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## What's That Smell? It's Football, Baby . . .

**By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos ©2014 Pittsburgh Steelers, Karl Roser**

Taking a break from our regularly scheduled summer baseball programming, let's talk about how excited we are for football ... in pads. Having a competitive Pirates baseball team mutes the anticipation for Steelers season, but sooner or later it hits you. FOOTBALL IS COMING. And you have a giddy moment. Like this one.

Oh how I have missed football. Not the NFL as an organization necessarily, but simply the game. The chess match on display is sport at its finest. Guessing, and then second guessing, how a coach counterpunches is a favorite fall pastime. And this year will be one like no other in recent memory for the Steelers as they get young on defense, up tempo on offense, and incorporate a higher than usual number of incoming free agent signees that could play prominent roles.

The very best free agent signing? Mike Munchak. Yep, the new offensive line coach/former head coach/Hall of Fame lineman. The guy just knows football. His Titan teams have been giving the black and gold fits over the years. Including the very first game of last season, when just eight plays in, the now highest paid center in the league was writhing in pain as his own man took him out while screwing up a zone block. Seems as if Jack Bicknell Jr.'s fate was sealed early on in his one year career with the Steelers. Once his squad got it together in the second half of the season, it was too late.

The offensive line needed a fresh start and the highly respected and experienced Munchak gives it to them. There's no

doubt he will get his guys to improve on last year's performance. The 2013 mish mosh group helped lead the Steelers to the 27th ranked rushing attack in the NFL with 1,383 rushing yards and an average of just three and a half yards per attempt. The incongruity contributed to Ben Roethlisberger being sacked 36 times in the first nine games. The fact that they only gave up six more the rest of the season is another reason to believe the offensive line is poised for a comeback.

The trickle down from the trenches cannot be underestimated. Good or bad. Offensively, it will be good. Le'Veon Bell will have



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no choice but to get more productive since he won't be forced to create holes on his own. With LeGarrette Blount joining him to carry the ball, the Steelers have their first legitimate - and possibly fearsome - running tandem in quite some time. Running effectively opens up the passing game and with plans to implement more no-huddle offense, a balanced, relentless attack has the potential to keep defenses on their heels. Replace a pro's pro receiver, Jericho Cotchery, with



another pro's pro in Lance Moore, add in second year player Markus Wheaton and have special packages for the extra long rookie Martavis Bryant and speedster rookie Dri Archer, and the options are endless for Big Ben. It will be fun to watch.

Defensively, the trenches could still be a weak spot for the Steelers. It remains to be seen if the signing of Cam Thomas, the growth of Cam Heyward and the readiness of second round pick Stephon Tuitt will translate into a line that can absorb blocks and open lanes for linebackers to infiltrate the backfield. Can "Cam Cam" hold it down? Will Brett Keisel come back for depth? How much will the loss of Ziggy Hood in free agency hurt the line's performance? There are questions. We'll soon find out the answers.

Initially a shocker first round draft pick, Ryan Shazier will attempt to be the answer to a linebacking corps that hasn't lived up to the Steeler standard of intimidating, playmaking, backer units lately. By all accounts, Shazier is not only fast on the field, but also quick to learn. Unless something goes awry at training camp, he will be starting alongside Lawrence Timmons inside. Jarvis Jones has a year - albeit a lackluster one - under his belt and has said he is more comfortable in Dick LeBeau's scheme. Hopefully that translates into success on the field, i.e. more than ONE sack. An under the radar signing,



former Buffalo Bill Arthur Moats, could play a big role and add depth to the outside linebacker position in case Jones falters. Can new defensive assistant Joey Porter revive the nasty in the defense? How long has it been since an opposing offensive coordinator has dreaded facing the Steelers? Three years and counting. Porter's return will help develop teeth in the defense again. Hallelujah!

No need to wonder whether or not newly acquired free safety Mike Mitchell has any teeth in his game. Next to Ryan Shazier, Mitchell is the guy I'm going to be watching very closely. He is currently on the Physically Unable to Perform (PUP) list, but once he comes off, he will be starting next to Troy Polamalu. A sure tackler, Mitchell has all of the physicality and edginess needed to replace Ryan Clark. He will be a difference maker for the secondary and Shamarko Thomas could have a breakout year behind Troy. He prepared for it by training with Polamalu this summer. Ike Taylor and Cortez Allen will benefit if the front seven can kick it up a notch on pressuring the quarterback, and let's hope they do. Nobody wants to see them give up 12 plays of 40 plus yards like they did last year.

As training camp opens and fans wait with bated breath for the Browns to arrive at Heinz Field on September 7th, why not take a trip out to Latrobe and check out the new guys. Do it soon because the final practice open to the public is Friday August 14th at 5:30pm, when they invite the Buffalo Bills over to Saint Vincent College before they play against them in the second preseason game.

Yes the preseason seems to slowly chug along every August, but the season opener will be here before we know it. Then it will be over before we know it. When the last piece of confetti is picked up at the end of this season, and you feel like life is over, remember that you get to feel giddy again in a few months. Hello, football.

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Cleveland truly rocked harder than ever at the inaugural Gibson Brands AP Music Awards, July 21 fueled by Monster Energy Drink. The event kicked off with a bang at the world-famous Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum – highlighted by star-studded award presentations and once-in-a-lifetime performances by the world’s biggest and greatest rock ‘n’ roll artists! Hosted by Blink-182’s Mark Hoppus and broadcast live in its entirety by AXS TV, the event drew a staggering 6,000 attendees and trended worldwide on Twitter for nearly five hours – solidifying the APMAs as the newest and epic-in-scope live music event and award show!

The APMAs kicked off with an official APMAs Boat Party featuring Issues, Ghost Town and Marmozets, and continued on the illustrious red carpet, hosted by professional wrestling champion CM Punk and Automatic Loveletter frontwoman/The Voice season two runner-up Juliet Simms.

The event featured a surprise appearance from Aerosmith’s Joe Perry, presenting the Guitar “Legend” Award to Slash (who first appeared on the cover of AP in 1988!), as well as unprecedented performances such as a salute to Frank Sinatra led by Brendon Urie of Panic! At The Disco with Cleveland’s over-100-member Contemporary Youth Orchestra, Falling In Reverse with Coolio and Tyler Carter of Issues performing the rapper’s hit song “Gangsta’s Paradise,” Asking Alexandria performing Duran Duran’s chart-topping hit “Hungry Like The Wolf” with special guest Jonathan Davis of Korn, the Misfits performing “Dig Up Her Bones” and “Die Die My Darling”, and “We Are 138” with Andy Biersack of Black Veil Brides and Joan Jett & The Blackhearts performing “Bad Reputation” with Billy Crooked of the Vacancies,



“Soulmates To Strangers” with Against Me!’s Laura Jane Grace and a show-stopping cover of the Rolling Stones’ “Star Star” (“Starfucker”) with Slash. In addition, All Time Low brought up special guests in the form of Yellowcard, New Found Glory and Vic Fuentes of Pierce The Veil for a groundbreaking all-star medley, including a performance of Song Of The Year winner, “A Love Like War.”

The show also featured stellar performances such as Fall Out Boy with the Contemporary Youth Orchestra of their hit single “The Phoenix”, Body Count feat. Ice-T performing “Talk Shit = Get Shot” and “There Goes The Neighborhood,” Sleeping With Sirens performing their hit song “Alone” with special guest Machine Gun Kelly, twenty one pilots with Michael Bohn of Issues and the Contemporary Youth Orchestra performing their hit single “Car Radio,” Machine Gun Kelly and the Contemporary Youth Orchestra on his hit single “See My Tears” and A Day To Remember performing their hit track “City Of Ocala” with Neck Deep.

The following is a full list of all APMA award winners:

- Best Vocalist presented by Victory Records – Brendon Urie, Panic! At The Disco
- Best Live Band presented by Vans Warped Tour – Pierce The Veil
- Breakthrough Band presented by Beats Music – Crown The Empire
- Best Bassist presented by Dyin 2 Live – Jaime Preciado, Pierce The Veil
- Best International Band presented by Zepeda Brothers Productions – Bring Me The Horizon

- Artist Philanthropic Award presented by Sub City/Take Action – All Time Low
- Best Guitarist presented by Gibson – Phil Manansala, Of Mice & Men
- Vanguard Award presented by AXS TV – Billy Corgan
- Best Drummer presented by DW Drums – Mike Fuentes, Pierce The Veil
- Icon Award presented by Blackstar Amplification – Joan Jett
- Most Dedicated Fans presented by Fearless Records – Black Veil Brides
- Guitar Legend Award presented by the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame – Slash
- Song Of The Year presented by Epitaph Records – All Time Low w/Vic Fuentes of Pierce The Veil
- Album Of The Year presented by Journeys – Bring Me The Horizon, Sempiternal
- Artist Of The Year presented by Monster Energy – Fall Out Boy

Additional appearances were made by Billy Corgan, Laura Jane Grace, Ice T and Body Count and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 2012 inductee Slash, as well as members of Attila, Bayside, Beartooth, Chiodos, Crown The Empire, the Devil Wears Prada, Echosmith, Emmure, Every Time I Die, I See Stars, Issues, Korn, Less Than Jake, letlive., the Maine, Mayday Parade, Memphis May Fire, Miss May I, Motionless In White, Neck Deep, Paramore, Pierce The Veil, Saves The Day, Silverstein, Sleepwave, Suicide Silence, We Are The In Crowd, We Came As Romans, the Word Alive and Yellowcard.



# STONE<sup>®</sup> BREWING CO.

By: Brian Meyer

Stone Brewing sees themselves as leading the fight against “yellow, fizzy beer” by producing some of the most intensely-hopped beers available today. These beers pack a punch of hops, bitterness, and alcohol that makes for more of a drinking experience than session beers tend to offer.

