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ScareHouse - Pittsburgh's ScareHouse

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The 53rd edition of Haunted Attraction Magazine hit the newsstands and featured the ScareHouse in Etna, PA. as its featured commercial haunt. The ScareHouse was named one of the magazine's 10 best haunts in 2009. Haunted Attraction Magazine is known as the industry's go-to resource for passionate haunted house owners and the enthusiasts who dream of creating one of their own.

ScareHouse was opened in 1998 by Scott and Barb Simmons and Scott's father, Wayne Simmons. Each brought more than a decade of experience in the haunted attraction industry. It's comprised of three houses that each boast a unique theme. In 2009, the attractions were "The Hall of Nightmares," a more-traditional house filled with zombies, crypts, and their star, Creepo the Clown; "Delirium 3D," a brightly-colored kaleidoscopic acid trip through the mind of the house's iconic wild-haired, grinning heroine; and "Rampage," which places the customer smack in the middle of a dystopian steampunk world torn apart by a civil war with rebels on one side and the oppressive DieRector and gun-toting Daphnie on the other.

According to publisher John Kennedy, what sets ScareHouse apart from the rest of the industry is its bold stylistic choices and its openness to change. Simmons is quoted in the article saying, "You need to do something that's new and fresh to attract the fans."

ScareHouse has more than 100 professionals on staff including set designers, costume designers and make-up artists. They have more than 70 professional actors throughout the house and sets the bar high for other haunted houses.

The article cites graduates from the Douglas School,



Pittsburgh Filmmakers and the Art Institute are on payroll to make the monsters and build the creatures. The key elements here include chief costume designer Jennifer Bailey, still working for ScareHouse despite her relocation to Hollywood in 2008; design managers Chris Gilgour and Dejah Harnish contribute concepts and designs for characters and attractions and oversee the entire make-up department; musician Glenn Ricci (aka "Delirium Dog") creates the unique music and soundscapes; and Jason Reed, another Hollywood denizen, serves as lighting designer.

We were informed by Scott Simmons that design work for the 2010 ScareHouse began as soon as the haunt closed its 2009 season. Design work started in November 2009 and physical construction began in January 2010. Each year the house changes its attractions with new endings and interior changes so that you will never see the same show twice. Sets



are worked on 11 months out of the year, which is why year after year they are named one of the top ten Haunted Attractions in the world. Watch for further updates in upcoming issues of Nightwire. This years ScareHouse will open in late September and run through Halloween. Mark your calendars now... this is definitely worth seeing!!

Nightwire congratulates ScareHouse for being named one of the ten best haunts in the country!

About Haunted Attraction Magazine

Haunted Attraction Magazine is the premiere publication and longest running magazine covering the Haunted Attraction industry. Published since 1995, Haunted Attraction Magazine is delivered four times a year to eight different countries to haunted house owners and enthusiasts. This magazine has been providing information and insight into haunted houses, hayrides and haunted trails for more than 14 years and is the longest running publication of its kind. This past year, publisher, John Kennedy travelled over 17,000 miles and experienced over 220 haunted houses at over 100 different Halloween events around the country. Haunted Attraction Magazine also maintains an active website at www.hauntedattraction.com. To be featured in this publication is truly very prestigious and quite an honor.



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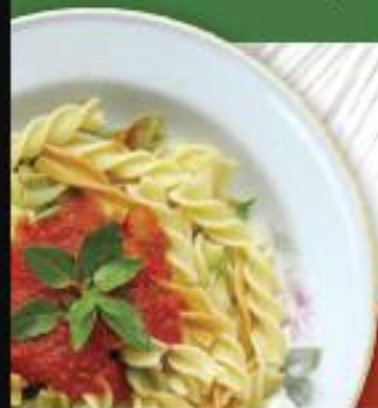
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A couple of weeks ago, I took a few friends to lunch and was very excited to try a new place I'd seen on East Ohio Street in the North Side- Bistro to Go. We had delicious salads, soup and Buffalo Chicken Macaroni & Cheese..... I couldn't wait to meet the owner and hopefully get an invite to try more of their culinary creations. I never leave a card hoping to get an invite, but in this case, everything was so delicious, picture perfect, and reasonably priced, I had to break that rule.

Nikki Heckman opened Bistro to Go about 2 years ago and I really believe that you haven't heard much about it because the regulars fear you'll invade their territory! I promise you, if you go there once, you'll definitely go there twice, three times, four times & before you'll know it, you'll be a regular! The concept is simple- provide great food prepared with fresh ingre-

dients at great prices, have weekly menu changes, be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and even provide vegan options. Absolutely everything is available to go. Nikki's past includes many successful years in the corporate restaurant world, and I have to mention, she really knows what she is doing. The atmosphere she created inside her restaurant is so warm and relaxed that it goes right along with the comfort food dishes they serve up daily. Nikki and her staff love to feed people and treat them as if they are guests at their party.

We met Chef Madeline Jones, Matty, her warmth shines through even before you taste her food. She served us Chicken Cobbler and I gave her a hug because it was that good. It consists of little biscuits on top of creamy chicken, with carrots and mushrooms. There is pride in this food, you can just tell. Matty

loves cooking, and this food is for lack of better terminology “real”. We tried so many things and since the menu changes weekly the options seem endless but let me start with the salads- Cranberry Almond Chicken Salad is served as a sandwich (\$6.75 whole or \$3.75 half) on a buttery croissant or fresh wheat bread. I love this so much I prefer to eat it right out of the to-go container! The Sugared Pecan Salad

“This is real food people. This is real good food people.”

(\$6.75 whole or \$3.75 side size)

is a nice mix of crisp romaine and spring mix with sugared pecans, toasted almonds, feta cheese, red onion, dried cranberries or seasonal strawberries. It’s available with chicken (+\$2.00) and served with raspberry vinaigrette. So delicious.....it’s the salad that I will order over & over again. In fact, I had some friends drop by during a very busy week, I picked up this salad along with some Chicken Marsala (\$8.95), Thai Peanut Noodles, and the Cranberry Almond Chicken Salad and everyone raved about each and every different dish. Bistro to Go has awesome side selections like Sweet Potato Casserole- YUM! I actually got it as my two sides with the Chicken Marsala. A double dose of wonderful that I knew everyone would love. There was not one bite of anything left. I love that Nikki loves to feed people and I love to feed people really good food! I am a regular now and I think about Bistro to Go every other day, well sometimes every day depending on how hungry and busy I am. This is real food people. This is real good food people.

Sandwiches on the menu are offered as whole or half (\$6.75 & \$3.75). Toasty Warm Bistro Sandwiches are also offered as whole or half (\$7.25 or \$4.00) and include offerings like Courtyard Chicken – grilled BBQ chicken breast topped with bacon, cheddar cheese, pico do gallo, lettuce & spicy ranch, Honey BBQ Pulled Pork, or Maple Ham & Cheddar to name a few. Homemade soups include Chicken & Dumpling, Tomato Basil, Stuffed Pepper, Broccoli & Cheese and change daily.

Salads range from the Plain Simple Salad to the Chicken Caesar, to Insalata Chicken Salad with Cajun chicken, black bean & corn salsa, pico do gallo, cheddar cheese, on a bed of spring mix topped with crispy corn chips and scallions. This

is served with a spicy cool ranch dressing. Light fare offerings include a wonderful hummus & pita (\$4.50) which I have to tell you, I bought some hummus in the Strip and had some leftover Bistro hummus that some friends and I were eating and unanimously we all loved the Bistro hummus much better than supposedly “authentic ethnic” hummus from the Strip. A true taste test in which Bistro to Go came out the winner!

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention some of the entrees served up with either your choice of one or two sides- Crispy Chicken with Honey Mustard. This was so crispy, moist & delicious and Nikki is proud to let you know that there is NO fryer in her restaurant. I’m going to adopt that as a standard just like going into a bar without televisions. A restaurant without a fryer!

How awesome. Remember I told you that they like to feed people- well they are even concerned about healthy eating as well. Some other options include Maple Glazed Roast Turkey, Lemon Parmesan Chicken, Beef Tips & Wild Mushrooms. I think you’re getting the idea. It’s all good and there’s really something for everyone or for every taste.

Next Month Bistro to Go will be expanding with Bistro Soul, slow cooked comfort food. They’re looking forward to providing authentic soul food at the same great quality & prices. I’m looking forward to summer – dining on the quaint patio that will separate the two restaurants. I actually can’t wait to see what they’re cooking up!

