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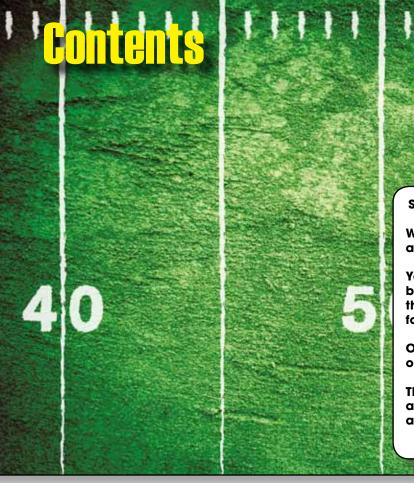




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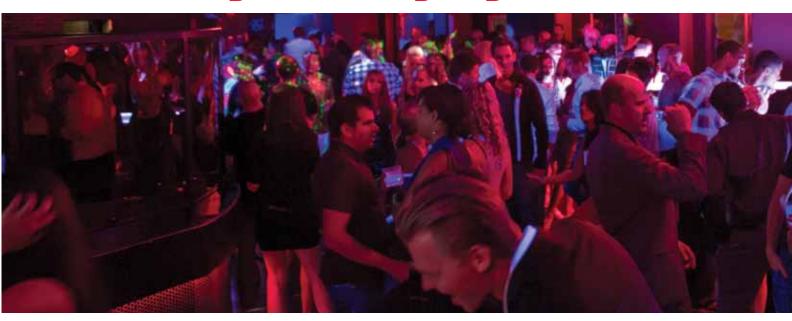
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## **V Ultra Lounge - Pittsburgh Nightlife Perfected**



Ultra Lounge in the Strip, which opened its doors on Friday, July 20, is the hottest new nightclub in Pittsburgh. Their grand opening was a smashing success, and it was definitely the place to see and be seen! Located on 19th street in the Strip district, V Ultra Lounge brings a classy new face to Pittsburgh's nightlife while helping to revitalizing the famous Strip where nightlife in Pittsburgh began.

If you are looking for the newest, classiest nightclub in town, you'll definitely want to check this place out.

The interior is first class, hip and modern, with state-of-the-art lighting and sound. This place will make you feel like you are in a New York or LA nightclub, though right here in Pittsburgh, and you'll feel comfortable and right at home.

Opening night featured Lisa Cook, a go-go dancer, who danced to house music of DJ Tweak. He knows how to get a party started, and his music will keep you dancing all night long.

They have VIP lounges with leather plush seating and bottle service. At the bars, you will find extremely friendly and knowledgeable bartenders who know how to shake it up; they were busy all night mixing up amazing cocktails from an extensive and impressive drink menu. Many of the martinis and drinks on the drink menu are original creations of Steve Kowalczuk, their lead bartender, winner of several awards and teaches classes in mixology. V UltraLoung offer it all from beer, wine, and champagne to fabulous cocktails and martinis. Their drinks are totally insane and off the hook... Unbelievable!!

The lighting, sound system, bars, VIP lounges are all totally "first class" all the way. V Ultra Lounge will make you feel like a "rock star!" Much of the VIP treatment is provided by Lito Corpuz, VIP Manager. He believes in making customer service the highest priority and was quoted as says, "Here at V Ultra Lounge and Cabana Bar, we strive not only to achieve excellence in food and drink, but to create memories for everyone who walks through our doors. This is done by paying attention to details and ensuring our customers are happy."

When you enter on the main level, you will find Bar ER, a casual lighter fare and sushi bar. On opening night their wait staff was passing around samples of sushi, from Bar ER downstairs called the ER Roll.. and let me tell you they were

delicious. Bar ER is open daily Monday through Saturday at 4:30pm for "Happy Hour" and close late every night.

Outside behind Bar ER is where you will find Cabana, Pittsburgh's only downtown Cabana bar, featuring private cabanas under the stars and occasional "live" entertainment. The Cabana bar sparkled and looked totally amazing with inlaid tile, palm trees and private cabanas lit by string lights and candles. Totally awesome... a tropical paradise right here in the 'burg.... you need to check it out!

And for those who want authentic fine cuisine from Italy, there's Emilia Romagna, where Chef Jonathan Vlasic works his magic and will "wow" you with his talented and fabulous food offerings. It is Chef Vlasic's third restaurant in Pittsburgh. His other restaurants are the famous Alla Famiglia in Arlington and Arlecchino in Peters Township. Emilia Romagna is open daily at 4:30pm, Monday through Saturday. Check them out on the web at www.EmiliaRomagnaPgh.com.

Congratulations to V Ultra Lounge, Bar ER, Cabana, Emilia Romagna and everyone involved at this outstanding entertainment multiplex for giving Pittsburgh back our nightlife! You have to check it out!!

Located in the Strip at 108 19th Street, Pittsburgh 15222, V V Ultra Lounge is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Check them out on the web at www.Vultralounge.com or by phone at 412.709.6477. Ultra Lounge is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Check them out on the web at www.Vultralounge.com or by phone at 412.709.6477.



## Steelers - The Wait Is Finally OVER for Steeler Nation

By: Stacy Kauffman Nightwire - Sports Feature Writer, Photos: Provided by the Karl Roser Pittsburgh Steelers



t's been painful. Excruciating even. Steeler Nation has been waiting out the off season, clamoring for the moment it would be able to wash away that icky taste left in its mouth by the shocking playoff defeat at the hands of the Denver Broncos. Not the Tim Tebows. The Denver Broncos, who then promptly got demolished by the New England Patriots the following week. That, of course made the Pittsburgh post-season loss all the worse in the hearts and minds of Steelers fans. So it's been a long 199 days since a cloud of disbelief engulfed black and gold football fandom across the country: 4,776 hours. 286,560 minutes. 17,193,600 seconds. But who's counting?

Steelers fans are counting. That's who. They are salivating over the start of football. Any football, for that matter. Football without pads? Who cares? As long as there are helmets, pigskin and players donning the black and gold, all is right in the world. Wait no longer, football lovers. The start of the 2012 National Football League season has arrived. The 47th annual training camp tradition has begun in Latrobe, Pennsylvania at St. Vincent College, and it is open for all the public to get their football fix. Fans come from miles and miles away to catch a glimpse of their favorite player, to engage in some high-five action and of course, attempt to snag an autograph or two.

According to the St. Vincent College website, even on a "light" day for fan traffic, there are typically over 5,000 people drinking in the energy and excitement of a brand new football season. Those bright yellow goalposts point towards the sky, acting almost as an affirmation that football is heavenly. They stand tall as a symbol of limitless potential and as a reminder that right now, everything is looking up. And the fans can't get enough. Many come back year after year, making the trip to Latrobe a family event.

Deb Dean of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania is one of the

perennial 'campers.' As a matter of fact, her family has been making the trek for 16 years and counting! She says, "We get so excited for training camp that we start counting down the days in February. Watching rookies become full-fledged team players is one of my favorite parts of camp. It's an amazing experience."

You get to know the players over the years, and training camp is one of the few times you can get up close and personal. "You don't realize how big and strong these guys are until you stand next to them," says Dean. She adds that this year, she is even going to give offensive lineman, Ramon Foster, a custommade shoe rack as a gift because "He loves shoes!" Players enjoy the fan interaction as well. Some say none more than safety, Ryan Clark.

"Ryan Clark is one of the best players to interact with at training camp. He's a fan favorite and seems to always entertain. With him disrobing and giving away his equipment after practice, he never ceases to get the fans amused. Antonio Brown and Emmanuel Sanders are firecrackers too!" says Matthew Rito of Altoona, Pennsylvania, who has been a training camper for four years in a row.

The feeling is mutual. Ryan Clark recently told me his favorite part of training camp is "meeting the fans, taking pictures, signing autographs and hearing all the awesome Steeler Nation stories. Not to mention the competition of making the team." Offensive lineman, Trai Essex agrees, saying, "Believe it or not, my favorite part of camp is practice. It's the dorms I can't stand." Not known for spacious living, dorm rooms are probably tight for linemen who are six and a half feet tall and weigh over 300 pounds.

Football players do seem larger than life throughout the season. But at training camp, players show their childish side as well. For instance, Clark typically sports a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles backpack each year. In 2009, six foot, 240 plus pound intimidating linebacker, James Harrison, unfolded himself out of a smart car that looked like it weighed less than he did. Not to be outdone, this year's defensive lineman, Brett Keisel, arrived at camp in a tractor, which took him an hour to drive the last 20 miles of the trip, plus had no trunk, but it did have some storage for his luggage...in the front loader.

Fans love to see the human side of the players, but what do they really love? What gets their adrenaline pumping? "Obviously, it's fun to get up close and personal with them as they sign autographs," says Rito. And there's lots of opportunity to try and get hats, shirts, footballs, pictures, almost anything signed by the players. The question is...how badly do you want it?

Once St. Vincent College opens up to the public, the 'running of the fans' begins. There's a mad dash to the autograph area where people try to find the perfect spot to get their favorite player's attention. As a veteran autograph seeker, Matthew





Rito has a few pointers on signing strategy. He says, "DO NOT yell at them constantly. It never works. After all, they have just gone through an NFL workout in the heat of summer, so give them a break. You must be considerate of the kids trying to get autographs as well. Bullying your way to the front never works. You have to be polite and lucky at the same time."

If you'd rather not brave the mob of autograph chasers, there are plenty of other activities for you. That is, of course, if you aren't interested in getting a seat at Chuck Noll Field to watch practice at 3 p.m. Make a beeline to the bleachers if you do, because those seats fill up quickly! From 1:30 to 6 p.m. during open practice days, the UPMC Steelers Experience is up and running near the baseball field on campus. This is an interactive theme park designed to provide fans with their own dose of training camp through exhibits and games. Plus, kids have the opportunity to test out their football skills too.

