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A full-page photograph of a Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher in mid-throw. The pitcher is wearing a black jersey with gold piping and a large gold 'P' on the front, white pants, and a black cap with a gold 'P'. The number '42' is visible on the front of the jersey. He is wearing a black and gold glove on his left hand and holding a baseball in his right hand. The background is a blurred stadium crowd.

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# SPORTS

## BUCN The N.L. Central

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos © 2015 Pittsburgh Pirates, Dave Arrigo, Pittsburgh Pirates

What does it mean to be BUCN? A term that caught fire back in 2012, let's turn to the man who originated it, Andrew McCutchen, who told Yahoo Sports "if you're a Pirates fan, if you're a Bucs fan, you're 'BU'CN.' And that's what I'm all about. It has a lot of different meanings to it. But for the most part, that's it." Another definition? To work hard and dominate . . .

Will the Pirates be BUCN this season? Will they continue to be contenders and build on back-to-back playoff appearances? Your Buccos are firmly in the championship conversation this year, with a core group of players returning that will just be better with another year at the major league level together under their belts. As with any team in any sport, the key will always be health. If Gerrit Cole and Francisco Liriano can stay on the mound and Andrew McCutchen and Neil Walker on the field, the sky is the limit for this deep and talented team.

Don't just take it from me. ESPN's MLB Insider, Buster Olney

has predicted the Pirates will win the World Series. THE WORLD SERIES.

The immediate reaction to that statement? How will they do it without Russell Martin? Everyone and their mothers know the Pirates lost him to free agency – which considering the 82 million dollars he will cost the Toronto Blue Jays, doesn't seem that free at all. We also know that you can't replace everything he brought to the table. The man may be gone but his lessons live on in the guys that remain. Martin left his mark. A stamp on the clubhouse that reads WINNERS.

What will the Buccos need to play competitive baseball deep into October? In addition to health and a winning attitude, it's a matter of consistency. And it starts on Opening Day. Last year, Francisco Liriano was the ninth consecutive different opening day starter for the Pirates. This year he opens the season again. Stability is important. Having your top guns healthy from the get go will help to avoid a lackluster April and May. Especially when the Pirates lost their most consistent starter from last year, Edinson Volquez. The return of a hernia-less A.J. Burnett should temper that loss and refill a leadership role.

Despite trading a hot left handed bat off the pine in Travis Snider, GM Neal Huntington has been able to improve the depth of the bench with the additions of Jung Ho Kang, Sean Rodriguez and Corey Hart. First base has been a question mark ever since Adam LaRoche was traded. Last season Gaby Sanchez and Ike Davis combined to hit .227/.310/.361 collectively at the position. Pedro Alvarez had better production in his crummy 2014 season and is an instant upgrade with huge upside. The outfield trio of McCutchen, Marte and Polanco is the main attraction and their growth will be exciting to watch. With the positions set, players can go to work every day knowing exactly what's expected of them.

In baseball, many times it's not just what you do, but what the other teams you're competing against do, that will have an impact on a team's success. The N.L. Central was a tough division last year and will be again this year. The deepest division in the majors was not idle in the offseason. Let's take a look at the teams that make up nearly half of the Pirates' schedule.

The Cubs have been the doormat of the division the last few years and the Buccos wiped the floor with them last season with a record of 14-5. Much of that has to do with bad Chicago pitching and good Pittsburgh hitting as the Pirates batted .268 as a team and clobbered 23 homeruns in their nineteen games played. The Pirates' arms did a number on the Cubbies too, with a sub three collective ERA and whiffing nearly ten batters a game. It's all about youth this year for Chicago. When will Kris Bryant join the club? Will Javier Baez cut down on his 41 percent strikeout rate? What will the impact of new manager, Joe Madden be on the young guys? The



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addition of lefty Jon Lester will hurt the Pirates – not to mention, everyone else in the central – and Miguel Montero is a huge upgrade at the catcher position. I expect the pitching to improve overall with Montero behind the dish, but I'm not sure if the offense comes together as well as some think. Regardless, you won't be able to walk all over the Cubs in 2015. Pirates go 12-7.

Jockeying with the Cardinals for playoff positioning has become a late season mainstay for the Pirates. Outscoring them 69-62 yet having a losing record of 8-11 points to close games and lots of them. Most of the losses were at Busch Stadium (2-8) where the Cards hit and pitched better than at PNC Park. St. Louis had a down year offensively, batting just .239 against the Bucs, and hope a healthy Yadier Molina and new outfielder Jason Heyward can cure those ills. The Pirates' punching bag, Shelby Miller was shipped out to Atlanta in the trade for Heyward which also netted St. Louis a fire throwing reliever, Jordan Walden, offsetting the loss of Pat Neshek and Jason Motte to free agency. If Adam Wainwright stays healthy and Michael Wacha can return to his 2013 form, the Cards will still have a strong rotation. As always it will be a battle, but I think the Pirates win a couple more of them. Pirates go 10-9.

Despite the Reds having a losing season, the Pirates still could not solve them, going 7-12 versus Cincinnati last year. They crank the ball at Great American Ballpark, hitting .293 and averaging 5.6 runs per game played there against the Pirates, with Pittsburgh pitchers compiling an ERA of 5.38. That was without Joey Votto and with Jay Bruce stinking up the joint. Unfortunately, all the games can't be played at PNC Park, so pitchers will have to adjust. A.J. Burnett will help. He has a career 2.70 ERA at Great American and has only given up one homerun in that bandbox. The Reds' offense is alive and well, especially with a healthy Votto, the addition of Marlon Byrd and a bounce back season from Bruce. It's their pitching that has taken a step back. Johnny Cueto. Check. But then who? Homer Bailey is coming off an injury riddled season as is Tony Cingrani. Mike Leake is still there, but they traded away Mat Latos and Alfredo Simon, their second and third best starters from a year ago. But Cueto will be tough to beat per usual and the offense is still good enough to hand Aroldis Chapman a lead in the ninth. Pirates go 9-10.

The Brewers battle the Reds for the title of "most hated" in Pirates' fandom. The 2014 season series would've looked a lot different if it weren't for a pair of Jason Grilli blown saves early in the year. Alas, Milwaukee handed the Pirates 12 losses even though the Buccos outscored them 81-66. The Brew Crew did Pittsburgh a huge favor when they traded Yovani Gallardo and Marco Estrada. Gallardo was 12-5 in his career with a 2.55 ERA against the Bucs. Estrada was 6-0 with a 1.95 ERA in 74 innings pitched versus Pittsburgh. Milwaukee got more pop when they acquired first baseman Adam Lind from Toronto and with Ryan Braun coming off a season where he had career lows in batting average and slugging, they needed it. Braun attributes his poor second half performance to a bum nerve in his thumb that prevented him from gripping the bat properly. He had that fixed in the offseason and is primed to atone for the Brewers' collapse. We all know how dangerous a team can be when it has a chip on its shoulder, but not having to face Gallardo and Estrada works in Pittsburgh's favor. Pirates go 10-9.

Get ready for some winning baseball, Bucco fans. Especially at PNC Park, where the Pirates posted a 51-30 record in 2014, which was tied with the Cardinals for the best home record among all National League teams. Who knows? Maybe this year they'll tack on a bunch of wins in October too.

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# Pyrofest 2015 – 2 Days - New Location plus New Mind Blowing Fireworks Displays!

Mark your calendar now and save the dates.....May 22 and 23 (Memorial Day Weekend.) New Location: Cooper's Lake Camp-ground – 205 Currie Road - Slippery Rock, PA 16057 located on 450 acres

PyroFest is an affordable community event to promote and celebrate the international art of Pyrotechnics through innovative and unique presentations. This year, PyroFest is sure to amaze everyone with thrilling new displays in store, including another mesmerizing display by the world-renowned, award winning Ricardo Caballer Ricasa, direct from Spain and the second ever international production of "Voyage Through the Universe," back by popular demand. Ricardo told Nightwire: "I am thrilled to return to the Pittsburgh region to produce another world premiere. It is always a pleasure to do a fireworks display for the people of the region who appreciate the artistry involved in a true pyro musical. It is definitely a highlight of my year coming to the area"

Pyrotecnico will top off the last night of the magical event by bringing you an innovative, never before seen production (Check out our May feature for more details.) Techniques and products from around the globe will come together effortlessly in an array of pyrotechnic displays to include both daytime and nighttime fireworks that will dazzle everyone with a thrilling sensory and visual experience they will never forget. Now in its fourth year, PyroFest is expanding to a two-day event, bringing a bigger variety of innovative pyrotechnic displays, while moving to a new venue at Cooper's Lake in Butler County, PA, adding onsite camping options. Stephen Vitale (President/Owner of Pyrotecnico): "We are excited to bring America's Largest Fireworks festival back to the region and are always proud to be able to produce it in our backyard. We love having this opportunity to bring unique pyrotechnic designs that people in the United States normally never get the opportunity to experience." Derek Weber (Director of PyroFest): "We are planning to make PyroFest even bigger and better in its 4th year which will be enabled by moving to a bigger site at Coopers Lake in Butler County. It will be two days of unique fireworks displays

people won't be able to see anywhere else plus great bands, an expanded kids zone, and concessions. We are always looking at ways to enhance the attendee experience which will be noticeable this year with the new site that will be bigger, have better access, onsite parking included in the admission ticket, camping availability, and many nearby hotels. We plan to continue making this a Western PA tradition over the Memorial Day weekend."

PyroFest displays will include:

- US Military Salute & National Anthem Daytime Display
- Daytime & Colored Smoke Fireworks
- Pyro UFO Launch
- "Fantasy in the Sky" Fireworks Challenge (First place and runner







up choreography designed by aspiring fireworks choreographers will be chosen by PyroFest judges to kick off the night-time displays)

- "Voyage Through the Universe" | A Pyrotecnico Production (Back by popular demand for the second international production)
- Direct from Spain world-renowned award winning Ricardo Caballer Ricasa Fireworks Production
- World Premiere of a Unique, Never Before Seen Pyrotecnico Production

In addition to this best of class pyro-packed lineup, PyroFest will also include live music, food, and the PNC Kid's Zone pre-

sented by the PA Leadership Charter School for an unforgettable family Memorial Day experience that will be enjoyed by everyone, both young and old.

Event Parking will be on site, however there is no overnight parking and no tailgating allowed at Cooper's Lake event space, Butler County, or Slippery Rock Township parking lots. This will be strictly enforced by local police authorities. Anyone in the parking areas must buy an event ticket and enter the event gate, otherwise they will be asked to leave the park.

All vehicles will be directed to onsite parking at Cooper's Lake. Tickets can be purchased separately for camping overnight at the Cooper's Lake campground. All campers must have a PyroFest weekend ticket to be allowed on the campgrounds.

**Handicapped Parking:** Handicapped parking is located onsite by the main entrance. Only vehicles having handicapped license plates or regulation handicapped placards will be permitted to park in these spaces. All others will be ticketed.

