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SPORTS

Steelers Preview



By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos © 2015 Pittsburgh Steelers, Courtesy of Karl Roser

After a quick exit from the playoffs at the hands of the hated Baltimore Ravens – at Heinz Field, no less - capped an 11-5 season last year, the Steelers and their vast fandom were left longing for that seventh Super Bowl championship. Now it's time to try again.

Question marks have surrounded the defense for several years and if there was an uncertainty that changes needed to be made, that wild card loss proved it. Sure, people will blame the absence of one of the best backs in the NFL, Le'Veon Bell, and the lack of a running game and his presence in the passing game to move the sticks, but the biggest difference was the defense. The Ravens had it and the Steelers just didn't, allowing 30 points on their home turf.

Baltimore sacked Roethlisberger five times and picked him off twice while Pittsburgh's defenders barely laid a hand on Joe Flacco and were overmatched in the secondary.

Knowing this, General Manager Kevin Colbert and Head Coach Mike Tomlin addressed the defensive side of the ball in the draft, using six of the eight picks to fortify the defense. They also made a small trade that could pay big dividends, bringing in fourth year cornerback Brandon Boykin from Philadelphia. Boykin is one season removed from a six interception performance and has something to prove after a somewhat disappointing 2014. With Senquez Golson, their second round defensive back out for the foreseeable future after having shoulder surgery, Boykin gives the backfield more depth and a veteran ball hawk.

The defense will be a work in progress, that's been well documented, but how about the offense? Just 48 passing yards shy of 5,000 last season, I'm not sure how you can expect quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to do much more to lead his team to victory. However the offense might be even more explosive this season, believe it or not. Tall target Martavis Bryant didn't see the field until week seven in 2014 and exploded onto the scene with eight touchdowns in just ten games, averaging over 20 yards per catch. By all accounts he has gotten stronger over the offseason and can really stretch the field. Combine that with his focus in the film room and you can look for him to be the beneficiary of double coverage on Antonio Brown.

The backfield will be without Bell for the first two games of the season, due to his reduced suspension, and former Carolina Panther, DeAngelo Williams has the pedigree to step in and ease the loss of production as much as possible. Unfortunately, neither he nor Bell will have All-Pro Center Maurkice Pouncey creating holes and blocking downfield. Pouncey suffered a broken fibula above his left ankle in the preseason win over the Green Bay Packers. Experts say recovery from this injury could take eight weeks or more. So the Steelers will turn to Cody Wallace, a capable



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backup that started four games at center in 2013. That year the Steelers went 8-8 after a 0-4 start to the season without Pouncey. This year the linemen are more experienced and tight knit under sophomore Offensive Line Coach, Mike Munchak and better equipped to absorb the loss.

We'll find out sooner rather than later if these pieces fall into place as the black and gold travel to New England on Thursday, September 10th for the NFL season opener. This is the first of five national games showcasing the Steelers. On another Thursday night, Oct 1st the Ravens will be in town and the following week, they play the Chargers in San Diego on Monday Night Football. Two Sunday Night Football appearances round out the nationally televised games - at Indianapolis on Dec 6th and versus Cleveland three weeks later. It won't be an easy road to another postseason with nine games against playoff teams from last year, including both Super Bowl participants, but if the Steelers can improve in two areas, they might even win their first playoff game since 2010.

It's all about turnovers and sacks. There's been a steady improvement in the takeaway department since having a -10 turnover ratio in 2012. Last year they finally broke even and took the ball away as many times as they gave it away (20 times). Now to take the next step, I'm looking at the defense to pick a few more

passes. Heck, if the front seven gets more pressure, a lame duck or three could flutter someone's way. Which brings us to number two on the must improve list...SACKS. The once intimidating pass rush has taken down opposing quarterbacks at an alarmingly low rate the past four years and rank among the league's worst in sack totals. The onus falls on the defensive front and outside rushers to wreak havoc in pass defense. Linebackers James Harrison, Bud Dupree and Jarvis Jones all registered sacks in the preseason game against Green Bay where the Steelers had six total. An encouraging sign of more sacks to come? Yes.

Getting past the first two weeks against New England and San Francisco with at least one win will have the Steelers in good shape for Le'Veon Bell's return to action. If the defense can force turnovers and infiltrate the backfield, this season will shape up nicely for Pittsburgh, and that offense? That offense is going to be fun to watch. Here we go.

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At The Movies...

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

A HARD DAY

From Korea comes A HARD DAY; a true melodrama destined to be remade by an American director and studio.

The movie has an eclectic personality. It begins as a comedy, shifts to a thriller and then ends as an action romp. Screenwriter and Director Seong-hoon Kim establishes the plot with a series of incredibly stupid constructs.

Police detective Go Geon-soo, played by Sun-kyun Lee is attending the funeral of his mother. Leaving the funeral for a brief spell to attend to police work, he is involved in a hit and run and can't take the time to deal with the accident. His contacts are waiting. So, he takes the body and stashes it in the trunk of his car. Meanwhile, his team is being investigated by Internal Affairs, and when he returns to his mother's funeral, he receives a text alerting him that IA is coming to the funeral to search his car. Realizing he can't be caught with the body, he puts the dead man into the coffin with his mother.

While all this sounds ridiculous, it becomes even more bizarre when it's learned the dead man is wanted for murder and he may have already been dead when Go Geon-soo ran him over. This leads to a corrupt police drug ring, an eye witness to the hit and run and a framing of Go Geon-soo. The story becomes a thriller as the plot untwists and ends in action as protagonist and antagonist finally confront each other.

Many Asia films have proven to be sound groundwork for American remakes. One of the main problems with Korean films is editors usually don't know how to end them. In order to complete the normal and expected Korean philosophies, their movies generally run a good hour over the necessary length. A HARD DAY is the exception. It's a comfortable length at under two hours, and is a prime candidate for a reworking by an American director.

A HARD DAY is fun. It's not an award winner, but it is better than a lot of the tripe Hollywood has released this summer. Like many foreign films, it has a tiered release. A HARD DAY is already playing in the top 15 markets, but, unfortunately is not playing in the 'burgh. Keep your eyes open, you'll want to catch this one when it does get a Pittsburgh release, or when it comes available on home video or VOD.

RATING FOR A HARD DAY =7/10

ANT-MAN

Marvel has stumbled. Its latest superhero endeavor is not as solid as its previous endeavors. Part of the reason surely must be the ridiculousness of the main character. As superheroes go ANT-MAN is not one folk are lining up to be, even at the Comic-Con events.



When ANT-MAN was first announced in the Marvel lineup, it was listed as a comedy. The selection of Paul Rudd as the miniature hero was no fluke. Rudd was the principle scriptwriter as well as the star. This immediately conjured memories of the horrific treatment Seth Rogen gave to THE GREEN HORNET. Fans were not amused and certainly the fanboys had no desire to see their hero scoffed at for the sake of box office draw.

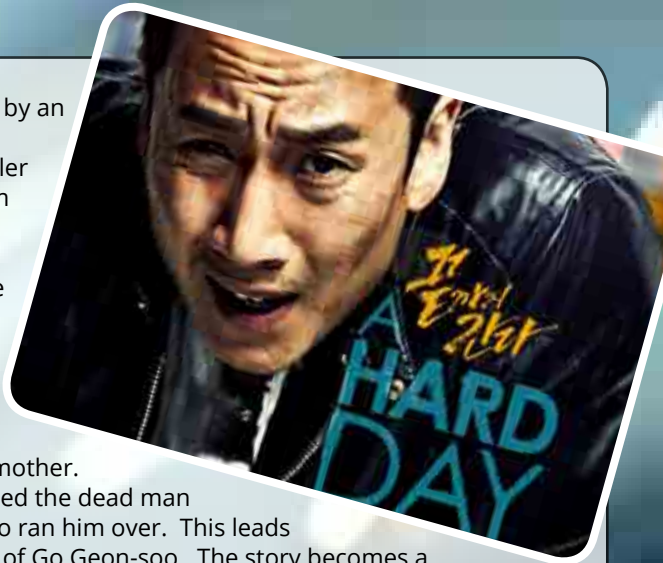
Marvel quickly responded to the social media outcry. The revamped the script, giving it more gravitas. Still, I laughed out loud more times during ANT-MAN than I did with MINIONS. Of humorous note are the battle sequence on the train layout with THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE and the Ant-Man's henchmen which includes a marvelous performance by Michael Pena as Luis. For years, I have heaped praise on Pena for his dramatic acting, but he truly shines as

comic relief here.

This version of ANT-MAN does not stray too far from comic book lore. It tells the story of Scott Lang, played by Rudd, who is the second incarnation of Ant-Man. The original, Hank Pym, is a mere shell of his former superhero self, and ready for retirement, in the guise of Michael Douglas. Trouble brews when Darren Cross, played by Corey Stoll, is on the verge of reproducing Pym's particle, which allows a man to shrink to ant size, but increase his strength by a whopping 200 percent. Pym wants his technology to remain hidden, while Cross has interested buyers in HYDRA. In order to stop Cross, Pym selects Scott as the new wearer of the Ant-Man costume and tasks him with saving the technology and the world. Added into the mix is Hope Pym, Hank's daughter, played by the alluring and seductive Evangeline Lilly. Hope is a character created in the Marvel Universe by Ron Frenz. Ron is a friend and has appeared on the show several times. His name, rightfully, appears in the end credits.

The cinematography by Russell Carpenter and the SFX helmed by Shepard Frankel and Marcus Rowland are exceptional. The sub-atomic sequence and all scenes with the army of ants are amazing on screen. The fight scenes, which incorporate Ant-Man shifting from normal to small size are exceptionally well staged, especially since Rudd couldn't fight his way out of a paper bag.