It takes a special kind of brewery to come right out and call their beer “liquid Arrogance” but that’s exactly what Stone Brewing Co. did with their Arrogant Bastard Ale. While this is far from the only beer that Stone Brewing makes, it is quite possibly the most extreme and aggressive. To be arrogant means someone has an exaggerated sense of his or her own importance or abilities, but with Stone’s beer, the feeling of superiority is justified.

Stone Brewing Co. was founded in 1996 by Greg Koch (pronounced “cook”) and Steve Wagner in San Marcos, CA. The first keg of beer ever produced by the brewery was their Stone Pale Ale, which is still one of their year-round beers today. The aforementioned Arrogant Bastard Ale was released shortly thereafter in November of 1997.

In their first year of brewing Stone brewed 400 barrels of beer (that’s 800 standard kegs), which was dwarfed by the 2,100 barrels brewed in 1997, making for a 118% increase in production for their second year! This enormous growth has continued throughout Stone’s history, never dropping below a 13% year-to-year increase and averaging over 25% every year. The 13% was even only due to reaching maximum capacity at their original brewery. Without this enforced cap there would have been an easy 30% or more increase.

Jump ahead to today and Stone Brewing produced 213,277 barrels in 2013 alone. This huge number should stand to show how consistently great Stone’s beers have been and continue to be. Today Stone Brewing Co. brews out of their Escondido, CA brewery, which they’ve been in since 2005. Along with the new brewery Stone also opened Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens in 2006. This amazing beer garden and world-class restaurant reflects the idea that is Stone Brewing.

Not only looking to make amazing beer, Stone Brewing has even taken steps to make their beer green! While we’re not talking about the fizzy yellow beer with food coloring in it, this instead speaks to Stone’s move to install solar panels on the roof of their brewery in 2008. These 1,561 roof-mounted solar panels offset more than 530,000 pounds of CO2 emissions, which is roughly equal to planting 200 acres of trees! Finally a green beer that even the most arrogant of beer lovers can get behind.

## THE BEERS

Stone has an amazing lineup of beers, but it’s their core beers that get the most love and are also the ones you’re most likely to find at your favorite craft beer bar, six-pack shop, or distributor.

Each beer is available in various formats, but the best bet is to pick up the mixed variety case that features each of the beers below.

Stone Brewing sees themselves as leading the fight against “yellow, fizzy beer” by producing some of the most intensely-hopped beers available today. These beers pack a punch of hops, bitterness, and alcohol that makes for more of a drinking experience than session beers tend to offer.

### STONE IPA

The big brother to the original Stone Brewing beer, this American IPA is as close to a perfect India Pale Ale as you can get. Hoppier and higher in alcohol than Stone Pale Ale, this beer pours a golden color and has lots of citrus flavors in the aroma as well as the taste. Stone IPA is the definition of what a West-Coast IPA should be, and rightfully so.

While the hop profile is up front and center, the malt backbone is steady and constant, giving this beer a great balance between malty and bitter. You should expect to get lots of grapefruit in the taste with enough bitterness to make it balanced, without going overboard.

The IPA style was originally created to be refreshing in the heat, and Stone IPA is just that. This doesn’t mean that you have to wait for a hot day to enjoy this beer, but it does make it even better.

You can find Stone IPA on draft as well as in 12 and 22-ounce bottles. Not only should Stone IPA be a beer that you look for when you’re out, it’s perfect as a go-to beer when you’re just looking for a great beer without researching the beer list.

### STYLE – AMERICAN IPA

ABV – 6.9%

IBU – 77

### Arrogant Bastard Ale

This beer is best described in one word: Aggressive. Arrogant Bastard Ale describes itself as an aggressive beer that you probably won’t like. While this is true for the light beer drinkers of the world, if you’re reading this that means you’ll probably love it.



Arrogant Bastard Ale is a few steps to the left of a traditional IPA with tons more bitterness and enough alcohol to balance everything out. Originally released in 1997, this complex and slightly overbearing beer speaks to the love of hops that American brewers have.

Arrogant Bastard Ale is proof that you don't need multi-million dollar ad campaigns or scantily-clad girls to love a beer, but instead if the beer is complex and solid enough, the love for it comes along just fine.

Stone says that it's OK if you don't love this beer because they're brewing it for themselves, not for you. The name comes from the idea that only a truly Arrogant Bastard would like this beer as a way of overtly showing his or her love and appreciation for extreme beer, but it doesn't take someone that's arrogant to think this is an amazing beer. Don't be afraid of Arrogant Bastard Ale and give it a try. You'll probably be surprised at how much you love it.

Arrogant Bastard Ale is available on draft and in 22-ounce bottles.

**STYLE – AMERICAN STRONG ALE**

ABV – 7.2%

IBU – Classified

**Stone Ruination IPA**

Ruination, noun

- the action or fact of ruining someone or something or of being ruined.

- the state of being ruined: the palate fell into ruination.

Stone Ruination IPA is a beer with two purposes: Number one is to give you an intensely hopped double IPA that's second to none and the Second purpose is to completely ruin your palate for any other beer.

Both purposes are easily achieved with this 8.2% Imperial IPA, and when you're done you'll be glad for both. This massively hopped monster of a beer will easily change what you think a great beer really is. If Stone IPA is the big brother of Stone Pale Ale, then this is the daddy of them both!

Stone Ruination IPA starts with Stone IPA as a base and from there an extra helping of malt is added to up the alcohol content and far more than a healthy dose of additional hops are added, giving this beer a character so unique it's amazing.

What you get from this brutal combination is a vibrant blast of bitterness and citrus aroma and taste that's evident from the first sip. Stone calls this beer "A liquid poem to the glory of the hop," and after tasting it, we'd have to agree.

Stone Ruination IPA is available on draft as well as 12 and 22-ounce bottles.

**STYLE – AMERICAN DOUBLE / IMPERIAL IPA**

ABV – 8.2%

IBU – 102

**Stone Go To IPA**

The newest addition to Stone Brewing's hop-forward family is best described as the little brother that's a prodigy of just about everything imaginable. While Stone Go To IPA is considered to be a sessionable IPA, nothing is lost to the lightening of bitterness or alcohol content.

Coming in at 4.5% ABV, this beer is meant to be the beer you can have a few of and still be upright. Stone Brewing is known for their

relentless quest to pack the most hops and flavor into a beer while still making the beer one of the best you've ever had, and while this is still true, Go To IPA is made to have all the fruity, piney character that a great West Coast IPA is known for while keeping the bitterness at a manageable level and the alcohol at a weekday lunch percentage.

To achieve these opposing goals, Stone Brewing employed a new "hop bursting" technique where an enormous amount of hops are added in the final phase of brewing to give this beer huge flavor and aroma without making it too bitter or high in alcohol.

Stone Go To IPA is available on draft as well as 12-ounce bottles.

**STYLE – SESSION AMERICAN IPA**

ABV – 4.5%

IBU – 65

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# Alltech Lexington Brewing Company

By: Brian Meyer



There was a time when if you wanted the tastes of beer and bourbon you would order a shot and a beer, but with 5 generations of coopers in his past, the founder of Alltech Lexington Brewing Company, Dr. Pearse Lyons believed there was a much better way of combining these tastes into one amazing package. Originally from Ireland and with a rich family history in the barrel-making world, Dr. Lyons set out to found a brewery that not only held to the tenants of craft beer, but with the unique twist of using freshly decanted bourbon barrels to age the beer for six weeks to impart bourbon and oak notes into the beer without adding any alcoholic hotness.

This beer, Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Ale, has become what Alltech Lexington Brewing Co. is best known for and for good reason. While Bourbon Barrel Ale is far from the only beer the Kentucky brewery offers, it is definitely the most unique. While there are other beers that tout their time in barrels of various alcohols, this one is in a class of its own.

## History

The Alltech Lexington Brewing Co. actually started when the original Lexington Brewing Company closed its doors in 1999. The history of Lexington brewing and distilling goes back into the 1790s, and with this rich history in mind, Dr. Lyons felt he had to continue the heritage and reopen the brewery with a

focus on what Kentucky does best: bourbon.

Before beer started going into the charred oak barrels that recently held some of the best bourbon in Kentucky, Lexington Brewing made a few styles that required less time to make, but still are unique in of themselves. The first beer ever brewed in the newly reopened brewery was Kentucky Ale with Kentucky Kölsch following closely behind.

It was on this foundation that the flagship Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Ale was launched, immediately receiving an enormous level of attention and garnering numerous awards, including a silver medal at both the World Beer Cup and The Great American Beer Festival. With 98% of the world's bourbon produced in Kentucky, it only makes sense that Dr. Lyons would choose this to be the home of his brewery.

Speaking of Dr. Lyons, his brewing history is something to be appreciated, too. Dr. Lyons spent his earlier non-doctored years interning for both Guinness and Harp Lager breweries, and even became the first Irishman to achieve a formal degree in brewing and distilling from the British School of Malting and Brewing. With over 100 years of history, it's an understatement to say this school knows how to teach brewing.

## The Beer

There are currently three beers being offered from Lexington Brewing in Pittsburgh, and all three are pretty amazing. Each of the three beers listed below are only available on draft currently in Pittsburgh, so make sure to check out your favorite craft beer tap spot to get your own to try.

### Kentucky Ale

First up is Lexington Brewing's original beer: Kentucky Ale. This beer merges two unique styles to make a beer that's definitely different than anything you've had before. Kentucky Ale merges an Irish Red Ale with a British Pale Ale, giving the beer a great body malty sweet aroma, and fresh, clean taste that has the malty undertones of an Irish Red.