**Ticket Prices:** (Include "Free Onsite Parking")

Friday, May 22 Adult Ticket - \$20.00

Friday, May 22 Student or Military Ticket - \$15.00

Saturday, May 23 Adult Ticket - \$25.00

Saturday, May 23 Student or Military Ticket - \$15.00

VIP Pass - Saturday, May 23 - \$70.00

**Purchase Weekend Pass Bundles:**

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VIP Weekend Pass - \$110.00

Adult Weekend Pass - \$40.00

\*\* Tickets will be available online up until 11:59 PM on May 21st

Rain Date: May 24, 2015

For more PyroFest details and event lineup please visit [www.pyrofest.com](http://www.pyrofest.com).



# Spring Travel Safety Tips

## On The Go...

- Take turns behind the wheel. Rotating drivers can keep everyone rested with the added bonus of taking turns deciding on the music.
- Whoever sits shotgun should stay awake to keep the driver company. Two alert drivers are always better than one.
- Make sure everyone has a valid driver's license and the vehicle registration and proof of insurance are in the car before driving off. If you are in a foreign country, know ahead of time if your license and insurance will be valid in that country.
- Take a map. These days everyone relies on their phones for navigation, but in some places, where service isn't strong, you can lose that ability. Having a map is always a nice backup plan when on a road trip. There are just plain old maps. Do a search for the city you are travelling to. There are a number of apps on Google Play and in the App Store that don't require an internet connection or GPS.
- Never leave valuables in plain view in your car. Lock items in your trunk before reaching your destination.
- If you are in a foreign country, take some time before your trip to familiarize yourself with basic road signs and rules of the road for that country. Travel books by Frommers and Lonely Planet are great resources as are your rental car facilities.
- If you are hailing a taxi, ask ahead for a typical price. This is especially important in countries where taxis don't have meters. If there is no meter, you must negotiate the fee before you agree to the ride. The front desk of your hotel is a great resource to tell you how much a ride should cost.
- Before leaving your hotel, take a card from the front desk with the name of the hotel, phone number, and address, just in case you need help getting back. Also, put this information in your phone to be extra sure you have it.
- Calling a taxi is a better bet than hailing one. And at the airport, always use approved taxi services. Ignore people who approach you offering rides.
- All genuine taxis will have some sort of ID or badge. You can check for this before accepting a ride.
- Stay alert during any taxi, Uber, Lyft, etc. rides. Follow along on google maps or a navigation service, if you can, to ensure they are taking you the right direction.
- Keep your belongings together during a ride to ensure you don't leave anything behind.
- If you ever feel unsafe, it is completely within your rights to abandon a taxi or any other ride service at a safe stop. Leave money behind on the seat and get out of there if you don't feel safe.
- When using Uber or Lyft, you will see the driver's name, license plate number, and photo on your phone when you request the ride. Check for a match when your ride arrives to be sure you are getting in the right car.
- Never get in a car with someone you suspect is intoxicated. There is always a safer alternative.
- The often cramped conditions of a subway or metro can be an ideal place for pickpockets to strike and is definitely time to up your awareness.
- If you are going to carry a backpack, consider getting a



small lock for your zipper and keep the key in your pocket. Another theft reduction is to carry your backpack on your front instead of your back in crowded areas.

## In hotels . . .

- When you check in at the front desk, use discretion in saying your room number out loud for anyone in the lobby to hear. No one outside of your group of friends needs to know your exact location.
- Reserve a room that's above the 1st floor but below the 6th floor. First floor rooms are easier to break into, and rooms above the sixth floor are sometimes too high for fire ladders to reach.
- Choose awareness! Make a mental note of where the nearest fire exits and stairwells are located in case you need to evacuate.
- When you get to your room, check that all of the window and door locks are secure.
- Almost all hotels offer safes. Use them! This is a great place to store any cash or credit cards that you don't want to have on hand when you are out of the hotel and any other easy to steal items such as Ipads, Ipods, jewelry, laptops, backup ID (DL or passport).
- Close your door tightly when entering or leaving your room. Some doors have a slow release and could remain open after you leave.
- Do not place ski gear, dive gear, or anything valuable on your balcony.
- Using the Do Not Disturb sign won't prevent housekeeping from being able to enter your room, but will highly reduce the likelihood of that happening. If you are going to have housekeeping in your room, leave your valuables in the safe when you are gone.



### At the ATM . . .

- Try to go the ATM in groups, but avoid getting overly complacent about safety just because you're traveling in numbers.
- When you approach the ATM, do a full 360 degree scan, looking completely around you to see if anyone is hanging out where they shouldn't be. If someone is creeping you out, go to another ATM.
- When entering in your pin number, use your other hand or your body to cover the keypad. Just because you don't see someone watching you doesn't mean there couldn't still be a camera capturing what you type.

### While drinking . . .

- Do us all a favor, especially yourself, and party smart. Be responsible.
- Decide before you go out what your limits should be. When you are sober and making clear-headed decisions is the best time to consider what you feel your personal boundaries should be. Do I want to drink tonight? If so, how much? Do I want to have sex tonight? If so, do I have protection? Deciding up front will make it easier for you later to make choices that you will be happy with after the party is over.
- If you do decide to drink, know the liquor laws of wherever you'll be vacationing.
- Always keep an eye on your drink. If you go the bathroom, take your drink with you! Date rape drugs can be put into any drink, including non-alcoholic drinks. It is also important to remember that while drugs being slipped into drinks is something you should be aware of and guard against, alcohol itself is the most common date rape drug. In a 2007 study by the National Institute of Health, it was reported that 89% of female undergrad sexual assault survivors reported drinking before their assault. No survivor is to blame for their assault, but the links between alcohol and victimization are staggering and cannot be ignored.
- Do not drink from open beverage sources like punch bowls, pitchers or tubs.
- If you or one of your friends sees or feels the signs of predatory drugs: extreme wooziness, confusion, difficulty standing, or slurred speech, get to a safe place immediately and if the symptoms are severe, go to a hospital.
- Drinking and driving is always a dangerous situation



and illegal, so avoid this by having your safe mode of transportation home planned before you go out. Having a designated driver before the night starts can be great for driving and for keeping an eye out for everyone as well.

- Avoid binge drinking. NIAAA (the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism) defines binge drinking as a pattern of drinking that brings blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels to 0.08 g/dL. This typically occurs after 4 drinks for women and 5 drinks for men—in about 2 hours. Binge drinking can lead to irreversible consequences.
- Pace yourself if you choose to drink. If you are new to drinking or have very limited experience, a party setting away from home isn't the best place to start figuring out your limits. Remember in pacing that while you can feel the effects of alcohol in as little as 10 minutes, sometimes it can take longer so, go slow, and see how you feel before ordering a second drink.
- Don't try to match friends drink for drink. The way alcohol affects your body will be different than everyone else based on how often you drink, what kind of alcohol, your weight, and how much you ate.
- Eat before drinking. Drinking on an empty stomach can cause alcohol to affect you much quicker and can make you sick and those bowls of snack mix aren't much substance to go on.
- Be aware that some types of alcohol have stronger and faster effects, i.e., one beer are not going to have the same impact as one Long Island Tea. A standard drink in terms of consumption is 12 ounces of beer, but only 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of hard liquor.
- Some of the most common side effects of alcohol usage are: reduced inhibition, slurred speech, motor impairment, confusion, and memory and concentration difficulties. In other words, you aren't going to be at your most aware when drinking which can put you in the position of being targeted by criminals. Is this fair? No. Is it your fault? Never. However, if a mugger is looking for someone to steal a purse from and



they have to choose between someone who is obviously intoxicated and someone who is not, the choice is simple. This applies to all forms of crime, including sexual assault.

- For this reason, when drinking, is even more important to follow the golden rule of partying safe: Come with your friends. Leave with your friends. We need to look out for each other and if you see someone not in your group in a potentially bad situation, look out for them too. Being an active bystander is the best way we can work together to end violence of all kinds.

### In the water . . .

- Drinking + sun can equal bad sunburn and an even worse hangover. Sun can maximize the effects of alcohol so keep this in mind when you party poolside or at the beach.
- Take it slow and stay hydrated by drinking lots of water. If you start feeling faint or light headed, get shade and water immediately.
- Use waterproof sunscreen at least SPF 30 and reapply often. Pay extra special attention to ears, nose, face, feet, and shoulders.
- Avoid sun exposure during the hours when UV rays are the most intense (between 10 am and 4 pm) and remember you can burn even when it's cloudy.
- Jumping into the ocean without a lifeguard is putting yourself at risk. Always swim with a buddy. Even the most experienced swimmer can get caught in an undertow. If you are caught in a rip current, don't bother swimming against it. Instead, swim parallel to shore until the rip passes.
- Know the flag system for water safety:
  - Red Flag: Stay out of the water because of strong undertow and riptides.
  - Yellow Flag: Use CAUTION in the water. There are some undertow and riptides possible.
  - Blue Flag: Calm water. Swim safely.
- Drinking in the hot tub might sound like a good idea, since pretty much every MTV video makes it look glamorous. But lo and behold, MTV is not an educational resource. (shocker!) Alcohol can dilate blood vessels and lower blood pressure to dangerous levels. The effects of alcohol are felt sooner and stronger in a hot tub. It can lead to unconsciousness and drowning.
- In any natural body of water, be aware that you can't always tell how deep the water is. Don't dive if you don't know for sure how deep the water is. Diving in too shallow of waters can lead to serious accidents.

### Leaving the country . . .

- If you're leaving the country you'll need a passport. You might also need a Visa depending on your destination. You can check that here. These are not quick and easy documents to attain, so file your application at least 6 months before going on a trip abroad.
- Safety has a lot to do with what you pack when traveling abroad. Don't bring flashy valuables like expensive jewelry or watches.
- Do your homework beforehand about your destination, keeping in mind you are subject to the laws of the country you visit. You should also check here for any travel warnings or travel alerts by the US government.



- Do not carry large quantities of cash. These days ATM's are everywhere so you can replenish if you need to. If you do have mostly cash, always keep part of your cash in your hotel safe and the rest of it in two locations on your person. That way if you are mugged or robbed, you won't lose everything.
- Take at least two credit cards or debit cards with you. Keep one on your person and one in the hotel safe. Make photocopies of the front and back of all cards and keep in your safe and/or leave this with someone at home. If your card is stolen or lost, this will make canceling the card much easier.
- You will want to have ID on you when you are on the go in a foreign country, but you will want a back up ID also left in your safe at your hotel. If you do lose your main ID, you can use your back up ID to assist you when getting it replaced by the US Embassy.
- Be aware of local scam artists. The best way to avoid scams is to know some common ones ahead of time. These two sites have many of the common scams listed: Wikitravel and Lonely Planet. Once you know these scams are happening, you are likely to see them from a mile away before you fall for one.
- Always inform others of your travel plans including hotel and contact information while you are away. Give someone back at home a copy of your passport as well just in case yours is lost or stolen. This will help you if you have to get a replacement passport from the US Embassy.
- If you are mugged or robbed, remember that the only thing irreplaceable is you.
- Keep your camera hidden until you are ready to use it.
- Avoid viewing maps in wide-open spaces.
- Do not take shortcuts. Stay on well-traveled streets.
- Check your phone before you leave the US to be sure that you are enabled to use it overseas in case of emergency.
- Learn the customs before you go and a few common phrases if you are headed to a destination where the primary language is foreign to you. Knowing how to say: "Hello," "Thank you," "Please," "How Much," "Where is" . . . will go a long way to making your experience a positive one.
- Know your local equivalent to 911. Who do you call in an emergency?



