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# Car Lashes



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why not design lashes for them, he thought.

Fast forward to September 2010 when a clever story by CNN's Jeanne Moos shown the spotlight on Small's creation and suddenly Turbo Style Products was inundated with orders from around the world for the now must-have feminine car accessories.

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# Ask The Attorney

Ask The Lawyer: "Legal Briefs" Courtesy Of Local Attorney / Mediator / Collaborative Settlement Advocate Jeff Pollock

## Tax Day Tips

**Q:** Are there any tips you have with Tax Day coming this month?

**A:** In addition to this question reminding me to see my accountant, I share the following thoughts / bullet points below from the perspective of a self-employed sole practitioner with the inspiration of my valued CPA.

Congress passed 2 Taxpayers Bill of Rights laws in the 1990s because people were afraid of the IRS and its power. Those rights placed the burden of proof in tax disputes on the IRS and also created the following:

### **A) The Right NOT to Meet with the IRS**

You have the right to conduct a correspondence audit through the mail. This allows you to avoid the stress of an in-person meeting, the hassle and expense of taking time off work, and the possibility you will say something that can be misconstrued by the agent. Simply ask for a "correspondence" audit and take off some of the pressure.

### **B) The Right to Eliminate Penalties**

A common issue taxpayers have with the IRS is penalties – probably because there are many different penalties contained in the tax law. On the positive side, each of those penalties can be subject to cancellation. That means that all penalties have the possibility of being canceled when you can show you acted in good faith and not out of an effort to deceive the IRS.

### **C) The Right to Appeal Any Decision Made by the IRS**

Whether you're faced with an audit, lien or some other judgment by the IRS, you have the right to appeal. If you get audited and you're not satisfied with the results, you have the right to challenge an auditor's decision through the IRS appeals office. You then have 30 days to exercise your appeal rights (though it could be a year or more before your appeal is heard). If you do challenge, the IRS's own statistics reveal you will win your case over 60% of the time.

### **D) The Right to an "Installment" Agreement**

If you do end up owing the IRS money, you have a right to pay by an installment agreement. To negotiate a reasonable payment, get a copy of IRS Form 433-A, the Financial Statement. This lists your income, expenses, assets and liabilities, and will accurately present how much you're able to handle paying. You'll also need to file Form 9465, an installment request. The IRS does however charge a \$52 fee on installment plans that use direct debit (where payments are automatically deducted from your bank account) and \$105 if you don't use direct deposit.

### **E) The Right to Challenge IRS Notices**

According to the Government Accounting Office, 48% of IRS notices are "incorrect or incomplete." The IRS keeps sending them anyway because research has shown that, rather than

fight the IRS, most taxpayers would rather just pay the money. Challenge those notices if you disagree, but act promptly.

### **F) The Right to Use the Taxpayer Advocate Service**

Since the IRS is a huge bureaucracy, it is very frustrating to deal with them, even to get the most obvious errors corrected. If you are ever dealing with the IRS and no one seems willing or able to help, your best bet is to contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service (formerly known as the Problems Resolution Office). The TAS was created to assist citizens whose problems seem to fall through the cracks of the IRS' "We Care" Department. It is free and confidential. You can find your local advocate in the phone book, on the IRS web site or you can call 877-777-4778.

### **G) The Right to Make Audio Recordings of Any Meeting with the IRS**

If you're audited by the IRS or are subject to a tax collection procedure, you are allowed to tape record the meeting. However, you have to notify the IRS 10 days in advance of your meeting. Take advantage of this right to prevent the IRS from changing the rules midway through the audit. It also helps control the meeting and limit discussions of irrelevant and unnecessary issues as far as your potential tax liability goes.

### **H) The Right to Represent Yourself Before the IRS**

One can act as one's own advisor when faced with an audit or with having to go to United States Tax Court, but the only way you should consider representing yourself is if you're audited for something fairly simple, confident in your tax knowledge, familiar with all of the most current IRS tax laws and are prepared for any items of dispute that the IRS may question you on. Tax laws can be very complex (and the judgment outcomes can be harsh), especially for matters brought before the U.S. Tax Court.

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Here are some "red flags" that commonly trigger an audit:

#### **A) Math Error**

While an error in basic arithmetic might not cause a full blown audit, it's the most common reason that Americans receive stressful letters from the local IRS office. Use a calculator and check your numbers twice.

#### **B) Unusually High Itemized Deductions**

The IRS uses a secret formula to calculate what your deductions should be. If computer scan of your returns shows that your deductions for charity, travel and entertainment, and healthcare are out of line with your income, you'll be on their radar.

#### **C) Self-Employed/Schedule C Filers**

Small businesses are believed to be particularly creative with expenses. Beware of taking a home office deduction, losing money for a few years in a row, and preparing your returns



yourself without an accountant.

#### **D) Lots of 1099s**

Last year, the IRS began a 3-year initiative to crack down on the practice of misclassifying employees as contractors. Thousands of businesses have already been audited, and the government hopes to hire 100 new Department of Labor employees specifically to police these abuses.

#### **E) Unreported Income**

Be especially careful to report all your income. If you've received a 1099, the IRS' computers will notice if you did not report that income. If your former spouse reports alimony paid that you are not reporting, there will be a big bull's-eye on your tax return.

#### **F) Previously Audited**

People have the mistaken impression that the auditor won't come knocking twice; but beware the taxman who often rings twice ... or more.

#### **G) Shareholder**

If you are an investor in a partnership or corporation that the Federal IRS examined, you may be next.

#### **H) Angered Someone**

Disgruntled divorcees and former employees are a regular source of IRS tips about their former husbands and employers. Revenge isn't the only reason people go the IRS; the law allows it to pay cash rewards to informants (up to 30% of what is collected).

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Here are 5 new credits and deductions likely to affect most small business owners like me.

**A) Health Care Tax Credit** Small businesses that pay at least 50% of employee health coverage qualify for a significant tax refund. The maximum credit goes to businesses with fewer than 11 full-time employees who have annual wages averaging less than \$25,001. The break phases out for firms who have 25 employees or pay average wages over \$50,000. For 2010-13, the tax credit covers up to 35% of the money that a qualifying business spends on its health insurance premiums. In 2014, the top tax credit goes up to 50%. Tax-exempt organizations can claim 25% in the first time period and 35% after that. The credit is available for a maximum of 6 years: 2010-13 and for any 2 years after that.

**B) Health Insurance Deduction for Self-Employed People** If you are your own boss and pay for your own health insurance, then you have been able to deduct your insurance costs from your business profits but not from your self-employment taxes. However in 2010, self-employed people can deduct their health insurance costs from their business profits for both his income tax and self-employment tax. (For example, if lawyer Joe makes \$50K in net income and pays \$6K for health insurance, in 2010, in 2010, he'd pay income tax and self employment taxes on only \$44,000 compared to other tax years where he'd pay income tax on \$44K but self employment tax on \$50K.)

**C) Bonus depreciation extension** For 2010 tax year, an



accelerated depreciation schedule encouraged getting cash into the hands of small businesses quickly. Unlike Section 179, you can depreciate items even if your business is in the red for the year. Bonus depreciation covers new equipment only, and can be taken in addition to a Section 179 write-off, if the item is eligible for both benefits. You can depreciate "tangible property," like buildings, machinery, vehicles, furniture, and equipment, as well as "intangible property," such as patents, copyrights and computer software. Businesses that bought a qualifying item after 9/8/10 can claim 100% of its cost (if it is used before 1/1/12). Businesses that bought such items before Sept. 8 can claim 50% (as long as it is put into service before 1/1/13).

**D) Depreciation on a business car or truck** If you bought a new vehicle for your business in 2010, such a business owner can depreciate more than usual: \$11,060 for a car and \$11,160 for a van/light duty truck, incl. an extra \$8K bonus depreciation on top of the usual 1st-year depreciation. (Rules are more complex than I can explain for a heavy pickup or SUV.)

**E) General Business Credit** Business owners affected by the AMT or Alternative Minimum Tax may get a break in 2010. If you have to calculate your taxes under both the regular tax structure and under the AMT, you pay the government whichever one is more. If your taxes calculated normally are \$10,000 and \$12,000 under the AMT, you owe \$12,000. For 2010 "General Business Credit" deductions are also allowable under the AMT, unlike prior years when general business credits didn't apply towards AMT calculations. Several credits fall into this category, including a benefit for hiring an unemployed person, the costs for starting up an employer pension plan, or the costs of employer-provided child care services.

Best wishes to Nightwire readers for a happy and healthy Spring and Easter/Passover season.

If Nightwire Magazine readers have questions or suggestions for topics, please call Joyce at (412) 855-5536 or Atty. Pollock at (412) 421-2232.