Light amber in color, this beer uses a tiny bit of malted wheat to give a richer, smoother taste. Much like Kentucky bourbon, Kentucky Ale owes some of its unique taste to the water drawn from limestone aquifers under the Bluegrass region of Kentucky.

### Beer Name - Kentucky Ale

Style - English Pale Ale

ABV - 5.34%

Appearance - Amber, leaning slightly towards red.



Aroma – Kentucky Ale has a light aroma that's malty sweet with a hint of toasty character.

Taste – Very fresh taste up front with a toasty malt middle. The taste leans more towards an Irish Red but the body is closer to an English Pale Ale.

Finish – Clean finish with a slight malty aftertaste. Overall there is little to no bitterness present in Kentucky Ale.

Overall – The overall impression of this beer is clean and crisp with the toasty, maltiness that people love about Irish red ales. It has less of a body than a typical Irish red, which makes it far easier to drink in session.

### **Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Ale**

The flagship beer for Lexington Brewing, Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Ale is one of the most unique beers to be aged in oak bourbon barrels. While there are quite a few bourbon beers on the market, this beer specifically has so many characteristics of the oak bourbon barrels it lives in for six weeks that you might wonder what magic has been added to the beer.

Nothing special is added to this beer except the specialized aging process that starts in barrels that have been emptied of their bourbon prize literally hours before being re-filled with soon-to-be Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Ale.

When you try this beer the first thing you'll notice is the subtle flavors of vanilla and oak that give way to a creamy toffee aroma and taste and finish. At 8.19% ABV, this is definitely a sipping beer, which is exactly what the strong bourbon character is perfect for.

### **Beer Name – Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Ale**

Style – English Strong Ale

ABV – 8.19%

Appearance – Pours medium amber with a white head that fades to a ring.

Aroma – The aroma is soft and oaky with a definite note of bourbon. Vanilla and toffee show through clearly.

Taste – The first taste is toasty with some toffee and vanilla. The oak and bourbon influence come through strong in the middle and carry all the way through to the end.

Finish – Toffee candy with a light bourbon taste. This beer is all bourbon and oak from start to finish.

Overall – Creamy, bourbon-heavy with notes of vanilla and toffee candy, this beer is definitely unique and definitely amazing. No bitterness is detectable while other flavors step in to fill its shoes perfectly.

### **Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Stout**

If Bourbon Barrel Ale is the mature, refined member of the family then Bourbon Barrel Stout is the complex, artsy brother that has a lot going on. In one word, this beer is amazing.

At first glance this completely opaque black beer looks like any other stout you might find, but as soon as you smell it that all changes. Bourbon Barrel Stout has the same bourbon and oak notes found in its lighter-colored brother but adds in complex tastes of Haitian coffee and dark-roasted malts.

You'll pick up a little bit of alcoholic taste in this stout, but in a very good way. The alcohol pairs perfectly with the vanilla from the oak and bourbon and the coffee to make an outstanding beer. If you like bourbon, coffee, or dark beers this is just about perfect for you.

### **Beer Name – Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Stout**

Style – American Double / Imperial Stout

ABV – 8%

Appearance – Completely black with a light tan head.

Aroma – Dark coffee, alcohol, slight bourbon on the end.



Taste – Coffee up front with a middle that's all vanilla and bourbon.

Finish – This beer finishes up with slightly bitter, strong coffee. The bourbon notes on the finish help to mellow this out.

Overall – This beer is very complex and has a lot to offer a fairly wide audience. The coffee is strong in both aroma and taste, and that strong taste pairs up perfectly with the vanilla and bourbon notes. This is definitely a beer to try.

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# ROUND CORNER CANTINA

While they serve a faithfully authentic version of what a proper Mexican taco should be, the Cantina allows itself to respectfully stray from the mold, without dabbling in the dark waters of fusion cuisine.

Most people when they think of tacos picture the hard yellow shelled things filled with ground beef and orange cheese that we have on a Tuesday nights to accompany our fishbowl sized margaritas at the Mexican chain restaurant down the street. Nothing wrong with them of course, meat and cheese is always a happy addition to the American palate and it is merely our attempt at interpreting another country's food style. Sadly we are missing the boat as a real taco is truly a thing to behold.

Thankfully the good folks at The Roundcorner Cantina exist to steer us in the right direction. They offer authentic Mexican street tacos with upscale ingredients, techniques and presentation but none of the pretension that usually comes along with this combination of skill sets. The staff is timely, knowledgeable and just all around solid citizens that add to the relaxed dining experience.

For starters we had their salsa and guacamole, both wonderful. Fresh produce all around and seasoned to perfection. Little spice just to get the point across and a refreshing change from the the overly-salted scorchingly hot versions employed by some chains to run up your bar tab.

As it was wrapped in bacon, we had to try the Tijuana Street Dog and found it to be moderately life changing. Topped with avocado, crema, pico, queso fresco and a few pieces of jalapeño for good measure, it reaffirms the versatility of a simple tubed meat.

Elote is a traditional street food in Mexico

and their version comes equipped with queso fresco, crema and tajin spices. The corn is grilled to perfection to release the sugar soluble flavors trapped within and upon visiting you may never boil your cobs again. Apps ranged from \$3.50 to \$9.

While they serve a faithfully authentic version of what a proper Mexican taco should be, the Cantina allows itself to respectfully stray from the mold, without dabbling in the dark waters of fusion cuisine. They have simply put their spin on a classic style. Unlike their greasy ground beef Northern cousin, the Cantina uses the traditional double wrapped tortilla filled with slow cooked high quality proteins.

One to definitely keep an eye out for is their Lamb Barbacoa. Slow cooked lamb shank topped with a creamy avocado salsa finished with pickled onions and cilantro. They are in a word, superb, and this reviewer's order of choice. Thankfully they come two to an order as just one would be cruel.

Another favorite is the Brisket. Generously filled with slow cooked perfectly seasoned beef accompanied by the same fixings as the lamb but topped with an amazingly well fried chicken chicharrone for a little textural contrast to the soft beef. If you have not had the wonder that is deep fried chicken skin, you could visit the Cantina solely for this reason.

Fish taco's are a subject of worldwide debate and every purveyor has their own tried and true combination by which they swear. Sometimes it's the choice of fish,



by Daniel Calig

sometimes it's the sauce, even the merits of grilled vs. fried enter into the discussion. At Round Corner they have decided upon a lightly tempura battered Mahi-Mahi topped with a little crema, cabbage, radish and cilantro. A well balanced and flavorful version with the radish adding just the right amount of peppery snap. What's even better is that tacos are amazingly priced in the \$7-\$8 range.

For those steering clear of animal proteins, they have even gone as far to create vegetarian options that do not suffer from the loss of meat, rather could stand firmly toe to toe with their other offerings. There are some with tofu, some with seitan and a cauliflower and sweet potato taco that made us question our perceptions of what meat-free could and should be.

While we could go on and on about the taco's, they only make up a part of the experience. Their drink menu instead of being a hastily added side note, adds as much to the outing as the food. You can find carefully chosen Mexican cervezas, local Pittsburgh suds as well as high end craft beers available by the bottle or the bucket. To increase their Mexican street food cred they even offer several types of Micheladas, our favorite being the Del Sol which simply adds salt and lime to Dos Equis.

But as most looking for a culinary trip south of the border desire, they have margaritas. Not the sickly sweet versions that ensure a headache at work the next day, but finely balanced and uniquely made versions of classics. Not feeling adventurous? Stick to a La Cantina(\$6), a traditional margarita made with a splash of orange juice. Something different? Go for an El Ray(\$10), boasting Don Julio Anejo, Combiér D'Orange, Lemon, Lime and Chile de Arbol. Or just sip one of their many tequila or mezcal on their spacious back deck that now offers private booths to those who plan ahead.

To finish with a clumsy summation all one can say is this; Rarely does one find a restaurant that has pulled off their culinary vision with the tact and precision found at Round Corner Cantina.



