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#### AMAZING LOS CABOS PROPERITIES

Stretching along the white sand beaches of Playa Solmar, just mere steps away from the iconic El Arco of Los Cabos, is the beautiful collection of Solmar Hotels & Resorts. It is here, at the very point where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortes, where guests can experience the best of both worlds; the sense of an exclusive hideaway offered by Solmar's five all-suite resorts coupled with the convenient location near the lively downtown area of Cabo San Lucas, featuring shopping, dining and nightlife options. This resort is within walking distance of the marina and downtown Cabo, a short 10-15 minute walk. many options, offering guests a unique spa experience, the Thalassotherapy Spa allows guests to truly escape into a realm of relaxation and revitalization inspired by the serene setting of Los Cabos.

We stayed at the Playa Grande Resort and absolutely fell in love with the charm, beauty, quality of service and their attention to every detail. Our master suite was extremely spacious with a master bedroom, living room, dining area, kitchen, 2 full baths and two private balconies. The interior of our suite had marble floors, countertops and baths. The



Their collection additionally features such impressive properties as: Solmar Resort, an intimate oceanfront property offering unmatched privacy in an extraordinary natural setting. Playa Grande Resort & Grand Spa, a charming Mexican Hacienda style resort featuring the rejuvenating Thalassotherapy Spa.

Our Thalassotherapy Spa experience was absolutely amazing, we decided upon the Playa Grande Signature Massage. Our experience began with a swim in their fresh Sea Salt private pool and use of the steam room, then off to shower. Next it was time to relax in their relaxation room before our deep tissue massage in the spa s "Sanctuary." What a fantastic experience! The Thalassotherapy Spa offers so

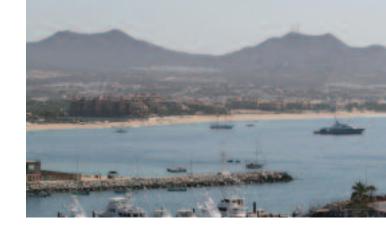


upscale finishing touches like solid wooden doors and moldings finished off this very well appointed and tastefully decorated suite. This resort was definitely designed with the discerning traveler in mind. Attention was paid to every detail and nothing but the finest quality materials where used in the construction of these properties. Nightwire gives this property 5.5 stars and we strongly suggest you make this one place on your "must visit" vacation list.

Their newest addition is scheduled to open in January 2011 with the introduction of Grand Solmar Land s End, where they will continue their rich tradition of offering guests a once-in-a-lifetime experience against one of the world s most stunning backdrops. This world-class resort will be

will be situated amongst remarkable beauty and serene tranquility, Grand Solmar will set a new standard of excellence within the destination. We can t wait to tell you more about their newest addition.

Solmar Hotels & Resorts offers guests privacy while still being able to enjoy the excitement of downtown Cabo San Lucas. The collection of five all-suite resorts offers guests the highest quality of service and hospitality. For more information about Solmar Hotels & Resorts, visit www.solmar.com, follow them on Twitter www. twitter.com/SolmarResorts and visit their facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Solmar-Hotels-Resorts/240773936425?ref=mf.





Nightwire is very excited to tell you about our transportation while in Cabo. We hired Private Luxury Travel (PLT). Ubiel Villa of PLT is a professionally licensed transportation and state certified tour guide. He and all of his drivers are certified and speak English fluently. Our first contact was via email and quickly I knew that PLT was a first class operation run by very detailed oriented people.

Before departing for our vacation, Ubiel was masterfully suggesting and helping create our travel agenda. He inquired as to what we wanted to do and see while in Cabo. He made suggestions and discussed in detail all of our plans. He is a master when it comes to suggesting restaurants and seeing that your Cabo experience is top notch. He not only made suggestions, he listened carefully as to what we wanted to do and the types of restaurants we wanted to experience. Everything was absolutely perfect.

From the minute we arrived at the airport, PLT prior to our Pittsburgh departure had sent us our transportation voucher. This voucher was a real godsend, because once you leave customs and head out of the airport, there are literally hundreds of representatives from various time shares, transportation companies and activity vendors all trying to get you to book their services. Our transportation voucher from PLT was our ticket straight out of the airport with minimal hassle, unlike unsuspecting travelers being hounded by these relentless representatives. Once outside the terminal, PTL was waiting for us, immediately took our bags, offered us cold water and cold towels while in transit. Making us feel totally at home. They operate a fleet of fully insured Escalades, Suburbans, Vans and Buses. All of their vehicles are in immaculate and in pristine condition. They are extremely professional, caring, courteous and well versed on Cabo.





Our driver, Cesar along with Ubiel were anxious and willing to accommodate and please. We asked them to take us to a grocery store so that we could pick up some essentials for our stay. Yes, spirits topped our agenda, along with coffee, water and some snacks. Ubiel even went into the store with us to make sure we could find everything we needed, now that s service!

Ubiel of PLT absolutely took charge and took care of everything and was always on time and waiting for us. This is the ultimate experience while travelling. We strongly recommend if your travels take you to Cabo, you absolutely must hire Private Luxury Transportation. You will need to contact them prior to your departure so that they can take care of every possible need and answer any of your questions.

Once in Cabo, they will provide transportation to and from lunches, dinners or a night out on the town. They can take you on day trips to La Paz, Todos Santos, East Cape or other destinations. They can also help you with booking hotels, condos or villas along with staffing them and help you with all water sport activities, ATV Rentals, Jeep Rentals. If you can think of it, they can do it! Ubiel can do it all!

You can check them out on the web at: www. privateluxurytravelcabo.com or call them directly at 011 521 6241833883 or email Ubiel at ubielvilla@yahoo.com be sure and tell them your friends at Nightwire sent you!



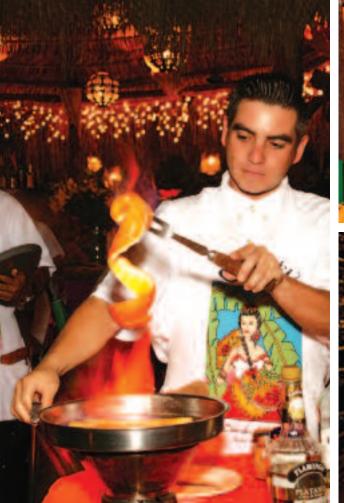
# NICKSAN - DEFINITELY EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS!

Nicksan is in our opinion the top restaurant in Cabo San Lucas. Owner, Angel Carbajal is an artistic master behind the sushi counter. And its no wonder, he has his own fishing boats that collect fresh fish every day. Nick San is a creative fusion of Japanese and Mexican cuisines, which truly sets his masterpieces apart. Every dish is truly an artfully created masterpiece, his presentation of food is the best of the best. The vibe in this restaurant is truly upbeat and it hosts a ton of regulars, once you eaten there you'll understand why. Spectacular sushi south of the border located in the heart of Cabo - truly one of the best in the world!

Angel created some special dishes for us, which were not on the menu and they were truly outstanding! We sampled dumplings with scallops and shrimp – absolutely

to die for! Fried shrimp with gorgonzola cheese with a spicy sauce... the best shrimp dish ever! From the menu we tried the Lobster Sambal -Marinated in sake, soy sauce, ginger and garlic in a sauce of sweet and sour chilles, green onion and sesame oil, love love loved it. Sashimi Serranito - Slices of fresh fish of the day with chili pepper sauce decorated with a thin slice of serrano chile, truly unique blending of flavors simply delicious. Tuna Tostada - Yellow fin tuna belly from the Pacific Ocean, served on rice cracker tostada, sliced avocado, habanero red onion sauce and sesame seeds, this signature dish is a must have and the presentation, picture perfect!. Gyoza Home Made - Stuffed with scallop and shrimp topping with a taste of seranito soy sauce ... everything was incredible.... Reservations are strongly suggested. You can visit them on the web at www.nicksan.com







# Edith's Restaurante

Edith s Restaurante is exquisite and so totally different from most of the dining in Cabo. They offer the most amazing and tantalizing food in the area. If you go to Cabo, you absolutely must dine at Edith s! aglow and clay chimneys ablaze, warming the cool night air. Colonial touches, grand palapas, and the rustic Californiano chiname construction-style lend a relaxed elegance to this awesome restaurant.

## "If you go to Cabo, you absolutely must dine at Edith's!"

Handmade tortillas, Caesar salad made a la tableside, outdoor mesquite grill, fresh fish and seafood, huge steaks, flaming coffees and banana flambé, and all overlooking the Sea of Cortez. The atmosphere, service, fantastic food, and in our opinion the best margaritas in Cabo.

This restaurant is passionately committed to serving authentic Baja Californian regional cuisine. Mouth-watering aromas entice passersby into an alfresco setting of lanterns Edith's signature touch is that she uses organic produce from local farms along with the finest meat, fish, seafood and range free chicken. Plus there is an

impressive list of wines for pairing with each course. Edith's sizzling mesquite grill imbibes each plate with irresistible flavor. The portions are extremely generous and outstandingly delicious. But, make sure you leave room for the spectacular presentation and savory the flavors of the banana flambé!

Check them out on the web at www.edithscabo.com





Hands down, simply the best traditional Mexican restaurant in Los Cabos . In fact, there is not a single dish we wouldn t recommend. This chic restaurant is truly the hidden treasure of San Jose del Cabo. Chef Armando Montano knows exactly what it takes to prepare the very best traditional Mexican fare.

Located in a corner of the downtown in San Jose del Cabo, El Chilar has a colorful, friendly and relaxed atmosphere where the tradition and the modernity simply fuse together to form the ultimate dining experience. The environment at El Chilar is

## THIS CHIC RESTAURANT IS TRULY THE HIDDEN TREASURE OF SAN JOSE DEL CABO."

sealed by their passion for service coupled with the kindness and professionalism of everybody who will serve you. Their suggested wine pairings are truly outstanding. From the moment we entered El Chilar, we knew, this was one fantastic restaurant. The bread "Chilar" was served warm and the flavors were amazing. I simply had to have this bread recipe, watch for it in an upcoming issue... it is simply one amazingly flavorful, delightfully wonderful bread. Everything we tried was outstanding. The lamb stew wrapped in parchment paper... oh my, like nothing you have ever eaten. While visiting Cabo, you simply must go to San Jose and dine at El Chilar.

