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Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents: TRU

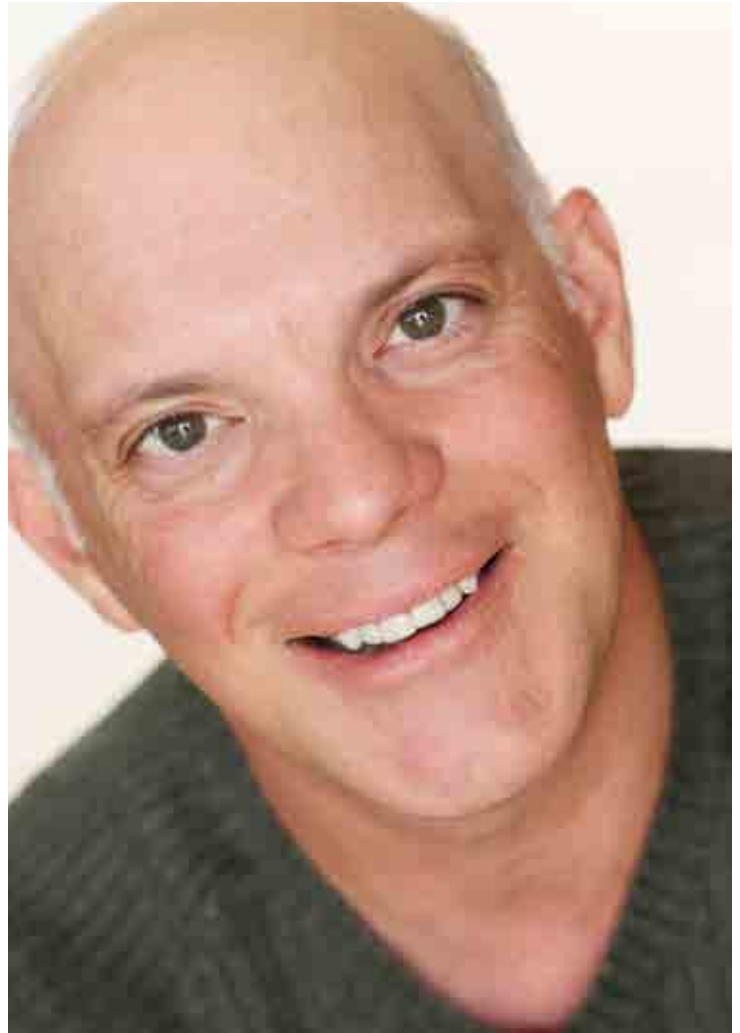
Written by Jay Presson Allen and directed by Ted Pappas, this one-man play catches brilliant writer Truman Capote at his turning point.

PITTSBURGH (March 18, 2016) Pittsburgh Public Theater presents Broadway actor Eddie Korbich as Truman Capote in TRU, a one-man play by Jay Presson Allen based on Capote's words and works. Directed by The Public's Producing Artistic Director Ted Pappas, TRU runs April 21 – May 22, 2016 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.

Truman Capote was acclaimed in 1948, at age 23, when his first novel *Other Voices, Other Rooms* was published. After that his star rapidly ascended. His best-selling books included *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *In Cold Blood*, and he was also famous for his friendships with chic socialites such as Babe Paley, Slim Keith and Gloria Vanderbilt, who became known as his "swans."

TRU takes place in 1975 in Capote's New York apartment, shortly after *Esquire* magazine published a chapter from his promised novel, *Answered Prayers*. The story dished the dirt about the rich and powerful in his circle, salaciously naming names and telling all. The writer thought his friends would be amused. Instead they were horrified. With humor and candor, Capote tells the audience how he got to this turning point: his unconventional childhood, his celebrity pals, his deepest secrets. In TRU, the revelations of this reckless genius become a theatrical tour de force.

Playing Capote is Eddie Korbich, whose Broadway credits include *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Carousel*, *A Christmas Story*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *After the Night and the Music*, *Wicked*, *Seussical*, and *Sweeney Todd*. TRU will be his Pittsburgh Public Theater debut.



The designers for TRU are James Noone (Scenic), Ted Pappas (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound).

Casting is by McCorkle Casting and Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager.

About the Playwright

Jay Presson Allen was a novelist, playwright, screenwriter, and a woman ahead of her time. In 1964 she wrote the screenplay for Alfred Hitchcock's film, *Marnie*, and two years later her adaptation of Muriel Spark's novel, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, premiered in London starring Vanessa Redgrave. When the play moved to Broadway, Zoe Caldwell won a Tony for her performance, and when Ms. Allen adapted it for film, Maggie Smith won an Oscar in the title role. Liza Minnelli also won an Oscar in Ms. Allen's film adaptation of *Cabaret*. Her other screen plays include *Funny Lady*, *Deathtrap*, *Prince of the City*, and *Just Tell Me What You Want* (which was based on her novel). Ms. Allen also directed TRU when it debuted on Broadway in 1989. Its star, Robert Morse, won a Tony for his performance.





SPORTS:

Baseball's Back!

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine
Pittsburgh Pirates Photos ©2016 Pittsburgh Pirates

Here we are. The long wait is over. Baseball season has arrived. The crack of the bat, the smack of the glove and the roar of the crowd are all back to delight fans. Spirits are high as hope springs eternal every April. Especially over the last few years around these parts. The six months stuffed with 162 games is much more enjoyable when your team is winning more than they are losing. And the Pirates have won a lot. 280 games in the last three seasons. Only the Cardinals have won more games over that span. Figures.

After three straight trips to the postseason, and the Pirates, Cardinals and Dodgers are the only teams to reach the playoffs each of the past three years, it's safe to say General Manager Neal Huntington and his crew have done what they've set out to do from the beginning. Build a team that contends every year. How have they done it? Develop and nurture and deep farm system to fuel consistency at the major league level and dot the roster with hungry veterans with chips on their shoulders. All while ignoring impulses to blow it all up and go for it at the trade deadline. Huntington's blinders are made of steel. That doesn't make expectant fans feel any better after a wild card loss, however. Will this team be able to take the next step?

The Pirates will have to do it without two of the big cogs in the club's transition from worst to nearly first. Much has been made of finding the pop to make up for the combined 43 dingers and 148 RBI that left with Pedro Alvarez and Neil Walker. When you trade away or show the door to two of your top six in OPS (on base percentage plus slugging percentage), there's going to be concern over losing that offensive production. Signing former World Series MVP David Freese should temper the loss a bit. While he isn't the same player he was in 2012, he still hit 14 homeruns and drove in 56 runs in 121 games last year with the Angels. The "hungry veteran with a chip on his shoulder" label applies here. Acquiring John Jaso to split time at first base will play dividends offensively as his plate discipline will provide more ducks on the pond, but also work opposing pitchers. Once Jung Ho Kang is healthy, he'll be an everyday player from the get go unlike 2015 and you can assume the other players will be more productive in April and May. Because they couldn't get much worse than last season.

Here's another nugget to chew on. Maybe the runs can also be made up defensively. Together, Alvarez and Walker cost the Pirates 16 runs with their defense in 2015. The bottom line is that every year there's a big question to be answered. Last

season it was “how will they survive without Russell Martin?” and Francisco Cervelli changed it to “Russell Martin who?” as the season progressed. I have no doubts that “how will they replace the run production of Neil Walker and Pedro Alvarez?” will be answered accordingly.

Another question being bandied about is “who will be Ray Searage’s next reclamation project?” and will Uncle Ray be as successful without his partner in restoration, pitching guru Jim Benedict? With less than two weeks until Opening Day, we may have our answer. Longtime Colorado Rocky, righty Juan Nicasio has exploded onto the scene in Bradenton, tossing 15 scoreless innings while striking out 24 batters. Nicasio couldn’t get his ERA



under five in Denver and did better out of the bullpen for Los Angeles last season, but they cast him off. And the Pirates reeled him in. Huntington has said Nicasio is in a competition with Jeff Locke and Ryan Vogelsong for two rotation spots, so we’ll have to wait and see where he’ll pitch. But there’s no doubt about it, he can pitch.

Pitching was what buoyed the Cardinals to 100 wins last season and there’s no way they recreate that historic performance. Add in a major thumb injury to Jhonny Peralta that will keep the short stop out until midseason, and St. Louis may take a step back this year. Everyone and their mothers are picking the Cubs to win the division and the pressure of being the favorites can be tough to deal with, not to mention they won’t be sneaking up on anyone. So while they have the talent, it remains to be seen whether or not they can produce with a target on their backs.



With Cincinnati and Milwaukee rebuilding, 90 wins could be enough to win the division this year. The Pirates have averaged more than 93 wins the last three seasons. That success breeds expectations. Expectations to win a division. Expectations to win in the playoffs. Let's go Bucs!

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Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week 2016

by **Brian Meyer**

Ah, April. The month where we all wearily put our snow shovels and parking chairs away for another season and actually start enjoying going outdoors again. For those of us that are fans of craft beer, April also means that it's time once again for Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week to descend on the city for 10 days of fun.

Sure, PCBW is all about the beer, but there's more to it than that. Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week is about the comradery and friendship that goes along with craft beer. The easiest way to see this is with the collaboration beers. These works of art are one-off beers that are typically vastly different than anything else you'll find all year, and best of all they're brewed with a collaborative team of brewers from all over the city, some more than an hour from the 'burgh. No other industry sees this level of collaboration and cooperation, making craft beer and PCBW itself a truly magical thing.

2016 marks the 5th anniversary of Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week and it's looking like it's going to be the biggest and best year yet. With hundreds of events spread throughout the city, the problem isn't finding something to do, it's deciding which events you'll miss because there just isn't enough time to get to everything that's great.

While Craft Beer Week is focused on the beer and on the brewers, the real heart of PCBW is you, the fan of craft beer. Every

person that chooses to drink local and support your neighborhood brewery helps to make this week a reality each year. It's because of you that the PCBW board, who are strictly volunteer only, work like maniacs to put on the best week of craft beer they can. So, from all of us on the board, thank you.

Events this year range from beer festivals like The Beer Barge and Craft Brewhaha to beer and cupcake pairings and even a Brewer's Olympics, which is being held for its second year at Grist House Brewing. Where else can you see the brewers of your favorite beers making fools of themselves in insane feats of strength while enjoying some great beer?

In short, it's once again that magical time of year where we get to put all of our hard work into action, sit back, and enjoy the festivities. Of course I'd be remiss to not mention our amazing sponsors, for without them we wouldn't be doing much other than sitting at a bar talking about craft beer, now would we?

Check out PittsburghCraftBeerWeek.com to view the events calendar, download the PCBW Mobile app for Apple and Android devices, and most importantly, get out there and have some fun!



5 Years of Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week with Vecenie Distributing

by Brian Meyer

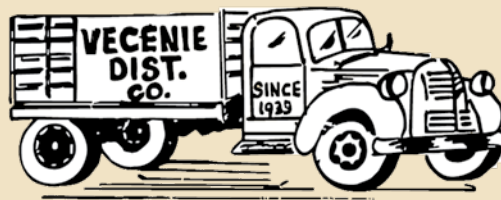
April is an amazing time of year. Not only does it mark the accepted end of winter and start of spring, but for those of us lucky enough to live in and around Pittsburgh it means Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week is back once again. While some people might say the most wonderful time of the year involves decorated trees and an obese bearded man handing out gifts, I would argue that PCBW holds that crown.