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The eighth annual Pittsburgh Wine Festival, to be held in the Club Lounges at Heinz Field, gives people the opportunity to sample some of the world's very best wines, and provides a chance to meet and talk with some of the world's foremost authorities on wine.

This year, these authorities include Marnie Old, an internationally renowned sommelier, wine educator and author. Ms. Old is a member of the PLCB's Wine Advisory Council, and will be doing the tasting at the PLCB's Chairmen's Selection™ Table. Chairman's Selection wines are available only through PA Wine & Spirits, and are limited-quantity, high-quality wines at terrific values.

Also on hand will be Robin Lail of Lail Vineyards, an award-winning Napa Valley winery. Robin is the latest in her family's 130 years of involvement in the wine industry.

Danielle Cyrot will also be featured. Ms. Cyrot, the descendant of a long line of French vintners, is the winemaker at the St. Clement Winery, voted Best Boutique Winery two years in a row by Napa and Sonoma Valleys magazine.

Another special guest will be Ken Freeman of Freeman Wines, a distinguished winery in California's Russian River Valley. A skilled businessman, world traveler and vintner, Ken Freeman founded and operates the winery with his wife Akiko.

The Pittsburgh Wine Festival will be held on Thursday, May 6,

2010, with the VIP tasting from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. and the Grand Tasting from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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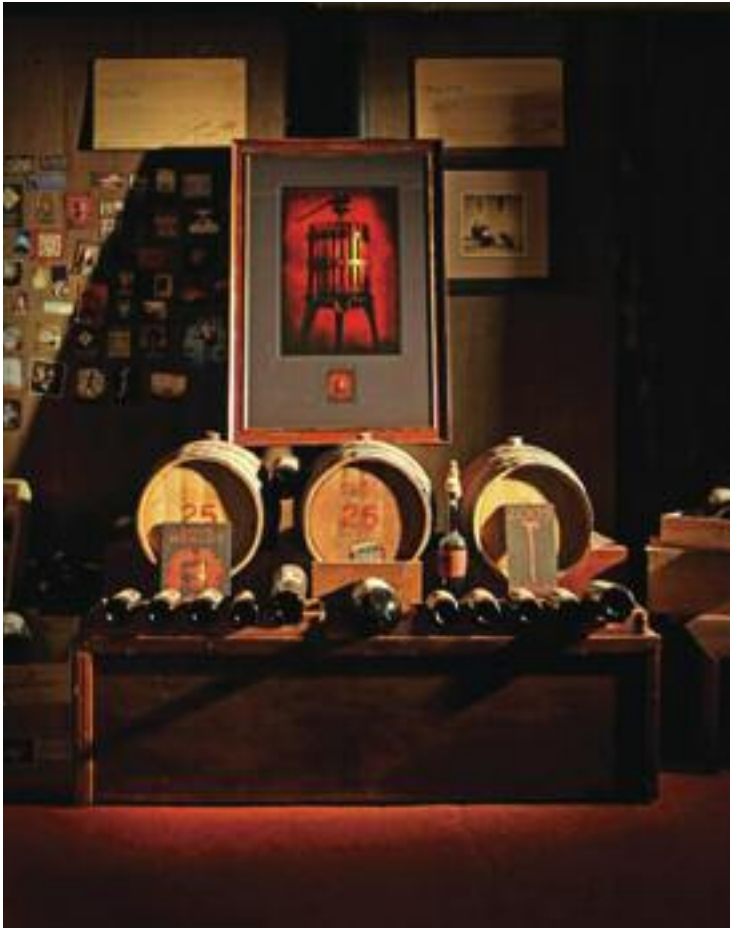


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The Amphitheater at Station Square opened its gates for the first time on Memorial Day 2009 with *Fallen Not Forgotten: Pittsburgh Police Memorial Concert*, with proceeds benefiting the Fallen Heroes Fund for officers, Paul J. Sciallo, Stephen J. Mayhle, and Eric G. Kelly. Last year's concert was a huge success, the line up included Pittsburgh legends Rusted Root, B.E. Taylor, The Granati Brothers, Joe Grushecky and the House Rockers, and Bill Deasy. Also on the bill were local favorites 28 North, The Boogie Hustlers, Buzz Poets, and many more!

Drusky Entertainment continues this tradition on Memorial Day this year. *Fallen Not Forgotten 2* is a memorial concert for Penn Hills policeman Michael Crawshaw and Pennsylvania State Trooper Paul Richey.

32-year old Officer Michael Crawshaw was killed in the line of duty in December 2009. He had served with the Penn Hills Police Department for two and a half years. 40-year old Trooper Paul Richey was killed in January 2010 in Venango County. Trooper Richey had served with the Pennsylvania State Police for 16 years and is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.

Last year's *Fallen Not Forgotten* event reached an attendance of 3,300 people and raised \$43,000. Many artists will return for *Fallen Not Forgotten 2*, while additional artists have been added to the 2010 roster. Joe Grushecky, Johnny Angel and the Halos, Buzz Poets, Punchline, Bill Deasy, Donora, Smokin' Section, Gene The Werewolf, Bishop Clay, The Stickers, TEN (Pearl Jam Tribute), Nomad, Formula412, The Spacepimps, LoveBettie, Steel Hollow, Gramsci Melodic, The Delaneys, Burning Earth, Mercury, Granati Brothers, Good

Brother Earl, Identity X, The I Drive, The Boogie Hustlers, Voodoo Babies, The Composure, 28 North and Mahajibee Blues have all been announced, and artists are still being added to the lineup.

All proceeds from this year's concert will benefit Penn Hills Police Officer, Michael Crawshaw (www.pennhillspolicefallenheroesfund.org) and Pennsylvania State Trooper, Paul Richey. The owners of the Amphitheater and the promoter plus hundreds of volunteers will again donate their time and energy to make this year's concert bigger than last year's and they hope to raise even more money.

This Memorial Day let's all come out and support those in our community who bravely sacrificed their lives so that we can feel safe in our community. To all those that proudly serve our community... we say "Thank you for your service!"

Information about this concert and ticket information can be found at the Amphitheater at Station Square's official website - www.AMPstationssquare.com or at www.druskyentertainment.com. You can also follow Drusky Entertainment on Twitter www.twitter.com/druskyent or find them on Facebook for up-to-date concert information and artist announcements.

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Gene The Werewolf



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Music-Regina On The Rise and Fallen Not Forgotten 2

By Trish Imbrogno



time permits, she enjoys painting, sewing, writing and participating in musical theater.

Rich Kulbacki – lead guitar, mandolin, vocals

Rich's parents bought him a guitar when he was ten years old, but he had no interest in it, so they finally sold it. He first met Jessie and Kiki when he

So which one of you is named Regina? The members of Rising Regina – a five piece acoustic assembly of stellar songwriting, impeccable harmonies and energized performance - get that question a lot...

Rising Regina officially began in the summer of 2007 as a sister act of Jessica and Kiki Young. Later that year they added accomplished, multi-instrumentalist Rich Kulbacki. In 2008, the band was thrilled to add double bassist David Traugh and percussionist Kevin Bowser. An exceptionally versatile band, Rising Regina's sound incorporates the best of American roots music including rock, folk, blues, jazz, bluegrass and Celtic. The band has played in many high profile venues and festivals and shared the stage with such diverse artists as Enter The Haggis, The Clarks, Kaj, The Weathered Road, and Brewer's Row. With their percussive, roots rock sound, tight harmonies, and upbeat, irresistible arrangements, Rising Regina will move you.

Meet Rising Regina...

Kiki Young – lead vocals

Music is a family affair in the Young household. Kiki grew up traveling and singing as part of her parents' music ministry. During high school, she and her sister Jessie began writing songs and played in a few bands. Also gifted in the visual arts, Kiki is designing the artwork for the band's debut CD, "Travel Lightly".