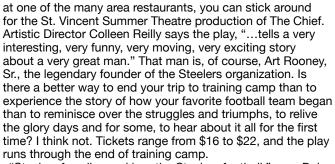
New this year, fans will have yet another option open to them. The St. Vincent Gallery will host An Exhibition of Art, featuring over 65 original prints from the private collection of Art Rooney,

Jr., highlighting some of the most famous sports figures in Pittsburgh Steelers football history. The exhibition will be open 1:30 to 8 p.m. daily and is located in the Robert S. Carey Student Center on campus; it is free to the public.

After watching practice, getting autographs and having dinner







"Steelers fans live and breathe Steelers football," says Deb Dean, and training camp is where football comes alive for black and gold fandom again. The Pittsburgh Steelers begin their 80th season the way they have for nearly 50 years, at St. Vincent College. Hopefully they'll end it with a seventh Super Bowl Championship.

For more information on open practice dates, times and events, visit www.stvincent.edu.



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## **Pittsburgh Steelers** 2012-2013 Schedule



WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)
1	Sun, Sep 9	at Denver	8:20 PM
2	Sun, Sep 16	NY Jets	4:15 PM
3	Sun, Sep 23	at Oakland	4:15 PM
4	*Bye		
5	Sun, Oct 7	Philadelphia	1:00 PM
6	Thu, Oct 11	at Tennessee	8:20 PM
7	Sun, Oct 21	at Cincinnati	8:20 PM
8	Sun, Oct 28	Washington	1:00 PM
9	Sun, Nov 4	at NY Giants	4:15 PM
10	Mon, Nov 12	Kansas City	8:30 PM
11	Sun, Nov 18	Baltimore	8:20 PM
12	Sun, Nov 25	at Cleveland	1:00 PM
13	Sun, Dec 2	at Baltimore	4:15 PM
14	Sun, Dec 9	San Diego	1:00 PM
15	Sun, Dec 16	at Dallas	4:15 PM
16	Sun, Dec 23	Cincinnati	1:00 PM
17	Sun, Dec 30	Cleveland	1:00 PM

## DJ Pauly D Performs at Pittsburgh's Hottest New Nightclub - EXIT on Thursday September 20th



ages 21 plus. The show is on a Thursday, just like seasons of the MTV hit that gave Pauly D his start

To see the star DJ at the hottest dance club in town visit www.exitpgh.com. There's even a message straight from Pauly D himself inviting fans to come out. Tickets are going fast... so don't be left out! Go to www.exitpgh.com and get you tickets now!!



Iready offering 20,000 square feet of steel, lighting and dance floors spread between three levels of club, maybe you thought that there was not much more Pittsburgh's hottest dance club can give. If so, you thought wrong. How about bringing in the hottest A-lister around? Yep, it DJ Pauly D straight from the hit reality TV show Jersey Shore! Now Exit truly has it all.

DJ Pauly D hits the club on Sept. 20 for the first time. He's ready to bust even sicker beats than Exit normally gets from its great DJ, Petey C. The celeb, known as a favorite on the MTV reality show Jersey Shore, now has his own spin-off about his life as a full-time DJ. He's performed along with artists like Britney Spears, Nicki Minaj, Jennifer Lopez,w Lady Gaga and The Black Eyed Peas.

"The show, for being so far away, is looking like it's going to be a sell-out," said Chris Firman, Director of Operations for Static & Exit nightclubs.

He describes both clubs as top quality in the Strip District, which is where nightlife began in Pittsburgh. Both Static and Exit are at work keeping the night action alive. They make it look easy. There's an upbeat atmosphere matched with a top 40s dance list. An extremely responsible group, usually between 25-30, make up the crowd. Valet parking, as well as numerous free self-parking spots, keeps things easy. These dance clubs actually connect inside – that means one cover charge for two clubs. There's something for everyone, said Chris.

And ladies, on Saturdays, girls get in and drink for free until midnight.

"The character in the room is unmatched by any other dance club in the city," said Chris, as he described the numerous bachelorette parties held at Exit.

Tickets for Pauly D are on sale now. It's an 18 and up show, with advanced tickets being \$40 for ages 18-20 and \$29 for

## DJ PAULY D







## **Casual Dining - Chicken Latino**



ome things are simply worth venturing down a side street. When you find yourself in the heart of the Strip District, 21st Street to be exact, take a stroll down to find authentic Peruvian Cuisine at Chicken Latino. I've known about this little treasure for some time now, my son Josh worked there for a brief stint and I give him the credit for pointing out the succulent rotisserie chicken used to prepare most of the dishes. Owner Shelbin Santos is proud to point out that





Chicken Latino recently celebrated 5 years in her Strip District location. Those of you who have eaten there- know how good the rotisserie chicken is, and on the weekends how the Ceviche or Peruvian Pork Roast can be seen at almost every table.

Nightwire recently had lunch with Shelbin to celebrate her success, dedication, and the hard work that it takes to maintain the quality of the slow cooked rotisserie chicken marinated every night in her signature Peruvian spices. Appetizers include Plantains (\$2.99) & Yuca Fries (\$3.99) as well as Chips & Salsa (\$2.99) & Jalapeño Poppers (\$3.99). The hands-down favorite is the Peruvian Style Rotisserie Chicken which is offered in guarters, halves or a even the whole chicken. The prices are extremely reasonable, the menu easy to decipher and they even have agua fresca! Seasonal fruits made into the best slush with no additives. The day we visited I had watermelon. I seriously, have not been able to get it out of my mind. We also had an Latino favorite, Inca Cola which for me was a new take on soda both in color & taste. I definitely suggest sharing one to add to the authenticity of your meal. It's bright yellow & who wouldn't be happy with a bright yellow exotic soda? Count me in!

Feel free to eat the chicken with your hands, it's definitely worth the bit of messy, but if you'd like to try the taste without getting your hands dirty- have the Quesadilla (\$7.99) stuffed with rotisserie chicken, rice, black beans & cheese; or the Burrito (\$3.99) much like the quesadilla but without the rice. Vegetarian options are also offered. Latino desserts include Sweet Spanish Rice Pudding (\$3.50), Flan (\$3.50), Tres Leches Cake (\$4.50) or a side of Sweet Fried Plantains (\$2.99). We tried the Flan which I always enjoy; I can't wait to go back for the Tres Leches cake! And you will undoubtedly find plantains on my table, Chicken Latino's are simply delicious!

Open every day- Sunday 11am to 5pm, Monday 11am-4pm, & Tuesday through Saturday 11am – 8pm.

Keep in mind- lunch is very busy (with a line out the door on most days), an alternative to fast food- this is fast good homemade food. Give Chicken Latino a try for dinner instead of lunch & remember they close early. Chicken Latino also provides their rotisserie chicken through their catering service but they only take one catering event per day. Located at 155 21st Street in the heart of the Strip District- www. ChickenLatino.com for full menu, specials & photos.

Congratulations Shelbin for providing delicious & authentic Peruvian cuisine to the burgh. Nightiwre wishes you continued success for many years to come!

## **MUSIC** - More Than A Feeling BOSTON Performing Live By Popular Demand at Stage AE August 10 PHOTO CREDIT © Bob Summers



entered on guitarist, keyboardist, songwriter, and producer Tom Scholz, the band BOSTON is a staple of classic rock radio playlists. BOSTON'S best-known works include the songs More Than a Feeling, Peace of Mind, We're Ready, Foreplay/Long Time, Rock and Roll Band, Smokin', Don't Look Back and Amanda. They have sold over 31 million albums in the United States. Distinguished for their ability to perform live with no pre-recorded materials, BOSTON concerts are celebrated for their crowd-pleasing showmanship and high energy. The line up for this summer's shows is: Gary Pihl, lead guitar; Tommy DeCarlo, vocals, percussion, keyboards; David Victor, vocals, guitar; Tracy Ferrie, bass guitar; Curly Smith, drums. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

## Travel - Rock & Brews - Gene Simmons To Rock New Restaurant Venture



egendary Rocker Partners With Restaurant Impresario Michael Zislis And Concert Promoter Dave Furano Gene Simmons, rock legend and media mogul, parlayed his love for music into a new restaurant and entertainment venture called Rock & Brews<sup>TM</sup>. The concept captures the excitement of live concerts in an authentically themed backstage environment including Rock & Brews' "The Great Wall of Rock," rock posters and rock art and multiple flat screen televisions.

Rock & Brews serves rock musicians' favorite foods and highlights an ever-changing, award-winning craft beer selection with hundreds of artisanal breweries featured from around the world.

The first Rock & Brews opened just south of Los Angeles International Airport in the beach community of El Segundo, Calif., on April 3. Several others are in the works in the Los Angeles area, including one at Los Angeles International Airport, as well as locations in Denver; Atlanta; Maui, Hawaii; Tokyo; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The expansion plan anticipates the opening of four Rock & Brews in 2012 with aggressive plans for continued expansion worldwide beginning in 2013 and beyond.

Rock & Brews was inspired by Michael Zislis, a notable force on the L.A. restaurant scene, and Dave Furano, a veteran concert promoter, who are Simmons' partners in the venture.







#### The Food and Drink

Rock & Brews' casual American menu features a broad selection of "Opening Acts" appetizers, "VIP" salads, hand-crafted burgers, "Headliner" sandwiches, "Front Row" pizzas and "Encores" desserts. The emphasis is on quality comfort foods that feed the soul as much as the appetite. Nightwire was in LA recently and stopped in for lunch. The portions are huge and the food is comfort food at its finest. Our staff found the selection and quality to be outstanding. Plus their beer selection is off the hook.. this place is a "must visit" if you are in the LA area.

