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Here We Go.

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos ©2014 Pittsburgh Steelers, Karl Roser

How much stock do you put in the preseason?
For your sake, I hope it's not much. Or else you might be reading this from the ledge of the 16th Street Bridge after watching the Steelers performance in the all important – relatively speaking – third preseason game in Philadelphia. The 31-21 final score does not tell the whole story. It wasn't nearly that close. But what it did do was shed light on a laundry list of issues the team needs to address, including a measly 58 yards on the ground from pot buddies Le'Veon Bell and LeGarrette Blount. Was their selfish marijuana fiasco to blame for lackluster energy and focus? A distraction for the rest of the team? Who knows?

What we do know for sure is that despite that disturbing performance, preseason is not an indictment on how successful a football team will be during the regular season. Take last year for example. Just two teams went undefeated in exhibition games. The eventual Super Bowl champs, the Seattle Seahawks, and the woeful Washington Redskins, who finished with a record of 4-12. Both the best team and nearly the worst team in the NFL went 4-0 before the season. You might remember that the 2008 Detroit Lions won all four preseason games. Oh, you don't? That's right, because they LOST ALL 16 GAMES. A defeated season.

Just half of the 12 playoff teams last year had winning records in the preseason. The AFC Champion Denver Broncos were 2-2 and the other five teams had losing records in August. In 1982, Washington won the Super Bowl after a winless preseason. They are the only team to do so since the format changed from 14 regular season games and six exhibition games to 16 regular season games and four preseason contests in 1978. The

preseason does not dictate what will transpire when the games count. It is one long month of film collection and review to prepare for the arduous 16 game schedule that lies ahead.

Winning a game is good for the psyche, however and with one 19-16 victory over the Buffalo Bills in their back pocket, the black and gold have escaped a winless August. With the money grab fourth preseason tilt still to come, the Steelers hope to head into the September 7th season opener versus Cleveland with some momentum after looking supremely overmatched in the loss at Philadelphia. They better be ready, because it's a challenging start to the 2014 season.

Four of their first six games are on the road, with the two toughest – at Baltimore on September 11th and at Carolina ten days later – nationally televised. All in all the Steelers have five national games this season. The first three weeks will be a test with a quick turnaround for a Thursday night match up versus the hated Ravens in week two. Free agent safety, Mike Mitchell will undoubtedly be jacked up to face his former team in week three. The Panthers won the NFC South last year and this game will be an early measuring stick for Big Ben and company.

Let's not overlook the Browns, either. All the hype surrounds Johnny Manziel and his every move, but he wasn't even their first pick in the 2014 draft. Oklahoma State cornerback, Justin Gilbert was chosen eighth overall and looks to have an immediate impact on a secondary that also added hard hitting safety and Cleveland native, Donte Whitner. Remember him? He's the player that wanted to drop the W from his last name to legally change it to Hitner. And oh yeah, Joe Haden is still there too. It's a pretty stout defense that the Browns will be trotting out onto Heinz Field.







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Without knowing if top wide receiver Josh Gordon will be in uniform as he awaits a ruling on his appeal of a year-long suspension for violating the league's substance abuse program, the offense is in limbo. Although Brian Hoyer is the quarterback so the Steelers' defense has a good opportunity to get off on the right foot. If they can stop newly acquired running back, Ben Tate, that

To pound the Browns into the ground, the



defensive line has to get their gaps together already. I know that Brett Keisel is a feel good signing and fan favorite, but the fact that GM Kevin Colbert felt he needed the Beard now, but didn't in the offseason, is a red flag. Is it a concern over how well rookie lineman Stephon Tuitt is adapting to the pros? Or a concern over depth on the line? Whatever it is, it's not confidence inducing. Don't get me wrong, Keisel can't hurt, and he is a great clubhouse guy, but what does it say about how the coaches feel about this unit overall? As we all know, the trenches are where plays are won or lost and the line has to be solid to get effective linebacker play. I expect Ryan Shazier to live up to his first round billing in the opener and throughout the season. NFL. com is calling Shazier one of the top candidates for Rookie of the Year alongside first overall pick, Jadeveon Clowney. This linebacker corps has a chance to be special. Stopping the run is priority number one.

After a two year absence, playoffs are the priority for the Steelers in 2014. Will they get there? It's time to find out. Here we go!

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Down The Home Stretch...

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It's time to bask in the beauty that is September baseball. It is glorious. Heroes emerge from out of nowhere. Unfortunately, goats can too. The 25 man roster expands and you get an opportunity to watch the young guys be called up for reinforcements. Sometimes a player acquits himself well enough to be a big part of the stretch run to the playoffs. In 2007, rookie Clay Buchholz pitched a no-hitter for the Red Sox in his second MLB start! Magic happens in September.

It's an exciting time for Major League Baseball. Especially if your team is in contention. And for the second year in a row, the Pirates are in contention. Scoreboard watching becomes a favorite pastime. Losing streaks are admonished, thought of as the collapse cometh again and fans do everything in their power to will them to an end. Winning streaks inject confidence and World Series aspirations. Divisions are won and lost in September.

Collapses and comebacks, one game playoffs and wild card chances...anything

can happen in the last month of the season. The Colorado Rockies won 14 of their final 15 games in 2007 to get into the playoffs as the NL wild card on their way to the World Series. Under current Pirates skipper, Clint Hurdle, I might add. The endings aren't always happy, however...

The Red Sox and the Braves both missed the playoffs in 2011 because of epic collapses. Boston's collapse was said to be the worst ever in terms of leads lost. They had a 9 game lead over the Tamp Bay Rays for the AL wild card and a 99.6% chance of making the playoffs on September 3rd, but went 6-18 the rest of the way and they were eliminated from the playoffs on the last day of the season. The same year, Atlanta entered the final month of the season a whopping 25 games over .500 with an 8.5 game lead in the NL wild card race only to miss the playoffs after a dismal 9-18 stretch that allowed the Cardinals to squeak past them into the postseason. Talk about wild!

The wounds are still fresh from the 2012















season as the Pirates were 70-61 after play on August 31st. They needed to go just 12-19 to avoid their 20th consecutive losing season. Instead, they went 9-22 the rest of the way to finish 79-83. But we all know what happened the next year . . . PLAYOFFS.

The postseason is so close you can smell it! This season, which player will turn it up when the team's baseball life is on the line? Which player will take the opportunity to play for October glory and run with it? September of last year found an expected star stepping up in Andrew McCutchen, who batted .318, got on base over 45 percent of the time and slugged .541. The unexpected star was Jordy Mercer. He enjoyed the last month of the regular season as well, with a slash line (AVG/OBP/SLG) of .347/.373/.633. Waiver wire trade piece Marlon Byrd also beefed up his game and had a big hand in helping the Pirates have a successful September.

I doubt the Pirates will be trading for anyone like that this year,



so who will rise up and bolster the Buccos? Tony Sanchez is a candidate to be a good right handed bat off the bench. While with the major league club earlier this year, he batted .278 and came up with a few clutch hits. Will Nick Kingham be a guy that can throw quality innings? After his promotion to Indianapolis, he's certainly proven capable with an ERA of 3.14 and WHIP (Walks + Hits per Inning Pitched) of just 1.00. Impressive stuff for the 22 year old.

And while those guys won't be able to contribute if the Pirates make it back to October (players added to the major league roster after Aug 31st aren't eligible), McCutchen can. As can the breakout star of the season, Josh Harrison and my pick to be one to watch in crunch time, Starling Marte. Both are scorching hot at the plate in the month of August. Lots of guys have the ability to push their performance to the next level. Neil Walker, Gregory Polanco and yes, even Pedro Alvarez can make the most of his opportunities at the plate. With Russell Martin anchoring not only the pitching staff but also the lineup, with one of his best offensive years of his career, there are a number of options for the Pirates.

They will need all hands on deck for a playoff push. Of their final 26 games, 17 are on the road and the only teams in the NL with worse road records than the Pirates are the Cubs and the Rockies. Plus ten of their September games are against contending teams. It will be a race to the finish, and one I will certainly be watching.

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4th Annual Drake Folly Beer Fest at Blue Cance Brewery

by Daniel Galla

This year marks the 4th annual Drake's Folly Beer Fest hosted by the Blue Canoe Brewery in Titusville. Not the typical beerfueled gathering, where one is usually pitted against Kennywood sized lines and drunken college kids roaming in such a way that would make George Romero clear his throat. Blue Canoe just does it right.

First off, the 30-50 age group. This insures a good time without the inevitable drama of "Hey you stepped on my shoe" or the "Are you lookin' at my girl?" type of interactions. Everyone is there to have fun, respectful of each other and experienced enough to get down, without hitting the ground.

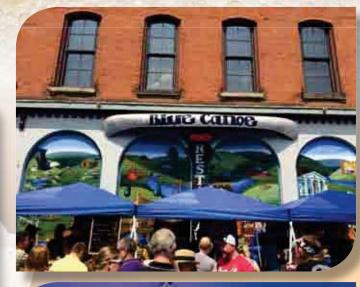
The size of the crowd itself is near perfect. With roughly 1200 tickets sold between two sessions, the streets are packed with people but rarely do you find yourself in a line longer than a minute. This same timeline extends to the conveniently placed Porta-A-Johns, a real plus for the beer fest professional.

The venue, the center of town, adds a great festival atmosphere as roads are closed and normal business is suspended for a day of revelry. When else do you get the chance to stand on a street corner with a group of friends tossing back a few while being regaled by your favorite songs? Editor's Note: "Face Down in High Water" may possibly be the best cover band we've ever heard.

The breweries in attendance seem to dig the day as much as the people they are serving. While some hail from across the country, a majority can be found right here in our regional back yard. Rather than booking lodging at a hotel, most brewers have joined the tradition of camping out together, which no doubt fosters a community atmosphere and dispels any sort of competitive inklings.

All together, 17 breweries made their mark this year boasting suds of all kinds. Some traditional, some near experimental and a few that left one questioning what the classification of "beer" actually means.

For tickets to next year's fest, call Blue Canoe Brewery at 814-827-7181.









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Dating back to 1878, the Ayinger Brewery has had a longstanding history of being one of the most outstanding breweries in the Bavarian region of Germany. Founded in the small village of Aying, this traditional brewery believes in blending new technology with the old style of brewing to make beer that holds true to original styles while having the consistency and shelf life of newer beers.

