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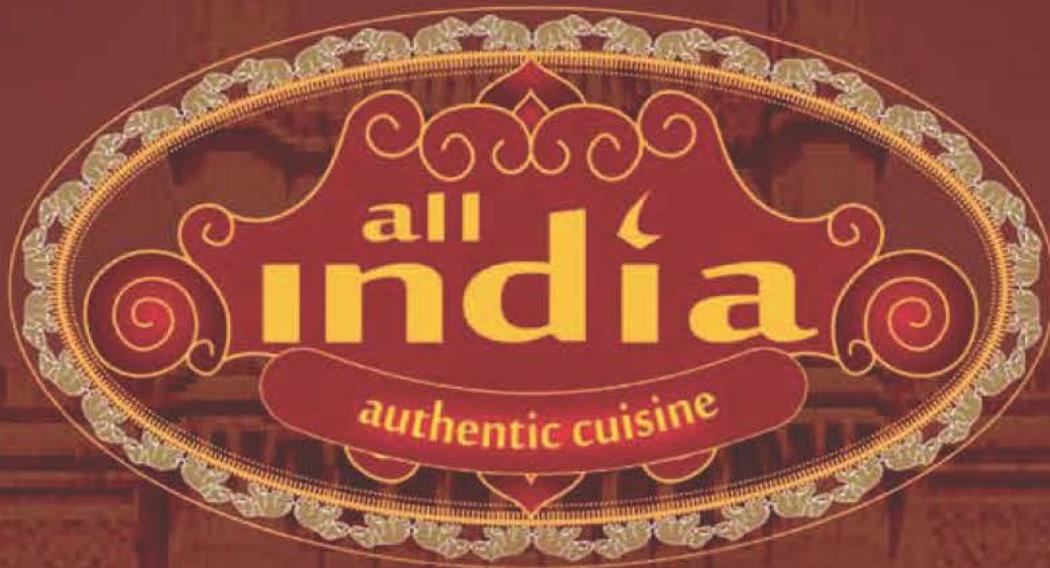
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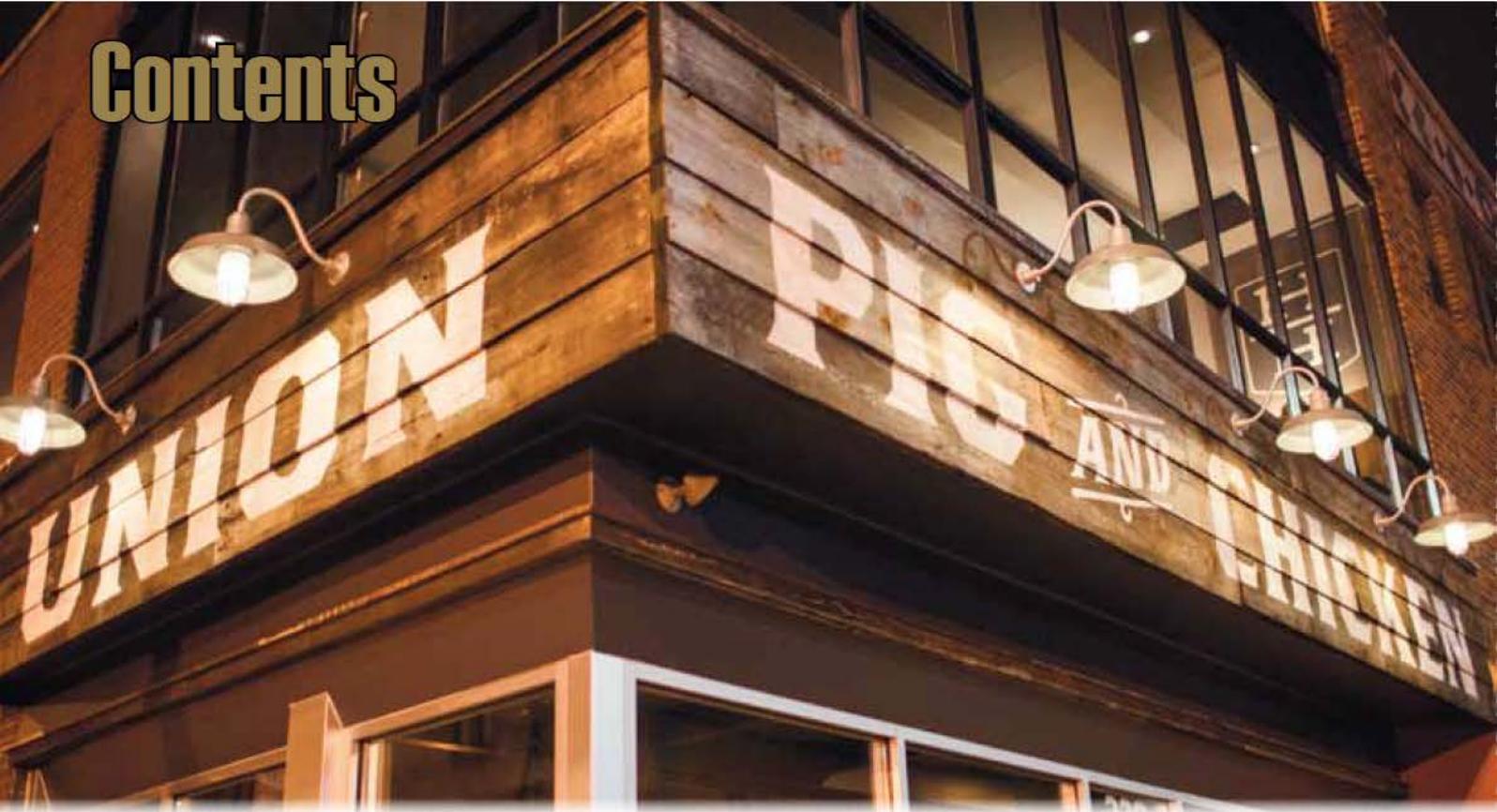
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Looking Even Better! Preparing For a Job Interview

By: Arnold Zegarelli

A person's appearance for a job interview should convey their desired image and do it with an air of confidence. When you know you look appropriately and together, your confidence will increase dramatically. If an employer has a choice between two equally qualified candidates, he or she will generally select the one who presents themselves more effectively.

Before the Interview, Follow the G-E-T Formula

G - GATHER

Gather information on the prospective employer's business and try to find out the typical dress code of the employees' who have a job description similar to the one for which you are applying.

E - EVALUTATE

Evaluate the hair, grooming (cosmetics and so on), clothing and accessories that you are going to combine for the statement you want your appearance to make. These four components, combined with your facial expression and body language, are the nonverbal signals that say so much about you before you open your mouth to say a word. In fact, many times a decision to hire you is made based upon your image as well as your qualifications.

T - TEST

Test the look with a practice session in front of a full-length mirror. Remember, looking appropriate means your image is congruent with the job's requirements. If you are applying for a traditional business position you will want to look outstanding

without standing out. If you are entering a highly creative or artistic vocation you may have more freedom in your choices, and you can then express your individuality more dramatically.

Factors that can damage your chances of being selected for a traditional position:

- **Unusual Hair Color or Styling**

Save the orange, pink or lavender colors for the Easter Bunny. The typical workplace will not be generally accepting of outrageous color or styling.

- **Too Much Makeup or Perfume**

If your cosmetics or perfume reach the interview before you do, you will already be at a disadvantage. Don't overwhelm, enhance.

- **Clothes Too Daring, Ill-Fitting or Not Fresh Looking**

Wear clothes and accessories that work well together plus fit you and the job. Visible tattoos and body piercings are perceived as young and irreverent and should generally be avoided or covered up. Shoes, handbags, jewelry, scarves, eyeglasses and so on all say something about your taste level, so select with great consideration. Less is better than too much, and fewer are better than too many; keep it simple.

CONCLUSION:

Your appearance should be an asset, not a distraction. You are your message, so send it with confidence. Looking even better for an interview increases the chance of getting the job you want.

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Sports - Opening Day - When Hope Springs Eternal

By: Stacy Kauffman Nightwire – Sports Feature Writer, Photos Courtesy MLB and Pittsburgh Pirates

Everyone is in first place. Anything can happen. Hope and the scent of freshly cut grass fill the air. That's the overwhelming sentiment that permeates each and every one of the thirty ball clubs and their fan bases as they take the field for the first time - when it counts. Everyone has zero losses. Everyone also has zero wins. Which means technically, everyone is also in last place. So what separates the teams that succeed from those that falter? The reasons are too many to mention. The past two seasons in Pittsburgh have gone a long way in proving you don't win pennants, division titles, wild card spots or even a winning record before the All-Star break. Having said that, Clint Hurdle's first two campaigns as skipper certainly provided a lot of excitement and hope for a Pirates fandom languishing over nearly the past two decades. Let's examine.

If Opening Day was any indication, the 2011 season was going to be a great one. Hometown product, Neil Walker, joined Roberto Clemente as the only two players in franchise history to hit a grand slam during the first game of the season as the Buccos beat the Cubs. As a matter of fact, Pirates Pitcher Jeff Karstens named that as his absolute favorite Opening Day memory when I polled some of the players. The Pirates entered the All-Star break above .500 for the first time since 1992. They had sole possession or at least a share of

first place in the National League Central several times, even as late as the 25th of July! Fans were feeling it. PNC Park was filling up game after game. Optimism was in the air for the first time since who knows when. And then . . . the infamous blown call by Jerry Meals happened. On July 26th, Meals virtually handed the Braves a 19-inning victory that many feel fueled the Pirates' tailspin to end the season, going 19-42 after that fateful day. But hey, at 72-90 they won more than 70 games for the first time since 2004, and had a taste of what winning baseball was like, right?

Building on that first half success, "FINISH" was the motto for the 2012 season, which was even more exciting with the club being able to sustain an even higher level of play for an even longer period of time. At a season-high 16 games over .500 in August, it looked as if this was the year they would really "FINISH" the season. Finally! On the 20th anniversary of their last winning campaign, this squad was going to end the 19-year losing streak. Fans could feel it in their bones. And then . . . another 19-inning marathon game, on August 19th against the St. Louis Cardinals. Except this time, the Pirates came out winners. 19 years of losing, 19-inning game on the 19th of August to reverse the curse of the 19-inning Jerry Meals debacle the year before! The symmetry of this has to be good juju for the Buccos, right? Wrong. A 12-29 record

the rest of the way cemented their 20th consecutive losing season, finishing with 79 wins. So close...

In 2011, the Pirates were competing through July. Last year, through August. This year? We will find out. What we do know is that progress is being made in changing the losing culture that has been a black eye on an otherwise storied franchise for so long. Regardless of what happened in previous years, Opening Day provides a clean slate. A "tabula rasa" as 17th century British philosopher, John Locke, would have put it. A blank season ready to be written on with the marks of extra inning heroics, come-from-behind wins and nail-biting, one run shutouts. It all starts on April Fools' Day, ironically enough.

Speaking of fools, I have a confession to make. I'm an Opening Day virgin. That's right. This sports lovin' girl has never attended a home opener at PNC Park, or anywhere. But this year I'm ready to pop that cherry! (Don't like...) The excitement of a new season can be felt through the television, so I'm stoked to be able to surround myself with it live as I experience my first Opening Day. On the other end of the spectrum, Henry Kauffman, my father-in-law, has been to countless home openers, including the last at Forbes Field, the first at Three Rivers Stadium as well as PNC Park, and says "I have made it a tradition to go with my son for years and now my grandson and son-in-law join



us. You are filled with such a good feeling that just gets better when you share the day with family. Everyone has a chance starting out and you think that this could be the year they go all the way. One of my favorite moments was at Forbes Field, when I actually touched Roberto Clemente's arm – you could go on the field those days after the game – he looked at me and smiled. I will never forget it or him.”

Mike Grosso of Hampton agrees it's a family thing. “I always go with my dad, and we touch the Stargell and Clemente statues, remembering the Pirate greats.”

Erik Nist of Fairhope, AL grew up a big Bucco fan. Just because he no longer lives in Pittsburgh doesn't mean he misses out on the festivities. He says his favorite Opening Day memory also involved his father. “Taking my dad to the inaugural game at PNC Park was a big deal because he was my coach as a kid and he taught me to play and love the game. I remember watching the tribute to Willie Stargell, looking around the stadium, realizing what a fantastic moment it was and I still think of it every Opening Day.”

Willie “Pops” Stargell died the morning of

that first home opener at PNC Park, which coincidentally was also the day his statue was unveiled at the left field entrance of the new ballpark. Patrick Dininny of Cranberry Township remembers that day vividly as well. “My most memorable moment would be both the excitement of the new park, but also the sadness of Pops passing away that very day.” Since the day he passed away, Stargell has stood larger than life, bronzed in time, a reminder of greatness that current players aspire to achieve.

Lots of hooky is played on Opening Day, that's for sure. Craig Ziobert of Youngstown, OH tries to make it to several games a year, but the one he never misses is the very first. “I always take off work or class to go and spend the morning on Federal Street soaking up the energy.”

Tom Martinelli of Pine Richland, aka Neil Walker-land, said, “A group of 30 of my closest buddies designated Opening Day as senior skip day my last year of high school and had a pretty awesome tailgate. I try to make it every year!”

Shannon Plue of Mt. Washington takes the opportunity to memorialize Opening

Day in his own way. “For the past eight years, I've taken a ball to the game and everyone I run into, whether it's tailgating, in the seats or even the beer vendors, signs it as a memento.” Danny Dickman of Ross Township partakes in the usual tailgate traditions and thinks, “Opening Day is the best day of the year. As a matter of fact, it should be a national holiday.”

I mean, we capitalize “Opening Day,” so why not? It's a celebration of Americana. Of a game that has shaped relationships, built character and provided an endless source of memories. It's time to make more of your own memories this year at where TripAdvisor has just dubbed “America's Best Ballpark.” Not that we here in Pittsburgh needed anyone to tell us that. We already knew.