With hundreds of craft beers to choose from, craft beer is the top grog at Rock & Brews. More than 40 craft beers are available on tap via a state-of-the-art draft system with hundreds more available in the bottle or can. Selections include lagers, pilsners, pale ales, fruit, malty, hoppy, Belgian, dark, on-deck and bottled beer and a knowledgeable staff to help guests navigate the selection. Red and white wines are also available.

#### The Concerts

Rock & Brews features multiple large screen televisions that continuously screen concert videos and live recordings of the greatest rock concerts of all time with state-of-the-art sound.



#### The Atmosphere

With an ambiance reminiscent of being back stage at a rock event, Rock & Brews features a casual, friendly, energized environment decked out with picnic tables, concert lighting, and retractable projection screens and speakers that create a 360-degree experience. The venue is designed to be family and dog friendly with a play area for kids and a large open-air area where four legged guests can howl to the tunes.

Rock & Brews El Segundo is located at 143 Main Street in El Segundo, Calif. For reservations or information, call 310.615.9890 or visit www.rockandbrews.com

If you travel plans in the future include LA – be sure and stop in and tell them that your friends from Nightwire sent you!!! Enjoy!!



## 7th Annual Fallen Marine Memorial Run

The Fallen Marine Memorial Run is a charity event to raise money for local WIA Marines and for the families of those

It all began in February of 2006, when a photo of 2 year old Tyler Miles was published in the local paper. In the picture, he was wearing his tiny dress blues and pointing at his father's flag-draped casket saying "My Daddy" to his grieving mother. That picture is what first drove Jerry Vanasdale, a former Marine and owner of Pierce Contracting, Inc., to start the Fallen Marine Memorial Run.

The non-profit organization relies entirely on donations from sponsors and friends. Hundreds will ride to honor not only this years' recipient, but all of the men and women who fight, or have fought, for our freedom.

This years' run will honor Joseph D. Caskey. Sgt. Caskey was born in Germany when his Father, Gerald Caskey, was stationed there. The family moved around the world, but Pittsburgh was always the home base. He had served two tours overseas after enlisting in 2004, and was killed when an improvised explosive device struck the vehicle in which he was riding in Afghanistan on June 26, 2010.

Joe Caskey followed his grandfather, father, mother and two older brothers into the military after graduating from North Hills High School in 2004. Joe's brother, Joshua, who served 12 ½ years as an active duty Marine, was injured June 19, 2007 in Iraq. The Builder's Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, led by its Remodeler's council, is teaming up with the Pittsburgh Chapter of the NFLPA Former players Council to undertake a 5-day "Blitz Improvement" to SSgt. Joshua Caskey's residence in Cranberry Township, PA, the week of August 20-24, 2012. Local members of BAMP, including Pierce Contracting, Inc., will be donating their time and materials to make this project a success.

August 26, 2012, will mark the 7th Annual Fallen Marine Memorial Run in honor of Sgt. Caskey to begin at Jergel's Rhythm Grille in Warrendale, Pa. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. at Jergel's Rhythm Grille, which will depart at approx. 11:30 a.m. for a 50-mile (approx. 1.25 hours) trip to Jay's Sports Bar in Southpointe. Refreshments will be provided before returning to Jergel's Rhythm Grille.

\$25 driver/\$15 passenger. Pre-register and Save @www. fallenmarinememorialrun.com.

Come and enjoy live entertainment at Jay's AND Jergel's! 50/50 drawing, games, Chinese

Auction, blessing of the bikes, and Jon Burnett as the MC at Jergel's!

For additional information, please contact Jerry at 412-965-3555.





"That's My Daddy"
Tyler Miles

7th Annual
Fallen Marine
Memorial Run
Sunday
August 26, 2012
At



## **Dating 2012**



#### **Tips For A Healthy Relationship**

#### Love

True love is the basis of a real relationship. True love is genuine, not just for convenience or a better lifestyle. When a couple is in love, cheating does not occur. Neither partner desires to hurt the other. Real love is an emotional connection that has some depth, not just a surface one. You need to be sure you can totally commit yourself to your partner and your relationship.

#### Trust

Trust is critical to a healthy relationship. When a partner has reason to suspect that their significant other is not loyal to them, they are most likely right. Once the bond of trust is shattered, the relationship is broken. If he wants to play golf with the guys and she wants to have a few drinks on girl's night, it should not be an issue. Try to be realistic in the expectations you set for yourself, your partner, and your relationship.

#### Respect

Before you can respect another person, you must first respect yourself. Only when you give respect will you receive respect in return. You should want to make your partner feel like the most By, Susan Dunhoff
President, The Modern Matchmaker, Inc.
Professional Matchmaker & Relationship Expert

important person in the world. Your partner should be special. Listen when she talks. Care when he does not respond. Never take your partner for granted; you never know what you have until it's gone.

#### Communication

Couples must have an open line of communication. They should be able to discuss any topic freely, from the boardroom to the bedroom. When one partner is not able to communicate their thoughts and feelings comfortably, their significant other cannot read their mind. This leads to a crack in the relationship that widens in time to a crevice. Both partners can become frustrated and disillusioned with the relationship.

#### Compromise

Couples must be willing to compromise. Healthy relationships are always two-sided. You should want your significant other to be as happy as he or she can be. Everyone is set in his or her ways to some degree. And everyone needs his or her space. There has to be some give and take on both sides. Shared time becomes more important, more enjoyable to both partners. Remember: you can never change someone else.

#### Humor

Humor is one of the most sought after components in a successful relationship. When the going gets tough, the tough start laughing. If you can find some humor in a difficult situation, it is usually a lot easier to deal with. Laughter brings gentle strength and renews your focus so you can be open to new ways of dealing with the problem at hand. Special Time

#### Romance

All couples need private time for themselves. This could be a romantic dinner out, a weekend getaway or a picnic in the park on a beautiful sunny day. Everyone is busy. It is too easy to get caught up in the fast pace of your daily routine. Couples need to make a concerted effort to schedule down time just for them. Participate in a shared hobby or enjoy a weekly "date night" if you are already in a committed relationship.

#### **Forgiveness**

Forgiveness is a key tip for a healthy relationship. No one is perfect. We all make mistakes. Forgiveness is crucial in order to move forward with the relationship in a positive way. It is okay to be angry or upset with your partner, but you have to remember that you love them and that you're not perfect either. It takes a lot more energy to hold a grudge than to forgive.

Please send any dating or relationship questions to dating@nightwire.net and they will be answered in the next issue.

## **Wine & Spirits - White Diamond Vodka**



too heavy, with a nice mineral water body thrown in. Martini was excellent (with olive or twist) the blend of grains lend a interesting depth and complexity (something a vodka martini sorely needs anyway). All the other drinks benefited from the mineral taste and the extra layers of subtle flavor. It stands out more than most without overwhelming the drink."

50 Best Vodka 2010

White Diamond Vodka – "Smooth, approachable, mellow, pleasantly spicy, floral, grassy, oily, mossy, fruity finish"

## White Diamond Summer Drink Recipes... **Enjoy!!**

#### **White Diamond Classic:**

3 parts White Diamond Vodka

1 part Triple Sec

4 parts white grape juice

Directions: Fill Shaker with Ice – Add ingredients.. shake and strain.

Red Rooster:

1 cup ice cubes

2 ounces White Diamond Vodka

4 ounces cranberry juice

1/2 ounce orange juice

Directions

Fill a tall glass with ice. Pour in vodka. Fill glass to 3/4 full with cranberry juice. Top with orange juice. Stir.

#### **White Diamond Lemon Drop:**

4 ounces fresh lemon juice

2 ounces White Diamond Vodka

1 teaspoon white sugar crushed ice

1 lemon, sliced

4 sprigs fresh mint

Directions

hite Diamond Vodka is a premium vodka distilled and filtered multiple times. Produced in Latvia exclusively for White Diamond utilizing strict quality standard and imported by local Developer, Mark Lucero. Only pure, pristine water from deep artisan wells are used to achieve the smoothest, most luxurious taste possible. This premium vodka is affordably priced at only \$12.99 and available in Pennsylvania State Stores. First sold in just 10 stores, it's now in 470 with national distribution in the works. Dare to compare this high quality vodka against the higher priced premium vodkas and you will agree that White Diamond is truly an outstanding high quality premium vodka.

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Spirits Review (on White Diamond Vodka)

"a bit more complex than a single grain vodka. No trace of off-notes, if a bit spirity. Nice distilled grain notes to it. Nice thick grain body glide past the tongue nipping at it with the alcohol edge and nice lingering finish. Slight sweetness and the sour of a rye. Slightly oily and thick body but not





In a mixing glass, combine lemon juice, vodka and sugar. Stir until dissolved, then pour into glasses filled with ice. Garnish with a lemon slice and sprig of mint.

Watermelon Vodka Slush

- 4 cups watermelon flesh, seeds removed
- 2 fluid simple syrup
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup White Diamond Vodka
- 2 fluid ounces melon liqueur
- 4 twists lemon zest, garnish

#### Directions

In a food processor, puree the watermelon flesh. Pour the pureed watermelon into empty ice cube trays and freeze for at least 4 hours. Also, freeze 4 martini glasses.

In a blender combine the frozen watermelon cubes, simple syrup, lemon juice, vodka, and melon liqueur; blend until smooth. Pour into 4 frozen martini glasses and garnish each with a lemon twist.

#### Cosmopolitan:

- 1 (1.5 ounce) jigger White Diamond Vodka
- 1/2 ounce Cointreau
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 1 1/2 ounces cranberry juice
- 1 twist lime zest, garnish

#### Directions

Pour all the ingredients into a shaker with lots of ice. Shake vigorously for several seconds and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a lime twist.