Jessica Young – rhythm guitar, vocals

Born into that same artistically-inclined family, Jessie writes songs inspired by life experience – love gained and love lost...the joys and challenges of being a single mom...the juggling required to follow her heart's desire of music. When

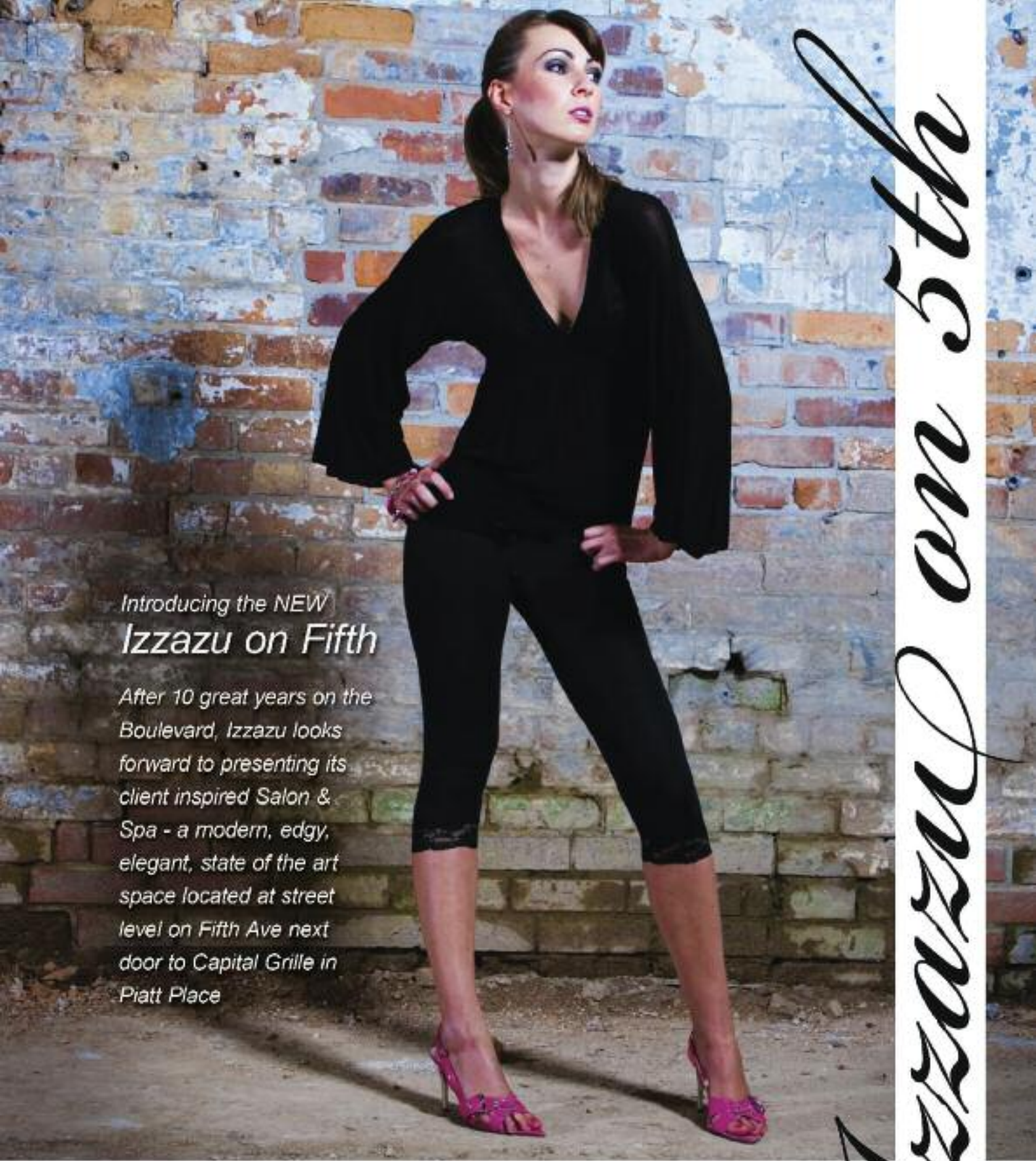
was a drummer for a short time in their father's praise team. He returned to the guitar in 2002, and later taught himself the mandolin. He studied music in college (IUP), majoring in percussion, with a minor in voice. Rich is responsible for many of the band's unique musical arrangements. He is also active in musical theater. Some of his influences are Paul McCartney, Freddy Mercury and Prince.

David Traugh – double bass, electric bass

Everyone in David's family is a musician. His parents and brother Robert also teach instrumental music and freelance as musicians. David began studying electric bass at age nine and successfully battled cancer (Burkett's Lymphoma) at age ten. He started playing the double bass at age fourteen, and played in various jazz ensembles throughout high school. He is enrolled in the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University, majoring in double bass.

Kevin Bowser – percussion

Kevin started his drumming career in 4th grade with the tune "Three Blind Mice". Since then he has played with various ensembles, marching corps, and theater productions. In high school he played with a variety of rock/punk groups and has now graduated to a new level, teaming with bassist David Traugh to provide the flowing rhythm behind the beautiful melodies and harmonies of Rising Regina. But what about Regina? As a female-fronted band, they wanted a name that exemplified female empowerment and strength. Regina is Latin for "queen", and the band's visibility is rising too, as they gear up to release their debut CD, Travel Lightly, later this spring.



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For \$150, the Eyelash & Eyebrow essentials kit features a generous supply of neuLash, a dual-ended Brow Blender with a soft powder finish and brush tip that blends and shapes for full, natural-looking

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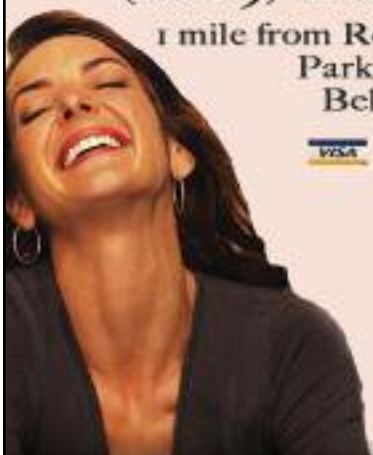
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Pittsburgh International Children's Theater, a division of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, presents the 24th annual Pittsburgh International Children's Festival from May 12-16, 2010, in the green spaces surrounding Schenley Plaza and the University of Pittsburgh, and at various indoor theaters in the Oakland area of Pittsburgh. Lead sponsor of the Festival is Giant Eagle.

The Festival will feature U.S. and world premieres by performers from Scotland, Kenya, Russia, Italy, Canada, and the USA. "The 24th International Children's Festival is full of great opportunities for children and adults to see. This year's featured performances touch on themes like conservation, imagination, family, friendship, love, and so much more," comments Pamela K. Lieberman, Executive Director-Pittsburgh International Children's Theater & Manager and Children's Theater Programming-The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

The experience of live theater for a child is as extraordinary as it is unforgettable. Theater, puppetry, storytelling, soundscapes, music, movement, and dance will open children's eyes to a world of new cultures and ideas. Each performance will be as educational as it is fun, and throughout the Festival children are encouraged to participate in the process.

In addition to the featured ticketed performances, the Festival will provide over 30 plus free hands-on academic, cultural, and international activities, as well as performances at the free outdoor Target Community Stage located in Schenley Plaza. Free outdoor activities will take place weekdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and weekend 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Performance schedule for the Festival will feature the following events, which require ticket purchase. For tickets and information, visit www.pghkids.org or call 412-456-6666.

The Man Who Planted Trees (U.S. Premiere Tour, Puppet State Theatre Company, Scotland) Bellefield Hall Auditorium, May 12: 2:30 p.m.; May 13: 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.; May 14: 12:30 & 7:00 p.m.; May 15 & 16: 12:30 & 2:00 p.m. Based on the beloved fable and book by Jean Giono, *The Man Who Planted Trees* is a unique blend of comedy and puppetry that tells the tale of a human being who recognized the destruction of our environment, decided not to ignore it, and set out on a mission "to put things right."

Bathtime (Théâtre Bouches Décousées, Quebec, Canada) Studio Theatre, May 12 & 13: 9:45 a.m.; May 14: 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.; May 15 & 16: 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. Featuring puppet, piglet, and Mrs. Fireball in this gentle, award-winning tale that depicts bath time as a great place for a child and their adult to reconnect and discover a sea of imagination.

Aga-Boom (Created by Dimitri Bogatirev, Russia/USA) Charity Randall Theatre, May 13: 9:45 a.m.; May 14: 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.; May 15: 12:30 & 2:00 p.m.; May 16: 3:30 p.m. The Aga-boom trio will delight audiences of all ages using everyday items, a towering punch-away paper wall and even some brave audience members. Aga-Boom showcases the best traditions of circus arts, physical comedy and European avant-garde.