ANT-MAN is slow, especially during the film's first 45 minutes. It is rather funny for a ridiculous character, and there are many



tie-ins to other Marvel characters and storylines. There are also hidden scenes during the credits, so be sure to stay in your seat until the house lights are turned on.

RATING = 8/10

WILL POLITICAL CORRECTNESS KILL SUPERHEROES?

While they are bona fide hits at the box office, the death of the superhero movie may come, not by Kryptonite, but by political correctness.

Graphic novels have always delved into current topics and social mores as subplots to the traditional good vs. evil tomes. Recently, political correctness, has seeped its way into the world of Superman, Batman and Spider-Man. It is doing so at the chagrin of movie-goers and is alienating the majority fan base.

One of the most embarrassing escapades involved actor Andrew Garfield. He was a young, unproven actor, who was given the opportunity of a life time when he was handed the role of Peter Parker/Spider-Man. His first endeavor, *THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN*, was a box office hit and proved there was life for the character after Toby Maguire. After the first film, and continuing during the production of the second, Garfield went on a rant about Spidey as the first gay superhero. He wanted to portray the Web Head as a conflicted youth willing to explore further his sexual orientation. He even went so far as to suggest the role of Mary Jane Watson, Parker's girlfriend and eventual wife in the comics, be changed to Michael Watson and be played by a black man. In one social media moment, Garfield infused homosexuality and bi-racial relationships to a character who has neither trait. Marvel Studios was quick to silence Garfield. They distanced themselves from the actor and informed him he had lost the part. Another reboot of Spidey is due in 2017, without Garfield.

While Garfield was attempting to infuse social engineering into an established character, the fans and geeks who follow Spider-Man were aghast. They did not want their superhero altered to fit a social construct. Remember, these are the same fans who love alternative universe stories, but this obvious manipulation to cater to a cultural minority was beyond acceptable.

A similar situation is occurring this summer with the reboot of *FANTASTIC FOUR*. In the original story, two of the team members, Sue and Johnny Storm, aka The

Invisible Woman and the Human Torch, are brother and sister. In the newest version, Johnny, played by Michael B. Jordan, is black and Sue, played by Kate Mara is white. During a recent interview with a radio station in Atlanta, the two stars were asked about the striking racial contrast between the superhero siblings. Neither actor had viable explanations and fumbled embarrassingly over their answers. Without a believable rationale in the script for the change, movie-goers became suspect of the reboot and it is showing at the box office.

The social engineers of the Hollywood Liberal Looney Left (H3L) feel a great disservice has been done to every minority imagined because too many of the well-known and accepted superheroes are white. Even if they are from an alien race, they are still white. The H3L sees this as a gross injustice and seeks to correct it, regardless of what fans and movie-goers think.

This is a mistake. For proof, look no further than the less than stellar returns for *ANT-MAN* and the horrific opening weekend box office results for *FANTASTIC FOUR*. *FANTASTIC FOUR* performed dismally on both the foreign and domestic box offices its opening week, earning less than a third of its expected take.

If the social engineers want minority superheroes, it's a simple process of creating good ones. Both Blade and Spawn are black superheroes. They were created that way. Wesley Snipes and Michael Jai White played the characters on film, respectively. Odd that no one, for the sake of diversity, suggested the reboot of Blade should star Jason Statham. The notion is ludicrous, just like the haphazard shifting of cultural and racial identities with established characters. Tossed around as possibilities already are a Latino Spider-Man, a black James Bond, a female Thor, a gay bi-racial Captain America, a female Captain Marvel and a lesbian Wonder Woman.

Colleague, friend and fellow film critic Ed Blank often pined for the demise of the superhero movie, a genre he despises. His wish may come true, not because of viewers waning interest, but due to the political correctness infused by the studios.

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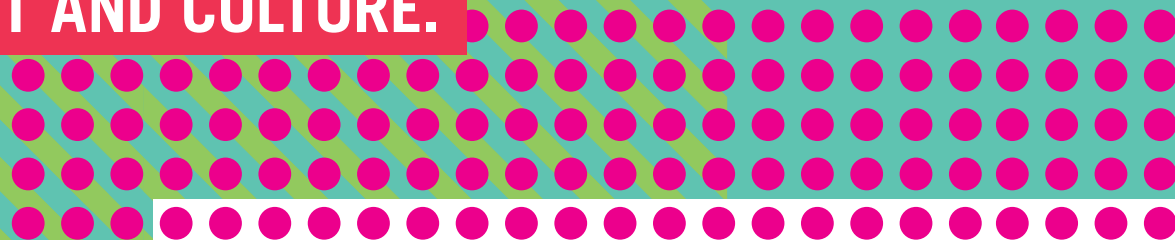
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Pittsburgh Public Theater's New Season Begins! The Diary of Anne Frank

Pamela Berlin directs this inspiring Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play based on a Jewish girl's journal written during World War II.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's season begins with the timeless drama *The Diary of Anne Frank*, by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. Directed by Pamela Berlin (*The Glass Menagerie*, *Clybourne Park*, *Red*), *The Diary of Anne Frank* runs September 24 – October 25, 2015 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org. *The Diary of Anne Frank* is presented by PNC. The "Family Matters" ticket package, especially for families attending the performance, is underwritten by The Fine Foundation. The play is appropriate for ages 12 and up.

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, published in the United States in 1952, contained the authentic journal entries of a Jewish teenager who lived in hiding during the Holocaust. The public was instantly enthralled with Anne's writing. She was funny, and thoughtful, and most of all brave. Her vivid descriptions evoked what life was like during this monstrous time. The book was adapted for the stage and opened on Broadway in 1955, where it became an immediate hit. The Public's new production is a revival of this Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winner.

Remy Zaken, starring as Anne Frank, is best known for her performance in the original production of *Spring Awakening* on Broadway. Randy Kovitz and Chris Laitta play her mother and father, and Erika Cuenca appears as her sister, Margot. Four other people hid with the Franks in an Amsterdam attic. David Wohl, who appeared as Freud in The Public's production of *Freud's Last Session*, plays Mr. Van Daan. Public Theater favorite Helena Ruoti is his wife, and newcomer David Jackson plays their son, Peter. Public Theater veteran Daniel Krell is Mr. Dussel. Appearing as the two people who brought them food and news are Ken Bolden and Kelsey Carthew.

Unfolding throughout the play are the daily lives of this group in their closed quarters. There are moments of great tension, and also periods of almost normalcy. Anne has her school work



and the pictures of movie stars she's cut out of magazines. She argues with her mother, but also creates a joyous Hanukkah for her extended family. Although food is in short supply, as time goes by she outgrows her clothes and notices changes in her body. She confides her thoughts to her best friend, her diary, and its survival has allowed the world to know the spirit and courage of this remarkable girl.

The designers for *The Diary of Anne Frank* are Suzanne Chesney (Costumes), John Lasiter (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Scenic Designer Michael Schweikardt, who is creating the iconic attic setting for the production, last designed *My Fair Lady* at Pittsburgh Public Theater. Fred Noel is the Production Stage Manager and Spencer Whale is the Assistant Stage Manager.



Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents - The Diary of Anne Frank

September 24 - October 25, 2015

Performance Schedule

Tues. at 7 pm. Wed. thru Sat. at 8 pm (except Oct. 7).

Sat. at 2 pm (except Sept. 26 & Oct. 3). Also 2 pm on Thurs., Oct. 22.

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Opening Night is Friday, October 2.

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The British Invade Pittsburgh, or How I Learned to Love Britsburgh

by Brian Meyer

There was a time that relations between the British and the United States was somewhat...strained. Words were had, taxes were levied, and battles were fought. In any other situation this would mean the two nations involved would pretty much be on bad terms forever. Most nations however aren't England and the US. After some time to cool off and grow, both countries have developed a relationship that would be surprising under the best of circumstances, and is simply amazing knowing our history.

Pittsburgh seems to love England, so much so that the Steelers even played against the Minnesota Vikings in 2013 in London. As a city that loves its heritage, our connection to Great Britain is quite strong indeed.

It's this type of connection that is the reason why, for six days in September, Pittsburgh will become Britsburgh. Ok, so our name isn't officially changing but starting on September 9th the British will definitely be coming with music, food, events, and most importantly British beer. Fuller's is helping us enjoy Britsburgh by featuring their ESB, London Pride, and London Porter throughout the week. This taste of England is just what we need to get us in the British spirit, so to speak.

The Britsburgh celebration is being organized by the British-America Connections Pittsburgh, a group of individuals who are passionate about the 250-year special relationship that Pittsburgh shares with Great Britain. www.bacpgh.com

God Save The Queen

So why have Britsburgh in September? Well, the start date of Britsburgh is set to coincide with Queen Elizabeth II overtaking Queen Victoria as Great Britain's longest-reigning monarch. To help the Queen and England celebrate this momentous achievement, Pittsburgh is going Britsburgh.

Queen Elizabeth was born on April 21st, 1926 and came to power on February 6th, 1952. Her coronation service the following year was the first ever to be televised. Along with reigning the longest, the Queen is also the longest-lived British monarch and is the world's oldest reigning monarch, as well as the longest-reigning female monarch in all of history.

Celebrating With Fuller's

Speaking of history, it's no secret that many of the brewing techniques we follow today started in England, and that the English helped us to have the affinity for beer that is stronger than ever today. Fuller's Brewery is located on the historic Griffin Brewery site in Chiswick, England. Beer has been brewed on this site since the 17th century, and Fuller's has been making beer at the location since 1845.