#### **Long Island Iced Tea**

- 1 ounce White Diamond Vodka
- 1 ounce gold tequila
- 1 ounce rum
- 1 ounce gin
- 1 ounce Cointreau or Triple Sec
- 5 ounces sweet and sour mix
- 2 ounces cola
- 1 lime wedge

#### Directions

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice; pour in vodka, tequila, rum, gin, Cointreau, and sweet and sour mix. Cover and shake until the outside of the shaker is frosty. Place a few cubes of ice into a highball glass, and strain in the iced tea. Top with the cola, and garnish with a wedge of lime.

#### **White Diamond Apple Martini**

- 1 ounce apple schnapps
- 1 ounce White Diamond Vodka
- 1 ounce apple juice

#### Directions

In a cocktail shaker full of ice, combine apple schnapps, vodka and apple juice. Mix well. Pour into glasses and garnish with a slice of Granny Smith apple.

White Diamond Vodka Collins

- 1 1/2 ounces White Diamond Vodka
- 3 ounces sweet and sour mix
- 1 cup carbonated water
- 1 slice orange, garnish
- 1 maraschino cherry, garnish

#### ice

#### Directions

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine vodka and sweet and sour. Shake well, then strain into a tall glass full of ice. Fill the glass with carbonated water. Cut orange slice into quarters.

On a cocktail sword, spear cherry first, then spear orange slice through the peel. Hang sword from the rim of the glass, so that fruit is in the drink.



## **Craft Beers** By: Stephanie Doan Straub Beer Celebrates it's 140th Anniversary



strong red band binding around a wooden barrel – it's the seal of generations full of good, clean tasting beer. It is a marker that has stood the test of 140 years now. Straub Brewery began as a small brewery well before Prohibition and is still the smallest that remains, unyielding ever since the first hop hit that fresh, spring-fed mountain water.

Now look five generations down the line and there's CEO Bill Brock.

"We look at the brewery as a gift, and we're very lucky to have it in the family," Brock said.

His great-great-grandfather Peter Straub came from Germany where he trained as a cooper – working with wooden barrels and casks – which easily lent him to the trade of brewing. He worked in Germany, France and Switzerland until traveling to the United States at the age of 19. He began easing into Pennsylvania culture by working in Allegheny City. He found work at several local breweries before finally settling into St. Mary's in 1872. This is the official founding date of Straub Brewery, although it took several years before Peter worked into owning his father-in-law's brewery.

As this year marks the company's 140th anniversary, Straub Brewery has much to celebrate. Bill said not only has the brewery stayed alive since a time before many states even existed, but they've produced a beer steeped in American history. Lagers came about from whatever brewers could afford to grow, which was mostly corn. A near "cousin" and close friend to the family is Yuengling Brewery, which also shares in Pennsylvanian heritage. Although a little bigger in production than Straub both, pull together beers that are truly all-American. While Yuengling may



be the oldest brewery in the U.S., Straub is not far behind at third.

How to celebrate? Bill talks of the possibility of an all-malt beer. Made in honor of the 140th anniversary, the brew will be exactly what drinkers would expect out of Straub in terms of a craft beer: a drink that mimics the natures of common German and European crafts while still using American material.

That fits the ideal of Straub beer, said Bill. The taste refuses to fall between labels of blue collar or white collar. Instead, beers tag along with drinkers while fly-fishing, kayaking, small-game hunting, camping and many other adventures. Straub draws its roots in all things nature. Three years ago, Straub began filling cans as well as bottles; their amber bottles came out in August of 2007. This makes it even easier to go wherever people enjoy both the great outdoors and Straub responsibly, adhering to the motto of Straub being "fiercely independent."

What else is to be expected for one of the smallest leading breweries in America? Expansion. Bill said that down the road, he hopes for more room. St. Mary's is close to capacity already, with the can brewing operations moved to Rochester. Besides the physical growth, he also sees opportunity in crafting seasonal brews. Those turned off by lagers may sip one, leading them to become a Straub's customer. The trick is to maintain customers with the same excellent taste while using fresh marketing to also attract new ones. A shock came a few years back when the company changed their packaging. But after close inspection, loyal Straub lovers knew it was the same great taste flowing from the newly designed labels.

He thanks his consistent customers, promising that no matter where Straub goes or grows, "We will continue to be the beer you've grown to love."

#### **PROCESS**

The flavor in Straub beer erupts from the beginning, with crunches of corn flakes and crushed malted barley thrown into the waters from the Laurel Run Reservoir. This turns the grain starches into fermentable sugar. Next these grains take a two and a half hour bath in water warmed to the high temperatures of 104 to 107 degrees. This brings the potential brew into a golden syrup called wort.

There is strict inspection of the wort as it passes through a copper vessel referred to as the grant. Brewers check both the color and clarity of the wort. If this meets Straub's high standard, then and only then can hops extract finally be added. Following the meeting of these standards is a two-hour boil.

Bill says, "If I wouldn't drink the beer, I wouldn't ask you to." After being cooled to approximately 58 degrees by flowing through a cooling system, the almost-beer is sifted at a speed of a barrel a minute into its fermenting locations. Liquid yeast is added, and the beers begin fermenting for seven days.

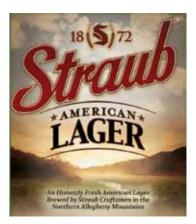
Finally, the beer is held in a cellar and chilled down to the bone at 38 degrees. This is when aging as well as double-filtration occurs – the first filtering is called roughing and the second is polishing. Just then, the carbon dioxide that escaped during production is pumped back into the brew. Upon completion the beer is hand racked, pumped into kegs or sent directly into the bottling room.

Of course, a generous portion ends up in the Eternal Tap, too. Bill said the Eternal Tap, though having no formal history, stems from decades of his Straub family inviting neighbors and friends alike to come taste their beer. There was always a keg stowed somewhere nearby for sharing. Today, the brewery invites visitors everywhere to come taste all three beers flowing from their plentiful Eternal Tap. The tasting is free: just remember to clean your own glass on the way out!

#### **BEERS**

There are three well-rounded beers pouring from Straub's Eternal Tap as well as being sold in bottles and cans throughout Pennsylvania and many other states. They include the Straub American Lager, Straub American Light and Straub American Amber Lager.

#### **Straub American Lager**



The grain and corn from which this brew originates sticks to your taste buds. Bitterness hits the tongue and quickly unfolds, exposing itself to a yeasty flavor. Next the sweetness kicks in with a delicate light, fruity taste. It is almost as if the entire brew is made directly from sweet, fresh corn itself. The texture contains moderately low carbonation. If he had to pick one to show you, Bill says he'd hand you this, a cold American Lager. Our flagship brew is virtually unchanged since Peter Straub perfected it in 1872.

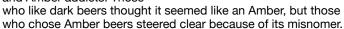
**Straub American Light** 

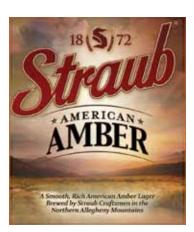
Light on taste? No way. The light lager holds just 96 calories which can be worked off with barely fifteen minutes of outdoor gardening - but packs on a lot of flavor. Bill says this is a beer that fits many occasions. He never takes one sip thinking that he's missing out on the full body of the lager. And it's true that the beer holds the same bitter yeast flavor as the lager as well as the sweet taste. It even avoids the stark yellow color of many light beers, totally artificial. But this beer flows clear with a touch

of gold. Clean and complete, this beer does well against other lights. Straub American Light is perfect for a day of drinking that escapes the usual calories or alcohol.

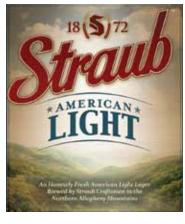
#### **Straub American Amber**

The Amber offers a different taste aside from both lagers. Yes, it's darker but not so much so as the original name led drinkers to believe. Beginning its life as "Peter Straub's Special Dark Beer" it confused both dark drinkers and Amber addicts. Those





So the company renamed it properly as the Straub American Amber. The Amber pours in bright forms of the color it's named after. The taste of sliced breads holds hands with the slight tinge of nuts and caramel from the malt. This harmony exists thanks to its clean water base, making it a severely clean-tasting Amber. Bill chooses this beer to sip with friends alongside food. It's a taste that shines bright alone.





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## **Craft Beers Long Trail Brewery**

By: Stephanie Doan photos -Jeff Hluchyj - Long Trail Brewing Company



eer drinking fans of imported Ales usually love the sophisticated tastes of English or German brews – however long journeys over sea often leave the shipped ale stale. Searching high and low until Long Trail Brewery created an American alternative. However, keeping close to home for Long Trail also means protecting the environment for one Vermont brewerv.

Long Trail Brewery presents an American alternative that's been around for nearly 25 years. It's safe to say that the beers coming out of Long Trail runneth over with popularity. Brewmaster Brandon Mayes credits their success to the company being nuts for nature - even encouraging their drinkers to, "Take a Hike." Just as Originator Andy Pherson did when he began the brewery.

It was 1989 when Andy started his trek. Originally known in town as the Mountain Brewers, it was naming the beer that proved most challenging. One day, Andy drove past a wooden "Long Trail" hiking marker. The sign is a guide for many likeminded environment lovers. Just like that, it was those etched words, with hikers pictured on the sign and of course the Green Mountains of Vermont that inspired him. The name spread like wildfire quickly labeling the brewers as the "Long Trail Guys" who soon became Long Trail Brewery.

By November of that same year the first batch of Long Trail

was a smashing hit! Andy locked into his first distribution agreement the following May with Farrell distributors the oldest

Ale was brewed and ready for tasters. It





and biggest in the state. Long Trail Ale quickly became their best selling amber ale as well as a statewide favorite. Brandon said the "middle of the road amber ale" appeals to both craft experts and newbies alike.