Speaking of tradition, Oktoberfest is a time of year that's steeped heavily in tradition and while the official Oktoberfest happens in Munich every year, it's celebrated in its own way throughout the world. Ayinger, being a German-based brewery takes Oktoberfest seriously and while they don't brew inside the city limits of Munich to be an official Oktoberfest beer, there are few in this style that can beat Ayinger's Oktoberfest Märzen.

WHAT IS AN OKTOBERFEST MÄRZEN?

Back in the days before refrigeration was common, it was nearly impossible to brew beer correctly in the summer months. Brewing when it was this hot leads to off flavors and made for a breeding ground of bad bacteria. This meant that the springtime was the last beer brewed until the cooler fall months with the last beers being traditionally brewed in March, or as the Bavarians called it, Märzen.

These March-brewed beers were kept in cold storage underground in caves, called lagering, through the summer and into the fall when they would fully mature and be ready for drinking. The grains and hops used in these beers, along with the lagering process, gave them a rich, toasty character and the beers themselves were often dark copper in color with a medium level of alcohol, usually around 4-6% ABV.

WHAT IS OKTOBERFEST?

With all this talk about Oktoberfest beers, you might be wondering what exactly Oktoberfest is. Oktoberfest is known as one of, if not the largest

and most notable beer festivals in the world. The original Oktoberfest was held in 1810 to celebrate the wedding of Princess Theresa and Prince Ludwig and the parts literally lasted for days!

Oktoberfest always starts on a Saturday and ends on the first Sunday in October, lasting for 16 days. To figure out when Oktoberfest starts, just count back 16 days from the first Sunday in October and you have the Saturday that the festival begins.

THEIR BEERS

Ayinger Brewery has more than 130 years of brewing history, giving it quite a longer history than most of the breweries we're familiar with today. Blending both history and art, their beers are known worldwide and have consistently won award after award proving this

Currently Ayinger offers seven beers, with their most common being available in Pittsburgh. While you may have not tried their Oktoberfest beer yet, chances are you've seen their most popular beer, Celebrator Doppelbock around. As for Ayinger Oktoberfest, this classic Märzen-style lager is full-bodied, rich, and has a deep amber color. As with the original Oktoberfest beers, this lager is brewed in the spring to be ready in time for the fall months. Avinger Oktoberfest is









Märzen.



easily one of the best Oktoberfest-style beers you can find outside of Munich and is definitely as true to the style as you'll find.

FOOD PAIRINGS

There's a reason you think of the traditional German foods like sausage, pretzels, and wiener schnitzel when you think of Oktoberfest, and that's because these foods pair perfectly with Oktoberfest beers. Traditional German fare is perfect to eat with your mug of beer, but that's far from your only choice when getting to that beer-food nirvana.

Instead of traditional German food try some grilled steaks or pork with your Ayinger. Not of the meat eating variety? Ayinger Oktoberfest actually pairs very well with foods that use tomato sauce like a spicy pasta or a good wood-fired pizza. The yeasty crust brings out the malty taste of the beer while the slight sweetness cuts even the most acidic of sauces.

Want something even more exotic? Try some Mexican favorites like tacos and tostadas for an interesting combination that works amazingly well. While this pairing sounds like something from the age of airliners that brought these two continents together, Mexico was actually part of the Austro-Hungarian empire for a short period of time, and those Germans and Austrians brought their beer to Mexico with them, so these pairings actually have a solid history behind them!

Ayinger Oktoberfest is a great example of a classic Oktoberfest-Märzen beer, making it a seasonal beer you definitely shouldn't miss.

Beer Name – Ayinger Oktoberfest-Märzen Style - Oktoberfest-Märzen

ABV - 5.8%

Appearance – This beer pours a medium copper color with a white head. Very clear, there is no trace of haze.

Aroma – Ayinger gives this beer a little more hop aroma that you would expect, but it's floral and fits in well with the caramel maltiness. As the beer warms slightly more caramel and toastiness show through.

Finish – Like most Oktoberfest beers, this one goes down easily with next to no leftover hop taste or bitterness. Finish is dry and far from cloying or sweet. Perfectly balanced.

Overall – By design Märzen beers are simplistic in taste and are a far cry from their hop-heavy IPA cousins, but this gives them an excellent drinkability that few other styles share. Ayinger Oktoberfest is a perfect beer for the fall months and seems to be a perfect fit for large mugs and maybe even a pair of leiderhosen.

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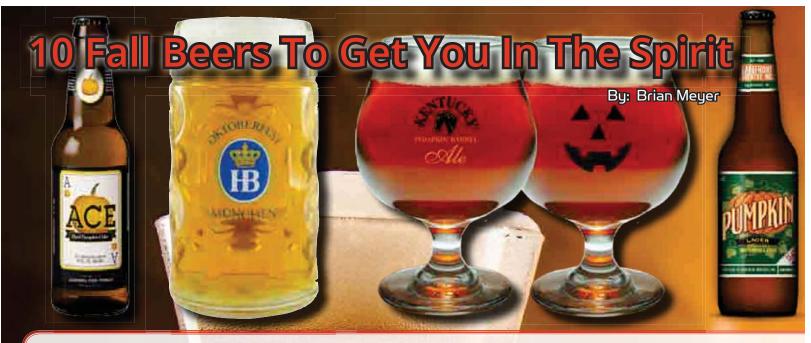












Oktoberfest is a 16-day festival held in the city of Munich in Germany. This massive beer festival ends on the first Sunday of October, making the start of the festival the Saturday that's 16 days before this date.

So what's that mean for you? Well, even though you're probably not heading over to Germany to drink Märzen beer and wear lederhosen, you can still enjoy the beer inspired by those Bavarian brewers without having to leave the country.

Fall is the time for more than just Oktoberfest beers, however. The pumpkin beer craze is in full swing and for good reason. Pumpkins and beer go hand in hand this time of year, with not only the orange gourd going in to add flavor, but also the spices you would associate with pumpkins like ginger, clove, nutmeg, cinnamon, and allspice.

While Oktoberfest Märzen beers are malty, slightly sweet, with a clean crisp finish, pumpkin beers tend to vary more, with tastes ranging from pumpkin pie to a roasted pumpkin taste that will remind you of tasting pumpkin seeds in the oven.

Check out the ten fall beers detailed below and send summer off in style by welcoming in the fall and the amazing beers that come with it.

Sly Fox Oktoberfest

Sly Fox makes their Oktoberfest as traditional as possible to give you one of the best Oktoberfest-style beers this side of the Atlantic. Medium-bodied with a smooth and malty taste, this lager is made with German Vienna malts and German hops.

This Oktoberfest-style beer pours with a slightly golden haze with a slight aroma of caramel and malt. There are some hops present, but only to support the malty backbone.

Sly Fox Oktoberfest comes in at 5.8% ABV and is the only beer in this list available in a can, which is definitely unique for Oktoberfest-style beers.

Thirsty Dog Barktoberfest

Much like other Oktoberfest-style beers, Barktoberfest is released every fall and only uses German malt and hops to give this Märzen lager a true to style look and taste.

Clear with a copper color, you'll find Barktoberfest slightly darker than most other Oktoberfest beers as well as more toasty chocolate malt in the taste than you might expect from this style beer, all without being overpowering or out of style.

Barktoberfest comes in at 6% ABV so it is near the top in regard to alcohol content in Oktoberfest-style beers, but still stays drinkable enough to put back a biergarten-style mug of it and be fine.

Hofbräu Oktoberfest

If you're looking for a true Oktoberfest experience in Pittsburgh, Hofbräuhaus is definitely what you're looking for. If you'd rather forgo the party and just enjoy the beer, then you'll want to try Hofbräu Oktoberfest.

For the Oktoberfest season, Hofbräu brews their own Festbier in the same style the beers you might drink in Munich. Light in color with a medium white head, this beer has a strong malt profile with a hint of hops to back it up.

Coming in at 6.3% ABV, this is the highest alcohol Oktoberfest beer in our list, which gives it a slightly more alcoholic taste than the others, but in a good way. Brewed to pair perfectly with German food and the fall season, Hofbräu Oktoberfest is definitely a beer you don't want to miss.

Lakefront Pumpkin Lager

Ah, pumpkin beer. Few things ring in the fall season like a solid pumpkin beer and a chilly night. Lakefront Brewing wanted to do things a little differently than the other guys making pumpkin beers, so they chose to make a pumpkin lager instead.

Using real pumpkin and a special blend of spices known only to the brewers at Lakefront, this beer is carefully crafted and stored (lagered) for 4 weeks to make it ready for you to drink.

Expect to find a rich pumpkin taste with a perfect blend of spices in this beer along with a crisp, frothy experience few other pumpkin beers can match. If you pay attention while drinking Lakefront's pumpkin offering you should taste cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, and even a little candied yam. Lakefront Pumpkin Lager is 5.8% ABV.

Acradia Jaw Jacker

Definitely the winner for the best label art in this list, Arcadia Ales' Jaw Jacker is a spiced amber-wheat ale that is perfect for celebrating the arrival of fall. Brewed mostly with barley and a small amount of wheat to give a solid mouthfeel, Jaw Jacker pours a bright orange color with a solid white head.

While Jaw Jacker is called a "Pumpkin Spiced Ale" no pumpkins are actually harmed in the making of this beer. Arcadia relies solely on the spices we associate to pumpkins to give this beer an amazing flavor and profile you'll love.

To make sure the spice profile fit perfectly, the brewer actually uses the exact same proportions found in his grandmother's pumpkin pie recipe in this beer. Expect to taste cinnamon, all-spice, and nutmeg in this spicy, refreshing 6% ABV autumn brew.









Southampton Pumpkin Ale

Southampton Pumpkin Ale is a uniquely amber-colored beer that, much like other pumpkin beers, fits perfectly into the fall months and holidays. The brewers at Southampton use a generous helping of pumpkin as their own secret blend of pumpkin pie spices to give this seasonal beer a flavor that's unique to most others in the style. Expect to get most of the spice up front with this beer, which

quickly fade into a nice blend that will definitely remind you of pumpkin pie. There is definitely a strong pumpkin taste in this beer, but it is balanced out perfectly with the blend of spices as well as the 5.5% ABV it features.