# Cinco De Mayo and Hornitos

Cinco de Mayo is here and that means it is time to sip on margaritas, right? No! Try something new this year and consider a few margarita alternatives from Hornitos® Tequila, por favor.

Hornitos® Tequila has the perfect recipes for your readers to grab the spirit of Cinco de Mayo by the horns and man up their drink of choice this holiday.

## La Resistencia

- 1 ½ Parts Hornitos Plata Tequila
- ½ Part Sweet Vermouth
- ½ Part Dry Vermouth
- ½ Part Campari®
- 1 Dash Angostura® Bitters

Preparation: Stir all ingredients with ice, and strain into a rocks glass over fresh ice. Garnish with a lemon peel.

## Mexican Salute

- 1 Part Hornitos Plata Tequila
- 2 Parts Lemonade
- 3-4 Dashes of Green Hot Sauce
- Salt/Smoked Paprika Rim

Preparation: Rim shot glass with salt and smoked paprika. Mix chilled lemonade, chilled Hornitos® Plata and hot sauce in mixing glass and pour into a tall shot glass.

For hi-resolution images of these cocktails, as well as additional information on Hornitos® Tequila, please click on the following link – <https://coynepr.sharefile.com/d/s04c17c6164f48928>



# Vecenie's Wholesale and Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week 2015 Make Some Waves

by Brian Meyer

It's the most wonderful time of the year. No, we're not talking about when the fat man in a red suit comes to town; we're talking about Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week. Unlike Christmas, Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week usually takes place in warmer weather, and instead of it being a mad rush to find the perfect gifts; it's a mad rush to find the perfect events. It's generally warmer during PCBW than Christmas, and best of all there aren't any Craft Beer Week carols to hear.....yet.

Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week is celebrating its fourth year and by all accounts this one is proving to be the best ones yet by far. With more than 200 events throughout the city and as far stretching as Cranberry Twp. and Beaver County this year is the farthest-stretching week yet.

Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week is all about supporting craft breweries both local and not so local in the hopes of winning over as many converts to the craft beer life as possible. Vecenie Distributing has been a supporter of Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week and Vecenie's own Tony "Beerman" Knipling even served on the original board. Not only has Vecenie's been involved since day one with PCBW, but they've been a high-level sponsor each year, continuing the trend this year as a silver-level sponsor. Without the help of everyone at Vecenie's we may very well not have a craft beer week to call our own. You can learn more about Vecenie's events and their involvement with PCBW by heading to [BeerSince1933.com](http://BeerSince1933.com) or checking them out on twitter and Facebook, both @ BeerSince1933.

Vecenie's is bringing the big guns this year with some of the most interesting events of the entire week with some of the biggest names in craft beer like Stone Brewing Co. and Dogfish Head Brewing Co to name a few. Check out some of the best events Vecenie's has to offer for Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week below, and to see all the events head over to [PittsburghCraftBeerWeek.com](http://PittsburghCraftBeerWeek.com).

## Meet the Stone Brewery Rep

While your local bartender or home brewer may know a lot about beer, when you want to learn all about a particular brewery's beer look no further than their dedicated rep. Breweries send their reps out into the world to sell beer to your favorite bars, distributors, and bottle shops as well as educate all of us about what's new and exciting from their brewery.

Vecenie's is hosting Stone Brewing Co.'s local brewery rep will be at Caliente Pizza in Bloomfield on Friday, April 24th. Help the Stone rep celebrate all things that are NOT yellow fizzy beer and try some extra rare offerings and even win some free swag. What better way to keep PCBW 2015 going



strong than get the lowdown and hard to get beer from the brewery rep himself.

## Running with the Hashers

Running and beer go hand in hand like, well, running and beer. Nobody knows about this better than the Hash Hound Harriers, or Hashers as they're known. This group of beer loving runners can be found around the country and Pittsburgh's very own branch is organized by Dave Lockerman, a true beer man if there ever was one.

Vecenie's along with Caliente Pizza is hosting the hashers for a special run in Hampton. If you haven't done a beer run before, it's worth a shot. It's no beer mile, but you'll have a blast doing it for sure. Call Caliente's at 412-682-1414 for more information on getting involved with this event on Sunday the 25th.

## Record Store Day with Dogfish Head Happy Hour

Dogfish Head prides itself on having "Analog Beer for the Digital Age," but what exactly does that mean? Well, Analog is adjustable. It ebbs and flows, changing for the times. Digital on the other hand is either on or off. That's fine for some things but not for beer.

With this idea in mind, it's no surprise that Dogfish Head is a big supporter of analog music and records, which makes it a perfect fit for Dogfish Head to celebrate Record Store Day during PCBW 2015. Vecenie's is working with Dogfish Head to have some pretty great specials throughout the city on April 18th to help them celebrate. Check out the PCBW events calendar available from [PittsburghCraftBeerWeek.com](http://PittsburghCraftBeerWeek.com) for more info on where you can find these specials.

## Toast to Sustainability for Earth Day

Join Vecenie's as they host a celebration of Earth Day at Whole Foods Wexford on April 22nd from 5-7 PM with Anderson Valley and their Eastern Regional Manager Charlie Carson.

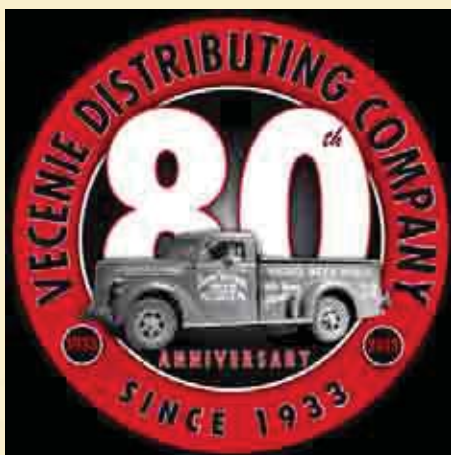
Sample some Anderson Valley beers and take a growler or six-pack home while keeping it green with Anderson Valley and Whole Foods.

## Weyerbacher Dinner with Big Burrito Chef Fuller

Weyerbacher will be in town with Pittsburgh's very own chef from the Root 174 for a beer dinner pairing special and limited releases with some amazing food.

Learn about beer and food pairings while trying





some hard to get beers from Weyerbacher and Vecenie's. This is an amazing event that takes place on April 21st at Root 174 in Regent Square.

### The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion with Smuttynose Brewing

It's no surprise that the most rocking event during PCBW 2015 is being hosted by none other than Vecenie's at the Rex Theater in the South Side. The Rex will be host to the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion with Smuttynose Brewing and their Finest Kind and Old Brown Dog Ale.

On April 25th at 9 PM come check out the band and enjoy some of the best beer you've ever had at a concert.

### The Beer Rep Olympics Featuring Oskar Blues

While the giant Jenga game is worth mentioning outright, all three days of the Beer Rep Olympics are worth hitting up. Taking place on the 19th at The Summit on Mt. Washington, the 20th at Hough's Taproom, and the 21st at the Loft in Regent Square, this trio of events should prove to be pretty entertaining.

Day one features Giant Jenga, day two features Shuffleboard, and day three is all about darts. Come see your local reps fight it out to see what brewery comes out on top.

### Bobbing for Beer Schwag at Beer Express

One of the best things about beer events is the free stuff. Sure, trying new beers is great, but it's the shirts, glasses, and the like. What's even better is getting some schwag that's hard to find and will make you the envy of all your beer friends.

Sure, we could give this stuff away, but it's more fun to make you work for it, so Vecenie's teamed up with Beer Express in



Robinson to make a game that's both trying and fun to do and hilarious to watch. Come bob for beer schwag on the 17th from 5-7 PM and try to win something good.

### Luchador Night with Victory and Troegs

Luchadors are wrestlers whose personalities are as big as their arms are. These masked men stay in persona seemingly 24/7 and for a very special night on April 24th at Mad Mex North Hills the Luchadors will be out and while there won't be any wrestling, there will be some amazing beer from Troegs Brewing and Victory Brewing in the house.

Check out some great beer and have a blast doing it. Who knows, maybe you'll even get challenged to a match, so don't forget your mask.

The events listed above have all been made available by Vecenie Wholesale, a four-year sponsor of Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week.



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# Flying Dog Brewery in Frederick, MD

by Brian Meyer

What exactly is a “Flying Dog” anyway? The words aren’t exactly connected to one another and unless you’ve bought a seat for Fido to fly on vacation with you, you’ve probably never seen one, either. So why all the interest in two seemingly unrelated words? Well, to understand what a Flying Dog is you have to look back quite a few years, well before the brewery by the same name was ever imagined. The first time the words “flying” and “dog” were used together in a truly connected manner was in 1983 by the brewery’s founder George Stranahan just about as far from the brewery’s current home in Frederick Maryland as possible. The short version cuts to Stranahan in a bar in Pakistan after a 35-day trip to the mountains of the country. He and his compadres settled in to drink their quota of allotted alcohol and low and behold he sees a painting of a dog in mid-jump. At

first glance it appeared to be flying, and this idea stuck with Stanahan as a memory of his trip and accomplishment for years to come.

Jump ahead to 1990 and George founds the Flying Dog brewpub in Aspen, Colorado. He grew this small brewpub into a full-fledged brewery, which years later was moved to Flying Dog’s current home in Frederick, Maryland. This state-of-the-art modern brewing facility is where the beers we’ve grown to love call home. Thanks to Flying Dog being regional to the East Coast, we get amazing beer just about as fresh as possible.

From the tried and true Snake Dog IPA and Flying Dog Pale Ale to the new and amazing Bloodline Blood Orange Ale, Flying Dog is going strong and brewing some of the best and most consistently great beer available today.

Flying Dog Bloodline Blood Orange Ale

Leading off with the new kid on the block, Flying Dog’s new Bloodline Blood Orange Ale is making the jump this year from a small batch one-off to a year-round offering. Blood Orange Ale was originally released for the 2013 Craft Brewer’s Conference in Washington, DC and was such a hit that Flying Dog decided it deserved a spot on the year round menu of beers.

Bloodline is brewed with blood orange peel and juice as well as



the citrus-forward hops Citra and Galaxy. These two aspects combine for a huge grapefruit nose and a near-perfect balance of citrus, bitterness, and sweet through to the end. Bloodline Blood Orange Ale comes in at 7% ABV, and while it has a strong flavor profile, you still get the subtle nuances of each ingredient to give a complete beer that’s amazing.

