get some more sleep. The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, what's the answer?" Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep. And you thought blondes were dumb.

Office Jokes - Letters Of Recommendation

Have to write a letter of recommendation for that fired employee? **Here are a few suggested phrases:**

For the chronically absent:

"A man like him is hard to find." "It seemed his career was just taking off."

For the office drunk:

"I feel his real talent is wasted here." "We generally found him loaded with work to do." "Every hour with him was a happy hour."

For an employee with no ambition:

"He could not care less about the number of hours he had to put in." "You would indeed be fortunate to get this person to work for you."

For an employee who is so unproductive that the job is better left unfilled:

"I can assure you that no person would be better for the job."

For an employee who is not worth further consideration as a job candidate:

"I would urge you to waste no time in making this candidate an offer of employment." "All in all, I cannot say enough good things about this candidate or recommend him too highly."

For a stupid employee:

"There is nothing you can teach a man like him." "I most enthusiastically recommend this candidate with no qualifications whatsoever."

For a dishonest employee:

"Her true ability was deceiving." "He's an unbelievable worker."

Passing A Football

A jumbo-sized freshman went to try out for the football team. The coach asked him if he could tackle and he said, "Hell yah, get a load of this!" And with that knocked over a telephone pole as if it were made of balsa wood. The coach was dumbfounded and asked if the boy could run, to which the boy replied, "Hell yah!" and he sprinted from end zone to end zone like lightning. The coach stood there with his mouth agape to see such a huge boy run so fast. He finally composed himself and said, "But can you pass a football?" The freshman stopped to think for a few seconds, then said, "Hell yah, if I can swallow it, I can surely pass it!"

Jock vs. Nerd

- Michael Jordan having "retired," with \$40 million in endorsements, makes \$178,100 a day, working or not.
- If he sleeps 7 hours a night, he makes \$52,000 every night while visions of sugarplums dance in his head.
- If he goes to see a movie it'll cost him \$7.00, but he'll make \$18,550 while he's there.
- If he decides to have a 5 minute egg, he'll make \$618 while boiling it.
- He makes \$7,415/hr more than minimum wage.
- He'll make \$3,710 while watching each episode of Friends.
- If he wanted to save up for a new Acura NSX (\$90,000) it would take him a whole 12 hours.
- If someone were to hand him his salary and endorsement money, they would have to do it at the rate of \$2.00 every second.
- He'll probably pay around \$200 for a nice round of golf, but will be reimbursed \$33,390 for that round.
- Assuming he puts the federal maximum of 15% of his income

into a tax account (401k), his contributions will hit the federal cap of \$9500 at 8:30 a.m. on January 1st.

- If you were given a penny for every 10 dollars made, you 'd be living comfortably at \$65,000 a year.
- He'll make about \$19.60 while watching the 100 meter dash in the Olympics, and about \$15,600 during the Boston Marathon.
- While the common person is spending about \$20 for a meal in his trendy Chicago restaurant, he'll pull in about \$5600.
- This year, he'll make more than twice as much as all U.S. past presidents for all of their terms combined.
- Amazing isn't it? However...
- If Jordan saves 100% of his income for the next 450 years, he'll still have less than Bill Gates has today.
- Game over. Nerd wins.

Top 10 Reasons You Know That You're In A Cheap HMO

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6. Only item listed under Preventive Care feature of coverage is “an apple a day”.
5. Your “primary care physician” is wearing the pants you gave to Goodwill last month.
4. “Patient responsible for 200% of out-of-network charges” is not a typo.
3. The only expense covered 100% is embalming.
2. With your last HMO, your Viagra pills didn’t come in different colors with little “M”’s on them.
1. You ask for Viagra. You get a popsicle stick and duct tape.

Things You Don't Want To Hear During Surgery

- “Better save that. We’ll need it for the autopsy.”
- “Someone call the janitor - we’re going to need a mop.”
- “Accept this sacrifice, O Great Lord of Darkness”
- “No! Bo! Come back with that! Bad Dog!”
- “Wait a minute, if this is his spleen, then what’s that?”
- “Hand me that...uh...that uh.....thingie.”
- “Oh no! I just lost my Rolex.”
- “Oops! Hey, has anyone ever survived 500ml of this stuff before?”

- “Damn, there go the lights again....”
- “Ya know, there’s big money in kidneys. Hell, the guy’s got two of them.”
- “What do you mean you want a divorce?”

Psychological Window Into A Man's Sexual Problem

A guy went to a psychiatrist because he was having severe problems with his sex life. The psychiatrist asked him a lot of questions, but didn’t seem to be getting a clear picture of the problems. Finally, he asked, “Do you ever watch your girlfriend’s face while you’re having sex?” “Well, yes, I did once.” “Well, how did she look?” “Oh boy, she looked VERY angry!” At this point the psychiatrist felt that he was really getting somewhere and he said, “Well that’s very interesting, we must look into this further. Now tell me, you say that you have only seen your girlfriend’s face once during sex; that seems somewhat unusual. How did it occur that you saw her face that time?” “She was watching us through the window.”