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If you like your beers extra special, then Fuller's ESB is just about perfect. This Extra Special Bitter (ESB) comes in at 5.9% ABV and features a sweet caramel malt body with a slight herbal bitterness in the finish. Expect some light toffee, caramel, and even a hint of dried fruit in the aroma, and bread, raisins, and a herbal undertone in the taste. Overall, ESBs are easy to drink and great to pair with a good, meaty dish. Seek out the draft.

It's the time of year when dark beers are coming back into

popularity, and in the Britsburgh spirit, Fuller's has their London Porter to offer. This 5.4% ABV beer is an award-winning example of the historic English style of beer. Smooth, creamy, and with just enough chocolate and coffee to balance the flavors out, London Porter is exactly the beer you'd expect to order in a classic English pub.

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Getting Crafty With Wyndridge Farm Brewing

by Brian Meyer

Farmhouse breweries are not a new idea. For hundreds of years beer has been brewed on farms throughout the world. These farmhouse breweries are responsible for many amazing styles of beer we love today, and the methods created in barns on farms large and small are mimicked still today. While brewing has come pretty far since those days, the idea of farmhouse breweries is still one that brings up ideas of quality, freshness, and amazing beers.

Few breweries today can call themselves a true farmhouse brewery, but Wyndridge Farm Brewing in Dallastown, PA is one of them. Located in South Central PA, Wyndridge Farm Brewery is home to their lineup of craft ciders and beers. The rustic wood of the brewery stands in stark contrast to the high-tech brewhouse that lives there, reinforcing the idea of traditional farmhouse brewing brought into the modern age.

The Brewery

Wyndridge Farm Brewing opened their doors to the public in 2014, and in that short amount of time they have grown to include a 30 barrel, four vessel automated brewhouse that's capable of producing 12,000 barrels of beer per year. Not one to be left to kegging beer alone, they also have a bottling line capable of filling 3,000 bottles per hour!

All the brewing equipment in the world won't do you any good unless you have a team of talented people working on it and behind the scenes to get everything going smoothly. At Wyndridge Farm Brewery this is done by a family of beer and cider experts, even if some of them aren't related.

On the ownership side you have the Groff family consisting of Steve, Julie, and Taylor, followed by head brewer Stephen Foster and head cider maker Scott Topel. Pete Koelsch rounds out the motley crew with his engineering skills to keep everything working as expected. Together they make some of the best beer and cider to come out of the area, and are all extremely glad to finally be sharing it with us in Pittsburgh.



Crafty Beers

When it comes down to it a brewery is generally judged by the quality of their beer. Thankfully, Wyndridge has a solid lineup of beers to go along with their great story and prepossessing location.

10 Point Ale – This golden ale is an easy drinking, refreshing sessionable beer that's extremely approachable for those just getting into craft beer. 10 Point Ale is available year round and while it's approachable and easy to drink, it remains unique enough for craft beer veterans to enjoy over and over again, too.

Wyndridge uses American 2 row, caramel, and Munich malts for the base of this beer and relies on Perle hops for the bittering and aroma. 10 Point Ale comes in at 4.8% ABV with an IBU rating of 20.

Laughing Crow IPA – The ubiquitous India Pale Ale is easily the most popular style of craft beer today, and Wyndridge Brewing's Laughing Crow IPA is a shining example. Laughing Crow uses a hefty late addition hopping to give the beer tons of hop aroma without making the beer too bitter.

Laughing Crow also relies on local water with a high mineral content to give the beer a crisp taste and dry finish so there's no cloying sweetness hiding in the background. The malt bill for Laughing Crow includes 2-row, Vienna, and Aromatic malts, but the hop bill is where this beer truly shines. Wyndridge uses Zythos, Falconers Flight, Cascade, Belma, Chinook, and Galena hops to craft a beer that has tropical fruit and citrus notes with a refreshing bitterness that's far from overpowering. Laughing Crow IPA comes in at 6.5% ABV and a respectable 40 IBU.

Barn Dog Chocolate Vanilla Imperial Porter – The porter style of beer is a unique one that's come in and out of popularity





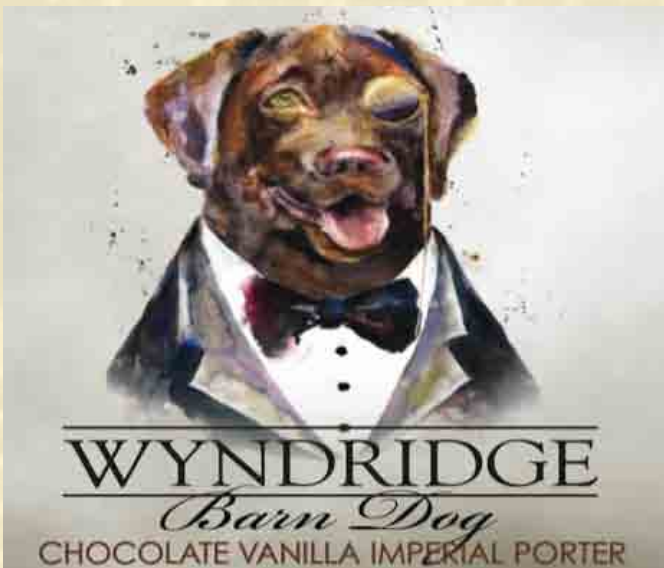
for more than 100 years, and is seeing a resurgence today as brewers add new and interesting flavor profiles to this classic style.

Wyndridge Brewing's Barndog Porter features fresh cut vanilla beans and cacao nibs from Ghana to give the porter a complex yet approachable taste that truly does the porter style justice. The vanilla is very present on the nose, with the middle and finish dominated by silky smooth dark chocolate notes.

Barn Dog features a malt bill consisting of 2 row, chocolate, Crafa III, caramel, and flaked barley along with a top-secret hop bill that gives the beer a bitterness that's present but far from dominating. Barn Dog comes in at 7% ABV and 24 IBU.

Crafty Ciders

Craft ciders are the single fastest growing segment in adult beverages, making them a pretty hot commodity. With mass-produced ciders flooding the market, it can be difficult to find a cider that's crafted with care by a family-owned brewery.



Wyndridge offers a lineup of ciders for every palate out there, even the die-hard IPA fan that might not initially try a cider.

Dry-Hopped Hard Apple Cider - If hops are your thing, the Wyndridge's Hopped Hard Apple Cider is for you. Their hopped cider is a blend of crisp apples and bitter hops that works surprisingly well together.

Wyndridge uses locally pressed apples, yeast, and hops to make their cider a truly local treat. The result of this blending of hops and apples is a fresh, clean hopped cider that's semisweet at 5.5% ABV.

Cranberry Hard Cider - If tartness is your thing, then Wyndridge's Cranberry Hard Cider is just for you. This cider starts with their base cider with a splash of fresh cranberry juice added. The light tartness of the cranberry offsets and



compliments the sweetness of the apples. Cranberry Hard Cider is a year-round cider that's 5.5% ABV.

Original Hard Cider - You always remember your first, and for Wyndridge their Original Hard Cider is their first offering to be sold. This cider is fermented with champagne yeast to give it a dry finish while keeping enough sweetness to make it refreshing and light.

Original Hard Cider is 5.5% ABV and is always made from freshly-pressed apples that are sourced locally, never from concentrate. Drink this cider chilled, but forego the ice, you'll be glad you did.

Wyndridge Farm Brewing's beers and ciders are proudly distributed by Frank B Fuhrer Wholesale in and around the Pittsburgh Area

TRAVEL: Branson Ozark Paradise And Beyond

By: Joyce Campisi and Suzanne Ferrara, Photographer/Travel Journalist

Nestled in the hills and hollows of the southern Missouri Ozarks boasts a treasure trove of spellbinding natural wonders, and within this evocative setting are some of the best musical performances available in the heartland. But before we delve into Branson's amplified entertainment genres, a visit just thirty miles southwest of the town on the Missouri-Arkansas border is necessary, a trip to the awe-inspiring Dogwood Canyon nature preserve.

This 10,000-acre nature park, owned by Bass Pro Shop Founder Johnny Morris, will mesmerize you with its endless beauty. Morris, a devout conservationist, formed a foundation to ensure the preservation of this breathtaking preserve.

Dogwood Canyon boasts unspoiled natural beauty, and at every turn there is a new discovery. Natural highlights include cascading waterfalls, and miles of winding spring-fed streams; in addition, endangered wildlife like majestic bison, elk and longhorns roam freely in the rolling prairie hills. Amidst all of this wonder is the "Great Spirit Rock Shelter", a bluff waterfall where archeologists discovered some of Missouri's oldest human remains.

This is also fly fishing heaven! There are several stunning blue-green lakes and ponds, including the extraordinary Glory Hole, all with a bounty of rainbow and golden trout swimming in water so clear you can see them at the bottom. If you don't know how to fly fish, no problem, you can partake in fly fishing school or opt to take a self-guided catch-and-release or catch-and-keep fishing adventure.

While immersing yourself in all the canyon has to offer, you will discover the spectacular Hope Wilderness Chapel, an 1800's replica made of pine logs and other local materials. Once inside, you can easily lose yourself as you bask in wonder over the unparalleled view of a waterfall plunging over towering cliffs. The back wall of this chapel is made entirely of windows through which you can see this natural marvel.