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# Wine and Spirits Chairmans Selections

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## Angelo Gaja Costa Russi 2005

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"The 2005 Costa Russi shimmers on the palate with extraordinary grace. The wine boasts wonderful depth and richness in its dark red fruit in a round, generous style that offers lovely balance to the tannins. Notes of tar, smoke and licorice develop in the glass, adding a touch of complexity and nuance that is sometimes missing in this bottling. The French oak is present, but deftly balanced with the wine's other components. As always, Costa Russi comes across as relatively accessible when young, but it is sure to only improve with age. Recent bottles of the 1985 have been nothing short of glorious. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030"

\*96 points Wine Advocate, October 2008

"There's fabulous fruit on the nose, which is very pure, with crushed blackberry and blueberry. Full-bodied, with superrefined tannins and a long, caressing finish. A very classy wine. This is so long and beautiful. Lasts for minutes on the palate. Best after 2014."

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"The 2005 Sori Tildin appears to be incredibly primary and youthful. Floral aromatics meld seamlessly into freshly cut roses, raspberries, licorice, tar and menthol. This graceful, feminine wine reveals tons of elegance and finesse in an understated style. Today the Sori Tildin shows a touch more oak than the other single-vineyard wines, which suggests it may not quite have the stuffing of the very finest vintages. Still, this remains a vibrant and very Piedmontese wine in need of only one thing, and that is a long slumber in the cellar. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2035."

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"Very pretty plum and strawberry aromas follow through to a full body, with ultrafine tannins and a long finish. A reserved, almost delicate style. But with air this gives you loads of luscious and beautiful fruit. Best after 2011."

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\*91 points Wine Advocate, December 2009

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\*Winemaker's notes

"Don't confuse this great California Zinfandel with the high-alcohol, port-like styles that dominate the category, or, worse, with white zin. This wine is medium-full-bodied, lush and velvety, with raspberry, chocolate, black berry and cherry, medium alcohol and tannins. Finishes with hints of spice and sweet strawberry vanillin. I keep a notebook with the few wines I taste that really leave a lasting impression. This one made the list."

--PLCB Wine Buyer Steve Pollack

### **Gaja Darmagi Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Piedmont 2003**

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# Draft House

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**A**tmosphere – April 21 – Carnegie Library Music Hall. Atmosphere is an American hip hop group from Minneapolis, Minnesota. The members are rapper Slug (Sean Daley) and DJ/Producer Ant (Anthony Davis). Active in various forms since 1989, Atmosphere is one of the most commercially successful and long-lived independent hip hop groups.

Slug and Ant have distinguished themselves from their peers by composing albums encompassing the entire spectrum of human emotion while tethering each piece to a central aural aesthetic. The Family Sign takes this philosophy to new realms of solidarity with Slug metaphorically touching on themes of fatherhood, loss, love, disappointment and jubilation and tailoring them to the instrumental frame work provided by Ant as well as keyboardist Erick Anderson and guitarist Nate Collis. Lyrically, The Family Sign is evidence that hip-hop wields the ultimate potential to discuss life's virtues and shortcomings.

The Rhymesayers camp, and Atmosphere in particular, have emerged as an industry anomaly, selling over two hundred thousand copies of 2008's *When Life Gives You Lemons, You Paint That Shit Gold*, an accomplishment for any artist. Iconic pioneers of the new music industry model, Atmosphere regularly sell out strings of shows between albums and their 2011 itinerary is slated to include venues with capacities upwards of nine thousand. Performances of this size are, simply put, an unparalleled precedent for an independent artist. Atmosphere have steadily looked forward and continued to retain a tremendous fan-base, finding favor in new, young listeners while their peers are mired in nostalgia and stagnancy.

Slug and Ant have united a body of devoted fans that religiously subscribe to the idea that creativity, as a microcosm for life in general, is a give and take, counterbalanced and anchored by appreciation for ones friends, family, and audience. This philosophy is what The Family Sign embodies, and it's the key to the tremendous legacy that Atmosphere continues to establish.

"One can feel Atmosphere loosening modern hip-hop from its moorings and yanking it into some weirder and far more interesting place."

-ROLLING STONE

"This Minneapolis indie rap hero has potential to spare, delivering taut, complex rhyme narratives with everyman earnestness." -ROLLING STONE

"Like it or not, Slug is reluctant king of emo-hop, the emerging alt-rap scene." -BLACKBOOK

"After their last album went indie triple platinum, these guys got offers from every major label in the business, but the chose to sign to Epitaph just to prove how punk rock they are. Ant's got beats, Mr. Dibb's got skills, Slug's the nicest guy in the world and the ladies, they love him." -Vice

"With passionate inflection and pristine delivery, Slug toggles neatly among the poetic, preachy, and provocative, sometimes hitting all at once." -Entertainment Weekly

"In this era of the hip hop anti-hero, there's no more unlikely candidate for universal stardom in the rap game than a gangly kid from Minneapolis. Slug is bringing a new DIY spirit and, gulp, emotional vulnerability to a hip hop scene currently orbiting out of control in a materialistic galaxy."

-XLR8R



# Music

## The Joy Formidable

**T**he Joy Formidable – April 27 – The Smiling Moose. The Joy Formidable are a three-piece band from North Wales, currently located in London, England. The band consists of Ritzy Bryan (lead vocals, guitar), Rhyddian Dafydd (bass guitar, backing vocals), and Matt Thomas (drums, percussion). There's something panoramic about The Joy Formidable's music - their mountainous, fuzzed out riffs and ferocious, earthy rhythms shrouded in ethereal haze. It sounds like where they're from: Childhood friends Ritzy Bryan (vocals, guitar) and Rhyddian Dafydd (bass, vocals) grew up in rural North Wales, surrounded by rolling green hills and little else. "There's a beauty and a loneliness to the landscape there," says Dafydd. "We had no neighbors growing up," Bryan notes. "I think my parents looked for a house with no neighbors so they could play their music as loud as possible." For her part, Bryan loved the isolation. Growing up as an only child, the singer immersed herself in her parents' enormous record collection and the classical guitar studies she took on at the age of seven. "I loved playing guitar by myself, back then I was quite introverted with my music," she says. Bryan and Dafydd had been writing music separately from one another, and worked together in a couple of short-lived local bands after finishing school. They knew they wanted to collaborate, but didn't manage to make it work until a few years ago. "We kept missing each other," Ritzy says. Bryan went off to Washington, D.C "on a whim" and returned to Wales in 2008 with renewed focus. "My family situation wasn't easy to go back to" says Bryan. "I came back out of necessity and found a lot of sanctuary recording with Rhyddian and having this new band to concentrate on." For six months, the pair wrote together, experimenting with different sonic approaches. "We'd go for walks in the hills between recordings," Dafydd remembers. "We'd write for hours and hours," adds Bryan, "and if we got frustrated, we'd go stomp it out, up and down the mountains." But as the sessions began yielding signature tunes like "Austere" and "Cradle" - tracks that combined the duo's interest in thick, textured noises with clear, shimmering pop hooks - they knew they'd found their sound. "We'd always been into writing strong melodies," Bryan says. "The sparks really flew when we started messing with things that were choral and symphonic, mixed with what both of us had already enjoyed separately: dirty, loud, rhythmic guitars and thick bass-lines."

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# Ella Riot

Appearing Diesel – Sunday – April 3



**E**lla Riot calls it "Dancethink Music." Some might call it high-brow guilty-pleasure dance music.

At the end of the day, it's hard to find a genre to apply to a band of music degrees shamelessly enamored with catchy hooks, who sing through a giant megaphone in French, shred Van Halen on electrified Irish bagpipes, write 80's tribute dance-rock anthems in 5/4, and re-sample themselves doing it live -- all to create a modern-day musical Frankenstein that will pull even the most self-conscious listener on to the dance floor.

Formerly named My Dear Disco, the band is continuing a musical metamorphosis that ultimately resulted in its new name. Ella Riot symbolizes not only the "Dancethink" sensibility cultivated with their fans over the past three years, but also the full-out explosion of expression, sound and movement their live shows are widely known to generate.

Since the band's inception in 2007, they have performed over 250 live shows, including national festivals such as Lollapalooza, SXSW, Wakarusa, CMJ, Summer Camp and Floyd Fest and college campuses across the country. They have been recently featured in Seventeen and VenusZine magazines; Fox Network's "Fearless Music;" Superstation WGN- TV; were named the BMI's Artist of the Month; and have shared the stage with Neon Trees and OK GO! among others.

Their latest release "Love Child" is scheduled for spring 2011, along with a new live-action video and a tour schedule

that remains as busy as ever.