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2013 GAME SCHEDULE

APRIL						
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	1 1:35	2	3 7:05	4 12:35	5 LAD 10:10	6 LAD 9:10
7 LAD 4:10	8 ARI 9:40	9 ARI 9:40	10 ARI 3:40	11	12 7:05	13 7:05
14 1:35	15 7:05	16 7:05	17 7:05	18 7:05	19 7:05	20 7:05
21 1:35	22 PHI 7:05	23 PHI 7:05	24 PHI 7:05	25 PHI 1:05	26 STL 8:15	27 STL 4:15
28 STL 2:15	29 MIL 8:10	30 MIL 8:10				

MAY						
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12 NYM 1:10	13 7:05	14 7:05	15 7:05	16 7:05	17 7:05	18 7:05
19 1:35	20	21 7:05	22 7:05	23 12:35	24 MIL 8:10	25 MIL 4:10
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21 CIN 1:10	22 WAS 7:05	23 WAS 7:05	24 WAS 7:05	25 WAS 12:35	26 MIA 7:10	27 MIA 7:10
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AUGUST						
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SEPTEMBER						
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 HOME AWAY INTERLEAGUE GAMES

2013 PROMO SCHEDULE

APRIL

- Mon April 1 Opening Day/Magnetic Schedule
- Wed April 3 Buc Night
- Fri April 12 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat April 13 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun April 14 Raise the Jolly Roger Flag/Kids Day
- Fri April 19 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat April 20 Andrew McCutchen Awards Bobblehead/Scratch'n Win
- Sun April 21 Let's Go Bucs Eco-Friendly Rally Towel/Kids Day

MAY

- Fri May 3 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat May 4 Scratch'n Win
- Sun May 5 Kids Pierogy Umbrella/Kids Day
- Fri May 17 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat May 18 A.J. Burnett Camo Jersey Bobblehead/Team PhotoFest/Scratch'n Win
- Sun May 19 Kids A.J. Burnett Replica Camo Jersey/Kids Day
- Fri May 31 Free Shirt Friday

JUNE

- Sat June 1 FanJam Post-Game Concert featuring Kool & The Gang/Heritage Celebration/Scratch'n Win
- Sun June 2 Kids Pirate Parrot Soap Dispenser/Kids Day
- Fri June 14 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat June 15 FanJam Post-Game Concert featuring Blues Traveler/Scratch'n Win
- Sun June 16 Kids & Dads Replica Sunday Alternate Cap/Kids Day
- Fri June 28 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat June 29 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun June 30 Kids Drawstring Backpack/Kids Day

JULY

- Fri July 12 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat July 13 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun July 14 Kids Tumbler Cup/Kids Day

AUGUST

- Fri Aug 2 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Aug 3 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun Aug 4 Kids Pedro Alvarez Replica Sunday Alternate Jersey/Kids Day
- Fri Aug 16 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Aug 17 New Replica Batting Practice Cap/Scratch'n Win
- Sun Aug 18 Kids Neil Walker Jersey Cooler Bag/Kids Day
- Fri Aug 30 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Aug 31 Skyblast featuring Zambelli Fireworks and Third Eye Blind in Concert/Scratch'n Win

SEPTEMBER

- Sun Sept 1 Kids Earbuds/Kids Day
- Fri Sept 13 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Sept 14 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun Sept 15 Kids Fathead Jr. Wall Decals/Kids Day
- Fri Sept 20 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Sept 21 Skyblast featuring Zambelli Fireworks and Neon Trees in Concert/2014 Magnetic Schedule/Scratch'n Win
- Sun Sept 22 Pirates Fleece Scarf/Kids Day

All Fans First 25,000 Fans All Kids Age 14 & Younger All Kids Age 14 & Younger and Dads
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PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

Kunitz & His Career Year Fuels

March to the Playoffs

photos: Pittsburgh Penguins, NHL

By: Stacy Kauffman Nightwire – Sports Feature Writer

Along with that other guy, what's his name? Oh yeah . . . Sidney Crosby. As of March 21st these line mates are top three in the NHL scoring race with Crosby leading the way at 50 points and Kunitz tied for second with Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos at 40 points. The Pens' Captain would be on pace for 132 points if this were the full tilt of 82 games. What's even more amazing than his post-concussion production is how he makes everyone around him better. Namely, the aforementioned Kunitz, or "Kuni" as he's affectionately called.

With 18 goals and 22 assists through 31 games played, Chris Kunitz is on pace for 62 points in a truncated 48 game campaign. In a regular season, he would be on pace for 106 points! He leads the league with a plus/minus of plus-24, and if we extrapolate again to a full slate of games, he would finish at plus-63. He has a four-goal game under his belt along with another three-goal game where the ice at Consol Energy Center was showered with flying sock monkeys, the only "sock monkey trick" in franchise history.

Not too shabby for an undrafted free agent, eh? If you were wondering, Kuni's NHL career highs are 61 points, 26 goals and a plus-23. This sturdy winger who hasn't missed a game due to injury since March 2011 is indeed enjoying a career year.

But this march to the playoffs is not just a two-man show. Overshadowed by his line mates, Pascal Dupuis has quietly rung up 14 goals, 21 points and is a plus-18. Winger James Neal joins Kunitz in the top five goal scorers in the league with 17. Marc-Andre Fleury leads all goalies in wins with 16. And they are currently riding a ten-game winning streak, the longest in the Eastern Conference so far this season. The Penguins are the first team in NHL history to have a winning streak of ten games or more in three consecutive years. This is all without the reigning league MVP, Evgeni Malkin, on the ice regularly as he has missed ten of the 31 games played due to injury.

It hasn't all been rainbows and roses, however. One of the team's glaring weaknesses, even as they kept winning, was a defense that had more holes than the PGA Tour. It's a good thing the Pens have had the highest scoring offense so far this season, with a 3.48 goals per game average, as the snipers had to pick up the slack for their inconsistent defensive effort. To date, they've allowed four or more goals nine times, nearly a third of the season. And although their power play has been consistently tops in the league, currently cashing in at a 24.4% clip, the penalty kill has put them in a predicament or two . . . or ten. Killing off penalties just 79.6% of the time will do that to ya.

The good news is that it looks like the Penguins are shoring up the defensive side of the puck of late, giving up just six goals in their last six contests. Much beleaguered last year, defenseman Paul Martin has had a defensive resurgence, not to mention he's matched his career high already with six goals scored and has been an integral part of their success on the power play.

As the Penguins head down the home stretch, they will be adding Malkin as well as the NHL point leader for defensemen, Kris Letang, who has been out with a lower body injury, back in the mix. Not to mention that rookie Beau Bennett, who has eight points in his first 16 NHL games and isn't afraid to muck it up, will only get better as the shifts go by. An already strong, deep team is about to get stronger and deeper. The rest of the league is hereby put on notice. These Penguins are poised to march all over the competition. LET'S GO PENS!



Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Pittsburgh International Children's Festival, May 15-19, 2013

The Pittsburgh International Children's Theater, a division of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, presents the Pittsburgh International Children's Festival, Wednesday, May 15, through Sunday, May 19, 2013 at the University of Pittsburgh theaters and Schenley Plaza. Programming will showcase international and local theater premieres, including a brand new interactive luminarium installation from Architects of Air (UK). Giant Eagle is the lead sponsor of the 2013 Pittsburgh International Children's Festival. Additional partners include Citiparks, University of Pittsburgh School of Arts & Sciences, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh Parks Conservatory.

The Festival will feature performances and artwork by artists from the U.S. and around the globe, including Australia, Russia, Ireland, and the UK. "The 27th annual Pittsburgh International Children's Festival presents a wide variety of unique performances and is a way for people to see many shows back-to-back or over the span of a few days," comments Pamela K. Lieberman, Manager of Children's Theater Programming with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and Executive Director of Pittsburgh International Children's Theater. "It highlights a combination of art forms that are inspiring, not only for children, but for adults as well."

Charlotte Blake Alston, featured narrator and story teller of *African Pourquoi Tales*, provides an interactive experience by tweaking her stories based on the audience's participation and according to Lieberman, her performances are "engaging and amazing." In addition, Alston is PennPAT funded, allowing her to make the most of every performance.

Back by popular demand, *Aga-Boom* (Russia/USA) returns to the festival and will delight audiences

with their art of clowning, comedy and theater performance.

This year's Festival will feature extended hours for the evening shows on Friday, May 18 & Saturday, May 19. Friday evening performances include *Aga-Boom* and *Dinosaur Zoo* at 6 p.m.; Saturday performances include *Dinosaur Zoo* at 5 p.m., and *The Girl Who Forgot to Sing Badly* and *African Pourquoi Tales* at 6:16 p.m.

In addition to the featured ticketed performances, the Festival will include free hands-on academic, cultural and international activities, as well as performances at the free outdoor Community Stages located in Schenley Plaza and on the front lawn of the Carnegie Library. Free outdoor activities and performances are 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For information and tickets, visit the Box Office at Theater Square, www.PghKids.org or call 412-456-6666. Ticket packages and single tickets are available. Children ages 2 and under are admitted free but require a lap pass for theater performances. Groups of 10 or more, please call 412-471-6930. Festival hours are Wed-Thurs.: 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Fri., Sat. and Sun.: 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. To ensure everyone is able to engage in the art pieces, all performances are fully handicapped accessible.

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 Festival is one of only four international children's festivals in the nation. www.Pghkids.org

A few of the featured performances of the 2013 Pittsburgh International Children's Festival include:

Dinosaur Zoo (Erth Visual & Physical Inc., Australia) Bellefield Hall Auditorium, single ticket \$8; Ages 5 and up, Performances May 15: 9:45 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.; May 16: 9:45 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.; May 17: 9:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.; May 18: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.; May 19: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. Erth's *Dinosaur Zoo* transports you to the Australian outback where a rugged ranger and trusty dino keeper introduce you to a menagerie of Mesozoic monsters from around the world. Operated by supremely skilled puppeteers, every dino responds instantly to the audience for an intimate, authentic encounter. You just might find yourself over 65 million and a half a world away!

Aga-Boom (1 to 1 Entertainment, Russia/USA) Charity Randall Theatre, single tickets: \$8; Ages 3 and up, Performances May 17: 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; May 18: 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.; May 19: 9:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m. Jump head-first into unbridled silliness with the clown clean-up crew—three former stars of *Cirque du Soleil*, *Ringling Brothers* and the *Moscow Circus*. Rooted in the unique style of theatrical clowning, *Aga-Boom* brings together the best traditions of circus arts, physical comedy and European avant-garde. Get ready for a live-action cartoon, exploding with sophisticated slapstick, outlandish chases and the most chaotic finale ever.

African Pourquoi Tales (Charlotte Blake Alston, USA) Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, single tickets \$8; Ages 5-10, Performances May 15: 11:30 a.m.; May 16: 9:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.; May 17: 9:45 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.; May 18: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.; May 19: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. There are tales that make you say, "Hmmm, Why?" You may find yourself asking, "What will Turtle do next?" and "What would I do in that situation?". This tradition followed Africans to America where Brier Rabbit, Brier Fox and company were born. Come listen, laugh, join in, tap your finger on your temple and say "Hmmm?", then go back to your classroom (or back to your home) and talk!

Exxopolis (Architects of Air, Nottingham, UK) Mazeroski Field, single tickets \$8; All ages, Entry every half hour May 15-16: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; May 17-19: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Artist Alan Parkinson is back for the third year in a row in celebration of Architects of Air's 20th anniversary! *Exxopolis* takes its inspiration from natural geometry and architecture. The completed structure occupies half of a soccer field and rises to the height of a 3-story house! This giant structure will astonish you with its colorful domes and beautiful stained glass effects. This is a work of art that must be seen to be believed!



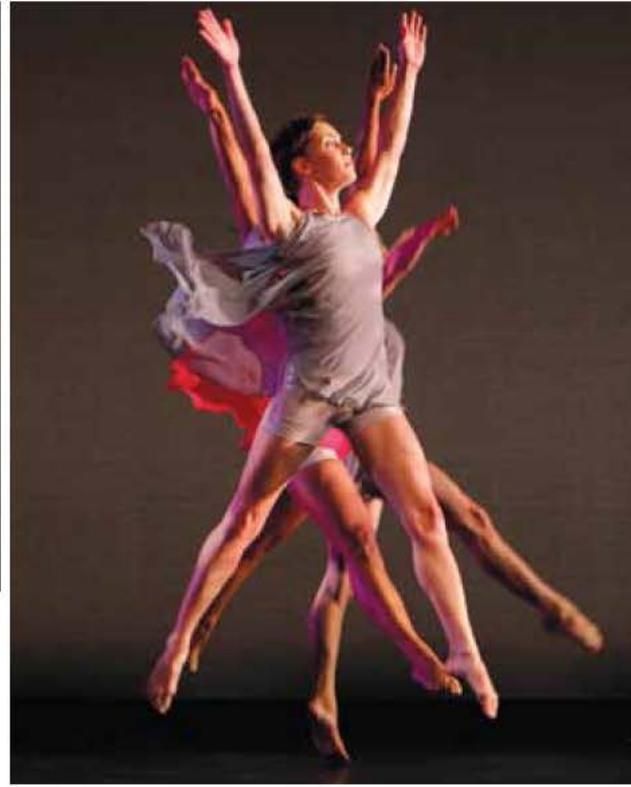
Mark Morris Dance Group

Pittsburgh Dance Council, a division of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, will present world renowned Mark Morris Dance Group at the Byham Theater, on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 8:00 p.m.

Mark Morris Dance Group will perform three works: "The Muir", "Petrichor" and "The Festival Dance". The Muir (premiered in June 27, 2010) features six dancers with various music and Ludwig van Beethoven's arrangements to a collection of Irish and Scottish folk songs. Petrichor (premiered Oct. 14, 2010; title refers to the scent left behind after rain) features eight female dancers and is composed to a series of string quartets by composer Heitor Villa-Lobos. The Festival Dance (premiered March 17, 2011) is performed by 12 dancers to Piano Trio No.5, a Bohemian folk dance work composed by Johann Nepomuk Hummel. All three pieces were choreographed after the music had been chosen, a practice unique to Morris in all of his works.

Mark Morris has spent his life surrounded by the arts. First he learned music then he learned dance, both of which he pursued passionately. After graduation he spent time in Europe studying the flamenco. Moving to New York City was a major step for Morris that gave him the opportunity to perform with various companies. These experiences allowed him to develop his own style, creating dances in a rented studio space until the founding of Mark Morris Dance Group in Brooklyn, New York in 1980.

Mark Morris is best known for his great accomplishments with his own dance company, his unique style begins with a score. Creating entire dances based on music might seem backwards but it is a technique that transforms the language of dance. He has also worked with many ballet companies, and received eleven honorary doctorates. Along with these doctorates Mark Morris has received countless other awards recognizing his excellence including; the Benjamin Franklin Creativity Laureate Award in 2012 and in 2010 received the Leonard Bernstein Lifetime Achievement Award for the Elevation of Music in Society.



Saturday May 4, 2013 at the Byham Theater

One reporter, Gia Kourlas, for The New York Times pointed out, "That Mr. Morris reveals his musical sophistication through barefoot modern dancing is what gives his choreography such primal elegance. Whether the effect is joyful, bombastic or as quiet as can be, the connective tissue is rhythm: the way a melody might hook its way into a foot and lengthen out through the opposite shoulder. He finds ways to make bodies sing all the notes, not just the high ones."

Mark Morris Dance Group travels internationally, striking the world with their melodic moves. Working only with live accompaniment in practice and performance MMDG strives to fully incorporate the human element into each work they produce. In 1988 MMDG was asked to travel to Belgium's Theatre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels in order to accept a three-year residence as the national dance company.

Since accepting this honor and completing the residency, Mark Morris Dance Group has returned to New York where they continue to create innovations in modern dance. Morris has created over 130 works for his dance group. With an extensive repertoire this company is not only inventing new works but reinventing their previous dances! A performance by the MMDG can promise a unique expression of human dance, accompanied by live music, and humorous innuendoes to lighten the mood.

Tickets (\$19-\$48) may be purchased at the Box Office at Theater Square, online at www.TrustArts.org, or by calling (412) 456-6666. Subscribe to the 2013-2014 Dance Council season by calling (412) 456-1390 or online at www.TrustArts.org/dance.



DINING: Union Pig and Chicken by: Suz Pizano, Photos by Man Nguyen

Pittsburgh is known for a lot of things- football, Heinz products, pierogies & Primanti's sandwiches. Barbeque has certainly not been one of them- until now. Chef Kevin Sousa has opened a concept restaurant serving up delicious barbeque at Union Pig & Chicken and you must give it a try. Nightwire visited this awesome spot and I can't wait to tell you about our experience!