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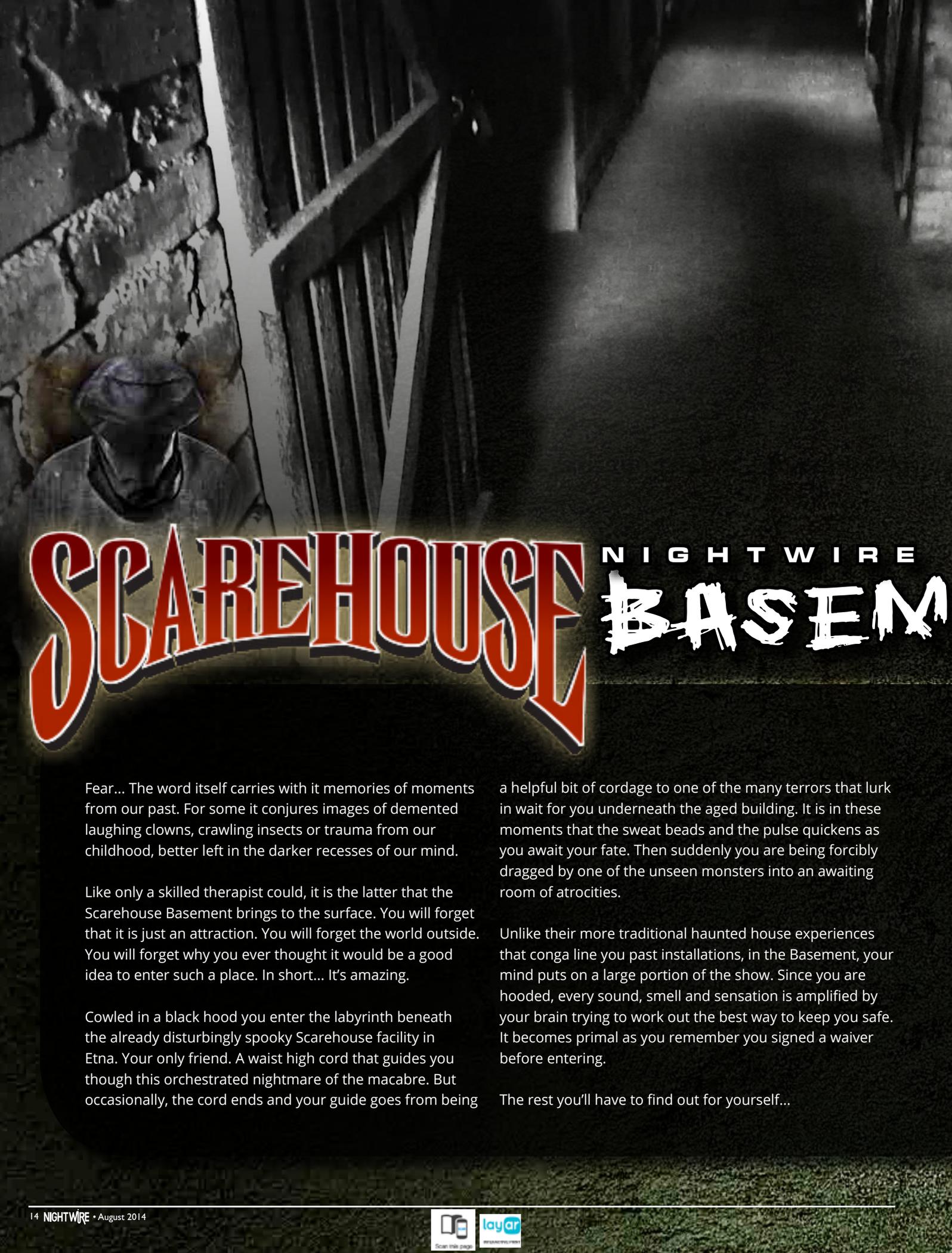
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a helpful bit of cordage to one of the many terrors that lurk in wait for you underneath the aged building. It is in these moments that the sweat beads and the pulse quickens as you await your fate. Then suddenly you are being forcibly dragged by one of the unseen monsters into an awaiting room of atrocities.

Unlike their more traditional haunted house experiences that conga line you past installations, in the Basement, your mind puts on a large portion of the show. Since you are hooded, every sound, smell and sensation is amplified by your brain trying to work out the best way to keep you safe. It becomes primal as you remember you signed a waiver before entering.

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# Pittsburgh ART

## Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents No Limits, Alexandre Arrechea

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents the monumental sculptural installation *No Limits* by Cuban-born artist Alexandre Arrechea as part of the Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival public art program. Four nearly 20-foot-tall sculptures—originally part of a series installed along New York City's Park Avenue—will be displayed throughout downtown Pittsburgh's Gateway Center from June 6–September 7, 2014.

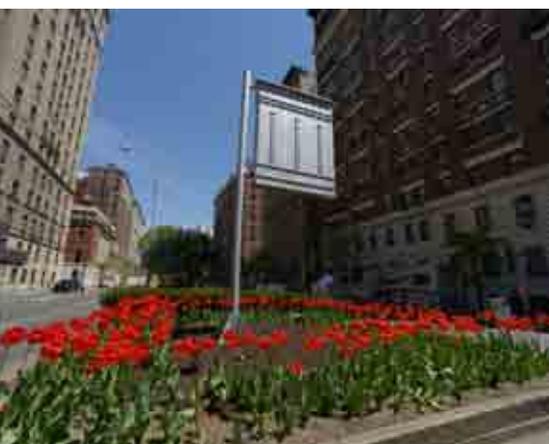
Arrechea's *No Limits* is series of ten large-scale sculptures representing iconic New York City buildings that plays on the idea of elastic architecture as a metaphor for the challenges and opportunities of shifting conditions and new realities. Through his art, Arrechea entices the viewer to explore his or her own role in such concepts as control, power, and surveillance.

The buildings portrayed in *No Limits* are twisted, turned, and rotated, and are fused to spinning tops, or tomos (toy tops popular in Latin America), resulting in the idea of a building in perpetual motion—a building that can continuously spin, fall, or rise again.

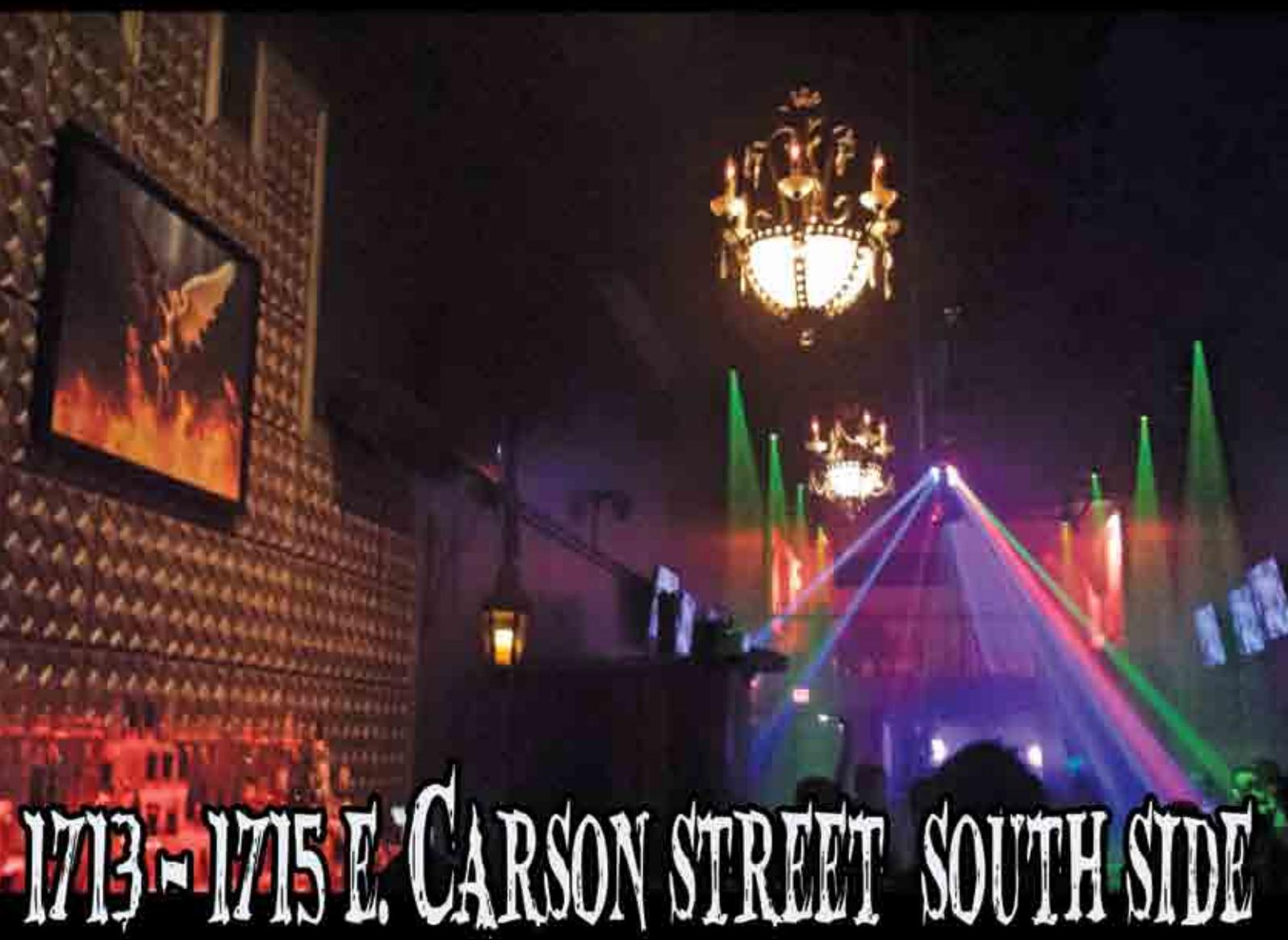
"With this installation, I have created a set of works that confront dynamism vs. static, the whole vs. the fragmented, control vs. chaos, utopia vs. reality," says artist Alexandre Arrechea. "The series provides a new point of access from which to understand the dialog between art and architecture and how this relationship can evolve and open new doors."

"We are thrilled to present a selection of sculptures from Alexandre Arrechea's *No Limits* series," says Veronica Corpuz, Director of Festival Management and Special Projects, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. "We hope that festivalgoers will see the dynamic sculptures in relation to their own city and relate the artworks to their surroundings."

Alexandre Arrechea (born Trinidad, Cuba, 1970) graduated from Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA) in Havana, Cuba, in 1994. He was a founding member of the collective *Los Carpinteros* (1991–2003). As a solo artist, Arrechea represented his homeland in the first ever Cuban Pavilion at the Venice Biennale (2011), as well as the 11th Havana Biennial (2012). Arrechea was the spring 2011 BAMBill cover artist as well as featured in "Hola Havana" for the Brooklyn Academy of Music as part of ¡Si Cuba! Festival (2011). A key source for this work is the prominence of surveillance systems and the accompanying obsession with control during our time. Works such as the *Garden of Mistrust* (2003–2005) and *Perpetual Free Entrance* (2006) deal with troubles of accessibility or approach to artwork. An installation he created for the 2009 Havana Biennial consisted of a steel house divided into eleven sections, the separation between walls changing daily, depending of the rise or fall of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. In March 2010, Arrechea was chosen to create a public art program in New York City's Times Square. The video work *Black Sun* (2009) was a 3-D animated wrecking ball that continuously hit the NASDAQ Billboard. Arrechea's work is ultimately a provocative exercise of criticisms to the known structures of power in our time.