So what is the best way to experience Dogwood Canyon? There's a plethora of choices, including an awesome open air tram tour, jeep ride, or by foot. If those don't suit you, peddle your way through the canyon on a bike, hop in a saddle for a leisurely horseback ride, or take off on a Segway. While you explore this preserve you will cross a number of bridges, several formed by natural stone, and one long wooden covered bridge made by Amish craftsmen. The latter is a favorite of Dogwood Canyon visitors.



After working up an appetite from all of this splendor and adventure, head to the Dogwood Canyon's outdoor café for a mouthwatering bison or elk burger; however, for those not as adventuresome, there are several other delicious menu items including sandwiches and salads. Want something extra-special? Take the family on a chuck wagon dinner excursion where cowboys will entertain you with music by the campfire.

Back in Branson, meanwhile, are the aforementioned wonders of the music world. The town, which has been labeled the live music capital of the universe, no longer hosts mostly country and hillbilly music. High-energy concerts coupled with international acts are also satisfying audiences hungry for entertainment day and night. From Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede to The Dublin Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies, there are literally hundreds of shows from which to choose, and the tickets won't break your bank.

A Branson musical phenomenon which has inspired visitors for more than half a century is the numerous jaw-dropping family-talent that lights up the Ozark stages. Among them is the legendary The Baldknobbers Jamboree, a show that began in the 1950s and is still running today. In contrast, there's also the high-energy Haygoods--all siblings--who deliver tight

harmonizing and unforgettable high-tech light performances. The Duttons, which includes multi-talent members of three generations, blows away the audience with steaming hot, stellar violin music. For even more family shows, there's the spectacular Presleys' Country Jubilee (no relation to Elvis) which is said by some to be the standard by which other shows are judged; three generations perform a variety of music styles along with comedic skits.

(Tip: Check online show reviews and the actual show websites to get even more details on performances.)

But there's even more to do in these parts that will only add to this spectacular and memorable experience. After being awed by outdoor excursions and dazzled by some of the best performers in the country, there are still plenty of additional options for must-see and one-of-a-kind experiences.

You cannot visit Branson without heading to the award-winning Silver Dollar City, an 1800s- styled theme park and essentially a re-creation of a frontier town (Fact: The Beverly Hillbillies recorded an episode here). You will feel like you stepped back in time because this place oozes nostalgia. There are dozens of exciting rides, award-winning live entertainment



and working craftsmen, to name just a few highlights.

The newest addition to the park is Fireman's Landing, which features two acres of rides designed to entertain all ages. The area harkens back to the days of fire brigades, and features rides like Fire Spotter (soaring balloons), FireFall (free-fall drop) and Up The Ladder (tower drop for younger riders).

Perhaps the most amazing discovery at Silver Dollar City actually lies hundreds of feet below the the park: the fascinating Marvel Cave, which is a National Natural Landmark. There is evidence that (1) the Spanish explored this cave in 1541 and (2) the Osage Indians knew about its existence in the early 16th century.

If that's not enough for you to do at Silver Dollar City, there's even a Midwest Living Culinary and Crafts School highlighted by live cooking demonstrations. You will feel so at home with the warm and welcoming instructor, Debbie Dance Uhrig, who grew up in her grandma's kitchen, and will teach you how to bake the best flaky pastry crust in town.

For an emotional encounter with history, board the Titanic at Branson's Titanic Museum Attraction. This museum has 400 artifacts from passengers and crew members of the ill-fated vessel, plus a captivating replica of the Titanic's grand staircase.





Upon entering, a crew member will give you a boarding pass and background information of an actual passenger or crew member's name; as you leave, you will learn the personal stories of those on board this ship and the fate of your crew member or passenger.

Branson also offers a first-class nostalgic ride aboard the Branson Scenic Railway. When you hop on board these refurbished railroad cars, you can enjoy a journey the same way passengers did 50 years ago. With its panoramic views of the countryside, it's a great experience for both the whole family or for those wanting a romantic candle-lit dinner.

An exciting way to tour Branson on land and water is by riding the Ducks, an amphibious vehicle reminiscent of those used during WWII. The ride starts with a scenic tour of Branson, after which passengers splash down for a thrilling ride into Table Rock Lake or Lake Taneycomo.

Here's a couple more "don't miss" attractions: Shoppers may want to check out Dick's Oldtime 5 & 10, which has been a Branson landmark for decades. This century-old store is filled wall-to-wall nostalgic items, and you can easily spend a couple hours in the place. Folks with appetites, meanwhile, absolutely need to visit Mel's Hard Luck Diner where singing servers entertainingly take your orders and serve your meals.

After all this fun and adventure, you'll want a good night's rest, so why not stay at a hotel that is centrally located amid even more attractions in the heart of historic downtown Branson

and on Lake Taneycomo to boot? Check-in to one of the two newly-renovated Hiltons of Branson which are both a stone's throw away from the other at the Branson Landing. Here you can shop till you drop, enjoy some spirits, dine, and cast your fishing pole.

While there, tempt your tastebuds at one of Branson's newest fine dining experiences, the Level 2 Steakhouse; it's a place where you can enjoy mouth-watering, 28-day aged corn-fed Midwest beef seared in a 1600-degree infrared oven, plus heritage Missouri pork and fresh seafood from Hawaii. Chef Jeff Luzius, who served his culinary delights for both Emerald Lagasse and legendary rock star John Cougar Melancamp, is sure to please even the most discerning palate.

A unique feature at this establishment is their signature steak knives collection from which you can choose from one of five cutting tools. Be sure to ask how you can have your name engraved on your chosen bit of cutlery and then locked up for your return throughout your lifetime.

Wet your whistle with their hand-crafted cocktails and signature drinks. They serve up their own version of southern Missouri specialty drinks like the refreshing L2 Long Island Lemonade and their Spring Spritzer. Level 2 Steakhouse has an extensive wine list and you can take part in their "wine flight" offering where you can try up to 16 different wines.

For more information on Branson and what it has to offer go to: explorebranson.com



Wine & Spirits Savino Enthusiast

Savino recently introduced their new Enthusiast (Plastic) wine preservation system. Akin to the original Connoisseur (Glass) Savino (\$59.95) which keeps your wine fresh for up to a week. However the Enthusiast is gently priced at \$29.95 plus free shipping. It shares the same Patented Savino Technology, is made in the USA from the highest quality materials and is Dishwasher Safe. Savino holds a full 750ml bottle of wine but is shorter than a wine bottle so it easily fits in your refrigerator. It is elegantly designed to look great in the kitchen and on the dining table as well.

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Branch Out and Plant this Fall With TreeVitalize Pittsburgh

By The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy



soon celebrate the planting of its 25,000th tree in November. WPC manages TreeVitalize Pittsburgh with the help of its partners – Tree Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, City of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Get Involved With TreeVitalize Pittsburgh!

1. Volunteer for a Tree Planting. Each spring and fall, volunteers from across Pittsburgh grab a shovel and help plant trees with WPC and its partners. During this year's fall planting season that begins in late October, TreeVitalize Pittsburgh will surpass the planting of its 25,000 tree.

On planting days, TreeVitalize Pittsburgh and Tree Pittsburgh staffers demonstrate how to safely move and place a tree, cut the burlap and cage away from the root ball and plant the tree at the proper depth.

If you're interested in joining a tree planting this fall, email trees@paconserve.org or visit WaterLandLife.org/216 for more information.

2. Care for Newly Planted Trees. With 25,000 new trees in the region, it's important to remember that these trees require continued care until roots establish. That's where Tree Tenders

Not long ago, Pittsburgh was known for its smoke and soot-covered landscape. Today, more than 40,000 trees line the streets and parks of the city of Pittsburgh, transforming the city into what residents and visitors now know as one of "the most livable" cities in America. And the benefits are not just aesthetic – trees provide \$4.9 million in benefits to Pittsburgh, ranging from increased property values to managing storm water capture in our streets.

TreeVitalize Pittsburgh has been working to increase the tree cover, also referred to as tree canopy, in our urban parks, corridors and neighborhoods since 2008. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) works with its TreeVitalize partners to plant trees in Pittsburgh neighborhoods and Allegheny County municipalities in need to improve the environment, quality of life and scenic beauty in the region.

Thanks to thousands of volunteers, TreeVitalize Pittsburgh will





come in. Tree Tenders are trained volunteers certified to help weed, mulch, water and prune trees planted in their neighborhoods. All TreeVitalize Pittsburgh planting projects require at least one certified Tree Tender for every 10 trees planted.

Individuals interested in becoming a Tree Tender can register for a training course offered by Tree Pittsburgh. The course covers everything from tree biology to planting and pruning. More information can be found at treepittsburgh.org/become-tree-tender.

3. Plant in Your Backyard. Home or business-owners can reap the added benefits of trees in their own backyard. Properly placed trees can provide energy savings from heating and cooling, and increase residential property values. Those interested in add new trees to their property should take care to research the type of tree before planting, says WPC Community Outreach Assistant Marah Vecenie. "Each tree planted should be appropriate for its specific location. You don't want to plant a large shade tree under a utility line, or plant an invasive tree or species that is susceptible to disease or insects."

For example, callery pear, Norway maple, white poplar and Chinese elm trees are just a few commonly planted invasive species. If you're looking to plant this fall, WPC's urban forestry staff commonly plants the following trees:

- Kentucky coffee tree
- Baldcypress
- Flowering cherry

"In the fall, avoid species like birch, magnolia, paperback maple, blackgum and bur oak because they don't transplant well at this time of year," explained Vecenie.

4. Donate. TreeVitalize Pittsburgh and WPC's other urban forestry efforts are funded by foundations, businesses and individuals. You can invest in trees for neighborhoods throughout Pittsburgh. A \$30 donation will provide a yard of mulch for a community tree planting. Or, for only \$100 you can fund thirty tree stakes, and \$200 would support the cost of one street tree. To learn more or make a donation, visit WaterLandLife.org/241.