Located on Highland Avenue in the heart of East Liberty, Union Pig & Chicken offers a menu with what seems like an unlimited possibility of combinations and flavors. The concept is simplicity created with great ingredients. Serving only 5 kinds of meats- Pork Shoulder (\$12), St. Louis ribs (half \$16/full \$22), Brisket (\$13), BBQ chicken (half \$11/full \$17), Fried Chicken (half \$11/full \$17) and a nice selection of sides from the best corn bread I've ever had, to coleslaw, greens, baked beans and mac & cheese. You could literally eat there a lot and never have the same thing twice. Meats are presented with three different house made sauces - a tomato based barbeque sweetened with sugar and flavored with a little bourbon, an apple cider vinegar with dried chile and maple, and my personal favorite- the habanero which definitely adds a kick. Multiple sauces make up interesting combinations, so don't be afraid to try more than one sauce at a time! The preparation of the meats are definitely the key to their success. Each meat has a specific time consuming preparation whether it be a dry rub on the ribs, which are cooked low & slow or the smoked brisket. Sauces compliment the meat and it might take a few try's or a few combinations to find your favorite.

On the evening that Nightwire visited, we quickly determined that this is a really fun restaurant if you like sharing. We love sharing and recommending to each other different combinations of flavor. My suggestion- take a few friends and order family style. We tried almost everything on the menu. The brisket and the ribs rivaled each other as the favorite by our group. I, of course, loved everything including the pork shoulder which was very tender & moist. The BBQ chicken was also moist and delicious - a perfect canvas for the different sauces.

Manny, our resident photographer, loves mac & cheese and at Union Pig & Chicken. He had the plain mac & cheese and the meaty mac which has a bit of brisket mixed in the creamy cheesy dish. I couldn't pick a favorite mac & cheese but I really enjoyed the baked beans, greens and cornbread. The cornbread is buttery and so delicious that I took the 2 bites that I couldn't finish home

with me! It's that good. The cole slaw is fresh and crisp with the perfect balance of creamy and crunch.

Combos are also offered if you're not with a sharing group, dining alone and definitely want some leftovers to go. Order your choice of Ribs + Pork + Brisket (\$20), or any 2 from (Ribs/Pork/Brisket) + Side + Cornbread (\$20). You can also substitute half BBQ / Fried chicken for any combo meat (\$5). The Nightwire crew had leftovers & I can attest that everything was super good the next day!

Lunch is served at Union Pig & Chicken from 11am to 2:30pm, BBQ Sandwich (Chicken/Pork/Brisket) + Side + Fountain Drink (\$10) or 1/4 fried Chicken (White/Dark) + Side + Fountain drink (\$7). Lunch certainly seems like a great value for such awesome real food.

Upstairs of Union Pig & Chicken, Harvard & Highland serves up delicious cocktails, which can be enjoyed in a lounge-like atmosphere. The owner looks forward to expanding and opening





From L to R Sides - Cornbread, Greens, Slaw Middle: Mac & Cheese, St. Louis Ribs -
Right: Baked Beans, BBQ Chicken, Pork Shoulder

a billiards room, which will add to the casual atmosphere. You can order a craft beer, choose from a nice selection of bourbons, ryes & whiskies upstairs or downstairs. Servers are very knowledgeable about cooking processes so don't be afraid to ask questions if you'd like a cocktail or whiskey pairing.

We sampled the H&H Sour (\$9) Bourbon, Maple, Lemon, Egg White, Tiki Bitters – this drink is by far the best Whiskey Sour I had ever had, with its foamy egg white on top.. yummy! Next we sampled A Common Plot of Land (\$10) Bourbon, Rye, Luxardo, Smoked Onion Fernet Branca (an Italian bitter) served with a brandy soaked grape. The Common Plot is a twist on an old favorite a Manhattan and it truly was an amazing drink. We also sampled Vital Statistics (\$11) which features Calvados, Bonal Gentiane-Quina, Benedictine, Ango, this drink was over the top and definitely all three drinks were ones we will definitely go back and order. Can't wait to try some of the other specialty cocktails all made with top shelf liquor and house made syrups and fresh ingredients.



Owner & Chef, Kevin Sousa



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Union Pig & Chicken is open daily: Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., bar until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 1 a.m., bar until 2 a.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., bar until 11 p.m. Sunday brunch offers Chicken & Waffles & I cannot wait to get there to give that a try!

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California Cider Company - Ace Ciders by Dale Zupsansky

ACE ciders are made by the California Cider Company of Sebastopol, CA in the Russian River Area that is now Pinot Noir country. It used to be California's largest apple growing area and is famous for the Gravenstein apple. ACE ciders are California's original cidery and the largest cidery on the West Coast, currently producing over 1 million gallons. The company is family-owned by the House family and is the largest independent cidery in the USA, growing at 60 percent per year. Jeffrey House started the company in 1994 after losing Blackthorn cider from the U.K. to Miller Brewing.

The company makes its ACE ciders from local apples, a mixture of six different varieties of dessert apples, which are pressed and fermented using a champagne yeast for two weeks. Then they filter the ciders four times to remove all yeast and solids. Then it is decided whether to make ACE PERRY, ACE APPLE, ACE JOKER, ACE BERRY, ACE APPLE HONEY, or ACE PUMPKIN. With a five percent alcohol by volume base they add back natural juices, pear, apple, berry, honey or spices. They are then kegged or bottled. The process takes about a month. The ciders are fermented, not brewed, making apple wines with carbon dioxide spritz.

The company prides itself on not using anything artificial,

making ACE Ciders all natural, gluten free and vegan friendly (apart from ACE APPLE HONEY). They are clean, refreshing and a low alcohol alternative to the high alcohol of wine and heaviness of beer. Other ciders have fructose or artificial sugars added to them. Many of Ace's competitors use artificial ingredients. They





can be distinguished by near-transparent colorings and candy-like flavorings.

Currently, there are six varieties ACE ciders offer. In chronological order: Apple, Perry, Berry, Apple Honey, Joker, Pumpkin. Apple Honey and Pumpkin are seasonal with the Apple Honey in the winter-spring and pumpkin in the fall-winter.

ACE PERRY is the company's most popular cider and is the leading Perry in the United States with a four percent market share of the U.S. cider market. It has pear juice and real vanilla in it. Like all Ace Ciders, they use an apple juice base. The apple juice is fermented using Champagne Yeast. Then Pear Juice is added as well as a touch of Madagascar Vanilla for smoothness.

The JOKER is dry like champagne at seven percent alcohol by volume. It is a 6.9 percent alcohol by volume dry apple champagne cider. Ace Joker is a unique cider because it is fermented twice using champagne yeast to achieve a higher alcohol content. This cider is left dry, crisp, and clean.

THE ACE APPLE tastes like a sauvignon blanc while ACE APPLE HONEY has Sonoma Wildflower honey added to it and is a bit like a mead in taste. To make this cider, apple juice is fermented using Champagne Yeast. Then more apple juice is added to sweeten. Ace Apple is slightly dry and natural tasting.

THE ACE BERRY has real blackberry and raspberry fruit in it and is a bit sweeter. ACE Berry, like all Ace Ciders, we use an apple juice base. The apple juice is fermented using Champagne Yeast. Then we add blackberry, raspberry, and strawberry juices to sweeten.

THE ACE PUMPKIN is a smooth full-bodied cider with an allspice pumpkin aroma and an orangey hue. Ciders pair well with pork dishes and all spicy foods, especially Thai, Chinese and BBQ.





by Dale Zupsansky

Today, microbrews, breweries and other sorts of small-scale beer manufacturers can be found just about anywhere – whether it's at a local restaurant that also dubs itself a brewery or a friend who brews in his basement, throws some fancy labels on it and takes it to a party for friends to sample.

However, 30 years ago even a common craft beer by today's standards (such as Samuel Adams), wasn't available on tap at your local pub. Only large-scale brewers were common in your average bar. Today, things could not be more different, but back then nobody could have imagined the brewing industry would have turned into what it is today.

In 1990, George Stranahan opened the Flying Dog Brewpub in Woody Creek, a small town outside of Aspen, Colorado. In 1994, through a joint venture with another craft brewery, Flying Dog opened a full-fledged production brewery in Denver. The brewery was co-founded by George's longtime friend and partner, Richard McIntyre.

In early 2000, the Woody Creek brewpub closed and Flying Dog began to look east as sales East of the Mississippi and in Western Europe skyrocketed. The original brewery in Denver was also in need of major repair and was about half the size of Flying Dog's current brewery. Then the owners stumbled upon the now defunct Frederick Brewing Company in 2006, which is where Flying Dog's current brewery is located, and decided to move production to Frederick, Maryland. During the transition, the company produced beer in both Denver and Frederick, but closed the Denver brewery by 2007. Now, every drop of Flying Dog beer is produced in Frederick and the

brewery continues to have record sales each year.

Flying Dog has become well known for its affiliation with outlaw Gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson and Ralph Steadman, a prolific artist who has produced thousands of groundbreaking and influential works during the last 45 years. Long before he founded Flying Dog, George rented Owl Farm, Hunter's "fortified compound" in Woody Creek, to Hunter. They became fast friends and regularly got together to talk politics, drink beer, watch football, shoot guns, and experiment with explosives – all activities you can imagine Hunter enjoying in his spare time. When George decided to open the Flying Dog Brewpub, Hunter suggested that he ask Ralph – his long-time collaborator on books and articles for Rolling Stone, Playboy, and more – to do the label artwork. His greatest contribution to Flying Dog, Hunter introduced George to Ralph in 1995 and Ralph has been working with the brewery ever since.

In 1995, Ralph created the artwork for the Doggie Style Pale Ale, which eventually morphed into the company's logo. Back then, Doggie Style was one of the most aggressive pale ales in the market and, combined with Ralph's inimitable style, made it really stand out on shelves. Doggie Style Pale Ale is dry hopped with Cascade, Simcoe, and Citra hops grown in the Pacific Northwest. Doggie Style has enough hop character to satisfy hop-heads, but is balanced by sweet Caramel malt..Doggie Style Pale Ale was named the #1 American Pale Ale in the U.S. by The New York Times in 2010.

Seasonal brews have become very popular over the years and Flying Dog's Woody Creek Belgian White, which pays homage to the small town where Flying Dog began, is hitting shelves now. Woody Creek is a traditional Belgian White, which involves brewing it with coriander and orange peel. It is one of the few beers Flying Dog brews that has more than the four standard ingredients of beer (water, hops, malt and yeast). The brew's citrus, subtle wheat, coriander, and orange flavors pair well with light cheeses, Asian foods with wasabi and ginger, light shellfish, and fruity desserts. Woody Creek is light and refreshing for a reason, so be careful not to overpower it with heavy foods.

New brews at Flying Dog include Bloodline Blood Orange IPA, which was brewed exclusively for the 2013 Craft Brewers Conference (and a collaborative project with Reyes Beverage Group), Bloodline is an intensely-hopped IPA brewed with Blood Orange peel and juice. According to Brewmaster Matt Brophy, the result is a flavor profile that harnessed the best aspects of both the hops (Warrior, Citra, and Galaxy) and the citrus. He and his brewing team are very fond of hop-based citrus aromas, so experimenting with actual citrus was a natural extension of that.

Another new beer unveiled earlier in 2013 is Flying Dog's Single Hop Imperial IPA with El Dorado. The El Dorado hop was first bred between 20 and 25 years ago by a USDA research program for eventual use by Anheuser-Busch. Once mature, A-B played with it for a few years and eventually dropped the variety. A sole grower in Moxee Valley, a northern district of the famed Yakima Valley, kept the variety in the ground over the years and in 2010, harvested a mere 1.5 acres. That same year, during hop selection at the Great American Beer Festival, Brewmaster Matt Brophy was introduced to El Dorado and immediately drawn to its pungent dried fruit (think apricot and pineapple) aroma.

Bold enough to stand on its own with in this Single Hop Imperial IPA, those fruit aromas and flavors shine through, along with a fresh-cut grass crispness and clean, dry finish. The beer was first released on draft last year and has since returned and is available on draft and in 6-packs now.

"I think the most exciting beers we are producing are our Brewhouse Rarities series," explained Mr. Brophy. "It is a series of edgy, experimental brews that are born from various Flying Dog team members. These are mostly draft releases that come out each month." The 2013 Brewhouse Rarities include Chipotle Dark Ale, Green Tea Imperial Stout, Pumpnickel IPA, Big Black Wit, Easy IPA, Pineapple Saison; Belgian Devil, Roggen, Vineyard Blonde (brewed with local Vidal Blanc grapes), Orchard Ale (brewed with local apples), and Cinnamon Porter.

Mr. Brophy added: "Also exciting is the remaining beers in our Single Hop Imperial series. This year, we have four beers each with the same base recipe and the only variable is the hop in each one. The next Single Hop Imperial IPA will feature Citra and will be released in April." Each Single Hop Imperial IPA clocks in at 10% ABV and 70 IBUs. The same grist bill – with Rye, Cara-Pils, and Biscuit specialty malts – is used for each style to let each hop variety shine through. All of the 2013 releases are available on draft and in 12 oz. bottle 6-packs in the mid-Atlantic region.

"Good Beer, No Shit." Located in Frederick, MD, Flying Dog is Maryland's largest brewery. As its tagline proclaims, Flying Dog is committed to producing world-class craft beer and continues

to push the envelope with experimental and limited-edition releases. Recent accolades include Doggie Style Classic Pale Ale ranked as the #1 American Pale Ale in the U.S. by The New York Times and Raging Bitch Belgian-Style IPA named one of the best new beers in 2010 by multiple sources. For more information, please visit www.flyingdogbrewery.com.

The other members of the Flying Dog Pack that are available in Western PA at your favorite Craft Beer retailers are Double Dog Imperial Lager, Gonzo Imperial Porter, In Heat Wheat, Raging Bitch Belgo IPA, Snake Dog IPA, Underdog Atlantic Lager, Wildemans Farmhouse IPA and the Shock & Awe Variety Pack. Also, coming soon is the Pearl Necklace Oyster Stout as a new member of the Pack. Flying Dog is distributed in Western PA by Frank Fuhrer Wholesale Co. For more information call 412-488-8845 or like the Fuhrer Craft Specialty Division on Facebook (please use symbol) PintsOverPittsburgh or follow us on Twitter at @PintsOverPGH.





Jeff Walewski – Owner of Sharp Edge Restaurants

Food Pairing and Cooking with Beer
Here at the Sharp Edge Restaurants we have been pairing and cooking with beer for almost 20 years. We have cooked, baked, sautéed and drank many food dishes serving up everything from beer infused soup's, juicy mussels, rich tasteful sauces and salad dressings, to our famous cheesecakes baked with fruitful lambic beers. We may have been cooking with beer a long time but in Belgian cooking with beer is their own style of gourmet foods that have been around for centuries. I will try to give you some guidelines on cooking and pairing foods but you should experiment and make what you like and while you are at it you must have a beer or 2 to make it more fun!

There is a simple way to start pairing and cooking with beer if you can divide beer into their 2 categories, Ales or Lagers. Given the depth and complexity

of Ales, they go best with your hardy foods such as meats, bbq's, pasta's and roasted foods. Lagers are a lighter style of beer and goes best with shellfish, cheeses, non-root vegetables, and broth soups. When you break down the ales and lagers even further beers like IPA's go best with heavy foods that are little bit more lively to match the complexities of a hoppy, bitter beer. Hefeweizens have a citrus taste to them so foods that are Asian type, soups, salads, and vegetarian dishes pair the best. Stout beers can go best with food such as smoked foods, sausages, stews, and chocolate. Fruit beers work best with desserts or even a salad with soft cheese. Some beers do not even need a food pairing, it can be a food course all by itself, beers such as barleywines, Belgian Abbey Dubbels and Triples, Imperial stouts, or any beer with an alcohol content of 12% or greater will



give you that brandy aperitif that your taste buds look for after a fantastic dinner. When cooking with beers you can use the same examples, just make sure that the taste of the beer does not overpower the taste of your food that you are cooking with.