Ella Riot is Michelle Chamuel (vocals, keys), Bob Lester (guitars, vocals), Tyler Duncan (keys, bagpipes, vocals) and Mike Shea (percussion).

TIX PHONE: 412-431-8800

AGE LIMIT: All-ages

TIX PRICE: \$10 advance/\$12





# Theater

## One Night Of Queen



**T**he Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents the return of One Night of Queen, a rock tribute concert that emulates the spirit and passion of rock icon Freddie Mercury, on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at the Byham Theater. Performed by musician Gary Mullen & The Works, this 80's rock concert pays tribute to the stage theatrics and music of British band Queen guaranteed to be "accurately and faithfully performed with the feel of the original preserved (BBC)." This concert is part of the 2010-2011 Cohen & Grigsby Trust Presents series.

Formed in 2000 by Gary Mullen, One Night of Queen has

toured virtually non-stop around the U.K., U.S.A., Germany, Portugal, France, Holland, and New Zealand, playing in theaters, festivals, and arenas to sold-out crowds. Brian May, the former guitarist and song writer for Queen raves that, "Gary bears a remarkable likeness to Freddie, not only in emulating Freddie's unique stage persona but also accurately reproducing Freddie's live vocal style and range." The tribute band will perform Queen mega-hits such as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We are the Champions," "Killer Queen," "You're My Best Friend", "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," "Radio Ga Ga," "Under Pressure," "Another One Bites the Dust" and many others. Gary Mullen, vocals, will be accompanied by band members David Brockett – lead guitar, Billy Moffat – bass guitar, Jonathan Evans – drums and Malcolm Gentles – keyboards. One Night of Queen will ROCK YOU! "As tribute bands go, there can be none better than this. Superb." (Blackpool Gazette)

Tickets (\$26.25 – \$45.25) for One Night of Queen on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., at the Byham Theater, may be purchased at the Box Office at Theater Square, 655 Penn Avenue, online at [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org), or by calling (412) 456-6666. To purchase 10 or more tickets at special discounted rates, please call (412) 471-6930.



# Theater

## City Theater

**T**he latest from the director of Camelot, Ted Pappas, this crisp and fresh new play by Tracy Letts is sprinkled with colorful characters. Pittsburgh Public Theater presents *Superior Donuts*, the fresh and tasty hit play by Pulitzer Prize-winner Tracy Letts. Directed by Ted Pappas, *Superior Donuts* runs April 14 – May 15, 2011 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](http://www.ppt.org).

*Superior Donuts* is the name of a Chicago donut shop owned by aging hippie Arthur Przybyzewski (Anderson Matthews). The place has seen better days, but it's still a daily stop for Star Trek-obsessed cop James (Wali Jamal) and his patrol partner Randy (Antoinette LaVecchia), outspoken homeless woman Lady Boyle (Sharon Brady), Russian DVD entrepreneur Max (Donald Corren), and his gigantic nephew Kiril (David Agranov). When lively and literate Franco Wicks (Brandon Gill) shows up, it looks like *Superior Donuts* might get some new blood. But that blood might also be spilled if bad guys Luther (Daryll Heysham) and Kevin (Joe Jackson) catch up with him. Containing both adult language and adult laughs, *Superior Donuts* also touches on the changing face of urban neighborhoods and what one generation owes to the next. The design team for *Superior Donuts* is Michael Schweikardt



(Scenic), Amy Clark (Costumes), Phil Monat (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Randy Kovitz is the Fight Director, Don Wadsworth is the Dialect Coach, Fredric H. Orner is the Production Stage Manager, and Alicia DeMara is the Assistant Stage Manager.

### About the Playwright

Tracy Letts received the 2008 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play for *August: Osage County*. He is also the author of the plays *Killer Joe*, *Bug*, and *Man from Nebraska* (Pulitzer finalist). He became an ensemble member of Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre in 2002. In addition to writing plays, Letts has also appeared on stage, television, and film. Stage productions include *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *American Buffalo*, *Betrayal*, *The Pillowman*, and many others. TV and film roles include *Guinevere*, *U.S. Marshals*, "Profiler," "Prison Break," "Seinfeld," "Home Improvement," and others.

### Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents

**What: *Superior Donuts***

**When: April 14 – May 15, 2011**

### Performance Schedule

**Tues. through Sat. at 8 pm (except Tues., May 10 when the show is at 7 pm).**

**Sat. at 2 pm (except April 16 & 23).**

**There will be an additional 2 pm matinee on Thurs., May 12.**

**Sun. at 2 & 7 pm (except Sun. May 15 when the final show is at 2 pm).**

**Press Night is Thurs. April 21.**

**Opening Night is Fri. April 22.**

**Ticket Prices: \$35.75 to \$60.75.**

**\$15.75 for students and age 26 and younger.**

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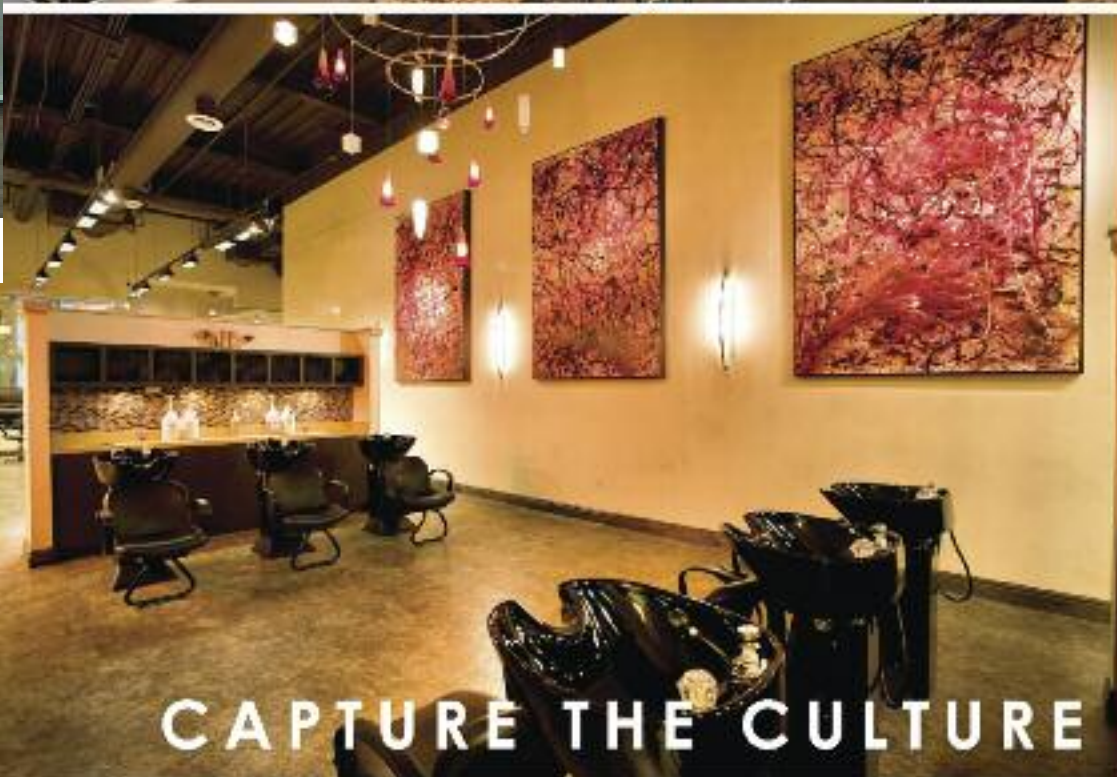