Chef Armando Montaño develops a new menu each month, playing with different ingredients from the old Mexican cuisine with new flavors, textures and the magical touch of the chile,

the basic ingredient in every dish that El Chilar shows to the world. Don't let that scare you, though – Chef Armando's focus is on robust flavor rather than tongue-burning spiciness. These dishes will turn any plate into an ultimate palate pleaser. The wine list shows almost two hundred labels, traveling around the world from Australia and New Zealand, trough France, Italy, Spain getting to the Mexican Top Wines.



El Chilar Restaurant is located in San Jose del Cabo, Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico Phone: (624) 142-2544, (624) 146-9798

# MESON DEL ANGEL

Meson Del Angel provides a truly heavenly food experience. Upon entering, guests are greeted in an inviting lobby featuring comfortable plush red couches and a full bar – the perfect place for a pre-dinner drink.

The dining area is set in a welcoming outdoor terrace under the stars, truly an amazing experience. I inquired as to what happens when it rains, only to be told that it only rains 3 - 4 days a year, so they simply move the tables under the terracotta tile roof. Gold and red décor, paired with the rich wooden tables, creates a warm, friendly environment. Mexican

artwork and accents are proudly displayed throughout the restaurant. Romantic lighting and soft Mexican music playing in the background adds to the authentic experience.





Mesón Del Angel is truly unique because of its dedication to a healthier cooking style. Chef Inivil Arreolea uses organic chicken, salads, and vegetables, as well as fresh local cheeses and stone-ground mole, to create his masterpieces. Many of the restaurant's signature dishes are prepared using olive oil or cooked in a clay oven to avoid excess grease and fat. Even the mojitos are made fresh tableside by a mixologist with organic mint and purified ice, they offer thee varieties of the best mojitos in the world. Look for these fabulous mojito receipes in an upcoming issue. The meals we had were truly authentic Mexican dishes, made with the freshest meats and spices. Meson Del Angel is a must dine at restaurant while visiting Cabo. You can check them out at www.loscabosguide.com/mesondelangel







# RANCHO CARISUVA

Rancho Carisuva is the only company in Cabo that offers horseback riding along the Pacific Beach. The are simply the very best in the business. Their horses are well fed and definitely well taken care of. Horseback riding is the perfect way to enjoy the tranquility of the desert while contemplating the magnificent scenery and landscape. Just a short 40 minute ride from your Cabo hotel. Rancho Carisuva will pick you up and take you to their ranch. At the ranch you will receive an orientation on the proper way to ride a horse and you will be assigned a horse adequate to your skill level. You will also have free time to explore the ranch with 43 horses, goats, chickens and a friendly donkey.

Hop on and follow your guide for a glimpse into Baja's contrasting terrain where along your ride, you will see

cactus over 20 ft high towering over the trail, wild animals, exotic desert flora and incredible views. Stops will be made along the way to teach you about the desert flora and fauna as well as a stop at a look out point over the Pacific Ocean. Don't forget your camera as the sights on this tour are one of a kind.

From January through March keep an eye out towards the ocean as the migrating whales come so close to shore that you can smell their sprays. Rancho Caraisuva also offers ATV explorations and a split day offering you a chance to horseback ride and ATV. Don't miss this awesome adventure. Check them out at www.ranchocarisuva.com

# Three Rivers ARTS FESTIVAL

## June 4-13, 2010

Photos by Renee Rosensteel and John Altdorfer

Three Rivers Arts Festival, a division of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, proudly presents the 51st annual Three Rivers Arts Festival from June 4-13, 2010 happening throughout downtown Pittsburgh and Point State Park. J. Kevin McMahon, president and CEO of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust notes, "Three Rivers Arts Festival is one of the largest, green events of its kind that remains free to the public. The Arts Festival is a true convergence of art and the environment and so this year as Pittsburgh serves as the North America host city for the United Nations World Environment Day celebration (June 5), we are honored to present Guster, one of the most environmentally engaged music groups in the country, on the Dollar Bank Stage in Point State Park. We're proud to show the world how Pittsburgh has successfully united arts and environmental sustainability, in addition to transforming its Cultural District through robust programming and bold vision."

Among the more than 100 individual events and performances featuring more than 500 visual artists and musicians, highlights of the 2010 Festival include:  10 days and nights of live music featuring more than 50 individual acts and nightly headliners on the Dollar Bank Stage at Point State Park.

• The traditional Artists Market, featuring 300 artists selling original artworks and handmade fine crafts. The 2010 Artists Market features 150 different artists each weekend, two-thirds of whom are new to the Festival this year.

· The return of juried art and temporary public art.

• Visual arts exhibitions in galleries throughout the Cultural District, including the New Juried Visual Art Exhibition, the Art of Technology, and many more.

• The Creativity Zone at Point State Park, featuring hands-on activities for all ages and kid-friendly performances in the WQED Tent.

Demonstrating the convergence of art and sustainability, Three Rivers Arts Festival is a national leader in environmentallyconscious event production. With support from Colcom Foundation, over the past two years the Festival has diverted 83% of its garbage – more than 50 tons annually – from landfills through a comprehensive open-stream compost and recycling program. In 2010, as Pittsburgh has been selected as the North American Host City for the annual United Nations World Environment Day, Three Rivers Arts Festival will be the cornerstone of related activity including interactive and educational programming that complements the celebration's theme of "Water Matters" and related biodiversity issues. For information, visit www.artsfestival.net

#### Artists Market: Daily at Gateway Center Plaza: 12 – 8pm; Friday – Sunday at Point State Park: 12 – 8pm

or call (412) 456-6666.

A perennial Three Rivers Arts Festival favorite, the Artists Market features 300 artists selling unique, handcrafted original works of art. Market participants are selected through a rigorous jury process in a variety of media, including painting, photography, jewelry and sculpture. This year's Artists Market features 150 different artists each weekend, two-thirds of whom are new to the Festival this year. New artists arrive on June 4, June 9 and June 11.



#### Visual Arts: Festival Gallery Hours: Monday – Wednesday: 4 – 8pm; Thursday – Saturday: 12 – 8pm; Sunday: 12 – 6pm: Exhibits include:

• The Art of Technology, variuos locations throughout the Festival.

 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland: Photographs by Abelardo Morell, 709 Penn Gallery, Cultural District, downtown Pittsburgh

• New Juried Visual Art Exhibition: Trust Arts Education Center, 805-807 Liberty Avenue

### Additional Exhibitions throughout the Cultural District:

In addition to exhibits at The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's 707 Penn Gallery, SPACE Gallery and Wood Street Galleries , the Festival will include exhibitions presented in collaboration with the following partner organizations:

Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Botanic Garden of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Society of Sculptors, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh Filmmakers and Pittsburgh Glass Center and Urban Tree Forge.

#### **Dollar Bank Stage at Point State Park: Friday, June 4, 7:30pm:** Alejandro Escovedo

Saturday, June 5, 7:30pm: Guster Sunday, June 6, 6pm: Dirty Dozen Brass Band with special guest Nathaniel Rateliff Monday, June 7, 7:30pm: One World Tribe Tuesday, June 8, 7:30pm: Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit with special guest Tift Merritt Wednesday, June 9, 7:30pm: Los Amigos Invisibles

Thursday, June 10, 7:30pm: Ingrid Michaelson

Friday, June 11, 7:30pm: Kris Kristofferson with special guest Justin Townes Earle Saturday, June 12, 5:30pm: Local Indie Music Showcase Featuring David Bernabo + Assembly, Boca Chica, Harlan Twins and Lohio

**Sunday, June 13, 6pm:** Patty Griffin with special guest The Guggenheim Grotto

#### Music Schedule: local performers: Dollar Bank Stage at Point State Park: Noon daily, Monday – Friday (including June 4); 1pm, Saturdays & Sundays

#### Performances for children:WQED Tent, located in Point State Park:

Saturday: 12 – 7pm; Sunday: 12 – 6pm Join WQED and your favorite public television children's programming





characters and friends—including Mr. Steve and Miss Rosa—and local performers for kid-friendly performances each weekend of the Festival.

Pierce Studio, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Arts Education Center, 805-807 Liberty Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh:

Attack Theatre presents R.A.M. (Randomly Accumulated Memories) Friday, June 4: 6pm; Saturday, June 5: 12:30 and 3:30pm; Sunday, June 7: 12:30 and 3:30pm

Dance Alloy Theater presents The List Friday, June 11: 6 & 7:30pm

Spoken Word with Bassey Ikpi Saturday, June 12: 7:30pm

Dance Alloy Theater Jones Summer Dance Intensive: M. J. Tribute Sunday, June 13: Times TBD



## The CLARKS with Good Brother Earl

June 19, 2010 At The Amphitheatre At Station Square In Pittsburgh, Pa. - Pittsburgh Concert Group in association with Drusky Entertainment (www.druskyentertainment.com Presents THE CLARKS (www.clarksonline.com) with special guests GOOD BROTHER EARL (www.goodbrotherearl.com) and more for an all ages show at The Amphitheatre at Station Square on June 19, 2010 6:00 doors, 7:00 show. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 1-800-745-3000 on Saturday, April 17th at Noon.

#### **ABOUT THE CLARKS:**

The Best Kept Secret in American Rock? Over 300,000 CDs Sold, 20+ Years Together, Appeared on Letterman

'Restless Days' Set for June 9th Release --First Studio Album in Five Years by THE CLARKS... A Sound That's Bigger Than One Town...

We thought we knew The Clarks, but we didn't know The Clarks. Here are a few of the misperceptions about this band: **Misperception**: They are a jam band. **Reality:** They are a kick-ass rock band. **Misperception:** They are a solely a regional favorite.