## Flying Dog Easy IPA

Speaking of beers that started out as one-offs, Easy IPA was released last May as part of Flying Dog’s Brewhouse Rarities collection, and is now making its way to the big show, joining the ranks of Snake Dog year round. Easy IPA will be available in April in Western PA.

As the name suggests, Easy IPA is a session IPA that comes in at the top end of session at 4.7% ABV. Easy IPA is brewed to still convey a strong hop flavor found in traditional IPAs while keeping the alcohol lower. The result is an outstanding IPA that features huge tropical fruit and citrus flavors that are balanced with a crisp, clean biscuity malt backbone.

## Flying Dog Hefeweizen

If you’ve been a fan of Flying Dog’s In Heat Wheat, then there’s a slight change on the horizon. Starting this year, Flying Dog is changing the name of the beer to simply be Flying Dog Hefeweizen. The change signals their want to better portray what the beer’s all about.

The year-round Flying Dog Hefeweizen comes in at 4.7% ABV and features malted white wheat as well as Munich barley. Hops, while extremely light are German Perle and Flying Dog uses their proprietary wheat strain of yeast to give this beer an amazing taste that includes banana, clove, and semi-sweet malt. If you’re a fan of In Heat Wheat (and why wouldn’t you be),





then make sure you pick up the same beer with a revamped name, Flying Dog Hefeweizen.

### Flying Dog Pale Ale

While we're on the topic of beers that had their names changed, the formerly known Doggie Style is now simply Flying Dog Pale Ale. While the name may have changed and become simpler, the beer itself is still as great as ever. This American Pale Ale comes in at 5.5% ABV and featured Northern Brewer, Cascade, Simcoe, and Citra hops.

These, paired with the caramel malt used for brewing give this pale ale a crisp taste that's easy to drink while keeping the hops nice and balanced.

### Flying Dog Raging Bitch Belgian IPA

Thankfully not all of Flying Dog's beers received new names, as their Belgian-style IPA Raging Bitch is staying true to its original name. Coming in at 8.3% ABV, Raging Bitch has a healthy dose of Warrior, Columbus, and Amarillo hops paired with lighter caramel malt and topped off with Flying Dog's El Diablo Belgian yeast.

The artist behind each of Flying Dog's labels Ralph Steadman described Raging Bitch as "nectar imprisoned in a bottle," and who are we to argue with the likes of an artist like that.

### Flying Dog Snake Dog IPA

Another beer that's keeping its name is Flying Dog's year-round Snake Dog IPA. This 7.1% ABV beer features Warrior and Columbus hops that give the beer a unique hop profile that's both earthy and citrus-forward.

Snake dog uses a balance of malt that gives the beer a balanced taste while keeping the hops front and center. The aroma is fruity with a slight biscuit aroma on the back, but the taste definitely lets you know the caliber of IPA you have.

### The Variety Pack

Decisions are tough. Flying Dog likes to make things easy on you, so to help you decide on the beer you want they've built a pretty amazing variety pack that runs the gamut of their beers.

Starting with the newly-named Pale Ale, the variety also features Snake Dog IPA, Raging Bitch Belgian-Style IPA, and Pearl Necklace, Flying Dog's oyster stout. Each 12-pack variety comes with three of each beer, and most importantly each pack comes with the gift of choice.

### Look for other Imperial Favorites

Double Dog Originally a Wild Dog release commemorating Flying Dog's 10th anniversary. Citrus hops with sweet malt and subtle alcohol burn (like a kiss on the cheek. Double Dog Double Pale Ale became here to stay in 2009. Could you control such a beast?

### Gonzo Imperial Porter

Gonzo is big, bold, and beautiful like the man it was brewed in honor of – Dr. Hunter S. Thompson. Flavor notes: Roasted chocolate, coffee, and vanilla malt flavors balanced with a unique hop bite.

### Coming Soon

Year-round beers are great, but seasonal beers are like a summer fling that you get to enjoy for a few months before they're gone, leaving you in the cold. Flying Dog has two flings for you to try out this summer, one returning favorite that's pretty wild and great, and a new one that we're looking forward to trying.

Flying Dog Dead Rise Old Bay Summer Ale

What happens when you add Old Bay seasoning to beer? The result is pretty much the same as anything else you put Old Bay on, and by that we mean amazing. Dead Rise Old Bay Summer Ale is a 5.6% ABV beer that's only available in the summer and is something that has to be tried to be believed.

The beer was brewed to highlight the tastes and aroma of Old Bay while keeping it easily drinkable. This is done by adding hops that give the beer citrus hop notes and a crisp, tart finish. Of course the best pairing for this beer is a crab pot with nothing else but Old Bay all over it.

Flying Dog Numero Uno Summer Cerveza

Finishing things up is the newest beer in this list. Flying Dog Numero Uno Summer Cerveza is a 4.9% beer that's literally made for summer. Brewed with agave nectar and lime zest, this is the beer you didn't know you wanted on those hot summer days.

Forget about those other big beers that claim to be perfect for hot days, this beer will win you over and make you wish for warm weather all year. Get it while you can though, as this is a limited summer release that'll be gone well before the leaves start to change.

Flying Dog beers are proudly distributed in the Pittsburgh area by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale and are available year round unless otherwise noted.





# Let's Get Ready to Stumble

by Eric Saferstein

It was the 2015 St. Patrick's Day parade. Having recently relocated to the Pittsburgh area from Wheeling, WV, I thought Nightwire readers might enjoy a newcomer's perspective. A little innocent, maybe. A tad naive, possibly. Feel free to make your own determination.

There was a steady drizzle as I strolled down Liberty Avenue. It brought back memories of that last gasp from William Wallace. Freeedom! This proved to be an omen as I would encounter many passionate outbursts that morning. Of course, Sir William was a Scotsman, not an Irishman. But none of that really mattered as people of all nationalities converged on a rainy Saturday morning... and were conveniently backed up to the top of Green Tree hill.

And lemme tell ya somethin'. Green was definitely the color of choice. This wasn't a 50 Shades of Grey screening. It was gazillion shades of green extravaganza. Flamboyant emerald costume jewelry. A sea of avocado-hued underoos. Even the port-a-jons had an environmentally certified teal pigment. Rest assured, the revelers were out in full force. The crowd was gettin' wiggy with it.

Now I realize there's a time and place for everything. But green beer??? C'mon man! Now I like cheap beer just as much as the next Monroever, but the thought of chugging a mug of alcohol infused w/ green dye #6 didn't seem to appealing. Maybe at 2 am, but definitely not at 10 am. So I opted for some cheap red wine. As the hours progressed, I became a bit intoxicated. So I give you fair warning. Some of my recollections might not be entirely accurate.

A group of Irish artisans had gathered in a caged parking lot. Everyone was focused on these massive chunks of dirt and grime. A panel of distinguished magistrates analyzed the sculpted blocks. It took me a second, but I finally realized what was happening. These weren't sandcastles. They were judging "sootcastles." I never even knew such a contest existed. As you may have guessed, the winning entry was a gritty rendition of Heinz Field.

A fanciful leprechaun caught my attention as it emerged from behind a nearby dumpster. The creature encouraged me to frolic and celebrate. Unfortunately, my dance moves are better suited for an outdated version of Guitar Hero. Seriously, I'm just not accustomed to the presence of whimsical, mythical creatures. Gleeful gnomes ain't my forte either. Gargoyles perhaps. Maybe a giant Gecko so I could save on car insurance. Just nothing with a rapscallion disposition.

With no rainbow in sight, he guided me toward this boiling pot of kielbasa. But the mischievous little guy darted off when an old woman's foot slammed into a puddle. I guess it scared him. The hag elbowed me in the head as she lurched forward. Apparently, one of the parade throws had gone awry. A necklace soared over the crowd and landed on a sewer grate where it precariously dangled at the corner of Stanwix and Third. She knelt down and snatched it up. I think this was her notion of unearthing buried treasure. Reminiscent of the time Geraldo Rivera cracked open Al Capone's vault on live television --- kind of a poorly scripted, mid-80's flashdance flashback.

Speaking of the 1980's, a Bubby Brister celebrity impersonator was regaling the crowd with tales of the 1989 Great Pierogi Famine. Was it a contributing factor to the dairy industry collapse? Did it spark a sour cream shortage? Did any of this have an impact on the zany wildcard overtime victory in Houston? Or was it a contributing factor to the heartbreaking divisional round loss in Denver? Locals refer to that tough loss as the "Wrath of Broughton." I've deemed it lactose intolerable. A controversy second only to the Immaculate Reception... just not as well known.

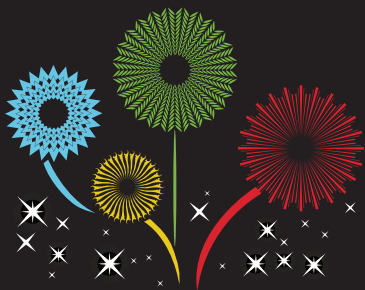
Nearby, a massive police presence gathered to help a young child who had accidentally fallen into a deep pothole. He was trapped in the chasm and couldn't get out, hearkening back to the fictional Simpsons character (Timmy O'Toole) who fell down a well. But this was a real-world predicament. Fortunately, Timmy's cries for help would not go unanswered. A group of adults were sending their love down that pothole. They sang folk songs to placate him while others formed a makeshift pulley. They fetched a rope, tied it to a derby hat and carefully lowered down the nourishment, consisting of Skittles, Tootsie Rolls and Dubble Bubble. It was just enough to see him through the ordeal. Truth be told, my traumatic hallucination could have been worse. Thoughts of Buffalo Bill and the "put the lotion in the basket" sequence did enter my mind.

The sounds of the parade were merging together. The b-flat reverberations of the vuvuzelas gave the Boulevard of the Allies a festive World Cup-like atmosphere. A rambunctious kid from Kittanning screamed "Let's Go Pens" at the top of his lungs... directly into the concrete wall of a parking garage. The shrill cheers, rambunctious taunts, miscellaneous jibber-jabber. It all morphed into an angry daytime talk show collective. Like a Maury Povich studio audience --- "Morgan, when it comes to 1 year old twins Aiden and Logan, you are NOT the father." Regrettably, the kids belonged to his brother Colin. Shocked by the news, dutiful wife and mother Megan ran off the stage faster than a Pittsburgh frat house slamming a round of Irish car bombs.

No presidential candidates made an appearance this year. But there was a local politician who drunkenly referenced the Blarney Stone. Kissing the Blarney Stone traditionally endows a person with great eloquence. Unfortunately, he mistakenly referred to it as "dat Bloomfield Rock." This didn't go over too well with the crowd. But he definitely had the gift of gab n'at. As if Pittsburgh residents really need a reason to be loquacious. I even overheard a man mumble to his buddy, "I'm sick of all these Irish stereotypes. After I finish this beer, I'm gonna go pick a fight." And on that note, I figured it would be wise to call it a night. Even though it was only 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Moral of the story: If you're not a hootin' and a hollerin', you might as well be a drinkin'. So let's fill that Stanley Cup replica with Jameson whiskey, pass it around, make an obligatory reference to U2's frontman Bono and look forward to next year's St. Patrick's Day parade. I'll be curious to see if anything unusual transpires.