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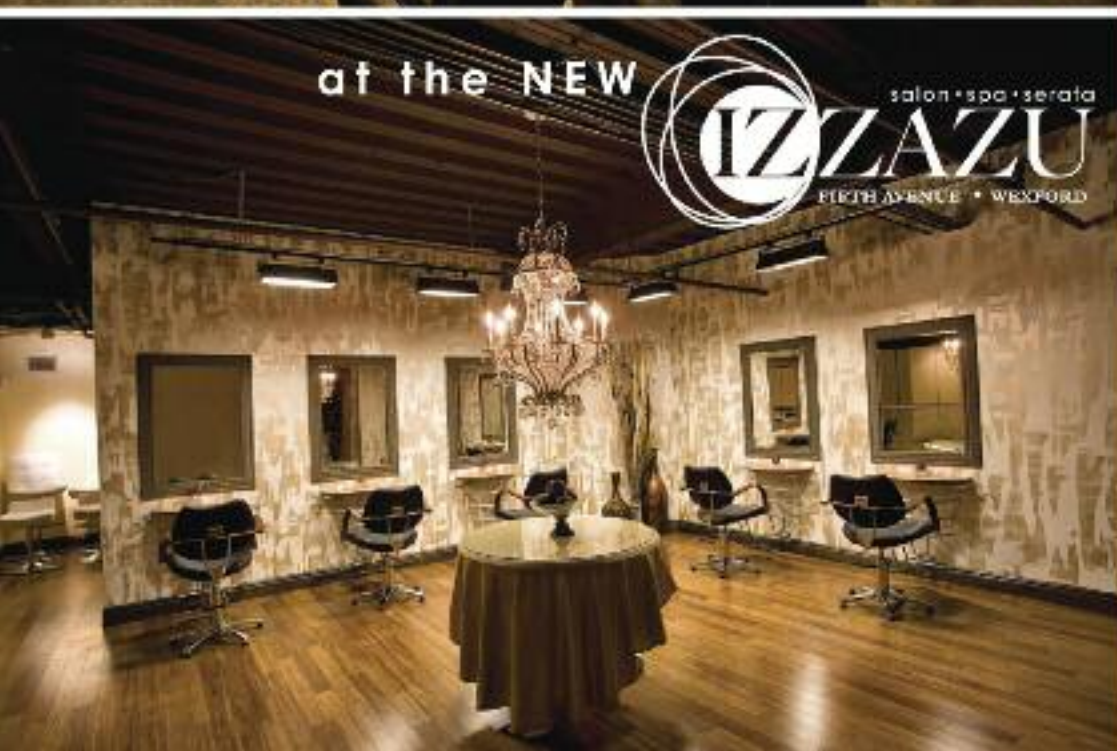
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# Theater

## Max Raabe & Palast Orchester

**A**s soon as Max Raabe & Palast Orchester take the stage, 1920s Berlin comes to life in their tour *Berlin Nocturne* that pays homage to the legendary nocturnal flair of the Weimar Era. “Max Raabe and his 12-piece Palast Orchester are re-creating the music of the Weimar era with verve and class” (Time Out New York). This concert, presented by The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, will be performed on Friday, April 15, at 8:00 p.m., at the Byham Theater, as part of the Cohen & Grigsby Trust Presents series.

“It’s far more than nostalgia – it’s almost being there. As Raabe puts it: It’s music that pleases, that makes people happy. Between that, and Raabe’s own cheeky demeanor, the Palast Orchester epitomizes the elegance of the musical ’20s and ’30s. As one German critic described it: excellent manners spiked with a touch of decadence” (Daily News).

Founded in 1986 by the charismatic baritone Max Raabe, Max Raabe & Palast Orchester embodies the high style and musical glory of the 20’s and 30’s and have performed to audiences around the world. Max Raabe captures this timeless music with precision, urgency and irony. A singer of incredible range, he has a singular ability to capture the cunning rasp of the cabaret singer, the confident belcanto hero, the oily melodiousness of the revue beau, the carefree timbre of early jazz, as well as the falsetto of ragtime, all backed by his stellar 12-member band, many of whom have

been with him from the beginning. Max Raabe’s art lies in revealing the enigmatic intelligence, ambiguity, musical power and complexity of the “German chansons” from the turbulent Weimar Republic. In his performances he keenly reminds us that between melancholy and irony, rebellion and resignation, elegy and slapstick there is often only half a measure, sometimes just a single note, or a mere word.

Over the years, Max Raabe and the Palast Orchester have discovered that one of the secrets of a good show is diversity. Accordingly, their vast repertoire for the listener and dancer alike includes classics like “I Kiss Your Hand Madame”, “My Little Green Kaktus” and “Heute Nacht oder nie” (“Tonight Or Never”) or from the American Songbook “Cheek To Cheek”, “Night And Day” and “I Got Rhythm”, as well as Rumbas (“Amapola”), Paso Dobles (“Rosa, Charming Rosa”.. I fell in love ‘cause she looked so cute, last summer in her bathing suit”), rare gems (“My Gorilla Has a Villa in a Zoo”), charming gems (“Love Thy Neighbour”) and silly gems (“Dort tanzt Lulu” (“Lulu is dancing too! Ahaha, uhuhu).

Tickets (\$38.25-\$53.25) may be purchased at the Box Office at Theater Square (655 Penn Avenue), online at [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org), or by calling (412) 456-6666. To purchase 10 or more tickets at special discounted rates, please call (412) 471-6930.



# Travel Dollywood

by Suz Pisano



**T**he world's reigning Applause Award winning theme park adds the Barnstormer, revives the popular Barbeque & Bluegrass Festival and debuts a Christmas ice skating show for guests visiting the Smoky Mountains in 2011. Nightwire just returned from a road trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and we totally recommend that you plan a trip to Dollywood and visit the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee!

The Applause Award is the most prestigious award within the amusement and theme park industry, honors a park whose management, operations and creative accomplishments have inspired the industry with its foresight, originality and sound business development. The award is presented every other

year by Liseberg amusement park located in Gothenberg, Sweden. Dollywood is like no where I've ever been- we absolutely loved it there, so much so we are already planning our return trip for next year and can't wait to tell you why.....

Dollywood is Southern hospitality at its finest. The Southern charm envelops you the moment you arrive. The atmosphere is electric, the shows are dazzling, the rides are thrilling, the food is great, and the shopping is surprisingly affordable! Dolly Parton purchased a small amusement park 25 years ago and literally turned the local economy around. She's a true champion for her people and everyone, absolutely everyone loves her! Pigeon Forge, Tennessee is now a destination with over 250,000 Dollywood season pass holders and visitors of all ages coming from near and far. Country charm is very attractive, even if you're not a fan of country music. We're fans of success and Dollywood is a shining example.

The Barnstormer, Dollywood's newest family thrill ride, takes flight for the 2011 season. We were there for the kick-off and were excited to be some of the first to give it a try. Passengers are seated back-to-back on two giant pendulum arms that reach over 80 feet in the air. The journey to the treetops reaches a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour and 230 degrees of rotation. We loved it but I'll be the first to tell you that it's not for everyone! Dolly herself told us that she's







scared of the new ride and would leave the riding up to us daredevils. Barnstormer is definitely an exciting and thrilling ride! Barnstormer is located in the Owens Farm area, a heartfelt tribute to her roots. To add to the authenticity of the farm area, Dolly partnered with the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative.

We really didn't know what to expect visiting Tennessee for the first time, but we were so excited to be going to Dollywood. Everyone we encountered was proud of their region and the surrounding Smoky Mountains. The country charm is authentic and people are very friendly, warm and genuine. The employees inside the park are helpful and really make you feel like you are their guest. The park is immaculate and the décor is fantastic. Dolly seemed to have spared no expense in getting these things right. You'll be amazed at the quality and talent of the craftspeople demonstrating their work throughout the park. The glassblowing set-up rivals the Pittsburgh Glass Center! I was totally fascinated by the train that travels through the park and the amount of theatres with







so many choices and types of entertainment. We saw Samaia: Legend of the Caucasus, performed by a cast of singers & dancers from the Caucasus region of the Georgian Republic. Culture abounds throughout the Festival of Nations.

Dollywood is also home to the South's largest festivals, Dollywood revives its popular Barbeque & Bluegrass festival August 19th through September 5th. Free concerts by the biggest names in Bluegrass get under way with Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder August 19th & 20th with 2 shows a day. Kidsfest takes place June 17th til August 7th. The Festival of Nations kicks off the opening season & runs now until May 2nd featuring performers and craftspeople from all areas of the world. Dolly explained that "When I think about all of the fascinating places my travels have taken me, my heart is always moved by the beautiful music and dance and what I've learned about other cultures. My Festival of Nations celebrates the sights and sounds that unite us all, from the far corners of the world to right here in my Smoky Mountain home. "

Dollywood's season runs from March 26th through December 30th. Dollywood offers more than 40 rides and attractions; award-winning live entertainment featuring country, bluegrass, gospel & mountain music; and a dozen crafters authentic to the East Tennessee region. It's a solid easy 8 hour drive from Pittsburgh, perfect for a road trip! For more information call 1-800-DOLLYWOOD or visit [dollywood.com](http://dollywood.com). You can even find it on Facebook!









# Dining

## Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner Attraction

**D**ixie Stampede began as a dream for Dolly Parton. Today it is one of the most spectacular dinner attractions in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Dixie Stampede features 32 horses, 30 riders and dozens of cast members. Surrounding the 35,000 square foot arena is seating for 1,000. Dixie Stampede is Dolly Parton's own creation.

"I wanted to recreate the family fun of my childhood, when we'd gather for friendly competition then enjoy a more than filling meal," says Dolly Parton. "with the grand entertainment of our horses and the performers, along with a delicious meal, Dixie Stampede is the 'Most Fun Place To Eat...anywhere.'"