From beer festivals to tap takeovers to your chance at learning a little more about the beer you love, Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week is by far the most wonderful time of the year, and this year it's even more special than normal. 2016 marks the 5th anniversary of a group of people in the craft beer industry deciding over a few beers that Pittsburgh deserved its own week to celebrate all things craft beer. While the idea itself isn't new, these craft beer pioneers gave life to the idea in Pittsburgh and since then, it's only grown in size and appreciation.

This year Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week falls in the middle of April, running from April 15th through the 24th. Across the hundreds of events this year you'll find something for everyone. From samplings of new breweries to meeting the brewer to trying some extra rare beers...there's a lot going on!

Vecenie Distributing is a founding sponsor of Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week and them, along with founding board member Tony "Beer Man" Knipling, they have made PCBW a reality for all of us in and around Pittsburgh. In fact, without sponsors like Vecenie Distributing we probably wouldn't have a 5th year of Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week to celebrate. You can learn more about Vecenie's events and their involvement with PCBW by heading to 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., Dogfish Head Brewing, Bells Brewing, Oskar Blues, Victory, and Tröegs Independent Brewing 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.



PCBW Kick-Off Party

Kick off Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week in style at The Library with Vecenie's Distributing and Weyerbacher Brewing. Along with a variety of great craft beer on tap they'll also have two different years of the elusive Sunday Morning Stout on draft. You won't find this anywhere else, so don't miss your chance to try a 2-year vertical of the barrel-aged stout. Best of all, there'll be Weyerbacher glasses to give away for some lucky early birds while they last. Fun starts on April 15th at 7 pm.

Joint 20th Anniversary Celebration

Along with PCBW's 5th anniversary this year, Victory Brewing and Dogfish Head Brewing are both celebrating their 20th year in the craft beer world. Vecenie's will be helping them celebrate at Smokin' Joe's in the South Side the best way possible, with some amazing beers. Try some hard to find beers from Dogfish head including their huge beer "Higher Math." Check this event out on the 21st starting at 8 pm.

Voodoo Tap Takeover

The always amazing Voodoo Brewing will be taking over the taps at New Kensington's House of 1,000 Beers on Friday the 15th starting at 7 pm. Come try some of their year-round favorites as well as a few hard to find rarities that'll have to be seen to be believed.

Brewery Rep Olympics

Coming back again this year is the Brewery Rep Olympics on three different days at three different venues. Check out Night 1 on Sunday the 17th at The Summit, Night 2 on Monday the 18th at Hough's, and Night 3 on Tuesday the 19th at Barrel Junction. Each night's activities begins at 8 pm and features Dogfish Head, Oskar Blues, Victory Brewing, and Otter Creek.



Blue Dust Oysterfest

Another returning event for 2016 is Blue Dust's Oysterfest held under the Homestead Grey's Bridge. Join your fellow craft beer and oyster-loving comrades and try a variety of beers including Otter Creek Brewing and try a variety of oysters all while enjoying the nearly-guaranteed beautiful weather.

Beer and Pizza Pairing

Few things in this world go together better than beer and pizza, and to prove this point, Burgh Pizza and Wing Pub is featuring a Beer, Pizza, and Wing pairing on April 20th starting at 7 pm. Come hang out with Tony "The Beer Man" and try some hand-selected pairings featuring a variety of beers. They're taking their beer, pizza, and wings so seriously that this is a ticketed event. Call 412-257-8767 to get in on the fun.

All About Beer Class

Speaking of ticketed events, The Crafty Jackelope is featuring an All About Beer Class with 5 beers, 5 "bits" (small plates), and lots of great beer stories from some craft beer industry folk. Class is in session on April 21st starting at 7 pm. Tickets for this event are available by calling 412-220-9785.

As for the rest of the events, there are far too many to even give you an idea of the size of PCBW 2016. With help from Vecenie's Distributing and all the other PCBW sponsors, this is easily shaping up to be the biggest and best year yet. Get your excuses ready now to call off of work and have yourself a merry little PCBW.

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

So What Is Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week?

Pittsburgh Craft Beer Week will highlight the Pittsburgh region's craft beer culture, expanding the reach of craft beer through education, collaboration, cooperation and responsible libation.

Best Movies of 2015

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

I have been saying for years the Fist of Fiore Award I present to films is the pinnacle of achievement in film entertainment. I have always averred anyone will have more fun and enjoyment with the films I select as Hollywood's best, than the ones selected by the Academy Awards Committee, the Golden Globes or even the organization of which I am a charter member, The Broadcast Film Critics Association. This year, that claim has even more gravitas as the Oscars have become a joke, preparing to base their criteria not on performance, but on political correctness.

This is why the Fist of Fiore Award is even more important now than in previous years. The Fist of Fiore Award is presented to movies that exemplify excellence in entertainment. These are the movies you can easily watch repeatedly. They are films movie-lovers will want to add to their personal video collections. They represent the movies that offered the best value for the entertainment dollar.

As the Academy is thrown into disarray whether it will honor the best of the year, or the most politically correct, the Fist of Fiore continues to represent the most entertaining films of the year. For 2015, they are, in no particular order:

KINGSMAN: THE SECRET SERVICE

This film represents a harmonious blend of action and comedy. It has no slow spots, and is even handed when presenting political themes. It was the first film of the year to capture the coveted Fist of Fiore Award, and even now into the opening third of the new year, still enjoys solid viewership with home video and premium cable service.



THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

This could be one of the few remaining Marvel adventures written before Disney's take over, that still exemplifies what Stan Lee's world is about. All the quirky personalities of the unlikely superhero alliance, coupled with the deviousness of James Spader's antagonist, make this film memorable.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: ROGUE NATION

Director and screenwriter Christopher McQuarrie orchestrates a fine opus. Truly one of the best additions to this series is Simon Pegg. Here, he has some of the best scenes simply because he brings comedic relief to a tale that should never take itself seriously. This movie is a fun view. It just missed being a FIST OF FIORE AWARD winner, primarily because it truly is too long and the female warrior aspect is just too hokey.



SPECTRE

Simply, SPECTRE is one of the best in the James Bond series. Anyone who is a Bond fan will revel in this endeavor. Those not Bond fans, will see the light. The script, under Mendes' direction brings Bond to full glory with frantic fights, nifty gadgets, beautiful women and "gratuitous sex and violence". This is a film that epitomizes excellence in film entertainment and is worth multiple viewings. It will be one you will want to add to your personal video collection and as such earns the Fist of Fiore Award for 2015.

SICARIO

Many feel the infusion of women into police, firefighter and security roles diminished the requirements and quality of those services. For those who feel that way, SICARIO is a bona fide testament. SICARIO displays the harsh reality of



fighting cartel members. It also screams this is no place for a woman, nor anyone with a sense of fair play, or guilt. **SICARIO** reveals the ridiculousness of the war on drugs and the realistic methods necessary to control the substances twenty percent of the population feels are essential for survival. Benecio Del Toro commands the screen and is the lynchpin for the film.



JURASSIC WORLD

The T-Rex is back, in all his glory, and dinos rule the day. So, what's not to like?

BLACK MASS

BLACK MASS is one of the best ensemble dramas of the year. It tells the story of famed Irish gangster James "Whitey" Bulger and his rise from small time hood to criminal kingpin. The problem with **BLACK MASS** is a problem that often plagues ensemble cast films; many actors give fine performances that are ignored to propel the main stars. Even stars who are reduced to extended cameos in **BLACK MASS**, such as Benedict Cumberbatch, Corey Stall and Kevin Bacon, offer exceptional performances. Though supporting roles, they help make **BLACK MASS** worthy of the price of admission.

FURIOUS 7

Rather than allow the series to become stale and repetitive, Jason Statham was added to mix with star Vin Diesel and latter addition Dwayne Johnson. The combination is explosive and provides one of the better action films of the year.

RUN ALL NIGHT

Nothing adds gravitas to an action thriller more than the presence of quality stars. Liam Neeson and Ed Harris give this film an amazingly high status.



THE LAST WITCH HUNTER

THE LAST WITCH HUNTER is an exciting, well-paced supernatural thriller that could provide another successful series for star Vin Diesel. The movie was shot in Pittsburgh, and highlights the city well. At least one sequel is already in pre-production and Lionsgate is hoping this movie will spawn a series of six films. **THE LAST WITCH HUNTER** basically is a set up movie. Screenwriter Cory Goodman gives the viewer the key principles and scenarios of future adventures. It's worth a view, and could be the start of something big.

There is your list of the best films for 2015. You'll note not many of them were under consideration for other awards shows. They are, however, the movies Hollywood produced that represent the best ways to spend your hard earned entertainment dollars, sure to provide hours of fun and enjoyment.

At The Movies...

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS

Written and produced by Anthony Fankhauser, COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS is destined to take a seat of prominence in the epicness that is defined as Sci-Fi Saturday night. While not as noble as SHARKNADO, it will fit in nicely with SHARKTOPUS, PIRANHACONDA and SHARKTOPUS VS PTERACUDA. Fankhauser has methane infused dinosaurs, most notably Tyrannosaurs and Velociraptors living in a hollow section of a mine. When miners breach the opening, the dinos attack the town and nearby ranchers. There is the mandatory subplot featuring a dishonored cowboy who comes home to gain past glories, and his past love, but that serves only as filler scenes between the dino attacks.

KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. The mine attack
2. Family reunion
3. T-Rex comes to town & the raptors visit the diner

COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS stars Rib Hillis, who is becoming a staple of cheese-fi flicks, taking the mantle from the grand master, Jeffrey Combs. Casey Fitzgerald, Vernon Wells, Sara Malakui Lane co-star with Hillis; and Eric Roberts drops by long enough to make a strong cameo and exit by a budget restricted version of a Dilophosaurus.

Of course, in a film like this, the main concern is not the acting, but rather how good the dinosaurs look. In COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS, they look pretty good. The raptors in the opening sequence sport colorful feathers, keeping in vein with current paleo-thought. Something happens after the opening sequence, because the raptors lose their feathers and look more like the trouble-makers from the original JURASSIC PARK.

The T-Rex looks good, complete with rippling muscles and protruding teeth. This one is slow, though. He plods, much like the older version of the Tyrant King. It is hard to imagine this one keeping up with a racing jeep containing Dr. Ian Malcolm. This isn't the first time cowboys and dinosaurs have battled. VALLEY OF GWANGI had cowboys, led by James Franciscus fighting dinos from a lost valley. Those dinos were created by the master of stop-motion photography, Ray Harryhausen. Movie dinos aren't made that way anymore, and comparisons would be an apples and oranges affair. With the new digital imagery, Director of Photography Stuart Brereton manages to shoot a fairly realistic prehistoric adventure. There are only a few scenes where the matting of beasts and live actors is cheesy. Some of the other films in the Sci-Fi Saturday Night genre contain matting that is really poor, like CROCOSAURUS, or MEGA-SHARK. COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS is several steps above those endeavors and with the use of quick cut cinematography, ranks better than Lorenzo Lamas' RAPTOR ISLAND.

COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS isn't going to win any awards; it's not designed to do that. But if you want to gather with family and friends, let the popcorn and libations flow and enjoy 90 minutes of thrills and laughs, COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS will provide an entertaining evening.

THE GRADE FOR COWBOYS VS. DINOSAURS = B

GODS OF EGYPT

When Hollywood wants to destroy a movie, it can be more brutal than Michael Myers. Months before its scheduled release, GODS OF EGYPT was the victim of activists who were outraged for the lack of diversity casting in the film. This was the harbinger for the same complaint over the Best Actor category of the Academy Awards. The noise makers were so loud, Hollywood PR and trade publications began bashing the film weeks before its actual release.

Why would Hollywood so vociferously attack one of its own? Well, first, GODS OF EGYPT is British, so technically, it's not a Hollywood project. The cry of a lack of diversity is bogus. The film boasts an eclectic cast, with minorities in prominent roles, including the God of Wisdom, who is not only black in race, but homosexual in mien. The main stars are British, not too surprising since it's a British made film. CLASH OF THE TITANS (both versions) and WRATH OF THE TITANS, both excellent mythology movies, were made without benefit of Greek casts, yet they were still quite enjoyable.

So, what about the movie. It's an action thriller in the form of a mashup. As such, parts of it are a bit difficult to take. For example: Ra, played by Geoffrey Rush, rides in space on an orbital ship fending off a demon spirit determined to destroy Earth. This whole scenario really only makes sense if one is familiar with the fictional myths of Zechariah Sitchin. Without the reference, this entire subplot loses perspective. Gerrard Butler plays Set. He is angry he was banned to lord over the desert, while his brother Osiris, played by Bryan Brown, rules Egypt proper. He attacks his brother, begins to destroy any other gods who do not align with him and takes command of Egypt. The only one standing in Set's path is Osiris' son Horus, played by Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. Meanwhile, Horus becomes dependent on a mere mortal, Bek, played by Brenton Thwaites, who wants nothing more than to experience sexual bliss with Courtney Eaton who plays Zaya.

KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. The fire-breathing cobras.
2. The opening battle with Set
3. The Riddle of the Sphinx

GODS OF EGYPT is paced well. Credit Editor Richard Learoyd for the film's flow. Peter Menzies definitely shot this movie with the 3D experience in mind. In standard view, the movie loses much of its panache. In 3D, many of the scenes that look hokey take on a new dimension.

GODS OF EGYPT is worth a view and provides enough thrills for a popcorn flick.

THE GRADE FOR GODS OF EGYPT = C

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2016 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED FOR CANCER CARING CENTER'S PITTSBURGH ROCK 'N ROLL LEGENDS AWARDS

Tickets on Sale Now for April 28th Celebration at STAGE AE!

THE VOTES ARE IN! Rock and roll fans have spoken by submitting their ballots in four very hotly contested categories between February 10 and February 22 to select the newest inductees for the 2016 Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards! The honorees selected by the Legends Academy of Voters and public fan voters are as follows:

A. Modern Era Legends (Solo performer or band with 20+ years in the business – 2 inductees)

JOE GRUSHECKY: A 2014 Heinz History Center History Maker, Grushecky is a prolific songwriter, singer and guitarist who's released 18 albums as the leader of the Iron City Houserockers or as a solo artist, often co-writing and appearing with Bruce Springsteen, who's called him "a tremendous musician and writer."

BILLY PRICE: East coast blue-eyed soul man who's entertained audiences for decades; has released 15 albums. An institution in Pittsburgh and blues clubs all along the East Coast, he toured nationally as lead singer for guitarist Roy Buchanan for three years, and was vocalist on Buchanan's LPs. He was recently nominated for best soul blues album in the 37th Annual Blues Music Awards, for his collaborative album "This Time for Real" with soul legend Otis Clay.

B. Music Industry Professional Legends (Producer, promoter, manager, etc., with 20+ years in the business – 1 inductee)

PAT DICESARE: Concert promoter and songwriter; played a pivotal role in bringing the Beatles to the Civic Arena in September 1964. Co-founded DiCesare-Engler Productions (DE) with Rich Engler in 1973, one of the top-grossing concert



promoters in the U.S., bringing great music to Western PA for over 20 years. DE's venue, the Stanley Theatre, was named the top mid-sized concert theater in the country by Billboard Magazine.

C. Legacy Legends (Solo performer or band with 40+ years in the business – 1 inductee) (Note: The most successful iteration of the band is the one being honored.)

THE SKYLINERS: Many lists of the top all-time Doo Wop songs rank "Since I Don't Have You" as the number four ballad, and also include "This I Swear," another major Skyliners' song. Other top hits include "Pennies from Heaven," "It Happened Today," "Close Your Eyes," and "Comes Love."

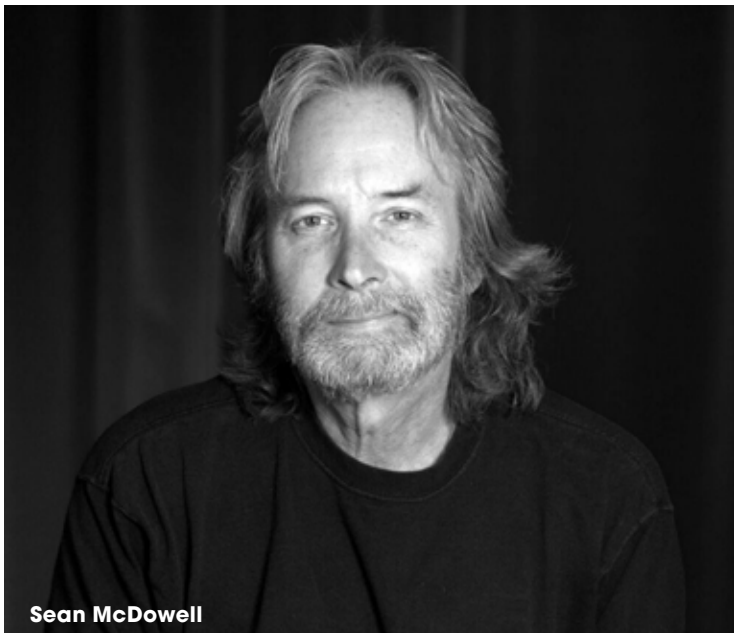
D. Music Broadcaster Legends (DJ or VJ with 20+ years in the business – 1 inductee)

SEAN MCDOWELL: Has been at WDVE, Pittsburgh's leading rock radio station, for nearly 23 years, where he's been the very popular afternoon drive DJ since April, 1993. He's spent his entire radio career in the Pittsburgh area since joining WYDD in 1978. He's a rock 'n' roll and radio fan and historian, with a wealth of knowledge - especially about Pittsburghers. Note: Additional biography information is available at www.PittsburghRockLegends.com under the Nominees tab. Inductees for the 2016 awards were selected through weighted ballots cast by more than 1,550 registered voters from the general public and the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards Academy of Voters, comprised of more than 200 local producers, promoters, music historians, musicians, media, educators and other music industry professionals. All votes were reviewed and certified by an independent, volunteer third-party panel of judges comprised of a local CPA, a journalist and a federal court judge, to assure that the voting process was fair and transparent.





Pat Dicesare



Sean McDowell

"We're extremely happy for this year's Legends, and look forward to celebrating with them in April," said Rebecca Whitlinger, executive director of the Cancer Caring Center, the producer and beneficiary of the Legends Awards fundraiser. "We thank the fans for voting, and hope everyone will join us to congratulate the honorees and all of the nominees, for everything they've done to enrich our lives through music. The opportunity to see so much Pittsburgh talent in one room on one night is what makes the Legends celebration truly unique."

The third annual signature Awards celebration will be held at STAGE AE on the North Shore on Thursday, April 28, 2016. The event takes on even more significance this year as an official partner of the 2016 Pittsburgh Bicentennial® Celebration. For the third year, UPMC CancerCenter/UPMC Health Plan are lead sponsors. Tickets on sale now at www.pittsburghrocklegends.com at the following levels:

- \$250 VIP Level: Two hours of open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, special commemorative gift, reserved table seating for awards presentation and concert - Doors open at 6:00 pm.
- \$150 Gold Level: One hour of open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, reserved seating at high top table of four for awards presentation and concert - Doors open at 7:00 pm.
- \$100 Silver Level: One hour of heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, stadium box seats for awards presentation and concert - Doors open at 7:00 pm.

The April 28 awards at STAGE AE will feature a number of exciting new elements, special VIPs and guests, a live and silent auction including autographed memorabilia, tickets and other thrilling experiences, video tributes, and special performances by Pittsburgh's All-Star Band to include this year's new inductees, plus others such as Donnie Iris, Rick Witkowski, Hermie Granati, Ed Manion, Johnny Angel, Rusted Root, Scott Blasey and others. (Specific performers are TBD based on availability.)

For more about the Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards, or to learn more about donating an auction prize, please contact the Center at 412-622-1212 or info@cancercaring.org. For information about becoming a sponsor, please contact Ida D'Errico Associates at 724-260-5331 or iderico@comcast.net.

About the Pittsburgh Rock 'n Roll Legends Awards

The Pittsburgh Rock 'N Roll Legends Awards is a local registry that honors the tremendously talented individuals and organizations that have contributed to the rich history of rock and roll in the Pittsburgh region. Organizers of the Legends Awards and a team of leading local musicians and industry experts have created an entity that will, over time, recognize the many individuals who have played an integral role in making rock and roll music part of the fabric of life in Western Pennsylvania. The 2015 honorees were Donnie Iris (Modern Era), Porky Chedwick (Music Industry Professional) and Lou Christie (Legacy). Concert promoter Rich Engler, formerly of DiCesare-Engler, was honored as the inaugural inductee in 2014.

The permanent Legends display, created by Wendell August Forge, features a hand-crafted metal guitar and a vibrant and striking painting of the city skyline by highly regarded local artist John Prascak. It hangs prominently at the Hard Rock Café in Station Square and will be updated as new Legends members are inducted. Follow the Legends on Facebook and Twitter or visit the website at www.PittsburghRockLegends.com. The 2016 event is also an official partner in the 2016 Pittsburgh Bicentennial® Celebration.

About the Cancer Caring Center

Since 1988, the Center has been a Pittsburgh-based charity, providing free emotional and social support services to patients and their families. They help those affected by a cancer diagnosis move forward, by offering a wide variety of programming. Services include nearly 20 neighborhood support groups throughout the area, individual and couples counseling, a telephone helpline, a Food Bank for qualifying patients, Reiki, a Young Adult Cancer Support program (YACS), art therapy, "Live Well with Cancer" newsletters and much more. The Center also sponsors Pet Therapy for children at Animal Friends and support groups for children who have a family member with cancer. For more information, visit www.cancercaring.org. Follow on Twitter and on Facebook.

Emerald Coast Paradise

By: Suzanne Ferrara

Nestled among the sugar-white sand and pristine turquoise waters of the famed Emerald Coast is the idyllic Santa Rosa Beach. This charming northwest Florida beach town is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and the Choctawhatchee Bay, making it a nature lover's paradise.