It is best to experiment with different combinations as you may find out that some of the beers that you were not to crazy about drinking may now be the perfect pairing or to be cooked with your food. The best way to know what you will like is just to relax and have a beer to figure what works best for you.



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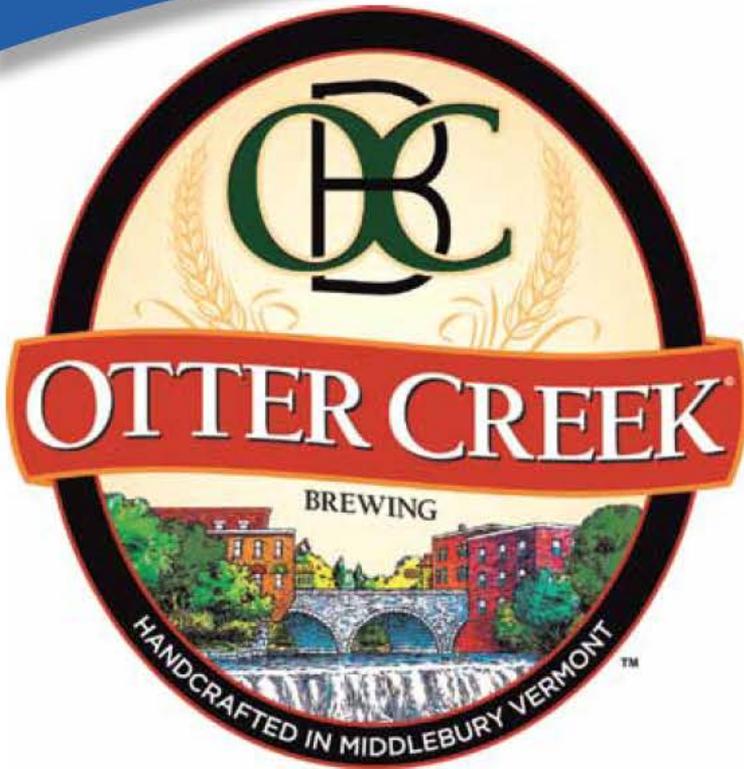
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Otter Creek Brewing

by Sean Creevey



Tucked away in the most brewery-dense state, there lies a precious gem unlike any other. In the town of Middlebury, Vermont, Otter Creek Brewing Company reigns supreme.

Vermont has the highest number of craft breweries per capita in the country, so you could say the locals have some experience with craft brews. This craft-brew-educated audience requires the local breweries to maintain a high level of quality and ingenuity if they want to stay alive. With twenty years of brewing experience, Otter Creek Brewing has proven itself time and time again. Not only is Otter Creek created out of Middlebury, but there are two other brands coming out from under the same roof. Otter Creek is brewed right alongside Wolaver's Organic and The Shed brands, all with their own unique history, style and practice. Just in case it wasn't impressive enough to have three starkly different lines of brews coming out of one building, the whole operation is run by one man. To the beer drinkers of Vermont, this man, Mike Gerhart, is more than your typical brewmaster: he's a rock star. Mike manages to give all his brands the care and attention that is needed in order to produce quality craft brews. The seemingly impossible task of having organic and non-organic side by side in the same building is masterfully tackled and executed with organization, dedication and grace. By the sagely practices and knowledge that Mike gives to Otter Creek there is more than a brewery under his control; Otter Creek Brewing Company is a trifecta of brewing ingenuity and craftsmanship, mimicked by many, mastered by Mike.

History

The beauty of Otter Creek is their ability to grow and still feel like the brewery you knew and loved all those years ago. Their consistency with staying true to their local roots in the face of

expansion allows for us Pennsylvanians to reap the delicious benefits. Otter Creek began brewing their Copper Ale in 1991, limited only to a local audience. Then, only four years later, in 1995, they had outgrown their operation and moved down the road to their current location. It's here that they really started to come into their own. Since their relocation they have been consistently upgrading and expanding, moving out of the Vermont scene and now distributing to fifteen states. Even now, as I write this, the expansion continues with brand new fermentation tanks being added to the facility to up their capacity by approximately 10,000 barrels. What's more is that they are also acquiring a new, custom-made, filler that will make the brewery state-of-the-art and allow more of their tasty beverages to reach our thirsty mouths. However, with all this technological advancement and increase in production, Otter Creek hasn't lost touch with their roots. They've stayed true to being a local brewery, maintaining a high level of environmental and social awareness, never losing sight of the community that made them who they are today.

Wolaver's is the organic line coming out from under the Otter Creek roof. What really makes Wolaver's special is that it's all organic, and I mean completely organic. Wolaver's was the first USDA certified all organic brewery and was all organic before it became a trend. Somewhere along the way "organic" became synonymous with less flavor, or otherwise generally lacking something that their non-organic counterparts had. The reality of Wolaver's is the complete opposite of this idea; the organic pieces to the beer puzzle actually lend a hand to having some of the best and purest brews around. Wolaver's came to be at Otter Creek because of the quality of the production that was





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FINE ORGANIC ALES

coming out of Otter Creek at the time. Now you might ask yourself how can part of a brewery be organic and another not? Well it just so happens that Otter Creek is so meticulously organized that everything is clearly marked and separated, that it doesn't hinder the operation of any of the brands under their roof.

The Shed, long a staple of locals and hard-core skiers, has not always been with Otter Creek either. The Shed was a restaurant and brewpub on the access road to the largest mountain in the state. The elusive Mountain Ale and IPA were sought after and only able to be drunk outside of the pub in growler form, and it was through this that the popularity of Shed grew. Eventually the original owner wanted to retire, but he didn't want to just abandon Shed to the highest bidder, he wanted someone who would treat it with the same amount of care and the right philosophy. Oh, and of course, he wanted it to stay local—that's where Otter Creek comes in; they purchased the brand, the building, the recipes and hired their brewer. They remained in tap form until last year when they started filling bottles and putting them in six-packs. Now they ship their delicious nectar to New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

Brews

Each of the Otter Creek, Wolaver and Shed brands has something unique to offer to quench those thirsty pallets; some time-tested, some testing the waters and some looking to be tested by you!

Otter Creek's Copper Ale is a local classic, being the first beer brewed by Otter Creek back in 1991. Copper Ale is an altbier (German brown ale) that nails the ratio of body and drinkability. A pure copper color with plenty of caramel malt notes is perfectly balanced with a slight hop taste. A classic, time-tested brew that's perfect during a Pens' game when you're looking for a flavorful beer you can throw back with your buddies. It has a 5% ABV.

Wolaver's Wildflower Wheat is a whimsical whirlwind of wheat

and wildflower honey. Wolaver's newest addition, it is an unfiltered American pale wheat ale with locally produced wildflower honey and of course, it's all organic. It pours a hazy orange color with a crisp white head. The sweet wheat and malt flavors are balanced by the presence of tangy lemon and a fair amount of carbonation. This is the perfect brew for the slow transition out of the grey Pittsburgh winter, a gentle reminder of the sun to come! It has a 4.25% ABV.

Shed's Mountain Ale is a trendsetter, having a kick with a smooth taste. With a solid 7% ABV this unfiltered English strong ale has pronounced caramel and toffee notes with just the right amount of hop finish to keep you coming back for more. But be careful, you might just forget the power of this strong ale and have to climb a mountain to leave your bed the morning after.

A look into the future...

Shed has a new brew coming out in 2014 that's wholly wrapped in mystery. Shed hasn't had a new brew in years, so you can rest assured they've put more than a lot of time and effort into it. Now that Shed ships to Pennsylvania, keep your eyes peeled for a tasty new six-pack option in your future!

Otter Creek has a couple of new brews coming out soon. At the time of this writing, there will be a "summer lager" being shipped out in a couple of weeks. This is not your standard lager; it's "aggressively" hopped, landing somewhere between an IPA and your common lager. It promises to be a head turner, best served whilst in the sun, preferably with a nice juicy burger.

The other beer Otter Creek has in store won't even be mentioned for a couple more weeks at the time of this writing. This new brew has everyone excited and will assuredly cause a big stir in the craft beer community. The new brew is a collaboration with another Vermont brewery that hasn't been officially announced yet. This is exciting news with all the amazing brew craft breweries in Vermont with which to collaborate. Stay tuned to their Facebook for announcement news, and expect an early summer release.

If you would like to know more about Otter Creek and the eye-catching, mouthwatering things they do and will continue to do check out their Facebook page. Their website wasn't up to par for representing who they are as a brewery; thus they're currently working on it to make it what you've come to expect. The website plans to be up and operational by July, just in time for their summer brews news.



Every holiday season in Pittsburgh from the mid '50s to the early '70s, there was a rush to the beer distributors to pick up a case of unique beer from the Pittsburgh Brewing Company. Olde Frothingslosh was the most popular novelty beer in the area, being distributed not just throughout Pittsburgh, but outside the city and even to other nearby states. Well, today Olde Frothingslosh is making a comeback. Sir Reginald Frothingslosh is reappearing on shelves with a new version of the witty style that made it so beloved decades ago.

Each new iteration of the beer tells a fantastic fable about the creation of Olde Frothingslosh, about how it was commissioned by Henry VIII to be a beer "lighter, milder, more flexible than any advertised on television." In actuality, the real story of Olde Frothingslosh is just as interesting as the long yarns the brand spins on its packaging.

Olde Frothingslosh was originally the brainchild not of a brewer but of a broadcaster: Rege Cordis of KDKA in the 1950s. Cordis was a popular radio DJ whose programs often featured Cordis inventing ridiculous products and even more ridiculous ad campaigns for said products; Olde Frothingslosh was one such product, and Cordis created the Olde Frothingslosh tale the brand still uses today. The ironic notion of a beer designed to be the lightest, airiest beer ever invented – so light that the beer itself floats on top of the foam, hence the "foam-on-the-bottom" slogan the brand still uses – was right in-step with the rising edgy humor of the day. The idea of such a strangely-marketed beer was so attractive to Cordis's audience that Pittsburgh Brewing Company began to receive calls about where buyers could get Olde Frothingslosh. Sensing an opportunity, PBC joined forces with Cordis to make Olde Frothingslosh a reality.

From the beginning, the appeal of Olde Frothingslosh was in its marketing style. New and old versions of the beer feature old-fashioned cartoons of the brand's mascot, Sir Reginald Frothingslosh. And the cans' collectability was a big hit: each new



by: Andrew Schroeder

release of Olde Frothingslosh featured multiple colors and labels, each in a turn-of-the-century British style. The tongue-in-cheek style of Olde Frothingslosh's marketing was immensely popular.

And Pittsburgh Brewing Company never tired of coming up with new, unique ways to market its special novelty beer. Later releases of Olde Frothingslosh in the late 60s and early 70s featured Miss Olde Frothingslosh, also known as Fatima Yechburgh, a heavysset beauty queen (portrayed by Pittsburgh local Marsha Majors) meant to parody the contemporary popularity of Miss America pageants. The Miss Olde Frothingslosh campaigns contributed further to the brand's send-up of marketing standards, which would normally dictate using a conventionally beautiful woman to sell products. Miss Olde Frothingslosh would do promotional tours and make special appearances at beer and collectors' conventions. Pittsburgh Brewing Company even developed glamour calendars for their leading lady.

But save for two commemorative anniversary editions, Olde Frothingslosh has been conspicuously absent from Pittsburgh beer distributors since its last regular release in 1983. No Sir Reginald Frothingslosh, no Fatima Yechburgh, none of the humor or style that made the beer so popular in its heyday. But the dark days are coming to an end, and Sir Reggie's mug is going to be seen around Pittsburgh more frequently. Olde Frothingslosh is back.

The current edition of Olde Frothingslosh still riffs on the old-timey wit that gained the brand its popularity in the '50s, which is, per the brand's tradition, evident in the packaging style. The cans come in three colors, each with two different sides. One side features the beer's monocled and mustachioed logo; the other side has a classy bowtie and buttons. Stack the cans with opposing sides and you get a dapper gentleman that resembles Sir Reginald Frothingslosh himself. The cans' cardboard cases also have cutout wax handlebar mustaches the drinker can wear. The marketing here is still very much part of the ironic, fun retro style.

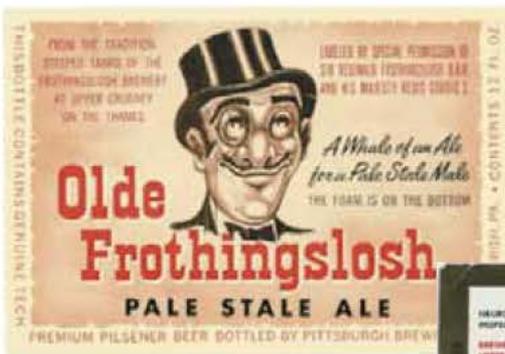
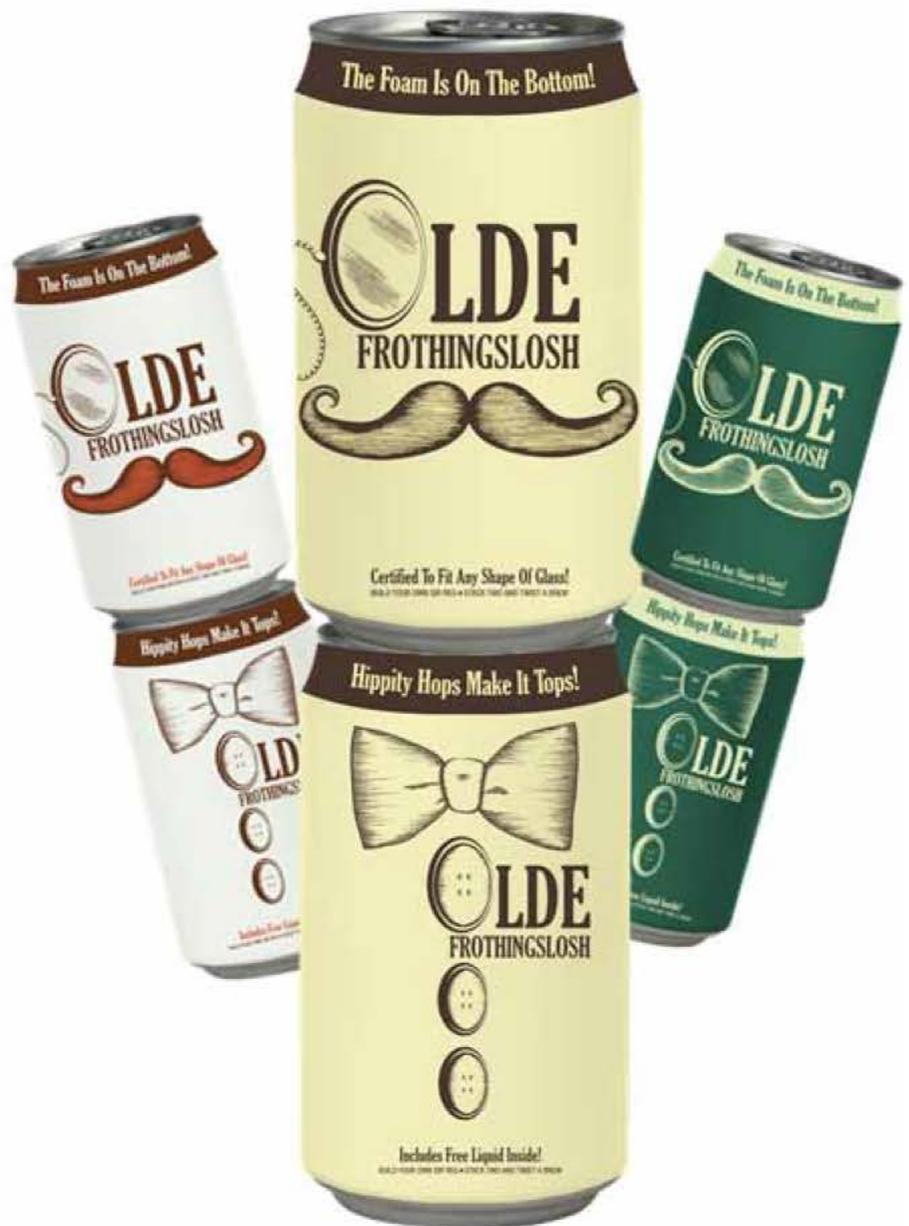
But it's not fair to call it faux-retro; it's all part of the brand's history. Odes to Olde Frothingslosh's past adorn the cans and cases, phrases referencing the brand's proprietary "Hippity"



**Our Founder,
Sir Rege Frothingslosh
Used to bathe in the vats
when he'd wash!
"It's more comfy," he said,
"Than a fine featherbed,
"Cause the foam's
on the bottom,
by gosh!"**

hops, patented flexibility (that allows it to fit glasses of any size or shape), and famous foam-at-the-bottom lightness – all features of the beer that date back to Rege Cordis's faux ad in 1954. 2013's Olde Frothingslosh does its history due service.