**Reality:** They've sold over 300,000 CDs. **Misperception:** They are a club-level touring band.

**Reality:** They regularly sell-out venues with seats in the thousands.

The Clarks are an American rock band that have somehow managed to stay together for 20+ years, support themselves through their music, and remain relative unknowns. Much in the way that Bob Seger was a Detroit-area favorite for over a decade before exploding on the national scene with his 'Night Moves' album, The Clarks, though musically worlds apart, have been superstars in and around their hometown of Pittsburgh, succeeding in PA as the national stage awaits them. Now, with the straightahead, guitar-driven rock of 'Restless Days'

(out June 9th on High Wire/Fontana.) The Clarks are poised to make the same kind of mainstream crossover that Seger experienced in 1976. In fact, perhaps not since Seger has there been an act that's received such extraordinary notoriety year after year in their hometown while remaining under the radar for the rest of America. But The Clarks have a sound that's bigger than one town. From the scorching guitars of 'Trampoline' to the storytelling of 'Midnight Rose', the new songs deliver a real rock band playing real instruments. Add in overlapping vocals, driving percussion and great hooks, and you've got a cohesive collection of muscular music from a seasoned band that knows their trade. If Green Day played songs written by Paul McCartney, the result might sound a bit like 'Restless Days'.

The new album, The Clarks' first studio CD in five years, features 12 tracks in all -- 11 original songs by The Clarks, plus a rollicking cover of 'Wonderful World', which was commissioned by the Pittsburgh Penguins and used as part of their 2008-2009 season marketing campaign. The Clarks are:

Scott Blasey: Lead Vocals, Electric & Acoustic Guitars Robert James: Electric & Acoustic Guitars, Vocals Greg Joseph: Bass Guitar, Vocals Dave Minarik: Drums, Vocals. 'Restless Days' was recorded in Pittsburgh and produced by Sean McDonald, who has also worked with indie faves Grapevine, Carroway, and Mercury, but perhaps is best known for his work on the PBS 'American Soundtrack' and 'My Music' series.

The Clarks describe themselves with pride as a band that's "always fashionably in style and fashionably out of style all at the same time. They've never struck arena-rock poses - never had any gimmicks or affectations at all. They just get onstage and get it done. And they've never found a reason to do it any other way. Because if your casual college band turned into a career dream come true, complete with airtime on 'Late Show with David Letterman and more than a guarter-million albums sold - and you managed to do it while remaining based in the hometown where your families, friends and biggest fans are - why tamper with success?" That sentiment still stands, but as the title of their new album suggests, the band is getting a bit 'restless'... WWW.CLARKSONLINE.COM WWW.AMPSTATIONSQUARE.COM WWW.DRUSKYENTERTAINMENT.COM For more information, contact: Joshua Bakaitus & Brian Drusky / Drusky Entertainment joshbakaitus@druskyentertainment.com / briandrusky@druskyentertainment.com Phone: 724-769-5001

# Girlpower By Trish Imbrogno

#### Brandi Carlile and Idina Menzel bring sultry voices and sexy style to Pittsburgh this month!

Brandi Carlile's music has been categorized in several genres, including pop, rock, alternative country, indie and folk. Her career began in Seattle, Washington, and she has collaborated with amazing musicians including Sir Elton John, James Taylor, The Indigo Girls, and Dave Matthews. Her second album The Story (2007) was produced by the infamous T Bone Burnett.

ABC's hit show Grey's Anatomy featured Carlile's songs Tragedy, What Can I Say, Throw it All Away, and Turpentine. Additionally, Carlile's song The Story has been featured in General Motors and Super Bock commercials.

In addition to her performance in Pittsburgh with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday, June 30, Carlile will be a featured performer this summer on the Lilith Fair tour as well as at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival (Manchester, TN) and Telluride Bluegrass Festival (Telluride, CO).

Tony Award winner Idina Menzel has a diverse career on the stage, in films and in music. Best known for her roles as Elphada (the green witch) in Wicked and Maureen in Rent, Menzel has most recently had a starring role as Shelby, the coach of rival show choir Vocal Adrenaline, on Fox's hit television show GLEE.

In film, Idina appeared opposite Susan Sarandon, Patrick Dempsey and Amy Adams in Disney's hit, Enchanted (directed by Kevin Lima) and Robert Towne's Ask the Dust, opposite Salma Hayek and Colin Farrell, in addition to her award-winning performance in Rent. Idina also recently completed an arc on the Grey's Anatomy hit spin-off, Private Practice on ABC.

You can catch Idina Menzel with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, June 29, at Heinz Hall!

To learn more about BRANDI CARLILE, visit her official website www.brandicarlile.com. IDINA MENZEL can be found online at www.idinamenzel.com. Both women have a presence on Facebook and YouTube where you can check out past performances, other videos and music clips.

Fore more information about these performances or to order tickets, visit www.pittsburghsymphony.org or call 412.392.4900.

f you pick up any event calendar for June, you'll notice that women seem to dominate the schedule. Ingrid Michaelson, Patti Griffin and Boca Chica perform at the Three Rivers Arts Festival, April Smith and the Great Picture Show will be at Club Café, Jessica Lee Mayfield opens for The Avett Brothers in Cheswick, and Jordin Sparks headlines at the Palace Theater in Greensburg.

With all of these amazing women in town, there are two more upping the ante with their performances and standing out in front of the crowd. Broadway and Glee superstar Idina Menzel and sexy bad-girl folk rocker Brandi Carlile are making a stop at Heinz Hall to perform with the world-class Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - each for one night only! The Pittsburgh Symphony has performed with the world's best classical artists including Sarah Chang, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Hilary Hahn and countless others. Brandi Carlile and Idina Menzel ioin ranks with these women later this month!



#### Ask The Lawyer: "Legal Briefs" Courtesy Of Local Attorney Jeff Pollock

Q: A reader e-mailed: "When does physical discipline turn into child abuse?"

A: Permissible physical discipline of a minor turns into unlawful child abuse when it "crosses" whatever line" that societal mores define as not being tolerable in that particular time period. Anyone can look up what the statutes or Crimes Code sections define as Simple Assault and Aggravated Assault. A lawyer can research case law as to what our courts have interpreted to be child abuse. Common sense would seem to teach us that physical discipline is not good for children, since many people believe that violence begets violence. On the other hand, the cliche of "Spare the rod and spoil the child" still often holds sway since children today often display little respect for their elders, teachers, institutions, etc.

Times have changed, and this sensitive area continues to evolve. Statutes have been created to mandate reporting of suspected abuse. Laws were passed to create numerous registries of abusers. These changes have become necessary as society seems to be spawning more pedophile predators, pornography of minors, "sexting", tattooing, and other 21st century "advancements."

The issue is: where do/should we draw the line? It is really a "moving target." It would seem to be obvious that a parent should not use an electric cord for "spanking" that leaves very identifiable marks and probably inflicts great pain. However, one colleague of mine was able to get children who had been "punished" in that manner back to their parents. It was the 1980s, and times have probably changed since then. Yet, even such stringently disciplined kids who had been removed from their parents in a Juvenile Court Dependency Hearing initiated by CYF (then CYS) were returned when that lawyer brought in a psychologist to explain that such a harsh form of discipline was deemed to be acceptable within that particular culture/community.

Recently, a woman was arrested for child abuse and had her child taken from her because she forced her misbehaving 5 year old to smoke a cigarette in order to teach the youngster to never smoke because it would taste disgusting and make the kid feel ill. On a personal note, one of the reasons that I have never smoked was because my mother cared enough when I was only 6 or 7 to let me have a puff of her True Green cigarette that had fascinated me one afternoon. It was her creativity (?) and foresight to discourage me from following in her footsteps of ingesting filthy carcinogens that kept me from ever smoking or even dating anyone who indulged in tobacco. No one has ever suggested that her choice of parenting constituted child abuse. Then again, back in the '60s and '70s, the customs were different in many ways, children were probably more respectful of authority, and schools often believed in -- and were allowed to inflict -- corporal punishment.

One can ask rhetorically: is a study needed to say that "spanking young children will lead to aggression"? In other words, how will a three year old learn not to punch his sibling if a parent hits the child to punish him for smacking his brother? The question of how best to discourage future abuse is different from the issue of how the law interprets, deters, and punishes current abusive actions, but their overlap makes the field a complicated area for lawyers, psychologists, judges, sociologists, and the like.

So, in conclusion, there is really no clear line or easy definition of what is lawful -- or permissible if not sociologically or psychologically advisable -- physical discipline versus unlawful child abuse. If anyone has further questions on this complex concept, please feel free to contact me.

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## ThermaCell's Outdoor Lantern and Handheld Device

ThermaCELL's Outdoor Lantern and their compact handheld device both make perfect Father's Day gifts. The Outdoor lantern is a bit more rugged than the Patio Lantern – perfect for Dad, but with all of the features of the Patio Lantern.



The ThermaCELL handhelds are an excellent gift for dad since they are portable, compact and 98% effective and great for use at sporting events, camping, hunting, or fishing, or just working in the yard.

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## Wine and Spirits Top Summer Frozen Cocktails

#### 1. Apple Margarita

Apple brandy and applesauce make a great variation of the classic frozen Margarita. Garnish this one with a green apple slice for a stunning finish.

There are many ways to get an Apple Margarita and this is my new favorite (I previously had another which received negative reviews and caused me to play with the drink). I'm not the biggest fan of frozen Margaritas and prefer this one shaken and on the rocks, but the option is there to toss the ingredients into a blender with a cup of ice. I've cut the Apple Pucker from other recipes and made up for it with apple juice, I think this has a nicer balance but still gives that Pucker punch and great green color. **Ingredients:** 

- 1 cup of ice
- 1 oz tequila
- •1 oz Apple Pucker

•1 oz apple juice

- 1/2 oz sour mix
- apple wedge for garnish
- Preparation:
- Pour the ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth or into a cocktail shaker and shake well.

If desired, wet the rim of a chilled margarita glass with Apple Pucker and rim the glass with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar.

- Pour or strain the drink into the glass, over ice if desired.
- Garnish with a green apple wedge.

#### 2. Piña Colada

A favorite frozen drink with pineapple. If you learn to make a good colada from scratch you will thank yourself. Many times the pre-made mixes have are too thickly sweet and are unbearable by the end of the drink. Unfortunately many bars and restaurants use mixes. Ingredients:

- 2 oz dark rum
- 1/2 cup pineapple cubes or 2 oz pineapple juice
- •1 1/2 oz coconut cream
- maraschino cherry for garnish
- pineapple wedge for garnish
- Preparation:
- Blend all ingredients with approximately 2 cups of ice. Strain into a hurricane glass.

Garnish with the cherry and pineapple wedge.