Saranac Pumpkin Ale

This hearty pumpkin ale is brewed with pumpkin, cinnamon, allspice, cloves, ginger, and unlike any other beer on this list: vanilla. For those that are turned off by the overly spicy character of many pumpkin beers, the addition of vanilla in this pumpkin beer gives a lighter, almost creamy taste that cuts the spice while still giving a real pumpkin experience, and at 5.4% ABV, you can afford to have a few and still hand out candy on Halloween.

McKenzie's Pumpkin Jack

One of two pumpkin ciders on our list, McKenzie's Pumpkin Jack is a true version of pumpkin pie in a bottle. If you like your pumpkin drinks a little on the sweet side, this one is perfect for you.

Using a secret blend of spices and flavorings, this pumpkin cider not only has the taste profile of a pumpkin pie, but it even has the whip cream flavor, too. At 5% ABV, this is a cider you can have a few of while enjoying the season.

Extremely drinkable and completely delicious, make sure to pick this brand new offering up before it's too late.

ACE Pumpkin Cider

The only other pumpkin cider on our list, ACE's pumpkin offering is clean and refreshing with a focus on the apples. ACE uses just the right amount of spices to give this cider an amazing aroma that gives way to a fruity and spicy taste that finishes clean with little aftertaste.

At only 5% ABV, ACE Pumpkin Cider is meant to be enjoyed in session, so pick up at least a 6-pack. You'll be glad you did.

Kentucky Pumpkin Barrel Ale

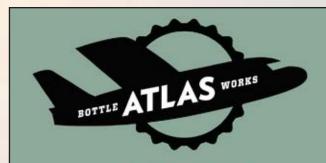
The last entry on our list is possibly the best pumpkin beer you'll find this season. While everyone who has had a few pumpkin beers before has their own personal favorite, Kentucky Brewing's

Pumpkin Barrel Ale could easily become your new favorite.

This beer starts off with the bourbon character of Kentucky Brewing's Bourbon Barrel Ale that features caramel, vanilla, and woody bourbon taste and adds in a blend of cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice to give a truly unique experience.

While most of the beers in this list are great for a night of drinking, this beer is definitely a sipper. Coming in at 10% ABV, Pumpkin Barrel Ale has the alcohol to back up all the spices this beer has to offer.

Each of these beers can be found in the best craft beer bars, bottle shops, and distributors throughout Pittsburgh, and are proudly distributed by Galli Wholesale.



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True Oktoberfest Beers

Oktoberfest is known for a unique style of beer as much as for the party itself. Oktoberfest-style beers are Märzen lagers which were traditionally the last beers brewed for the year, in March (or Märzen for you German speakers out there).

These springtime-brewed beers were stored in cool caves and mines during the summer months in a process known as lagering, only taken out when they were ready to drink in September. Märzens are traditionally rich and malty with an amber to copper color and range from 4-6% ABV. A good overall impression of a solid Oktoberfest/Märzen should be a smooth, clean lager with a depth of malt character. This isn't to say these are sweet beers, as cloying, sugary tastes should be avoided, but the sweetness should rather be complex and soft.

A true Oktoberfest beer that is served in Munich must meet a few requirements, however. First, they must meet the Reinheitsgebot standard of brewing, which states the brewer must only use malt, hops, yeast, and water to craft the beer. Next, the beer must be brewed within the city limits of Munich. This means there are only six breweries that offer true Oktoberfest beers.

Hacker-Pschorr

One of the breweries that offer true Oktoberfest beers is Hacker-Pschorr. Their Original Oktoberfest Märzen is full-bodied and flavorful with an amber color and a creamy white head, everything you'd expect from a true Oktoberfest beer. At 5.8% ABV, it's the perfect combination of taste and level of alcohol to let you enjoy as many as you'd like.

The best part about Hacker-Pschorr's Original Oktoberfest is that you can get your hands on one without heading to Munich thanks to the Sharp Edge Bistro in Sewickley. While you can pick this beer up at a variety of locations around the Pittsburgh area, it will be one of the featured beers at this year's Sewickley Oktoberfest.

Along with the Original Oktoberfest, Hacker-Pschorr Weisse is a traditional Weissbier that is a soft, sparkling beer with an aromatic yet mild character. This beer has an intense gold yellow color and a creamy white head. The German Weisse yeast used in this beer give it fruity citrus notes with just a hint of acidity. Brewer's wheat from the Champagne Region is paired with certified Hallertau hops to give a truly unique experience.

Other Oktoberfest Beers

Victory Brewing Festbier – This is Victory's version of an Oktoberfest Märzen, using German malts as well as hops, this subtly sweet brew offers a delicate malt nose as well as a full body that makes it a great version of this traditional style. Keeping with the style, this beer comes in at 5.6% ABV and is available August through October.

Lancaster Oktoberfest - Oktoberfest uses seven different malts and three varieties of imported and domestic hops, as well as authentic Bavarian lager yeast. Light in copper color, this beer is full-bodied with a nice malt sweetness. 5.5% ABV

Schell's Oktoberfest - With its bright copper-orange color, it is quite symbolic of the autumnal shift of the season. A slightly higher strength, and warm malt body make it the perfect companion for the crisp fall weather in Minnesota. The use of Munich and Vienna malts give the beer its toasty malt backbone, and melanoidin-rich flavor and aroma. It has a soft malt sweetness, pleasant mouthfeel and a slight spiciness. Hop character is subdued, as the malt takes center stage with this beer. 5.5% ABV

Weyerbacher AutumnFest - AutumnFest is Weyerbacher's own twist on the Oktoberfest style. Each sip imparts a wonderful maltiness on the palate followed by a clean, easy finish. Wonderfully balanced with a velvety, slightly fruity taste, AutumnFest is the perfect beer for those cool fall evenings. 5.4% ABV











Stoudt's OktoberFest - This medium-bodied amber beer elegantly combines a touch of malty sweetness with a pleasingly subtle aromatic hop character. 5% ABV

Pumpkin Beers

Anderson Valley Fall Hornin' - With a brilliant, deep copper hue and creamy beige-colored head, our Fall Hornin' Pumpkin Ale has inviting aromas of caramelized malt and baking bread with highlights of cinnamon, nutmeg, pumpkin and seasonal spices. The pleasantly creamy mouthfeel and silky body embrace the sweet caramel flavors and tang of spices with just hint of hops that ends with a smooth, round finish. 6% ABV

Weyerbacher Imperial Pumpkin - This high gravity pumpkin ale is the mother of all pumpkin ales. It is heartier, spicier, and more "caramelly" and "pumpkiny" than its faint brethren! Anderson Valley added lots of pumpkin along with cinnamon, nutmeg and a touch of cardamom and clove giving this beer a spicy, full-bodied flavor. This truly is an Imperial Pumpkin Ale. 8% ABV

Wolaver's Pumpkin Ale - A golden amber ale with well balanced malts and hops and mildly spiced. Brewed with organic pumpkins grown by Local Vermont Farmers less than 15 miles away from the brewery. 5.35% ABV

Heavy Seas Greater Pumpkin - In the most worthy of pumpkin patches and during the silence of the midnight hour, the Greater Pumpkin rises up and pours a rich deep and orange color. Heady aromas of bourbon, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and clove linger over the thick white head of this giant brew. Its love at first sip as the full malt body, dominated by British crystal malt, brown sugar and pumpkin, slowly washes over your tongue. Bourbon barrel aging rounds out the flavors with notes of oak, vanilla, and bourbon. 10% ABV

Buffalo Bills Pumpkin Ale - America's Original Pumpkin Ale was first brewed in 1985. Made with real pumpkin, it has a golden amber color, and the sweet aroma of pumpkin pie. This brew is perfect for Fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. Pumpkin Ale is available from August through November. 6% ABV

Dogfish Head Punkin Ale - A full-bodied brown ale with smooth hints of pumpkin and brown sugar. Dogfish Head brews Punkin Ale with pumpkin meat, brown sugar and spices. As the season cools, this is the perfect beer to warm up with. 7% ABV

Erie Johnny Rails Pumpkin - A blonde based ale. It is a fruit beer with delicious flavor, a great nose, and the perfect poise of pumpkin and spice. This flavorful brew is sure to get you in the fall spirit. 6.5% ABV

Lancaster Baked Pumpkin - Have your pie and drink it too! Bold flavor with a deep amber color, our big Baked Pumpkin Ale is sure to remind you of Grandma's home made pumpkin pie. 7.3% ABV

Smuttynose Pumpkin Ale – This beer is a homage to the craft and heritage of America's brewers. Recipes calling for the use of pumpkins in beer date back to early colonial times, when brewers sought to extend their supply of costly imported malt with locally grown ingredients, such as squash and "pompions." in that spirit, Smuttynose brews this ale with the addition of pumpkin to the mash, along with traditional spices to create a delicious American original. 6.35% ABV

Harvest Beers

East End Big Hop Harvest - Loads of Centennial and Cascade hops make this a truly American IPA, brewed to be VERY hoppy but not especially bitter, balanced with a solid Munich Malt backbone. The harvest version takes all fresh hops to make a truly one of a kind IPA. 5.8% ABV

Otter Creek Overgrown - Dripping with dank, American hop flavors and aromas, Overgrown is balanced by a subtle, sweet malt backbone that takes a back seat to the bountiful hop additions. A celebration of the hop-growing season, this one will tangle up your taste buds. 5.5% ABV

Troegs Hop Knife - Hop Knife Harvest Ale recognizes the meticulous, time-honored tradition of hand-harvesting hops at the peak of maturity. Troegs HopCyclone process creates an inward spiral of hop dispersal during fermentation, releasing a bounty of citrus, resin and tropical aromas. 6.2% ABV

Victory Harvest Ale - Highly aromatic and sensual, this novel pale ale delivers a fresh hop flavor like no other brew. Its secret? Fresh hops piled into the boiling kettle just hours after their harvest. With many more of their essential oils intact, these 'wet' hops add glorious middle notes of juicy, fruit and tea-like bite to play off of its lightly toasted malt character deliciously. 5.8% ABV

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Oktoberfæt - Sharp Edge Bistro Sewickley

by Brian Meyer

Chances are you're probably not making the yearly trek to Munich to celebrate one of the largest beer festivals in the world, but that doesn't mean you have to forgo the Oktoberfest season entirely, though. There are more than enough local Oktoberfest celebrations in the Pittsburgh area to give your lederhosen a good workout and get you yelling Ziggy Zaggy, Ziggy Zaggy, Oi, Oi Oi just like you were in Munich.