Droplets (U.S. Premiere, La Società Della Civetta, Italy) Studio Theatre, May 12: 12:30 p.m.; May 13: 11:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.; May 14: 12:30 p.m.; May 15 & 16: 2:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Through the use of storytelling, props and water, this adventurous tale transports audiences on a journey from the Western world to Africa in search of enchantment and magic. Along the way the story will inspire audiences to appreciate and learn that drop by drop water is an essential resource not to be wasted, and to be valued and loved.

Beppe's Elephant (World Premiere, Zany Umbrella Circus, Pittsburgh, PA, USA & recipient of the 5th annual Stanier Arts



Award*) Charity Randall Theatre, May 12: 9:45 a.m.; May 13, 15 & 16: 12:30 p.m.; May 14: 12:30 p.m. Through circus arts, masks, puppetry, video and music, audiences will be amazed by Zany Umbrella Circus' world premiere performance of circus extravaganza Beppe's Elephant. In this dream circus, the Italian circus artist believes he can be the first to train an elephant to walk on a tight wire!

Mapapa Acrobats (Kenya) Bellefield Hall Auditorium, May 12: 9:45 & 11: 15 a.m.; May 13: 12: 30 p.m.; May 14: 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.; May 15 & 16: 10:00 & 11:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m. The Mapapa Acrobats are a super circus show from the heart of Africa. The troupe performs to native African music while performing exhilarating acrobatics with their limbo beneath rods of fire, tumbling, contortions, dance, juggling, and chair-balancing. With gravity-defying feats of strength, the energy and power of this performance will leave you breathless.

About the Stanier Award

Created in memory of William and Clarissa Stanier, devoted patrons of youth arts education, the Stanier Arts Award funds the development of new performing arts work for children by artists residing in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

Pittsburgh International Children's Theater, a division of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, opens the door for children to experience professional performing arts programming for children which inspires, challenges, educates, and stimulates respect for and an understanding of all cultures in an entertaining and enlightening way. Pittsburgh International Children's Theater is one of only four international children's presenting organizations in the nation.

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is a non-profit organization whose mission is the cultural and economic development of Pittsburgh's 14-block Cultural District through public and private support. The Trust presents and encourages diverse performing and visual arts programs within the District, and is an impetus for additional development in downtown Pittsburgh.

In addition to the Pittsburgh International Children's Theater and Children's Festival, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents the PNC Broadway Across America-Pittsburgh series Pittsburgh Dance Council, Trust Presents, CD Live, JazzLive, First Night Pittsburgh, Gallery Crawl, and Three Rivers Arts Festival, among other Cultural District and arts events.

The Trust owns Theater Square and the Cabaret at Theater Square; the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts; Byham, O'Reilly, and Harris Theaters; Wood Street Galleries; SPACE, a visual arts gallery at 812 Liberty Avenue; and 937 Liberty, a multipurpose performance and exhibit space, among other downtown arts facilities.

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THURSDAY MAY 6TH

Theater - Pittsburgh Public Theater presents Time of My Life, a contemporary comedy.



Pictured are Sarah Manton and Tom Beckett in Time of My Life.

Pittsburgh Public Theater presents *Time of My Life*, a contemporary comedy by British master playwright Alan Ayckbourn. *Time of My Life* is directed by John Tillinger, whose extensive Broadway credits include *Say Goodnight*, *Gracie* with Frank Gorshin and *The Sunshine Boys* with Jack Klugman and Tony Randall. *Time of My Life* runs April 15 – May 16, 2010 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit www.ppt.org. Pittsburgh Public Theater is led by Producing Artistic Director Ted Pappas.

Time of My Life takes place in the restaurant *Essa de Calvi*, where its owner and four waiters share an amazing family resemblance (they are all played by Tom Beckett). We begin at a birthday party for Laura (Ann McDonough), who is celebrating with her husband Gerry (Paxton Whitehead), their son Glyn (Tim McGeever) and his wife Stephanie (Leah Curney), and their other son Adam (Jeffrey Withers) and his girlfriend Maureen (Sarah Manton). A few too many cocktails later, as the evening is winding down, we realize that Ayckbourn's playwrighting genius is just winding up. He keeps us in the restaurant, but follows Glyn and Stephanie into the future and Adam and Maureen into the past, while Gerry and Laura stay in the present. Ayckbourn comments on family, work, relationships, and of course food, but ultimately his manipulation of past, present and future suggest that living in the moment is the best time of all.

The design team for *Time of My Life* is James Noone

(Scenic), Laurie Churba Kohn (Costumes), Rui Rita (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Fred Noel is the Production Stage Manager and Ashley J Martin is the Assistant Stage Manager.

About the Playwright

Alan Ayckbourn has written 73 plays, including *The Norman Conquests*, which won the 2009 Tony Award for Best Revival, *Relatively Speaking*, *How the Other Half Loves*, *Absurd Person Singular*, and *Bedroom Farce*. Pittsburgh Public Theater audiences will be familiar with Sir Alan from the American premiere of *RolePlay*, staged here in 2005, and *By Jeeves*, which Ayckbourn wrote with Andrew Lloyd Webber and directed here is 2001.

Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents

Time of My Life by Alan Ayckbourn, April 15 – May 16, 2010

Performance Schedule

Tues. through Sat. at 8 pm (except Tues., May 11 when the show is at 7 pm).

Sat. & Sun. at 2 pm (except Sat., April 17 and 24).

There will be an additional 2 pm matinee on Thurs., May 13.

Sun. at 7 pm (except Sun., May 16).

Opening Night is Fri. April 23.

Ticket Prices

\$35 to \$55. \$15 for students and age 26 and younger. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit www.ppt.org

Mother's Day Humor

Things Moms Would Never Say

- "How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
- "Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too"
- "Just leave all the lights on...it makes the house look more cheery"
- "Let me smell that shirt -- Yeah, it's good for another week"
- "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day"
- "Well, if Timmy's mom says it's OK, that's good enough for me."
- "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
- "I don't have a tissue with me... just use your sleeve"
- "Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve."

Of Mothers and Daughters

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked, "Momma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

Mother's Dictionary

Amnesia: Condition that enables a woman who has gone through labor to make love again.

Dumbwaiter: One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

Family Planning: The art of spacing your children the proper distance apart to keep you on the edge of financial disaster.

Feedback: The inevitable result when your baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

Full Name: What you call your child when you're mad at him.

Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Hearsay: What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

Impregnable: A woman whose memory of labor is still vivid.

Independent: How we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

Ow: The first word spoken by children with older siblings.

Puddle: a small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

Show Off: a child who is more talented than yours.

Sterilize: what you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.

Top Bunk: where you should never put a child wearing Superman pajamas.

Two Minute Warning: when the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar grunting noises.

Verbal: able to whine in words

Whodunit: none of the kids that live in your house..

Weekend: when Dad gets to play golf while Mom catches up on the laundry, cleans the house, runs errands, etc.

Principles of Motherhood

1. Motherhood ~~ If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!
2. Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results.
3. To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today.
4. The smartest advice on raising children is to enjoy them while they are still on your side.
5. Avenge yourself ~~~ Live long enough to be a problem to your children.
6. The best way to keep kids at home is to make the home a pleasant atmosphere ~~ and to let the air out of the tires.
7. The right temperature in a home is maintained by warm hearts, not by hot heads.
8. Raising a teenager is like nailing Jell-O a tree.
9. Parents: People who bore infants, bore teenagers, and board newlyweds.
10. The joy of motherhood: What a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed.
11. Life's golden age is when the kids are too old to need

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Mother's Day Humor

- baby-sitters and too young to borrow the family car.
- Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
 - Grandparents are similar to a piece of string ~ handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren.
 - A child outgrows your lap, but never outgrows your heart.
 - God gave you two ears and one mouth ... so you should listen twice as much as you talk.
 - There are three ways to get something done: Do it yourself, hire someone to do it, or forbid your children to do it.
 - Adolescence is the age when children try to bring up their parents.
 - You know the only people in this world who are always sure about the proper way to raise children? Those who've never had any.
 - Cleaning your house while your kids are at home is like trying to shovel the driveway during a snowstorm.
 - Oh to be only half as wonderful as my child thought I was when he was small, and half as stupid as my teenager now thinks I am.
 - There are only two things a child will share willingly: communicable diseases and his mother's age.
 - Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.
 - Adolescence is the age at which children stop asking questions because they know all the answers.