We've never been to a dinner theatre experience like this one. The theatre seats 1096 people to be exact and there's not a bad seat in the house! Our server told us that we would be eating with our hands and we thought she was kidding until another server told us that unless we brought our own silverware, yes, indeed we would be eating with our hands! Now of course, they're not serving spaghetti! And she also added that it really adds to the fun and the experience. Being adventurous, we embraced the experience still a little apprehensive. Our meal began with a delicious creamy vegetable soup easily sipped and followed by Cornish hens roasted to perfection with an herbed potato, pretty easy to eat with your hands and definitely part of the fun. It wouldn't be a country meal without corn on the cob and a slice of pork loin on the side. Dessert was a flaky pastry apple turnover, a fine end to a fine meal. We found it difficult to finish all the food, but were provided with to go bags to savor for later. We were pleasantly surprised at how good the food was especially when you think about serving over 1000 people at the same time. The quality was outstanding and we were amazed at how the servers hustle! They told us that the kitchen is three stories and pretty amazing in it's own right. Dixie Stampede is the largest purchaser of Cornish Hens in the nation. During the busy season, there are 5 shows a day, you do the math!

As for the show, the horses are magnificent and truly make a massive statement, plus they bring a sense of thrill and unpredictability that only a live performance can do. The beauty of these performances, the thrill of the horses moving in tight formation – such as their daring figure-eight with horses traveling at break-neck speed with near-miss precision – really shows off the skill and talent of their champion riders and horses. Dixie Stampede has created a unique experience for all ages that truly captures the essence of Dolly's

philosophy of good family entertainment. The performers are world champions in various rodeo skills and thrilling to watch. The magnitude of the arena is the perfect showcase for such talent.

The single price admission includes entertainment in the carriage room prior to the main show, the main show and the four course meal. From the precision of the performers and swiftness of the servers, you will walk away feeling totally full, from not only the food, but from the total experience. This is a must see show when visiting Dollywood! Be sure and call ahead for reservations. 800-356-1676 or for more information you can visit them on the web at [www.dixiestampede.com](http://www.dixiestampede.com)

Nightwire loved it!



## Easter One-Liners

- Q: How do bunnies stay healthy?  
A: Eggercise
- Q: What do you get when you cross a chicken and the Easter Bunny?  
A: A good Easter.
- Q: What do you call Easter when you are hopping around?  
A: Hoppy Easter!
- Q: "Why are you studying your Easter candy?"  
A: "I'm trying to decide which came first-the chocolate chicken or the chocolate egg!"
- Q: What do you get when you find a rabbit with no hair?  
A: A hairless hare!
- Q: Why are people always tired in April?  
A: Because they just finished a march.
- Q: Why did the Easter egg hide?  
A: He was a little chicken!
- Q: What do you call a duck who plays basketball?  
A: A slam duck.
- Q: What do you call a bunny with a large brain?  
A: An egghead.
- Q: What grows between your nose and chin?  
A: Tulips (Two Lips).
- Q: Why did the rabbit cross the road?  
A: Because it was the chicken's day off.
- Q: What do you call a bunny with a dictionary in his pants?  
A: A smarty pants.
- Q: What would you call the Easter Bunny if he married a chicken?  
A: The very first rabbit to lay an egg!
- Q: What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?  
A: A receding hare line.
- Q: Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?  
A: He was having a bad hare day!
- Q: How do you catch a unique bunny?  
A: UNIQUE UP ON IT!
- Q: What's pink, has five toes, and is carried by the Easter Bunny?  
A: The rabbits lucky people's foot!
- Q: What did the rabbit say to the carrot?  
A: It's been nice gnawing at you.
- Q: What does a rooster say to a hen he likes?  
A: Your one hot chick!
- Q: What has big ears, brings Easter treats, and goes "hippity-BOOM, hippity-BOOM, hippity-BOOM"?  
A: The Easter Elephant.
- Q: What do ducks have for lunch?  
A: Soup and quackers!
- Q: Where does Valentine's Day comes after Easter?  
A: In the dictionary.
- Q: Do you know how bunnies stay in shape?  
A: Hareobics.
- Q: What's the difference between a bunny and a lumberjack?  
A: One chews and hops, the other hews and chops.
- Q: Why did the magician have to cancel his show?  
A: He'd just washed his hare and couldn't do a thing with it.
- Q: What type of movie is about water fowl?  
A: A duckumentary.
- Q: What is the end of Easter?  
A: The letter R.
- Q: What do you call a duck that just doesn't fit in?  
A: Mallard justified.
- Q: What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?  
A: They lived hoppily ever after!
- Q: What do you call rabbits that marched in a long sweltering Easter parade?  
A: Hot, cross bunnies.
- Q: What is the Easter Bunny's favorite state capital?  
A: Albunny, New York!
- Q: What is the Easter Bunny's favorite sport?  
A: Basket-ball, of course!
- Q: Where does the Easter Bunny go when he needs a new tail?  
A: To a re-tail store!
- Q: Who is the Easter Bunny's favorite movie actor?  
A: Rabbit De Niro!
- Q: Does the Easter Bunny like baseball?  
A: Oh, yes. He's a rabbit fan!
- Q: Knock, knock!  
Who's there?  
Candy.  
Candy who?  
Candy Easter Bunny carry all those treats in one basket?
- Boy 1: "How did you get that bruise on your arm?"  
Boy 2: "I ate some Easter candy."  
Boy 1: "Eating Easter candy won't give you a bruise."  
Boy 2: "It will if it's your big brother's candy!"
- Q: What would you get if you crossed the Easter Bunny with an overstressed person?  
A: An Easter basket case!
- Q: Why are you stuffing all that Easter candy into your mouth?"  
A: "Because it doesn't taste as good if I stuff it in my ears."
- Q: What happened when the Easter Bunny caught his head in the fan?  
A: It took ears off his life!
- Q: Why do we paint Easter eggs?  
Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!
- Q: Why was the monster sitting in his Easter basket?



He was trying to hatch his peanut butter eggs!

Q: What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear?

You need an eggsplanation!

Q: How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?

With a hare dryer!

Q: How is the Easter Bunny like Shaquille O'Neal?

A: They're both famous for stuffing baskets!

Q: What's big and purple and hugs your Easter basket?

A: The Easter Barney!

Q: How does the Easter Bunny paint all of those eggs?

A: He hires Santa's elves during the off-season.

Q: How should you send a letter to the Easter Bunny?

A: By hare mail!

Q: What would you get if you crossed the Easter Bunny with Chinese food?

A: Hop suey!

## The Parking Ticket

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him an "asshole". He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. So she called him a "shit head". He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired.

## Trivia Contest

So, I lost a trivia contest last night by 1 point. The last question was "where do women have the curliest hair?" I gave it the 'Old College try', I was sure I had this one in the bag, but apparently the correct answer is Fiji.

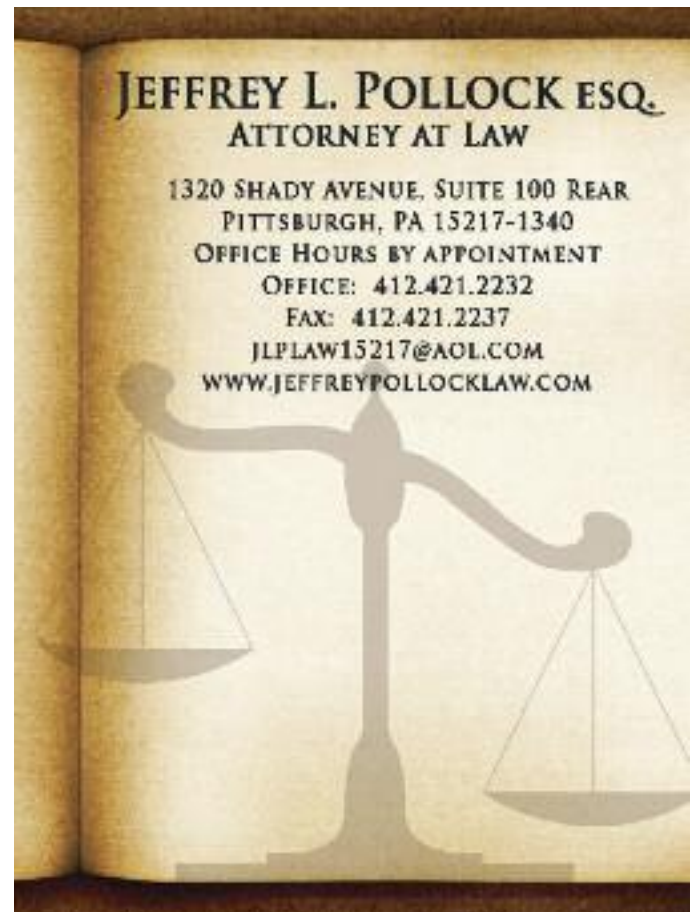
## Underwear is Very Important!!