There's one celebration in particular that takes place in Sewickley that is of special note. The second annual Sewickley Oktoberfest takes place on Friday, October 3rd and Saturday October 4th and has a lot to offer. Hosted by Sharp Edge Bistro in Sewickley, this year's Oktoberfest is shaping up to be one of the best parties this side of Munich.

Sewickley's Oktoberfest celebration starts on Friday October 3rd with a nighttime session from 5-10 PM and on Saturday there are two sessions: One for kids and family from 1-4 PM and the nighttime session for 21+ running again from 5-10 PM. The night sessions for both Friday and Saturday nights are 21+ only.

The Saturday day session from 1-4 will feature kid-friendly food as well as root beer floats and even a variety of kid-friendly activities. Sewickley's Oktoberfest is co-sponsored by the Sewickley Chamber of Commerce and is a true community event in that par of the proceeds goes right back to the community.

As with any true Oktoberfest celebration there will be lots of music, and this year that music comes from Madel Jager on Friday night, The Corsairs, a 5-piece polka band on Saturday during the day, and from The Barons Saturday night.

Ticketing and information can be found at SewickleyOktoberfest.com

What is Oktoberfest?

So now that you're excited for Sewickley's Oktoberfest party, it's probably a good time for you to know exactly what it is you're celebrating. The first Oktoberfest took place in 1810 and was actually a wedding reception for Prince Ludwig and Princess Theresa. This was a far larger party than any reception you've probably ever been to though, as it lasted for three days! The association of this festival with beer didn't happen until 1818, however.

Over time this epic party was celebrated every year, slowly transitioning into the festival we know and love today. The official Oktoberfest is held in Munich and runs for 16 days, ending on the first Sunday in October. Count back 16 days from that day and you have the opening day of Oktoberfest each year.

















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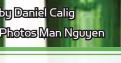
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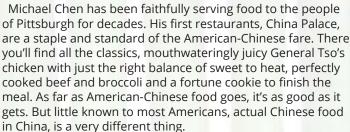
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General Tso never ate the dish named after him, our version of broccoli isn't native to China and though its past is shrouded in history, the fortune cookie seems to have hailed from Japan and first became popular in California. The reason for this is simple. Our meat and potato diets weren't ready for traditional Chinese food when it began to appear here in the 19th century, so the savvy Asian restaurateurs of the time began to alter the recipes to better suit their new customers. They added regional ingredients, changed flavor profiles and in many respects, invented a new type of cuisine that was











received better by the shy American palate.

But times have changed. The Internet and food centered entertainment have made the world much smaller and the American palette has become curious of new things. Knowing this and wanting something a little closer to his heart, Michael brought chefs from Asia and opened Everyday Noodles in Squirrel Hill, specializing in authentic Northern and Southern Chinese regional cuisine and street food.

Street food is much loved in China and doesn't carry the stigma of the dirty water hotdog or the implication that food obtained on the street is somehow subpar. Rather it is seen as a vibrant contribution to the country's culinary identity and a staple of the population, regardless of social standing.

The menu Michael designed is a broad sweep though the country and features traditional items such as noodles, various types of dim sum and rice dishes. The noodles are all handmade in house and thanks to a clever design of the space itself, diners are able to watch the process while they

eat. The rhythmic slapping of fresh noodles being stretched and shaped right before your eyes goes a long way to stress the authenticity of the restaurant.

One thing that the typical western customer will notice right away is the appetizer menu. Wood Ears(\$5), actually a type of fungus, share a plate with tofu skins. Jelly Fish Salad(\$8) and Drunken











Chicken(\$8), named for the spirits it is marinated in during the preparation process. While these are not the typical American fare, be adventurous and your bravery will be rewarded. You might just find a new favorite.

Dim sum has Cantonese origins, traditionally accompanied by tea and consisting of small plates of various foods eaten more as a snack than a meal. Dim Sum literally means "Touch the Heart" and implies that it is to be eaten as a way to recharge the spirit with friends and a nice cup of tea, rather than a meal taken for sustenance. The classification is broad and encompasses things such as pot stickers, stuffed wontons and the Chinese pancake. All present at Everyday Noodles and the Taiwanese Style Pork Belly Slider(\$6) is a must.

While most of us on this side of the world are only familiar with the meat and dough half-moon shaped fried dumpling, their soup dumplings (\$9-\$12) are a revelation. Steamed rather than fried and stuffed with an amazingly seasoned seafood, vegetable or meat mixture that when cooked, melts into pure gold and fills the dumpling with savory broth. Seriously, one could visit the restaurant for these alone. Such care and respect is given to the soup dumpling in China that 18 folds of the dough was determined to be the optimal format to best hold the nectar inside.

Care and respect would be the two words that encompass what Michael Chen has achieved with Everyday Noodles. Offering painstakingly chosen ingredients and dishes, a well oiled front of the house and an atmosphere that really takes you somewhere special. Rather than just a restaurant that serves the typical "Chinese Food" he has brought us a piece of everyday Chinese life.

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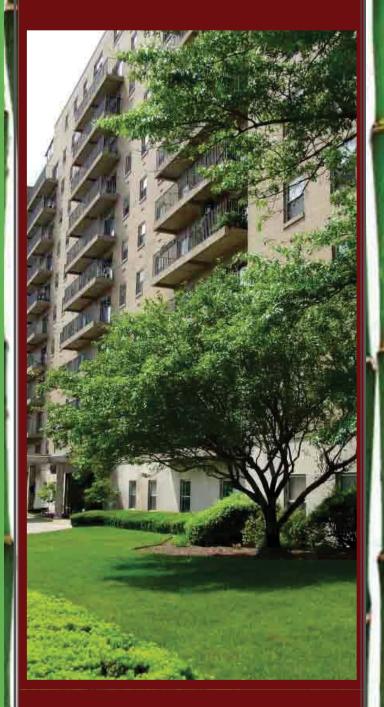
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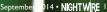


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Archies:

Neighborhood Bar Focused On Freshness

by Daniel Calig

They are correctly known as the "Friendliest Bar in the Southside" and a perfect example of an independently owned local business making a strong contribution to a neighborhood's identity.



For 6 years, Archie's Bar has been meeting the needs of South Sider's looking for a place to hang out and watch the game. No, your ears won't be ringing after you leave and you won't be asked to dance, but you will leave with a belly full of solid bar food and some money left in your wallet.

Located at 2328E Carson, Archie's is just far enough away to not be slammed all the time but close enough to find decent parking. Their spacious interior consists of a bar area with some nice flat-screens to watch the game and additional table seating if you're just looking for nice meal.

The food is of the Pittsburgh Pub Fare variety and with Archie's determined focus on freshness; you won't find a bag of frozen wings here. Rather, a nice sized wing made to order and served promptly by a friendly and attentive staff.

A commendable bonus is that they make all their own sauces, ranging from the typical Red Hot and butter "Buffalo" style, to spicy parmesan to the tangy hot Thai direction. Dry rubs are available if you don't like getting dirty and boneless wings are there for those that like to let someone else do the work. All together he gives you about 34 different ways to enjoy your wing experience, so don't be afraid to leave Buffalo. There are actually, 35 ways to enjoy, if you count the fact that they only cost 35 cents, Monday through Thursday.

In addition to the wings, you'll find the rest of your pub favorites well represented. Highly recommended are the nachos; served with a nice gooey ballpark cheese, festooned with jalapeños and the option of adding beef or chicken. Bring help to finish.

If you're looking for something with a little









more girth to it, you may want to try one of their flatbread pizzas or hoagies. Piled high with tasty quality ingredients, they will no doubt get you to the 4th quarter in one piece and provide a nice base for the usual festivities that accompany such matters.

For those looking to fit into last year's team jersey, you could go with the blackened chicken or the steak salad. Try one, this is Pittsburgh, we put fries on our salads... you'll live.

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Dining in & around

Recognizing how much fun Nightwire had on our first visit to Texas, our quest to travel throughout the largest State in the Nation–The Lone Star State of Texas, continues. I can't wait to tell you my about my travels to Texas Hill Country, the quaint and quite historic town of Fredericksburg. Landing in either Austin or San Antonio, Fredericksburg is a short & convenient drive into the Texas landscape easily accessed by highway. It's one of Texas' most popular getaways, and recently named #3 of the Top 10 Wine Destinations by Wine Enthusiast!

What?? Wine Country in Texas? Yes, most definitely yes. The Tempranillo and Granache grapes thrive in the temperate Hill Country. Rt. 290 is called the Wine Road; driving along the scenic highway you'll find so many wineries offering varying specialties of the vast vineyards. My favorite winery that we visited was Grape Creek. The beautiful tasting room was the perfect backdrop for a lazy afternoon with some fruit & wine. Plus it's always nice to get a tasting with the vintner. Check out a little bit of Tuscany in Texas, www.grapecreek.com. We also visited 4.0 Cellars, a modern winery representing a collaboration of 3 separate wineries that came together to make a 4th. Knowledgeable staff will guide you through your tasting of an exceptional array of wines from single varietals to diverse blends. 4.0 Cellars feature Brennan Vineyards, Lost Oak





Winery and McPherson Cellars. Texas wines are currently not available in the PLCB system, so it's a great adventure to try wines by a region most unfamiliar to Pennsylvanians. www. fourpointwine.com The best way to search and plan a wine tour is to check out www. wineroad290.com for a comprehensive list of wineries, maps and events.

Lodging in and around Fredericksburg is arranged through a network of Guest Houses & Cottages and B&B's. With reverence to the German immigrants who founded the town in the mid-1800's, Gastehaus Schmidt is the go-to for reservation services. Their hand picked properties offer a variety of options tailored to meet every traveler's needs. I stayed a bit out of town at the lovely Ava Guest House, where I was greeted by my host who had recently finished renovation on an old dairy. The room was comfortable and very charming with an antique vanity and a hand set stone floor in the bathroom where, next to the modern shower, sat a huge claw foot bathtub. The Ava House books a lot of girlfriend get-a-ways and bachelorette & bridal parties, as well as quiet romantic vacations. The fireplace in the main room is a nice place to end your day. A mini-kitchenette houses a coffee maker, microwave and bar sized fridge. After visiting another property, the owner of







sandwich or soup!