Adding to this picturesque escape, Santa Rosa Beach is home to the breath-taking Point Washington State Forest and the historic Eden Gardens State Park. These natural wonders add to the mystique of this coastal paradise for vacationers from around the world who seek this sublime refuge. Santa Rosa also boasts award-winning restaurants, boutique shops, family attractions and a myriad of outdoor adventures.

Perhaps the most alluring natural feature is the unspoiled white sand beaches and clear turquoise waters. There's something truly hypnotic about hearing the ebb and flow of the gulf waves crashing onto the coastline, and at the award-winning, luxurious WaterColor Inn and Resort you can hear these natural sounds right outside your door or private balcony patio. That's because the water's edge only steps away from guests at this "Four Diamond" retreat.

Whether you want to relax in this enveloping oasis under the resort's beach umbrellas or take a dip in either the invigorating clear gulf waters or one of six resort pools, the experience will renew your senses. Guests of the WaterColor Inn and Resort can enjoy the private beach club which overlooks the gulf; it's here you can swim, relax, have lunch, or sip your favorite frozen concoction. (Tip: The club balcony is another great spot



WaterColor Inn and Resort sand dune

to watch the stunning Emerald Coast sunsets.)

Traveling with family? Camp WaterColor is chock-full of fun, kid-friendly activities. Adjoining rooms are available, or you can opt for an upscale beach house or cozy cottage. There's also the convenience of a resort-wide concierge service, and everyone in the family will enjoy acres of parks, lush gardens, foot paths and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

The WaterColor community is pedestrian-friendly, and the very best way to get around is by foot or bike (the latter of



WaterColor Inn balcony view



Santa Rosa Beach sunset

which is provided by the nearby Bike Barn). A myriad of biking and walking trails are threaded throughout the sprawling (and charming) 500-acre development.

From the resort, take your two-wheels for a ride on the Tim-poochee Trail which will give you an intimate look all along 30-A, a scenic highway along the Gulf of Mexico coast. Among the sights are mesmerizing views of snowy beaches, dune lakes, both old Florida and Caribbean architecture, and green

trails.

Had enough of land exploration? For a memorable water adventure, head to WaterColor's BoatHouse for a kayak, canoe, sailing, or YOLO boarding excursion. And fishermen should feel at home as well: cane poles and bait are available, you can fish right off of the BoatHouse docks on Western Lake. (Note: Because of this very unique coastal dune waterway, with spring waters which at times open to the Gulf, you can catch both fresh-water and salt-water fish).

Western Lake is a 220-acre rare coastal dune lake, and is sure to inspire anyone who paddles through its waters. To learn more about this fascinating environmental treasure, sign up for the unforgettable Walco Eco Tour with master naturalist Murray Balkcom. Whether it's a guided family adventure or a romantic boat trip for two, you are sure to create a memory of a lifetime.

After all of this natural exploration, you will be ready for one of the most relaxing and pampered experiences offered along the Emerald Coast. Only 10-miles from the resort is the award-winning Serenity by the Sea Spa, a full-scale, 14,500 square-foot spa with 16 treatment rooms, a gorgeous vast nail salon, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

The spa's Serenity Lounge is a retreat unto itself with floating, zero-gravity chairs and the tranquil sounds of the gorgeous waterfall wall; nearby is the soothing whirlpool and relaxing steam room and sauna. A must experience: the new HydraFacial. You will never want another type of facial after you experience the addictive HydraFacial, and your skin will be glowing after this



Serenity by the Sea Spa, HydraFacial



Chef Slade Christmas, The Gathering Spot

non-invasive, multi-step procedure.

Men love the large flat-screen television, healthy snacks, whirlpool, steam room and sauna in their lounge, as well. Staff here is second-to-none and they make this extraordinary spa even more unforgettable. Guests truly come first at Serenity by the Sea!



Up in Smoke and Strawberry Drop Martini, WaterColor Inn

After melting your cares away, be sure to watch the blazing sunset, with its alternating hues of gold, orange and red from either your private WaterColor Inn accommodations or from your comfortable beach chair. You can even watch the sunset from your large walk-in shower, with inset windows that provide you with an expansive view of the gulf.

After a full day of activities, you will have worked up an appetite. Rest assured, there is a plethora of dining choices throughout Santa Rosa Beach, and fresh gulf seafood is a must while dining in northwestern Florida. With a host of passionate chefs, your taste buds will be satisfied in Santa Rosa Beach; in fact, the WaterColor Inn and Resort has four restaurants, including the multi-award winning Fish out of Water.

The WaterColor Inn's Gathering Spot and Sushi Bar is where you will find Chef Slade Christmas, a culinary artist whose savory, innovative dishes are sure to please even the most discerning of palates. One of his claims to fame is his Lobster Grilled Cheese, a mouth-watering dish served with a cup of



Lobster Grilled Cheese, The Gathering Spot



Vue Fruits de Mer, Vue on 30a

that you and your palate will never forget. Libation recommendations: Up in Smoke (a torched Sazerac Rye concoction) and the Strawberry Drop Martini made with homemade strawberry vodka.

The desire to please taste buds also runs deep in the veins of Chef Gio Filippone of Vue on 30a restaurant on Santa Rosa Beach. Chef Filippone began his culinary career as a little boy cooking with his entire family, and today, he is nationally known for his television debut on season five of the reality cooking show, “Hell’s Kitchen” with celebrity Chef, Gordon Ramsey. Vue on 30a is located directly on the Gulf of Mexico, and offers one of the Emerald Coast’s best views. Be sure to order the Pistachio Crusted Grouper and the Vue Fruits de Mer (a tasty seafood medley).

fresh tomato and red pepper soup; but there’s plenty of competition for Christmas’ ‘top dish’ creations, including his Sunomono Cucumber Salad and the WaterColor Roll. Upon request, Christmas will create a special five-course tasting plate dinner



Sunomono Cucumber Salad, Gathering Spot



Pistachio Crusted Grouper, Vue on 30a

After a good night’s rest, head straight to WaterColor’s Fish out of Water restaurant for a scrumptious gourmet breakfast and, yes, sweeping views of the coast. While you can’t go wrong with anything on the menu, the omelets are superb.

Don’t say I didn’t warn you, but you won’t want to leave the WaterColor Inn and Resort. You will think to yourself, “I wish this could last forever!”

For more information go to visitsouthwalton.com and watercolorresort.com.

Are You Ready Pittsburgh?

PyroFest 2016: May 28 & 29

Cooper's Lake

Passionate innovation, limitless imagination, and vivid artistic energy on an unprecedented scale join forces at PyroFest, America's largest fireworks festival. From the thunderous opening salutes to the mind-blowing pyromusical finale, Peony Entertainment and Pyrotecnico have created a one of a kind visual and sensory experience to thrill and entertain like never before. Bring the whole family out on Memorial weekend to celebrate the international art of pyrotechnics with a truly unique Festival full of music, patriotism, food, family, and fireworks! PyroFest is an awe-inspiring creation of wonder and excitement the entire community will enjoy.

Pyrotecnico is a recognized leader as an innovative full service fireworks, special effects, and laser production company. Pyrotecnico produces fireworks displays for events ranging from annual community celebrations to weddings and corporate events. Its special effects division produces pyrotechnics, flames, lasers, cryogenics, confetti/streamers, and

Quebec, Montreal, Canada. Vulcan brings this award-winning display to PyroFest, featuring songs from Guns n' Roses, Aerosmith, and Deep Purple. Established in 1974 by Mr. Ewan Cheung, Vulcan is one of the pioneer companies in the modern Chinese fireworks industry. The company began as a trading company, supplying Chinese firecrackers and fireworks to the US and Europe. In the 1990s, they expanded into manufacturing



custom designed creations for major sports teams, film and television, music festivals and tours. Most recently, Pyrotecnico FX toured with Justin Timberlake, The Weeknd, Zedd, and Nicki Minaj, just to name a few. We can't wait to see what they have created for this year's mind-blowing show!

The festival opens with the roaring whistling thunder and high energy noise that can only mean one thing, PyroFest has begun! People from miles around will hear the sounds of the American tour into the world of pyrotechnic artistry.

America's largest fireworks festival wouldn't be complete without a tribute to the troops who make it possible. This exclusive daytime display features an incredible array of smoke shells and a striking daytime UFO launch. Complete with Pyrotecnico's intense version of a 21 gun salute and bombs bursting overhead, this display is a proud reminder of our community roots that sets the stage with Red, White, and Blue splendor in the sky.

New this year, "Road Trip Ramble" produced by Vulcan, who took the Bronze prize at the 2015 L'International des Feux Loto-



and currently operate eight factories in Hunan and Guangxi provinces, producing both professional and consumer fireworks for the international market. In the mid-late 1990s, they started producing fireworks displays all over the world in the form of competitions and exhibitions. Being able to manufacture all the fireworks that are used in their displays means they have an unlimited capability to customize their products to suit each show and venue. Their team of choreographers and craftsmen

work together to produce a show that captures the audiences' suspense and excitement. In addition, they have years of experience supplying pyrotechnics to large, well-known display companies worldwide in Germany, England, Japan, the USA, and France.

Vulcan's team of designers includes John Werner and Cindy



Cheung. John has been in the professional fireworks business since 1973 working in both manufacturing and show display. In addition, he has held positions doing technical design work in pyrotechnics and special effects at Jet Propulsion Lab, the Walt Disney Company and Laser Images. Cindy has 20 years of fireworks experience. Both John and Cindy share a passion to create innovative pyrotechnic effects, and are supported by a production team in Guangxi, China.

Plus Pyrofest 2016 will also feature Sirius Pyrotechnics a Canadian company that has been wowing audiences around the globe since 1987 will also be featured this year at Pyrofest. With deep roots in the fireworks industry and an exhaustive list of accomplishments, Sirius is an elite pyrotechnics services provider and this year will be presenting "Eclipse" at Pyrofest 2016.

Above all else, Sirius delivers renowned world-class pyromusical design catered to the target market. Known for devote themes, intense musical synchronization and passion filled scenes, Sirius' designers always take control of the audience. Numerous awards and large scale shows like the 2010 Vancouver Olympics are a testament to this.

Sirius Pyrotechnics® role in the games was to test, design, implant, and execute all the Pyrotechnics and fireworks for the Opening, Victory, and Closing ceremonies of the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games in 2010. This monumental task was a grandiose success that was worldly renowned in the Industry. In addition to the fireworks and pyrotechnics effects, Sirius invented, designed and implemented the ramping flame that ignited both the indoor and outdoor cauldron. In truth, Sirius was the last bearer of these games.

Sirius Pyrotechnics® has an extensive history and a combined 130 years of experience in the fireworks industry. In the last 29 years, Patrick Brault and Kelly James Guille have designed and/or realized some of the largest and most prestigious shows in the World.

Returning again for 2016 is the world renowned Ricardo Caballer - Direct from Spain - The world famous Ricardo Caballer, S.A. Ricasa will return to produce one of their extraordinary award winning displays at PyroFest in 2016. Not only is Ricasa product considered the best in the industry, but they are also the world's elite design team winning an unprecedented 50+ international competitions and awards over the past 2 decades. He shows are mind-blowing and we can't wait to see this year's show. We love Ricardo!!