#### 3. Daiquiri

A summer classic. Refreshing and sweet, the frozen version of the original daquiri is everything you need to cool down. This is the base for all other flavors of daiguiri This is a frozen version of a Daiguiri. It stays with the fresh lime juice that you find in the shaken version, but there is no need to stop there. Take this recipe and make it your own by creating your own fresh fruit blend like pineapple-kiwi, strawberry-banana, etc. Another option is to go with one fruit flavor and the Strawberry Daiguiri and Banana Daiquiri are two of the most popular. **Ingredients:** • 2 oz light rum • 1 1/2 oz fresh lime juice • 3/4 oz sugar syrup lime wedge for garnish **Preparation:** Blend the light rum, lime juice, and sugar syrup with approximately 2 cups of ice.

Pour into a chilled glass.

Garnish with the lime wedge.

Add your favorite fruits for more delicious flavors.

Add flavor to the popular Frozen Daiquiri with some fresh strawberries. This popular blended cocktail is perfect for cooling down on those hot summer days and can be made with almost any other fruit or fruit combination.

Ingredients: 2 oz light rum 1/2 oz triple sec 1 oz lime juice 1/2 tsp sugar 1 cup ice 5 strawberries Preparation: Combine all the ingredients in a blender. Blend well at high speed. Pour into a collins glass Serve with a straw.

#### WAHL<sup>®</sup> LET IT GROW TOUR GROOMING JUNE 4-6 AT THE THREE RIVERS ARTS FESTIVAL Supporting National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

he WAHL Let It Grow tour is buzzing across the country to provide free professional trims and trimming tips at events where un-kept men can be found. The tour is coming on the heels of a recent study from WAHL that reports nearly 60 percent of men nationwide grow some style of facial hair throughout the year and many desire instructions on how to improve their style. The tour's mission: Support men on their quest to define their personal style, and educate those seeking assistance from facial hair experts.

"The first thing people notice about you is your face, and wellmaintained facial hair can be a make or break with that allimportant first impression," explains celebrity stylist, salon owner and WAHL Master Barber Ben Phillips. "Unfortunately, maintaining facial hair is a game of trial and error for most guys. They learned how to shave from their dads or older brothers, but no one taught them the ins and outs of facial hair maintenance. That's the void we're hoping to fill with this tour. WAHL wants to help men choose the right style and educate guys on the best techniques to achieve that look."

WAHL's 30-foot mobile barbershop features a team of professional facial hair stylists who are prepped to groom men,

offer tips and when prompted discuss sports, vintage cars and other topics heard in a typical barber shop. For those looking for a little more pampering and entertainment, the barbershop also offers WAHL massage therapy products, a strongman competition and music. Three Rivers Arts Festival from June 4 to June 6 located at 601 Commonwealth Place For every trim performed, WAHL will donate one dollar (up to a maximum of \$2,500) to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, a nonprofit organization that honors America's fallen firefighters and assists their surviving families and coworkers.

In addition, those freshly groomed Pittsburgh men that participate are automatically entered into the 4th annual

BEARD TRIMMING CHART



WAHL Man of the Year photo contest, a search of the best beard, mustache and goatee in America. One finalist will be named in each category at all tour stops. National winners will receive a 42-inch flat panel HDTV in each category. For more information on the WAHL Let It Grow Tour or Man of the Year contest, visit www.wahlnation.com.

About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)

The United States Congress created the NFFF to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the nonprofit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers. For more information on the Foundation and its programs contact us at 301-447-1365 or visit FireHero.org.

(Point State Park). The trimming team with be in full force from: June 4 -5 - 6 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. If looking your best is not enough of an incentive for guys to participate, WAHL hopes they will consider supporting a great cause.

## Father's Day Humor

#### **The Right Choice**

My 16-year-old brother, Ryan, was out late with friends one night. Suddenly he realized it was Father's Day and he had neglected to buy a card for our dad. After much searching, Ryan located an open store, but was disappointed to find only two cards left on a picked-over rack. Selecting one, he brought it home and, somewhat sheepishly, presented it to our father. Upon opening it, Dad read this message: "You've been like a father to me." He looked at Ryan, puzzled. "Well, Dad," Ryan tried to explain, "it was either that or the card that said, 'Now that I'm a father too!'"

#### Thanks for the Soda, Pop!

Before I took the old family car to college, my father loaded the trunk with soft-drink bottles filled with oil, coolant and transmission fluid. Sure enough, my car overheated. Scolding myself for not listening to my father's instructions, I looked at the engine and saw how well he knew me. The oil cap was labeled Dr Pepper, the transmission stick, Coke, and the empty coolant container, Diet Pepsi. I finished the trip safely.

#### Say What, Dad?

Our Gen-X daughter, Kristie, made my husband a Father's Day card entitled "Things My Dad Would Never Say." Such as:

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#### "Can you turn up that music?"

"Go ahead and take my truck. Here's 50 bucks for gas." "I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones." "Here, you take the remote."

#### Watch the Wash, Dad...

I decided to make myself useful and do a load of the family laundry. When I took the clothes out of the machine, I discovered -- to my dismay -- that I had also washed the watch my wife had given me while we were dating. "Don't expect me to replace it," she said later with an obvious lack of sympathy. By the time Father's Day rolled around, however, she had relented and gave me a beautiful new watch. Attached was a note with this stipulation: "DRY-CLEAN ONLY!"

#### What a Card!

Father's Day was near when I brought my three-year-old son, Tyler, to the card store. Inside, I showed him the cards for dads and told him to pick one. When I looked back, Tyler was picking up one card after another, opening them up and quickly shoving them back into slots, every which way. "Tyler, what are you doing?" I asked. "Haven't you found a nice card for Daddy yet?" "No," he replied. "I'm looking for one with money in it."

#### Papa Bear

My husband's cousin married a former Marine who now works for United Parcel Service. They bought their four-year-old son two stuffed bears -- one in a UPS uniform and the other in Marine garb. When the boy seemed confused, his father brought out a picture of himself in full Marine dress. "See, Connor?" he explained, pointing to the photo and then to the bear. "That's Daddy." Connor's eyes went from one to the other, and then he asked in a puzzled voice, "You used to be a bear?"

#### Pop Vs. Pup

While flying from Denver to Kansas City, Kansas, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-yearold son. Mom couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember -- run to Dad first, then the dog."

#### **Paternal Payback**

On the day I received my learner's permit, my father agreed to take me out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front on the passenger's side?" I asked. "Kirsten, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."

#### No. 1 on Our List -- Literally!

My father was completely lost in the kitchen and never ate unless someone prepared a meal for him. When Mother was ill, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket for her. Continued Next page

#### "Dad holds a special place in our hearts, and on Father's Day, he deserves the best! So here's to you dad... Enjoy!!"

She sent him off with a carefully numbered list of seven items. Dad returned shortly, very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of sugar, two dozen eggs, three hams, four boxes of detergent, five boxes of crackers, six eggplants, and seven green peppers.

#### What's his job?

A grade school teacher was asking students what their parents did for a living. "Tim, you be first," she said. "What does your father do?" Tim stood up and proudly said, "He's a doctor." "That's wonderful. How about you, Amie?" Amie shyly stood up, scuffed her feet and said, "My father is a mailman." "Thank you, Amie," said the teacher. "What about your father, Billy?" Billy proudly stood up and announced, "My daddy murders people, steals from them, and drinks." The teacher was aghast and promptly changed the subject to geography. Later that day she went to Billy's house and rang the bell. Billy's father answered the door. The teacher explained what his son had said and asked if there might be some logical explanation. Billy's father said, "I'm actually an attorney. But how can I explain a thing like that to a seven-year-old?"

#### **Out House Confession**

Once there was a little boy who lived in the country. For facilities, they had to use an outhouse, and the little boy hated it because it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and stank all the time. The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy determined that one day he would push that outhouse into the water. One day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen so the little boy decided today was the day to push the outhouse into the creek. So he got a large stick and pushed. Finally, the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated away. That night his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that meant a spanking, the little boy asked why ... The dad replied, "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it, son?" The boy answered yes. Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth..." The dad replied, "Well, son, George Washington's father wasn't in that cherry tree!!"

#### **Dead Sea Gull**

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-yearold son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

#### **Penny Trick**

After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room. Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping. His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"

#### **Head Goes To The Bar**

A man is waiting for wife to give birth. The doctor comes in and informs the dad that his son was born without torso, arms or legs. The son is just a head! But the dad loves his son and raises him as well as he can, with love and compassion. After 21 years, the son is old enough for his first drink. Dad takes him to the bar and tearfully tells the son he is proud of him. Dad orders up the biggest, strongest drink for his boy. With all the bar patrons looking on curiously and the bartender shaking his head in disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol. Swoooop! A torso pops out! The bar is dead silent; then bursts into a whoop of joy. The father, shocked, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant "Take another drink"! The bartender still shakes his head in dismay. Swoooop! Two arms pops out. The bar goes wild. The father, crying and wailing, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant, "Take another drink"! The bartender ignores the whole affair. By now the boy is getting tipsy, and with his new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink and guzzles the last of it. Swoooop! Two legs pop out. The bar is in chaos. The father falls to his knees and tearfully thanks God. The boy stands up on his new legs and stumbles Continued Next page

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# Father's Day Humor

to the left.... then to the right.... right through the front door, into the street, where a truck runs over him and kills him instantly. The bar falls silent. The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs and says, "That boy should have quit while he was a head."

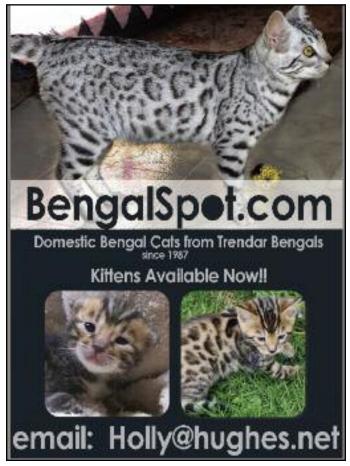
#### **Just Cut Your Hair First**

A young man comes home and says "Dad, just got my driver's license and would like to use the family car." Father replies, :"O.K., son. But, first, you have to get good grades in school, keep your room clean, make the yard is neat, and cut your hair. Come back in a few months and then we'll see." Well, several months pass and the young man comes into the house with his report card in his hand. "Dad, I got great marks on my report card. I've been keeping my room as neat as a pin, and the yard is always ship-shape. How about letting me use the car?" Father replies, "That's all true, but son you didn't cut your hair." Son says, "But, dad, Jesus had long hair." Father replies, "Yes, son, you're perfectly right. And he walked everywhere he went."