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# Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh - Wow What a Party!

by: Tene Croom



Downtown was the place to be Friday, July 11, for close to 800 people who were able to party hearty at Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh in the August Wilson Center for African American Culture.

Over \$7,000 was raised at the annual festive fundraiser for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

The affair on two floors was sophisticated with upscale eats from numerous restaurants including Grit & Grace and Root 174 - while also amusing and whimsical featuring comedians in one room, flashing pinball machines lined up against a wall in another, as well as interactive art in a third room.

If you like to party you wouldn't have been disappointed.

I had to squeeze on the packed dance floor when I heard some of my favorite songs played by San Diego DJ Adam Salter who is a master mixologist.

Walking around the August Wilson Center that night inspired me to think of "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." Truly



moments of pure imagination were there.

Some lyrics from the song "Pure Imagination" in the magical fantasy film kept going through my head. When looking at how the August Wilson Center was transformed - I thought about when Willy Wonka sang, "If you want to view paradise. Simply look around and view it."

Those lines were so à propos at Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh as I made my way through the center and sampled Miso Braised Eggplant - danced to some awesome R&B music and fantasized that I was a pinball wizard.

For a few hours I experienced a little sliver of paradise - good food, great entertainment and fantastic people all around me. It doesn't get any better than that.

I believe this was the best Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh yet!

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# Cedar Point – Voted Best Amusement Park in the World!!



What makes Cedar Point the best amusement park in the world?? Nightwire ventured off to Cedar Point for answers and here's what we found!

Cedar Point offers something for everyone from tiny tots to older adults. They have the most roller coasters and thrill rides of any amusement park on this planet! We had the opportunity to experience the thrills and all the excitement first hand. So, we are going to break it down for you! The overall Nightwire's top three thrill rides at Cedar Point according to our staff are:

- Gatekeeper – Top Thrill Dragster - Millennium Force!

Let's start with Gatekeeper, Cedar Point's newest thrill ride addition. This ride is the tallest, fastest and longest wing roller coaster in the world! Aboard Gatekeeper you will soar on the wings of the guardian of the front gate as you climb 170 feet and perform a wing-over drop maneuver, sending you on a 2-minute, 20 second unbelievable adrenaline rush! You will literally fly through acrobatic turns and rolls. Gatekeeper lets you experience free fall and sense of what it might feel like to actually fly!

Gatekeeper breaks seven world records:

- Longest wing coaster – 4,164 feet
- Fastest non-launched wing coaster at 67 mph
- Tallest inversion on any roller coaster – 170 feet
- Longest drop on a wing coaster – 164 feet
- Most inversions on a wing coaster – 6
- Most roller coaster track at one park – 56,702 feet
- Most rides at one park – 72

Top Thrill Dragster as its name implies is definitely a top thrill ride! The ride takes you from zero to 120 MPH in less than 4 seconds. A few seconds later, you're 420 feet in the air. In the race for pure adrenaline thrills, there is one winner: Top Thrill Dragster. Nothing else compares to this high-horsepower shot into the sky.

From a standing start you're launched forward, then straight up, then straight down and back to the finish line. The ride may be over in 17 seconds, but it'll stay with you forever.

Millennium Force is definitely the big star of the show and a true Giant among coasters. So huge, it created a whole new coaster category – the giga-coaster. Welcome to Millennium Force, the 310 foot, 93 MPH record-breaking monster of a thrill ride. The first hill features an elevator cable lift system to get you to the top faster, then it's an 80-degree drop to start the coaster ride of your life! Voted the Best Steel Roller Coaster on the Planet! You can't beat the thrill of plummeting down a 300' drop at speeds reaching 93 mph. This coaster provides a huge adrenaline rush and once



Wicked Twister



The Raptor

you ride it... you will definitely know why. It's smooth, fast, with huge drops and turns and will make your heart pound. Trust us this is a ride not to be missed.

**Magnum XL-200** – this ride is still a favorite among coaster enthusiasts from around the world, still the ultimate ride. The Nightwire staff couldn't help but to reminisce about how in its day, this was the one, the ride of all rides and now some 25+ years later it is still standing tall and proud amongst the newest and latest state of the art thrill rides like Millennium Force at 310 feet, 93 MPH. Magnum holds the honor of being the first coaster ever to top 200 feet – situated on Lake Erie you can still see Canada on a clear day. Accelerating down its incredible first hill, Magnum reaches a top speed of 72 MPH, while rocketing you over multiple hills, 3 tunnels, and a signature "pretzel" turnaround. Magnum promises not to disappoint! Not too shabby for a golden oldie!

**Maverick** – As its name implies this themed western ride will remind you of the Wild West. It's a coaster for riders that want to experience a one-of-a-kind thrill beyond the big hills. You'll have to saddle up and get ready for more twists, turns and airtime than a rodeo. Maverick takes you through a "twisted horseshoe roll" and 400-foot-long speed launch at 70 mph through a pitch black tunnel, be sure to hold on as it is definitely a wild ride.

**Raptor** – Are you ready to catch some big air? When you ride Raptor the only thing under your feet is sky. As you fly through the air you really feel like you were snatched up by a bird of prey as the Raptor takes you wherever it pleases, turning you upside down six different times before returning you safely to solid ground. This ride is smooth, fast and thrilling and it all starts when you hear, "There goes the floor, you're out the door - enjoy your ride on Raptor!"

**Wicked Twister** - Just steps from the Cedar Point Beach, this ride definitely lives up to its name. On Wicked Twister you are launched into a spiraling scream-fest! This is not just a coaster, it's a double-twisting wickedly wild double-twisting coaster. Wicked Twister is one of the tallest--and fastest--in the world. You'll be rocked, rolled and launched into two 450-degree spirals at each end of the tracks. You will definitely be twisted wickedly, definitely wild and wicked! What a rush!

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Magnum Force

**Gemini** - At 60 mph there is nothing more exciting than a wild racing roller coaster that broke height and speed records when it was introduced. Well with the Gemini you get a second coaster train racing along a parallel track! You're either Blue or Red, and the race is on, over tracks that promise drops, twists, turns, airtime and a big finish. No matter the result, Gemini is a real winner of a coaster!

**Mean Streak** - This roller coaster has quite possibly the most wood you'll ever see in one place. The Mean Streak is 1.7 million board feet of southern yellow pine with an attitude. It's beautiful to look at, but climb aboard and other words soon come to mind as you rocket through the hills and turns, in and out of the structure itself. This world-record breaker is everything you love about wooden coasters, just a lot more of it to love.

Cedar Point has added two new rides and more family fun than ever for 2014. The newly-enhanced Gemini Midway has been overhauled and looks amazing!

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Across from Pipe Scream, you can take flight on Lake Erie Eagles! This unique experience is an updated version of a classic thrill ride. Riders sit in one of eight "eagles" suspended from arms 28 feet in the air. As the ride spins, the eagles swing outward - and riders have the unique opportunity to control their flight experience from mild to wild!

Cedar Point is where you will find the very best collection of roller coasters on the planet, four unique kids' areas, fantastic food options, entertaining live shows, beach-front resorts and so much more. Cedar Point has something to offer for everyone from grand kids to grand parents. At Cedar Point, guest and ride safety is their number one priority and let me tell you they have an amazing safety record, so go enjoy and be secure in knowing Cedar Point will take care of the rest. Check out everything they have to offer - after all, Cedar Point wasn't voted the Best Amusement Park in the World for nothing. Plus, if you are looking for a way to beat the lines and get on your favorite rides faster, then check out Cedar Point's new Fast Pass and Fast Pass Plus. They also offer parent swap, which allows one parent to ride while the other waits with their child and then they swap and the other parent can ride. In addition, for those of you looking for the rock star ultimate experience be sure and check out their VIP tours. For more information on the park, tours and accommodations visit [cedarpoint.com](http://cedarpoint.com)

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# NIGHTWIRE

# Gabriella's

by Daniel Calig



It's late night on Carson. You've just made the rounds to your favorite local haunts and find yourself looking for something to soak up the evening's festivities and calm that rumbling noise coming from a few inches above your belt. What's the plan? Sure you can go the usual route of pizza and gyro's or

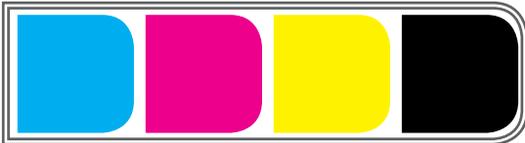
something covered in french fries and slaw, but maybe you're looking for something off the beaten track?

This was the question on the minds of Gabriella's in the Southside. They looked at the available options and thought that Pittsburgher's could do well with a little variety in their late night diet. While they carry some of the standard fare, cheesteaks and hotdogs, a number of their menu items break from the traditional approach to midnight munchies.

Their sandwiches for example, range from the typical American hamburger to more extravagant items involving pesto, artichokes or mortadella. A Ruben sits at the top of the menu and numerous variations on the egg sandwich exist for those diners who would like to get a head start on the morning. Some have brave combinations like the "Schrader" which adds kielbasa and pierogi to the egg and finishes with a horseradish sauce. Or for a spin on a Pittsburgh favorite you could always go with a "Jimmy the Greek" which adds gyro meat, spinach and shoestring fries, later served on a mini pita. Price range \$8-\$9.