The menu of great beers expanded. In 1994, the operation outgrew its small headquarters. So, the Long Trail Brewery hiked on down the road to its current location, putting its stateof-the-art brewery right across from the Ottauqueechee River. What started as a small craft brewery sitting in the basement of the old Bridgewater Woolen Mill is now one of the most popular breweries in all of Vermont, second only to powerhouse brewer Anheuser Busch.

Brandon said more expansion might be on the horizon, but far down the trail. The brewery's footprint is maxed out. The company is already using and recycling as much water as possible. Although they are always looking to grow, he said it's got to be responsible growth. Until then, the company will stick to growing its beer selection by putting out two new seasonals. This coming fall they are adding a lower alcohol Pumpkin Ale and a higher alcohol Imperial Pumpkin Ale. The two beers extract the spice of pumpkin pie and crisp fall. Drinkers everywhere can taste "Autumn in Vermont" in good balance with the malt and hops of a fine craft beer.

Balance, said Brandon, is the key ingredient to the Long Trail Brewery. Keeping the hops, malt and alcohol at the right measurements as well as the in and outs of material and waste from the brewery - Brandon says, "It's all a juggling act." **PROCESS** 

Tucked within the Green Mountains of Vermont the brewery makes protecting their home a priority. Protection happens in many environment friendly ways. They protect by feeding nearby cattle the spent grain, which is much cheaper than normal feed. There is eight tons of this "spent mash" offered each day. This helps the agriculture and the economy. They recycle expired production steam into hot water for thermal energy - saving 2,000 gallons of propane per month. They are also licensed by the state of Vermont to inject carefully purified wastewater back into the ground through the use of special technology.

Long Trail uses American grown hops as well as other local raw materials as much as possible. In fact, Long Trail uses all natural ingredients. This goes along with their commitment to crafting fine American beers totally separate from any European ingredients. Most American hops are grown in Washington and Oregon. These hops add the spice of life to Long Trail brews, which contain a wide variety of tasty hops.





These hops are flowers of the female hop plant and get thrown into the "Boiling Kettle" in hopes of extracting its bitter.

As the brewing process continues from heating to fermenting many tests are done for quality control. Production measurements and microbiological testing occur frequently. This ensures Long Trail remains fresh along its entire journey as well as sip after sip. Because the ales are not pasteurized and contain no preservatives the bottles are dated. This gives drinkers a clue as to when the ale may spoil – usually 120 days past the bottle date.

Want to try a sip at its freshest? Be one of the yearly 72,000 visitors setting foot in Long Trail's Visitor Center. The center has a Tap Room that is has become the favorite watering hole for both visitors and locals. It's designed like an old beer hall and even employees can't escape the festivities. Brandon remembers his visit six years ago prior to working at Long Trail. "It's a really fun atmosphere," he said remembering the lasting impression.

Travelers who can't trail to Vermont shouldn't worry though. Long Trail has traded its nine workers previously bottling at 50 bottles-per-minute for just three workers and new machinery filling at a speed of roughly 250 bottles-per-minute. So, there's no shortage of cases around!

Find Long Trail beers in 13 additional states including Pennsylvania.

### **BEERS** - Some of the top beers include: Blackberry Wheat

Stepping up as one of the most popular brews – this beer rises in the summer of '96. This wheat beer models after brews mixed with fresh fruit, like blackberries, in small "farm house" breweries throughout Belgium. This spontaneously fermented craft is called "lambic," a mock European beer. Containing two malts as well as malted wheat, it's the fruity taste that gives this beer the rightful description of thirst quenching. The aromas are so strong the craft sits in a wheat glass bottle ensuring extra room for the fluffy head. Food pairings for this bottle include bountiful, crisp salads and light appetizers. Tasters at the Atlantic City Beer Festival gave Blackberry Wheat their 'People's Choice Award.'

#### **IPA**

Despite being made in 2005 these IPAs brew rough like the waves they originally traveled. The taste of this India Pale Ale dates back to the days of the British Empire. It's definitely a "hop forward" drink said Brandon. IPAs first began as pale ales made stronger with extra hops in hopes of surviving the long voyage from Great Britain to colonies camping in India. The Long Trail IPA still holds more hops and remains unfiltered, which is a stark contrast to most of the IPA's ultra-filtered descendents today. The hops are Nugget and Cascade with 2-row and Crystal malts. Long Trail's IPA began as the first in

their Brewmasters Limited Edition Series but stuck around. It's bursting of both natural carbonation and flavor. Sip this beer cold alongside spicy and flavor-plenty dishes.

#### **Double Bag**

Illuminating dark amber in color, the Double Bag is even deeper in strength. So strong is the brew that it's referred to as secret brew, or "Stickebier" in German. This specific beer originated in 1994. Labeled a malt beer it was first only available at the Long Trail Tap Room in Vermont. Now, its bottled and brought home. The beers pack two hop varieties and four different malts. Not only does Malt Advocate Magazine consider this malt the 'Domestic Veer of the Year', it also swooped up a medal at the Great International Beer Festival. This drink pairs well in moderation with smoked and grilled meats, but be careful of the 7.2 percent alcohol content.

#### **Double IPA**

Long Trail mixes the course hop-filled taste of true India Pale Ales with enhanced flavors in crafting this double IPA. Many American breweries have tinkered with double IPAs in recent years. This one debuted only three years ago in 2009 and is one of Brewmaster Brandon's favorites. This as well as the Coffee Stout are "most near and dear" to his heart. The two always find homes in his fridge. The Double IPA shows deeper gold in color than Long Trail's usual IPA and also doubles the alcohol. Picture a strong malt that offers more refreshment in the flavor-fountain of citrus and pine – that's the collaboration occurring in this two-hop, three-malt beverage. Drink with sharp cheeses, lamb and also beef brisket.

#### **Survival Variety Pack**

For those who want it all this pack is perfect! Long Trails creates these "survival" packs to keep the most adventurous tasters alive. There are packs for each season, such as a Summer Survival Pack containing Double Bag, Blackberry Wheat, Pollenator and of course the beer that began it all – the Long Trail Ale. The selected beers change for every season.

#### **Full Line of Seasonals**

**Pollenator** – Spring Seasonal - Features a medium amber body, balanced with a modest amount of Willamette hops. This spring ale is highly drinkable, flavorful and finishes clean and crisp.

**Belgium White** - Summer Seasonal - Our Belgian White Ale is modeled after the original Belgian Witbiers brewed in monasteries during the early 14th century. The soft notes of citrus and spice are topped with a light, fluffy head that finishes clean and crisp. This fresh and natural ale is our summer seasonal brew, perfect for lounging lake-side or celebrating trail's end...ENJOY!

**Harvest** – Autumn Seasonal - In celebration of the autumn harvest we've brewed this brown ale with locally harvested Vermont ingredients... a truly unique Taste of Vermont. English Brown Ales are a more modern style from England that have been modeled after English Mild Ales. Mild Ales were names so due to their 'mild' hop flavor; in comparison to and English Pale Ale or English IPA.

**Pumpkin Ale** – Fall Seasonal - Long Trail is excited to launch Long Trail Pumpkin Ale, a slightly sweet seasonal treat artfully brewed with pumpkins, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves. The perfect drink for a fall day, this exceptionally balanced beer has an aroma very reminiscent of pumpkin pie.

Hibernator – Winter Seasonal - This robust, malty brew will take the bite from a cold winter night. Style History: Scotland's agricultural history helped create the country's most popular beer style, Scottish Ale. Barley is one of Scotland's most abundant crops, while hops have never flourished in the Scottish landscape. This abundance of barley and Scotland's exclusion from England's malt tax of the 1700's gave brewers the opportunity to brew a hearty barley rich beer.

## Dining - Emilia Romagna



Veal Chop With Crab

adore the Strip District and often find myself there 2 or 3 times a week seeking a specific ingredient, fresh lemons for my famous lemonade, or grabbing a bite to eat. I've been seeing a formerly vacant establishment bustling with activity for the past couple of months, actually I've been stalking this new establishment and when I saw the name Emilia Romagna, well I was on it. I'm so happy to share with you this month's dining experience at a swank new eatery with fabulous cocktails, sushi to knock your socks off, a wood pizza oven to die for and mobsters. Yes, I said mobsters. The graphic images of favorite characters like Johnny Depp, Robert DiNero, certainly add a classic Italian charm. The movies portraying these wise guys play on perfectly placed monitors totally unobtrusive to the Bar ER section or the bar. At the Bar ER - you'll find





Stephen Kowalchuk aka "The Cocktail Chef". His concoctions are sure to delight and dazzle you. We sampled several cocktails as drinks were paired with menu offerings. Bar ER bar has a limited menu offering appetizers, pizza, sandwiches, salads & sushi. Matt Kemp, Sushi Chef creates masterpieces from the freshest ingredients available. When I told him I didn't quite understand the sushi tie-in to a very Italian restaurant, he gave me his perspective. Matt says sushi is artfully prepared and presented with high quality ingredients just like the rest of the food in the Bar ER kitchen. Yes! I get it! Good food is good food, and with good ingredients sourced farm to table, artfully prepared and presented, it makes perfect sense to offer sushi. Emilia Romagna seems to offer the best of everything. Let me give you a little history-

In 2005, Chef Jonathan took ownership of Cento Anna Alla Famiglia where regional Italian cuisine reigns. As a small establishment tucked away in the Allentown neighborhood of the City, Emilia Romagna on 19th Street in the Strip District is much more accessible, convenient and accommodating. If a simple pizza or salad is your desire, you can feel quite comfortable at the bar, but if you want to relax and enjoy world class cuisine- the beautifully decorated dining room has your table. So let's get started.....