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# Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents Othello

Directed by Ted Pappas, Shakespeare's timeless tale of love and lies features Teagle F. Bougere in the title role and a superb cast of 18.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's 40th anniversary Season of Legends continues with William Shakespeare's great drama, Othello. Directed by Ted Pappas, Othello runs April 16 – May 17, 2015 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org.

Pappas has set his fast-paced new production of Othello in mid-19th century Venice and Cyprus. He has assembled an extraordinary cast to tell this thrilling and timeless story of jealousy, betrayal, and heartbreak. In the title role is Teagle F. Bougere, who received great acclaim last season for his performance here in An Iliad. Making his Public Theater debut as Iago is Jeremy Kushnier, who appeared on Broadway in Jersey Boys, Rent, Footloose, and Jesus Christ Superstar. Returning to play Desdemona is Amanda Lee Cobb, who was last seen at The Public as Sibyl in Private Lives.

Also returning as Desdemona's father, Brabantio, is Edward James Hyland (Electra; Harry's Friendly Service). Paul Terzenbach, who performed in Good People, plays Cassio and Michael MacCauley, seen here last season in Noises Off, plays Montano.

Public Theater favorites include Daniel Krell as Lodovico, Larry John Meyers as Gratiano, and David Whalen as the Duke of Venice. The Public welcomes Christopher McFarland as Roderigo, Jessica Wortham as Emilia, and Robin Abramson as Bianca. Also featured are Shaun Cameron Hall, Ross Kobelak, Joseph Martinez, Andrew William Miller, Garrett Storm, and Michael Sullivan.

The designers for Othello are James Noone (Scenery), Gabriel Berry (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Randy Kovitz is the Fight Director and Casting is by McCorkle Casting. Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager and Caitlin Roper is the Assistant Stage Manager.

Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents  
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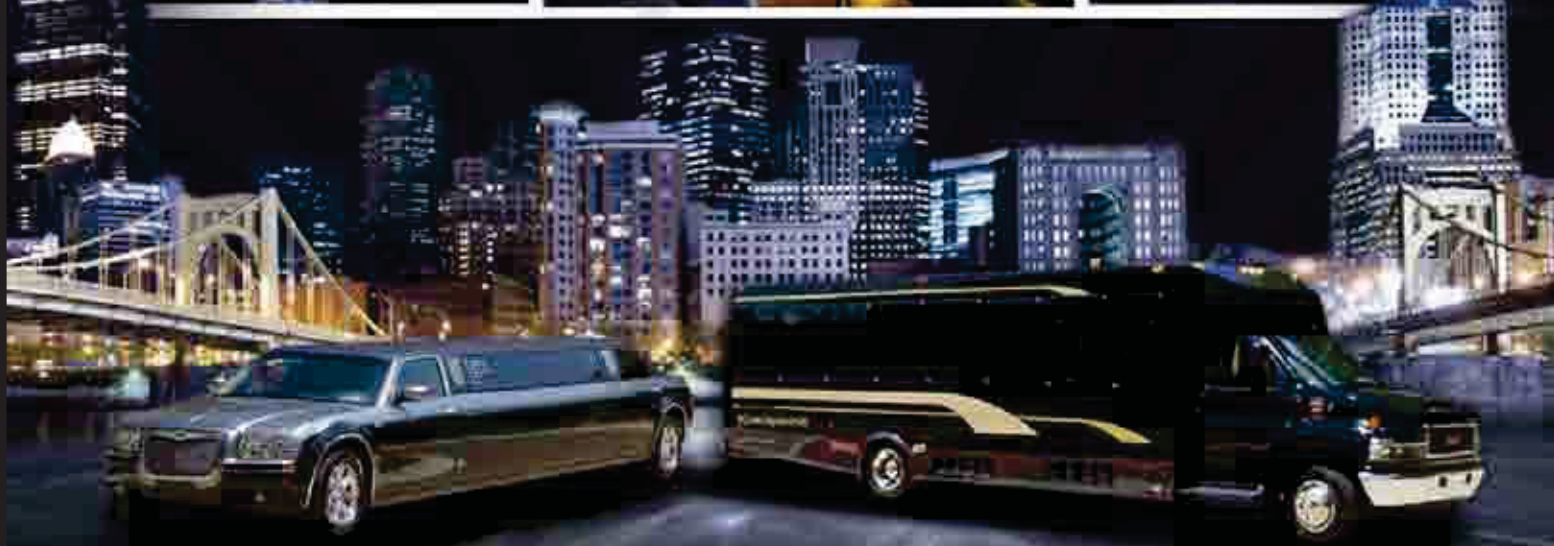


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# 2015 PITTSBURGH ROCK 'N ROLL LEGENDS AWARDS

## To Induct Donnie Iris, Porky Chedwick And Lou Christie Awards/Concert Only Ticket Added For April 23Rd Event

By Mary Ann Miller

Get ready to rock and roll the night away to your favorite Pittsburgh sounds, and celebrate with the newest class of Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends! The Second Annual PITTSBURGH ROCK 'N ROLL LEGENDS AWARDS committee has announced its 2015 inductees, who will be honored at a fantastic awards ceremony and celebration, Thursday, April 23 the Hard Rock Café, Station Square. This year's inductees are Donnie Iris, Porky Chedwick and Lou Christie.

Iris wins in the Modern Era Legends category, which is for groups or solo artists with 20+ years in the business. He's a singer and a gold record-winning songwriter, known nationally for Top 100 hits "The Rapper," "Ah Leah," "Love is Like a Rock" and "I Can't Hear You." He's been a member of the Jaggerz, Wild Cherry and front man for Donnie Iris and the Cruisers.

Chedwick was selected as the inductee for the Non-performer/music professional category (Individuals with 20+ years in the business). Chedwick, who passed away last year at the age of 96, was a Pittsburgh radio icon and one of the first DJs to present racially diverse music in a major city. Known far and wide as the "Daddio of the Raddio," "Pork the Tork," "The Bossman," and the "Platter Pushin' Pappa," he's credited by many very successful artists for breaking their records.

The Legacy Legends category for groups or solo artists with 40+ years in the business, goes to Lou Christie, a million-selling singer/songwriter known for his distinctive falsetto voice, whose hit singles include the #1 song, "Lightnin' Strikes," "The Gypsy Cried," "Two Faces Have I," "Rhapsody In the Rain" and "I'm

Donnie Iris, Modern Era Legend



Gonna Make You Mine."

Not surprisingly, the inductees were all very excited by the news. "I'm delighted to receive this award. To be recognized by my hometown, a city that I love – that's very special indeed," said Lou Christie. Donnie Iris echoed the same sentiments. "I'm just so honored and thankful to be chosen, especially when you see who else was nominated." Jean Chedwick, wife of the late radio great, said "Porky would be so pleased. This would mean the world to him."

Inductees for this year's Legends Awards were selected through a new and extensive nominations and voting process. Votes were cast online by the Legends Nominating Committee, comprised of local music industry experts, more than a thousand people from the general public who registered to vote and the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards Academy of Voters – assembled for this purpose, and comprised of nearly 200 knowledgeable, local music industry pros. Final ballots were carefully reviewed and results were verified by an independent, volunteer third-party panel of judges comprised of a local CPA, a journalist and a federal judge to assure that the voting process was fair and transparent. If you didn't vote this year, be sure to sign up for the mailing list for next year! You can join the mailing list at [www.PittsburghRockLegends.com](http://www.PittsburghRockLegends.com)

"The panel of judges was provided the raw data and summary of votes cast by the Nominating Committee, the Academy of







Lou Christie, Legacy Legend

Voters and the general public. We validated the votes and found the winners declared in each category to be correct. It was an honor to assist the Cancer Caring Center in this process and wish the organization much success with the Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards event," said Michael J. Malinsky, CPA, CGMA, senior manager at Herbein + Company, Inc.

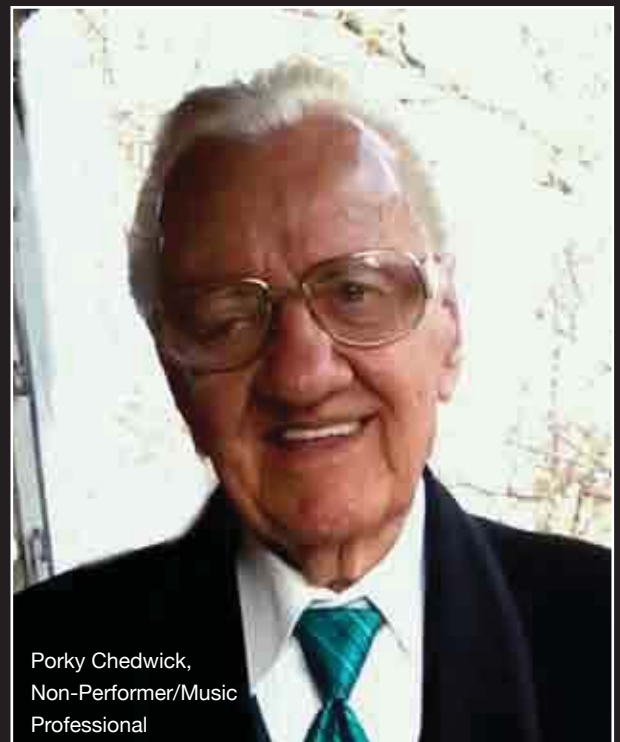
"We know the voters had some tough choices to make, given the caliber of the slate of nominees, which speaks to the exceptional rock and roll talent we have in Pittsburgh," noted Rebecca Whitlinger, executive director, Cancer Caring Center, which hosts the event and is the beneficiary. "We congratulate all of this year's inductees and look forward to celebrating with them."

The April 23 awards event will be a rockin' great time featuring special VIPs, musical guests, and performances by local all-star musicians including Donnie Iris, Joe Grushecky, Billy Price, Johnny Angel, Rick Witkowski, Ed Manion (of the E Street Band), Hermie Granati, Art Nardini, Frank Czuri and Joffo Simmons (scheduled to appear); a commemorative Hard Rock Cafe collectible pin created especially for the event; specialty cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a live and silent auction and other surprises. There are lots of great auction items collected so far, which will be viewable online for pre-event bidding several weeks before the event at [www.BiddingForGood.com](http://www.BiddingForGood.com), and include event tickets, gift certificates and many autographed items from music and sports legends such as Bruce Springsteen, Fleetwood Mac, KISS, Tony Bennett, Rod Stewart, Joe Perry, Santana, Evgeni Malkin, Pedro Alvarez and others.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.PittsburghRockLegends.com](http://www.PittsburghRockLegends.com). Prices are the same as last year: \$200 for VIP and \$150 for General Admission. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for VIP guests: the price includes food, special entertainment, a commemorative gift and two hours of open bar, while doors open at 6:30 p.m. for General Admission and includes food, entertainment and one hour of open bar. Additionally, the committee has added a limited number of tickets for guests who may wish to attend just the awards presentations and the musical performance for \$50 each. Doors open for these attendees at approximately 7:30 p.m. Guests may also call the Cancer Caring Center anytime to purchase tickets at 412-622-1212. This is sure to be one of the hottest tickets to the coolest event of the season, so order your tickets today!