The style of Olde Frothingslosh may take cues from its 1950s origins, but the beer inside is its own new entity. Old Olde Frothingslosh was a Tech Golden Pilsner. New Olde Frothingslosh (stick with me here), on the other hand, is a medium-body lager with a slight, sharp bitterness that still feels smooth and clean – along with a mild citrusy aroma. The Olde Frothingslosh brand owes its popularity to its marketing, but make no mistake: discerning buyers shouldn't be looking for Olde Frothingslosh only for its attractive packaging. No, Olde Frothingslosh actually has a beer inside the funny cans, and one that's quite good too. These two aspects, humor and good taste, combine to make Olde Frothingslosh a genuinely good drinking experience, and an important piece of Pittsburgh lore to boot. It's not clear as of now whether we'll see more returns to glory alongside Olde Frothingslosh – like whether Miss Olde Frothingslosh will reappear – but for the time being, those familiar with Pittsburgh's brewing history should be thankful to have Olde Frothingslosh back in their lives.



BATCH 19™

PRE-PROHIBITION STYLE LAGER



The newest addition to the Coors Brewing Company family is likely older than anyone reading this. Their new brew is a revival of a bygone era and representative of the tenacious character that is Coors. What they've come to call this brew is Batch 19, and it has an accompanying story that will drive you to your first bottle and a taste that will keep you drinking. The "19" in Batch 19 refers to the year 1919, the last year before Prohibition banned the sale and consumption of alcohol. The importance of this will become clear in a moment, but here's a hint: they call this brew a pre-Prohibition style lager and a couple of years ago they found some buried treasure. Before I can just come right out and talk about the beer, there are a couple things that need to be known about Coors' history.

The brewery that we now call Coors was initially founded in 1873 by two German immigrants, Adolph Coors and Jacob Schueler; Coors bought out Schueler seven years later. Luckily for Coors there was already 40 years of established brewing out of Golden, Colorado that allowed them to stay afloat during the dark ages (of Prohibition) and come out intact. Once Prohibition ended, Coors went on to start making the classic American lager for upwards of a century until 2004, when there was a flood in one of the breweries in Golden. As a result of this flood, many of the archives had to be moved so as to not get ruined forever. Some of these archives contained old log books from the pre-Prohibition era (there's a picture on Facebook), so naturally people were curious. Various members of the brew team looked at the logs and found some recipes and notes that intrigued them. There was one that stood out and was in production for only about three years before prohibition shut down their operation. Now you may be asking yourself, "If they've had this recipe all along, why wait until now to start brewing it again?" The answer comes from the nature of the 1920s and 30s. During these two decades, our nation went through some drastic changes socially, economically and

politically. The Great War, the Great Depression, and Prohibition led to a different type of desired beer. Once the taps started to flow again, there was a high demand for what we would now call adjunct lagers, light and refreshing lagers that were the product of the technological boom in the industry. These types of beers became a status symbol in the post-Prohibition days, forcing the abandonment of the pre-Prohibition lager. However, the times, they are a-changin' once again with a growing desire for the brews of old; this is where Batch 19 comes into play.

There's one man who spearheaded the creation of Batch 19, and his name is Keith Villa. You might have heard of him; he's a brewmaster with a quite a few ventures under his wing, and his most noteworthy thus far would have to be Blue Moon. He's one of a handful of people in the industry with a PhD, and Batch 19 is proof of his skills. When Keith and the other members of the brew team were working on reverse engineering the recipe for this lager, they ran into some difficulties. The biggest obstacle they faced was trying to find all the right ingredients and put them all together in the same fashion. Unfortunately, this is just about impossible, as it called for native strains of barley, some type of unspecified hops and a yeast h19 strain that may very well not exist anymore. Thus, this is where Keith's expertise came into play; he fiddled with the recipe for several years, comparing his brews to the notes from the past until he was finally satisfied. In 2009 a handful of cities were chosen for a test run of the small batches of Batch 19 with great success. Soon thereafter the brew began shipping nationwide; of course it's a smaller scale than the rest of Coors' operation, but so is to be expected in order to maintain consistency.

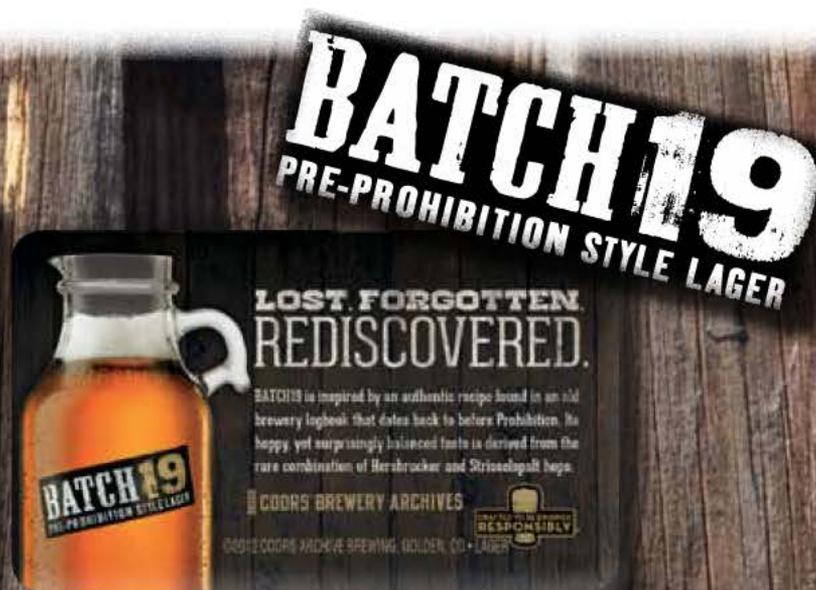
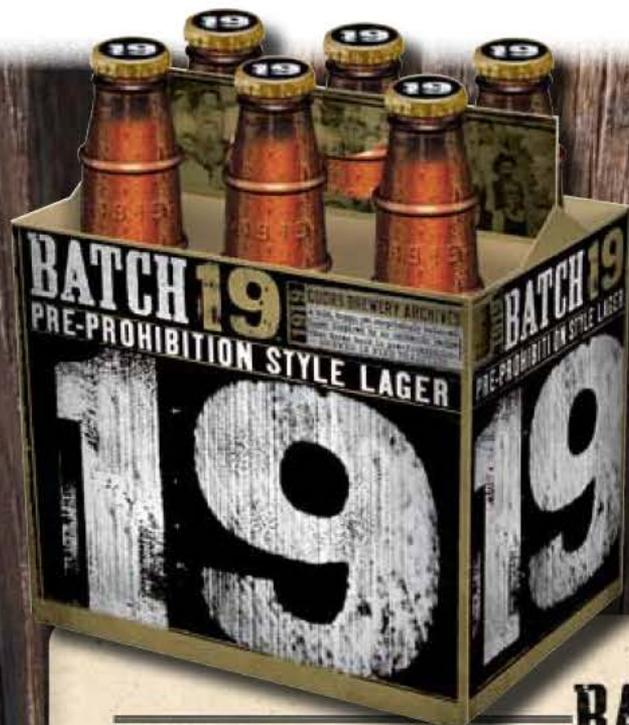
About the brew itself

Batch 19 is a pre-Prohibition American style lager that's uniquely hopped for your drinking pleasure. To get geeky for a minute, the brew contains 5 different types of hops, one of which is

Hursbrucker, a German noble hop that brings a floral/ spicy element to the mix. Another type of hop is Strisselspalt, a French hop with a spicy, black currant taste that works to bring out the breadly malt flavors. The yeast is the Coors proprietary strain that's used, in one variety or another, for most of their brews. Put these together, add a little bit of magic, and you get a lager with a 5.5% ABV, around 26 IBUs and 10-12 SRM (deep gold/ light amber in color). It's a very approachable beer and a welcome change of pace from the norm, perfect for making new nostalgia. Keep an eye out for their unique tap handle, indicative of the methods of the old ways of tapping barrels of lager (or a federal agent smashing the last barrels of the then-illegal nectar, your pick). Some bars will even keep the speakeasy allure going by

servicing the brew in a "serving growler," 64 ounces to be shared amongst your friends as they did once upon a time. Note: the "serving growler" is not your standard growler with a screw top you can take home, so don't try and walk out with it or you might find yourself feeling like the drinkers of Prohibition.

This is a beer for those seeking the original style, before breweries became corporations and beer became ubiquitous. Batch 19 is an embodiment of our nation's tumultuous past; it's progressive yet wholly grounded in the ideals that started the brewing industry. To get your hands on some of your own, you can locate the closest vendor by visiting Batch 19's locator at www.batch19.com/locator.



BATCH 19 PRE-PROHIBITION STYLE LAGER

HOPPY YET SURPRISINGLY BALANCED LAGER



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A deep golden color that's naturally filtered; capped with a full white head

AROMA

Biscuity aroma with herbal notes from the Hersbrucker hops and black currant notes from the Strisselspalt hops

TASTE

Bold, hoppy taste that's balanced by a caramel maltness

MOUTHFEEL

Smooth, medium-bodied with a moderate carbonation

FINISH

Crisp, clean finish with a lingering hop taste that gradually fades

FOOD PAIRING

The caramel malt character pairs well with rich, charred, or smoky beef dishes



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DIAMOND MILL SPRING CLEANING

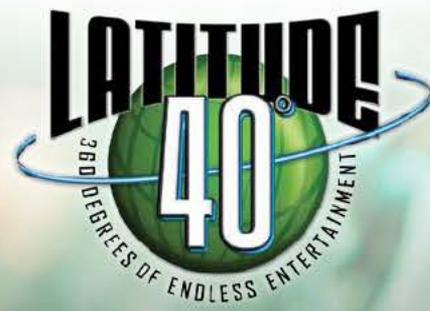
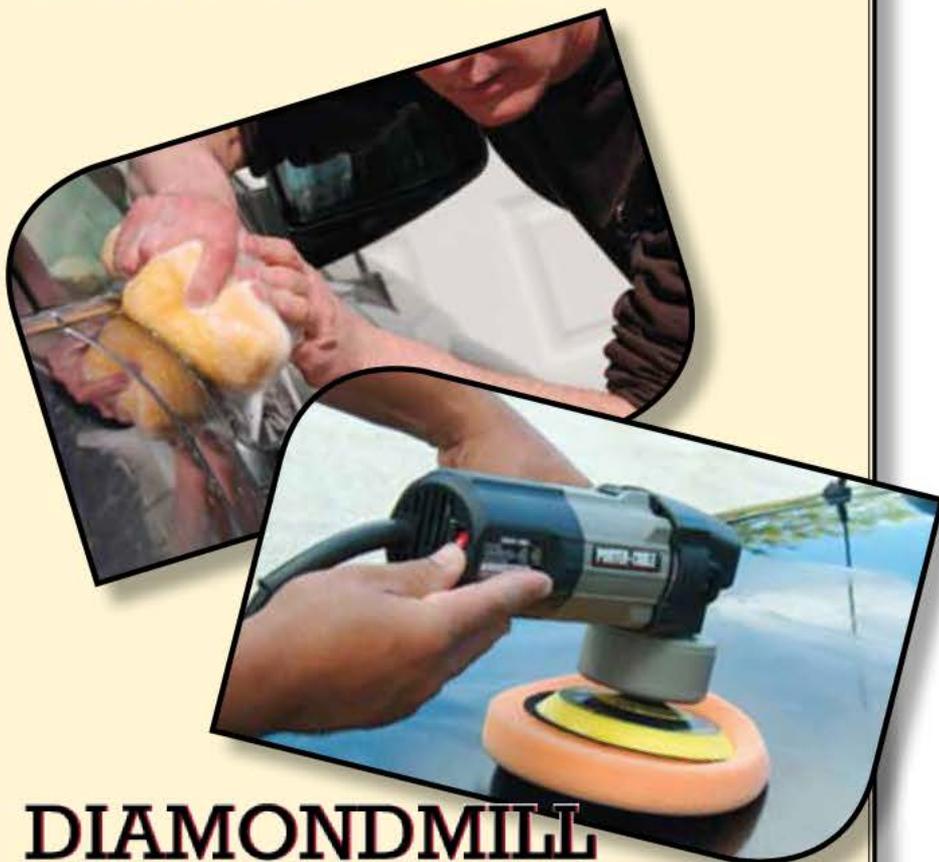
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Games N'At - Celebrating Their Tenth Anniversary... Yinz Been There?

By: Lizabeth Gray

How do you explain the phenomenon called “Games N’ At?” The obvious answer is a big bright blue building festooned with everything from a real traffic light to cartoon characters and so many eye catching graphics that is home to the quintessential Pittsburghese-style party emporium.

The more complex and entertaining answer would be to begin with its owners, manager and South Side originals, Marian and William “Bill” Jones. Bill is the techie of the duo and this morning is off in search of parts for one of the many pinball machines that are spread about the numerous rooms of the party place. The other half of the dynamic duo is Marian, the ‘front man’ of this South Side diamond.

“We call it a chemical in-balance,” laughs Marian, looking back at the origins of the “Party Emporium & Game Center” at 2010 Josephine Street on the South Side off the beaten path of East Carson Street with plenty of “free” parking with none of the hassles found on the main street.

Back in the day, the couple owned and operated Triangle Messenger Service for 20 years. For them and many other businesses, reality altered one sunny fall day in 2001. “After 911, everything changed. Everybody was paying for the disaster,” said Marian and after twenty years in business, Marian and Bill decided it was time for adjustments of their own.

Then a bit of serendipity occurred. Their son Michael had gone out to dinner at a chain restaurant that featured ticket games, video games and more (won’t mention any names but we’re pretty sure most of you can guess). While Michael enjoyed his evening of game playing, he didn’t enjoy the prices, vowing he’d never go back. This sparked the idea that turned into a second enterprise



for the Jones’.