If you don't laugh out loud at this one, call the morgue and reserve a tray, because you are dead. Always wear clean underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle..... From the Northwest Florida Daily News comes this story of a couple. who drove their car to Wal-Mart, only to have their car break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot. The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis. Although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she

dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand up his shorts, and tucked everything back into place. She took a deep breath and stood up boldly to face the crowd. She looked across the hood and found herself staring at her husband, who had been standing idly by. The mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

## The "Middle Wife" by an Anonymous 2nd grade teacher

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own second grade classroom a few years back. When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell. So I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually, show-and-tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it in to school and talk about it, they're welcome. Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant. 'This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday.' 'First, Mom and Dad made him as a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mom's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord.' She's standing there



with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids are watching her in amazement. 'Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mom starts saying and going, 'Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh!' Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans. 'She walked around the house for, like an hour, 'Oh, oh, oh!' (Now this kid is doing a hysterical duck walk and groaning.) 'My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man. They got my Mom to lie down in bed like this.' (Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall.) 'And then, pop! My Mom had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like pssshheew!' (This kid has her legs spread with her little hands miming water flowing away. It was too much!) 'Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, push,' and 'breathe, breathe. They started counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said it was from Mom's play-center, (placenta) so there must be a lot of toys inside there. When he got out, the middle wife spanked him for crawling up in there.' Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest. Ever since then, when it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another 'Middle Wife' comes along.

## Proof that Men Have Better Friends...

Friendship among Women: A woman didn't come home one night. The next morning she told her husband that she had slept over at a friend's house. The man called his wife's 10 best friends. None of them knew anything about it.

## Friendship among Men:

A man didn't come home one night. The next morning he told his wife that he had slept over at a friend's house. The woman called her husband's 10 best friends. Eight confirmed that he had slept over, and two said he was still there.

## Blonde Joke

This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all these blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid. So, she decides to show her husband that blondes really are smart. While her husband is off at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house. The next day, right after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand. Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a heavy parka and a leather jacket at the same time. He goes over and asks her if

she

is OK. She replies yes. He asks what she is doing and she replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb, and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asks her why she has a parka over her leather jacket. She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and it said....You'll love this... Yep. I know you will... "FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS."

## Liquidity

The new definition of liquidity: Liquidity is when you look at your retirement funds and wet your pants.

## A Short But True Story

One day, long, long ago, there lived a woman who did not whine, nag, or bitch. But it was a long time ago, and it was just that one day. The end.

## The Clock

A wife complains, "Our wall clock almost killed my mother today. It fell only seconds after she got up from the couch." The husband mumbles, "Damn clock always was slow."

## On The Bus

Little Johnny says, "Mom, when I was on the bus with Daddy this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady." "Well, you've done the right thing," says Mommy. "But Mommy, I was sitting on daddy's lap."

## The Shopper

A woman was in town on a shopping trip. She found the most perfect shoes in the first shop, and a beautiful dress in the second. She had just entered the third shop where everything had just been reduced fifty percent when her mobile phone rang. It was a female doctor notifying her that her husband had just been in a terrible car accident and was in critical condition in the ICU. The woman told the doctor to tell her husband that she'd be there as soon as possible. When she hung up, she realized she was leaving what was shaping up to be her best day ever shopping in these boutiques, so she decided to just look in two or three more before heading to the hospital. Anyhow, she ended up shopping the rest of the morning, finishing her trip with a cup of coffee and a beautiful chocolate cake compliments of the last shop. She was jubilant. Then she remembered her husband. Feeling guilty, she dashed to the hospital. She saw the doctor in the corridor and asked about her husband's condition. The lady doctor glared at her and shouted, "You went ahead and finished your shopping trip didn't you? I hope you're proud of yourself! While you were out for the past four hours enjoying yourself



shopping, your husband has been languishing in the Intensive Care Unit! It's just as well you went ahead and finished, because it's likely be the last shopping trip you will ever make! For the rest of his life he will require round-the-clock care. And he will now be your responsibility!" The woman felt so guilty she broke down and cried and cried. The lady doctor then laughed and said, "I'm just pulling your leg. He's dead. Show me what you bought."

## iBOOB

Apple Computer announced today that it has developed a computer chip that can store and play high fidelity music in women's breast implants. The iBoob will cost between \$499 and \$699, depending on the speaker size. This is considered to be a major breakthrough because women have always complained about men staring at their breasts and not listening to them.

## Mental Health

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

## Worst Thing

Q: What's the worst thing a bride can say on her wedding night?

A: "I'm glad I didn't throw my vibrator away."

## First Timer

A guy had never had sex before, so his buddies set him up with a prostitute for a couple of hours. He really had no clue, and when she sat down on the bed completely naked, she says, "Do you know what I want?" He looks at her and says, "No." Then she lies down on the bed and says, "Do you know what I want?" And he says, "No." Then she really sprawls out on the bed, and says, "Now do you know what I want?" The guy says, "Yeah, you want the whole freakin bed to yourself!"

## Difinitely Warm

John was talking to his fiancée, Rebecca, and he said, "Be honest, now, baby. How am I as a lover?" To which she replied, "Honey, I would definitely say that you're warm." "Really?" he asked excitedly. "Yes, in fact I would say that you're the dictionary definition of the word warm." John was pleased until he went home and, just for fun, checked his dictionary and found, "Warm: Not so hot."



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## A Question

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

## Another Question

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

## A Final Question

Whose idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?

## Finger Accident

Judi, the blonde, runs crying into the office. "What's wrong?" gasps her best friend Carol. "It's my boyfriend. He was working on the engine under the hood of his car when the lid came down and cut off a finger!" "My god," shrieks Carol. "Did it amputate his whole finger?" "No, thank goodness," sniffs Judi. "But it was the one just next to it!"

## Pretty Girl

Q: What do you call a pretty girl in England? A: A tourist.

## Bonds And Men

Q: What's the difference between government bonds and men?

A: Bonds mature.

## The Wizard

An old man goes to the wizard to ask if he can remove a curse he's been living with for the last 40 years. The wizard says, "Maybe, but you'll have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you." The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

## Cheating At Poker

A group of businessmen sat down for a game of poker after work. They started playing a Texas Hold'em game, and there was quite a lot of money involved, so everyone was a bit on edge. As the cards were dealt, everyone was looking thoroughly at each other. One of the businessmen called the hand and put his cards on the table. The dealer of the group looked flabbergasted and uttered, "Hey, hold on a minute, Luke here is cheating. He's not playing the cards I dealt him!"

## House Call

A young doctor moved out to a small community to replace the aging doctor there. The older doctor suggested that the younger doctor accompany him as he made his house calls so that the people of the community could become accustomed to him. At the first house they visited, the younger doctor listened intently as the older doctor and an older lady discussed the weather, their grandchildren and the latest church bulletin. After some time, the older doctor asked his patient how she had been feeling. "I've been a little sick to my stomach," she replied. "Well," said the older physician, "you've probably been over doing it a bit with the fresh fruit. Why don't you cut back on the amount of fresh fruit you eat and see if that helps." As they left the house, the younger doctor asked how the older doctor had reached his diagnosis so quickly. "You didn't even examine that woman," the younger doctor stated. "I didn't have to," the elder physician explained. "You noticed that I dropped my stethoscope on the floor in there. Well when I bent over to pick it up, I looked around and noticed a half dozen banana peels in the trash can. That is probably what has been making her ill." "That's pretty sneaky," commented the younger doctor. "Do you mind if I try it at the next house?" "I don't suppose it could hurt anything," the elder physician replied. At the next house, the two doctors visited with an elderly widow. They spent several minutes discussing the weather and grandchildren and the latest church bulletin. After several minutes, the younger doctor

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asked the widow how she had been feeling lately. "I've felt terribly run down lately," the widow replied. "I just don't have as much energy as I used to." "You've probably been doing too much work for the church," the younger doctor suggested without even examining his patient. "Perhaps you should ease up a bit and see if that helps." As they left, the elder physician said, "Your diagnosis is probably right, but do you mind telling me how you came to that conclusion?" "Sure," replied the younger doctor. "Just like you, I dropped my stethoscope on the floor. When I bent down to pick it up, I looked around and there was the preacher hiding under the bed!"