Van Halenhead *by SuperMonkey*

Say what you want about Van Halen, I love them. Millions of albums sold, the stories are infamous, they are as legendary of an American rock 'n roll band as you can get. I would even go as far as to say, that Eddie Van Halen himself, will go down in history as being the Mozart or Beethoven of our generation and the 20th century. I've had the opportunity to see Van Halen 5-6 times in my life in various line-ups. I have all the albums, the shoes – I'm an Eddie Van Halenhead. I've seen him with Sammy, Diamond Dave and Michael Anthony. I've seen Eddie, young and old, sober and stoned. I would have to say, this was one of the best Van Halen performances I have attended. I love Sammy with "Van Hagar", and in my opinion, he has more versatility than Dave when it comes to his vocal range. (I'd bet Dave might even agree with me.) I love Eddie + Dave – that is the winning combination to me. David Lee Roth is one of the best showmen, lead singers, ringmasters, and performers in the music business. There's just something about the tone of his voice together with Ed's guitar that makes the magic for me. Eddie is the Art and Dave brings the show. Dave's the Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n Roll. He'll love ya and leave ya ladies and tell he's doing it, while he's doing it. Sure, he doesn't move and sound as good as he did on Van Halen II, he's 58. I'd like to see you do some mid-air splits off the drum riser in a sequin jacket and spandex, while singing the high notes of Runnin' With the Devil when you're 58. He's in great shape, works the crowd, sings his



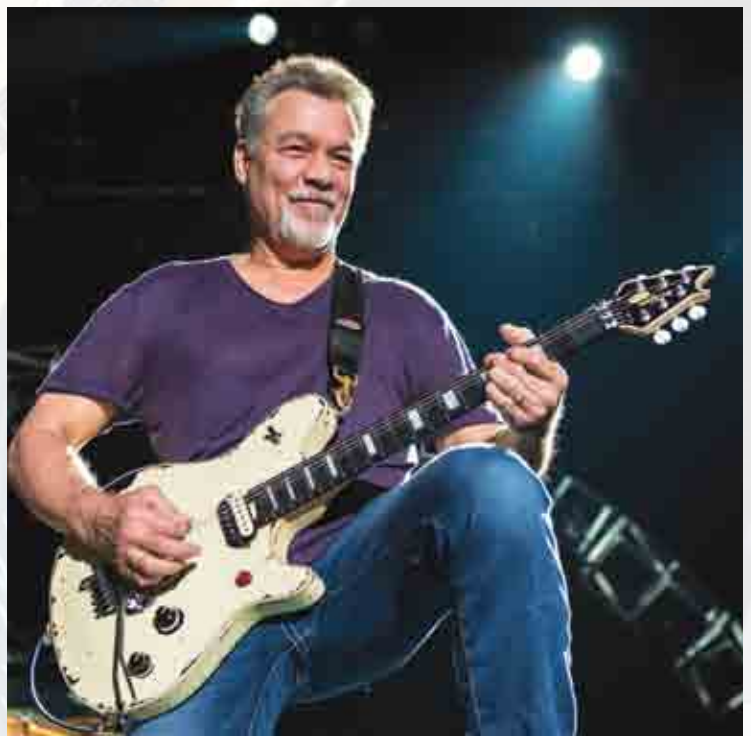
ass off, and leads the Van Halen army into battle ready to kick ass and take names. You can tell Ed was in a good place mentally in life. It showed in his performance. His legendary finger-tap technique that has made him who he is was as beautiful as the 1st time I heard it. It makes me want to learn to play guitar all over again. That is the genius of Eddie Van Halen. He's as original as it gets – a





real living legend. Eddie, Alex, Dave, and Wolfie played some of my favorite deep cut Van Halen songs – Drop Dead Legs, I'll Wait from 1984 and they even pulled out some deep cuts that would make Sean McDowell proud like Dirty Movies off of Fair Warning, In A Simple Rhyme from Women and Children First, and Feel You Love Tonight off of Van Halen. They also played all the hits – Hot For Teacher, check. Unchained, check. Everybody Wants Some, check – songs off of every album. I applaud them for doing this, because there is nothing I hate more than performers not playing the songs that made me a fan. They played the songs that made me feel like I was 13 again, experiencing Van Halen for the first time. I would like to note the backing vocals were superb. The last tour was the 1st tour in a long time with Eddie + Dave. It was great to hear the two of them together again for the 1st time in 20 years. The beautiful Van Halen backing vocals, that make the hook of every Van Halen song, were missing in my personal opinion as a Van Halenhead. There was no way an 18 year old Wolfgang Van Halen, regardless of his genetics, was going to be able to replicate the 40+ years of experience Michael Anthony brought to the table in the amount of time he was given to prepare. But, that doesn't mean he can't do it. I think the old man helped him with his homework, because I heard major improvements from 4 years ago. I have to say, that piece of the rock puzzle is no longer

missing. Wolfgang and Eddie together really up'd their backing vocal game and that was the key to this being one of the best sounding Van Halen shows I've ever seen. It was great to see Eddie, Dave, Alex, and Wolfgang on top of their game. Thank you for coming to Pittsburgh. We love you guys.



Dining - Doce Taqueria – Best Tacos in the Burg!



When it comes to tacos... Doce Taqueria is definitely the place to eat! Doce Taqueria is conveniently located at 2202 East Carson Street (adjacent to its sister bar, Twelve on Carson) in the Southside. Since opening their doors earlier this year appropriately on May 5 (Cinco de Mayo), this small, extremely colorful, and tastefully decorated little taco shop has become an extremely popular place to eat! Reggae music playing in the background creates a truly festive atmosphere.

They offer 5 choices of tacos and a daily special, made to order right in front of you with only the freshest and finest ingredients all for only \$3.00. You can mix and match, customize and have it your way or the Doce way! Chef Alex Balint is the creative mastermind behind these scrumptiously delicious tacos. The taste and food quality is absolutely top notch and simply the best! They offer both traditional Mexican style tacos and an American version along with a revolving vegan option, served with your choice of flour or corn tortilla. The quality of food you get is extremely reasonable priced at

only \$3.00 each. A side of black beans can be had for only \$2.00 or nachos with your choice of meat for \$5.00. Your tacos are served in a no frills disposable boat with a colorful paper liner. But, don't let that fool you, these tacos need no fancy gimmicks to make your taste buds tingle.

Your meat choices are carnitas, a specialty pulled smoked pork (smoked and cooked to perfection daily) with crunchy Mexican slaw, farmer's cheese (Mexican cheese) or the traditional American taco cheese blend, pico de gallo, carne molida, cilantro, lime and avocado; the marinated chicken offers the same toppings plus the addition of a spicy cream made with Cholula hot sauce; and the spicy beef adds sautéed peppers, onion and jalapeno. The Americano is billed as being "just like your Madre made them" with ground beef, shredded cheddar and lettuce, tomato and sour cream. Vegan and vegetarian options vary, but have included crispy potatoes and black beans. Past daily specials have featured chicken cheese jalapeno tacos, chipotle BBQ chicken. Jamaican jerk chicken,

smoked lamb. You never know what might show up on the daily special menu with the creativity of Chef Alex, but we can definitely guarantee - you won't be disappointed.

Doce Taqueria offers a large variety of throwback style glass bottles of Mexican sodas from their cooler for only \$2.00. Or if you would prefer to have a Margarita (really fantastic margaritas, I might add) or your favorite Cerveza, you are more than welcome to take your tacos next door to Twelve, where you can eat, drink and unwind with your favorite alcoholic beverage.

Doce Taqueria is a collaboration of brothers, Chef Alex and Andy Jr. along with their dad Andy Balint, Sr. owner of The Crying Onion catering (based on the North Side) where their grandfather ran a neighborhood market. Andy Jr. operates the bar/nightclub Twelve next door. Chef Alex operates Doce Taqueria. These boys truly grew up in the food/service industry, know their stuff and excel at providing the best food, quality and service anywhere! They learned from the master, their dad.. Andy Balint, Sr. Great job dad!

Doce is generally staffed with only 1 or 2 people, however their staff is extremely friendly, professional and they make sure to greet each and every customer making you feel like family. Plus, they prepare and get your food order to you correctly and extremely quick. Seating is bar style with a southwest but modern feel. The multitudes of colorful themed decorations are all from local artists, which give Doce a warm and comfortable feel. If you haven't tried Doce Taqueria, your missing the best tacos in the Burgh!



Doce is open: Tuesday through Thursday 10AM-12M, Friday and Saturday 10AM-3AM, Sunday 10AM - 12M and closed on Mondays.

Doce Taqueria - 1220 E. Carson St., South Side. 412-238-8518; facebook.com/docetaqueriaPGH.



Humor

Five Rules For Men To Follow To A Happy Life:

1. It's important to have a woman, who helps at home, who cooks from time to time, cleans up and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman, who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman, who you can trust and who doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman, who is good in bed and who likes to be with you.
5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other.

Cucumbers

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2. Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B Vitamins and Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.

3. Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror, it will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, spa-like fragrance.

4. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.

5 Looking for a fast and easy way to remove cellulite before going out or to the pool? Try rubbing a slice or two of cucumbers along your problem area for a few minutes, the phytochemicals in the cucumber cause the collagen in your skin to tighten, firming up the outer layer and reducing the visibility of cellulite. Works great on wrinkles too!!!

6.. Want to avoid a hangover or terrible headache? Eat a few cucumber slices before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium, avoiding both a hangover and headache!!

7. Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and often used by European trappers, traders and explores

for quick meals to thwart off starvation.

8. Have an important meeting or job interview and you realize that you don't have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe, its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water.

9. Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!

10. Stressed out and don't have time for massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a boiling pot of water, the chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.

11. Just finish a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

12. Looking for a 'green' way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks and won't harm your fingers or fingernails while you clean.

13. Using a pen and made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing, also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls!!

According to Maxine:

- Is it just me, or lately do you feel nervous when your can of tuna says “packed in oil?”
- A sunburn is nature’s way of reminding you that you are made out of meat!
- The quality of most “Top 40” songs makes you wonder what’s going on in the “Bottom 40.”

BUBBA

Bubba is driving down a back road in GEORGIA .. A sign in front of a restaurant reads: HAPPY HOUR SPECIAL Lobster Tail and Beer “Lord a’mighty,” he says to himself, “Thems my three favorites!”

Sea Story

There’s an old sea story about a ship’s Captain who inspected his sailors, and terward told the first mate that his men smelled bad. The Captain suggested perhaps it would help if the sailors would change underwear occasionally. The first mate responded, “Aye, aye sir, I’ll see to it immediately!” The first mate went straight to the sailors berth deck and announced, “The Captain thinks you guys smell bad and wants you to change your underwear.” He continued, “Pittman, you change with Jones, McCarthy, you change with Witkowski, and Brown, you change with Schultz. Now GET TO IT!” THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS: Someone may come along and promise “Change”, but don’t count on things smelling any better.

Four Married Guys Go Fishing

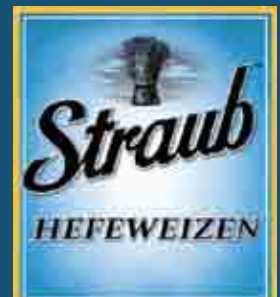
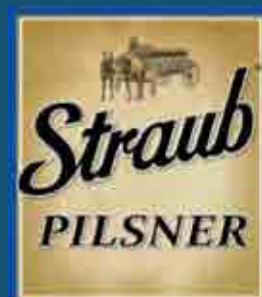
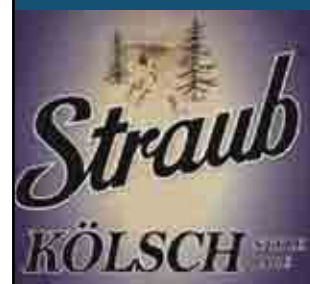
After an hour, the following conversation took place:

First guy: You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I would paint every room in the house next weekend.

Second guy: That is nothing, I had to promise my wife that I would build her a new deck for the pool.’

Third guy: Man , you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I would remodel the kitchen for her.’ They continue to fish. When they realized that the fourth guy has not said a word, they asked him, “You haven’t said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What’s the deal?”

Fourth guy: I just set my alarm for 5:30 am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm. Gave the wife a slap on her butt and said: ‘Fishing or Sex?’ And she said:..... ‘Be sure to wear sun-block.’



Humor

Something To Think About!

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400.00 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules, just as any game has certain rules. The first set of rules would be: Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400.00 for that day. The second set of rules: The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, Its over, the game is over! It can close the account and you will not receive a new one. What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, right? ACTUALLY, this GAME is REALITY! Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank. We just can't seem to see it. The MAGICAL BANK is TIME! Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us. What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever

gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time . . . WITHOUT WARNING. SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Aren't they worth so much more than the same amount in dollars? Think about that, and always think of this: Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be Happy, Love Deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderfully beautiful day!!! The only difference between stumbling blocks and steppingstones is the way in which we use them.

The Human Body

- It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.
- One human hair can support 3kg (6.6 lb).
- The average man's private area is three times the length of his thumb.
- Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.
- A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.
- There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.
- Women blink twice as often as men.
- The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.
- Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.
- If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.
- Women reading this will be finished now.
- Men are still busy checking their thumbs.

Alzheimer's Test

How fast can you guess these words?

1. F _ K
2. PU _ S _
3. S _ X
4. P _ N _ S
5. BOO _ S
6. _ _ NDOM

Answers:

1. FORK
2. PULSE
3. SIX
4. PANTS
5. BOOKS
6. RANDOM

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Cherokee Legend

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage? His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm. We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him. Moral of the story: Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there.

Donald and Daisy Duck

Donald Duck and Daisy Duck were spending the night together in a hotel room and Donald wanted to have sex with Daisy. The

first thing Daisy asked was, "Do you have a condom?" Donald frowned and said, "No." Daisy told Donald that if he didn't get a condom, they could not have sex. "Maybe they sell them at the front desk," she suggested. So Donald went down to the lobby and asked the hotel clerk if they had condoms. "Yes, we do," the clerk said and pulled a box out from under the counter and gave it to Donald. The clerk asked, "Would you like me to put them on your bill?" "Thit No!" Donald quacked, "I'll thuffocate!"

For You Frequent Fliers

The Russians are developing an airport security device that eliminates the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners at the airports. They have a booth that you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate any explosive device you may have on you. They see this as a win-win for everyone, and there would be none of this junk about racial profiling. This method would also eliminate the costs of a long and expensive trial. Justice would be quick and swift. Case Closed! This is so simple...that it's brilliant. I can see it now. You're in the airport terminal, and you hear a muffled explosion. Shortly thereafter an announcement comes over the PA system, "Attention standby passengers - we now have a seat available on United flight number 765 to Chicago".



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Humor

Good Old Retirement

I joined a parachute club! Yesterday my wife asked why I didn't do something useful with my time. She suggested I go down to the senior center and hang out with the guys. I did this and when I got home last night I told her that I had joined a parachute club. She said "are you nuts? You're almost 90 years old and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?" I proudly showed her that I even got a membership card. She said to me, "You idiot, where are your glasses! This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!" I'm in trouble again and don't know what to do! I signed up for five jumps a week! Life as a senior citizen is not getting any easier.

A Woman's Poem

He didn't like the casserole
And he didn't like my cake,
He said my biscuits were too hard
Not like his mother used to make.



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I didn't perk the coffee right
He didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.
I pondered for an answer
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and
smacked the s**t out of him....
Like his mother used to do.

Nursery Rhymes – Different from What I Remember

Mary had a little pig,
She kept it fat and plastered;
And when the price of pork went up,
She shot the little bastard.

Mary had a little lamb.
Her father shot it dead.
Now it goes to school with her,
Between two hunks of bread.

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To have a little fun.
Stupid Jill forgot the pill
And now they have a son.

Simple Simon met a pie man going to the fair.
Said Simple Simon to the pie man,
'What have you got there?'
Said the pie man unto Simon,
'Pies, you dumb ass' !!

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the kings' horses,
And all the kings' men.
Had scrambled eggs,
For breakfast again.

Hey diddle, diddle, the cat took a piddle,
All over the bedside clock.
The little dog laughed to see such fun.
Then died of electric shock.

Georgie Porgie pudding and pie,
Kissed the girls and made them cry.
And when the boys came out to play,
He kissed them too 'cause he was gay.

There was a little girl who had a little curl
Right in the middle of her forehead.
When she was good, she was very,
very good. But when she was bad.....
She got a fur coat, jewels, a waterfront
condo, and a sports car.

Wal-mart Greeter

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies. One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang up job, but your being late so often is quite bothersome." "Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it." "Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say if you came in late there?" "They said, "Good morning, Admiral, can I get you coffee, sir?"

Heaven

It got crowded in heaven, so, for one day it was decided only to accept people who had really had a bad day on the day they died. St. Peter was standing at the pearly gates and said to the first man, "Tell me about the day you died." The man said, "Oh, it was awful. I was sure my wife was having an affair, so I came home early to catch her with him. I searched all over the apartment but couldn't find him anywhere. So I went out onto the balcony, we live on the 25th floor, and found this man hanging over the edge by his fingertips. I went inside, got a hammer, and started hitting his hands.

He fell, but landed in some bushes. So, I got the refrigerator and pushed it over the balcony and it crushed him. The strain of the act gave me a heart attack, and I died." St. Peter couldn't deny that this was a pretty bad day, and since it was a crime of passion, he let the man in. He then asked the next man in line about the day he died. "Well, sir, it was awful," said the second man. "I was doing aerobics on the balcony of my 26th floor apartment when I twisted my ankle and slipped over the edge. I managed to grab the balcony of the apartment below, but some maniac came out and started pounding on my fingers with a hammer. Luckily I landed in some bushes. But, then the guy dropped a refrigerator on me!" St. Peter chuckled, let him into heaven and decided he could really start to enjoy this job. "So he goes to the third guy "tell me about the day you died?", he said to the third man in line. "OK, picture this, I'm naked, hiding inside a refrigerator..."

Riddle

What Gets Longer When Pulled,
Fits Between your Boobs,
Inserts Neatly in a Hole
AND works best when it is jerked?
A seatbelt you pervert! Now Buckle Up!!

Helpful Information

Bananas

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

Keeping Cheese

Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

Peppers

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Ground Beef

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

Yummy eggs

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonful's of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up.

Great Brownies

For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.

Seasoning with garlic

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste

of garlic.

Leftover Snickers Snacks

Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!

Reheat Pizza

Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.

Easy Deviled Eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.

Expanding Frosting

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.



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Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster..

Newspaper weeds away

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds.. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass

Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

No More Mosquitoes

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away!

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Flexible vacuum

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... ta da!... static is gone.

Sticky Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Foggy Windshield?

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Reopening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Voila! It unseals easily.

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Okay, will do...