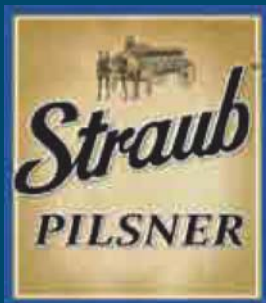
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# Humor



## Married Life:

Husband and wife in bed together.

She feels his hand rubbing her shoulder.

She: "Oh, that feels good."

His hand moves to her breast.

She: "Gee, honey, that feels wonderful."

His hand moves to her leg.

She: "Oh, honey, don't stop."

But he stops.

She: "Why did you stop?"

He: "I found the remote."

## You Gotta Love Drunk People

A man and his wife are awakened, at 3 o'clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3 o'clock in the morning! He slams the door and returns to bed. "Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers. "Did you help him?", she asks. "No, I did not, it's 3 o'clock in the morning and it's pouring out there!" "Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember, about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!" The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?" "Yes" comes back the answer. Do you still need a push?", calls out the husband. "Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark. "Where are you?" asks the husband. "Over here on the swing!" replies the drunk.

## PUNS:

- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now
- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Circumference
- The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work
- To write with a broken pencil is pointless
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate
- The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months
- A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal



- Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking
- We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U C L A
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground
- The dead batteries were given out free of charge
- If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory
- A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail
- What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway)
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired
- Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana
- A backward poet writes inverse
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes
- A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed
- With her marriage she got a new name and a dress
- Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered
- A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France, resulted in Lino-leum Blown apart
- You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it
- He broke into song because he couldn't find the key
- A calendar's days are numbered
- A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine
- A boiled egg is hard to beat
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed
- A plateau is a high form of flattery
- Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end
- When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall
- When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis

### A BRIDE FOR THE FOURTH TIME:

A woman married three times walked into a bridal shop and told the sales clerk that she was looking for a wedding dress for her fourth wedding. The bride to be said, "A long frilly white dress with a veil." The sales clerk hesitated a bit, then said, "Please



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don't take this the wrong way, but gowns of that nature are considered more appropriate for brides who are being married for the first time - for those who are a bit more innocent. Perhaps ivory or sky blue would be nice?" The customer, a little peeved, "I can assure you that a white gown would be quite appropriate. Believe it or not, despite all my marriages, I remain as innocent as any first-time bride. You see, my first husband was so excited about our wedding, he died as we were checking into our hotel. My second husband and I got into such a terrible fight in the Limo on our way to our honeymoon that we had that wedding annulled immediately and never spoke to each other again. "What about your third husband?" asked the sales clerk. "That one was a politician," said the woman, "every night for four years, he just sat on the edge of the bed and told me how good it was going to be."

## The Cannibal:

A cannibal was walking through the jungle and came upon a restaurant operated by a fellow cannibal. Feeling somewhat hungry, he sat down and looked over the menu...

Broiled Missionary: \$10.00

Fried Explorer: \$15.00

Baked Politician: \$100.00

The cannibal called the waiter over and asked, "Why such a price

difference for the politician?" The cook replied "Have you ever tried to clean one?" They're full of crap!

## It's Hell Getting Older:

An 80-year old man goes for a physical. All of his tests come back with normal results. The doctor says, "Chuck, everything looks great! How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with God?" Chuck replies, "God and I are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it so when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, POOF! the light goes on. When I'm done, POOF! the light goes off." "WOW, that's incredible," the doctor says. A little later in the day, the doctor calls Chuck's wife. "Ethel," he says, "Chuck is doing fine! But, I had to call you as I am in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that when he gets up during the night, POOF! The light goes on in the bathroom and when he's done POOF! The light goes off?" "Oh, my God!" Ethel exclaims, "he's peeing in the refrigerator again!"

## Dr. Smith:

A flat-chested young lady went to Dr. Smith about enlarging her tiny breasts. Dr. Smith advised her, "Every day after your shower rub your chest and say, "Scooby doobie doobies, I want bigger boobies." She did this faithfully for several months and it worked! She



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grew terrific D-cup boobs! One morning she was running late, got on the bus and in a panic realized she had forgotten her morning ritual. Frightened she might lose her lovely boobs if she didn't recite the little rhyme, she stood right there in the middle aisle of the bus closed her eyes and said, "Scooby doobie doobies, I want bigger boobies." A guy sitting nearby looked at her, "By any chance, are you a patient of Dr. Smith's?" "Why, yes I am... How did you know?" He leaned closer, winked and whispered, "Hickory dickory dock..."

## SWEET REVENGE:

Mrs. Johnson decided to have her own portrait painted by a well-known artist. She told the artist, "Paint me with three-carat diamond earrings, a large diamond necklace, glimmering emerald bracelets, and a beautiful, red ruby pendant." "But ma'am, you are not wearing any of those things." "I know," said Mrs. Johnson. "My health is not good and my husband is having an affair with his secretary. When I die I'm sure he will marry her, and I want the little witch to go nuts looking for the jewelry."

## SHARING:

An elderly couple walks into a fast food restaurant. They order one hamburger, one order of fries and one drink. The old man unwraps

the plain hamburger and carefully cuts it in half. He places one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counts out the fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placing one pile in front of his wife. He takes a sip of the drink, his wife takes a sip and then sets the cup down between them. As he begins to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them keep looking over and whispering "That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them." As the man begins to eat his fries a young man comes to the table. He politely offers to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man replies that they're just fine - they're just used to sharing everything. The surrounding people noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sits there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again the young man comes over and begs them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman says "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything." As the old man finishes and was wipes his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again comes over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asks "May I ask what is it you are waiting for?" The old woman answers... "THE TEETH."



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## SAFETY TIPS FOR WOMAN: Through a Rapist's Eyes (No Joke)

This is important information for females of ALL ages . A group of rapists and date rapists in prison were interviewed on what they look for in a potential victim and here are some interesting facts:

1. The first thing men look for in a potential victim is hairstyle They are most likely to go after a woman with a ponytail, bun, braid or other hairstyle that can easily be grabbed . They are also likely to go after a woman with long hair . Women with short hair are not common targets.
2. The second thing men look for is clothing.. They will look for women who's clothing is easy to remove quickly. Many of them carry scissors around

specifically to cut clothing.

3. They also look for women on their cell phone, searching through their purse or doing other activities while walking because they are off guard and can be easily overpowered.
4. Men are most likely to attack & rape in the early morning, between 5: 00a.m. and 8:30a.m.
5. The number one place women are abducted from/attacked is grocery store parking lots. Number two is office parking lots/garages Number three is public restrooms.
6. The thing about these men is that they are looking to grab a woman and quickly move her to another location where they don't have to worry about getting caught.
7. Only 2% said they carried weapons because rape carries a 3-5 year sentence but rape with a weapon is 15-20 years.
8. If you put up any kind of a fight at all, they get discouraged because it only takes a minute or two for them to realize that going after you isn't worth it because it will be time-consuming.
9. These men said they would not pick on women who have umbrellas, or other similar objects that can be used from a distance, in their hands. Keys are not a deterrent because you have to get really close to the attacker to use them as a weapon. So, the idea is to convince these guys you're not worth it.
10. Several defense mechanisms he taught us are: If someone is following behind you on a street or in a garage or with you in an elevator or stairwell, look them in the face and ask them a question, like what time is it, or make general small talk: "I can't believe it is so cold out here", "we're in for a bad winter." Now you've seen their face and could identify them in a line-up; you lose appeal as a target.
11. If someone is coming toward you, hold out your hands in front of you and yell STOP or STAY BACK! Most of the rapists this man talked to said they'd leave a woman alone if she yelled or showed that she would not be afraid to fight back. Again, they are looking for an EASY target.
12. If you carry pepper spray (this instructor was a huge advocate of it and carries it with him wherever he goes,) yell I HAVE PEPPER SPRAY and holding it out will be a deterrent.
13. If someone grabs you , you can't beat them with strength but you can by outsmarting them . If you are grabbed around the waist from behind, pinch the attacker either under the arm (between the elbow and armpit) OR in the upper inner thigh VERY VERY HARD . One woman in a class this guy taught told him she used the underarm pinch on a guy who was trying to date rape her and was so upset she broke through the skin and tore out muscle strands - the guy needed stitches. Try pinching yourself in those places as hard as you can stand it; it hurts.
14. After the initial hit, always GO for the GROIN. I know from a particularly unfortunate experience that if you slap a guy's parts it is extremely painful. You might think that you'll anger the guy and make him want to hurt you more, but the thing these rapists told our instructor is that they want a woman who will not cause a lot of trouble. Start causing trouble and he's out of there.
15. When the guy puts his hands up to you , grab his first two fingers and bend them back as far as possible with as much pressure pushing down on them as possible!. The instructor did it to me without using much pressure, and I ended up on my knees and both knuckles cracked audibly.



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Of course the things we always hear still apply. Always be aware of your surroundings, take someone with you if you can and if you see any odd behavior, don't dismiss it, and go with your instincts!!! You may feel a little silly at the time, but you'd feel much worse if the guy really was trouble.

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!
2. Learned this from a tourist guide in New Orleans. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, **DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM**. Toss it away from you....chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. **RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!**
3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy.. The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.
4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc. **DON'T DO THIS!**) The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. **AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.**
  - a. If someone is in the car with a gun to your head **DO NOT DRIVE OFF**, repeat: **DO NOT DRIVE OFF!** Instead gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your Air Bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat they will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes bail out and run. It is better than having them find your body in a remote location.
5. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:
  - A.) Be aware: look around you; look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.
  - B.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.
  - C.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out.**IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY. (And better paranoid than dead.)**
6. **ALWAYS** take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot. This is especially true at NIGHT!)

7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, **ALWAYS RUN!** The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; And even then, it most likely **WILL NOT** be a vital organ.. **RUN**, preferably in a zig -zag pattern!
8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: **STOP.** It may get you raped, or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who **ALWAYS** played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women.. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked "for help" into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

Another Safety Point: Someone just told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird. The police told her "Whatever you do, **DO NOT** open the door."

The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, "We already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, **DO NOT** open the door." He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it! , but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night. Please pass this on and

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DO NOT open the door for a crying baby ----This feature should probably be taken seriously because the Crying Baby theory was mentioned on America's Most Wanted this past Saturday when they profiled the serial killer in Louisiana. I'd like you to share this feature with all the women you know. It may save a life. A candle is not dimmed by lighting another candle. Plus to the men reading this, if you love your mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, etc., you may want to pass it onto them, as well.