## Ring

A young bride and groom-to-be had just selected their wedding rings. As the young lady admired the plain platinum and diamond band she had chosen for herself, she suddenly looked concerned. "Tell me," she asked the rather elderly salesman, "is there anything special I'll have to do to take care of this ring?" With a fatherly smile, the salesman said, "One of the best ways to protect a wedding ring is to soak it in dishwasher."

## Library

A blonde walks into a library and says, "Can I have a burger and fries?" The librarian says, "I'm sorry, this is a library." So, the blonde whispers, "Can I have a burger and fries?"

## Great In The Water

A man met a beautiful blonde lady and decided he wanted to marry her right away. She said, "But we don't know anything about each other." He said, "That's all right, we'll learn about each other as we go along." So she consented, they were married, and off they went on a honeymoon at a very nice resort. One morning they were lying by the pool, when he got up off of his towel, climbed up to the 10 meter board and did a two and a half tuck, followed by three rotations in the pike position, at which point he straightened out and cut the water like a knife. After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on the towel. She said, "That was incredible!" He said, "I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about each other as we went along." So she got up, jumped in the pool and started doing lengths. After 75 lengths she climbed out of the pool, lay down on her towel, and was hardly out of breath. He said, "That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?" "No," she said, "I was a prostitute in Memphis but I worked both sides of the Mississippi."

## Floor Tiles

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.

## Bachelors And Married Men

Q. What is the difference between a bachelor and a married man?

A. A bachelor comes home, sees what's in the refrigerator and goes to bed. A married man comes home, sees what's in the bed and goes to the refrigerator.

## 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."

## 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 stupid idiot!" 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."

## 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."

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## 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 took away my manhood, 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?"



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## 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."

## 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.



## 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 altar 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 back 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.

## Best Dumping Lines

(To dispose of an unwanted boyfriend or girlfriend)

I need more time and more space. That's why I'm moving 12 hours and 7 states away. Yeah sure I'll call you ...the minute I get there.

Break up? (get out magic 8 ball) All signs point to YES.

Answering machine: "Hi, I'm not home right now, If you're Jerry, hang up, if you are any other available male, press two now."

Dear Baby: Welcome to Dumpsville. Population: YOU

All my friends at the gay bar said I should go through with the sex change, what do you think?

The mothership has returned and I must leave. Pay no attention to my android double when you see it.

You've become so incredibly unattractive during these last few minutes, that I don't want to invest any more time trying to have sex with you.

Sorry, but my leprosy is acting up again. Are you going to eat those fries?

Do you think the ceiling needs painting? (Timing is everything with this one.)

Oh, hi Julie...erm...Amanda? Judy? Oh, I remember now, its Cindy, right? Tanya? Does it start with a 'T'?

You remind me of my dead ex-husband... Let's get married.

I'm awfully sorry, but I have asexual tendencies...

Would you like to meet my last girlfriend? Really, its no problem, she's still chained up in my basement.

"I'm dying...and I can't ask you to watch me slowly fade away....Please, go now and remember me as I am"

Six simple words: I'm not gay, but I'll learn.

No, seriously, I thought you were a man the whole time we were dating.

"If I have to sell my body to get the money to divorce you, I will!"

Remember when I asked you out?? Well.... I was talking to the guy behind you!

I was only hanging around with you because I wanted to get in your mom's pants

It's me not you.

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It's you, not me...I mean it's me, not you.

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It's not you...it's me...well ok..it is you.

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I'm sorry I never told you but I'm gay. I've been fighting it, and if anyone could have converted me it would have been you. However, I succumb. Ciao!

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I can forgive everything else about you, even the fact that you are 9 years older than me, have a 10 year old daughter, are getting a divorce, can't have any more kids, don't have a job, or a car, and the fact that you don't have a high school diploma. All that is fine. (then just stop calling)

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Send them your obituary.

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I really like you. . . So does my wife.

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I want a baby.

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Know what? You smell funny. Bill's cuter too...

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Let's just be friends. (scary isn't it?)

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Good-bye, and NO, we cannot still be friends!

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I'd like to meet your ex.

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I have to break it off. I've been seeing someone else and they told me I had to choose. Besides, your mother doesn't snore as loud.

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My ex had a much bigger.. (this is where you get smacked)

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Buh-bye. What part don't you understand -- the "buh" or the "bye"? Buh-bye.

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"Help, I'm an idiot. I can't see you anymore!!!" (And run away)

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The rabbit died and he was not yours.

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Look at my horoscope! "...a new love in your life..." Well, gotta follow my guiding star...

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Bob, I'd like you to meet Roy.... he's your new replacement.

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I find that if you tell 'em straight-up to go away, they just want you more (Go figure?). Perhaps moaning someone else's name right before....ya' know....might do it.

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We've been going out for a while, and I think we're ready to go to the next level... have you heard the good news about Amway?

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Forget bothering with actually dumping him/her, just sign up to the witness protection program and never speak to them again.

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The judge changed my kid's visitation schedule.

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I can't meet your needs for the foreseeable future because I find working on my site and hanging out with my net pals far more absorbing than conversing with you or even looking at your face, actually.

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You look too much like my sister/brother, I can't see you anymore.

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I don't want you as a boyfriend, no we can't still be friends..and, oh, by the way you're ugly too.

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Sorry, you don't make the flag on my mailbox go up anymore. (for females)

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I'm considering suicide because after being with you, hell should be a breeze.

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Goodbye. I don't want to see you again. Goodbye, I don't even wanna be your friend. So get out now before I call security.

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For women: I've been thinking about us getting married. For men: Does your friend like three-somes?

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Mom says I'm too good for you.

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You looked better when I was drinking.

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Your mom told me you were gay.

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I'd like to help you out. Now which way did you come in?

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I can't figure out what sex you are, even after having sex with you.

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I have finished my unfinished business with you.

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I love you so much! Let's get married! I want to have lots of children and get a big house and a mortgage and a minivan and....

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How about "You're an immature, selfish jerk who couldn't do a damn thing for me even if you cared, which you obviously don't, so stop bugging me with your stupid so-called problems and leave me the freak alone." That usually works for me.

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Here's the phone number of my doctor, I think you and he should talk....

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You smell funny and no, I don't like the way you kiss, I do think it's weird that you like to sing show tunes while having sex... oh wait, that was Mark, wasn't it?

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Send a dozen dead roses with a note: "Roses are red, violets are blue, I'd rather be dead than continue seeing you!"

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GADZOOKS! You're just not as NEARLY as attractive as you are after 10 beers, two shots of vodka, half a bottle of wine, and a Captain Morgan and Coke with a twist of lime!

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Now that I'm sober...I remembered...I'm married and have a kid and live in Nebraska. I don't know why I am in St. Louis, and can I have the key to these handcuffs? Please, I need to go home.

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Drop them off at the grocery store and never go pick 'em up.

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Hey, did you know that you could leave any time now?? Yeah, I think I made it clear when I started making out with someone else over there!

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Hum, sing, whistle 50 ways to lose your lover constantly.

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85. Excuse me, but I'm moving to Antarctica tomorrow to start work on important governmental research. See ya!

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Roses are red, Violets are blue. Garbage is dumped, now so are you.

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I'm no longer worthy of you (Keep repeating until s/he agrees with you)

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I used to think size didn't matter, but in your case I have made an exception... so I'm leaving you for bigger and better things. My ex-boyfriend Bruno just came back into town. He finished serving his sentence and is dying to meet you.

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Get away from me!! I'm so fricken sick of you!!

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I want you to meet my family. My mom is an OBGYN specializing in fertility treatments, and my dad does microsurgical vasectomy reversals. They are so excited that I'm dating someone nice!

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Yell "FIRE!!!!!!!" and run, never stopping or looking back.

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There's been a death in the family. My hamster. Sorry.

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If you don't leave me alone now, I'll blow your frickin head off with my Glock 9mm, Bitch!

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Sorry, I just never realized how ugly you are.

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Time for you to go - I gotta reduce the number of dependents that I claim on my W2.

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"Don't forgive, dump me!"

## 9 Deadly Words Used by A Woman

### 1) Fine

This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

### 2) Five Minutes

If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

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### 3) Nothing

This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually in a fight.

### 4) Go Ahead

This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!!

### 5) Loud Sigh

This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to #3 for the meaning of nothing.)

### 6) That's Okay

This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

### 7) Thanks

A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here – This is true, unless she says "Thanks a lot" – that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say "you're welcome." That will bring on a "whatever".)

### 8) Whatever

Is a woman's way of saying F--- YOU!

### 9) Don't worry about it, I got it

Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is not doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking "What's wrong?" For the woman's response refer to #3.