- An alarm clock is a device for awakening people who don't have small children.
- Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?
- How do you cope when the apple of your eye becomes a bone in your throat?
- No wonder kids are confused today. Half the adults tell them to find themselves; the other half tell them to get lost.
- The persons hardest to convince they're at the retirement age are children at bedtime.
- Kids really brighten a household; they never turn off any lights.

You Know You're a Mom When ...

- Your feet stick to the kitchen floor....and you don't care.
- When the kids are fighting, you threaten to lock them in a room together and not let them out until someone's bleeding.
- You can't find your cordless phone, so you ask a friend to call you, and you run around the house madly, following the sound until you locate the phone downstairs in the laundry basket.
- You spend an entire week wearing sweats.
- Your idea of a good day is making it through without a child leaking bodily fluids on you.
- Popsicles become a food staple.
- Your favorite television show is a cartoon.
- Peanut butter and jelly is eaten at least in one meal a day.
- You're willing to kiss your child's boo-boo, regardless of where it is.
- Your baby's pacifier falls on the floor and you give it back to her, after you suck the dirt off of it because you're too busy to wash it off.
- Your kids make jokes about farting, burping, pooping, etc. and you think it's funny.
- You're so desperate for adult conversation that you spill your guts to the telemarketer that calls and HE hangs up on YOU!
- Spit is your number one cleaning agent.
- You're up each night until 10 PM vacuuming, dusting, wiping, washing, drying, loading, unloading, shopping, cooking, driving, flushing, ironing, sweeping, picking up, changing sheets, changing diapers, bathing, helping with homework, paying bills, budgeting, clipping coupons, folding clothes, putting to bed, dragging out of bed, brushing, chasing, buckling, feeding (them, not you), PLUS swinging, playing baseball, bike riding, pushing trucks, cuddling dolls, roller balding, basketball, football, catch, bubbles, sprinklers, slides, nature walks, coloring, crafts, jumping rope, PLUS raking, trimming, planting, edging, mowing, gardening, painting, and walking the dog. You get up at 5:30 AM and you have no time to eat, sleep, drink or go to the bathroom, and yet...you still managed to gain 10 pounds.
- In your bathroom there is toothpaste on the light fixtures,

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water all over the floor, a dog drinking out of the toilet and body hair forming a union to protest unsafe working conditions.

16. You buy cereal with marshmallows in it.
17. The closest you get to gourmet cooking is making rice crispies bars

You Know You're a Mom When...Part 2

10. You automatically double-knot everything you tie.
9. You find yourself humming the Barney song as you do the dishes.
8. You hear a baby cry in the grocery store, and you start to gently sway back and forth, back and forth. However, your children are at school!
7. You can never go to the bathroom alone without someone screaming outside the door.
6. You actually start to like the smell of strained carrots mixed with applesauce.
5. You weep through the scene in Dumbo when his mom is taken away, not to mention what Bambi does to you.
4. You actually start understanding the Klingon language.
3. You get so into crafts you contemplate writing a book called 101 Fun Crafts to do with Dryer Lint and Eggshells.
2. You spend a half hour searching for your sunglasses only to have your teenager say, "Mom, why don't you wear the ones you pushed up on your head?"
1. You are out for a nice romantic meal with your husband, enjoying some real adult conversation, when suddenly you realize that you've reached over and started to cut up his steak!

The Evolution of Motherhood

Yes, parenthood changes everything. But parenthood also changes with each baby. Here are some of the ways having a second and third child differs from having your first:

Your Clothes:

1st baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your OB/GYN confirms your pregnancy.

2nd baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible.

3rd baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes.

The Baby's Name:

1st baby: You pore over baby-name books and practice pronouncing and writing combinations of all your favorites.

2nd baby: Someone has to name his or her kid after your great-aunt Mavis, right? It might as well be you.

3rd baby: You open a name book, close your eyes, and see where your finger points.

Preparing for the Birth:

1st baby: You practice your breathing religiously.

2nd baby: You don't bother practicing because you remember that last time, breathing didn't do a thing.

3rd baby: You ask for an epidural in your 8th month.

The Layette:

1st baby: You pre-wash your newborn's clothes, color-coordinate them, and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau.

2nd baby: You check to make sure that the clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the darkest stains.

3rd baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?

Worries:

1st baby: At the first sign of distress—a whimper, a frown—you pick up the baby.

2nd baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn.

3rd baby: You teach your 3-year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

Activities:

1st baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics, Baby Swing, and Baby Story Hour.

2nd baby: You take your infant to Baby Gymnastics.

3rd baby: You take your infant to the supermarket and the dry cleaner.

Going Out:

1st baby: The first time you leave your baby with a sitter, you call home 5 times.

2nd baby: Just before you walk out the door, you remember to leave a number where you can be reached.

3rd baby: You leave instructions for the sitter to call only if she sees blood.

At Home:

1st baby: You spend a good bit of every day just gazing at the baby.



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2nd baby: You spend a bit of every day watching to be sure your older child isn't squeezing, poking, or hitting the baby.

3rd baby: You spend a little bit of every day hiding from the children.

Things my Mother Taught Me

Logic: "Because I said so, that's why."

To Appreciate A Job Well Done: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning!"

Religion: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

Time Travel: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

Foresight: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

Irony: "Keep crying and I'll *give* you something to cry about."

The Science Of Osmosis: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

Contortionism: "Will you *look* at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

Stamina: "You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

Weather: "It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

How To Solve Physics Problems: "If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you; would you listen then?"

Hypocrisy: "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times - Don't Exaggerate!!!"

The Circle Of Life: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

Behavior Modification: "Stop acting like your father!"

Envy: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

Medicine: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

To Think Ahead: "If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"

ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

To Meet a Challenge: "What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"

Humor: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

Become an Adult: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

About Sex: "How do you think you got here?"

Genetics: "You are just like your father!"

Roots: "Do you think you were born in a barn?"

Wisdom of Age: "When you get to be my age, you will understand."

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Anticipation: "Just wait until your father gets home."

Receiving: You are going to get it when we get home.

Justice "One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU..then you'll see what it's like."

Mother's Love

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them: I loved you enough to ask where you are going, with whom, and what time you would be home. I loved you enough to insist that you save your money and buy a bike for yourself even though I could afford to buy one for you. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a jerk. I loved you enough to make you pay for the toy you had taken and tell the clerk' " I stole this yesterday, and I want to pay for it."

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes. Children should know that their parents aren't perfect. I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh, they almost broke my heart. But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when I knew you would hate me for it. ...

Those were the most difficult battles of all. I am glad I won them, because in the end, you won too . And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents, you will tell them.

How To Know Whether Or Not You Are Ready To Be A Mother

Mess Test: Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Place a fish stick behind the couch and leave it there all summer.

Toy Test: Obtain a 55 gallon drum of LEGOs (if LEGOs are not available, you may substitute roofing tacks). Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream (this could wake a child at night).

Grocery Store Test: Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best) and take them with you as you shop at the grocery store. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage.

Dressing Test: Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus (they turn bright red when they are unhappy). Stuff into a small net bag making sure that all arms stay inside.

Feeding Test: Obtain a large plastic milk jug. Fill halfway with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a stout cord. Start the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal (such as Fruit Loops or Cheerios) into the mouth of the jug, while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump the contents of the jug on the floor.

Night Test: Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8-12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 8:00 p.m. begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9:00 p.m. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10:00 p.m. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make

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up about a dozen more and sing these too until 4:00 a.m. Set alarm for 5:00 a.m. Get up and make breakfast. Keep this up for five years. Look cheerful.

Physical Test: Obtain a large beanbag chair and attach it to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months. Now remove ten of the beans.

Final Assignment

Find a couple who already have a small child. Lecture them on how they can improve their discipline, patience, tolerance, toilet training and child's table manners. Suggest many ways they can improve. Emphasize to them that they should never allow their children to run wild. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you will have all the answers.

Child Sent to Bed

A small boy is sent to bed by his mother...[Five minutes later] "Mom..." "What?" "I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a glass of water?" "No. You had your chance. Lights out." [Five minutes later] "Mom..." "WHAT?" "I'm THIRSTY...Can I have a glass of water??" "I told you NO! If you ask again I'll have to spank you!!" [Five minutes later] "Momm... "WHAT??!!" "When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a glass of water?"