## Dear Ex-Husband -

Nothing has made my day more than receiving your letter. It's true that you and I have been married for seven years, although a good man is a far cry from what you've been. I watch my soaps so much because they drown out your constant whining and griping. Too bad that doesn't work. I did notice when you got a hair cut last week, the first thing that came to mind was "You look just like a girl!" but my mother raised me not to say anything if you can't say anything nice. And when you cooked my favorite meal, you must have gotten me confused with my sister, because I stopped eating pork seven years ago. I turned away from you when you had those new silk boxers on because the price tag was still on them. I prayed that it was a coincidence that my sister had just borrowed fifty dollars from me that morning ... and your silk boxers were \$49.99.

After all of this, I still I loved you and felt that we could work it out. So when I discovered that I had hit the lotto for ten million dollars, I quit my job and bought us two tickets to Jamaica. But when I got home you were gone. Everything happens for a reason I guess. I hope you have the fulfilling life you always wanted. My lawyer said that with your letter that you wrote, you won't get a dime from me. So take care. Signed Rich As Hell and Free! P.S. I don't know if I ever told you this but Carla, my sister, was born Carl. I hope that's not a problem.

## Texting for Seniors:

Young people have theirs, now Seniors have their own texting codes:

- \* ATD- At the Doctor's
- \* BFF - Best Friends Funeral
- \* BTW- Bring the Wheelchair
- \* BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth
- \* CBM- Covered by Medicare
- \* CUATSC- See You at the Senior Center
- \* DWI- Driving While Incontinent
- \* FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- \* GGPBL- Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- \* GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- \* HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement
- \* LMDO- Laughing My Dentures Out
- \* LOL- Living on Lipitor
- \* OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas
- \* TOT- Texting on Toilet
- \* WAITT - Who Am I Talking To?

Hope these help. GGLKI (Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!)

## The Bible:

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

## Mailing a Bible:

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



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## The Lord

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, its morning."

## No-Parking Zone

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

## Building Fund

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new gym - fellowship hall building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

## Amish Driver

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

## Knowing God

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

## Gas Pumps

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."



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## People

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

## Sunday School

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

## New Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last

minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

## OLD TIMER'S HOSPITAL STAY!

Jim was an old man. He was sick and in the hospital. There was one nurse who just drove him crazy. Every time she came in, she would talk to him like he was a little child, saying in a patronizing tone: 'And how are we this morning?' Or 'Are we ready for a bath'; or 'Are we hungry now?' Old Jim had had enough of this particular nurse, so one day, at breakfast; he took the apple juice cup off the tray and put it in his bedside stand. Not long after he was served his breakfast, the nurse came by and gave him a urine container to fill for the lab. Now you know where the juice went! The nurse came by a little later, picked up the urine container and looked at it. 'My, it seems we're a little cloudy today,' she said peevishly. At this, Old Jim snatched the container out of her hand, popped off the lid and drank it down, saying: 'Well, I'll just run it through again. Maybe I'll filter it better this time.' The nurse fainted. Old Jim just smiled. Sometimes I pretend to be normal...but it gets boring so I go back to being me! Moral: don't mess with older people!

## A Nun Grading Papers

Can you imagine the nun sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her com-

posure! Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the bible even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a catholic elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 25 statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, guinessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was joan of ark. Noah built the ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like delilah.
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, moses went up to mountcyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandments was when eve told adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

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11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Jericho.

12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the lute. He fought the Philistines, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 concubines.

15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

16. When the three wise guys from the East arrived they found Jesus in the manger.

17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate conception.

18. St. John the Baptist dumped water on his head.

19. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

21. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 Disciples.

22. The apostles were the wives of the apostles.

23. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

24. St. Paul converted to Christianity, he preached holy matrimony, which is another name for marriage.

25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

## The Cab Ride

So I walked to the door and knocked. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice.. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s

movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knick-knacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. 'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the car, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated'. 'Oh, you're such a good boy', she said. When we got in the car, she gave me an address, and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice'. I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now' We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the car as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. 'How much do I owe you?' she asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing,' I said 'You have to make a living,' she answered. 'There are other passengers,' I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life. I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped

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in what others may consider a small one. People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but, they will always remember how you made them feel. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

### **A concerned Mom**

The mother of a 17-year-old girl was concerned that her daughter was having sex. Worried the girl might become pregnant and adversely impact the family's status, she consulted the family doctor. The doctor told her that teenagers today were very willful and any attempt to stop the girl would probably result in rebellion. He then told her to arrange for her daughter to be put on birth control and until then, talk to her and give her a box of condoms. Later that evening, as her daughter was preparing for a date, the woman told her about the situation and handed her a box of condoms. The girl burst out laughing and reached over to hug her mother saying: 'Oh Mom! You don't have to worry about that! I'm dating Susan!'

### **Church**

A man went to church one day and afterward he stopped to shake the preacher's hand. He said 'Preacher, I'll tell you, that was a damn fine sermon. Damn good!' The preacher said, 'Thank you sir, but I'd rather you didn't use profanity.' The man said, 'I was so damn impressed with that sermon I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!' The preacher said, 'No shit?'

### **Pancakes**

Brenda and Steve took their six-year-old son to the doctor. With some hesitation, they explained that although their little angel appeared to be in good health, they were concerned about his rather small penis. After examining the child, the doc-

tor confidently declared, 'Just feed him pancakes. That should solve the problem.' The next morning when the boy arrived at breakfast, there was a large stack of warm pancakes in the middle of the table. 'Gee, Mom,' he exclaimed. 'For me?' 'Just take two,' Brenda replied. 'The rest are for your father!'

### **Hair Removal....**

All hair removal methods have tricked women with their promises of easy, painless removal - The Epilady, scissors, razors, Nair and now...the wax. Read on..... My night began as any other normal week-night. Come home, fix dinner, play with the kids. I then had the thought that would ring painfully in my mind for the next few hours: 'Maybe should pull the waxing kit out of the medicine cabinet.' So I headed to the site of my demise: the bathroom. It was one of those 'cold wax' kits. No melting a clump of hot wax, you just rub the strips together in your hand, they get warm and you peel them apart and press them to your leg (or wherever else) and you pull the hair right off. No muss, no fuss. How hard can it be? I mean, I'm not a genius, but I am mechanically inclined enough to figure this out. (YA THINK!?!)

So I pull one of the thin strips out. Its two strips facing each other stuck together. Instead of rubbing them together, my genius kicks in so I get out the hair dryer and heat it to 1000 degrees. ('Cold wax,' yeah... right!) I lay the strip across my thigh. Hold the skin around it tight and pull. It works! OK, so it wasn't the best feeling, but it wasn't too bad. I can do this! Hair removal no longer eludes me! I am She-rah, fighter of all wayward body hair and maker of smooth skin extraordinaire. With my next wax strip I move north. After checking on the kids, I sneak back into the bathroom, for the ultimate hair fighting championship. I drop my panties and place one foot on the toilet. Using the same procedure,





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ASHLYN

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I apply the wax strip across the right side of my bikini line, covering the right half of my hoo-ha and stretching down to the inside of my butt cheek (it was a long strip) I inhale deeply and brace myself....RRRRRRRIIPPP!!!! I'm blind!!! Blinded from pain!!!!.... OH MY GOD!!!!!!!!! Vision returning, I notice that I've only managed to pull off half the strip. CRAP! Another deep breath and RIPP! Everything is spinning and spotted. I think I may pass out...must stay conscious...must stay conscious. Do I hear crashing drums??? Breathe, breathe..... OK, back to normal. I want to see my trophy - a wax-covered strip, the one that has caused me so much pain, with my hairy pelt sticking to it. I want to revel in the glory that is my triumph over body hair. I hold up the strip! There's NO hair on it. Where is the hair??? WHERE IS THE WAX??? Slowly I ease my head down, foot still perched on the toilet. I see the hair. The hair that should be on the strip...it's not! I touch. I am touching wax. I run my fingers over the most sensitive part of my body, which is now covered in cold wax and matted hair. Then I make the next BIG mistake...remember my foot is still propped upon the toilet? I know I need to do something. So I put my foot down. Sealed shut! My butt is sealed shut. Sealed shut! I penguin walk around the bathroom trying to figure out what to do and think to myself 'Please don't let me get the urge to poop. My head may pop off!' What can I do to melt the wax? Hot water!! Hot water melts wax!! I'll run

the hottest water I can stand into the bathtub, get in, immerse the wax-covered bits and the wax should melt and I can gently wipe it off, right??? \*WRONG!!!!!!\* I get in the tub - The water is slightly hotter than that used to torture prisoners of war or sterilize surgical equipment - I sit. Now, the only thing worse than having your nether regions glued together, is having them glued together and then glued to the bottom of the tub...in scalding hot water. Which, by the way, doesn't melt cold wax. So, now I'm stuck to the bottom of the tub as though I had cemented myself to the porcelain!! God bless the man who had convinced me a few months ago to have a phone put in the bathroom!!!! I call my friend, thinking surely she has waxed before and has some secret of how to get me undone. It's a very good conversation starter 'So, my butt and hoo-ha are glued together to the bottom of the tub!' There is a slight pause. She doesn't know any secret tricks for removal but she does try to hide her laughter from me. She wants to know exactly where the wax is located, 'Are we talking cheeks or hole or hoo-ha?' She's laughing out loud by now...I can hear her. I give her the rundown and she suggests I call the number on the side of the box. YEAH!!!! Right!! I should be the joke of someone else's night.

while we go through various solutions. I resort to trying to scrape the wax off with a razor. Nothing feels better than to have your girlie goodies covered in hot wax, glued shut, stuck to the tub in super-hot water and then dry-shaving the sticky wax off!! By now the brain is not working, dignity has taken a major hike and I'm pretty sure I'm going to need Post-Traumatic Stress counseling for this event. My friend is still talking with me when I finally see my saving grace....the lotion they give you to remove the excess wax. What do I really have to lose at this point? I rub some on and OH MY STARS!!!!!! The scream probably woke the kids and scared the dickens out of my friend. It's sooo painful, but I really don't care. 'IT WORKS!! It works !!' I get a hearty congratulation from my friend and she hangs up. I successfully remove the remainder of the wax and then notice to my grief and despair.... THE HAIR IS STILL THERE.....ALL OF IT! So I recklessly shave it off. Heck, I'm numb by now. Nothing hurts. I could have amputated my own leg at this point. Next week I'm going to try hair color.....

### Quote for the day:

"Whatever you give a woman, she's going to multiply. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll give you a home. If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her.' So - if you give her crap, you will receive more crap than any one human being can handle. Love and appreciate all the women in your life.



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- 40) Ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
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- 42) If you've washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and Presto! Lipstick is gone!
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## Types of Whopee!