They already owned a large building in a part of town that was gaining a reputation as party central for Pittsburgh and, as Marian put it, “this was the perfect location for an arcade/party place.” Of course, going from a messenger service to a party emporium doesn’t happen overnight. It meant a lot of work and calling in an army of friends and family to help.

“This place was a mess,” proclaimed Marian, rolling her eye as she recalls all the work to reinvent the messenger service’s office and garage. “We opened up in April, and I think there were still Triangle Messenger trucks in the garage.” Inviting just about everyone they knew over to paint, Marian and Bill accomplished most of the interior work themselves ... including the eclectic décor, that has taken over ten years to collect. That, coupled with custom painted graphics by the South Side’s own Mad Momma, makes Games N’at what it is today.

Marian is a self-confessed professional shopper and collector extraordinaire. As you wander around the many rooms that make up the maze of Games N’at, you never know what you might encounter; a deer head here or the old ringer washer that is now repurposed as a beer tub, there is even a singing fish greeting you as you enter.

As you enter the pool room it is colorfully decorated with big 3 feet high light up dolls of the Three Stooges, a picture of Seinfeld’s Kramer, tons of rock and roll memorabilia, the Homies, photos of the World Trade Center and other old time photos. We encountered a group of Google employees shooting pool while others tried their hand at the coin drop game. Games N’at has both new and old favorite video, pinball and ticket machine





For more information or to book a private party, check out their page on Facebook or www.gamesnat.com or give Marian a call at 412-281-2002.

games, and upstairs you'll find duckpin bowling.

The coin drop crowd met with a good amount of success judging by the stacks of tickets falling out of the machine onto the floor. The next step being the big decision; what do you get at Marian's favorite spot, the prize counter? You never know what might appear on the shelves of the prize booth. From a fuzzy cat purse to a lava lamp, the prizes are changed out every week so there's always something new to tempt the big-ticket winners. Many Pittsburgh favorites are prominently displayed, including vintage candy saucers: the wafer flying saucers filled with edible beads, that everyone remembers and loved in their childhood. They still taste as amazing as they did when you were a kid!

Being a party emporium on the South Side scene means catering to a variety of customers: from children, teenagers, college students, corporate clients and out-of-towners. Games N'at has become a must stop for regulars and visitors from all over the world.

"I think one of my favorites [party] was called couch surfers," recalls Marian. "I had no idea what it was; I thought the girl was overly enthusiastic when she called and said they were bringing over 100 people." They came in this year, and we stayed open till 4 a.m. There were people from all over the world, France, Germany, Chile, Canada, Italy (just to name a few) Most didn't even speak English but, the common bond was fun and laughter" Marian recalled, giving another sample of her ever contagious laugh.

"I enjoy all of our parties, I really do. It's fun hosting kids, teens, adults and corporate parties," Marian confesses. Being on the South Side is definitely a plus since its convenient to all points of the city.

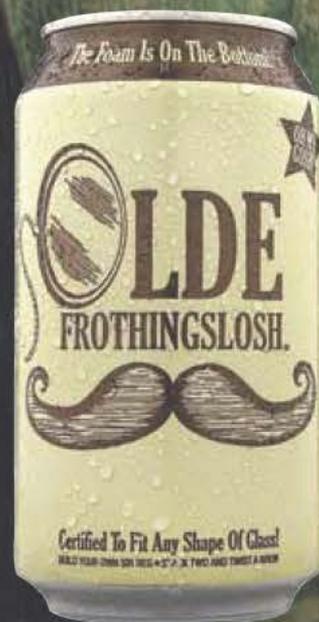
Marian laughs when she recognizes customers from back when they were part of the younger crowd. Now, they're coming in with their kids for an afternoon of pizza and pinball. It's a real joy to see teenagers develop into responsible adults and knowing we were a part of their fond childhood memories.

So the next time you're looking for something fun, safe and affordable to do, how about a game of bowling, skee ball, playing

video games, pinball, ticket games, pool, ping pong or air hockey? At Games N'at there is something for everyone from 0 to 99! So stop in Games N'at and say "Hi" to Marian and Bill. While your enjoying your evening be sure to stop by the snack bar and order up some of the delicious food that they offer: pizza, nachos, corn dogs, hot dogs, cheeseburgers, fries, cheese fries, chicken nuggets, chicken sandwiches, funnel cakes, soft pretzels, sodas and so much more. It's all very reasonably priced and super scrumptious! Another bonus is that it's BYOB, so pack up a six-pack or your favorite adult beverages, grab some friends and head on in for a truly fun-filled affordable evening.

Thursday is "All You Can Play" for \$10; Friday - College ID Night \$10 from 7pm - 1am; Friday, Saturday, Sunday, \$5.00 per person for one hour \$8.00 for 2 hours, \$11 for 3 hours, \$14 for 4 hours. Games N' At is open Thursday 4 p.m. - Midnight, Friday 4 p.m. - 1 a.m., Saturday noon - 1 a.m. and Sunday noon - 9 p.m. No one under 13 permitted after 9 p.m. For more information or to book a private party, check out their page on Facebook or www.gamesnat.com or give Marian a call at 412-481-2002.





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The Darwin Awards: In Search Of Smart.

HONORABLE MENTION: Alligator River

The East Alligator River in the Northern Territory is crossed at Cahill's Crossing. Recently a Euro tourist drove into the parking lot of the an upstream boat launch area in her hired 4WD vehicle and, seeing a concrete ramp disappearing into the water, assumed that she had reached Cahill's Crossing...

Ecco L'allegro Saldatore

5 February 2013.

Mechanic Sérgio A. Rosa, 49, was welding a gas tanker that, curiously, exploded, sending his remains flying 400 meters through the air. One wonders if his life flashed before his eyes...

HONORABLE MENTION: (survivors) Lottery Winners Celebrate By Blowing Up House.

Two brothers celebrated a winning \$75,000 lottery ticket with a marijuana and meth binge that blew up their house. In preparation for the drug orgy they emptied several large cans of butane fuel while refilling their lighters; butane fumes crept toward the furnace and ignited. One brother was taken to the hospital and the other was taken to jail. (Wichita, KS. 15 February 2013.) The girlfriend loaded him into the car, dropped him off at the Emergency Room, and zoomed away with the kids! Smart girl. However, survival plus children equals No Darwin Award.

HONORABLE MENTION: DOUBLE DOWN

(29 January 2013, Texas) Smoking a cigarette is risky enough

without adding fuel to the fire. For reasons that have yet to be explained, two 24-year-olds (identified as a man and a woman) invaded the property of an oil drilling company located 75 miles east of Dallas. Four oil/water storage units located on the property seemed, to the trespassers, to be ideal platforms for a 3-AM cigarette break. In the wee hours of the morning, the disaster-ly duo climbed up and lit up, thereby setting the tank and themselves on fire.

Courageous firefighters saved the lives of these nicotine nut balls, and prevented worse tragedy by throwing large foam blankets over the remaining three oil/water tanks. Ms. Disaster landed in the hospital on life support, while Mr. Disaster was treated for severe burns on face, back, and arms. Survivors of their own bad judgment, we award the "Lucky Strikes" an Honorable Mention. Perhaps this episode will motivate them to quit. quit

Comments: "In Capitalist America cigarette smokes you!"

"Next step: Sue the oil company--no warning was posted on top of the tank!"

Update: All 3 intruders were placed under arrest in Van Zandt County, TX.

Loser Wins Roach-Eating Contest.

(5 October 2012, Florida) Police say that Edward A., 32, died after winning a roach-eating contest (and losing a worm-eating contest) at a reptile store. By some reports, he ate a plate full



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of super worms, a handful of mealworms, and half a bucket of roaches. Nominated for a Darwin Award, Mr. Roach Man loses the prize because--surprising but true--roaches and worms are considered edible. Entomologists say that an all-you-can-eat insect buffet is not normally deadly, just silly.

The cause of death was not officially disclosed, yet educated guessers finger a dormant food allergy waiting for the right trigger. Contestants were disallowed if they were allergic to shellfish, and roach allergies can develop in people living in infested tenements.

So was it Darwin-Award-Winning-dumb for Edward to overindulge in roaches? No, just weird. Our nominee is a few twigs short of an award, yet deserves a mention for memorable exits. A lingering question is, were the roaches raw or cooked?

QUOTABLE FACTOID: "Very few human cultures tend to eat cockroaches [due to] high levels of uric acid and nitrogenous waste." Bill Kern, PhD, University of Florida, quoted in The Miami Herald.

Jack-in-the-Bus - Darwin Awards Fodder?

8 October 2012

Sociological Images always has something pithy to say about what society considers normal. Inspired, we borrow spectacles from the editors of S.I., and peer at a touchy subject in the world of humor.

Consider a bus traveling along the streets of a busy modern

city such as Serra, Brazil. The bus driver, guided by instinct developed over years of experience, is expertly navigating the narrow streets of the metro area. Suddenly a passenger throws in a new variable: He stands on the seat and hangs his torso out the window, wiggling around and whooping it up. The Darwin Awards editors are honor-bound to divulge that this sounds super-duper fun. Arms extended, hair a'flying, an undeniably WOOT activity.

Yet to do so effectively increases the width of a bus by two feet. Head, please meet your nemesis in the form of a utility pole. The streets are narrow. Now you know!

Motorcycle Helmet Law, ex-Protector

2011 Darwin Award Nominee

Confirmed True by Darwin

(July 2011, New York) Protesting motorcycle helmet laws, an Onondaga, NY man was participating in a bare-noggin protest ride when he was killed via flipping over the handlebars. The motorcycle accident injured the noggin of Mr. Contos, 55, fatally damaging a brain that was unable to determine the physics of the situation. Moreover, he'd do it again if he could, according to his elder brother. He would have wanted it that way.

Certain laws have physics on their side, obviously, and the laws say one's body cannot walk away from a high-speed physical impact. Laws not subject to repeal. Unprotected--you squash like a bug. Protected--you eat squash for dinner.

Since properly padded and protected men can walk away from a 90-mph crash, protection is prudent when you increase {mass x speed} above a critical threshold.

Prudent, but should protection be mandatory? Robert Frost says, "I hold it to be the inalienable right of anybody to go to hell in his own way."

Police said Phil "hit his brakes, fishtailed and went out of control, flipping him over the handlebars." What we, the Darwin Awards committee, would like to know--and news reports don't explain--is just how he went over the handlebars?

Hotter Copper Whopper

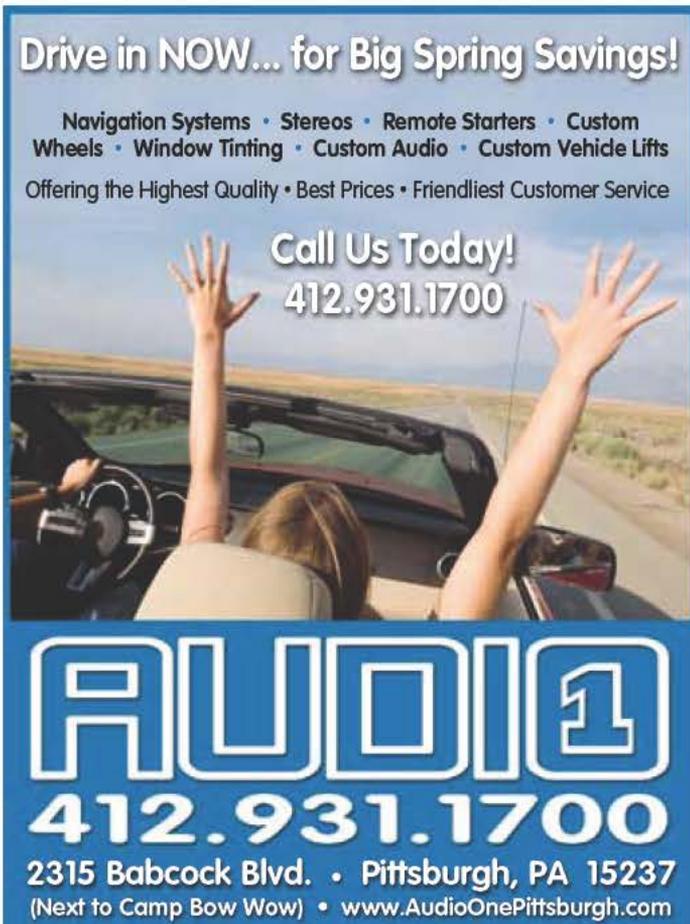
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3 July 2011, Leeds, UK.) Thief! How, many, thieves, have, to die, to prove that you shouldn't steal copper wire? Besides the risk, it's not right to cause thousands of dollars worth of damage, for hundreds of dollars in profit. HEY YOU IMMORAL IDIOTS, It makes bad environmental sense to destroy more than you recoup. Angry lecture!

Copper Kills! CE Electric UK recently began marking the copper using 'SmartWater' technology to deter malicious, costly vandalism. American Electric Power is converting from copper grounding wire to copper-clad steel wire that has little scrap value and is tougher to cut.

Knowing that species evolve, why are we so dumb? Like Darwin's Finches, humans are filling the 'new islands' (evolutionary niches) created by our civilization, and our mutations are being tuned by each self-limiting step we take.



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Which brings me to a Leeds teenager, who at 16 became a deceased Darwin Award winner by making one such self-limiting step. Copper theft is a killer, and also a nuisance. CE Electric UK has dealt with 279 incidents in the last year in West Yorkshire. They plead, “We are pleading with thieves to think about the consequences and how much they are risking for such a small return. DANGER OF DEATH signs are posted for a reason!”

Stealing copper? Fast track train to Charles Darwin’s heavenly estate. “Welcome home, Leeds teen. You were old enough to know better!” Sometimes a friend has to cram life into too few years, but we comfort ourselves knowing that his destiny was to serve as a warning to others.

A Day in Court

After a laborious two-week criminal trial in a very high-profile bank robbery case, the jury finally ended its 14 hours of deliberations and entered the courtroom to deliver its verdict to the judge. The judge turned to the jury foreman and asked, “Has the jury reached a verdict in this case?” “Yes we have, Your Honor,” the foreman responded. “Please pass it to me,” the judge declared, as he motioned for the bailiff to retrieve the verdict slip from the foreman and deliver it to him. After the judge read the verdict himself, he delivered the verdict slip back to his bailiff to be returned to the foreman. He then instructed the foreman, “Please read your verdict to the court.” “We find the defendant NOT GUILTY of all four counts of bank robbery,” announced the foreman. The family and friends of the defendant jumped for joy at the sound of the “not guilty” verdict, and they hugged each other as they shouted expressions of divine gratitude. The defendant’s attorney turned to his client and asked, “So, what do you think about that?” The defendant looked around the courtroom slowly with a bewildered look on his face and then turned to his defense attorney and said, “I’m real confused here. Does this mean that I have to give all the money back?”

Check for \$ 100,000

A very rich man, who was very close to his money, got together with his closest friends one day, who happened to be a Priest, a Doctor, and a Lawyer (of course.) The Rich Man was very old, and getting older, and was thinking about his approaching death. He told his three friends this, and asked them to do a favor for him when he died. “Here are three envelopes, each contain \$100,000, one for each of you. I don’t wish to go to the afterlife without my money. Please, when I am buried, would each of you throw your envelopes into the grave on top of my coffin?” The three friends agreed, and took the envelopes. Sure enough (of course) the Rich Man died. At his funeral, the Doctor, the Priest and the Lawyer threw their envelopes on his coffin. As they were leaving the funeral, the Priest said to the others, “I have a confession to make. The church needed a new altar badly, so I . . . I took \$5000 to buy it,” and looked at his feet. The Doctor said, “Well, since you’ve admitted it, I too must confess that I took money. The children’s hospital where I work needed

a new, expensive X-ray machine, so I took \$30,000 to buy it.” The Doctor and the Priest both turned to the lawyer, expecting a similar confession. Instead, he said “Oh, no, I deposited the money in my account and dropped a check for all \$100,000 in the envelope!”