#### **Poor Preacher**

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?"

"Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."



#### Setting the Table

Little Susan was mother's helper. She helped set the table when guests were due for dinner. Presently everything was on, the guest came in, and everyone sat down. Then Mother noticed something was missing. "Susan," she said, "You didn't put a knife and fork at Mr. Smith's place." "I thought he wouldn't need them," explained Susan. "Daddy says he always eats like a horse!"

#### **Going to DisneyWorld**

"Hey Grandpa!, can you make a noise like a frog?" "I think I can do that. Why?" "'Cuz Dad says when you croak, we're going to Disneyworld"

#### Why Parents Go Gray

The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers. He dialed the employees home phone number and was greeted with a child's whispered, "Hello?" Feeling put out at the inconvenience of having to talk to a youngster the boss asked, Is your Daddy home? "Yes", whispered the small voice. "May I talk with him?" the man asked. To the surprise of the boss, the small voice whispered, "No." Wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mommy there?""Yes", came the answer. "May I talk with her?" Again the small voice whispered, "no." Knowing that it was not likely that a young child would be left home alone, the boss decided he would just leave a message with the person who should be there watching over the child. "Is there any one there besides you?" the boss asked the child. "Yes," whispered the child, "A policeman." Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked "May I speak with the policeman"? "No, he's busy," whispered the child. "Busy doing what?" asked the boss. "Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the Fireman," came the whispered answer. Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the ear piece on the phone the boss asked. "What is that noise?" "A hello-copper," answered the whispering voice. "What is going on there?", asked the boss, now alarmed. In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper." Alarmed, concerned and more than just a little frustrated the boss asked, "Why are they there?" Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle: "They're looking for me."

#### **Marriage Quotes**

Married life is full of excitement and frustration:

- \* In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens.
- \* In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens.
- \* In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.
- \* It is true that love is blind but marriage is definitely an eyeopener.
- \* Getting married is very much like going to the restaurant with friends. You order what you want, and when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that.
- \* It's true that all men are born free and equal, but some of Continued Next page

them get married!

- \* There was this man who muttered a few words in the church and found himself married. \*A year later he muttered something in his sleep and found himself divorced.
- \* A happy marriage is a matter of giving and taking; the husband gives and the wife takes.
- \* Son: How much does it cost to get married, Dad? Father: I don't know son, I'm still paying for it.
- \* Son: Is it true? Dad, I heard that in ancient China, a man doesn't know his wife until he marries. Father: That happens everywhere, son, everywhere!

#### Top Ten Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say

- 10. Well, how 'bout that?... I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.
- 9. You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for un-chaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?
- 8. I noticed that all your friends have a certain "up yours" attitude ... I like that.
- 7. Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car -- GO CRAZY.
- 6. What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating not good enough for you, son?
- 5. Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend ... you might want to consider throwing a party.
- 4. Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one

of those doo-hickey thingies -- you know -- that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.

- No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring -- now quit your belly-aching, and let's go to the mall.
- 2. Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.
- 1. Father's Day? aahh -- don't worry about that -- it's no big deal.

#### **Child Sent To Bed**

A small boy is sent to bed by his father... [Five minutes later] "Da-ad..."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out." [Five minutes later] "Da-aaaad..."

"WHAT?"

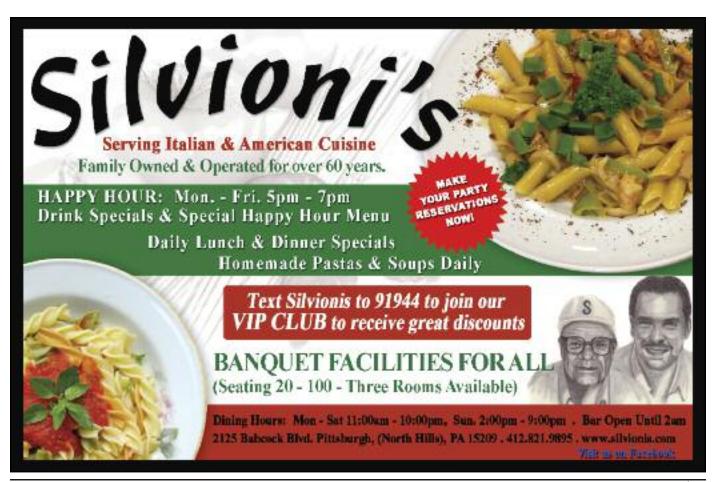
"I'm THIRSTY...Can I have a drink of water??"

"I told you NO! If you ask again I'll have to spank you!!" [Five minutes later]

"Daaaa-aaaAAAAD..."

"WHAT??!!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a drink of water?"



## Humor by Nightwire

#### **Divorce**

A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American girl. Although his English was far from perfect, they got along very well. One day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions: Have you any grounds? Yes, an acre and half and nice little home. No, I mean what is the foundation of this case? It made of concrete. I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge? No, we have carport, and not need one. I mean what are your relations like? All my relations still in Poland. Is there any infidelity in your marriage? We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player. Does your wife beat you up? No, I always up before her. Is your wife a nagger? No, she white. Why do you want this divorce? She going to kill me. What makes you think that? I got proof. What kind of proof? She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read, and it say: ~~~Polish Remover~~~

#### **Donate Clothing**

I just had a call from a charity asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people throughout the world. I told them to kiss my ass!! Anybody who fits into my clothes isn't starving!!

#### Honesty

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." 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 Continued Next page



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. 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.

#### Retirement

This is hilarious and you don't have to be retired in Florida to relate..."Be who you are and say what you feel... Because those that matter... Don't mind...And those that mind... Don't matter." If you are planning retirement, let me share retirement experiences with you, which I hope will be helpful. Fifteen

years ago my wife and I moved into a retirement development on Florida 's Southeast coast - The Delray/Boca/Boynton Golf, Spa, Bathand Tennis Club on Lake Fake-A-Hatchee. There are 3000 lakes in Florida; only three are real. Our biggest retirement concern was time management. What were we going to do all day? Let me assure you, passing the time is not a problem. Your days will be eaten up by simple, daily activities. Just getting out of your car takes 15 minutes. Trying to find where you parked takes 20 minutes. It takes 1/2 hour on the check-out line in and one hour to return the item the next day. Let me take you through a typical day. We get up at 5:00 AM, have a quick breakfast and join the early morning 'Walk and Talk Club.' There are about 30 of us, and rain or shine we walk around the streets, all talking at once. Every development has some late risers who stay in bed until 6 AM. After a nimble walk avoiding irate drivers out to make us road kill, we go back home, shower and change for the next activity. My wife goes directly to the pool for her underwater Pilate's class. followed by casping for breath and CPR. I put on my, 'Ask me about my Grandchildren' T-shirt, my plaid mid-calf shorts, my black socks and sandals and go to the clubhouse lobby for a nice nap. Before you know it, it's time for lunch. We go to partake of the many tasty samples dispensed by ladies in white hairnets. All free! After a filling lunch, if we don't have any doctor appointments, we might go to the flea market to see if any new white belts have some in Continued Next page



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or to buy a Rolex watch \$2.00. We're usually back home by 2 PM to get ready for dinner. People start lining up for the early bird about 3 PM, but we get there by 3:45 PM, because we're late eaters. The dinners are very popular because of the large portions they serve. You can take home enough food for the next day's lunch and dinner, including extra bread, crackers, packets of mustard, relish, ketchup and Sweet-and-Low along with mints.. At 5:30 PM we're home ready to watch the 6 o'clock news. By 6:30 PM we're fast asleep. Then we get up and make 5 or 6 trips to the bathroom during the night, and it's time to get up and start a new day all over again. Doctor related activities eat up most of your retirement time. I enjoy reading old magazines in sub-zero temperatures in the waiting room, so I don't mind. Calling for test results also helps the days fly by. It takes at least half an hour just getting through the doctor's phone menu. Then there's the hold time until you're connected to the right arty. Sometimes they forget you're holding, and the whole office goes off to lunch. Should you find you still have time on your hands, volunteering provides a rewarding opportunity to help the less fortunate. Florida has the largest concentration of seniors under five feet tall and they need our help. I myself am a volunteer for 'The Vertically Challenged Over 80.' I coach their basketball team, The Arthritic Avengers. The hoop is only 4.5



feet from the floor. You should see the look of confidence on their faces when they make a slam dunk. Food shopping is a problem for short seniors or 'bottom feeders' as we call them. because they can't reach the items on the upper shelves. There are many foods they've never tasted. After shopping, most seniors can't remember where they parked their cars and wander the parking lot for hours while their food defrosts. Lastly, it's important to choose a development with an impressive name. Italian names are very popular in Florida . They convey world traveler, uppity sophistication and wealth. Where would you rather live? Murray 's Condos or The Lakes Of Venice? There's no difference. They're both owned by Murray, who happens to be a cheapskate. I hope this material has been of help to you future retirees. If I can be of any further assistance, please look me up when you're in Florida . I live in The Leaning Condos of Pisa on Boynton Beach.

#### Murder at Wal Mart - So, here's the story. . .

Tired of constantly being broke & stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife with himself as the beneficiary, and then arranging to have her killed. A 'friend of a friend' put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie then explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was \$5,000. The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money. Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single dollar bill that rested inside. Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, & reluctantly agreed to accept the dollar as down payment for the dirty deed. A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Super Wal-Mart store. There, he surprised her in the produce department & proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands & as the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath & slumped to the floor...... The manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, ol' Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well. However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras & observed by the store's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught & arrested before he could even leave the store. Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plan, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband who was also quickly arrested. The next day in the newspaper, the headline declared ... (You're going to hate me for this ... ) ' ARTIE CHOKES 2 for \$1.00 AT WAL-MART!' Oh, guit groaning! We don't write this stuff, we receive it from our warped friends and then we print it for you! Continued Next page

#### **Real Advertisements**

Supposedly, these are actual advertisements that have appeared in papers across the country.