### Social Security Sex:

Two men were talking. So, how's your sex life?" "Oh, nothing special. I'm having Social Security sex." "Social Security sex?" "Yeah, you know: I get a little each month, but not enough to live on!"

### Loud Sex:

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out this ear splitting yell." "My dear," the shrink said, "that's completely natural. I don't see what the problem is." "The problem is," she complained, "It wakes me up!"

#### Quiet Sex:

Tired of a listless sex life, the man came right out and asked his wife during a recent lovemaking! Session, "How come you never tell me when you have an orgasm?" She glanced at him casually and replied, "You're never home!"

#### Confounded Sex:

A man was in a terrible accident, and his "manhood" was mangled and torn from his body. His doctor assured him that modern medicine could give him back his manhood, but that his insurance wouldn't cover the surgery since it was considered cosmetic. The doctor said the cost would be \$3,500 for "small, \$6,500 for "medium, \$14,000 for "large." The man was sure he would want a medium or large, but the doctor urged him to talk it over with his wife before he made any decision. The man called his wife on the phone and explained their options. The doctor came back into the room, and found the man looking dejected. "Well, what have the two of you decided?" asked the doctor. The man answered, "She'd

rather remodel the kitchen".

#### Woman's Humor:

My husband came home with a tube of K Y jelly and said, "This will make you happy tonight." He was right. When he went out of the bedroom, I squirted it all over the doorknobs. He couldn't get back in.

One night an 87 yr old woman came home from Bingo to find her 92 yr old husband in bed with another woman. She became violent and ended up pushing him off the balcony of their 20th floor assisted living apartment...killing him instantly. Brought before the court on charge of murder, the judge asked her if she had anything to say in her defense. She began coolly, yes, your honor, I figured that at 92 if he could have sex...he could fly.

#### Fishing Humor:

Couple goes on vacation to a fishing resort in northern Minnesota. The husband likes to fish at the crack of dawn, the wife likes to read. One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short



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distance, anchors, and continues to read her book. Along comes a game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning Ma'am. What are you doing?" "Reading a book," She replies, (Thinking, "Isn't that obvious?") "You're in a restricted fishing area," he informs her. "I'm sorry officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading." "Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up." "If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman. "But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden. "That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment." "Have a nice day ma'am," and he left. MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she very intelligent and will out smart you.

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## Potatoes

Well, a Girl Potato and Boy Potato had eyes for each other, and finally they got married, and had a little Sweet Potato, which they called 'Yam.' Of course, they wanted the best for Yam. When it was time, they told her about the facts Of life. They warned her about going out and getting half-baked, so she wouldn't get accidentally mashed, and get a bad name for herself like 'Hot Potato,' and end up with a bunch of tater tots Yam said not to worry, no Spud would

get Her into the sack and make a rotten potato out of her! But on the other hand she wouldn't stay home and become a Couch Potato either. She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her shoestring cousins. When she went off to Europe, Mr. And Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for the hard-boiled guys from Ireland and the greasy guys from France called the French fries. And when she went out West, to watch out for the Indians so she wouldn't get scalloped...Yam said she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high class Yukon Gold's, or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all The trucks that say, 'Frito Lay.' Mr. And Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (that's Potato University) so that when she graduated she'd really be in the Chips. But in spite of all they did for her, one-day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw. Tom Brokaw! Mr. and Mrs. Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he's just..... Are you ready for this?? Because he's a Commontater.

## THINGS TO PONDER:

TOP 10 THINGS BALD GUYS NEVER HAVE to WORRY ABOUT

10. A crooked part.
9. Head lice.
8. Windy days.
7. The cost of mousse.
6. Chemotherapy.
5. Being elected President.
4. Hat Hair.
3. Shampoo in your eyes.
2. Blow Dryer Electrocution.
1. Flirting.

## Some really interesting facts!

- Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.





- In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"
- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
- Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)
- The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400
- The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
- The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:
  - Spades - King David
  - Hearts - Charlemagne
  - Clubs - Alexander, the Great
  - Diamonds - Julius Caesar
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
- If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

## Q&A

Q. Half of all Americans LIVE within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."
- It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.
- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down."
- It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"



## HOTEL BILL:

Next time you think your hotel bill is too high you might want to consider this...A husband and wife are traveling by car from Key West to Boston. After almost twenty-four hours on the road, they're too tired to continue and they decide to stop for a rest. They stop at a nice hotel and take a room, but they only plan to sleep for four hours and then get back on the road. When they check out four hours later, the desk clerk hands them a bill for \$350.00. The man explodes and demands to know why the charge is so high. He tells the clerk although it's a nice hotel, the rooms certainly aren't worth \$350.00! When the clerk tells him \$350.00 is the standard rate, the man insists on speaking to the Manager. The Manager appears, listens to the man, and then explains that the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center that were available for the husband and wife to use. "But we didn't use them," the man complains. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explains the Manager. He goes on to explain they could have taken in one of the shows for which the hotel is famous. "The best entertainers from New York, Hollywood, and Las Vegas perform here," the Manager says. "But we didn't go to any of those shows," complains the man again. "Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replies. No matter what amenity the Manager mentions the man replies, "But we didn't use it!" The Manager is unmoved, and even

tually the man gives up and agrees to pay. He writes a check and gives it to the Manager. The Manager is surprised when he looks at the check. "But sir," he says, this check is only made out for \$50.00." "That's correct," says the man. "I charged you \$300.00 for sleeping with my wife." "But I didn't!" exclaims the Manager. Well, too bad," the man replies. "she was here and you could have!"

## MAN OF THE HOUSE

The husband had just finished reading the book, 'MAN OF THE HOUSE'. He stormed into the kitchen and walked directly up to his wife. Pointing a finger in her face, he said, "From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law! I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterward. Then, after dinner, you are going to draw me my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?" His wife replied, "The funeral director would be my guess?!"

## Blonde's revenge

Finally, a good blond joke that could be based upon reality..... Guy gets on a plane and finds himself seated next to a cute blonde. He immediately turns to her and makes his move. "You know," he says, "I've heard that flights will go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger. So let's talk." The blonde, who had just opened her book, closes it slowly and says to the guy, "What would you like to discuss?" "Oh, I don't know," says the guy, smiling. "How about nuclear power?" "OK," says the blonde. "That could be an interesting topic. But let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff -- grass. Yet the deer excretes little pellets, the cow turns out a flat patty, and the horse produces muffins of dried poop. Why do you suppose that is?" The guy is dumbfounded. Finally he replies, "I haven't the slightest idea." "So tell me," says the blonde, "How is it that you feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know shit?"

## An Italian Mother Joke

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner...who lives with a female roommate Maria... During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate was (she had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two, and this had only made her more curious). Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and the roommate than met the



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eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates." About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?" "Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure." So Anthony sat down and wrote: Dear Mamma, I'm not saying that you 'did' take the sugar bowl from my house; I'm not saying that you 'did not' take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love, Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Mamma which read: Dear Son, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now. Love, Mamma

Lesson: Never lie to your Mamma...especially if she's Italian

### Gentle Thoughts for Today

- Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.
- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are "XL."
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.
- I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a

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nice change from being young.

- Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf .
- Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth... AMEN

## Little Sally

Little Sally came home from school with a smile on her face and told her mother, 'Frankie own showed me his weenie today!' Before the mother could raise a concern, Sally went on to say, 'It reminded me of a peanut.' Relaxing with a hidden smile, Sally's Mom asked, 'Really small, was it?' Sally replied, 'No... salty!' Mom fainted

## I Hate My Job

When you have a 'I Hate My Job' day, [even if retired you have those sometimes] try this: On your way home from work, stop at your pharmacy and go to the thermometer section and purchase a rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson. Be very sure you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed. Change into very comfortable clothing and sit in your favorite chair. Open the package and remove the thermometer. Now, carefully place it on a table or a surface so that it will not become chipped or broken. Now the fun part begins. Take out the literature from the

box and read it carefully. You will notice that in small print there is a statement: 'Every Rectal Thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested and then sanitized.' Now, close your eyes and repeat out loud five times, 'I am so glad I do not work in the thermometer quality control department at Johnson & Johnson.' Have a nice day and remember, there is always someone else with a job that is more of a pain in the ass than yours!

## Moms and daughters...

I was out walking with my 4 year old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that. "Why?" my daughter asked. "Because it's been on the ground, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Mommy, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart."

I was thinking quickly. "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mommy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mommy." We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information. "OH...I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy." "Exactly" I replied back with a big smile on my face.

## Another blonde joke...

It was a really hot day and this blonde decided to go buy a can of Coke. She went to the Coke machine and when she put her money



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in, a can of Coke came out -- so she kept putting money in. Now since it was such a hot day, a line had formed behind her. Finally, a guy in line said, "Will you hurry up? We're all hot and thirsty!" And the blonde said, "No way. I'm still winning!"

### Catholic Priest and Nun Golfing

A Catholic priest and a nun were taking a rare afternoon off and enjoying a round of golf. The priest stepped up to the first tee and took a mighty swing. He missed the ball entirely and said "Sh..t, I missed." The good Sister told him to watch his language. On his next swing, he missed again. "Sh..t, I missed." "Father, I'm not going to play with you if you keep swearing," the nun said tartly. The priest promised to do better and the round continued. On the 4th tee, he misses again. The usual comment followed. Sister is really mad now and says, "Father John, God is going to strike you dead if you keep swearing like that." On the next tee, Father John swings and misses again. "Sh..t, I missed." A terrible rumble is heard and a gigantic bolt of lightning comes out of the sky and strikes Sister Marie dead in her tracks. And from the sky comes a booming voice ..... "Sh..t, I missed."

### Two Doctors

Two doctors (a psychiatrist and a proctologist) opened an office in a small town and put up a sign reading: "Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors." The town council was not happy with

the sign, so the doctors changed it to read: "Schizoids and Hemorrhoids." This was not acceptable either. So, in an effort to satisfy the council, they changed the sign to "Catatonics and High Colonics." No go. Next they tried "Manic Depressives and Anal Retentive." Thumbs down, again. Then came "Minds and Behinds." Still...no good. Another attempt resulted in "Lost Souls and Butt Holes." Totally unacceptable! So they tried "Analysis and Anal Cysts." No way. "Nuts and Butts?" Nope. "Freaks and Cheeks?" Still no go. "Loons and Moons?" Forget it. Almost at their wit's end, the doctors finally came up with: "Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones, Odds and Ends." Everyone loved it!!

### Redneck Vacation:

Billy Bob and Luther were talking one afternoon when Billy Bob tells Luther, "Ya know, I reckon I'm 'bout ready for a vacation. Only this year I'm gonna do it a little different. The last few years, I took your advice about where to go. Three years ago you said to go to Hawaii. I went to Hawaii and Earlene got pregnant. Then two years ago, you told me to go to the Bahamas, and Earlene got pregnant again. Last year you suggested Tahiti and darned if Earlene didn't get pregnant again." Luther asks Billy Bob, "So, what you gonna do this year that's different?" Billy Bob says, "This year I'm taking Earlene with me."

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