A rarely seen late night option is pasta, let alone their adventurous Pasta del Sol. A cream based sauce that sports upscale ingredients like shallots, sun dried tomatoes and nutmeg. Online reviews from the nearby Riverwalk Corporate Center give high kudos for their also homemade Alfredo sauce, served with either chicken or shrimp and presented on a bed of penne for less than \$6. If you're looking for a more low fi option, they also carry a traditional marinara made from crushed tomatoes.

For those looking to thin down their mix of shots and craft beer, will be pleased to find a selection of homemade soups (\$4 or \$7 sizes) that reach beyond the typical chicken noodle. A beef-based red wine lentil made with merlot and mixed



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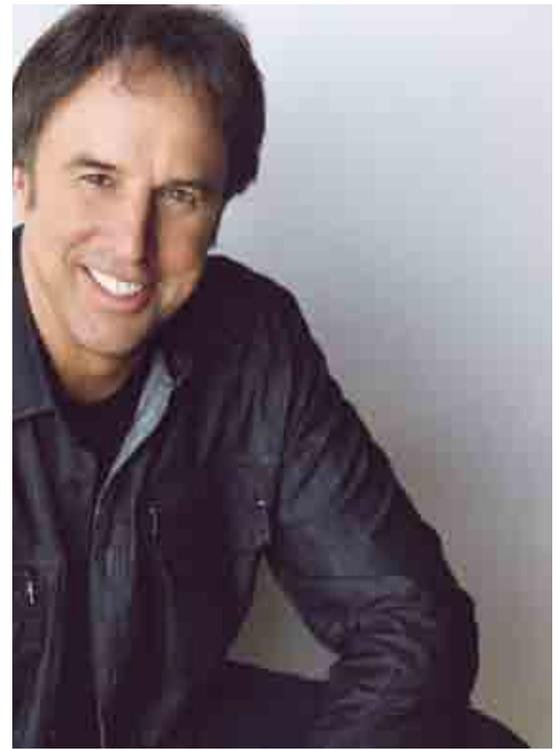
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# Kevin Nealon



Kevin Nealon sets himself apart from other comedic performers with his unique sense of humor, dry wit and likeable demeanor. Nealon is best known for his nine-year stint as a cast member of NBC's Saturday Night Live, and has received critical acclaim for his role in the Showtime series, *Weeds*.

*Weeds*, which recently completed its eighth and final season, has been honored at the 2006, 2007 and 2009 Golden Globes with nominations for "Best Television Series Comedy or Musical." In 2007 and 2009, *Weeds* was nominated for the Screen Actors Guild Award for "Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series." In the show, Nealon portrayed a stoned accountant and business advisor.

Nealon's second standup special for Showtime, "Whelmed...But Not Overly," debuted in August, 2012 and is now available on DVD.

On the big screen, Kevin recently starred alongside Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston in *Just Go with It*, a film about a man who enlists the help of his receptionist and her kids to land the woman of his dreams. In the film, he portrays one half of a plastic-surgery-obsessed couple. *Just Go with It* grossed over \$30 million in its opening weekend and over \$214 million worldwide.

Nealon also joined Nick Swardson in the comedy *Bucky Larson: Born to be a Star*. The film tells the story of a kid from the Midwest who moves out to Hollywood in order to follow in his parents' footsteps and become a porn star. In 2010, Nealon completed work on the film *And They're Off*, a comedy centered around a failed horse trainer who desperately wants to be back in the winner's circle. Sean Astin and Martin Mull also star.

Nealon has found great comedic success in his extensive film career. In *Anger Management*, he played opposite Jack Nicholson and fellow Saturday Night Live comedian, Adam Sandler. He and Sandler also teamed up in *Eight Crazy Nights*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Happy Gilmore* and *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*, the latter of which grossed over \$200 million worldwide. In *Joe Dirt*, Nealon joined another Saturday Night Live alumnus David Spade. Kevin's other film credits include *Daddy Day Care* with Eddie Murphy, *Good Boy* with Molly

Shannon, *Roxanne* with Steve Martin and the cult hit *Grandma's Boy* with Jonah Hill and Nick Swardson.

Kevin has also starred in the adventure-comedy *Aliens in the Attic* opposite Tim Meadows and Ashley Tisdale. He can also be seen alongside Tom Arnold in the independent feature *Remarkable Power*, in which Nealon assumes the role of a late night talk show host who goes to great lengths to bring his cancelled show back on the air.

Kevin provided the voice for the title role in the Nick At Nite stop-motion animated series *Glenn Martin, DDS*. He starred opposite Catherine O'Hara and Judy Greer in the series that followed the adventures of a traveling dentist and his family.

As one of the longest running cast members on NBC's Saturday Night Live (1986-1995), Nealon created some of the show's most memorable characters, including 'The Subliminal Man' and 'Hans and Franz.' Nealon's reoccurring role as an anchor on 'Weekend Update' made the sketch a show staple. In 1988 Kevin earned an Emmy Award nomination as part of the SNL writing team.

Recently, Nealon hosted TBS's *Funniest Commercials of the Year* for the fifth time. This special highlights the most outrageous and ridiculous commercials from around the world.

In late 2009, Nealon's first one hour stand up special, "Kevin Nealon: Now Hear Me Out!" aired on Showtime to rave reviews. It is currently available on DVD.

A sought-after guest star on television, Kevin has made a number of appearances on *Hot In Cleveland*, *Franklin & Bash*, *Monk*, *Fat Actress*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *Still Standing*.

In 2008, Nealon released his first book, *Yes, You're Pregnant, But What About Me?* - a comical look at the male perspective of pregnancy. The book is available in bookstores.

Currently, Kevin resides in Los Angeles with his wife and son.

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## Tom Segura

Tom Segura is a comedian originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, though he was raised in too many places to list. His television credits include "Conan," ABC's "Happy Endings," "Comedy Central Presents" (Half-Hour Special), Showtimes' "Russell Peters Presents," and Comedy Central's stand up series "MashUp." Segura also co-wrote and starred in the short series, "Cutman" which aired on Comedy Central. When he's not on tour Tom continues to perform at the top comedy festivals in the world, including Montreal's "Just For Laughs Comedy Festival," "The Melbourne International Comedy Festival," "The Comedy Festival - Las Vegas," "The South Beach Comedy Festival," and "The Global Comedy Festival in Vancouver." Tom also regularly appears on syndicated radio shows and some of the most downloaded podcasts such as The Joe Rogan Experience. Additionally, his noted podcast, "Your Mom's House" can be heard weekly at YourMomsHousePodcast.com as well as iTunes. Tom recently released his second hour-long stand up album, White Girls With Cornrows which can be found at TomSegura.com and anywhere on the web where music is sold.



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Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him an "asshole". He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. So she called him a "shit head". He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired.

## Redneck Vacation:

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

## Trivia Contest

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

## Bubba and Jimbo

One day, Jimbo Jones was walking down Main Street and saw his Buddy, Bubba, driving a brand new pickup. Bubba pulled up to him with a wide grin. Jimbo asks: 'Bubba, where'd you git that truck?' 'Tammie give it to me,' Bubba replied. 'She give it to ya? I know'd she wuz kinda sweet on ya - But a new truck?' 'Well, Jimbo, let me tell you what happened. We wuz drivin' out on County Road 6, in the middle of nowhere. Tammie pulled off the road, put the Truck in 4-wheel drive, and headed into the woods. She parked the truck, got out, threw off all her clothes and said, 'Bubba, take whatever you want.' 'So I took the truck!'

## Underwear is Very Important!!

If you don't laugh out loud at this one, call the morgue and reserve a tray, because you are dead. Always wear clean underwear in public, especially when working under your

vehicle.....From the Northwest Florida Daily News comes this story of a couple. who drove their car to Wal-Mart, only to have their car break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot. The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis. Although the man was in shorts his lack of underpants turned private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand up his shorts, and tucked everything back into place. She took a deep breath and stood up boldly to face the crowd. She looked across the hood and found herself staring at her husband, who had been standing idly by. The mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

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

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own second grade classroom a few years back. When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell. So I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually, show-and-tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it in to school and talk about it, they're welcome. Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant. 'This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday.' 'First, Mom and Dad made him as a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mom's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord.' She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids are watching her in amazement. 'Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mom starts saying and going, 'Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh!' Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans. 'She walked around the house for, like an hour, 'Oh, oh, oh!' (Now this kid is doing a hysterical duck walk and groaning.) 'My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man. They got my Mom to lie down in bed like this.' (Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall.) 'And then, pop! My Mom had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshheew!' (This kid has her legs spread with her little hands miming water flowing away. It was too much!) 'Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, push,' and 'breathe, breathe. They started

counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said it was from Mom's play-center, (placenta) so there must be a lot of toys inside there. When he got out, the middle wife spanked him for crawling up in there.' Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest. Ever since then, when it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another 'Middle Wife' comes along.

**Proof that Men Have Better Friends...**

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

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

**Blonde Joke**

This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all these blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid. So, she decides to show her husband that blondes really are

smart. While her husband is off at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house. The next day, right after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand. Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a heavy parka and a leather jacket at the same time. He goes over and asks her if she is OK. She replies yes. He asks what she is doing and she replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb, and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asks her why she has a parka over her leather jacket. She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and it said....You'll love this... Yep. I know you will... "FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS."

**Lady's Yearly Exam**

I went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse started with certain basics. "How much do you weigh?" she asked. "135," I said. The nurse put me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 180. The nurse asked, "Your height?" "5 foot 4," I said. The nurse checked and saw that I only measure 5' 2" She then took my blood pressure and told me that it is very high. "Of course it's high!" I screamed, "When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!" She put me on Prozac.



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## 54 Year Old Woman

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her final operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years to live. Why didn't you pull me away from the path of the ambulance?" God replied: "I didn't recognize you!"