- Lost: small apricot poodle. Reward. Neutered. Like one of the family.
- A superb and inexpensive restaurant. Fine food expertly served by waitresses in appetizing forms.
- Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00.
- For sale: an antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.
- Four-poster bed, 101 years old. Perfect for antique lover.
- Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.
- Wanted: 50 girls for stripping machine operators in factory.
- Wanted: Unmarried girls to pick fresh fruit and produce at night.
- We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

#### **Beware of the Underpants Dust**

One evening a Husband, thinking he was being funny, said to his wife, 'Perhaps we should start washing your clothes in 'Slim Fast'. Maybe it would take a few inches off of your butt!' His wife was not amused, and decided that she simply couldn't let such a comment go un-rewarded. The next morning the husband took a pair of underwear out of his drawer. 'What the heck is this?' he said to himself as a little 'dust' cloud appeared when he shook them out. 'April', he hollered into the bathroom, 'Why did you put Talcum Powder in my underwear?' She replied with a snicker. 'It's not talcum powder; it's 'Miracle Grow'! You guys just never learn, do not pi\$\$ off the woman.

#### **Bank Account!**

(AWESOME, something we should all remember) A 92-yearold, petit, well-poised, proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window. I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.' 'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged; it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to Continued Next page



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love it. 'It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. So, our advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling our Memory Bank. I am still depositing. 'Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- 1. Free your heart from hatred.
- 2. Free your mind from worries.
- 3. Live simply.
- 4. Give more.
- 5. Expect less.

#### Good Stuff For Those Who Appreciate The History Of Golf

Clifford Roberts is widely, and justifiably, credited with making the Augusta National and the Masters the golf institutions they are today. When it came to the tournament, Roberts was



a man who seldom took no for an answer.

One year he wanted to shift the tournament's dates, so it was played slightly earlier in April. "The problem, Cliff," a committee member said, "is that means we'll finish on Easter Sunday." "Well, who's in charge of scheduling Easter this year?" Roberts asked. "We'll get them to move it."

One year during the Masters, Clifford Roberts heard reports that some people in the gallery were making a lot of noise and bothering the players. Roberts drove out to investigate: when he got there, he discovered that the culprits were comedian and television star Jackie Gleason and some of his friends. Roberts took their badges and ordered the Pinkerton guards to escort them off the property. "This is the Augusta National, not Broadway," he told Gleason.

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Augusta National and CBS operate under a series of one-year contracts, which give the club enormous leverage when it comes to making suggestions on how the telecasts might be improved. One year it occurred to Roberts that someone of unusual stature was needed to open the telecast. But whomever he had in mind was a far cry from the person CBS proposed: Ed Sullivan, whose variety show was one of the longest running hits on the CBS schedule. "Ed Sullivan?" Roberts replied. "Never! Why the man has monkey acts on his show."

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Roberts was a brilliant investor who made millions in the stock market. Because he was very fond of Byron Nelson, he offered to help Nelson with his investments. When Nelson told him of his plans to eventually retire from golf and buy a ranch in Texas, Roberts was skeptical. Still, Nelson was determined, and in 1946 he virtually retired from competitive golf. Several years later, he got a phone call from Roberts. "Byron, somebody just told me that Ben Hogan and some partners are building a golf course a few miles from your ranch," Roberts said. "Is that correct?" Byron said that it was. "They tell me that Ben and his people bought twenty-five hundred acres and they paid \$3,500 an acre," Roberts said. "I believe that's right," Byron said. "Didn't you once tell me that you paid just \$82 an acre for your ranch?" Roberts asked. "That's right," Byron said. "Byron, the next time we sit down to discuss your investments, remind me to treat you with more respect," Roberts said.

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In 1972 Ben Crenshaw came to Augusta National to play in his first Masters. He was 21 years old and one of the finest amateurs in the nation. The traditions of the game had always been important to Ben, and playing in the Masters -- where fellow Texans Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and Jimmy Demaret had dominated -- was the culmination of a long-held dream. Ben opened with a first round 73. As he left the scorer's tent and Continued Next page

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made his way to the clubhouse, he ran into Clifford Roberts. "How did you enjoy your first round in the Masters, Ben?" Roberts asked. "Very much, Mr. Roberts," Crenshaw replied. "That's fine, Ben," said Roberts. "And I think you'll enjoy it a lot more if you'll go get a haircut."

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Jack Stephens, who succeeded Hord Hardin as chairman of the Augusta National Golf Club in 1992, is one of the wealthiest men in America . His fortune is measured in the billions of dollars, and yet he has never forgotten his modest upbringing in Arkansas . One day, Stephens set out to play at Augusta with a foursome that included a guest who had just met Stephens for the first time. When they got to the first tee and agreed to a match, the guest was astonished that Stephens insisted on playing a \$2 Nassau. "Two dollars!" the man said. "Why, I never play for less than a \$100 Nassau." He remarked on it more than once during the match, and when they returned to the clubhouse to play gin, he was even more incredulous upon learning that Stephens played for a penny a point. "Usually we play for a dollar a point at my club," the man said. "How much are you worth," Stephens asked the man in his slow Southern drawl. "About \$12 million," said the man. "Let's cut the cards for it," said Stephens, absolutely serious about the bet. The game proceeded smoothly from there...for a penny a point.

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"Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the one's who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy. They just promised it would most likely be worth it."

#### The Nun and the Hippie

A hippie gets on a bus and spies a pretty young nun. He sits down next to her, and asks her: "Can we have sex?" "No," she replies, "I'm married to God." She stands up, and gets off at the next stop. The bus driver, who overheard, turns to the hippie and says: I can tell you how to get to have sex with her!" "Yeah?", says the hippie. "Yeah!", say the bus driver. "She goes to the cemetery every Tuesday night at midnight to pray, so all you have to do is dress up in a robe with a hood, put some of that luminous powder stuff in your beard, and pop up in the cemetery claiming to be God." The hippie decides to give it a try, and arrives in the cemetery dressed as suggested on the next Tuesday night. "I am God," he declares to the nun, keeping the hood low about his face. "Have sex with me." The nun agrees without question, but begs him to restrict himself to anal sex, as she is desperate not to lose her virginity. 'God' agrees, and promptly has his wicked way with her. As he finishes, he jumps up and throws back his hood with a flourish. "Ha-ha," he cries. "I'm the hippie!" "Ha-ha," cries the nun. "I'm the bus driver!

## As You Slide Down the Banister of Life in 2010- Remember

- 1. Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book. It's called 'Ministers Do More Than Lay People'
- 2. Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary..
- 3. The difference between the Pope and your boss, the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring.
- 4. My mind works like lightning, one brilliant flash and it is gone.
- 5. The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.
- I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. the seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.
- 7. It used to be only death and taxes now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.
- 8. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.
- 9. My next house will have no kitchen just vending machines and a large trash can.
- 10. Definition of a teenager? God's punishment...for enjoying sex.
- 11. As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way...

Be who you are and say what you feel... because those that matter... don't mind...and those that mind...don't matter!

#### Old Age

"Sixty is the worst age to be," said the 60 year old man. You always feel like you have to pee and most of the time you stand there and nothing comes out." "Ah, that's nothin," said the 70-year-old. "When you're seventy, you don't have a bowel movement any more. You take laxatives, eat bran, sit on the toilet all day and nothin' comes out!" "Actually," said the 80-year-old, "Eighty is the worst age of all." "Do you have trouble peeing, too?" asked the 60-year old."No, I pee every morning at 6:00. I pee like a racehorse on a flat rock; no problem at all." "So, do you have a problem with your bowel movement?" asked the 70-year old. "No, I have one every morning at 6:30." Exasperated, the 60-year-old said, "You pee every morning at 6:00 and crap every morning at 6:30. So what's so bad about being 80?" "I don't wake up until 7:00

#### Here's My Story

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me! That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

#### **The Motel**

When I checked into my motel, I said to the lady at the desk: "I hope the porn channel in my room is disabled." "No," she said, "it's just regular porn, you sick b\*\*\*\*\*d."

#### **Jenny Craig for Men**

A guy calls a company and orders their 5-day, 10 lb. weight loss program. The next day, there's a knock on the door and there stands before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe dressed in nothing but a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign around her neck. She introduces herself as a representative of the weight loss company. The sign reads, 'If you can catch me, you can have me.' Without a second thought, he takes off after her. A few miles later huffing and puffing, he finally gives up. The same girl shows up for the next four days and the same thing happens. On the fifth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 10 lbs. as promised. He calls the company and orders their 5-day/20 pound program. The next day there's a knock at the door and there stands the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life. She is wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, 'If you catch me you can have me'. Well, he's out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and he does his best, but no such luck. So for the next four days, the same routine happens with him gradually getting in better and better shape. Much to his delight on the fifth day when he weighs himself, he discovers that he has lost another 20 lbs. as promised. He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order the 7-dav/50 pound program. 'Are you sure?' asks the representative on the phone. 'This is our most rigorous program.' 'Absolutely,' he replies, 'I haven't felt this good in years.' The next day there's a knock at the door; and when he opens it he finds a huge muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, 'If I catch you, you're mine.' He lost 63 pounds that week.

#### **Senior Wedding**

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Miami , are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore.. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?" The pharmacist answers, "Yes.."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

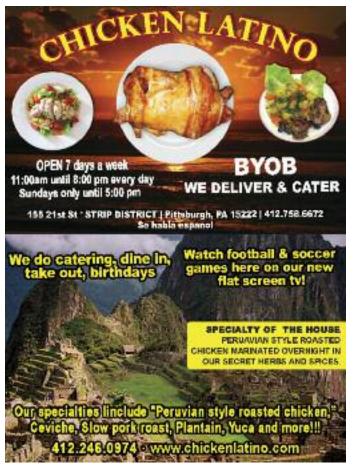
Pharmacist: "Of course, we do."
Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"
Pharmacist: "All kinds."
Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism ?"
Pharmacist: "Definitely."
Jacob: "How about suppositories?"
Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer's?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works." Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills , Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?" Pharmacist: "Absolutely." Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?" Pharmacist: "We sure do." Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?" Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes." Jacob: "Adult diapers?" Pharmacist: "Sure." Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

#### **Observations on Growing Older**

- ~Your kids are becoming you...and you don't like them ...but your grandchildren are perfect!
- ~Going out is good. Coming home is better!
- ~When people say you look "Great" ... they add "for your age!"
- ~When you needed the discount you paid full price. Now you get discounts on everything .... movies, hotels, flights, but you're too tired to use them.
- ~You forget names ... but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~The 5 pounds you wanted to lose is now 15 and you have a Continued Next page



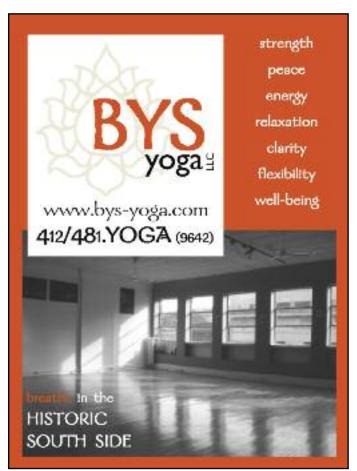
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better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.