The Devil’s Offer

The devil visited a lawyer’s office and made him an offer. “I can arrange some things for you, “ the devil said. “I’ll increase your income five-fold. Your partners will love you; your clients will respect you; you’ll have four months of vacation each year and live to be a hundred. All I require in return is that your wife’s soul, your children’s souls, and their children’s souls rot in hell for eternity.” The lawyer thought for a moment. “What’s the catch?” he asked.

10 Husbands, Still a Virgin

A lawyer married a woman who had previously divorced ten husbands. On their wedding night, she told her new husband, “Please be gentle, I’m still a virgin.” “What?” said the puzzled groom. “How can that be if you’ve been married ten times?” Well...

- Husband #1 was a sales representative, he kept telling me how great it was going to be.
- Husband #2 was in software services, he was never really sure how it was supposed to function, but he said he’d look into it and get back to me.
- Husband #3 was from field services, he said everything



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checked out diagnostically but he just couldn't get the system up.

- Husband #4 was in telemarketing, even though he knew he had the order, he didn't know when he would be able to deliver.
- Husband #5 was an engineer, he understood the basic process but wanted three years to research, implement, and design a new state-of-the-art method.
- Husband #6 was from finance and administration, he thought he knew how, but he wasn't sure whether it was his job or not.
- Husband #7 was in marketing, although he had a nice product, he was never sure how to position it.
- Husband #8 was a psychologist, all he ever did was talk about it.
- Husband #9 was a gynecologist, all he did was look at it.
- Husband #10 was a stamp collector, all he ever did was... God! I miss him! But now that I've married you, I'm really excited!"

"Good," said the new husband, "but, why?" "You're a lawyer. This time I know I'm gonna get screwed!"

Divorce?

For those who English is their second language:

A Polish lad married a Canadian girl after he had been in Canada a year or so and, although his English was far from

perfect, they got along very well until one day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him - "very quick." the lawyer said that the speed of getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances and asked him the following questions"

- LAWYER: Have you any grounds? POLE: Ja, Ja, and acre and half.
- LAWYER: Does your wife beat you up?
- POLE: No, I'm always up before her.
- LAWYER: Is your wife a nagger? POLE: No, she white.
- LAWYER: Why do you want this divorce? POLE: She going to kill me.
- LAWYER: What makes you think that? POLE: I got proof.
- LAWYER: What kind of proof? POLE: She bought a bottle at the drug store and put it on shelf in bathroom. I can read... it said "POLISH REMOVER"

My Lexus

A very successful lawyer parked his brand new Lexus in front of the office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he opened the door a truck came roaring past and completely tore off the driver's door of the Lexus. The lawyer immediately grabbed his cell phone and dialed 911. When a policeman arrived, the lawyer was still screaming hysterically. His Lexus, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how the body shop tried to make it new again. After the lawyer finally wound down from his ranting, the cop shook his head in disgust. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are", he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you don't notice anything else." "How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer. The cop replied, "Didn't you notice that your left arm is missing from the elbow down? It must have been torn off when the truck hit you." The lawyer looked down to his left side and let out a terrible scream: "Oh my God!!! ... MY ROLEX!"

Office Secretary

Sarah the sexy secretary walked into her boss's office and said, "I'm afraid I've got some bad news for you." "Sarah honey, why do you always have to give me bad news?" he complained. "Tell me some good news for once." "Alright, here's some good news," said the secretary. "You aren't sterile....."

The New Maid

A society lady runs into the employment office one day and demands a maid "right now". It seems she's having a dinner party that night and her maid quit. The guy in the agency explains that all the girls he has right now have just gotten off the boat from Ireland. They're untrained. The lady says she'll train the girl but needs someone right away. The agency guy asks for volunteers and Molly comes forward. She agrees to go and be trained. Well, the dinner party comes and goes and works out just fine. Molly does a great job. The next morning, the lady's walking down the upstairs hall and sees Molly in one

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of the guest rooms. Looks like she's making the bed but she's just standing there. Curious, the woman walks in and looks over Molly's shoulder. There on the bed lies a condom. The lady turns bright red and tries to laugh it off. "Why Molly," she says, "Surely you have those in Ireland, don't you?" Molly: "Shurin we do madam, but we don't skin em."

Doctor's Advice

Dr. Bob is an expert in his field!

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it. Don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer. That's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass, green leafy vegetables). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable slop.

Q: Is beer or wine bad for me?

A: Look, it goes to the earlier point about fruits and vegetables. As we all know, scientists divide everything in the world into three categories: animal, mineral, and vegetable. We all know that beer and wine are not animal, and they are not on the periodic table of elements, so that only leaves one thing, right? My advice: Have a burger and a beer and enjoy your liquid vegetables.

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body, and you have body fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain... Good.

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: You're not listening. Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?



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A: Thicker gravy.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO... Cocoa beans... another vegetable!!!
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Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. Have a cookie... flour is a veggie! One more thing "When life hands you lemons, ask for a bottle of tequila and the salt."

Spell Nothing

Kathryn's 5-year-old developed a strong interest in spelling once she learned to spell STOP. After that, she tried to figure out her own words. From the back seat of the car she'd ask, "Mom, what does FGRPL spell?" "Nothing," Kathryn said. Sitting at breakfast she'd suddenly ask, "Mom, what does DOEB spell?" "Nothing," Kathryn answered. This went on for several weeks. Then one afternoon as they sat coloring in her room she asked, "Mom, what does LMDZ spell?" Kathryn smiled at her and said, "Nothing, sweetheart." The 5-year-old carefully set down her crayon, sighed and said, "Boy, there sure are a lot of ways to spell Nothing!"

Church Offering

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

The Feminist...

A radical feminist is getting on a bus when, just in front of her, a man gets up from his seat. She thinks to herself, "Here's another man trying to keep up the customs of a patriarchal society by offering a poor, defenseless woman his seat," so she pushes him back onto the seat. A few minutes later, the man tries to get up again. She is still insulted so she refuses to let him up again. Finally, the man says, "Look, lady, you've got to let me get up. I'm twelve blocks past my stop already."

Doctors vs. Coaches

Former college basketball coach Abe Lemons made the following observations concerning the differences between doctors and coaches:

- Doctors can bury their mistakes - Coaches still have theirs on scholarships.
- Finish last in your league and they call you an idiot - Finish last in medical school and they call you a doctor.
- Just once I'd like to see the win-loss records of doctors right out front where people can see them: Won ten, Lost three, Tied two.

Crazy Patients

A doctor of psychology was doing his normal morning rounds when he entered a patient's room. He found Patient #1 sitting on the floor, pretending to saw a piece of wood in half. Patient #2 was hanging from the ceiling, by his feet. The doctor asked patient number 1 what he was doing. The patient replied, "Can't you see I'm sawing this piece of wood in half?" The doctor inquired of Patient #1 what Patient #2 was doing. Patient #1 replied, "Oh. He's my friend, but he's a little crazy. He thinks he's a light bulb." The doctor looks up and notices Patient #2's face is going all red. The doctor asks Patient #1, "If he's your friend, you should get him down from there before he hurts himself" Patient #1 replies, "What? And work in the dark?"

Need Samples

An old man goes to the doctor for his yearly physical, his wife tagging along. When the doctor enters the examination room, he tells the old man, "I need a urine sample, a stool sample and a sperm sample." The old man, being hard of hearing, looks at his wife and yells: "WHAT?" "What did he say? What's he want?" His wife yells back, "He needs your underwear."

Labor Pains

A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labor pain to the father. He asked if they were willing to try it out. They



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were both very much in favor of it. The doctor set the pain transfer dial to 10% for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before. But as the labor progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and bump it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine. The doctor checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing. At this point they decided to try for 50%. The husband continued to feel quite well. Since it was obviously helping out his wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him. The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain. She and her husband were ecstatic. When they got home, the mailman was lying dead on their porch.

Breast Exam Poem

For years and years they told me, Be careful of your breasts. Don't ever squeeze or bruise them. And give them monthly tests. So I heeded all their warnings, And protected them by law. Guarded them very carefully, And I always wore my bra.

After 30 years of astute care, My doctor found a lump. She ordered up a mammogram, To look inside that bump. "Stand up very close" she said. As she got my boob in line, "And tell me when it hurts" she said. "Ah yes! There, that's fine. She stepped upon a pedal. I could not believe my eyes! A plastic plate pressed down and down, My boob was in a vise! My skin was stretched and stretched, From way up under my chin. My poor boob was being squashed, To Swedish pancake thin. Excruciating pain I felt. Within it's vice-like grip. A prisoner in this viscous thing, My poor defenseless boob! "Take a deep breath" she said to me, Who does she think she's kidding? My chest is mashed in her machine, And woozy I am getting. "There, that was good," I heard her say As the room was slowly swaying. "Now, let's have a go at the other one." Lord have mercy I was praying. It squeezed me from up and down. It squeezed me from both sides. I'll bet she's never had this done, Not to her tender little hide! If I had no problem when I came in, I surely have one now. If there had been a cyst in there, It would have popped, "ker-pow!" This machine was created by a man, Of this, I have no doubt. I'd like to stick his b***s in there, And see how they come out!

Mechanic Vs. Surgeon

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley, when he spotted a world-famous heart surgeon in his shop. The heart surgeon was waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc can I ask you a question?" The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I also can open hearts, take valves out, fix'em, put in new parts and when I finish this will work just like a new one. So how come I get a pittance and you get the really big money, when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic..... "Try doing it with the engine running!

The Faith Healer

Two women were sitting in the doctor's waiting room comparing notes on their various disorders. "I want a baby more than anything in the world," said the first, "But I guess it is impossible." "I used to feel just the same way," said the second. "But then everything changed. That's why I'm here. I'm going to have a baby in three months." "You must tell me what you did." "I went to a faith healer." "But I've tried that. My husband and I went to one for nearly a year and it didn't help a bit." The other woman smiled and whispered, "Try going alone, next time, dearie."

Midget Surgery

There was a midget down in Texas who complained to his buddy that his testicles ached almost all the time. As he was always complaining about his problem, his friend finally suggested that he go to a doctor to see what could be done to relieve the problem. The midget took his advice and went to the doctor and told him what the problem was. The doctor told him to drop his pants and he would have a look. The midget dropped his pants. The doctor put him up onto the examining table, and started to examine him. The doc put one finger under his left testicle and told the midget to turn his head and cough-the usual method to check for a hernia. "Aha!" the doc and putting his finger under the right testicle, he asked the midget to cough again. "Aha!" said the doctor and reached for his surgical scissors. Snip, snip, snip, snip on the right side then snip, snip, snip, snip, snip, snip, snip on the left side. The midget was so scared he was afraid to look, but

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noted with amazement that the snipping did not hurt. The doctor then told the midget to get dressed and see if they still ached. The midget was absolutely delighted as he walked around the doc's office and discovered his testicles were no longer aching. "Gee, what did you do, Doc?" he asked. The doc replied, "I cut two inches off the tops of your cowboy boots."

Following Doctor's Orders

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor at the local Medical Clinic to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'", Morris replied. To which doctor said, "I didn't say that, Morris. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur, be careful!'"

Naughty mind....High expectations

It was professor smith's first day at St. Johns medical college as a faculty. Known for his teaching excellence, he made his entry into a classroom of 1st year medical students, where he received a warm welcome from the students, followed by their intro. To start with, he planned to put forth a question to the class. He said, "Well students, before we start off with today's lecture, let me ask you a simple question on human anatomy". He gazed across the classroom, spotted a female student Suzie, and said, "Tell me Suzie, which part of the human body grows 10 times its original size when excited?" Hearing this question, Suzie's face grew pale in embarrassment, she replied:" you should be ashamed to ask such a question to a female. I am sorry, but I can't answer your, this question". Thwarted by the girl's reply, professor smith rolled on his sight around the classroom afresh, to find out if there was anyone else who could satisfy his query. This time he located a male student Henry, who had already raised his hand in affirmation to answer the question, and allowed the lad to go ahead. Henry answered: "pupil of a human eye". The professor applauded for the boy's accurate answer; then turned back to Suzie and said: "look, Suzie, I am sorry but, I must tell you a couple of things:

- (1) You lack knowledge
- (2) you have a dirty mind and
- (3) Your Expectations are too high !!!!!!(10 times..... ..huh... ..MY GOD!!)

Farting All The Time

Doctor, "What seems to be the problem?" Patient, "Doc, I've got the farts. I mean I fart all the time," The Doctor nods, "Hmm." Patient, "My farts do not stink and you can't hear them. It's just that I fart all the time. Look, we've been talking here for about 10 minutes and I've farted five times. You didn't hear them and you don't smell them, do you?" "Hmm," says the Doctor, He picks up his pad and writes out a prescription. The patient is thrilled "Great doc. This prescription, will it really clear up my farts?" "No," sighs the Doctor, "The prescription is to clear your sinuses. Next week I want you back here for a hearing test."

The Pharmacist

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, right up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I would like to buy some cyanide." The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?" The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband." The pharmacist's eyes got big and he exclaimed, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!" The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife. The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "Well now. That's different. You didn't tell me you had a prescription!"

Hospital News

A sweet grandmother telephoned a Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said "I'll be glad to help, Dear. What's the name and room number?" The grandmother in her weak tremulous voice said, "Holly Finkel, room 302." The Operator replied, "Let me check. Oh, good news. Her record say that Holly is doing very well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back as normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged Tuesday." The Grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful! I was so worried! God bless you for the good news." The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Holly your daughter?" The Grandmother said, "No, I'm Holly Finkel in 302. No one tells me anything!"

Things You Don't Want To Hear While Lying On The Operating Table

1. "Hand me that...uh...that uh.....thingy."
2. "Oh no! I just lost my Rolex."
3. "Hey, has anyone ever survived 500ml of this stuff before?"
4. "There go the lights again..."
5. "Everybody stand back! I lost my contact lens!"
6. "Could you stop that thing from beating; it's throwing my concentration off?"
7. "What's this doing here?"
8. "Well folks, this will be an experiment for all of us."
9. "Sterile, shcmeril. The floor's clean, right?"
10. "OK, now take a picture from this angle."
11. "Don't worry. I think it is sharp enough."
12. "Aauugh!! Page 47 of the manual is missing!"
13. "Man, I think I'm going to sneeze. Maybe not...yes....no...
Oh well. Hand me the scalpel and let's get on with this."

Whisper in Church

A mother took her little boy to church. While in church the little boy said, "Mommy, I have to pee." The mother said to the little boy, "It's not appropriate to say the word 'pee' in church. So, from now on whenever you have to 'pee' just tell me that you have to 'whisper'." The following Sunday, the little boy went to church with his father and during the service said to his father, "Daddy, I have to whisper." The father looked at him and said, "Okay, just whisper in my ear."