Little Johnny and Raw Materials

In school one day the teacher decided that in science class she would teach about materials; So she stood in the front of the class and said, “Children, if you could have one raw material in the world what would it be?” “Little Stevie raised his hand and said “I would want gold, because gold is worth a lot of money and I could buy a Porsche.” The teacher nodded and called on little Susie. Little Susie said, “I would want platinum because platinum is worth more than gold and I could buy a Corvette”. The teacher smiled and then called on Little Johnny. Little Johnny stood up and said, “I would want silicon.” The teacher said, “Why Johnny?” He responded by saying, “Because my mom has two bags of it and you should see all the sports cars outside our house!!”

Top ten reasons to become a nurse

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- You would like to meet the inventor of the call light in a dark alley one night.
- You believe not all patients are annoying ... some are unconscious.
- Your sense of humor seems to get more "warped" each year.
- You know the phone numbers of every late night food delivery place in town by heart.
- You can only tell time with a 24 hour clock.
- Almost everything can seem humorous ... eventually.
- When asked, "What color is the patient's diarrhea?", you show them your shoes.
- Every time you walk, you make a rattling noise because of all the scissors and clamps in your pockets.
- You can tell the pharmacist more about the medicines he is dispensing than he can.
- You carry "spare" meds in your pocket rather than wait for

pharmacy to deliver.

- You refuse to watch ER because it's too much like the real thing and triggers "flash backs."
- You check the caller ID when the phone rings on your day off to see if someone from the hospital is trying to call to ask you to work.
- You've been telling stories in a restaurant and had someone at another table throw up.
- You notice that you use more four letter words now than before you became a nurse.
- Every time someone asks you for a pen, you can find at least three of them on you.
- You can intubate your friends at parties.
- You don't get excited about blood loss ... unless it's your own.
- You live by the motto, "To be right is only half the battle, to convince the physician is more difficult."
- You've basted your Thanksgiving turkey with a Toomey syringe.
- You've told a confused patient your name was that of your coworker and to holler if they need help.
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- You avoid unhealthy looking shoppers in the mall for fear that they'll drop near you and you'll have to do CPR on your day off.
- You've sworn you're going to have "No Code" tattooed on your chest.

One Liners

- What is a Yankee? The same as a quickie, but a guy can do it alone.
- Why is divorce so expensive? Because it's worth it..
- What do you see when the Pillsbury Dough Boy bends over? Doughnuts
- Why is air a lot like sex? Because it's no big deal unless you're not getting any.
- What do you call a smart blonde? A golden retriever.
- What do attorneys use for birth control? Their personalities.
- What's the difference between a girlfriend and wife? 10 years and 45 lbs
- What's the difference between a boyfriend and husband? 45 minutes
- What's the fastest way to a man's heart? Through his chest with a sharp knife
- Why do men want to marry virgins? They can't stand criticism.
- Why is it so hard for women to find men that are sensitive, caring, and good-looking? Because those men already have boyfriends.
- What's the difference between a new husband and a new dog?
 - After a year, the dog is still excited to see you
- Why do men chase women they have no intention of marrying?
- The same urge that makes dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving..
- Why don't bunnies make noise when they have sex?
- Because they have cotton balls.
- What did the blonde say when she found out she was pregnant?
- Are you sure it's mine?"
- Why does Mike Tyson cry during sex? Mace will do that to you.
- Why did OJ Simpson want to move to West Virginia ? Everyone

has the same DNA.

- Why do drivers' education classes in Redneck schools use the car only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays?
- Because on Tuesday and Thursday, the Sex Ed class uses it.
- Where does an Irish family go on vacation? A different bar.
- What would you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?
- A speech impediment
- What's the difference between a southern zoo and a northern zoo?
- A southern zoo has a description of the animal on the front of the cage along with.... "a recipe".
- How do you get a sweet 80-year-old lady to say the F word?
- Get another sweet little 80-year-old lady to yell BINGO!
- What's the difference between a northern fairy tale and a southern fairy tale?
- A northern fairy tale begins "Once upon a time ." -
- A southern fairy tale begins "Y'all ain't gonna believe this St

The Boss

The boss walked into the office one morning not knowing his zipper was down and his fly area wide open. His assistant walked up to him and said, 'This morning when you left your house, did you close your garage door?' The boss told her he knew he'd closed the garage door, and walked into his office puzzled by the question. As he finished his paperwork, he suddenly noticed his fly was open, and zipped it up. He then understood his assistant's question about his 'garage door.' He headed out for a cup of coffee and paused by her desk to ask, 'When my garage door was open, did you see my Hummer parked in there?' She smiled and said, 'No, I didn't. All I saw was an old mini van with two flat tires..'

Car Trouble

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

Speeding Ticket

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!"

River Walk

There's this blond out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blond on the opposite bank. "Yoo-hoo!" she shouts, "How can I get to the other side?" The second blond looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, "You ARE on the other side."

At The Doctor's Office

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

Knitting

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

Blonde On The Sun

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, "We were the first in

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

In A Vacuum

A blond was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

Finally, The Blonde Joke To End All Blonde Jokes!