- ~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything .... especially golf.
- ~Your husband is counting on you to remember things you don't remember.
- ~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- ~Your husband sleeps better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than he does in bed. It's called his "pre-sleep".
- ~Remember when your mother said "Wear clean underwear in case you GET in an accident"? Now you bring clean underwear in case you HAVE an accident!
- ~You used to say, "I hope my kids GET married ... Now, "I hope they STAY married!"
- ~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
- ~When GOOGLE, ipod, email, modem ... were unheard of, and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table.
- ~You used to use more 4 letter words...

"what?"..."when?"

- ~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- ~Your husband has a night out with the guys but he's home by 9:00 P.M. ...next week it will be 8:30 P.M.



- ~You read 100 pages into a book before you realize you've read it.
- ~Notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
- ~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- ~Everybody whispers.
- ~Now that your husband has retired ... you'd give anything if he'd find a job!
- ~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet .... 2 of which you will never wear.

~~~~But old is good in some things: old songs - old movies - and best of all OLD FRIENDS!!

#### Life Explained

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" So God agreed . . . . . . On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God agreed . . . . . On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty? "And God agreed again . . . . . On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay? "Okay," said God. "You asked for it." On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God. "You asked for it." So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone. Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank us for this valuable information. Nightwire is just doing it as a public service.

#### **Spread the Stupidity**

Only in America .....do drugstores make the sick walk all the Continued Next page

way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America .....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America .....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in America .....do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters..

Only in America .....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America ......do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight...

Only in America .....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

#### Ever Wonder...

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth 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?
- 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? Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread the stupidity and share this to someone you want to bring a smile to (maybe even a chuckle)...in other words, share it to everyone. We all need to smile every once in a while. Spread the Stupidity!

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#### **Unintended Consequences**

Joe is telling his pal Rick his troubles: "You know that new girl at work, the one I've been wanting to ask out?" he asks. "Yeah, what about her?" Rick replies. "Well, every time I see her, I get an instant erection, and have to turn away to hide it." "That's rough. Why don't you try taping your dick to your leg ... then it won't show?" Rick suggests. Joe agrees this is a great idea; Rick even Ioans him a roll of duct tape. A few days later, they meet again: "Well, I called her and asked her out, and she said yes," Joe reports. "That's great!" "So I get to her house, walk up to her door, and she answers it wearing a short, sheer dress." "Great! How'd it go?" Joe slumps down in his chair. "I kicked her in the face."

#### **Married Couple on the Train**

A man and a woman who had never met before found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train. They tried to make other arrangements, but the train was full and they were both very tired. They agreed to make the best of it for at least one night. There were two berths, and the man gallantly agreed to take the upper one. At 1:00 AM, the man leaned down and gently woke the woman saying, "Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you please reach into that closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold." "I have a better idea," she replied. "Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married." "Wow! That's a great idea!" he exclaimed. "Good," she said. "Get your own f\*\*\*\*\*g blanket."

#### A Woman Will Give You...

Whatever you give a woman, she's going to multiply. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll give you a home. If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So--if you give her any crap, you can expect a ton of shit.

#### **The Preacher's Paycheck**

A pastor's wife was expecting a baby, so he stood before the congregation and asked for a raise. After much discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the preacher's family expanded, so would his paycheck. After 6 children, this started to get expensive and the congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the preacher's expanding salary. A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the clergyman's additional children were costing the church, and how much more it could potentially cost. After listening to them for about an hour, the pastor rose from his chair and spoke, 'Children are a gift from God, and we will take as many gifts as He gives us'. Silence fell on the

congregation. In the back pew, a little old lady struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice, 'Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubbers.' The entire congregation said, 'Amen.'

#### Facts of Life

A father was explaining the facts of life to his son. After covering the basic biology, he moved on to the finer points of love-making: Father.... One thing to keep in mind, son, is that different women say different things during the act, even if you are doing the same thing. Son: What do you mean, Dad? Father.... Well, for example, their words will vary according to their occupation. For example, a prostitute will tend to say, "Are you done yet?" On the other hand, a nymphomaniac will ask, "Are you done already?" Son: What do other women say? Father... Well, a school teacher will say, "We are going to do this over and over again until you get it right!" A nurse will say, "This won't hurt one bit." Son: I thought they said, "Pull down your pants and bend over." Father... That's male nurses. Moving on, a bank teller will say, "Substantial penalty for early withdrawal." A stewardess will say, "Place this over your mouth and nose and breathe normally." Son: And what does mother say? Father.. She says, "Beige... beige... I think we should paint the ceiling beige."

#### Coffee, Tea or ???

During a tedious, cross-country, red-eye flight, the Captain came on the intercom and methodically gave his passenger briefing, "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your Captain speaking. We will be cruising at 35,000 feet, blah, blah..." After completing his statement, the over-worked Captain forgot to disconnect his mike, and the next thing the passengers heard was, "You know, I sure could go for a cup of coffee and a blowjob right about now..." Upon hearing this, the stewardess at the front of the plane immediately turned and ran to the cockpit to inform the Captain of his miscue. While scurrying past the first class section, a passenger raised his hand and was heard to say, "Don't forget the coffee!!!"

#### Life

Baby chick asked his Mom.... Am I people? No, you are a chicken. Do chickens come from people? No, chickens come from eggs. Are eggs born? No, eggs are laid. Are people laid? Some are......others are chicken!

#### **Naming Your Dog**

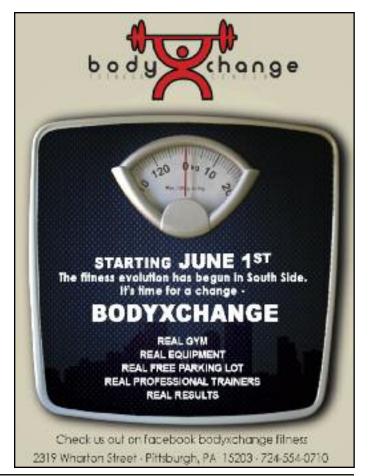
Everybody who has a dog calls him "Rover" or "Roy." I call mine "Sex." He's a great pal but he has caused me a great Continued Next page deal of embarrassment. When I went to the city hall to renew his dog license, I told the clerk I would like a license for Sex. He said, "I'd like one too." Then I said, "But this is a dog." He said he didn't care what she looked like. Then I said. "You don't understand, I've had Sex since I was 9 years old." He winked and said, "You must have been quite a kid." When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took the dog with me. I told the motel clerk that I wanted a room for my wife and me and a special room for Sex. He said, "You don't need a special room. As long as you pay your bill we don't care what you do." I said, "Look, you don't seem to understand, Sex keeps me awake at night." The clerk said, "Funny--I have the same problem." One day I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began the dog ran away. Another contestant asked me why I was just standing there, looking disappointed. I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He told me I should have sold my own tickets. "But you don't understand," I said, "I had hoped to have Sex on TV." He said, "Now that cable is all over the place it's no big deal anymore." When my wife and I separated, we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said, "Your honor, I had Sex before I was married." The judge said, "The courtroom isn't a confessional. Stick to the case, please." Then I told him that after I was married, Sex left me. He said, "Me, too." Last night Sex ran off again. I spent hours looking around town for him. A cop came over to me and asked, "What are you doing in this alley at 4 o'clock in the morning?" I told him that I was looking for Sex. My case comes up Friday.

#### **Little Green Men**

Late one night, an alien spacecraft landed near a deserted gas station. After a bit, one of the aliens came down the ramp, looked around, and walked over to one of the gas pumps, where he demanded "Earthling! Take me to your leader!" The gas pump, of course, did not reply. The alien became agitated and again demanded "Take me to your leader!" The gas pump remained silent. Frustrated, the alien went back to the spacecraft where he was confronted by the captain: "Report." "I contacted an earthling - he would not cooperate." "Hmmm. I will deal with this earthling myself." "Yes sir. Be careful sir, I have a feeling there could be trouble." The captain left the ship and approached the gas pump. "Earthling, you will cooperate. Take me to your leader." The gas pump remained unresponsive. "Very well." The captain drew his blaster. "If you do not respond by the count of three. I shall be forced to fire on you. One. Two. Three." ZZZZT. WHAM! The gas pump exploded, knocking the alien ass over teakettle. The captain jumped up and got back to the ship as fast as his whatever would propel him. "Quickly! Make ready to depart!" "Yes sir. What happened sir?" "I fired on the earthling and it responded very forcefully." "Sorry sir, I was afraid that might happen." "How did you know that there would be trouble?" "Well sir, I assumed that anyone who can take his dick, wrap it around his feet and stick it in his left ear is probably going to be one really bad dude."