First of all, when offered a drink menu- read it. I love a fancy drink, I love an unusual drink, and I love a signature drink. I try them all. After perusing the cocktail menu, both Tim and I chose the Cream Soda- a delicious concoction served with handcrafted foam. You will realize that these are some serious drinks with some unusual ingredients. Sarsaparilla foam tops off this rum, vanilla liqueur & red bull drink. House made infusions, syrups and herbs enhance these handcrafted libations. I'll make sure to highlight the other cocktails throughout. Daily features are offered including Soup Di Pesce (\$12) to Steel head Salmon served with Pea Shoots (\$34), or a Char-Grilled Rib Eye (\$46). We started off with Marinated Tuna Sashimi (\$13) and the Bar ER Kitchen Maki (\$14). Both were so beautiful and delicious- the tuna served with mushroom powder, basil flower and each bite followed with a hazelnut,



the Kitchen Maki had tuna, kampachi, a spicy emulsion, negi, katsuobushi, golden tobiko and sesame. The Grand Bonsai cocktail was paired with our sushi and made with sake, Grand Marnier, lime, agave nectar, ginger beer with mint was so very refreshing and light. The ER Kitchen Maki is the signature sushi offering, I'm glad that I got to try it and highly recommend it to you! The Cucumber Mint- gin, Midori, mint, cucumber juice & salt is another perfect accompaniment. Oh the drinks are as amazing as the food!

Next we were presented the Dry Boat Scallops (\$14), served atop a Mediterranean cous cous with local corn zabaglionethe scallop is pan seared to perfection and I quickly devoured Joyce's portion knowing that she doesn't eat scallops. (I have no shame when it comes to a beautiful giant scallop.) Alla Famiglia Meatballs (\$12) were next to grace our table and I couldn't wait to try the famous meatballs with goats milk ricotta & Locatelli. Now I have mentioned in the past that my husband makes the meatballs in our house and he provided the standing ovation on these Italian favorites. The farm-totable philosophy resounds in the offerings at Emilia Romagna. They know exactly where each & every ingredient originates and I love that. More cocktails were presented, each rivaled the former and our taste buds were dancing in delight. The Peppered Carrot-Bullet rve whiskey, carrot juice & and fresh black pepper was a favorite of ½ of the Nightwire staff but I particularly liked the Negroni-Tangueray, Campari, sweet vermouth, stirred with flamed orange peel only got better & better as the meal progressed. With great food paired with amazing drinks, you have no choice but to sit back & enjoy. At Emilia Romagna, I felt transported to a beautiful oasis in a busy metropolis with an old world charm and a sense of family. Ask questions here. The staff is very knowledgeable about the menu, the extensive wine list, the ingredients, the sushi, how to pronounce something or just how to best enjoy your experience. Emilia Romagna seems to me to be a place where many varied experiences are possible. It's beautiful, elegant and charming, but don't be intimidated! Stephen, The Cocktail Chef, loves to match a cocktail to your most discriminating taste. Steve, the manager will welcome you and make you feel very comfortable. I had the feeling that everyone here works well together to make your experience memorable and enjoyable.

As our selections from the Bar ER Kitchen whet our palate,

we were delighted to sample "Secondi Piatti" also known as "Second Plate" or the "meat course" of the meal. The Veal Chop (\$55) a 26 oz. chop was presented and it is certainly enough to share. The rare veal was so tender, juicy & delicious that I was hoping for some to take home so that I could enjoy the bones in private. It's just not nice for a lady to pick up a bone in public. Chicken Estivo(\$24)- presented by Chef Cory was Manny's favorite- Gerber Farm chicken served with local corn cream & petit summer vegetables and some fantastic pancetta rendering added to the complexity of the flavor. I absolutely adored the Arctic Char (\$34) served with fingerling potatoes & baby artichoke, carrot and caper pan jus. Don't hesitate to eat the skin on the char- it's delicious and the fish is so light and delicate. (Once again I was glad that Joyce doesn't eat fish! & that Chef Cory told me how much he loves the skin.) A unanimous favorite was the Speck Wrapped Pork Tenderloin. If you've spent any time in Italy, you know Speck. Italian cooks use it for everything. Wrapped around a pork tenderloin aside peach & bleu cheese bread pudding with pork essence is genius. Savory bread pudding was something new to my culinary repertoire but I thoroughly enjoyed every bite. There is passion in this cuisine, take your time to enjoy and savor the nuances.

After sampling all of the delicious & delectable Secondi Piatti,





The Cocktail Chef wouldn't dream of us not sampling some of his Final Course cocktails. With desserts made in house daily-Blackberry Crostale or Mascarpone Cheesecake, the Nutella Milk Punch made with Woodford Reserve bourbon, Grand Marnier, milk, Nutella & ground hazelnuts was dreamy. The Cocoa Pepper created with red pepper vodka, vanilla vodka, white crème de cacao, Cointreau, cream & chocolate was to die for. I think this was quite possibly THE most delicious dessert drink I have ever tasted. The spicy & creamy melded perfectly with with vanilla and the cheesecake! Very decadent I admit, but very worth the extra calories!

Emilia Romagna is both a gem and a tribute born out of success with a philosophy that celebrates our health, our lives and our appetites. With a farm-to-table dedication and a passion for providing the best of the best, Chef Jonathan Vlasic and Chef Cory Hughes welcome you to come in & try the excellence of their cuisine.

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An Irishman, a Mexican and a Blonde Guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building. They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building." The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, Burritos again! If I get Burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too." The blonde opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too." The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death. The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a Burrito, and jumped, too. The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well. At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!" The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated Burritos so much." (Oh this is GOOD!!) Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, "Don't look at me. He makes his own lunch."

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Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Have an awesome day, and know that someone who thinks you're great has thought about you today!. "And that person was me."

Working for God on earth does not pay much, but His Retirement plan is out of this world.

Keep a SMILE on your face and a SONG in your heart! A smile, is a sign of joy. A hug, is a sign of love. A laugh, is a sign of happiness. And your best friend? Well that's just a sign of good taste!! Your best friend will be your friends until they are senile. Then the two of you will be new friends.

#### Your Driver's License Tells It All.....

A mother is driving a little girl to her friend's house for a play date. "Mommy," the little girl asks, "how old are you?" "Honey, you are not supposed to ask a lady her age," the mother replied. "It's not polite." "OK", the little girl says, "How much do you weigh?" "Now really," the mother says, "those are personal questions and are really none of your business." Undaunted, the little girl asks, "Why did you and Daddy get a divorce?" "That is enough questions, young lady, honestly!" The exasperated mother walks away as the two friends begin to play. "My Mom won't tell me anything about her," the little girl says to her friend. "Well," says the friend, "all you need to do is look at her driver's license. It is like a report card, it has everything on it." Later that night the little girl says to her mother, "I know how old you are, you are 32." The mother is

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surprised and asks, "How did you find that out?" I also know that you weigh 140 pounds." The mother is past surprised and shocked now. "How in heaven's name did you find that out?" "And," the little girl says triumphantly," I know why you and daddy got a divorce." "Oh really?" the mother asks "why?" ......."Because you got an F in sex."

#### Just a Few!

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Ft Myers, Florida. They turned a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - all drinks 10 cents." They look at each other, then go in, thinking this is too good to be true. The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, Gentlemen?" There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a martini. In short order, the bartender serves up four iced martinis... Shaken, not stirred, and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please." The four men stare at the bartender for a moment, then look at each other... They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced with the bartender again saying "That's 40 cents, please" They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand. They have each had two martinis, and so far they've spent less than a dollar. Finally one of the men says. "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?" "I'm a retired tailor from Boston," the bartender said, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery for \$25 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same." Wow!!!! That's quite a story," says one of the men. The four of them sipped at their martinis and couldn't help but notice three other guys at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there. One man gestures at the three at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender, "What's with them?" The bartender says, "Oh, they're from Cleveland. They're waiting for happy hour, when drinks are half price."

#### Works every time!

Two married buddies are out drinking one night when one turns to the other and says, "You know, I don't know what else to do. Whenever I go home after we've been out drinking, I turn the headlights off before I get to the driveway. I shut off the engine and coast into the garage. I take my shoes off before I go into the house, I sneak up the stairs, and I get undressed in the bathroom. I ease into bed and my wife STILL wakes up and yells at me for staying out so late!" His buddy looks at him and says, "Well, you're obviously taking the wrong approach. I screech into the driveway, slam the door, storm up the steps, throw my shoes in the closet, jump into bed, slap her on the butt and say, "WHO'S HORNY".....?!!!" and she acts like she's sound asleep.

#### **New Supermarket**

The new supermarket near our house has an automatic water mist to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain. The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn. When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and experience the scent of fresh hay. When you approach the egg

case, you hear hens cluck and cackle and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying......I don't buy toilet paper there anymore.

#### **Know Your State Motto..**

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#### Alaska

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#### **Arizona**

Yes, But It's A Dry Heat.

#### **Arkansas**

Lituracy Ain't Everythang.

#### California

By 30, Our Women Have More Plastic Than Your Honda

#### Colorado

If You Don't Ski, Don't Bother.

#### Connecticut

Like Massachusetts, only smaller

#### Delaware

We Really Do Like The Chemicals In Our Water.

#### Florida

Ask Us About Our Grandkids and Our Voting Skills.

#### Georgia

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Haka Tiki Mou Sha'ami Leeki Toru (Death To Mainland Scum, Leave Us Your Money)

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#### Utah

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When I was 14, I hoped that one day I would have a girlfriend.

When I was 16, I got a girlfriend, but there was no passion. So I decided I needed a passionate girl with a zest for life.

In college, I dated a passionate girl, but she was too emotional. Everything was an emergency; she was a drama queen, cried all the time and threatened suicide. So I decided I needed a girl with stability.

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When I was 25, I found a very stable girl but she was boring. She was totally predictable and never got excited about anything. Life became so dull that I decided that I needed a girl with some excitement.