PyroFest is an affordable community event to promote & celebrate the international art of Pyrotechnics through innovative & unique presentations. This year, PyroFest is sure to amaze everyone with thrilling new displays. Pyrotechnic companies, techniques, and products from around the globe will come together effortlessly in an array of 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 fifth year, PyroFest is back at Cooper's Lake in Butler County, PA, with onsite camping options.

In addition to this two-day pyro-packed lineup, PyroFest will also include live music, food, and a Kids Zone for an unforgettable family Memorial Day experience that will be enjoyed by everyone, both young and old. Get you tickets now...visit www.pyrofest.com - See you there!

“Hip Hop Pawlooza” 2016

Rocks the ‘Burgh to Benefit Rutherford Rescue Ranch



March 5th was a day that will go down in Hip Hop Fitness infamy, when as many as 50 people turned out for “Hip Hop Pawlooza” to benefit Rutherford Rescue Ranch at PURE Athletex in Wexford. Event Chair Lori Czeka, AVP of First National Bank of PA, coordinated efforts with several area businesses for monetary donations and services in kind, to make this event a 100% dollar benefit to the Rutherford Rescue Ranch. Business owners donated all types of services and items to complete raffle baskets valued at \$400 up to \$1000. In addition, PURE Athletex hosted the event, photographer Caleb Green of CG Photography photographed the event, and co-instructors Christina Blazin and Dana Pecanis of Cardio Hip Hop by Dana & Christina taught



the group class. The Oven in Wexford catered the event, sponsored by First National Bank of PA.

Rutherford Rescue Ranch, a 5013C, owned and operated by Trent and Dani Seaman, began with a mission to rescue and service dogs that no one wanted; the elderly, dogs with special needs, or those needing medical attention and ongoing support, in less fortunate areas where the shelters cannot accommodate their needs. The idea of this type of rescue is to “re-home” these dogs; first to the rescue, and then to a foster home until adoption can take place. These dogs are never “caged” once they are pulled by the rescue. They live in homes, in a comfortable and social environment, until placed with their forever family or in a hospice situation, until they pass.

If not for home based rescues like RRR, many of these adoptable dogs would never get their chance. In a home based rescue, they have the chance to live with a family and become the adoptable pet that so many are looking for. For these special rescues, fosters make all of the difference. The reason for this is home based rescues are limited by the square footage of the home and the personal attention that can be offered by the occupants. However, when a foster family volunteers to provide a temporary home for a pet, they make the rescue that much bigger. Co-Founder Dani Seaman stated, “Fostering is a very rewarding experience in that you get to participate in rescue first hand without the financial responsibility or potential time constraints of adopting a pet. The rescue provides all of the





financial support, as well as the means to take the pet to any appointments or “meet and greets” that may take place. Valued input on potential adopters is greatly encouraged from the foster parents”.

When asked about the role of Forever Adoptive Families, Dani & Trent said, “Many times we as rescue hear. We are hesitant to adopt an older dog because we don’t want to become attached to a pet with limited life remaining.” When we hear this we encourage people to think larger; in that, adoption should be about more than just you and yours. When you adopt a senior dog, you assist the greater community by taking an animal from a shelter which opens a spot for another dog to have a chance

at sharing its golden years with a great family. As a parent of children, you are passing on the values of caring for our elderly and society as whole, as opposed to taking part in the “throw away, instant gratification” society that we see all too often. Even if you feel you can’t provide a senior dog with as much attention as you would like due to other commitments, we encourage people to still consider an adoption. Once people see where these dogs come from and the fates that await them, they quickly understand that any help, they can offer is an unselfish act of kindness and love. After all, “It is better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved.”

When asked what inspired her to chair and coordinate such an event, Ms. Czekaj stated, “Too many families, especially those with young children or busy working professionals WANT a dog, so they buy a puppy. This is often times the worst decision they could make. Unless an unlimited amount of time is available to properly train a puppy, it is not a good fit for small children, or a busy household. These are the dogs that fill our shelters after 1 year of age. However, these same families adopting or fostering an older dog would reap all of the rewards of having a dog, without the time commitment of training and exercising a puppy. Older dogs are docile, laid back, housebroken and well mannered. All they want is a family to love! It is a much better fit in most cases, and it saves these beautiful old souls from ending their lives prematurely or alone in a cold cage, wondering where their family has gone. There is nothing quite like the love and companionship of an older dog.”

Overall, the event raised close to \$2,000 in cash and bundles of blankets and towels were donated for the rescue. The media attention and community involvement for this event provided a channel for this much needed message to be told. Volunteers and Foster Families signed up to help, and this is the most valuable result that could have been hoped for! Thank you to everyone who participated, and special thanks to all of the businesses as far away as ERIE, PA. that made monetary donations. The most loving message you can send is to please ADOPT, FOSTER, or VOLUNTEER! And remember... OLD DOGS RULE!

Please visit Rutherford Rescue Ranch at www.rutherford-rescueranch.org



Pittsburgh Cultural Trust – April Jazz Appreciation Month



April is Jazz Appreciation Month and the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is not passing up this opportunity to celebrate! All throughout April, the Trust is showcasing a diverse array of musical acts that can be seen at various locations throughout the Cultural District.

Jazz Appreciation Month, cleverly abbreviated “JAM”, originated at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in 2002 as a way for all people to celebrate the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz music.

According to the Museum, JAM is intended to stimulate and inspire individuals of all ages to participate in jazz by encouraging them to study the music, attend concerts, listen to

jazz, read books about the genre as well as through many other ways.

In this spirit, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, hopes to increase its already strong offering of jazz in the area. With events such



as the BNY Mellon JazzLive Series and the Pittsburgh JazzLive International Festival, the Trust knows jazz.

However, to highlight Jazz Appreciation Month, special ticketed performances at The August Wilson Center and Cabaret at Theater Square are being offered this April for all jazz lovers to experience. Artists such as Maysa, Gary Bartz Quartet, Chuchito



Valdés and 4 Generations of Miles with Jimmy Cobb, Mike Stern, Sonny Fortune, Buster Williams will be performing, among others.

In addition, on Saturday, April 30 the Trust is also hosting an exciting event to announce remnants of the JazzLive International Festival which is being held June 24-26, 2016 at venues throughout the Cultural District. This festival, aimed at connecting the community to jazz, will bring prominent jazz musicians and visual artists to Pittsburgh's Cultural District to present Grammy-winning performers, jazz and jazz-influenced musical performances, and visual art.

From the team that brought you The Chocolate Bar at the Benedum Center, this jazz event is sure to deliver a collection of unforgettable performances. More than 20,000 visitors will visit the Cultural District to partake in this year's event.

So be sure to check out all jazz events taking place in the Cultural District this April! Tickets for all performances and a full schedule of events are available at TrustArts.org.

In addition, do not forget to visit TrustArts.org/JazzFest to stay up to date on all Festival events and details!

For more information about the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, visit TrustArts.org.



LIST OF EVENTS OCCURING IN THE CULTURAL DISTRICT FOR JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

April 5, 2016 –

**Roger Humphries | The Backstage Bar
| 8pm**

April 5, 2016 –

**4 Generations of Miles with Jimmy
Cobb, Mike Stern, Sonny Fortune,
Buster Williams* | Cabaret | 8pm**

April 9, 2016 –

**Soul Sessions presents Maysa* |
August Wilson Center | 8pm**

April 12, 2016 –

**Dwayne Dolphin | The Backstage Bar
| 5-8pm**

April 12, 2016 –

Gary Bartz Quartet* | Cabaret | 8pm

April 19, 2016 –


**Claude Flowers | The Backstage Bar |
5-8pm**

April 26, 2016 –

**Noel Quintana Y Su Conjunto Tipico |
The Backstage Bar | 5-8pm**

April 26, 2016 –

Chuchito Valdés* | Cabaret | 8pm



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Useless Trivia

- 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.
- There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with the words orange, purple, or silver, or month. (Debated, as I don't think that sliver is a rhyme for silver, or pimple a good rhyme with purple, etc.)
- The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's 'Born in the USA.'
- More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
- In 10 minutes, a hurricane expends more energy than all of the nuclear weapons in the world combined.
- The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.
- (What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond?)
- It is possible to lead a cow upstairs... but, not down stairs.
- In the 1400's, a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'.
- 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.
- The first zoo in America was in Philadelphia.
- Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.
- Elephants are the only land mammals that can't jump.
- More about elephants: If you add up the circumference of two feet, you get exactly the elephant's height.
- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- Polar bears are left-handed.
- (If they switch, they'll live a lot longer)
- Pearls melt in vinegar.
- Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.
- Walt Disney was afraid OF MICE!
- During the chariot scene in 'Ben Hur' a small red car can be seen in the distance.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.
- Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than the entire Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.
- 1 in every 4 Americans has appeared on television.
- If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
- Most dust particles in your house are made from DEAD SKIN!
- The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
- If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
- Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there. Also, the powder on the bark of a quaking aspen tree works as a mosquito repellent.
- Dachshunds were originally bred in 1600 to hunt dach's, which is German for badgers. (Historically speaking, 1600 was a slow year.)
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar. (I'm not sure if that counts 50 cent pieces or not.)
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Adolf Hitler's mother seriously considered having an abortion but

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was talked out of it by her doctor.

- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- Paul McCartney's real first name is James - Paul is his middle name. Thus, all the Beatles (including Ringo, whose first name is Richard) were named after kings.
- Birds have the right of way on all Utah highways.
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
- Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a spacesuit will damage it.
- Sherlock Holmes NEVER said, "Elementary, my dear Watson." For that matter, Sherlock Holmes never existed in the first place. But the address where he supposedly lived, 221B Baker Street, still gets a lot of fan mail. I am told that there is a desk there that has the sign "Secretary to Mr. Holmes".
- Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.
- If you farted consistently for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb.
- You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- Playing cards were issued to British pilots in WWII. If they were captured, the cards could be soaked in water and unfolded to reveal a map for escape.
- The number of possible ways of playing the first four moves per side in a game of chess is 318,979,564,000.
- John Wilkes Booth's brother once saved the life of Abraham Lincoln's son.
- An old law in Bellingham, Wash., made it illegal for a woman to take more than 3 steps backwards while dancing.
- The first product Motorola developed was a record player for automobiles. At that time the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.
- There are four cars and eleven light posts on the back of a \$10 dollar bill.
- By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand. One should carry a stout pole while traveling in quicksand country...when placed under one's back, it helps one to float out of the quicksand.
- Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least 6 feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.
- In a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one reported a single case where an ostrich buried its head in the sand (or attempted to do so).
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
- 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
- Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.
- Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.
- If one places a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and look like it is stinging itself to death.
- Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (As noted by a reader: "The reason a goldfish swims back and forth and back and forth across the fish bowl all day long everyday is because

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by the time it gets to one side of the bowl it forgets what's on the other side of the bowl. Every trip is a new adventure! (Hey, I wonder what's over there!.... Hey! I wonder what's over THERE!)"

- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- Rats and horses can't vomit.
- A snail can sleep for three months.
- A lot of photocopier faults world-wide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their buttocks.
- Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to SLOW a film down so you could see his moves. That's the opposite of the norm.
- If you drop a penny off of the Empire State Building, it will be going 106 miles per hour (terminal velocity) when it reaches the ground. Something moving this fast may actually cause head injuries if it lands on you.
- Scissors as we know them today (well, pretty much) were invented in Rome in about 100 AD (or CE, if you want to be politically correct).
- The original Winnie the Pooh was a real live bear found outside of Winnipeg, Canada, hence the name Winnie.
- The numbers '172' can be found on the back of the U.S. \$5 dollar bill in the bushes at the base of the Lincoln Memorial. (New or old? Not sure. Probably the old one.)
- Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
- The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer. So did the first "Marlboro Man."
- The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
- The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000
- 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
- Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?
A. Their birthplace
- Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?
A. Honey
- Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks, otherwise it will digest itself.
- Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
- A 2x4 is actually 1-1/2" x 3-1/2".
- The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.
- 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: \$ 16,400
- The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.
- During the California Gold Rush of 1849 miners sent their laundry to Honolulu for washing and pressing. Due to the high costs in California during these years it was deemed more feasible to send the shirts to Hawaii for servicing.
- Escalator is one of many words that were originally trademarks but have become ordinary words found in dictionaries. Some

other words which were originally trademarks and have now passed into common use are aspirin, autoharp, band-aids, breathalyzer, cellophane, Coke (in some areas, at least), corn flakes, cube steak, ditto, dry ice, dumpster, formica, Frisbee, granola, gunk, jeep, kerosene, Kleenex, mace, nylon, ping-pong (also an onomatopoeia), popsicle, Q-tip, rollerblade, rolodex, Scotch tape, sheetrock, spandex, styrofoam, tabloid, thermos, trampoline, yo-yo, xerox, and zipper.

- The citrus soda 7-UP was created in 1929; "7" was selected because the original containers were 7 ounces. "UP" indicated the direction of the bubbles.
- No piece of paper can be folded in half consecutively more than 7 times (doubling factor... you end up folding $2^7 = 128$ sheets of paper).
- Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- 47.2% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
- Americans eat on average 18 acres worth of pizza every day.
- "Go" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- If you stroke a shark from nose to tail, it is smooth. If you stroke it the other way, it is rough, and on some species, can even give you hand lacerations.
- The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
- Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.
- The three most valuable ! brand names on earth: ?
- Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- 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'

- The Declaration of Independence (the very official copy in the Rotunda of the National Archives) is written on parchment, not paper.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales. Yum.
- Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to digest a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with. (Mmm, diet food.)
- Roses MAY be red, but violets ARE, indeed, violet.
- In Gulliver's Travels Jonathan Swift described the two moons of Mars, Phobos and Deimos, giving their exact size and speeds of rotation. He did this more than one hundred years before either moon was discovered.
- The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.
- The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.
- The number one selling CD in history is the third Beatles anthology. It recently beat out the Eagles' "Their Greatest Hits."
- Houdini's real name was Ehrich Weiss.
- Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.
- Betsy Ross, Jackie Onassis, JFK, and Daniel Boone have all appeared on Pez dispensers.
- The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing their hands in jelly.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."



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Humor

- "The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- The oldest standing building in Australia is Captain James Cook's house, brought over from England brick by brick.
- Killer whales are not, technically, whales. They are orcas, a relative of the porpoise and the dolphin.
- Your foot is nearly the same length as your forearm as measured from the inside of the elbow to the wrist. (On me, it's nearly exact.)
- 90% of all New York cabbies are recently arrived immigrants.
- A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes.
- The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- The King of Hearts is the only king WITHOUT A MOUSE-TACHE.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.
- A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a mate.
- Every person has a unique tongue print. (Say "aaah")
- The 'spot' on 7UP comes from its inventor who had red eyes. He was an albino.
- Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.
- Daniel Boone detested coonskin caps.
- Dr. Seuss actually pronounced Seuss such that it sounded like Sue-ice.
- The little plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets. (Why do you name them?)
- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- "Dreamt" and "undreamt" are the only English words that end in the letters "mt."
- 26 (easily visible, there may be more) states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the old US \$5 bill.
- The almond is a member of the peach family.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula."
- Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower', because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the 'upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters. The proper term for upper case letters is "majuscule" and for lower case it's "minuscule".
- The printing industry gives us other popular phrases, such as "mind your 'p's and 'q's." The moveable block type had the letters in reverse so they would read correctly when imprinted on paper. Apprentices had to remove the type from the pages and return the blocks to their upper and lower cases. Each drawer in the case held a different size of letters, and each drawer was divided into compartments (called sorts) for each letter. The letters 'p' and 'q' could easily be mistaken, so the master printer would advise their apprentices to mind their 'p's and 'q's.
- When the master printer was building a page and discovered that a particular sort was empty, he would get angry. Thus the term "out of sorts".
- The question mark came from a monk habit of writing the Latin word for question, quo, at the end of sentences. Over time, the letters were written vertically to save space

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and morphed into the ? we write today. Similarly, the exclamation point came from the Latin word "Lo", meaning something important that should be heeded.

- Wellfleet, Massachusetts has the only town clock in the world that strikes ship's time. (Rings every half hour, to a maximum of 8 rings at the end of each four hour period.)
- The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.
- 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 because 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 4, 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. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?
A. All were invented by women.
- Most scorpions will glow under black (ultraviolet) light.
- The mask used by Michael Myers in the original Halloween was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
- Laser is actually an acronym for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emissions of Radiation."
- The world's first passenger train made its debut in England in 1825.
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chances of the keys jamming.

- Napoleon III suffered from ailurophobia, which is a fear of cats.
- Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
- A mayfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- The data track on a CD is a very long spiral. If it were unwound and laid out in a straight line, it would be over 3.5 miles long.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- A pregnant goldfish is called a twerp.
- All polar bears, despite being near the North Pole, are south-paws.
- Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
- A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.
- Starfish have no brains.
- Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- Turtles can breathe through their butts.



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- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- 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.
- 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'
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- Some lions mate over 50 times a day.

Don't delete this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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- A rat can last longer without water than a camel.
- The dot over the letter 'i' is called a tittle.
- A raisin dropped in a fresh glass of soda will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top.

WIFE WITH RED LIPS

My wife and I were at the mall one Christmas season doing some shopping. I noticed people pointing and laughing at my wife as they passed us. I stepped in front of my wife, looked back at her and began to laugh myself. She had gotten in her bag and pulled out what she thought was Chap Stick. She had proceeded to coat her lips with a very thick layer of protection against the winter cold. In reality, she had pulled out her brightest red lipstick and gave herself a Bozette face. Bozette...the bride of Bozo the Clown.

IS IT GETTING COLD IN HERE?

In college I took a math class during one of the summer school sessions. The teacher was an arrogant TA who had no business even attempting to relate to members of the human race. The room was kept so cold that we all wore jackets and sweatshirts in July with the outside temperature hovering around 98. One day, the teacher's fly was all the way down. He had a habit of rum-maging through his pants as he lectured. This forced his fly to gap open even more and reveal his shirttail as it began flapping on the outside of his pants. He spun around and said, "Is it me, or is it getting cold in here?" the class broke out into a thunderous laugh. When he was told why we were laughing, he immediately dismissed the class...an hour early.



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INTERVIEW: Ed Blank

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Normally around this time of year, I present my annual Oscars Show, with my guest Ed Blank, former film critic for the Pittsburgh Press and the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. Ed is an icon for film criticism in the Pittsburgh area. For six years straight, he was able to prognosticate all of the winners in the top six categories weeks before the Oscar show. On the last year's show, he missed one category. Still, a mighty impressive record. Many waited anxiously for the Oscars' Show, so they could use Ed's selections in the various newspaper and radio Oscars contests. This year, I was unable to do the Oscar show, due to a temporary assignment in the Valley of the Sun, in Arizona.

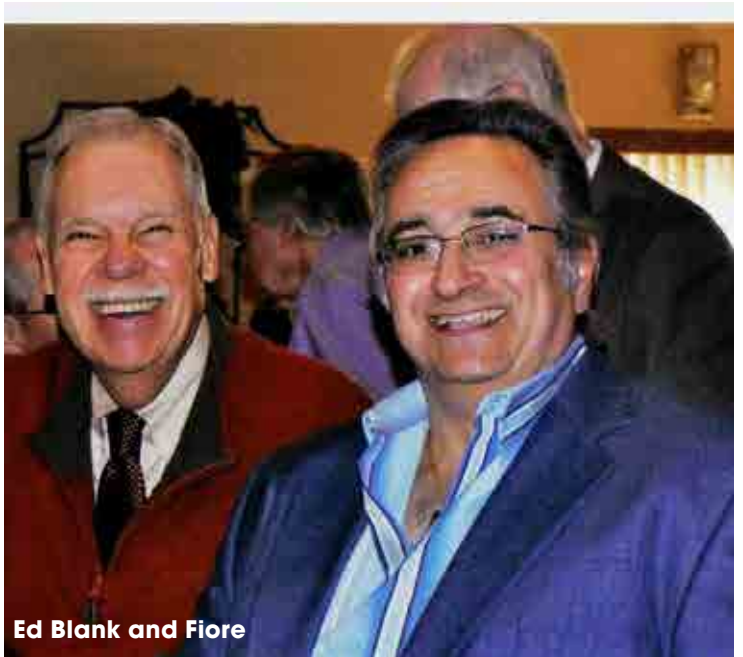
After all those years of having Ed as a guest, it felt odd watching the Academy Awards Show without having expertly dissected the movies and the star contenders. And, of all shows to miss, this one held the most intrigue, with the controversy surrounding both the telecast and the awards.

Days after the nominees were announced, and weeks before the actual ceremony, Academy Award Committee President Cheryl Boone Isaacs announced her shock and awe that, for the second straight year, all of the nominees in the Best Actor Category were white. She saw this as a form of prejudice and immediately issued edicts for Academy membership qualifications and criteria for actors nominated. The cries of racism quickly spread to other Oscar categories. Stars, producers and directors all voiced opinions, drawn primarily along racial lines. Within hours of Isaacs announcement, I received emails from Ed voicing his opinions on the matter, and providing links to reactions from Hollywood dignitaries.

The day after the Oscars telecast, Ed said: "I disliked last night's show immensely, especially (host of the show Chris Rock) Rock's crack about police violence and the plug for Black Lives Matter."

The entire show seemed tainted, due to Isaacs' statements and presidential edicts. This year's Oscars telecast set a new low record for viewership. The race card has been played by so many for so long, average folk are just chagrined when it is laid on the table. Future shows, and even the awards themselves, are now suspect as Isaacs implements her solutions to her perceived problem.

In the meantime, Ed ventured his selections and thoughts on this year's awards and brought up another controversy. Of the six top categories we normally discuss, Ed picked four correctly. For the



Ed Blank and Fiore

two he missed, he stated: "As for (Best) picture, my favorite of the eight was Brooklyn. But everyone narrowed the race to Revenant, Spotlight and Big Short. I predicted Revenant. Of those three, though, I wanted Spotlight to win, but was surprised when it did.