Hey, I'm Felicia I am a very sweet tabby who loves to be held and brushed. My entrancing green eyes are sure to get me noticed! I get along with the other cats here at the shelter but we are not sure about dogs. I would also do well with children. I am spayed, up to date on my vaccinations and microchipped.

Tell them - I'm Mammy, a six year old Shih Tzu mix. I am super sweet & I love walking with our staff & volunteers. I look older than I am because of an eye condition that has left my sight impaired. I arrived at the shelter as a stray & I looking for my new home as soon as possible!

Hi! my name is Cora. I am an 8 year old grey tabby who is very small and vocal. I've been teaching the kittens a thing or two about finding a forever home, & it's working! Now it's my turn! I love all people & get along with the cats here at the shelter. My favorite place is sitting in the window or on your lap. I would do well in any home, including one with children and other animals. I am spayed, up to date on my shots & microchipped.

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Goodbye Fruit Flies

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2' with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well.. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

My Living Will

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.' They got up, unplugged the Computer, and threw out my wine. They are such a**h**s.

Cajun Versus BP- Brilliant!

A Cajun Shrimper wants a job cleaning up the oil spill, but the BP Foreman won't hire him until he passes a little math test. Here is your first question, the foreman said. 'Without using numbers, represent the number 9.' 'Without numbers?' The Cajun says, 'Dat is easy.' And proceeds to draw three trees. 'What's this?' the boss asks 'Ave you got no brain? Tree and tree and tree make nine,' says the Cajun. 'Fair enough,' says the boss. 'Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99.' The Cajun stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree. 'Ere you go.' The boss scratches his head and

says, 'How on earth do you get that to represent 99?' 'Each of DA trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, and dirty tree. Dat is 99.' The boss is getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire this Cajun, so he says, 'All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100.' The Cajun stares into space some more, then he picks up the picture again and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and says, 'Ere you go. One hundred.' The boss looks at the attempt. 'You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!' The Cajun leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and says, 'A little dog come along and poop by each tree.. So now you got dirty tree and a turd, dirty tree and a turd, and dirty tree and a turd, which make one hundred.' The Cajun is now the new supervisor.

Old Classmate

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old. Well.. You'll love this one. My name is Alice, and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered, a tall handsome dark-haired boy with the same mane had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School. "Yes, yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he gleamed with pride. When did you graduate? I asked. He answered. "In 1975. Why do you ask? "You were in my class!" I exclaimed. He looked at me closely. Then that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled faced, fat-assed, gray haired, decrepit sob asked, "what did you teach?"

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12. ALEPH DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE - Neither the waitress nor the old Hebrew school can be found.
13. THE SIX CENTS - Three Jews each put in their two-cents worth.
14. DREYDEL WILL ROCK - A Chanukah toy comes alive.
15. GOYS DON'T CRY - Rabbi explains why only Jews observe Yom Kippur.
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Why I do not attend High school Reunions

Jane, Sue and Mary haven't seen each other since High School. They rediscover each other via a reunion website and arrange to meet for lunch in a wine bar. Jane arrives first, wearing beige Versace. She orders a bottle of Pinot Grigio. Sue arrives shortly afterward, in gray Chanel. After the required ritualized kisses she joins Jane in a glass of wine. Then Mary walks in, wearing a faded old tee-shirt, blue jeans and boots. She too shares the wine. Jane explains that after leaving high school and graduating from Princeton in Classics, she met and married Timothy, with whom she has a beautiful daughter. Timothy is a partner in one of New York's leading law firms. They live in a 4000 sq ft co-op on Fifth Avenue, where Susanna, the daughter, attends drama school. They have a second home in Phoenix. Sue relates that she graduated from Harvard Med School and became a surgeon. Her husband, Clive, is a leading Wall Street investment banker. They live in Southampton on Long Island and have a second home in Naples, Florida. Mary explains that she left school at 17 and ran off with her boyfriend, Mark. They run a tropical bird park in Colorado and grow their own vegetables. Mark can stand five parrots, side by side, on his manhood. Halfway down the third bottle of wine and several hours later, Jane blurts out that her husband is really a cashier at Wal-Mart. They live in a small apartment in Brooklyn and have a travel trailer parked at a nearby storage facility. Sue, chastened and encouraged by her old friend's honesty, explains that she and Clive are both nurses' aides in a retirement home. They live in Jersey City and take vacation camping trips to Alabama. Mary says that the fifth parrot has to stand on one leg.



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A little boy goes to his dad and asks, 'What is Politics?'

'Dad says, 'Well son, let me try to explain it this way: I am the head of the family, so call me The Prime Minister. Your mother is the administrator of the money, so we call her the Government. We are here to take care of your needs, so we will call you the People. The nanny, we will consider her the Working Class. And your baby brother, we will call him the Future. Now think about that and see if it makes sense. 'So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has severely soiled his diaper. So the little boy goes to his parent's room and finds his mother asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, 'Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now. ' The father says, 'Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about.' The little boy replies, 'The Prime Minister is screwing the Working Class while the Government is sound asleep. The People are being ignored and the Future is in deep do do.

EVER WONDER

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouths closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?
- Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- I like this one!!! If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
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We had to have the garage door repaired. The Sears repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one Sears made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, "Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower." I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4. He said, "NO, it's not. Four is larger than two..." We haven't used Sears repair since.

IDIOT SIGHTING:

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, "You gave me too much money." I said, "Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back." She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said "We're sorry but we cannot do that kind of thing." The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change.

IDIOT SIGHTING:

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."

IDIOT SIGHTING IN FOOD SERVICE:

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

IDIOT SIGHTING:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

IDIOT SIGHTING:

The stop-light on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

IDIOT SIGHTING:

I attended a "good-bye" luncheon for an old and dear co-worker. She was leaving the company due to 'downsizing.' Our manager commented cheerfully, "This is fun. We should do this more often." Not another word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that "deer-in-the-headlights" stare.

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IDIOT SIGHTING:

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn't understand why her system would not turn on

IDIOT SIGHTING:

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!" His reply, "I know. I already got that side." It was at the Ford dealership in Cleveland, Ohio!

IDIOT SIGHTING


When I left Hawaii and was transferred to FL, I still had the Hawaiian plates on my car, as my car was shipped from Hawaii . I was parking somewhere (I can't remember) and a guy asked me "Wow, you drove from Hawaii to here?" I looked at him and quickly said "Yep. I took the Hawaii/San Francisco Bridge." He nodded his head and said "Cool!"
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Why Sharks Circle

I great white sharks swimming in the ocean spied survivors of a sunken ship. "Follow me son" the father shark said to the son shark and they swam to the mass of people. "First we swim around them a few times with just the tip of our fins showing." And they did. "Well done, son! Now we swim around them a few times with all of our fins showing." And they did. "Now we eat everybody." And they did. When they were both gorged, the son asked, "Dad, why didn't we just eat them all at first? Why did we swim around and around them?" His wise father replied, "Because they taste better without the sh-t inside!"

When a woman lies ? ? ? ? ?

One day, when a seamstress was sewing while sitting close to a river, her thimble fell into the river. When she cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "My dear child, why are you crying?" The seamstress replied that her thimble had fallen into the water and that she needed it to help her husband in making a living for their family. The Lord dipped His hand into the water and pulled up a golden thimble set with sapphires. "Is this your thimble?" the Lord asked. The seamstress replied, "No."The Lord again dipped into the river. He held out a golden thimble studded with rubies. "Is this your thimble?" the Lord asked. Again, the seamstress replied, "No."



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The Lord reached down again and came up with a leather thimble. "Is this your thimble?" the Lord asked. The seamstress replied, "Yes." The Lord was pleased with the woman's honesty and gave her all three thimbles to keep, and the seamstress went home happy. Some years later, the seamstress was walking with her husband along the riverbank, and her husband fell into the river and disappeared under the water. When she cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked her, "Why are you crying?" "Oh Lord, my husband has fallen into the river!" The Lord went down into the water and came up with George Clooney. "Is this your husband? The Lord asked. "Yes," cried the seamstress. The Lord was furious "You lied! That is an untruth!" The seamstress replied, "Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding." "Misunderstanding???" asked the Lord. "Yes, my Lord," replied the seamstress, "You see, if I had said "no" to George Clooney, you would have come up with Brad Pitt. Then if I said "no"

to him, you would have come up with my husband.. Had I then said "yes," you would have given me all three. Lord, I'm not in the best of health and would not be able to take care of all three husbands, so THAT'S why I said "yes" to George Clooney." And so the Lord let her keep him. The moral of this story is? Whenever a woman lies, it's for a good and honorable reason, and in the best interest of others. That's our story, and we're sticking to it. Signed, All Us Women

He Said To Me!

He said to me I don't know why you wear a bra; you've got nothing to put in it. I said to him You wear pants don't you?

_____ He said to me Shall we try swapping positions tonight?

_____ I said .. That's a good idea - you stand by the stove & sink while I sit on the sofa and do nothing but fart

_____ He said to me. ... What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you? I said to him Turn sideways and look in the mirror!

_____ He said to me. . How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper? I said to him I don't know; it has never happened.

_____ He said to me. . Why is it difficult to find men who are sensitive, caring and Good-looking? I said to him . . . They already have boyfriends.

_____ He said...What do you call a woman who knows where her husband is every night? I said. . . A widow.

_____ He said to me.... Why are married women heavier than single women?

I said to him Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.

Which Way Home?