When I was 28, I found an exciting girl, but I couldn't keep up with her. She rushed from one thing to another, never settling on anything. She did mad, impetuous things and made me miserable as often as she made me happy. She was great fun initially and very energetic, but directionless. So I decided to find a girl with some real ambition.

When I turned 31, I found a smart ambitious girl with her feet planted firmly on the ground and married her. She was so ambitious that she divorced me and took everything I owned.

I am now 40, and am looking for a woman with very big breasts.

#### **Stoned Monkey**

A monkey is sitting in a tree smoking a joint when a lizard walks past and looks up and says to the monkey 'hey! what are you doing? 'The monkey says 'smoking a joint, come up and have some.' So the lizard climbs up and sits next to the monkey and they have a few joints. After a while the lizard says his mouth is 'dry 'and is going to get a drink from the river. The lizard is so stoned that he leans too far over and falls into the river. A Crocodile sees this and swims over to the lizard and helps him to the side, then asks the lizard, 'What's the matter with you??' The lizard explains to the crocodile that he was sitting with the

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monkey in a tree smoking a joint, got too stoned and then fell into the river while taking a drink. The crocodile says he has to check this out and walks into the jungle, finds the tree were the monkey is sitting, finishing a joint, and he looks up and calls to the monkey 'Hey! 'The Monkey looks down and says 'How much freaking water did you drink??'

#### **Dumb and Funny Warning Labels on Products:**

**Liquid Plummer** 

Warning: Do not reuse the bottle to store beverages.

#### Windex

Do not spray in eyes.

#### **Toilet Plunger**

Caution: Do not use near power lines.

#### **Dremel Electric Rotary Tool**

This product not intended for use as a dental drill.

#### **Arm & Hammer Scoopable Cat Litter**

Safe to use around pets.

#### **Bowl Fresh**

Safe to use around pets and children, although it is not recommended that either be permitted to drink from toilet.

#### **Endust Duster**

This product is not defined as flammable by the Consumer Products Safety Commision Regulations. However, this product can be ignited under certain circumstances.

#### **Baby Oil**

Keep out of reach of children

#### **Little Ones Baby Lotion**

Keep away from children

#### **Hair Coloring**

Do not use as an ice cream topping.

#### Wet-Nap

Directions: Tear open packet and use.

#### Dial Soap

Directions: Use like regular soap.

#### **Stridex Foaming Face Wash**

May contain foam.

#### Hairdryer:

Do not use while taking a shower.

#### **Old Spice Red Zone Deoderant**

Use only on underarms.

#### Zantac 75

Do not take if allergic to zantac.

#### **Sleeping Pills**

Warning: May cause Drowsiness

#### **Christmas Lights**

Warning: For indoor or outdoor use only.

#### **Bic Lighter**

Ignite lighter away from face.

#### Komatsu Floodlight

This floodlight is capable of illuminating large areas, even in the dark

#### Fire Extinguisher:

Caution: Non-Flammable

#### **Earplugs**

These ear plugs are nontoxic, but may interfere with breathing if caught in windpipe

#### **Mattress**

Warning: Do not attempt to swallow

#### **Matches**

Caution: Contents may catch fire.

#### **Pepper Spray**

Caution: Never aim spray at your own eyes.

#### **Auto-Shade Windshield Visor**

Warning: Do not drive with sunshade in place. Remove from windshield before starting ignition.

#### Fix-a-Flat

WARNING: Do not weld can to rim.

#### **Rain Gauge**

Suitable for outdoor use.

#### **RCA Television Remote Control**

Not Dishwasher Safe

#### **Pine Mountain Fire Logs**

Caution: Risk of fire

#### **Fish Food**

Warning: Not for human consumption

#### **Home Depot Treated Lumber**

Do not consume

#### **Hair Drver**

Warning: Do not use while sleeping.

#### **Road Sign**

Caution water on road during rain.

#### Camera

This camera will only work when film is inside.

#### **Road Sign**

Cemetery Road. Dead End

#### **Church Parking Lot Sign**

Thou shalt not park

#### Children's Superman Costume

Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly.

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#### Silk Soy Milk

Shake well and buy often

#### **Air Conditioner**

Caution: Avoid dropping air conditioners out of windows.

#### **Rowenta Iron**

Warning: Never iron clothes on the body.

#### **Slush Puppy Cup**

This ice may be cold

#### **American Airlines Peanuts**

Instructions: open packet, eat nuts.

#### **Nabisco Easy Cheese**

For best results, remove cap.

#### **Swanson TV Dinners**

This product must be cooked before eating.

#### Hershey's Almond Bar

Warning: May contain traces of nuts

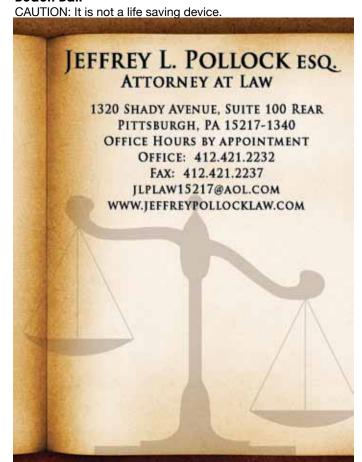
#### **Heinz Ketchup**

Instructions: Put on food

#### 500-Piece Puzzle:

Some assembly required.

#### **Beach Ball**



#### Chainsaw

Do not attempt to stop chain with hands.

#### Sears hairdryer:

Do not use while sleeping.

#### **Bag of Fritos:**

You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.

#### Bar of Dial soap:

Directions: Use like regular soap.

#### **Swann frozen dinners:**

Serving suggestion: Defrost.

#### Hotel provided shower cap in a box:

Fits one head.

Tesco's Tiramisu dessert: (printed on bottom of the box)

Do not turn upside down.

#### Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding:

Product will be hot after heating.

#### **Boot's Children's cough medicine:**

Do not drive car or operate machinery.

#### Nytol sleep aid:

Warning: may cause drowsiness.

#### String of Chinese-made Christmas lights:

For indoor or outdoor use only.

#### Japanese food processor:

Not to be used for the other use.

#### Sainsbury's peanuts:

Warning: contains nuts.

#### **American Airlines packet of nuts:**

Instructions: open packet, eat nuts.

#### Korean kitchen knife:

Warning keep out of children

#### Helmet mounted mirror used by us cyclists:

Remember, objects in the mirror are actually behind you

#### New Zealand insect spray:

This product not tested on animals.

#### **Blanket from Taiwan:**

Not to be used as protection from a tornado

#### Cardboard windshield sun shade:

Warning: Do Not Drive With Sun Shield in Place.

#### Infant's bathtub:

Do not throw baby out with bath water.

#### Package of Fisherman's Friend throat lozenges:

Not meant as substitute for human companionship.

#### Disposable Razor:

Do not use this product during an earthquake.

#### **Bottle of shampoo for dogs**

Caution: The contents of this bottle should not be fed to fish.

#### **Curling Iron**

Warning: This product can burn eyes.

#### **Hair Dryer**

Do not use in shower.

#### **Hair Dryer**

Do not use while sleeping.

#### **Hand-held Massaging Device**

Do not use while sleeping or unconscious.

#### A toilet at a public sports facility

Recycled flush water unsafe for drinking.

#### Pair of shin guards made for bicyclists

Shin pads cannot protect any part of the body they do not cover.

#### **Container of Underarm Deodorant.**

Caution: Do not spray in eyes.

#### Aim-n-Flame fireplace lighter.

Do not use near fire, flame, or sparks.

#### Toner cartridge for a laser printer

Do not eat toner.

#### 13-inch wheel on a wheelbarrow

Not intended for highway use.

#### Can of self-defense pepper spray.

May irritate eyes.

#### Novelty rock garden set called "Popcorn Rock"

Eating rocks may lead to broken teeth.

#### **A Frisbee**

Warning: May contain small parts.

#### A toilet bowl cleaning brush.

Do not use orally.

#### A birthday card for a 1 year old.

Not suitable for children aged 36 months or less.

#### Heated seat cushion

Warning: Do not use on eyes.

#### **Microwave Oven:**

Do not use for drying pets.

#### **Electric Cattle Prod**

For use on animals only.

#### Can of air freshener.

For use by trained personnel only.

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#### **Rat Poison**

Warning: has been found to cause cancer in laboratory mice.

#### **Folding High Chair**

Caution: Remove infant before folding for storage.

#### Dashboard of a mail truck

Look before driving.

#### Children's cough medicine

Do not drive car or operate machinery.

#### Sign at a railroad station

Beware! To touch these wires is instant death. Anyone found doing so will be prosecuted.

#### Bottom of a supermarket dessert box

Do not turn upside down.

#### Package of dice.

Not for human consumption.



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#### **Bottled Drink:**

Twist top off with hands. Throw top away. Do not put top in mouth.

#### **Shipment of hammers**

May be harmful if swallowed.

#### Manual for an SGI computer.

Do not dangle the mouse by its cable or throw the mouse at co-workers.

#### Stamped on the metal barrel of a .22 calibre rifle

Warning: Misuse may cause injury or death.

#### **Electric Thermometer.**

Do not use orally after using rectally.

### Packaging for a chain saw file, used to sharpen the cutting teeth on the chain.

Turn off motor before using this product.

#### 6x10 inch inflatable picture frame

Not to be used as a personal flotation device.

#### Box of bottle rockets

Do not put in mouth.

#### Wrapper of a Fruit Roll-Up snack

Remove plastic before eating.

#### Box for a car jack

For lifting purposes only.

#### Instructions for a cordless phone:

Do not put lit candles on phone.

### Small print from car commercial which shows a car in the ocean $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$

Do not drive cars in ocean.