A girl was visiting her blond friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blond responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?" "HELLLOOOOOO.....," answered the blond. "They're watch dogs!"

Sex and Elderly Woman

Two elderly ladies are sitting on the front porch at Harbor Greens doing nothing. One lady turns and asks, "Do you still get horny?" The other replies, "Oh, sure I do." The first old lady asks, "What do you do about it?" The second old lady replies, "I suck on a lifesaver." After a few moments, the first old lady asks, "Who drives you to the beach?"

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Three old ladies were sitting side by side in their retirement home in Florida reminiscing. The first lady recalled shopping at the local Publix and demonstrated with her hands, the length and thickness of a cucumber she could buy for a nickel. The second old lady nodded, adding that onions used to be much bigger and cheaper too, and demonstrated the size of two big onions she could buy for a nickel apiece. The third old lady remarked, "I can't hear a word you're saying, but I remember the guy you're talking about."

A little old lady was sitting on a park bench in The Villages, a Florida Adult community. A man walks over and sits down on the other end of the bench. After a few moments, the woman asks, "Are you a stranger here?" He replies, "I lived here years ago." So, where were you all these years?" "In prison," he says. "Why did they put you in prison?" He looks at her, and very quietly says, "I killed my wife." "Oh" says the woman. "So... you're single?"

A man was telling his neighbor in St. Pete, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty."

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to his doctor in Clearwater to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. After a couple of days, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma' and 'be cheerful'," Morris replied. To which the doctor replied, "I didn't say that, Morris I said, 'You've got a heart murmur, be careful!'"

A little old man shuffled slowly into the 'Orange Dipper,' an ice cream parlor in Bellaire, and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?" "No," he replied, "hemorrhoids."

Ducks In Heaven

Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, 'We only have one rule here in heaven: Don't step on the ducks!' So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one. Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, 'Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!' The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck. And along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman. The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained For all eternity to an ugly man, is very, very careful where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks. But one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on very tall, long eyelashes, muscular. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word. The happy woman says, 'I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?' The guy says, 'I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck.'

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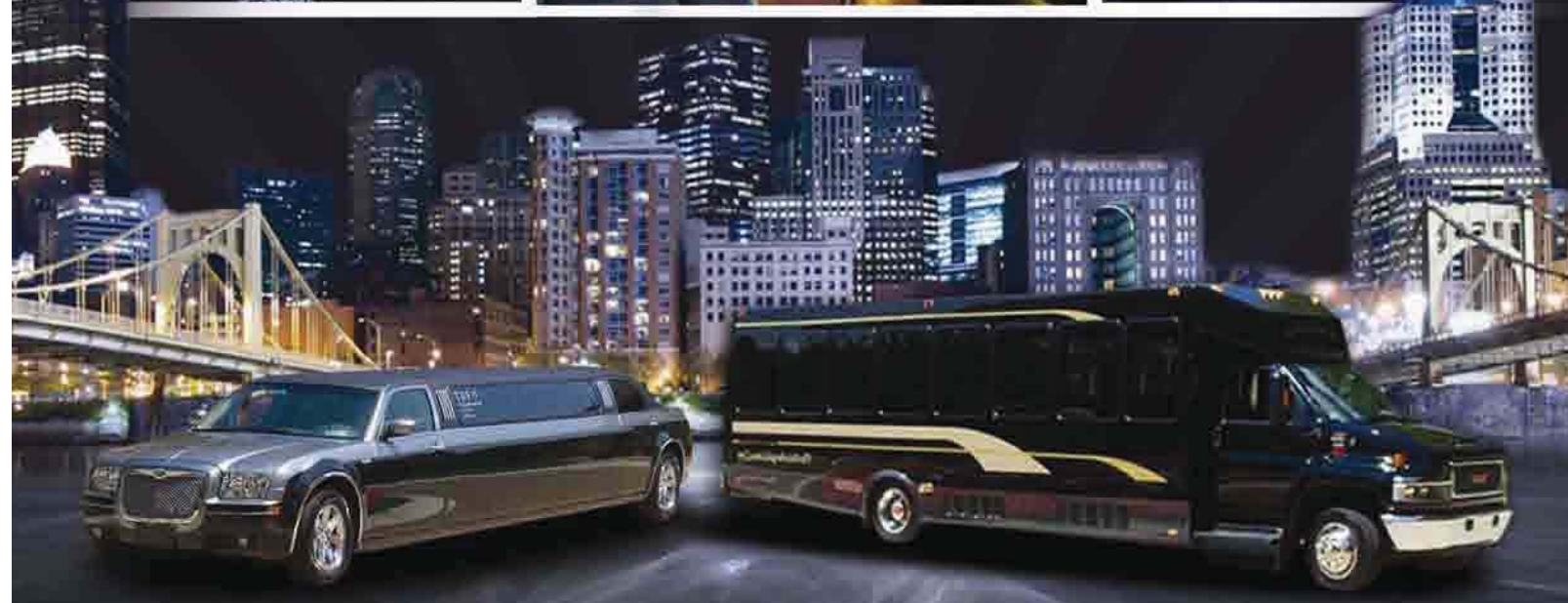
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