Baron's Creekside hosted a shrimp boil for our group after touring his little piece of Switzerland right there in Texas. Swiss owned and with attention to every detail, you'll fall in love with this unique lodging option. Little log cabins impeccably decorated lend to romance & relaxation. The grounds are full of wildflowers, sculpture and charm. Take a video tour at www. baronscreekside.com. It's truly a magical place! One more unique lodging experience is the Hangar Hotel. A favorite amongst pilots who can utilize the airplane hangar onsite, the elegant Officer's Club or the Hangar Diner. It's a veritable pilot's dream! www.hangarhotel.com.

Dining in & around Fredericksburg you'll find everything from micro-breweries; Fredericksburg Brewing Company or Pedernales Brewing Company, to the Clear River Pecan Company, where award winning homemade ice cream is ordered with every homemade sandwich or soup! Dinner at Fredericksburg Brewing Company offered great German style beers at the oldest & most acclaimed brew pub in Texas. www. yourbrewery.com. After a day of wine touring, we were hosted by the Navajo Grill which served up the best in Southern cuisine with old & New Mexico influence along with a touch of New Orleans & Caribbean flavors. Wine was paired with our dinner by Hilmy Cellars. Even in a quaint German town, there's great food. www.navajogrill.com & www.hilmywine.com for details.

Walking along the historic main street, you can get lost for hours meandering in & out of great little boutiques and shops offering home décor, custom boots or culinary treats. I brought back jalapeño peanut butter, wine, and a great bag for my mom, many gifts & lots of inspiration. The West End Pizza Company is my recommendation for homemade pizza, fresh salad & maybe even some homemade ravioli. www.westendpizzacompany.com

If you're particularly interested in history- that's where the Pacific Theatre in World War II takes a prominent place in Fredericksburg, at The National Museum of the Pacific War. This museum is certainly a huge draw to the area with visitors coming from all corners of the globe. It is probably the largest,



















most organized & comprehensive collection of WWII memorabilia in the country. Located on a six-acre site, the Museum includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Pacific Combat Zone, Plaza of Presidents, Memorial Courtyard, Japanese Garden

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of Peace, and the Nimitz Education and Research Center. The museum has so much to offer, tickets are valid for 48 hours enabling guests to take their time while enjoying the expanse of the complex. A visit to Fredericksburg would not be complete without a drive to the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. There you can visit the "Texas White House" where LBJ lived during his administration. I was fascinated and enthusiastically encourage you to tour the homestead. Details of the IFK assassination become real seeing the replica cake prepared for this arrival the day of his fateful demise. The LBJ Ranch is not to be missed! You'll also want to visit the Sauer-Beckman Living History Farmstead. This working farm recreates Texas pioneer life in the 1800's. Park interpreters wear period clothing and carry out the day-to-day activities as that of a turn-of-the-century Texas-German farm family. While we were there, lunch was being prepared just as it would have in the 1800's. Sausages handmade & stored in lard were shown off as we were offered a soap making demonstration. This place was really cool. Texas doesn't mess around with history.

If history isn't quire your "thing", don't worry, culinary adventures await all around this little historic town. Das Peach

Haus is a fabulous place where you can sample a myriad of culinary treasures. Their Original roasted Raspberry Chipotle Sauce made them famous. It's the #1 specialty condiment sold in Texas. You'll have a hard time picking a favorite; their sauces pair beautifully with cheeses, fruits and even meats. Plus, you gotta love a great story about 2 guys who took a family business from farm to your family's table. Fischer & Wieser Specialty Foods has grown into a gourmet's paradise. Their products ARE available locally. Use their store locator to find products close to you. There wasn't one jelly, sauce, or syrup that I didn't thoroughly enjoy. If you love cooking, and you know I do- this is an excellent resource for turning the boring & bland into bold & flavorful dishes. Their comprehensive website offers recipes for everything from appetizers to desserts. Definitely check them out at www.jelly.com Make sure you head over to Chocolat to meet Lecia Duke, the first creator of European-style liquid-centered chocolate in the U.S. As a self-professed chocoholic, I couldn't wait to sample her Quintessential Chocolates. The beautiful little Alemandrado Tequila filled chocolate was scrumptious. After studying with a Swiss Master Chocolatiér, utilizing a 200 year old technique, Lecia was able to create these European style













confections with an American twist: unprecedented flavors suited to American tastes, to date over 200 distinctively different flavors have been made including numerous spirits, wine varietals, non-alcohol coffee and fruit nectars. Needless to say, I bought a bunch to bring home! www.chocolat-tx.us

Fredericksburg, Texas is also becoming a destination for bicyclists. It's described as the "Cycling Capital of Texas". Where the motto is "Come and ride it", there are plenty of resources for cyclists looking for an exceptional vacation destination. And, since this IS Hill Country, hiking to Enchanted Rock is an excellent outdoor adventure. The massive pink granite dome rising above Central Texas has drawn people for thousands of years. But there's more at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area than just the dome. The scenery, rock formations and legends are magical. You can hike, backpack, camp, rock climb, picnic, bird watch, study nature, geocache and stargaze. (You cannot swim here or ride bikes on the trails.)

My time in Fredericksburg was a whirlwind; jam-packed with activity and highlighted by the people of this small community. Tourism is their specialty and when there's a place that literally has something for everyone, it's easy to recommend with confidence that you'll enjoy something off the beaten path. An ideal trip for me would be a flying into Austin or San Antonio, spending a few days in the city & then taking a beautiful, not too long, drive to Hill Country. It would be like a get-a-way from your get-a-way. Speaking of get-a-ways, I would be completely remiss if I failed to mention a short drive out of Fredericksburg that landed us in Luckenbach, Texas. Yes, that town with a population of 2, complete with it own Post Office/Bar, and made famous by Waylon Jennings song, Luckenbach, Texas www. youtube.com/watch?v=3dXR5Dk8YNw. This is where you will find live music, cold beer along with chickens running around, an occasional cock-a-doodle-doo and happy folks to round out the

scenery. "Everybody's somebody in Luckenbach", it's a state of mind, and if you happen upon this Dance Hall, Post Office, Bar, Live Music Jam, I completely agree. Directions on how to get there are easily accessed at www.luckenbachtexas.com

For more information on Fredericksburg, Texas please visit www.fredericksburgtexas-online.com





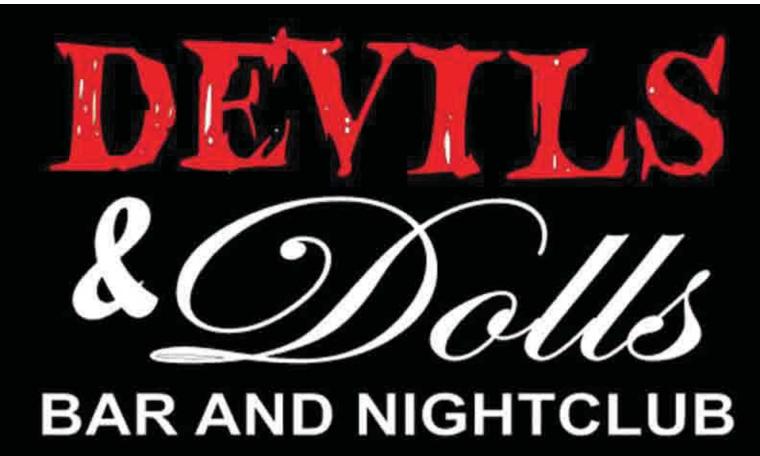


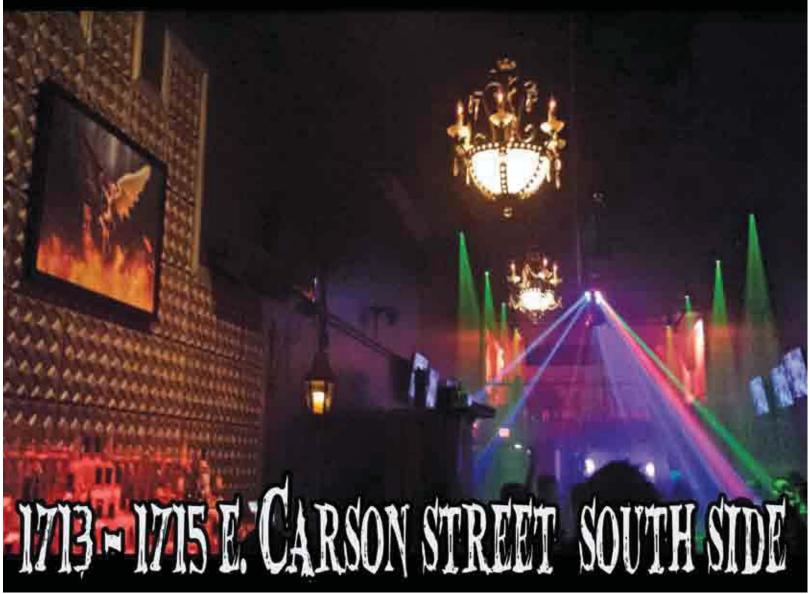












Music - Phat Man Dee and Tony Amoeba

Ladies and gentlemen, Nightwire is pleased to announce the impending musical release of two of Pittsburgh's most loveable musicians, Phat Man Dee and Tommy Amoeba! This iconic couple each have their own bands, she's a little bit jazzy and he's a little bit rawk and roll, and the release party for both of their brand new cds is going to happen at Mr Smalls Theatre in Millvale, PA. On Wednesday September 24, 2014, the doors open at 6 and showtime is 7 pm. It is an all ages and free show (or \$2 if the attendee is under 21 years of age).

Phat Man Dee and Tommy Amoeba's first date was a trip to the Lava

Lounge to see Frankie Capri. They were soon wed atop a pink elephant in a parade attended by thousands, outside the South Side Beehive twelve years ago and have been making sweet music ever since. His rock and roll band,

Amoeba Knievel, is known for their songs about science fiction, pop and literary references, and cartoonesque onstage shenanigans. Her jazz band "The Cultural District" regularly tours regionally and features some of the finest jazz musicians Pittsburgh has to offer.