### Small print from a car commercial which shows a vehicle "body-surfing" at a concert

Always drive on roads. Not on people.

#### **Bus Stop**

No stopping or standing.

#### **Church Sign**

These rows reserved for parents with children.

#### **Bag of Fritos**

You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.

#### Credit card statement.

Payment is due by the due date.

#### Laundromat triple washer

No small children.

### Sign in front of a newly renovated ramp that led to the entrance of a building

Take care: new non-slip surface.

#### **Box of Pills**

Take one capsule by mouth three times daily until gone.

#### Instructions on the packaging for a muffin at a 7-11

Remove wrapper, open mouth, insert muffin, eat.

#### Can of black pepper.

Instructions: Usage known.

#### Bag of cat biscuits

Simply pour the biscuits into a bowl and allow the cat to eat when it wants.

#### **Car Manual**

In order to get out of car, open door, get out, lock doors, and then close doors.

#### **Espresso Kettle**

The appliance is switched on by setting the on/off switch to the 'on' position.

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This is not a toy. Stickers require adult supervision.

#### Lawnmower

Warning: When Motor Is Running - The Blade Is Turning

#### Instructions on the bottom of a grocery store pizza

Do not turn upside down.

#### **Bottom of a Coca-Cola bottle**

Do not open here.

#### **Bottle of bathtub cleaner**

For best results, start with clean bathtub before use.

#### **Container of lighter fluid**

WARNING: Contents flammable!

#### Box of household nails

CAUTION! - Do NOT swallow nails! May cause irritation!

## Microwave popcorn, packaged so that the directions cannot be read unless you open the plastic and unfold it

Direction #1: Remove plastic.

#### **Drink bottle label**

Do not peel label off.

#### **Woolite carpet cleaner**

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#### **Box of Frosted Cheerio's**

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#### Sterno

Do not use near fire or flame.

#### **Container of salt**

Warning: High in sodium

#### **Hose Nozzle**

Do not spray into electrical outlet.

#### **Crazy Thoughts:**

- -Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the car-pool lane?
- -If a man alone in the woods said something would a woman

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- still say he was wrong?
- -Can bald people have hairline fractures?
- -What's the difference between a novel and a book?
- -How old are you before it can be said you died of old age?
- -If nobody buys a ticket to a movie do they still show it?
- -If someone owns a piece of land, do they own it all the way to the center of the earth?
- -If you have a cold hot pocket, is it just a pocket?
- -If humans evolved from monkey's/apes, why are they still here?Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- -Why is the show called unsolved mysteries? if they were solved they wouldn't be mysteries.
- -Do penguins have knees?
- -Why is it said that an alarm clock is going off when really its coming on?
- -How come people tell you not to stand in front of an emergency exit when if there was an emergency surely you would run through it?
- -Why did Sally sell seashells on the seashore when you can just pick them up anyway?
- -In libraries, do they put the bible in the fiction or non-fiction section?
- -Why are both of Spongebob's parents round like sea sponges while he is square like a kitchen sponge?
- -Does a two-humped camel store more water than a onehumped camel?
- -If you pamper a cow, do you get spoiled milk?
- -Why is it that if someone yells "duck" they are helping you, but if they yell "chicken" they are insulting you?
- -If the FBI breaks your door down do they have to pay for it?
- -If they have angel food cake on earth, do they have people food cake in heaven?
- -If you fart and burp at the same time, would it make a vacuum in your tummy?
- -Do they call a fortune teller who cant see a "blind seer"?
- -Why do you put two cents in when its only a penny for your thoughts?
- -Can you cry underwater?
- -You know the signs on restaurant doors? No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service? what if someone goes in with No Pants? Would the restaurant still have to serve them?
- -If an African elephant comes to America, is it an African-American elephant?
- -Why doesn't flavored gum turn your mouth that color?
- -If a doctor suddenly died while doing surgery, would the other doctors work on the doctor or the patient?
- -Why do we sing "Rock a bye baby" to lull our little ones to sleep when the song is about putting your baby in a tree and letting the wind crash the cradle to the ground?
- -Why do we say we're head over heels when we're happy? Isn't that the way we normally are?
- -If the Wicked Witch of the West melts in water... how did she ever bathe?
- -If bald people work as chefs in a restaurant ,do they have to wear hairnets?
- -Why do sleeping pills have warning labels that state :'Caution: May Cause Drowsiness?
- -Do nudists have pin-ups of people with clothes on?
- -How can Darth Vader breathe and talk at the same time?
- -If there's a wheelchair-bound comedian, is it still called "stand-up"?
- -When the French swear do they say pardon my English?
- -Do people who use sign language see little hands in their head when they think about what somebody said, or do they hear the words in their head?

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- -Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?
- -Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- -Why do they call someone "late" if they died early?
- -Why are the adjectives 'fast as' and 'slow as' often used in conjunction with hell, is hell slow or fast?
- -If the serving size on a can of soda is one can, then why is the serving size on the little can one can, too? Wouldn't the little cans be 2 cans?
- -If a king is gay and marries another guy what is that guy to the royal family?
- -Why are red buttons always the most important?
- -How is chess considered a sport?
- -Why is it when your sleeping it's called drool but when your awake its called spit?
- -If a hermaphrodite got sent to a certain gender prison, which one would it get sent to?
- -If a teacher were to teach a younger grade than they were teaching before, would they be "degraded"?
- -If you get chemo-therapy do you lose your pubic hairs?
- -Would you die if you didn't pee?
- -Why does every Abraham Lincoln impersonator sound the same, even though there are no known audio recordings of the man?
- -How's come people tell you to stay a kid for as long as you can. Yet the moment you do anything childish or immature they tell you to grow up.
- -Why does the Easter bunny carry eggs? Rabbits don't lay eggs.
- -When Atheists go to Court, they can't swear on the bible, can they?
- -If marbles are not made of marble, why are they called marbles?
- -If you dig a hole through the center of the earth, come out on the other side, and then let go, would you be falling down or floating up?
- -Could you be a closet claustrophobic?
- -Could someone be addicted to counseling? If so, how would you treat them?
- -If ketchup is good on French fries, how come it isn't good on mashed potatoes?
- -Where do all the daylight savings hours go?
- -Why doesn't the hair on your arms grow as fast as the hair on your head?
- -What happens if a black cat walks under a ladder and breaks a mirror?
- -Why when people ask you "what three things would you bring with you on a desert island?" no one ever replies, "A BOAT"
- -Why are elderly people often called "old people" but children are never called "new people"?
- -How does Freddy Kruger wipe his butt?
- -Why doesn't broccoli come in a can?
- -Can you slam a revolving door?
- -How young can you be, but still die of old age?
- -What would happen if you found a four-leaf-clover under a ladder?
- -Can a cross-eyed teacher control his pupils?
- -Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes

- that something new to eat will have materialized?
- -If Winnie the Pooh was civilized enough to keep his honey in jars, why did he eat it off his hands? Surely he had spoons?
- -What happens if you get a paper cut from a Get Well card?
- -Can you read a picture book?
- -Why does it say "shake well" on ketchup bottles, but not ketchup packets?
- -Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- -Is eating a mermaid considered cannibalism?
- -Why does it say do not use before work with heavy machinery on the back of children's Tylenol? I mean.. really could we save that many people by getting those darn five year-olds with head colds off those forklifts!
- -If mirrors need light to work, what happens if you put night vision goggles on in the dark and look at a mirror?
- -If you're on an American airline, and you land in Canada and stay on the plane, is the drinking age still 21 or does it change to 19?
- -What happens if every team in the NFL goes 8-8?
- -What shape is the sky?
- -If a Jewish person goes to court and is asked to put their right hand on the Bible, do they use a Torah instead?
- -Why is it written "May contain traces of peanuts or other kind of nuts" on peanut butter jars. Are people stupid enough not to realize it themselves?

#### **Thoughts**

- If you only have one eye...are you blinking or winking?
- If you have a gun and you ask, "can I ask you a question?" and they say "fire away" should you shoot them?
- What is a chickpea if it is neither a chick nor a pea?
- Why is it called the People's Republic Of China when China's not a republic?
- Why are dandelions considered weeds when daisies are considered flowers?
- Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant?
- Whenever an adult is kidnapped why isn't it called adultnapped??
- Why do black lights look purple?
- Did Yankee Doodle name the feather, hat, town, or his pony Macaroni?
- Why is it that people duck in the rain, do they really think the rain won't hit them?
- How come the Bible is the most stolen book, and one of the ten commandments is "thou shall not steal"?
- Why isn't the caps lock capitalized?
- If there's a hole straight through the earth, from the south pole to the north pole, and you jump through it what would happen? would you keep falling forever, or fall back down when you get to the middle, or is it physically impossible?
- If someone with a nostril ring takes it out, then blows their nose, do they have to cover that hole as well as their nostril holes so that snot doesn't blow out everywhere?
- Isn't it weird that if you re-arrange the word "teacher" you get "cheater"?
- How come whenever you start to sing, you automatically sing in a higher voice than you talk?
- How come people say they ate the last piece of gum, when they really just chew it?
- If a pope goes to the bathroom, is it considered holy crap?
- You know the saying "throw ya hands in the air like ya don't care"? why bother doing that if you don't care?

















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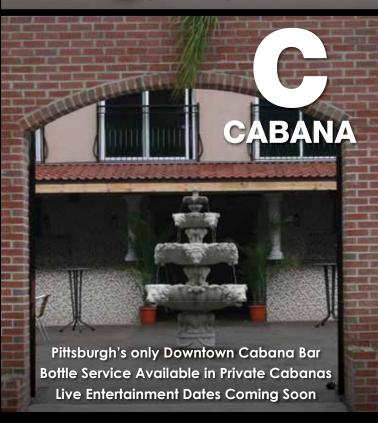
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