"Mark Rylance was my personal favorite of the five (for Best Supporting Actor), but like almost everyone, I was expecting Stallone to win (Sylvester Stallone in CREED). I did see a couple of predictions for (Christian) Bale and (Mark) Ruffalo. I had seen Ruffalo use a previous win (Golden Globes or S.A.G.) to go on stage and kick the Vatican. Last night, as you probably saw, one of the Spotlight producers... took the opportunity to link the film's success to the Vatican finally beginning to correct the problem. And here I thought that happened years ago. I don't defend the church's handling of the pedophile issue... but I resent Hollywood taking credit for anything or presuming to be above the church."

I daresay this would have been an amazing Oscars Show for OUTTAKES with FIORE. In the other post in this issue of Nightwire Magazine, I detail the films I thought were the best of the year. There is no controversy, nor any claims of prejudice, racial or otherwise, with these selections. As always, my selections and Ed's were diametrically opposed. Coupled with the controversies of race and religion for this year's event, we would have had much to discuss. Perhaps this time next year, Ed and I will be back in the studio to continue a local television tradition.

PASSING OUT IN HEALTH CLASS

I took Health Class my Freshmen year in college. One morning I got up late, missed breakfast, so I ate a can of Beanie-Weenies with some crackers. Off to class I went. That morning we got to see a film of actual heart attack victims getting CPR and better. I was sitting on the front row, end seat of a horseshoe-style seating arrangement. Watching the film intently, I was getting light-headed as they worked on the victims. When they cut the guys chest open, I passed out. When I came to, I was on the floor looking up to my teacher and the all-girl class besides me, the only male. My shirt was open, my belt undone, my pants undone so I could get more air I guess. The ambulance was called and the guys came into the room with the gurney to haul me off. By this time I was feeling fine. I could never become a person who worked in the ER. At the Dining Hall that night I caught a lot of finger pointing going on the room. I could even read their lips as they said, "There's the guy who passed out in our class." I was barred from this class when the birth films were being shown.

PASSING OUT IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

I had just been diagnosed with the flu on this cold February day. The nurse had given me an injection and told me I was good to go. I put on my parka and continued to the lobby. I looked through the little hole in the glass and asked the receptionist how much my bill would be for today. My checkbook and pen were in my hands when it hit me. I saw spots and the room began to fade. Before I could do or say anything it happened. Out I go. I remember seeing the doctor's face right in mine getting me back. He told me this was bad for business and to go lie down in the back examining room. The receptionist joked that the charges for this morning weren't that bad.

PICKED UP A BUG IN THE MOVE

When I moved to Illinois for grad school I got sick in the 2nd week of being there. My stomach was reeling. I went to the school infirmary. The doctor wanted me to provide 3 days of stool samples for examination. I did this over the weekend. I walked into the infirmary on Monday morning and the lobby was full. I had the stool samples in their individually labeled cups with lids hidden in a plain brown lunch sack. I did not want to draw attention to what I was doing. The receptionist saw me looking around carrying the brown lunch sack and yelled across the entire lobby, "Hey, drop your stool samples through that little window over there on that wall. I should have thanked her for this morning's chuckle in the waiting room.

GIVING BLOOD

I was being a good church member and went to the Red Cross on Church Sunday to participate with my fellow church members in giving the gift of life. Again, I saw spots and saw the room fade away into the sunset. The next thing I knew was getting a slap in the face and being yelled at by a nurse, saying, "Come on, be a MAN!" My blood pressure had bottomed out once again and there I went, off to sleep. The Red Cross convinced me if I wanted to participate in another Church Sunday to donate my help as a receptionist.

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Our family had a tradition of walking up and down the fishing pier just before we got into the car to return home. On this walk down the pier, we walked past many old fishermen who were spending their day hoping for a good catch. My youngest girl, Natalie, spotted a school of jellyfish not too far away from the pier. She asked, "What are those, Mommy?" My wife answered in her cus-



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tomary booming voice, "Those are jellyfish, my dear." Natalie then asked, "What are those things dangling down below the jellyfish, Mommy?" The word my wife meant to send over the loud speaker voice was Tentacles. All the fisherman got a big laugh at this Wild Kingdom moment.

TURN THE FAN UP

Our spring concert for the Junior High Band and Chorus was held in an older building with no air conditioning available. The night of the concert proved to be very hot and humid. All boys wore royal blue French cuffed shirts with white pants and ties. The Band Director asked me to turn the fan up on the aisle side of the stage to give all of us a little more cool air. When I bent down to turn the fan's speed up, my tie slipped through the blade guard and got shredded by the blades, pulling me practically into the fan. I managed to get loose and the grease on my ties was all over me. It didn't faze me. I participated in the entire concert looking worse than any car mechanic ever looked. The laughing at me didn't do permanent damage to my ego; it prepared me for bigger and better things that would be coming.

CLASSICAL GAS

Did you know it is off limits to laugh at a medically induced fart? Those are immune to laughter. When I got my colonoscopy I robed in a room where I heard the person beside of me passing tremendous gas. It was a Boomer. I wanted to laugh but the nurse acted as if nothing had happened. I figured it out when I was in the Recovery Room. I was lying on my side, with 2 large straws out my rear end. The nurse came in and began pressing on my stomach, taking advantage of my dual exhaust, telling me we had to get rid of all the air they had used during the procedure. This fart was so loud, it had to have been heard in the waiting room.....but nobody laughed.....it was a medically induced fart.

LUNCHBREAK FARTING

We were eating lunch one day in the shade of this huge maple tree. Painters working out in the hot day put their manners on the shelf. So, I ripped one during the lunch break that was rather loud. Later that afternoon I was up on a 28 foot ladder painting the boxing on the back of the house. The kids came running onto the back deck pulling their Mom onto the back deck. Then they started pointing at me and singing, "There's the painter that pooted, there's the painter that pooted." To this day some of my old painting buddies still call me by that nickname coined that hot summer day.

LITTLE GIRL IN BATHROOM

We were painting this house's exterior trim. I was running windows on the 2nd floor. As I climbed the ladder and began to work on this window I then noticed a little 3 year-old girl sitting on the potty. I was about to go back down the ladder when the Mom ran in and said they would go to another bathroom upstairs. Someone on our crew had spilled a bug killing concentrate in the back of the work van and stunk like high heavens. The lady and her little girl came out the back door and asked what that terrible smell was. One of the guys told her about the spill. She said, "I'm so sorry. I told my daughter that the man at our window had bad gas." The entire paint crew pointed at me and started singing just like those kids did, "There's the painter that pooted. There's the painter that pooted." The woman had no idea what button she had just pressed.



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CHOCOLATE SYRUP

Before moving to Illinois, I took my grandparents out to their favorite ice cream parlor for a banana split. My grandmother preferred the chocolate nut sundae. She was wearing a mint green pantsuit that day. None of us realized until we were walking to the front to pay the bill that my grandmother had spilled chocolate syrup into her chair and had squirmed in it for the past 30 minutes. Can you imagine what everybody was staring at as we walked out? What did they think? We laid a beach towel in the van for her to sit on. I'm not sure the pantsuit was ever worn again after that day.

NERVOUS SALESMAN

Many years ago, I spent 5 weeks in Florida enrolling all the doctors, nurses and all personnel of this huge hospital. Four of us had to enroll 2,800 people in just 5 weeks. We had to spend one of our first afternoons listening to salesman pitch their dental insurance to the enrolling group. I remember this one older man began to make his presentation and got very nervous. He stated that, "Our program is superior because we pay for 100% of your prophylactics." The

word he was looking for was prophalaxis.

SPANISH RESTAURANT

During the enrollment at this hospital, we were taken out by a couple executives from the insurance company. The exclusive Spanish Restaurant we visited was packed and we did not have a reservation. While we were standing in the lobby, a very attractive woman walked up beside me and asked if my group had a reservation. I told her we did not. She then asked if I had any more chewing gum. I did not. The only gum I had was what I was chewing. She said she would take ½ of that if I would let her have it. I thought she was putting me on, so I gave her half. She tossed it into her mouth and began to ask me something as our table was made ready and one of the executives pulled me away from my newly found friend. The entire table was laughing at me. "Dave, how do you spell HOOK-ER?" was my first question asked as we sat down at our table. I have lead a very simple life and don't get out much.

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER

I rode 2 hours down the highway with a friend to a conference. We were fed a huge lunch and then right back to the class for more instruction. I figured we would take a mid-afternoon break around 3:00 at the latest. No way. This teacher was going to complete his mission. I felt a major gas bubble building. No break at all that afternoon...what was I to do. We left the classroom at 5:00 and everyone was walking out together into the parking lot. How was I going to ditch this one. I quickly planned my strategy. When my friend opened his car door I would let it rip. I timed it perfectly. As his key turned the lock and door started to open, I opened the gate and let this one fly.....at least 6-8 seconds in length with a Richter Scale reading of a 7. When I got in the car and looked to my right



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for my seatbelt, I was shocked. There sat a lady, in her car, right beside me with her window rolled down. She was holding the steering wheel with both hands, her eyes closed, while shaking with laughter. The biggest bust of my life so far. Guess what she told at the supper table that night?

BUSTED AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

My paint crew was painting my doctor's offices at night when the office had closed. One night one of the painters ripped a very loud fart and blamed it on me yelling... "David". Right as they yelled my name my doctor's wife peered around the corner grinning at me. I should have told her it was not me.

THROWN OUT OF SYMPHONY HALL

My wife and I were attending a symphonic concert in Springfield, Illinois. We were seated in the balcony. The fellow holding the large 30 inch cymbals wore his hair in the Bozo the Clown style. He had no hair in the middle. The hair on the sides and back passed his collar going way down onto his jacket. When he clasped and pumped the cymbals for an effect, the air made his hair fly above his head. He did this repeatedly. It

got funnier and funnier to my wife and I. We broke out laughing and tried to control it but it was impossible. The cymbal player kept on doing it. We kept on snickering, getting stares from many in front of us as they glared at us. Finally, enough was enough and one of the ushers asked us to step outside. We had enough as well. We couldn't take any more of the concert so we went to the ice cream parlor on our way home.

REMEMBER THE SHAVE

My painting partner had severe pains in his side one day as we were working. I thought he had the flu. He insisted we finish out the day. That night, his wife called to inform me his appendix had ruptured and he was in the operating room for an emergency procedure. My partner told me a few months later that as he was standing in line at the DMV for his tag renewal, a girl kept turning around and waving at him. He yelled up the line to her, "How do we know each other?" Her answer was, "I'm the one who shaved your Willie Johnson, just before you went into surgery a few months ago." He then remembered who she was. The entire room got a big laugh over this.