Mother's Day Thoughts and Quotes

The advice your son rejected is now being given by him to

your grandson. Working mothers are guinea pigs in a scientific experiment to show that sleep is not necessary to human life. Parents often talk about the younger generations as if they didn't have anything to do with it.

Grandma on the Plane

For two solid hours, the lady sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him about her grandchildren. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all nine of the children. She finally realized that she had dominated the entire conversation on her grandchildren. "Oh, I've done all the talking, and I'm so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. Please, tell me... what do you think of my grandchildren?"

We have new Babies

For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

Best Place for Sibling

When Annie had a new sister, he became envious of the attention she was getting. One day while his mother was nursing the baby, Annie was getting unyielding about being on mom's lap. Mom wasn't able to deal with both children at that time and told Annie to go wait for her. He then asked his mom: "Mommy, can you please put Tammy back in your tummy now?"

My Teacher is Thankful

Son: "Mom, teacher was asking me today, if I have any brothers or sisters who will be coming to school." Mom: "That's nice of her to take such an interest in you. So what did she say when you told her that you're the only child, my dear?" Son: "She just said... "Thank goodness!"

It's Time to go to School

One early morning, a lady went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!" Son: "But why Mom? I don't want to go." Mom: "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go." Son: "Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!" Mom: "Oh, that's no reason to not to go to school. Come on now and get ready." Son: "Give me two reasons why I should go to school." Mom: "Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"

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Q: What have men and floor tiles got in common?

A: If you lay them properly the first time, you can walk all over them for life.

Argument

A doctor and his wife were having a big argument at breakfast. "You aren't so good in bed either!" he shouted and stormed off to work. By mid-morning, he decided he'd better make amends and called home. "What took you so long to answer?" "I was in bed," his wife said. "What were you doing in bed this late?" he asked. She replied, "Getting a second opinion."

One Of Us

A guy walks into a bar in Arkansas and orders a white wine. Everybody sitting around the bar looks up, surprised, and the bartender looks around and says, "You ain't from around here, are ya? Where ya from, boy?" The guy says, "I'm from Iowa." The bartender asks, "What the heck you do in Iowa?" The guy responds, "I'm a taxidermist." The bartender asks, "A taxidermist? Now just what the heck is a taxidermist?" The guy says nervously, "I mount animals." The bartender grins and shouts out to the whole bar, "It's okay boys, he's one of us!"

Heart Attack

A married fellow gets home early from work and hears strange noises coming from the bedroom. He rushes upstairs to find

his wife naked on the bed, sweating and panting. "What's up?" he asks. "I'm having a heart attack," cries the woman. He rushes downstairs to grab the phone, but just as he's dialing, his 4-year-old son comes up and says, "Daddy! Daddy! Uncle Ted's hiding in your closet and he's got no clothes on!" The guy slams the phone down and storms upstairs into the bedroom, past his screaming wife, and rips open the wardrobe door. Sure enough, there is his brother, totally naked, cowering on the closet floor. "You bastard!" says the husband. "My wife's having a heart attack, and all you can do is run around the house naked scaring the kids?"

Auditor

Q: What's an auditor?

A: Someone who arrives after the battle and bayonets all the wounded.

Engineers

One day, a mechanical engineer, electrical engineer, chemical engineer, and computer engineer were driving down the street in the same car when it broke down. The mechanical engineer said, "I think a rod broke." The chemical engineer said, "The way it sputtered at the end, I think it's not getting enough gas." The electrical engineer said, "I think there was a spark and something's wrong with the electrical system." All three turned to the computer engineer and said, "What do you think?" The computer engineer said, "I think we should all get out and then get back in."



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Lost Interest

Q: How does a man know when his wife is losing interest?

A: When her favorite sexual position is next door.

Manager

The boss came early in the morning one day and found his manager having sex with his secretary. He shouted at him, "Is this what I pay you for?" The manager replied, "No, sir. This I do free of charge."

Really Ugly

Q: How do you know when you're really ugly?

A: Dogs hump your leg with their eyes closed.

It Must Have Hurt

A transsexual was being interviewed on a radio talk show. The host asked the transsexual, "When you became a woman, what sort of pain did you experience during the operation?" The transsexual replied, "Well, when they cut my penis off, that really didn't hurt as much as I thought it would. Then they implanted the silicone implants in my chest, well, that really didn't hurt too much either." "Then you didn't experience any real physical pain at all then?" the host asked. "You're joking! What really hurt was when they removed half my brain and doubled the size of my mouth!"

Trashed

Q: What's an accountant's idea of trashing his hotel room?

A: Refusing to fill out the guest comment card.

Pulled Over

A cop pulls over a woman for speeding and notices her eyes are red. He says, "Ma'am, your eyes look red. Have you been drinking?" The driver replies, "No officer, but your eyes look glazed. Have you been eating doughnuts?"

Magic Show

During a recent vacation in Las Vegas, a man went to see a popular magic show. After one especially amazing feat, a man from the back of the theater yelled, "How'd you do that?" "I could tell you, sir," the magician answered, "But then I'd have to kill you." After a short pause, the man yelled back, "Ok, then, just tell my wife!"

Kittens

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were two boy kittens and two girl kittens." "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."



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Point To Ponder

If you have sex with your clone, are you gay or are you masturbating?

Rescue

A ladder was placed against the bedroom window of a burning house, and a young fireman rushed up. Inside was a curvy brunette in a see-through nightgown. "Aha," said he, "You're the second pregnant girl I've rescued this year!" "But I'm not pregnant," indignantly exclaimed the woman. "You're not rescued yet, either."

Hearing Problems

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

School Day

The telephone rings in the principal's office at a school. "Hello, this is Dunn Elementary," answers the principal. "Hi. Jimmy won't be able to come to school all next week," replies the voice. "Well, what seems to be the problem with him?" asks the principal. "We are all going on a family vacation," says the voice, "I hope it is all right." "I guess that would be fine," says the principal. "May I ask who is calling?" "Sure. This is my father!"

Pinocchio

Q: How did Pinocchio find out he was made of wood?

A: His hand caught fire.

In My Hand

"Hello, baby," breathed the obscene phone caller. "If you can guess what's in my hand, I'll give you some." "Listen," said the woman, nonplussed, "If you can hold it in one hand, I'm not interested."

Prayers

Q: What's the difference between people who pray in church and those who pray in casinos?

A: The ones in the casinos are serious.

Screening

A lady and her husband were participating in a blood drive, and as part of the pre-screening process, a volunteer was asking them some questions. "Have you ever paid for sex?" the volunteer asked the husband sweetly. Glancing wearily over at his wife who was trying to calm a new baby and tend to several other children milling around her, he sighed and said, "Yes, every time."

Miracle

One morning a man came into the church on crutches. He stopped in front of the holy water, put some on both legs, and then threw away his crutches. An alter boy witnessed the scene and then ran into the rectory to tell the priest what he'd just seen. "Son, you've just witnessed a miracle," the priest said. "Tell me, where's this man now?" "Flat on his ass over by the holy water," said the boy.

Singles Bars

Q: How is being at a singles bar different than being at the circus?

A: At the circus, the clowns don't talk!

Women's Problems Start with Men

Ever notice how all of women's problems start with MEN?

Okay, Okay, it all makes sense now... I never looked at it this way before: Woman has Man in it;

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Your wife, recently beat out Julia Roberts in the polls and is now named "America's Sweetheart." You also remember, she just won an Oscar and praised you up and down in front of the world while you were porkin' away. You are really a piece of work! You are the most hated asshole cheater on the planet! How can you live with yourself! I only have one thing to say to the despicable, miserable, cheating piece of shit that you are: Thanks for taking the heat off of me. Let's do lunch.

~Tiger

High Urinals

A group of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to the local racetrack, (Churchill Downs) to learn about thoroughbred horses and the supporting industry (Bourbon), but mostly to see the horses. When it was time to take the children to the bathroom, it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other. The teacher assigned to the boys

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was waiting outside the men's room when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal. Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the little boys up one by one, holding on to their 'wee-wees' to direct the flow away from their clothes. As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring the teacher said, 'You must be in the 5th grade. 'No, ma'am', he replied. 'I'm riding Silver Arrow in the seventh race, but I appreciate your help.'

The Perfect Date

A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her. Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back. 'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman says as she pops her eye back in place... 'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you,' she says.. They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his.. She listens. After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time. The next morning, she

cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible! 'You know,' he said, 'you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?' 'No,' she replies. . . Wait for it. It's coming. . The suspense is killing you, isn't it? She says: 'You just happened to catch my eye.'