Phat Man Dee's fourth studio album is called "Hey Phat Chick! (ya had it comin' to ya!)" and is the musical story of on Phat girl's journey form punk rock circus side show marvel to full blown jazz diva. The title track "Hey Phat Chick!" describes her journey across the nation with various independent variety, burlesque and circus sideshows. The song's lush arrangements by musical director Tony DePaolis feature the extravagant horn section











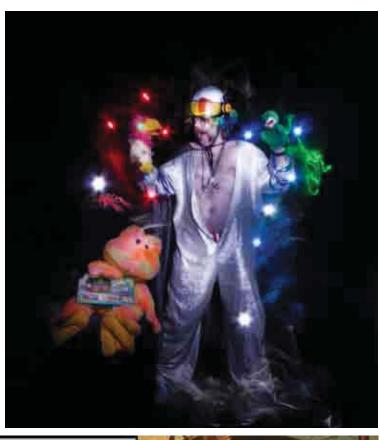


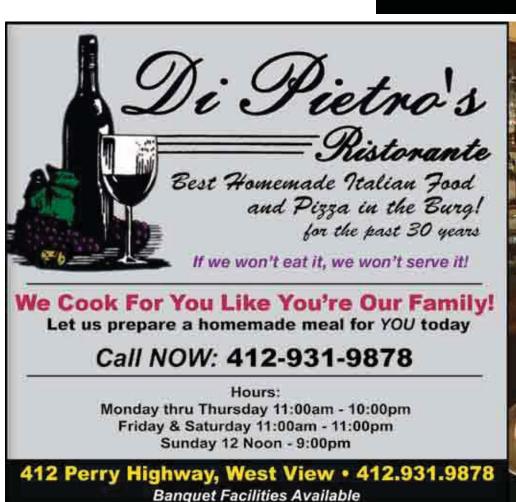
"Steel City Horns". Other tunes include French classics like "Sur Deux Notes" and "La Mauvaise Reputation". Mandee sings in 10 different languages and is hoping this release is the one that sends her off from Pittsburgh to start singing internationally!

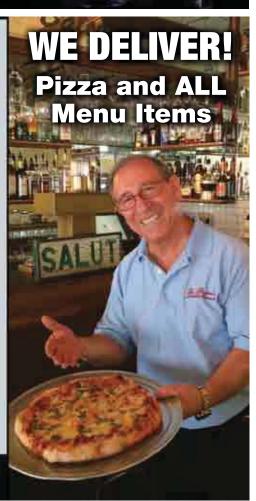
Tommy Amoeba started writing songs when he was 10 years old. By day he is a computer programmer for Allegheny County, by night he is costumed rawk n' roll madman. His band Amoeba Knievel is proud to release their first cd "This Is Only a Test". Sci-fi themed rock ballad "Scanners Live in Vain" is based on the futuristic story by Cordwainer Smith, wherein the story laments a new breed of pilot which comes along, one who could do the job better than the old ones, leaving the Scanners somewhat in the dust. "Growing up in a town with rusted- out steel mills," states Tommy, "it was easy to identify with the scanners plight."

Both albums were recorded at Mr Smalls Recording Studios in North Side and engineered by Larry Luther. Other local entertainers performing at the event include Lilith Deville, Pittsburgh Complaints N'At Choir, Geña, and Middle Children. This event is being held under the auspices of Mr. Smalls Theatre's non-profit educational arm Creative.Life.Support. through it's Revival series.

Mr Smalls Theatre is located at 400 Lincoln Ave, Milvale, PA 15209. http://www.phatmandee.com http://www.amoebaknievel.com http://www.creativelifesupport.com/ http://www.mrsmalls.com













Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

September's Gallery Crawl throughout the Cultural District marks a special occasion: the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust celebrates the event's 10th year. The Crawl offers live bands, DJs, dance, comedy, film, and participatory activities September 26 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Additional activities take place later in the evening during CrawlAfterDark.

To help the 10th anniversary, the Trust's SPACE gallery (812 Liberty Avenue) opens its Pittsburgh Biennial exhibition Public Record—which explores love, absurdity, surveillance, gaming, and identity—during the Crawl.

Multidisciplinary artist Carolina Loyola-Garcia presents her participatory performance project Map of Love during the exhibition opening (the performance beings at 7:30 p.m.). We were able to ask her about her experience as an artist in Pittsburgh and her participation in the Gallery Crawl and Pittsburgh Biennial.

Q: How does it feel to be participating in the Pittsburgh Biennial?

A: I am very excited to participate in this year's Biennial. It's such a comprehensive survey of the local art scene, and it really shows how beneficial it is when institutions come together to collaborate in presenting cultural programming. I don't know of any other cities where so many different organizations join forces toward a common goal. It just shows how great of a city Pittsburgh is for the arts.

Q: You're presenting an opening night performance at SPACE. What can visitors expect to see?

A: The performance for opening night is part of my project Map of Love, which I am presenting and developing while the exhibition is running. This project is a commission by SPACE. This will be the first installment of a series of performances that will occur between September 26 and November 9th in various places throughout the city. These performances will be documented and uploaded to the project's website and later will be compiled into a single-channel video piece. Visitors can expect to be witness to a movement performance in the town of "New Friendship," as we try to use cartography to map one of human's most complex emotions: love. Visitors are asked to bring their own mask for that night's performance. They will be part of the performance, so I am









Gallery Crawl Turns 10



asking them to become a "character" of their choosing. I will have some generic masks available for people that night, but it would be great if people can bring their own fancy and outrageous masks to show off.

Q: Will you be presenting anything else over the course of the exhibition?

A: My piece will be housed at SPACE, and it will live mainly on the project's website (www.mapoflove.net), which will go live in September. There are a number of short videos that are part of the piece, and those will also be displayed at the gallery. The installation will change as the show is running. I am focusing on process, so the idea of making it a "work-in-progress" is vital for the piece. People will also be able to participate in the project through the blog and through attending the various performances that will happen over a span of six weeks.

Q: You're part of the 10th anniversary of the Gallery Crawl. What does this mean to you?

A: I have lived in Pittsburgh for 17 years—kind of crazy how long it's been! I've been a witness to the city's transformation as well as an active participant through it all. I've been in many Gallery Crawls over the years, both as an exhibiting artist as well as a visitor and supporter of so many of my colleagues and friends. It is a true celebration and the vibrancy those events create continues to amaze me. I feel very privileged to be able to partake of the 10th year anniversary, and I hope it continues to draw people into the Cultural District so that our community can continue to be engaged through the arts.

Q: What is unique about being an artist in Pittsburgh?

A: Pittsburgh has been a source of so many opportunities for me. I came here from Chile, where I grew up, and I have nothing but gratitude for everything that's been presented to me in the time I've been here. The arts community is extremely supportive, I've met most of my closest friends here, and the network of support that exists in this city via the many foundations and arts organizations is unique. In addition, it is still affordable to live here as an artist, and very easy to stay connected with what's going on in other places, since we are very close to several major cities. I travel quite a bit, and I've noticed that in the past five years or so, people I meet abroad or in other places in the U.S. have been asking about Pittsburgh's renaissance, so the word is out.





Find a Wife Biblically

Find an attractive prisoner of war, bring her home, shave her head, trim her nails, and give her new clothes. Then she's yours. -- Deuterononmy (Deuteronomy 21:11-13)

Find a prostitute and marry her. --Hosea (Hosea 1:1-3)

Find a man with seven daughters, and impress him by watering his flock. -- Moses (Exodus 2:16-21)

Purchase a piece of property, and get a woman as part of the deal. -- Boaz (Ruth 4:5-10)

Go to a party and hide. When the women come out to dance, grab one and carry her off to be your wife. -- Benjaminites (Judges 21:19-25)

Have God create a wife for you while you sleep. Note: this will cost you a rib. -- Adam (Genesis 2:19-24)

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Then work another seven years for the woman you wanted to marry in the first place. That's right. Fourteen years of toil for a woman. -- Jacob (Genesis 29:15-30)

Cut off 200 foreskins off of your future father-in-law's enemies and get his daughter for a wife. -- David (1Samuel 18:27)

Even if no one is out there, just wander around a bit and you'll definitely find someone. (It's all relative of course.) -- Cain (Genesis 4:16-17)

Become the emperor of a huge nation and hold a beauty contest. -- Xerxes or Ahasuerus (Esther 2:3-4)

When you see someone you like, go home and tell your parents, "I have seen a ...woman; now get her for me." If your parents question your decision, simply say, "Get her for me. She's the one for me." -- Samson (Judges 14:1-3)

Kill any husband and take HIS wife. (Prepare to lose four sons though). --David (2 Samuel 11) Wait for your brother to die. Take his widow. (It's not just a good idea, it's the law). -- Onan and Boaz (Deuteronomy or Leviticus, example in Ruth)

Don't be so picky. Make up for quality with quantity. -- Solomon (1 Kings 11:1-3)

A wife?...NOT!!! -- Paul (1Corinthians 7:32-35)

For Better or Worse

Darling," said the swooning man to his new bride. "Now that we are married, do you think you will be able to live on my small income?" "Of course, dearest, no trouble," she said. "But what will you live on?"

Where Have You Been

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around

with other women," she charged.
"You're being unreasonable," Adam
responded. "You're the only woman on
earth." The quarrel continued until Adam
fell asleep, only to be awakened by
someone poking him in the chest. It was
Eve. "What do you think you're doing?"
Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs,"
said Eve.

Housewife Woes

The worried housewife sprang to the telephone when it rang and listened with relief to the kindly voice in her ear. "How are you, darling?" she said. "What kind of a day are you having?" "Oh, mother," said the housewife, breaking into bitter tears, "I've had such a bad day. The baby won't eat and the washing machine broke down. I haven't had a chance to go shopping, and besides, I've just sprained my ankle and I have to hobble around. On top of that, the house is a mess and I'm supposed to have two couples to dinner tonight." The mother was shocked and was at once all sympathy. "Oh, darling," she said, "sit down, relax, and close your eyes. I'll be over in half an hour. I'll do your shopping, clean up the house, and cook your dinner for you. I'll feed the baby and I'll call a repairman I know who'll be at your house to fix the washing machine promptly. Now stop crying. I'll do everything. In fact, I'll even call George at the office and tell him he ought to come home and help out for once." "George?" said the housewife. "Who's George?" "Why, George! Your husband!....Is this 223-1374? "No, this is 223-1375." "Oh, I'm sorry. I guess I have the wrong number." There was a short pause and the housewife said, "Does this mean you're not coming over?"