Broken Elevator

Tom, Dick and Harry went to a party. After the party they returned to the hotel. The hotel was 600 stories high. Unfortunately for them, the elevator was not working. They made a plan for the first 200 stories, Tom will crack jokes. The second 200 stories Dick will tell a happy story and lastly Harry will tell a sad story. They then started up the steps. After 2 hours it was Harry's turn. He turned to the other two and said "Ok guys, here's my sad story. I forgot the keys downstairs."

The Tiger

A tiger was walking through the jungle one day and saw two men relaxing under a tree. One was reading a newspaper, and the other was working feverishly on a manual typewriter. The tiger leapt on the man with the newspaper, and ate him up. The tiger did not bother the other man at all. That's because any predator knows that readers digest but writers cramp.

Selling Bibles

A pastor concluded that his church was getting into very serious financial troubles. While checking the church storeroom, he discovered several cartons of new bibles that had never been opened and distributed. So at his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the bibles door-to-door for \$10 each to raise the desperately needed money for the church. Jack, Paul and Louie all raised

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their hands to volunteer for the task. The minister knew that Jack and Paul earned their living as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some bibles. But he had serious doubts about Louie who was a local farmer, who had always kept to himself because he was embarrassed by his speech impediment. Poor Louie stuttered badly. But, not wanting to discourage Louie, the minister decided to let him try anyway. He sent the three of them away with the back seat of their cars stacked with bibles. He asked them to meet with him and report the results of their door-to-door selling efforts the following Sunday. Anxious to find out how successful they were, the minister immediately asked Jack, "Well, Jack, how did you make out selling our bibles last week?" Proudly handing the reverend an envelope, Jack replied, "Using my sales prowess, I was able to sell 20 bibles, and here's the \$200 I collected on behalf of the church." "Fine job, Jack!", the minister said, vigorously shaking his hand. "You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is indebted to you." Turning to Paul, "And Paul, how many bibles did you sell for the Church last week?" Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, confidently replied, "I am a professional salesman.. I sold 28 bibles on behalf of the church, and here's \$280 I collected." The minister responded, "That's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are truly a professional salesman and the church is indebted to you." Apprehensively, the minister turned to Louie and said, "And Louie, did you manage to sell any bibles last week?" Louie silently offered the minister a large envelope. The minister opened it and counted the contents. "What is this?. Louie, there's \$3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 bibles for the church, door to door,

in just one week?" Louie just nodded. That's impossible!" both Jack and Paul said in unison. "We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many bibles as we could." "Yes, this does seem unlikely," the minister! agreed. "I think you'd better explain how you managed to accomplish this, Louie." Louie shrugged. "I-I-I re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure," he stammered. Impatiently, Peter interrupted. "For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!" "A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was," Louis replied, "W-w-w-w-would y-y-y-you I-I-I-I-I-like t-t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-th-this b-b-b-b-bible f-f-f-for t-t-t-ten b-b-b-bucks -----o-o-o-or----- wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just I-I-I-like m-m-m-me t-t-t-to st-st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you??"

IQ

While reading a newspaper, Walter came across an article about a beautiful actress and model who married a boxer who was noted for his IQ. "I'll never understand," he said to his wife, "why the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives." His wife replied, "Why, thank you, dear."

Red Shirt

There was a captain sailing on the sea during a battle. His servant came up to him and the captain said, "bring me my red shirt". So, the servant did as the captain said. After that the servant came up to the captain and said, Why did you say bring me my red shirt"? The captain said, "Well if i get shot they won't see the blood. The next day the servant came up to the captain and said, "There are 50 ships on the horizon." The captain said, "Bring me my brown pants."

Plane Overload

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Thomas Jefferson are in a plane. The pilot says that the passengers must lighten their load. so the three presidents decide to drop one item. George Washington drops a quarter. Abe Lincoln drops a penny. Thomas Jefferson drops a grenade. When the presidents land, they find someone holding their head and cursing. George Washington asks the man what's wrong. "I was walking down the street when a quarter falls from the sky and hits my head!" So the presidents continue down the road and find someone hopping on one foot, holding the other, cursing. Abe Lincoln asks "What happened?" "I was standing on my porch barefoot when a penny falls from the sky and hits it!" The presidents continue once more and find a young boy laughing hysterically. Thomas Jefferson asks "What's so funny?" The boy replies "I farted and my house exploded!!!"

Learning Lesson

Two kindergarten kids are talking while having a lunch break. Girl: What is the capital of America? Boy: Washington D. C. Girl: No! "A" is the capital of America. You already forgot our lesson: capitalize proper nouns!



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TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY

2 WOMEN - are having a coffee and catching up:

So, how was your evening last night? A disaster! After getting home, my dear beloved hubby wolfed down in 4 minutes the dinner that took me all afternoon to prepare, "granted" me 3 minutes of passionate love before rolling over and falling asleep 2 minutes later. Nightmare, and you? Oh, mine was incredible.. My hubby was waiting for me to get back home from work. He took me out for a very romantic dinner. We then walked back home, under an amazing starry sky, along the canal, for a good two hours. Once home, he lit up all the candles and we had foreplay which lasted for an hour. We then made love for another hour and we chatted until late.. It was wonderful...

2 MEN - meet at the pub...

So, how was your evening last night? Incredible! When I came home, the food was just ready. I ate, we shagged and I fell asleep. Wonderful night, I just love my wife, You? A nightmare! I came home earlier to fix the kitchen shelf. When I switched on the power drill, the fuse went out. The whole house went into darkness. Couldn't find the bloody fuse box, so when my better half arrived, I took her out for dinner. It was the only thing to do to avoid getting an ear-full...! The dinner was so expensive that I couldn't afford a taxi, so we had to walk home. It took ages and once there, the house was still in the dark, obviously, so I had to light all these freaking candles to avoid knocking everything over. I was so wound up and pissed off that it took me an hour to get it up, and another hour to finish. In the end, I was still wound up and it took me ages to fall asleep, while she kept yapping on and on about everything and nothing. Disaster!

Contractor's Bid

Three contractors were visiting a tourist attraction on the same day. One was from New York, another from Texas, and the third from Florida. At the end of the tour, the guard asked them what they did for a living. When they all replied that they were contractors, the guard said, "Hey, we need one of the rear fences redone. Why don't you guys take a look at it and give me a bid?" So, to the back fence they all went to check it out. First to step up was the Florida contractor. He took out his tape measure and pencil, did some measuring and said, "Well I figure the job will run about \$900. \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me." Next was the Texas contractor. He also took out his tape measure and pencil, did some quick figuring and said, "Looks like I can do this job for \$700. \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me." Without so

much as moving, the New York contractor said, "\$2,700." The guard, incredulous, looked at him and said, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?" "Easy," he said. "\$1,000 for me, \$1,000 for you and we hire the guy from Texas."

General Knowledge Quiz:

Passing requires 4 correct answers

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

For the answers turn to page 41

Pregnant at 71

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the



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hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room. The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. "What's the hell is the matter with you?!" the older doctor demanded. "Mrs. Terry is 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?" The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

Good Tips!

- Did You Know That? Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately -- without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional "pain relievers."
- Stuffy Nose....Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.
- Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 Tablespoon of horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.
- Sore throat? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.
- Cure urinary tract infections with Alka-Seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink it at the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost instantly even though the product was never been advertised for this use. Note: Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine is not the same and contains aspirin, which can cause stomach bleeding if you have ulcers.)
- Honey remedy for skin blemishes ... Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a Band-Aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.
- Listerine therapy for toenail fungus ... Get rid of unsightly toenail fungus by soaking your toes in Listerine mouthwash. The powerful antiseptic leaves your toenails looking healthy again.
- Easy eyeglass protection ... To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Crystal Clear nail polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them.
- Coca-Cola cure for rust ... Forget those expensive rust removers. Just saturate an abrasive sponge with Coca Cola and scrub the rust stain. The phosphoric acid in the coke is what gets the job done.
- Cleaning liquid that doubles as bug killer ... If menacing bees, wasps, hornets, or yellow jackets get in your home and you can't find the insecticide, try a spray of Formula 409. Insects drop to the ground instantly.
- Smart splinter remover ..just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.

- Hunt's tomato paste boil curecover the boil with Hunt's ! tomato paste as a compress. The acids from the tomatoes soothe the pain and bring the boil to a head.
- Balm for broken blisters ...To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine a powerful antiseptic.
- Heinz vinegar to heal bruises ... Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process.
- Kills fleas instantly . Dawn dish washing liquid does the trick. Add a few drops to your dog's bath and shampoo the animal thoroughly. Rinse well to avoid skin irritations. Goodbye fleas.
- Rainy day cure for dog odor ... Next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the animal with Bounce or any dryer sheet, instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh.
- Eliminate ear mites ... All it takes is a few drops of Wesson corn oil in your cat's ear. Massage it in, then clean with a cotton ball. Repeat daily for 3 days. The oil soothes the cat's skin, smothers the mites, and accelerates healing.
- Quaker Oats for fast pain reliefIt's not for breakfast anymore! Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands for soothing relief from arthritis pain.

Important Things to Remember.....

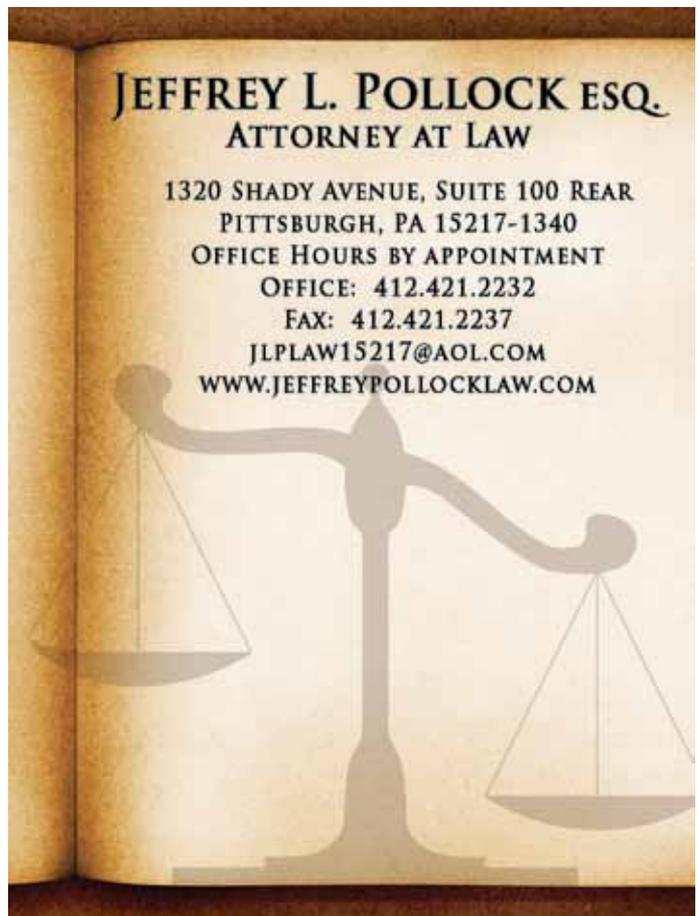
I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things.. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more. But then my mother died, and on that clear winter's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So... while we have it..... it's best we love it.... and care for it... and fix it when it's broken..... and heal it when it's sick This is true for marriage..... and old cars..... and children with bad report cards..... and dogs with bad hips.... and aging parents..... and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special..... and so, we keep them close! Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

NINE THINGS GOD WON'T ASK ON THAT DAY.

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation..
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
9. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation. He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

Nurse/Patient

Of course I won't laugh , “ said the Nurse to the patient , “I'm a professional. In over twenty years I've never laughed at a patient.” “Okay then , “ said Bubba , and he proceeded to drop his trousers , revealing the smallest adult male organ the Nurse had ever seen in her life. In length and width it was almost identical to a AAA battery. Unable to control herself ,



the Nurse tried to stop a giggle , but it just came out. And then she started laughing at the fact that she was laughing. Feeling very badly that she had laughed at the man's private part , she composed herself as well as she could. "I am so sorry , " she said , "I don't know what came over me. On my honor as a Nurse and a lady , I promise that it won't happen again. Now , tell me , what seems to be the problem?" "It's swollen," Bubba replied.

Husband's Temper

A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband's temper. The Doctor asks: "What's the problem? The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason, and it scares me."

The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or goes to bed and falls asleep."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor, looking fresh and reborn. The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?" The Doctor says: "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick...."

Humor Quotes:

- A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.
- Henry Ward Beecher
- Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing.
William James
- A joke is a very serious thing.
- Winston Churchill
- A sense of humor... is needed armor. Joy in one's heart and some laughter on one's lips is a sign that the person down deep has a pretty good grasp of life.
~Hugh Sidney
- You can turn painful situations around through laughter. If you can find humor in anything, even poverty, you can survive it.
~Bill Cosby
- Start every day off with a smile and get it over with.
~W. C. Fields
- If I had no sense of humor, I would long ago have committed suicide.
~Mahatma Gandhi
- Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is.
~Francis Bacon
- Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time.
~Steven Wright
- Humor is mankind's greatest blessing.
~Mark Twain
- A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.
~William Arthur Ward
- There is hope for the future because God has a sense of humor and we are funny to God.
~Bill Cosby
- A sense of humor is a major defense against minor troubles.
~Mignon McLaughlin
- My computer beat me at checkers, but I sure beat it at kickboxing.
~Emo Philips
- A sense of humor is a major defense against minor troubles.
~Mignon McLaughlin
- Alimony is like buying hay for a dead horse.
~Groucho Marx
- Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.
~Langston Hughes
- Humor is perhaps a sense of intellectual perspective: an

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awareness that some things are really important, others not; and that the two kinds are most oddly jumbled in everyday affairs.

~Christopher Morley

- Everything human is pathetic. The secret source of humor itself is not joy but sorrow. There is no humor in heaven.

~Mark Twain

- Comedy is simply a funny way of being serious.

~Peter Ustinov

- A taste for irony has kept more hearts from breaking than a sense of humor, for it takes irony to appreciate the joke which is on oneself.

~Jessamyn West

- Humor is reason gone mad.

~Groucho Marx

- When humor goes, there goes civilization.

~Erma Bombeck

- Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility.

~James Thurber

- Analyzing humor is like dissecting a frog. Few people are interested and the frog dies of it.

~E. B. White

- The secret to humor is surprise.

~Aristotle

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ FROM OUR MARCH ISSUE... THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO APPEAR ON PAGE 41.... SORRY WE HOPE YOU CAN FIND THE HUMOR IN OUR OMISSION.....Life is too short to let the little things bother you!

Answers to St. Patrick's Day Quiz – Quiz was on page 25 & 26 in our March 2013 issue.... 1(3)-2(2)-3(3)-4(3)-5(3)-6(2)-7(3)-8(3)-9(2)-10(3)-11(3)-12(2)-13(2)-14(3)-15(3)-16(3)-17(1)-18(2)-19(3)-20(3)-21(2)-22(2)-23(1)-24(1)-25(3)-26(2)-27(1)-28(2)-29(1)-30(1)

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ FROM PAGE 37

- 1) 116 years
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Sheep and Horses
- 4) November
- 5) Squirrel fur
- 6) Dogs
- 7) Albert
- 8) Crimson
- 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange, of course.

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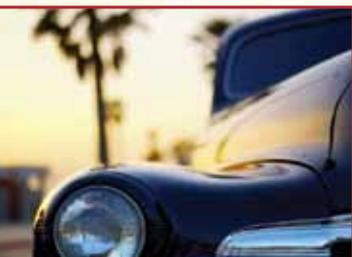
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