## Fifty Bucks is Fifty Bucks

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, 'Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter.' Esther always replied, 'I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks' One year Esther and Morris went to fair, and Morris said, 'Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance.' To this, Esther replied, 'Morris that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks.' The pilot overheard the couple and said, 'Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty bucks.' Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, 'By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!' Morris replied, 'Well, to tell the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!

## The Shamrock Bar in Ireland

Two women were sitting next to each other at a bar. After a while one looks at the other and says, 'I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland' The other woman responds proudly, 'Yes, I sure am!' The first one says, 'So am I! And where about in Ireland are ya from?' The other woman answers, 'I'm from St. John's, I am.' The first one responds, 'So, am I!! And what street did you live on?' The other woman says, 'A lovely little area it was in the west end. I lived on Warbury Street in the old central part of town.' The first one says, 'Faith and it's a small world. So did I! So did I! And what school did ya go to?' The other woman

answers, 'Well now, I went to Holy Heart of Mary, of course.' The first one gets really excited and says, 'And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?' The other woman answers, 'Well, now, let's see. I graduated in 1964.' The first woman exclaims, 'The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same pub tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from Holy Heart of Mary in 1964 me self.' About this time, Michael walks into the bar, sits down and orders a beer. Brian, the bartender, walks over to Michael, shaking his head and mutters, 'It's going to be a long night tonight.' Michael asks, 'Why do you say that, Brian?' Brian answers, 'The Murphy twins are drunk again.'

## Penguins

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica - where do they go? Wonder no more!!! It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintaining a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life. If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried. The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing: "Freeze a jolly good fellow" "Freeze a jolly good fellow." "Then they kick him in the ice hole."

## Irish Parking Place

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!' Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'



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## He Said To Me!

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- I said to him ..... You wear pants don't you?
- He said to me .... Shall we try swapping positions tonight?
- I said . That's a good idea - you stand by the stove & sink while I sit on the sofa and do nothing but fart!
- He said to me.. .... What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you?
- I said to him . .... Turn sideways and look in the mirror!
- He said to me. .... Why don't women blink during foreplay?
- I said to him ... . They don't have time
- He said to me. . How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper?
- I said to him ... . I don't know; it has never happened.
- He said to me. . Why is it difficult to find men who are sensitive, caring and Good- looking?
- I said to him . . . They already have boyfriends.
- He said....What do you call a woman who knows where her husband is every night?
- I said. . . A widow.
- He said to me.... Why are married women heavier than single women?
- I said to him ... . Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.

## Ole and Sven

Ole and Sven were fishing in the Minnesota opener when Sven pulled out a cigar. Finding he had no matches, he asked Ole for a light. 'Ya, shure, I tink I haff a lighter,' he replied, and then, reaching into his tackle box, he pulled out a Bic lighter 10 inches long. 'Yiminy Cricket!' exclaimed Sven, taking the huge Bic lighter in his hands. 'Vere dit yew git dat monster??' 'Vell,' replied Ole, 'I got it from my Genie.' 'You haff a Genie?' Sven asked. 'Ya, shure It's right here in my tackle box,' says Ole. 'Could I see him?' Ole opens his tackle box and sure enough, out pops the Genie. Addressing the genie, Sven says, 'Hey dere! I'm a good friend of your master. Vill you grant me vun vish?' 'Yes, I will,' says the Genie. So Sven asks the Genie for a million bucks. The Genie disappears back into the tackle box leaving Sven sitting there waiting for his million bucks. Shortly, the sky darkens and is filled with the sound of a million ducks flying directly overhead. Over the roar of the million ducks, Sven yells at Ole, 'Yumpin' Yimminy, I asked for a million bucks, not a million ducks!' Ole answers, 'Ya, I forgot to tell yew dat da Genie is hart of hearing. Do yew really tink I asked for a 10-inch Bic?'



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# Humor

## Getting older

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to “make a difference” in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other “seniors” who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither. Harold Scumberg is such a person. VERY INSPIRING! Harold is often asked, ‘What do you old folks do now that you’re retired?’ Well..I’m fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch, and margaritas into urine. And I’m pretty damn good at it, too!! NO SEX SINCE 1955 A crusty old Marine Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event hosted by a local liberal arts college. There was no shortage of young, idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Sergeant Major and asked, ‘Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?’ ‘Negative, ma’am. Just serious by nature.’ The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, ‘It looks like you have seen a lot of action?’ ‘Yes, ma’am, a lot of action.’ The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, ‘You know, you should lighten up a little. Relax and enjoy yourself.’ The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner. Finally the young lady said, ‘You know, I hope you don’t take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?’ ‘1955,’ he replied. ‘Well, there you are. No wonder you’re so serious. You really need to chill out! I mean, no sex since 1955! She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to ‘relax’ him several

times. Afterwards, panting for breath, she leaned against his bare chest and Said, ‘Wow, you sure didn’t forget much since 1955.’ The Sergeant Major said in his serious voice, after glancing at his watch, ‘I hope not; it’s only 2130 now.’ (Gotta love military time)

## Rubber Gloves

Next time you use a pair of rubber gloves, you’re going to smile when you think of this: A dentist noticed that his next patient, an elderly lady, was nervous, so he decided to tell her a little joke to put her at ease. He then proceeded to put on his gloves.. ‘Do you know how they make these gloves?’ he asked. ‘No, I don’t,’ she replied. ‘Well,’ he spoofed, ‘there’s a building in Canada with a big tank of latex, and workers of all hand sizes walk up to the tank, dip in their hands, let them dry, then peel off the gloves and throw them into boxes of the right size.’ She didn’t crack a smile. ‘Oh, well.. I tried,’ he thought. But five minutes later, during a delicate portion of the procedure, she burst out laughing. ‘What’s so funny?’ he asked. ‘I was just envisioning how condoms are made!’

## Words of Wisdom from Maxine!!

I hate housework! You make the beds, do the dishes and six months later you have to do it all over again!!

If you can’t stand the heat, go into my kitchen it’s a pretty safe bet I won’t be cooking.



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Read recipes the same way I read science fiction - I get to the end and think Well, that's not gonna happen!

Thought about cleaning the house, then I thought, what has the house done for me lately?

Recipes are like a dating service. They never end up looking like the picture.

There should be a support group for woman who can't put dirty dishes into the dishwasher.

I love a good meal! So I don't cook!

Household Hint... Stop dusting and you can use your coffee table as a message board!

Smoke detectors need to be tested from time to time. So sometimes I cook something.

Not many people think about it, but if you just keep something in the refrigerator long enough, the expiration date will eventually fade and you won't have to worry about it going bad.

They Lied.... Hard work has killed lots of people!

If it fits in a toaster... I can cook!

I find it helps to organize chores into categories: Things I won't do now. Things I won't do later. Things I'll never do.

The only thing domestic about me is that I live indoors!

### Paddy in New York

He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'

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## Father Murphy

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' The man said, 'I do, Father.' The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.' Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' 'Certainly, Father,' the man replied. 'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.' The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?' O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'

## Gallagher

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. 'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!' 'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ya callin' from?'

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## An Irish Priest

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, 'Sir, have you been drinking?' 'Just water,' says the priest. The trooper says, 'Then why do I smell wine?' The priest looks at the bottle and says, 'Good Lord! He's done it again!'

## The Ostrich

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke,' and turns to the ostrich, 'What's yours?' 'I'll have the same,' says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order 'That will be \$9.40 please,' and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment. The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke.' The ostrich says, 'I'll have the same.' Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes routine until the two enter again. 'The usual?' asks the waitress. 'No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man. 'Same,' says the ostrich. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.' Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?' 'Well,' says the man, 'several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.' 'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!' 'That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact

money is always there,' says the man.. The waitress asks, 'What's with the ostrich?' The man sighs, pauses and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'

## Boots

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this) Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her class pupils put on his boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet..' 'She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet. He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.' She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em..' Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?' He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.' She will be eligible for parole in three years.

## Mike and Charlie

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.' 'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?' 'When it was over,' Mike replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.' 'Really,' said Charles, 'Now that's a switch! What did she say?' She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken.'

## Mexican Oysters

A big Texan stopped at a local restaurant following a day roaming around in Mexico, while sipping his tequila, he noticed a sizzling, scrumptious looking platter being served at the next table. Not only did it look good, the smell was wonderful. He asked the waiter, 'What is that you just served?' The waiter replied, 'Ah señor, you have excellent taste! Those are called Cojones de Toro, bull's testicles from the bull fight this morning. A delicacy!' The cowboy said, 'What the heck, bring me an order.' The waiter replied, 'I am so sorry señor. There is only one serving per day because there is only one bull fight each morning. If you come early and place your order, we will be sure to save you this delicacy...' The next morning, the cowboy returned, placed his order, and that evening was served the one and only special delicacy of the day. After a few bites, inspecting his platter, he called to the waiter and said, 'These are delicious, but they are much, much smaller than the ones I saw you serve yesterday.' The waiter shrugged his shoulders and replied, 'Si, Señor. Sometimes the bull wins.'

## Technical Support from an 11 Year Old

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Richard, the 11 year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Richard clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong? He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.' I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.' Richard grinned.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?' 'No,' I replied. 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.' So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T ... I used to like the little sh.....!

## Fix It Yourself

When a guy's printer type began to grow faint, he called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he told him he might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job himself. Pleasantly surprised by his candor, he asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?" "Actually, it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."



Eli

Say hi to Eli. He is a very sweet 1 ½ year old dog that came into the shelter after being caught up in a fight with another dog. He absolutely loves people but is a little scared if you move your hands too quickly to pat him on the head. Eli is up to date on his vaccines and he has been micro-chipped. He will be neutered before heading to his forever home.