Philosophy Of Housecleaning!

- * I don't do windows because ... I love birds and don't want one to run into a clean window and get hurt.
 - * I don't wax floors because ... I am terrified a guest will slip and get hurt then I'll feel terrible (plus they may sue me.)
 - * I don't mind the dust bunnies because ... They are very good company, I have named most of them, and they agree with everything I say.
 - * I don't disturb cobwebs because... I want every creature to have a home of their own.
 - * I don't Spring Clean because... I love all the seasons and don't want the others to get jealous
 - * I don't pull weeds in the garden because .. I don't want to get in God's way, HE is an excellent designer!
 - * I don't put things away because... My husband will never be able to find them again.
 - * I don't do gourmet meals when I entertain because... I don't want my guests to stress out over what to make when they invite me over for dinner.
 - * I don't iron because ... I choose to believe them when they say "Permanent Press".
 - * I don't stress much on anything because ... "A Type" personalities die young and I want to stick around and become a wrinkled up crusty old woman!!!!
- REMEMBER a clean house is a sign of a broken computer!

Zip Lock Bag - Good Tip!

We went with friends to Sweetie Pies on Sunday for breakfast and sat in the patio section beside the house. We happened to notice zip lock baggies pinned to a post and a wall. The bags were half filled with water, each contained 4 pennies, and they were zipped shut. Naturally we were curious! Ms. Sweetie told us that these baggies kept the flies away! So naturally we were even more curious! We actually watched some flies come in the open window, stand around on the window sill , and then fly out again. And there were no flies in the eating area! This morning I checked this out on Google . Below are comments on this fly control idea. I'm now a believer!

Zip-Lock Water Bags

Ann Says: I tried the ziplock bag and pennies this weekend.. I have a horse trailer. The flies were bad while I was camping. I put the baggie with pennies above the door of the LQ. NOT ONE FLY came in the trailer. The horse trailer part had many. Not sure why it works but it does!

Danielle Martin Says: Fill a ziplock bag with water and 5 or 6 pennies and hang it in the problem area. In my case it was a

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particular window in my home. It had a slight passage way for insects. Ever since I have done that, it has kept flies and wasps away. Some say that wasps and flies mistake the bag for some other insect nest and are threatened.

Maggie Says: I swear by the plastic bag of water trick. I have them on porch and basement. We saw these in Northeast Mo. at an Amish grocery store & have used them since. They say it works because a fly sees a reflection & won't come around.

DJ Says: Regarding the science behind zip log bags of water? My research found that the millions of molecules of water presents its own prism effect and given that flies have a lot of eyes, to them it's like a zillion disco balls reflecting light, colors and movement in a dizzying manner. When you figure that flies are prey for many other bugs, animals, birds, etc., they simply won't take the risk of being around that much perceived action. I moved to a rural area and thought these "hillbillies" were just yanking my city boy chain but I tried it and it worked immediately! We went from hundreds of flies to seeing the occasional one, but he didn't hang around long. May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door.

Talking Dog

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale ' He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. 'You talk?' he asks. 'Yep,' the Lab replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?' The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.' 'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.' 'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.' The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. 'Ten dollars,' the guy says. 'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?' 'Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff.'

Vacation

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded: "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?" "We're taking Continental," was the reply. "We got a great rate!" "Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?" "We'll be at this exclusive little

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place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste." "Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks its gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump." "We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope." "That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it." A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome. "It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Continental's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!" "Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope." "Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I

knelt down and he spoke a few words to me." "Oh, really! What'd he say?" He said: "Who screwed up your hair?"

Bananas & Milkduds

Below is an article written by Rick Reilly of Sports Illustrated...He details his experiences when given the opportunity to fly in a-14 Tomcat.. If you aren't laughing out loud by the time you get To 'Milk Duds' , your sense of humor is seriously broken. This message is for America 's most famous athletes: Someday you may be invited to fly in the back-seat of one of your country's Most powerful fighter jets. Many of you already have. John Elway, John Stockton, Tiger Woods to name a few. If you get this opportunity, Let me urge you, with the greatest sincerity.... Move to Guam .. Change your name. Fake your own death! Whatever you do. Do Not Go!!! I know. The U.S. Navy invited me to try it. I was thrilled. I was pumped. I was toast! I should've known when they told me my pilot would Be Chip (Biff) King of Fighter Squadron 213 at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach .. Whatever you're thinking a Top Gun named Chip (Biff) King looks Like, triple it. He's about six-foot, tan, ice-blue eyes, wavy surfer hair, Finger-crippling handshake -- the kind of man who wrestles Dyspeptic alligators in his leisure time. If you see this man, run the other way. Fast. Biff King was born to fly. His father, Jack King, was for years the Voice of NASA missions. ('T-minus 15 seconds and counting'. Remember?) Chip would charge neighborhood kids a quarter each to hear his dad. Jack would wake up from naps surrounded by nine-year-olds waiting for him to say, 'We have liftoff'. Biff was to fly me in an F- 14D Tomcat, a ridiculously powerful \$60 million weapon with nearly as much thrust as weight, not unlike Colin Montgomerie. I was worried about getting airsick, so the night before the flight I asked Biff if there was something I should eat the next morning. 'Bananas,' he said. 'For the potassium?' I asked. 'No,' Biff said, 'because they taste about the same coming up As they do going down.' The next morning, out on the tarmac, I had on my flight suit with my name Sewn over the left breast. (No call sign -- like Crash or Sticky or Leadfoot. But, still, very cool.) I carried my helmet in the crook of my arm, as Biff had Instructed. If ever in my life I had a chance to nail Nicole Kidman, this was it. A fighter pilot named Psycho gave me a safety briefing and then fastened Me into my ejection seat, which, when employed, would 'egress' me out of the plane at such a velocity that I would be immediately knocked unconscious. Just as I was thinking about aborting the flight, the canopy closed over me, and Biff gave the ground crew a thumbs-up In minutes we were firing noseup at 600 mph. We leveled out and then canopy-rolled over another F-14. Those 20 minutes were the rush of my life. Unfortunately, the ride lasted 80. It was like being on the roller coaster at Six Flags Over Hell.. Only without rails. We did barrel rolls, snap rolls, loops, yanks and banks. We dived, rose and dived again, sometimes with a vertical velocity of 10,000 feet per minute. We chased another F-14, and it chased us.

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We broke the speed of sound. Sea was sky and sky was sea. flying at 200 feet we did 90-degree turns at 550 mph, creating a G force of 6.5, which is to say I felt as if 6.5 times my body weight was smashing against me, thereby approximating life as Mrs.. Colin Montgomerie. And I egressed the bananas. And I egressed the pizza from the night before. And the lunch before that. I egressed a box of Milk Duds from the sixth grade. I made Linda Blair look polite. Because of the G's, I was egressing stuff that I never thought would be egressed. I went through not one airsick bag, but two. Biff said I passed out. Twice.. I was coated in sweat. At one point, As we were coming in upside down in a banked curve on a mock bombing target and the G's were flattening me like a tortilla and I Was in and out of consciousness, I realized I was the first person in history to throw down. I used to know 'cool'. Cool was Elway throwing a touchdown pass, or Norman making a five-iron bite.. But now I really know 'cool'. Cool is guys like Biff, men with cast-iron stomachs and freon nerves. I wouldn't go up there again for Derek Jeter's black book, but I'm glad Biff does every day, and for less a year than a rookie reliever makes in a home stand. A week later, when the spins finally stopped, Biff called. He said he and the fighters had the perfect call sign for me. Said he'd send it on a patch for my flight suit. What is it? I asked. 'Two Bags.'

Half-wit

A man owned a small farm in Georgia. The Georgia State Wage & Hour Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to "Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally." "That's the guy I want to talk to...the half-wit," smirked the agent. "That would be me," replied the farmer interview him. "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent authoritatively. "Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally." "That's the guy I want to talk to...the half-wit," smirked the agent. "That would be me," replied the farmer

US Open

By: Rick Reilly

"Life is tough...but even tougher if you're stupid" -John Wayne
If you know anything about golf or the players and you can read this and not get a tear in your eye, you ain't right!