Athiest Proposal

A young lady came home very sad from a date. She told her mother, "Anthony proposed to me an hour ago." "Then why are you so sad?" her mother asked. "Because he also told me he is an atheist. Mom, he doesn't even believe there's a Hell." Her mother replied, "Marry him anyway. Between the two of us, we'll show him how wrong he is."









That'll Be Fine

A recent transplant to the mountains of North Carolina writes: The folks around these parts have a peculiarity that drives me nutty. You ask them an "either/or" guestion, and their answer is-- "That'll be fine!" I asked a lady the other night who was coming through my register at Wal-Mart, "Ma'am, would you like your milk in a bag or not?" "That'll be fine," was her reply. I looked quizzically at her, and asked, "Does that mean 'yes' or 'no'?" "I said that that'll be fine," was her answer. Since I was holding it up in my hand, out of a bag, I decided to assume that "that" in this case meant "that naked jug of milk that you're holding in your hand, not in a bag." This feeling was further reinforced by a slight nod of the head towards the jug just as she said the word "that'll." I set the jug in the buggy without putting it in a sack. "I said I wanted it in a bag," she complained. "You want me to shout it or write it down for you? "That'll be fine!" I replied.

Unwritten Texas Rules

- 1. Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.
- 2. Let's get this straight; it's called a "gravel road." I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.
- 3. They are cattle and feed lots. That's what they smell like to you. They smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-20 goes east and west, I-35 goes north and south. Pick one.
- 4. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$150,000 wheat combines that are driven only 3 weeks a year.

- 5. So every person in every pickup waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept, you whiney elitest.
- 6. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of Dove are coming in, we WILL shoot it out of your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.
- 7. Yeah, we eat catfish and calf fries. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at the corner bait shop.
- 8. The "Opener" refers to the first day of dove season. It's a religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of September.
- 9. We open doors for women. That is applied to all women, regardless of age. We say thank you and please. We say Ma'am. It is a sign of respect NOT age.
- 10. No, there's no "vegetarian special" on the menu. Order steak. Or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of ham and turkey.
- 11. When we fill out a table, there are three main dishes: meats, vegetables, and breads. We use three spices: salt, pepper, and Picante Sauce. Oh, yeah.... We don't care what you folks in Malibu call that stuff you eat... It AINT REAL CHIL!!! Real chili never met ground turkey!
- 12. You bring "coke" into my house, it better be brown, wet, and served over ice. You bring "Mary Jane" into my house, she better be cute, know how to shoot, drive a truck, and have long hair.
- 13. Yeah, we have golf courses. But don't hit the water hazards it spooks the fish.















Helpful Hotel Staff

On vacation, a man and his wife check into a hotel. The husband wants to have a snack at the restaurant, but his wife is extremely tired so she decides to go on up to their room to rest. She lies down on the bed... just then, a train passes by very close to the window and shakes the room so hard she's thrown out of the bed. Thinking this must be a freak occurrence, she lies down once more. But just a few minutes later a train again shakes the room so violently, she's pitched to the floor. Exasperated, she calls the front desk and asks for the manager who says he'll be right up. The manager is skeptical but the wife insists the story is true. "Look... lie here on the bed -- you'll be thrown right to the floor!" So he lies down next to the wife. Just then the husband walks in. He takes one look at the manager lying in bed with his wife and yells, "Hey! What are you doing in here!?" The manager calmly replies, "Would you believe I'm waiting for a train?"

The Speed Limit

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as

a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies -two in the front seat and three in the back - eyes wide and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit?" she asked. No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-Two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. "But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time." the officer asks. "Oh, they'll be alright in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."





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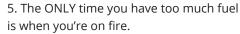
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Pilot Flying Rules

There is a lot pilots have to take into account when flying safely across the sky...

- 1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
- 2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
- 3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
- 4. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.



- 6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
- 7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
- 8. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
- 9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
- 10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
- 11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice-versa.
- 12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
- 13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.
- 14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.
- 15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
- 16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
- 17. Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.

- 18. If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.
- 19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.
- 20. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, experience usually comes from bad judgment.
- 21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
- 22. Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.
- 23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.
- 24. The four most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, gas back at the airport, and a tenth of a second ago.
- 25. There are old pilots and there are bold pilots. There are, however, no old, bold pilots.

Public Washroom Chat

Leaving Washington D.C. for Richmond, I decided to make a stop at one of those rest areas on the side of the road. I went into the washroom. The first stall was taken so I went to the second stall. I'd just sat down when I heard a voice from the next stall... Hi there, how's it going?" Now I'm not the type to strike up conversations with strangers in washrooms on the side of the road. I didn't know what to say, but finally I said, "...Not bad..." Then the voice said, "So, what are you doing?" I thought that was kind of weird, but I said, "Well, I'm just going to the bathroom, then I'm going back home..." The voice interrupted, "Look, I'm going to have to call you back. Every time I



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ask you a question, this goober in the next stall keeps answering me!"

Prepared To Wait

A fellow, reflecting upon his ancestry one day, determined to go to Russia for a visit. Why not? Must be an interesting place. However when he tried to do some business in the blackmarket. He was guickly arrested by the police and imprisoned. When he was brought before the judge, he was informed that doing business with the black market was a terrible crime to society, since the people suffer from the inability of the government to collect taxes and the punishment was well known, death. Although he protested that he was a foreigner, the judge refused to reduce the sentence. "The government is trying to stamp out the black market. We have no mercy on people who come here and disregard our laws. However, you are a foreigner, and we do want to encourage foreigners to come here as tourists and to do business, legally, of course. We want to show the world that the Russian legal system has mercy. Therefore we will allow you three wishes. Anything that you desire, just ask and you shall be granted them. The only conditionis that you can not request to commute your death sentence. After your three wishes have been granted, you will have to pay for your crime." "Well, if that is what I have left to do with my life, my first request is to go skiing in the Carpathian mountains." "What?" the judge remarked, "skiing? This is the summer ... there isn't any snow now." "Well," the fellow answered, folding his arms across his chest, "I'm prepared to wait. Because that's my first wish." "Let it be so!" The judge banged his gavel on the desk and called the police. "When the snow falls on the Carpathian Mountains, you are to fetch this fellow and let him ski to his hearts content, from sunrise until sunset. Afterwards he is to be brought to me to complete his sentencing." Six months later the police came to collect the man and took him up to the most beautiful ski resort high up on the Carpathian Mountains. The fellow skied all day and after night fall the police whisked him to the judge. "The state has granted your first wish. What is your second?" "Well, I always wanted to swim in the Black Sea. That is my second request." "The Black Sea is frozen. It's winter now." "Well," the fellow answered, "I'm prepared to wait." The judge said banging down his gavel, "The police will come to you on a beautiful summer's day and escort you to the ocean where you will swim to your hearts content from sunrise until sunset. Then you will be brought there to complete the sentencing." On a beautiful summer's day, the police took him to the nicest resort are on the Black Sea. The man swam the entire day and then after sun fall, was ushered in front of the judge. "The state has kept it's word. Now you may have your last wish, after which you will be executed" "Well," the man began, "nothing could please me more than to be buried in a cemetery along side of you." "What?" the judge said, "but I'm not dead yet. How could we do that?" "I don't know, but I'm prepared to



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My Luggage

Mr. Smith was a traveling salesman and frequent flyer, so he was always very, VERY careful to mark his luggage so that no one would mistakenly take his bags. He always did this with bright ribbons and tape, so he was quite surprised to see his bags grabbed by a well dressed man when he got to the luggage carousel. Mr. Smith walked over to the fellow and pointed out the colored ribbons tied to the handle, and the fluorescent tape on the sides. "I believe that luggage is mine. Were your bags marked like this?" he asked. "Actually," the man replied, "I was wondering who did this to my luggage."

The Texan In London

A Texan was taking a taxi tour of London and was in a hurry. As they went by the Tower of London the cabbie explained what it was and that construction of it started in 1346 and was completed in 1412. The Texan replied, "Shoot, a little ol' tower like that? In Houston we'd have that thing up in two weeks!" Next they passed the House of Parliament - started in 1544 and completed in 1618. "Well, boy, we put up a bigger one than that in Dallas and it only took a year!" As they passed Westminister Abbey the cabbie was silent. "Whoah! What's that over there?" asked the Texan. The cabbie replies, scratching his head, "Now that, I don't

know; it sure wasn't there yesterday!"

Famous Writer

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer. When asked to define "great" he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level. Stuff that will make them scream, cry, and howl in pain and anger!" He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

The Weatherman

A film crew was on location deep in the desert. One day an Old Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow rain." The next day it rained. A week later, the Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow storm." The next day there was a hailstorm. "This Indian is incredible," said the director. He told his secretary to hire the Indian to predict the weather. However, after several successful predictions, the old Indian didn't show up for two weeks. Finally the director sent for him. "I have to shoot a big scene tomorrow," said the director, "and I'm depending on you. What will the weather be like?" The Indian shrugged his shoulders. "Don't know," he said. "Radio is broken."