#### Ten Things You Should Not Put On Your Job Resume

- 1. Your high school class voted you "Most Likely to be Found on a Tower with a Rifle."
- 2. You have a degree as a dietitian from the Hannible Lecter School of Medicine.
- 3. Any details about your job experience in continuity assurance and quality control at a hog breeding facility.
- 4. Any student organizations you belonged to that have the words Satan, Armageddon, or bestiality in their titles.
- 5. You were fired from your last job for committing an unnatural act with the entire sales department.
- 6. You were fired from your last job for making obscene telephone calls to Barney from a company phone.
- 7. You were fired from your last job for attempting a hostile takeover involving the 81st. Airborne.
- 8. You filed a discrimination suit against your last employer because of their policy against employees wearing crotch less business suits, and won.
- You quit your last job after your boss rejected your suggestion for staging public floggings of late employees.
- 10. Your hobbies include taking massive quantities of hallucinogens and then working on your chainsaw collection.



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#### **New Market Terms**

CEO --Chief Embezzlement Officer

CFO-- Corporate Fraud Officer.

BULL MARKET --- A random market movement causing an

investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

**BEAR MARKET**--A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING--The art of buying low and selling lower.

**P/E RATIO**--The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER--What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR--Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

**STOCK SPLIT**--When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

**FINANCIAL PLANNER**--A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION--The day after you buy stocks.

**CASH FLOW**-- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

**YAHOO**--What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

**WINDOWS**--What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

**INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR--**Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT -- An archaic word, no longer used.

#### Why Beer is Better Than Women

- 1. You can enjoy a beer all month long
- 2. Beer stains wash out
- 3. You don't have to wine and dine beer
- 4. Your beer will always wait patiently for you in the car while you play baseball
- 5. When your beer goes flat, you toss it out
- 6. Hangovers go away
- 7. A beer label comes off without a fight
- 8. Beer is never late
- 9. Beer doesn't get jealous when you grab another beer
- 10. When you go to a bar, you know you can always pick up a beer
- 11. Beer never gets a headache
- 12. After you've had a beer, the bottle is still worth 5 cents
- 13. A beer won't get upset if you come home and have another beer
- 14. If you pour a beer right, you'll always get good head
- 15. A beer always goes down easy
- 16. You can have more than one beer a night and not feel guilty
- 17. You can share a beer with your friends

- 18. You always know you're the first one to pop a beer
- 19. Beer is always wet
- 20. Beer doesn't demand equality
- 21. You can have a beer in public
- 22. A beer doesn't care when you come
- 23. A frigid beer is a good beer
- 24. You don't have to wash a beer before it tastes good
- 25. If you change beers you don't have to pay alimony

#### **The New Priest**

The new Priest was so nervous at his first mass that he could hardly speak. Before the second week in the pulpit he asked the bishop how he could relax. The Bishop said, "Next week, put some vodka in the water pitcher. After a few sips, everything should run smoothly." The next Sunday, the new priest put the suggestion into practice and was able to talk up a storm and felt just great. Upon returning to the rectory, however, he found a note from the Bishop...

- 1. Next time sip, rather than gulp.
- 2. There are 10 Commandments, not 12.
- 3. There are 12 Disciples, not 10.
- 4. David slew Goliath, he didn't kick the shit out of him.
- 5. We do not refer to Jesus Christ and his Apostles as "J.C. and the boys."
- 6. Next week there is a taffy pulling contest at St. Peters, not a Peter pulling contest at St. Taffy.
- 7. We do not refer to the cross as "The Big T."
- 8. We do not refer to the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost as "Big Daddy, Junior and the Spook."
- 9. The recommended way of saying grace is not Rub-a-dubdub, thanks for the grub, Yea God!"
- 10. And last but not least, it is the "Virgin Mary," not "Mary with the cherry."

#### **Prescription Confusion**

This is a true story which happened to me. For a while, I worked as a cashier at a local drugstore. Well, one afternoon, while I was working at the drug counter, a woman came in and dropped off 3 prescriptions to be filled. Later, she came back, and wanted to pick up the prescriptions (they were for her husband). Two of the prescriptions were ready, with the third stapled to the bag. The pharmacist had already told me about this one. "Here you go, we were only able to fill two of the prescriptions," I said. "Why can't you fill the other one?" she said. "I'm sorry, we don't carry that one," I said. "Well, can you order it?" "No." "Well where can I get it filled?" "I'm afraid you will have to go to the hospital to get it filled." "Why? What's it for?" "A chest X-ray." And some people wonder why patients never know what the h\*\*I is going on! BTW, the handwriting on the prescription (by the doctor) was one of the clearest I have ever seen.

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#### **Banking Bitches**

An oily, disreputable looking fellow walks into a bank with a large sack on his back. Seeing an open teller, the man walks up to the young lady and places the sack on the counter. "I want to open a f\*\*\*\*\*g savings account!" the man grunts. "I am sorry sir, we prefer politer customers," she replied, offended. "Okay, look I just wanna open a fucking banking account." "I'm sorry, but you just can't speak that way." The supervisor, seeing the trouble went over to check on the situation. She got there and got the story from the teller. Trying another tack, she decided to handle the situation herself. "How can I help you?" she asked, all smiles. "Listen, I would like to open a F\*\*\*\*G savings account!" "I am sorry, but we do not deal with people who use vulgar language." Finally, the bank manager came over to settle the matter. "What is the matter here?" he asked. "Look," replied the customer, "I just won 47 million dollars in the lottery and I wanted to open a f\*\*\*\*\*g savings account to deposit all the cash in." "Are these two bitches giving you trouble?" quickly replied the manager.

#### Are You Ready for Some Football?

A guy wearing an Cleveland football jersey walks into a bar, carrying a cat. The cat is also dressed in a little Cleveland jersey. The guy says to the bartender, "Can my cat and I watch the Cleveland-Pittsburgh game here? My cable is out, and my cat and I always watch the game together." The bartender replies, "Normally, cats wouldn't be allowed in my bar, but it's not very busy right now, so you and the cat can have a seat at the end of the bar. But, if there's any trouble with you or the cat, I'll have to ask you to leave." The guy agrees, and he and his cat start watching the game. Pretty soon Cleveland manages to kick a field goal and the excited cat jumps up on the bar, meows loudly, runs over to the bartender and gives him a high-five. The bartender says, "Wow, that's pretty cool! What does he do for a touchdown?" The guys answers, "I don't know, I've only had him for 3 years."

#### **Three Laws Of Golf**

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.



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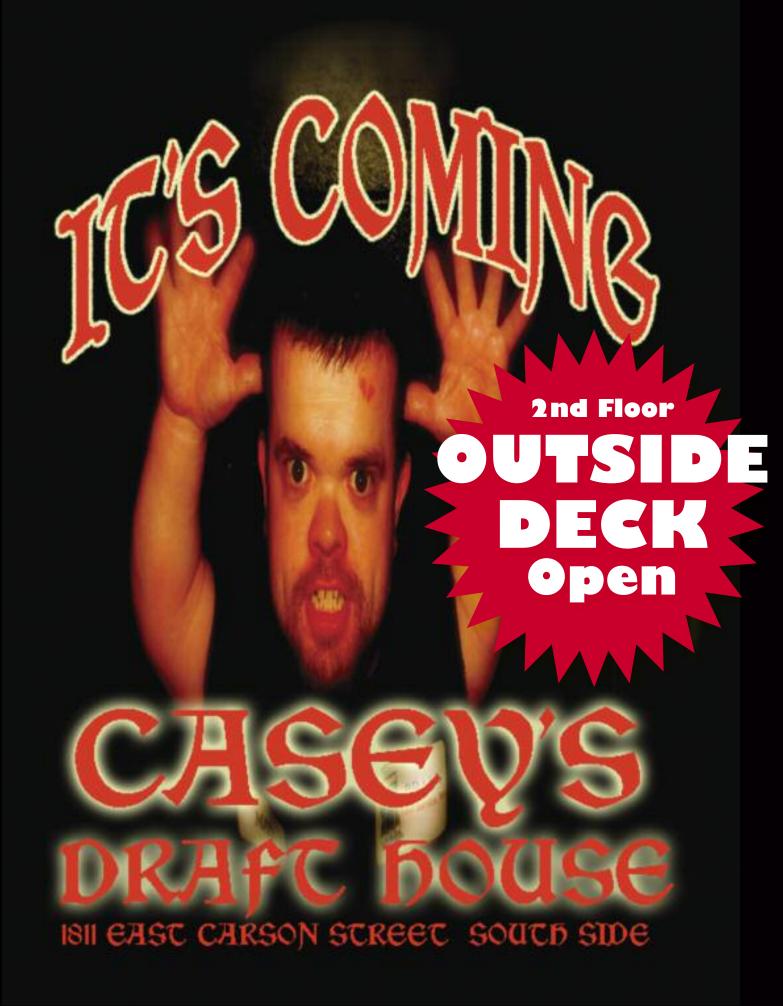
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#### **Chemical Analysis of a Woman**

Element: Woman Symbol: WO Discoverer: Adam

**Quantitative Analysis:** Accepted at 36 - 28 - 36, though isotopes ranging from 25 -10 - 20 to 60 - 55 - 60 have been identified.

**Occurrence:** Found wherever man is, but seldom in the highly reactive, energetic singlet state. Surplus quantities in all urban areas.

Physical Properties: Undergoes spontaneous dehydrolysis (weeps) at absolutely nothing, and freezes at a moments notice. Totally unpredictable. Melts when properly treated, very bitter if not well used. Found in various states, ranging from virgin metal to common ore. Non-magnetic but attracted by coins and sport cars. In its natural shape the specimen varies considerably, but it is often changed artificially so well that the change is indiscernable except to the experienced eye. Chemical Properties: Has a great affinity for AU, AG, and C, especially in the crystalline form. May give violent reaction if left alone. Will absorb great amounts of food matter. Highly desired reaction is initiated with various reagents such as C(2)-H(5)-OH and sexy aftershave lotions. An essential catalyst is often required (must say you love her at least five times daily). Reaction accelerates out of control when in the dark and all reaction conditions are suitable. Extremely difficult to react if in the highly stable pure form. Yields to pressure applied to correct points. The reaction is highly exothermic. **Storage:** Best results are obtained between the ages of 18 and 25 years.

Uses: Highly ornamental. Used as a tonic for low spirits. Used on lonely nights as a heating agent (if properly prepared). **Tests:** Pure specimens turn rosy tint if discovered in raw, natural state. Turns green if placed besides a better specimen. **Caution:** Most powerful reducing agent known to man (income and ego). Highly explosive in inexperienced hands. Specimen must be used with great care if experiments are to succeed. It is illegal to possess more then one permanent specimen, though a certain amount of exchange is permitted.

#### **Stop redundancy**

The Committee for the Reduction of Redundancy and the Antiproliferation of Repetition has decided not to meet until they have their first meeting and thus will not be meeting until the first time. Their Pre-meeting Statement wanted to make this clear before they had their first meeting, so that it would not be overly confusing. So their first meeting will actually be their first meeting and they will not have a meeting before the first meeting. This should avoid having people show up for their first meeting before it is held, since to do so would be confusing to those who did so and this is what they want to avoid by reducing the confusion and lessening the repetition.



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