## Memo From Accounting Department

It has come to our attention recently that many of you have been turning in timesheets that specify large amounts of "Miscellaneous Unproductive Time" (Code 5309). However, we need to know exactly what you are doing during your unproductive time. Attached below is a sheet specifying a tentative extended job code list based on our observations of employee activities. The list will allow you to specify with a fair amount of precision what you are doing during your unproductive time. Please begin using this job-code list immediately and let us know about any difficulties you encounter. Thank you, Accounting.

## Airplane Humor

Occasionally, airline attendants make an effort to make the "in-flight safety lecture" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane..."

Pilot - "Folks, we have reached our cruising altitude now, so I am going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move

about as you wish, but please stay inside the plane till we land ... it's a bit cold outside, and if you walk on the wings it affects the flight pattern."

And, after landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Washington National, a lone voice comes over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced: "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as Hell everything has shifted."

From a Southwest Airlines employee.... "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight XXX to YYY. To operate your seatbelt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seatbelt, and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised. In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with two small children, decide now which one you love more.

Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but they'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

"As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

"Last one off the plane must clean it."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry ...Unfortunately none of them are on this flight...!

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump and I know what ya'll are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendants' fault.....it was the asphalt!"

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Another flight Attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the Flight Attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."

Part of a Flight Attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."

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At the airport for a business trip, I settled down to wait for the boarding announcement at Gate 35. Then I heard the voice on the public address system saying, "We apologize for the inconvenience, but Delta Flight 570 will board from Gate 41." So my family picked up our luggage and carried it over to Gate 41. Not ten minutes later the public address voice told us that Flight 570 would in fact be boarding from Gate 35. So, again, we gathered our carry-on luggage and returned to the original gate. Just as we were settling down, the public address voice spoke again: "Thank you for participating in Delta's physical fitness program."

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- Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
- Trust your captain.... but keep your seat belt securely fastened.
- Be nice to your first officer, he may be your captain at your next airline.
- Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwind.
- A pilot is a confused soul who talks about women when he's flying, and about flying when he's with a woman.
- Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs.
- There are old pilots, and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold, pilots!
- Gravity never loses

## The Top 5 Signs Your Prom Date Is William Hung

5. He manages to tear your dress, trash your corsage and step on \*both\* your feet dancing, but that doggone goofy charm convinces you to give it up anyway.
  4. Despite his embarrassing performance in the back seat of his car, his earnest demeanor landed him a \$25,000 porno deal.
  3. His tux? The limo? The hotel room? Everything has been rented for just 15 minutes.
  2. "Our next song is by request -- for the fifth time tonight, not that we're counting... 'She Bangs!'"
- and the Number 1 Sign Your Prom Date Is William Hung...
1. Fox has already cleared three nights of its fall schedule to accommodate a series documenting the evening, with rights to a second one covering the after-party.

## Top Ten Things I Can Say Now That I Lost "American Idol"

10. "If I had won, I was gonna blow the prize money on candy and fireworks"
9. "Honestly, I thought I was auditioning for 'The Apprentice'"
8. "Ryan Seacrest isn't as smart as he seems on TV"
7. "If you want to see me 'perform,' I'll be working the noon-to-8 shift at Old Navy tomorrow"
6. "George W. Bush didn't win the popular vote either, and he's done pretty well for himself"
5. "Underneath that table, Randy Jackson doesn't wear pants"
4. "Until 10 minutes ago, I had no idea who Dave Letterman was"
3. "I could take down Clay Aiken with one arm in a sling"
2. "I handled my loss well -- I gathered my belongings, said

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my goodbyes and keyed the crap out of Simon's car"

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- Do you think the baby will come before Monday Night Football starts?
- I hope your ready. The Glamour Shot photographer will be here in fifteen minutes.
- If you think this hurts, I should tell you about the time I twisted my ankle playing basketball.
- That was the kids on the phone. Did you have anything planned for dinner?
- When you lay on your back, you look like a python that swallowed a wild boar.
- You don't need an epidural. Just relax and enjoy the moment.
- This whole experience kind of reminds me of an episode from I Love Lucy.
- Oops! Which cord was I supposed to cut?
- Stop your swearing and just breathe.
- Remember what we learned in Lamaze class! HEE HEE HOO HOO. You're not using the right words.
- Your stomach still looks like there's another one in there

## Top Ten Signs You Won't Win "American Idol"

From the Late Show with David Letterman

10. You dedicate "I Will Always Love You" to Saddam Hussein
9. Backstage, people say, "Are you still here?"
8. North Korea says if you lose they'll stop producing enriched uranium
7. Your mother says, "You're okay, but I'm really a big fan of Ruben"
6. You were recently named the three of clubs on the "Most Wanted Iraqi" playing cards
5. You've already appeared on another reality show -- "Cops"
4. Vegas gives you the same odds of winning it all as the Mets
3. You cancel your performance to stay home and watch "Jag"
2. Simon beats you with the microphone stand
1. Your voice is muffled by the SARS mask

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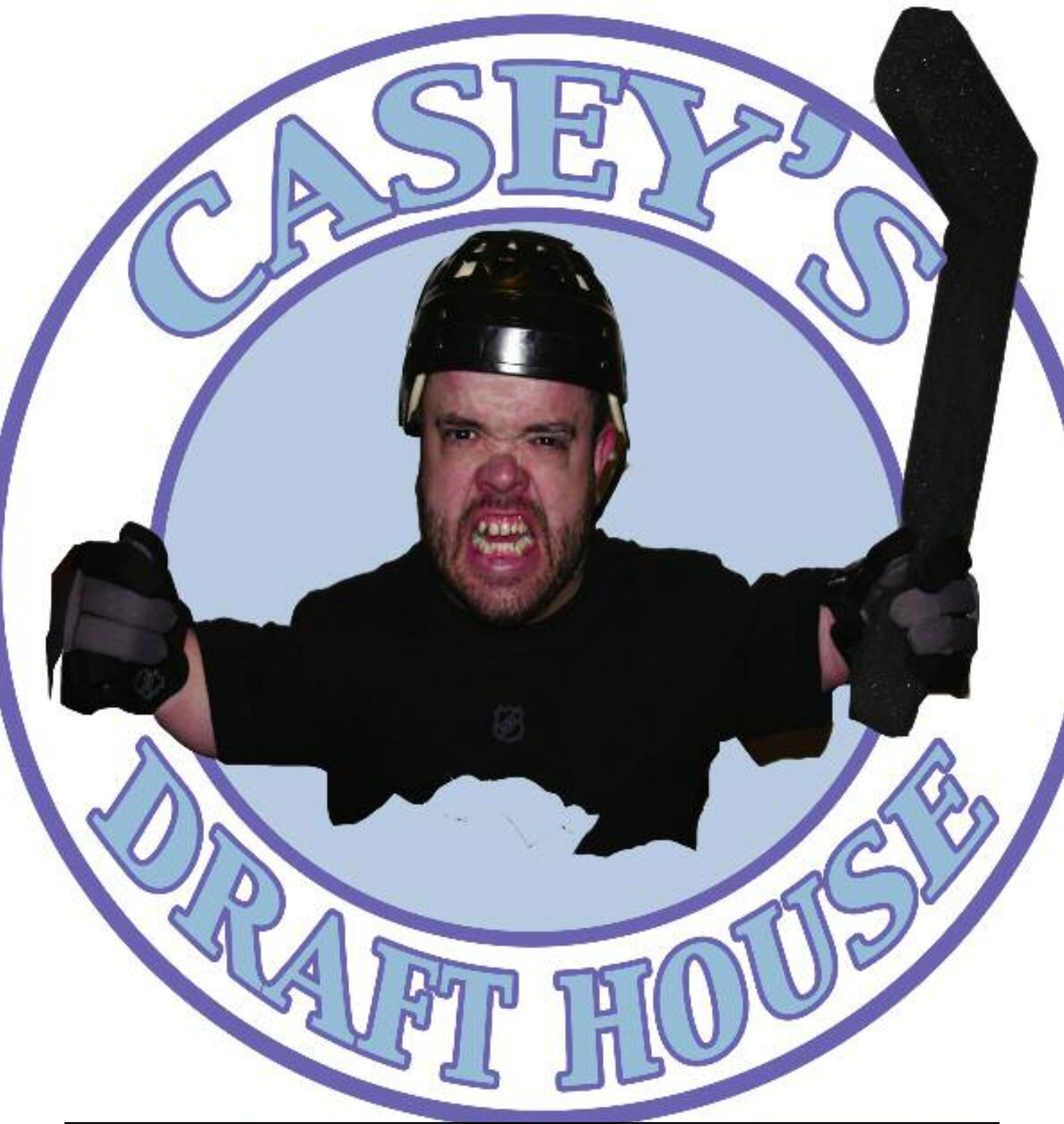
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