Several years ago while teaching a challenging underachiever class in geography, I became very exasperated trying to get the students to develop some awareness of their immediate environment. I purposed that each student write a sketch of their school and then draw a map of their county. After drawing the map, they were to write a short paragraph giving directions from the school to their home. One student failed repeatedly, even after my many interventions, to figure out how to write the directions to his house. I finally asked the student, with a bit of disbelief, "How do you get home after school?" The student looked at me with the straightest of faces and with a slight twinkle in his eye, the result of finally knowing the proper answer, and said, "I ride a bus!" Enough said! Where was I to go from there?

Nice Pants

My school uses a character program called Great Expectations. One of my responsibilities was to greet each of my fourth grade students at the door each morning. Last fall, as I was getting ready for work I selected a pantsuit that had a "jungle" type print on the pants. As I greeted my class that morning, Chris greeted me with a big smile and said, "NICE pants Ms,Plum!" His tone was one of friendly sarcasm. When we got into the class I wanted to use this as a great example of sarcasm, so I asked Chris to repeat to the class exactly what he said and be sure to use the same tone of voice. He willingly complied. Of course, the class couldn't believe he had told me that! One of the girls was frantically waving her hand and saying, "Ms. Plum! Ms. Plum!" I called on her and she anxiously reassured me that, "Ms. Plum, I like your pajamas!" Her well-meant "compliment" caused me a moment of uncontrollable laughter as well as the rest of the class. After composing myself and the class, I told the



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class, "That's it! We are NOT going on the safari now! We will have to stay at school at work!" (Of course, as fourth graders, they said later, "Ms. Plum, were we really going on a safari today?") I switched to 6th grade midway through the year and when we had the word compliment as the word of the week, I used this story to illustrate the difference between sarcasm and genuine compliments. They laughed at the story and understood the intent!

Open Wide...

On the morning announcements, a first grader announced, "Please get ready for a moment of silence and medication."

You Found it Where?

I teach 8th grade U.S. history. I constantly remind my students that accurate spelling is very important in social studies. Despite this, during our unit on colonization I cannot describe how many settlers were seeking religious freedom in William Penn's colon!!!

Job Opportunity

I was teaching a 2nd grade class in career education and had the students drawing pictures of themselves as adults. I put "When I grow up, I want to be..." on the board and asked the students to come to me for any other spelling they needed as they completed their pictures. Caitlin came up to me and asked how to spell "princess." After a number of other students asked for help, Caitlin was back for "whales." Since I had told the students they could draw any number of future jobs, I suspected nothing. That is, until Caitlin appeared with her elaborate drawing of a young lady in long gown and crown on a bluff by the ocean directing whales to do her bidding. You guessed it--it was labeled--When I grow up, I want to be "The Princess of Whales."

What Color?

I am a preschool teacher of 3 to 5 year old children. I was doing a science experiment with worms to start a worm farm in our class. As I was putting on rubber gloves (Like doctors and dentists wear) I asked the children in the circle "Who wears rubber gloves?" expecting the answer "doctors." One child raised his hand and said "My Mom does when she changes her hair color."

Glands

I am a Home Economics Teacher. We were having a class discussion on reasons why people become overweight. One reason I told them about was an underactive thyroid. A very serious young lady raised her hand and wanted to know if having an underactive thyroid was the cause of her large ...thighs. Need I say more?

Cops & Robbers

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures, tacked to a bulletin board, of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture!"

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Blind Custodian

Our district recently hired a female custodian for our elementary school. The day before she started work in our building, she had accidentally broken her glasses and had to wear her prescription sunglasses to work. As the day began, she was involved in some repair work in the boys restroom just as the bell rang to let the children into the building. She thought she would have time to complete her work before the little boys needed to use the restroom. Much to her surprise, the little boys entered the restroom and began using the facilities as though she was not even there. One little boy finally noticed her and exclaimed, "Hey, there's a lady in here!" The little boy standing next to her calmly replied, "It's ok, she's blind."

Second Grade Biology

As a second grade teacher in Sunnyvale, California, I am fortunate to have lovely weather and to have my school near the monarch butterfly migrating path. We have a garden of milkweed to attract these lovely butterflies. This year we were able to actually see a butterfly lay eggs on a leaf and brought it into the classroom to watch the entire cycle of metamorphosis take place. One of my second language students was very excited to tell our new fourth grade male teacher that this teacher could come to our classroom and watch the butterflies go through menopause.

Would you Believe...?

It was my first year of teaching, and I was blessed to teach 8th grade Language Arts. They had to do an autobiography of themselves. One male student did not turn his in till almost two weeks later. This is what he wrote: The biggest moment of my life was when I got my period for the very first time. Maybe next time this gentleman will read the report before "borrowing" it for a grade.

World History

The History Of The World According To Actual Grade School Student Exam Papers:

1. Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in Hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.
2. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.
3. Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.



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4. The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had Myths. A Myth is a female moth.

5. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

6. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death his career suffered a dramatic decline.

7. Eventually the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for long.

8. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made King. Dying he gasped out: 'Tee hee, Brutus'

9. Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw. Finally Magna Carta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

10. Another story was William Tell who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his sons head.

11. Queen Elizabeth was the 'Virgin Queen' As a Queen she was a great success. When she exposed herself before her troops they

all shouted, "hurrah,"

12. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of the blood. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking. And Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper.

13. The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Romeo's last wish was to be laid by Juliet.

14. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

15. One of the causes of the revolutionary war was the English put tacks in their tea. Also the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. Finally the colonists won the war and no longer had to pay for taxis. Delegates from the original 13 states formed the contented congress. Thomas

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Jefferson, a virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the declaration of independence. Franklin discovered electricity by rubbing two cats backwards and declared, 'A horse divided against itself cannot stand' Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

16. Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel. Handel was half German and half Italian and half English. He was very large.

17. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died from this.

18. The nineteenth century was a time of a great many thoughts and inventions. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steam boat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick raper, which did the work of a hundred men.

19. Louis Paster discovered a cure for rabbits. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the organ of the species. Madman Curie discovered radio. And Karl Marx became one of the Mark Brothers.

What, Again!

Mom had spent weeks getting five-year-old Allison ready for the opening of Kindergarten. Allison was shy and apprehensive, Allison had toured the school with Mom. She met the smiling kindergarten teacher, had been to the school media center where she "helped" Mom plan for her duties as room mother. At home, Mom and Allison had set out a brand new dress, shoes and socks; name labeled the book bag, and practiced walking down the driveway to the bus stop. After all this, Allison was still very unsure about leaving home and Mom to get on the bus for school. Bottom lip quivering, she boarded the bus while Mom waved and smiled. Several hours later, Allison bounded off the bus, leapt into mom's arms and declared that it had been fun, but she was really glad to be home again. Smiling, Mom said, "Every day will be a little easier, you will see. Tomorrow will be even more fun than today." Allison's face sobered, "You mean I have to go AGAIN tomorrow?"

First Grade Perspective
First graders were given the beginning of these clichés, and asked to provide their own endings. The results are often better than the original! Take a look...

1. If at first you don't succeed.....go play.
2. Eat, drink, and.....go to the bathroom.
3. All's fair in.....hockey.
4. He who laughs last.....didn't understand the joke.
5. People in glass houses.....better not take off their clothes
6. All work and no play.....is disgusting.
7. Don't put all your eggs.....in the microwave.
8. Better to be safe than.....punch a 5th grader.
9. Strike while thebug is close.
10. It's always darkest before.....Daylight Savings Time.
11. Never underestimate the power of.....termites.
12. You can lead a horse to water but.....how?
13. Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.
14. No news is.....impossible.
15. A miss is as good as a..... Mr.
16. You can't teach an old dog new.....math.
17. If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning.
18. Love all, trust.....me.
19. The pen is mightier than the.....pigs.
20. An idle mind is.....The best way to relax.
21. Where there's smoke there's.....pollution.
22. Happy the bride who.....gets all the presents.
23. A penny saved is.....not much.
24. Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.
25. Don't put off till tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.
26. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and....you have to blow your nose.
27. None are so blind as.....Helen Keller.
28. Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded.
29. When the blind lead the blind.....get out of the way.



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Here's another connection of wisdom from the young ones.

1. Never trust a dog to watch your food. - Patrick, age 10
2. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. - Michael, 14
3. Never tell your mom her diet's not working. - Michael, 14
4. Stay away from prunes. - Randy, 9
5. Never pee on an electric fence. - Robert, 13
6. Don't squat with your spurs on. - Noronha, 13
7. Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. - Emily, 10
8. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. - Taylia, 11
9. Never allow your three-year old brother in the same room as your school assignment. - Traci, 14
10. Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers. - Mitchell, 12
11. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac.- Andrew, 9
12. Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. - Kyoyo, 9
13. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.- Armir, 9
14. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. - Kellie, 11
15. If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse. - Naomi, 15
16. Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick. - Lauren, 9
17. Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. - Joel, 10
18. When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. - Alyesha, 13

The Thunderstorm

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home, so she went out to meet her. The lightning was flashing frequently. It wasn't long before the mother saw her little daughter ahead, and she observed that the child was walking nonchalantly along, but whenever lightning flashed, her little girl would stop to smile broadly. Finally, the little girl saw her mother ahead, and the child ran to meet her. "Mother, Mother", she said enthusiastically, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"

Ad Libs

A father read his two young sons fairy tales at night. Having a deep-rooted sense of humor, he often ad-libbed parts of the stories for fun. One day his youngest son was sitting in his first grade class as the teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to acquire building materials for his home. She said "...And so the pig went up to the man with a wheelbarrow full of straw and said "Pardon me sir, but might I have some of that straw to build my house with?" Then the teacher asked the class "And what do you think that man said?" and my friend's



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