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Humor

BY NIGHTWIRE

Great story to a great ending.....I hope that you enjoy this as much as I did. AUGUSTA, Ga. -- It's not often women win the Masters, but they did Sunday. Actually, Phil Mickelson won, but for millions of women around the country, it must feel like a lipstick-sized victory. Mickelson, in case you forgot, is the guy who stayed true to his wife. He's the guy who's been missing tournaments the last 11 months while he flies her back and forth to a breast cancer specialist in Houston. He's the guy who didn't need reminding that women are not disposable. Mani-pedis for everybody! Also winning Sunday: karma, which proved to be alive and well. And guys who never had a temper in the first place. And endings that make you wipe your tears on the couch pillows. Mickelson is the guy whose heavy head on the bed pillow lately wasn't self-inflicted. Both his wife, Amy, and his mother, Mary, have breast cancer. Usually, those two are at every tournament he's in, but for the last year they've been fighting, resting, and fighting again at home. And Mickelson has gone back to his rented homes alone. So when Amy turned up on the 18th green Sunday at Augusta National for the first time in 11 months and Mickelson practically fell into her outstretched arms, you wanted to hug somebody yourself. Mickelson hugged and cried. And his wife hugged and cried. And his coach and his caddy hugged and cried. And 10 minutes later, the caddy was still crying. "This is way beyond golf," said caddy Jim "Bones" Mackay, who's been with Mickelson for 19 years. "This is

about a guy who loves his wife. This is about a guy who had a really hard year. Twenty years from now, nothing will compare with this. This is his greatest win, by far. Because of Amy, because of his mom, everything. God bless all those women that go through what Amy and Phil's mom have gone through. Because I've seen it and it ain't easy." "Of all the majors I've been involved in," said Mickelson's coach, Butch Harmon, "be they with Tiger, Phil, anybody, this is the most emotional by far. This year has been a big, big strain on him. His game has suffered. What he really wanted was to be home with his family." You figured a guy who came into this Masters having played only seven tournaments this year -- and never placing better than eighth in any of them -- would have a snowball's chance. But something melted in him when his wife and three kids showed up for the first time in nearly a year on Tuesday. "He just had this peace to him that I haven't seen in awhile," said Bones. Amy was still hurting, so she wasn't able to come to the golf course, but it was close enough. Each morning, Mickelson would take his oldest, Sophie, to a local coffee shop and play chess for an hour. At night, the whole brood would watch dumb movies. Mickelson came through that door each night after work like it was Christmas morning. You don't know how dispiriting it is to come home after a long day to a strange, empty house. Come to think of it, maybe Tiger knows. "It's been tough," Mickelson said. "The meds that she's been taking have been very difficult and she didn't feel

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well and she doesn't have energy and she's not just up for a lot. But to have her here, man ..." Amy Mickelson is the kind of walking rainbow that could put a smile on a mortician's face, so when she showed up, everything started looking up. The golf gods started raining favors down on Mickelson's curly hair. On Saturday, golf balls started going into tiny little cups from great distances. Sunday, it got even better: At 9: ball hits tree, bounces back into fairway. Par. At 10: ball hits tree, bounces back into playable territory. Par. At 11: ball hits fan, bounces into short, happy grass. Par. "Got an assist there," Mickelson said. Did the guy say anything? "Ouch?" Mickelson guessed.

The big lefty took it from there. At 12: looked into his "book of reads" for the 20-foot putt -- the green-studying book that Bones and he spent "days and days" putting together on a trip this year to Augusta -- and buried it. Birdie. At 13: pulled off the most audacious, swashbuckling shot of his life at 13 -- from the right woods, off pine straw, through two trees (4 feet apart), over Rae's Creek, from 207 yards, to 3 feet. Two-putt birdie. At 15: smashed an 8-iron from 205 yards -- yes, 8-iron to 15 feet for a 2-putt birdie. Suddenly, the guy who'd spent a career being eaten alive by Woods had left him 5 shots behind. It was only a matter of lag for par, lag for par, 10-foot birdie and get the Kleenex ready. "I saw Amy just before I putted," Mickelson said. "That was so great. I mean, I didn't know if she would be there. To walk off the green and share that with her is just very, very emotional. We'll remember this [for] the rest of our lives." Contrast that with Woods, who spent the week reverting to form -- acerbic answers, sprayed swear words, and curt interviews. He finished fourth, which shows that the golf game is very close. The personality makeover, though, looks like it needs some work. Soon enough, though, Woods will win tournaments like this, pass Nicklaus, and order will be restored in the universe. But for this one Sunday in a flower-stuffed pocket of Georgia, the good husband, the good son, the good man actually got rewarded

Home Depot

WARNING : ONLY Read This When You Are Able To LAUGH OUT LOUD.

I went to Home Depot recently while not being altogether sure that course of action was a wise one. You see, the previous evening I had prepared and consumed a massive quantity of my patented 'you're definitely going to crap yourself' road-kill chili. Tasty stuff, although hot to the point of being painful, which comes with a written guarantee from me that if you eat it, the next day both of your butt cheeks WILL fall off. Here's the thing. I had awakened that morning, and even after two cups of coffee (and all of you know what I mean) nothing happened. No 'Watson's Movement. Despite the chillies swimming their way through my intestinal tract, I was unable to create the usual morning symphony referred to by my dear wife as 'thunder and lightning'. Knowing that a time of reckoning HAD to come, yet not sure of just when, I bravely set off for Home Depot, my quest being paint and supplies to refinish the deck. Upon entering the store at first all seemed normal. I selected a cart and began pushing it about dropping items in for purchase. It wasn't until I was at the opposite end of the store from the toilets that the pain hit me. Oh, don't look at me like you don't know what I'm talking about. I'm referring to that 'Uh, Oh, CRAP, gotta go' pain that always seems to hit us at the wrong time. The thing is, this pain was different. The chillies from the night before were staging a revolt. In a mad rush for freedom they bullied their way through the small intestines, forcing their way into the large intestines, and before I could take one step in the direction of the toilets which would bring sweet relief, it happened. The chillies fired a warning shot. There I stood, alone in the paint and stain section, suddenly enveloped in a toxic cloud the likes of which has never before been recorded. I was afraid to move for fear that more of this vile odor might escape me. Slowly, oh so slowly, the pressure seemed to

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leave the lower part of my body, and I began to move up the aisle and out of it, just as an orange aproned clerk turned the corner and asked if I needed any help. I don't know what made me do it, but I stopped to see what his reaction would be to the toxic non-visible fog that refused to dissipate.. Have you ever been torn in two different directions emotionally? Here's what I mean, and I'm sure some of you at least will be able to relate. I could've warned that poor clerk, but didn't. I simply watched as he walked into an invisible, and apparently indestructible, wall of odor so terrible that all he could do before gathering his senses and running, was to stand there blinking and waving his arms about his head as though trying to ward off angry bees. This, of course, made me feel terrible, but then made me laugh.BIG mistake!!!! Here's the thing. When you laugh, it's hard to keep things 'clamped down', if you know what I mean. With each new guffaw an explosive issue burst forth from my nether region. Some were so loud and echoing that I was later told a few folks in other aisles had ducked, fearing that someone was robbing the store and firing off a shotgun.. Suddenly things were no longer funny. 'It' was coming, and I raced off through the store towards the toilet, laying down a cloud the whole way, praying that I'd make it before the grand explosion took place. Luck was on my side. Just in the nick of time I got to the john, began the inevitable

'Oh my God', floating above the toilet seat because my ass is burning SO BAD, purging. One poor fellow walked in while I was in the middle of what is the true meaning of 'Shock and Awe'.. He made a gagging sound, and disgustedly said, 'Son-of-a-b****!, did it smell that bad when you ate it?', then quickly left. Once finished and I left the restroom, reacquired my partially filled cart intending to carry on with my shopping when a store employee approached me and said, 'Sir, you might want to step outside for a few minutes. It appears some prankster set off a stink bomb in the store. The manager is going to run the vent fans on high for a minute or two which ought to take care of the problem.' My smirking of course set me off again, causing residual gases to escape me. The employee took one sniff, jumped back pulling his shirt up to cover his nose and, pointing at me in an accusing manner shouted, 'IT'S YO U!', then ran off returning moments later with the manager. I was unceremoniously escorted from the premises and asked none too kindly not to return. Home again without my supplies, I realized that there was nothing to eat but leftover chili, so I consumed two more bowls. The next day I went to shop at Lowes and see a rival of mine named Jamie. I can't say anymore about that because we are in court over the whole matter. Bastards claim they're going to have to repaint the store.

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