WAYS TO ANNOY PEOPLE

- Exclaim in a crowded theater, "No, I won't touch you there for a dollar! No, not two dollars, either!"
- Leave the copy machine set to reduce 200%, extra dark, 17 inch paper, 99 copies.
- In the memo field of all your checks, write "for sexual favors."
- After somebody finishes telling a joke, say in a very grave tone, "My brother (sister/mother/father) died that way."
- Specify that your drive-through order is "TO-GO."
- On the bus, try to engage somebody in a conversation about genital warts.
- At a movie theater, unwrap a candy bar as loudly as is humanly possible, preferably during dialogue.
- Stomp on little plastic ketchup packets.
- Insist on keeping your car windshield wipers running in all weather conditions "to keep them tuned up."
- Wander around the restaurant, asking other diners for their parsley.
- Reply to everything someone says with "that's what you think."
- Stand over someone's shoulder, mumbling, as they read.
- Practice making fax and modem noises.
- Sculpt your hedges into anatomically suggestive shapes.
- Highlight irrelevant information in scientific papers and "cc" them to your boss.
- Invent nonsense computer jargon in

conversations, and see if people play along to avoid the appearance of ignorance.

- Make beeping noises when a large person backs up.
- Finish all your sentences with the words "in accordance with prophesy."
- Turn on somebody's radio up all the way and turn their windshield wipers on while the car is off.
- Signal that a conversation is over by clamping your hands over your ears and grimacing.
- Walk into a store that has a sign that says, "Have a penny? Give a penny! Need a penny? Take a penny!" with a HUGE jar of pennies. Take a penny out of the cup, put it into your jar, and walk out.
- Ask an artist, "It's not finished yet, is it?"
- Holler random numbers while someone is counting.
- Pretend you don't understand what they're saying, no matter how much they yell and how slowly they say it.
- Adjust the tint on your TV so that all the people are green, and insist to others that you "like it that way."
- When somebody asks, "Do you have the time?" reply, "Yeah."
- Staple pages in the middle of the page.
- Put your face really close to theirs while they're facing a different direction, tap them on the shoulder, and watch them jump when they turn to face you.
- Publicly investigate just how slowly you can make a croaking noise.
- Yell across a crowded room to them: "Hey, John, the results came back from the V.D. clinic: we're clean!"
- Honk and wave to strangers.
- Pull up alongside somebody while driving on the freeway, and gesture violently, indicating that they should pull over immediately. When they pull over, just continue driving.
- Decline to be seated at a restaurant, and simply eat their complimentary mints at the cash register.
- Tell someone, "Man, your hands smell bad!" When they try to smell their hand, smack it so it hits their face. This one can also be performed with a piece of pie. When they lean down to smell the pie, grab the back of their head and smoosh it into the pie.
- TYPE IN UPPERCASE.
- type only in lowercase.
- Pay for a tube of toothpaste with a check at the supermarket.
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- When they're about half way through with it, remove one piece from the box of a jigsaw puzzle, and throw it away.

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- Take a deck of cards, and say, "Okay, I'm gonna do a magic trick." Ask the person to pick any card, and put it anywhere in the deck. After they have shuffled the deck thoroughly, take the deck back. Ask, "What was your card?" When they tell you, say, "Not only has your card magically come to the top of the deck, but it has also magically turned into..." Pick up the top card, look at it, and name it.
- "DO YOU HEAR THAT?"
- "What?"
- "Never mind, it's gone now."
- Cut out an article or section of the newspaper before someone else has had a chance to read it.
- As much as possible, skip rather than walk.
- Send a letter with twenty-two two cent stamps.
- Try playing the William Tell Overture by tapping on the bottom of your chin. When nearly done, announce "No, wait, I messed it up," and repeat.
- When someone asks, "Are there any questions?" ask, "Where do babies come from?"
- Ask people what gender they are.
- Change all the preset stations on their car radio tuner to classical and country/western stations.
- While making presentations, occasionally bob your head like a parakeet.
- Sit in your front yard pointing a hair dryer at passing cars to see if they slow down.
- Go to a poetry recital and ask why each poem doesn't rhyme.
- Follow a few paces behind someone, spraying everything they touch with a can of Lysol.
- Ask your co-workers mysterious questions and then scribble their answers in a notebook.
- Step on the backs of their heels while they're walking.
- Sign someone up on a junk mail list.
- Tell somebody that's wearing velcro shoes or slip-ons that their shoelaces are untied.
- Hide the remote control.
- When somebody is talking very excitedly at a restaurant, pick up their plate, hand it to them, and nod gravely. Wait for them to notice and wonder why they

are holding their plate.

- Crack all your knuckles. A lot of people can't stand fingers, and I know some people who have almost fainted upon the cracking of the neck.
- Slurp your soup or your breakfast cereal.
- Tap the person on the shoulder continuously, and when you have their attention, just continue tapping them on the shoulder.

Funny Church Bulletins

Funny Church Bulletins house many important announcements that are partially accurate. These need to have been proof-read a little better I'd say. The gist is there, but don't take this information to the bank. These excerpts are taken from real, Sunday morning bulletins.

- "Say 'hell' to someone who doesn't like you."
- Mr. Smith is also a close relative of his brother Wilbur in the church.
- After today's service, coffee and donuts will be served in the basement. Please come down and say hell to the pastor.
- Life groups meet on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for food, fun, and fellow whipping.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off--let the Church help.

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- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want.
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park

across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM.
- All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM.
- Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours"
- Marta Troutman will teach you how to put pizzas in your floral arrangements.
- The youth group will be having their 13th annual Bowel-A-Thon.
- You're invited to join us as Tommy and Angela renew their vowels next Saturday.
- Join us next week for the dedication of our new expanded facility. The new sanctuary has seating for 1,000 compared to 999 for our old building.
- To make Martha's delicious cookies you start with one cup of male syrup.
- Pastor Young and his wife have had and several horse guests this week.
- For Father's Day each father present was given a pine tree or



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apple tree seedling to be planted along with his children.

- "Help blow up and decorate the church with balloons on Easter morning. Meet at 7:30 am to help. Won't take long!"
- Please be in prayer for Jim and Judy, their baby daughter was born 9 months premature.
- The Women's Missionary Union will meet the first yesterday in January.
- The Rev. Dr. John Doe, our featured speaker for the breakfast, also blessed and blessed and blessed and blessed the meal.
- Women on Missions (WOMS) will meet Thursday at noon. Childhood will be provided in the nursery.
- The scholarship committee is accepting applications for church members attending a Baptist affiliated college this fall. Applications and guidelines are available in the vestibule. The Appalachians should be submitted by July 1st.
- We will vote on six new deacons next Sunday. The following ordained men have agreed to serve if elated.
- Jane Doe, who attends the Singles class, shared with me that she is walking in the Multiple Sclerosis walk-a thong. Let's support her effort. --Gaye
- Dr. Doe was the featured speaker for the Seniors Group. He noted that you can often avoid those usual winter colds if you avoid fatigue, loss of sleep and over-creating.
- The Pastor is a member of the Lions Club and co-chair of the county fair board this year. He urges everyone to attend and support this important community fundraising event and join him in working to have a successful affair.
- Members of the Senior's Breakfast Club stretched and strained Thursday morning as John Doe, local physical therapist, demonstrated several exercises during the club meeting. There will be no meeting next week.

- Remember the annual spring cleaning of the Singles Ministry Building this Saturday. We need lots of singles to volunteer for the work crew. We have a long list of items to be cleaned. The widows need extra attention.
- Thursday night-Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.
- Thursday at 5 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- The third verse of "Blessed Assurance" will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
- Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."



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The old man says, "Since he found out I've been on birth control pills since February."



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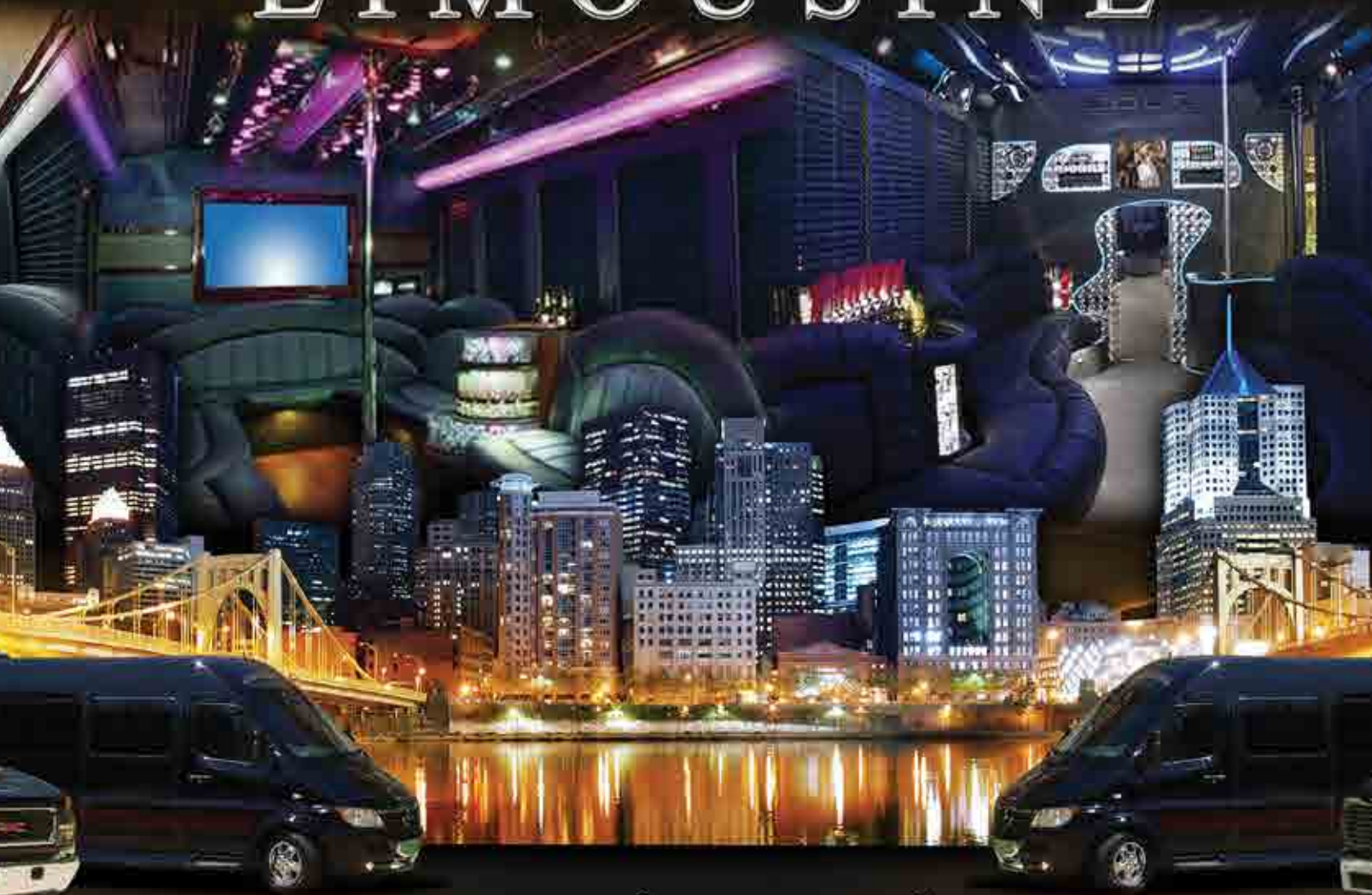
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