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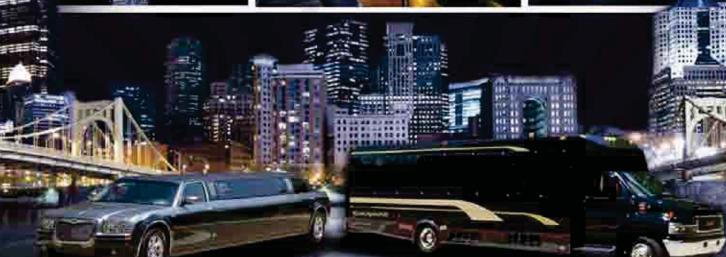
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Gates Gets Punished

Bill Gates suddenly dies and finds himself face to face with God. God stood over Bill Gates and said, "Well Bill, I'm really confused on this one. It's a tough decision; I'm not sure whether to send you to Heaven or Hell. After all, you helped society enormously by putting a computer in almost every home in America, yet you also created that ghastly Windows 8.1 among other indiscretions. I believe I'll do something I've never done before; I'll let you decide where you want to go." Bill pushed up his glasses, looked up at God and replied, "Could you briefly explain the difference between the two?" Looking slightly puzzled, God said, "Better yet, why don't I let you visit both places briefly, then you can make your decision. Which do you choose to see first, Heaven or

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Hell?" Bill played with his pocket protector for a moment, then looked back at God and said, "I think I'll try Hell first." So. with a flash of lightning and a cloud of smoke, Bill Gates went to Hell. When he materialized in Hell, Bill looked around. It was a beautiful and clean place, a bit warm, with sandy beaches and tall mountains, clear skies, pristine water, and beautiful women frolicking about. A smile came across Bill's face as he took in a deep breath of the clean air. "This is great," he thought, "if this is Hell, I can't wait to see heaven." Within seconds of his thought, another flash of lightning and a cloud of smoke appeared, and Bill was off to Heaven. Heaven was a place high above the clouds, where angels were drifting about playing their harps and singing in a beautiful chorus. It was a very nice place, Bill thought, but not as enticing as Hell. Bill looked up, cupped his hands around his mouth and yelled for God and Bill Gates was sent to Hell for eternity. Time passed, and God decided to check on the late billionaire to see how he was progressing in Hell. When he got there, he found Bill Gates shackled to a wall in a dark cave amid bone thin men and tongues of fire, being burned and tortured by demons. "So, how is everything going?" God asked. Bill responded with a crackling voice filled with anguish and disappointment, "This is awful! It's nothing like the Hell I visited the first time!! I can't believe this is happening! What happened to the other place....with the beaches and the mountains and the beautiful women? "That was the demo," replied God.

The Smart Monkeys

A man goes into a pet store looking for a monkey. "I don't want any old monkey," he says to the store owner, "I want one that can do something special." The store owner points towards three identical looking monkeys in politically-correct, animal-friendly natural mini-habitats. "The one on the left costs \$500," says the store owner. "Why so much?" asks the customer. "Because it can program in C," answers the store owner. The customer inquires about the next monkey and is told, "That one costs \$1500, because it knows Visual C++ and Object-Relational technology." The startled man then asks about the third monkey. "That one costs \$3000." answers the store owner. "3000 dollars!!" exclaims the man. "What can that one do?" The owner replies, "To be honest, I've never seen it do a single thing, but it calls itself a Consultant."

Winter Is Coming

The Indians asked their Chief in autumn, if the winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the winter was going to be cold and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared. Being a good leader, he then went to the next phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter going to be cold?" The man on the phone responded, "This winter was going to be quite cold indeed." So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes", the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find. Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again: "Are you absolutely sure, that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely" the man replies, "the Indians









are collecting wood like crazy!"

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?

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A. Joshua, son of Nun.

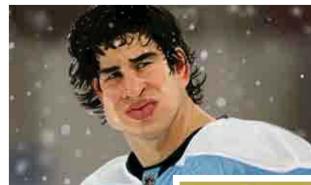
Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

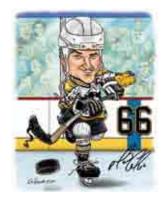
A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

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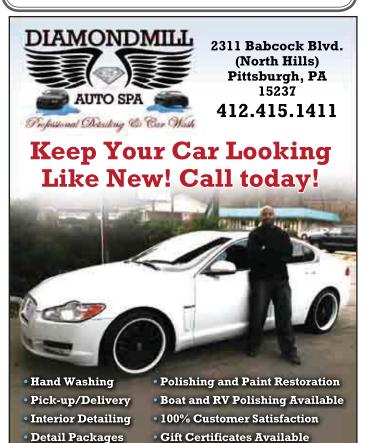


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"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." --Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM. 1943

"I have travelled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year."

--The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what ... is it good for?"
--Engineer at the Advanced
Computing Systems Division of
IBM, 1968, commenting on the
microchip

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

--Ken Olson, President, Chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

"There is no real need for sales people. Customers will be attracted to good products without assistance."

--Ken Olson, addressing a convention of DEC sales people

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."
--Western Union internal memo, 1876.

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" --David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible."

--A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service.
Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.

"Who wants to hear actors talk?"
--H.M. Warner, Warner
Brothers, 1927.

"I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper."

--Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."

"A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make."

--Response to Debbi Fields' idea

of starting Mrs. Fields' Cookies.

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out."

--Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."

--Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895.

"If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this."

--Spencer Silver on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M "Post-It" Notepads.

"So we went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or, we'll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary, we'll come work for you.' And, they said, 'No.' So then, we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, 'Hey, we don't need you. You haven't got through college yet."' --Apple Computer Inc. founder Steve Jobs on attempts to get Atari and HP interested in his and Steve Wozniak's personal computer.

"Professor Goddard does not know the relation between action and reaction and the need to have something better than a vacuum against which to react. He seems to lack the basic knowledge ladled out daily in high schools."

--1921 New York Times editorial about Robert Goddard's revolutionary rocket work.

"You want to have consistent and uniform muscle development across all of your muscles? It can't be done. It's just a fact of life. You just have to accept inconsistent muscle development as an unalterable condition of weight training."

--Response to Arthur Jones, who solved the "unsolvable" problem by inventing Nautilus.

"Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're crazy."

--Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist to his project to drill for oil in 1859.

"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau."

--Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."

--Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre.

"Everything that can be invented has been invented."

--Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.

"Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction."

--Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872

"The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon."

--Sir John Eric Ericksen, British surgeon, appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria 1873.

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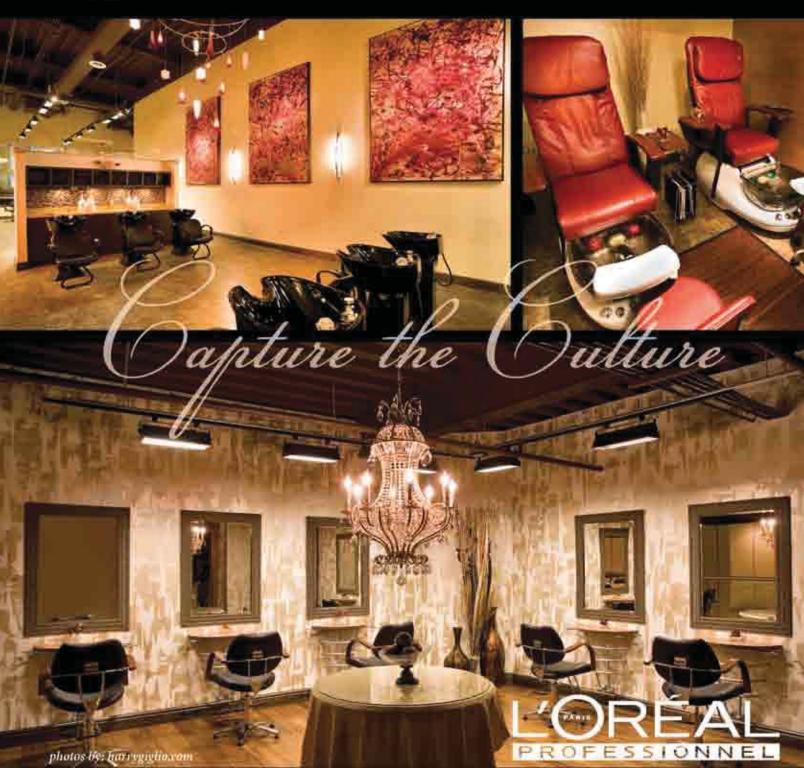


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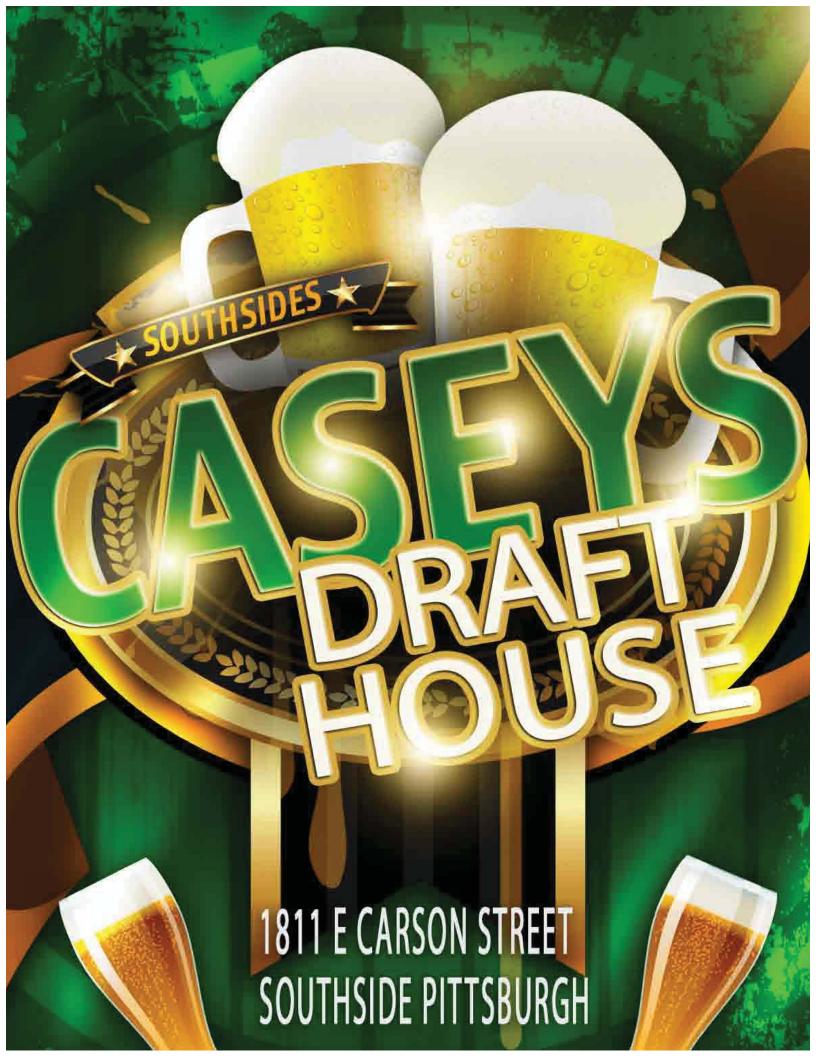
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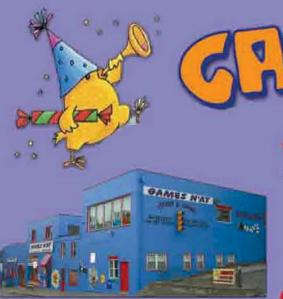
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