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## Pilot and Co-Pilot

One day at a busy airport, the passengers on a commercial airliner are seated, waiting for the cockpit crew to show up so they can get under way. The pilot and co-pilot finally appear in the rear of the plane, and begin walking up to the cockpit through the center aisle. Both appear to be blind. The pilot is using a white cane, bumping into passengers right and left as he stumbles down the aisle, and the co-pilot is using a guide dog. Both have their eyes covered with huge sunglasses. At first the passengers do not react; thinking that it must be some sort of practical joke. However, after a few minutes the engines start spooling up and the airplane, starts moving down the runway. The passengers look at each other with some uneasiness, whispering among themselves and looking desperately to the flight attendants for reassurance. Then the airplane starts accelerating rapidly and people begin panicking. Some passengers are praying, and as the plane gets closer and closer to the end of the runway, the voices are becoming more and more hysterical. Finally, when the airplane has less than 20 feet of runway left, there is a sudden change in the pitch of the shouts as everyone screams at once, and at the very last moment the airplane lifts off and is airborne. Up in the cockpit, the co-pilot breathes a sigh of relief and turns to the Captain: "You know, one of these days the passengers aren't going to scream, and we are gonna get killed!"

## How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

1. Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
2. Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
3. Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!
4. Rottweiler: Make me.
5. Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
6. Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!
7. German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, checked to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
8. Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
9. Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb! Is this a trick question?
10. Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
11. Chihuahua : Yo quiero Taco Bulb. Or . . . "We don't need no stinking light bulb."

12. Greyhound/Saluki: It isn't moving? Who cares?!
13. Heeler/Australian Cattle Dog: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...
14. Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry. How many cats does it take to change a light bulb? Don't get cute!! Cats do not change light bulbs! People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: "How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"

## How's this for a gunshot survivor...

Linda Burnett, 23, a resident of San Diego, was visiting her in-laws and while there went to a nearby supermarket to pick up some groceries. Several people noticed her sitting in her car with the windows rolled up and with her eyes closed with both hands behind the back of her head. One customer who had been at the store for a while became concerned and walked over to the car. He noticed that Linda's eyes were now open and she looked very strange. He asked her if she was okay and Linda replied that she had been shot in the back of the head and had been holding her brains in for over an hour. The man called the paramedics who broke into the car because the doors were locked and Linda refused to remove her hands from her head. When they finally got in, they found that Linda had a wad of bread dough on the back of her head. A Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded from the heat making a loud noise that sounded like a gunshot and the wad of dough hit her in the back of her head. When she reached back to find out what it was, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains. She initially passed out but quickly recovered. Linda is a blonde!

## Daddy's car in the woods?

Little Johnny watched his Daddy's car pass by the school playground and go into the woods. Curious, he followed the car and saw Daddy and Aunt Jane in a passionate embrace. Little Johnny found this so exciting that he could hardly contain himself as he ran home and started to tell his mother. 'Mommy, I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, and then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane...' At this point Mommy cut him off and said, 'Johnny, this is such an interesting story, suppose you save the rest of it for supper time. I want to see the look on Daddy's face when you tell it tonight.' At the dinner table that evening, Mommy asked little Johnny to tell his story. Johnny started his story, 'I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped

Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane and Daddy started doing the same thing that Mommy and Uncle Bill used to do when Daddy was in the Army.' Moral: Sometimes you need to listen to the whole story before you interrupt!

## PUNOGRAPHY

- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words ...
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.
- This dyslexic man walks into a bra .
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds..

- I wondered why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool ..
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in London police stations have been stolen. Police say they have nothing to go on.
- I took the job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

## Stanley Cup Finals

A man named Fred had tickets to game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals, right at center ice. As Fred sat down, a man came and asked him if anyone was going to occupy the seat next to him. "No," said Fred, "sit right down. The seat will be empty." "That's incredible!" said the man. "Who in their right mind would reserve a seat like this for the Stanley Cup and then not use it?" Fred said, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Stanley Cup we haven't been to together since we got married nearly 50 years ago." "Oh... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else - a friend or relative, or even a neighbor - to take her seat?" Fred shook his head sadly. "No. They're all at the funeral."



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Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the ...complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home

address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.. Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6.. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that

checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks. Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union : 1-800-680 7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

## Stupid Soccer Commentary

Actual Remarks Made by Soccer Commentators

1. Well, it's Liverpool two, Ipswich nil, and if the score stays this way, I've got to fancy Liverpool for the win.
2. He had an eternity to play that ball, but took too long.
3. And so they have not been able to improve on their 100% record.
4. With the last kick of the game, he scored with a header.
5. Well, it's a fabulous kaleidoscope of color: almost all the Brazilians are wearing yellow shirts.
6. If that had gone on, it would definitely have been a goal.
7. Their manager, Howard Wilkinson, isn't here today, which strongly suggests that he may be elsewhere.
8. I am a firm believer that if one team scores a goal, the other need to score two to win.
9. If a team scores early on, it often takes an early lead.
10. You cannot possibly have counted the number of passes made, but there were eight.

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## The Amazing Golf Ball

Two friends went out to play golf and were about to tee off, when one fellow noticed that his partner had but one golf ball. "Don't you have at least one other golf ball?", he asked. The other guy replied that no, he only needed the one. "Are you sure?", the friend persisted. "What happens if you lose that ball?" The other guy replied, "This is a very special golf ball. I won't lose it so I don't need another one." Well," the friend asked, "what happens if you miss your shot and the ball goes in the lake?" "That's okay," he replied, "this special golf ball floats. I'll be able to retrieve it." "Well what happens if you hit it into the trees and it gets lost among the bushes and shrubs?" The other guy replied, "That's okay too. You see, this special golf ball has a homing beacon. I'll be able to get it back -- no problem." Exasperated, the friend asks, "Okay. Let's say our game goes late, the sun goes down, and you hit your ball into a sand trap. What are you going to do then?" "No problem," says the other guy, "you see, this ball is florescent. I'll be able to see it in the dark." Finally satisfied that he needs only the one golf ball, the friend asks, "Hey, where did you get a golf ball like that anyway?" The other guy replies, "I found it."

## Football Terminology

In a never-ending effort to attract the unchurched, some churches have considered translating their unfamiliar terminology into familiar football phrases:

- **BLOCKING:** Talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.
- **DRAFT CHOICE:** The decision to sit close to an air conditioning vent.
- **END ZONE:** The pews.
- **EXTRA POINT:** What you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.
- **ILLEGAL MOTION:** Leaving before the benediction.
- **INTERFERENCE:** Talking during the organ prelude.
- **TWO-MINUTE WARNING:** The pastor's wife looking at her watch in full view of the pastor.
- **QUARTERBACK SNEAK:** Sunday School teachers entering the building five minutes after classes began.

## The Baseball Challenge

A former manager of the New York Yankees once told about a dream he had in which he died and went to heaven.

There he was ordered to organize and manage a ball team. He said he was overwhelmed by all the available talent - Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson, Rube Waddell, Babe Ruth, Lou

Gehrig, and many other superstars. Just then the phone rang. It was Satan calling to challenge the heavenly team to a game. "But you haven't got a chance of winning," said the manager. "You see I got all the great ball players up here." Satan explained, "Oh, I know that. But I've got all the umpires!"

## Handy Tips

Old telephone books make ideal personal address books. Simply cross out the names and addresses of people you don't know. Fool other drivers into thinking you have an expensive car phone by holding an old TV or video remote control up to your ear and occasionally swerving across the road and mounting the curb. Avoid parking tickets by leaving your windshield wipers turned to fast wipe whenever you leave your car parked illegally. No time for a bath? Wrap yourself in masking tape and remove the dirt by simply peeling it off. Apply red nail polish to your nails before clipping them. The red nails will be much easier to spot on your bathroom carpet. (Unless you have a red carpet, in which case a contrasting polish should be selected.) If a person is choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a jug of boiling water down their throat and presto! The blockage is almost instantly removed.



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## The Mysterious Sound

A man is driving down the road and breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down. Do you think I could stay the night?" The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, even fix his car. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk." The man is disappointed but thanks them anyway and goes about his merry way. Some years later, the same man breaks down in front of the same monastery. The monks accept him, feed him, even fix his car. That night, he hears the same strange noise that he had heard years earlier. The next morning, he asks what it is, but the monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk." The man says, "All right, all right. I'm dying to know. If the only way I can find out what that sound was is to become a monk, how do I become a monk?" The monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of sand pebbles. When you find these numbers, you will become a monk." The man sets about his task. Forty-five years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, "I have traveled the earth and have found what you

have asked for. There are 145,236,284,232 blades of grass and 231,281,219,999,129,382 sand pebbles on the earth." The monks reply, "Congratulations. You are now a monk. We shall now show you the way to the sound." The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is right behind that door." The man reaches for the knob, but the door is locked. He says, "Real funny. may I have the key?" The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man demands the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key, and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. He demands another key from the monks, who provide it. Behind that door is another door, this one made of sapphire. So it went until the man had gone through doors of emerald, silver, topaz, amethyst... Finally, the monks say, "This is the last key to the last door." The man is relieved to no end. He unlocks the door, turns the knob, and behind that door he is amazed to find the source of that strange sound. But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk.

## Asking For Directions

A Swiss guy, looking for directions, pulls up at a bus stop where two Americans are waiting. "Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asks. The two Americans just stare at him. "Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?" he tries. The two continue to stare. "Parlare Italiano?" No response. "Hablan usted es Espanol?" Still nothing. The Swiss guy drives off, extremely disgusted. The first American turns to the second and says, "Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language." "Why?" says the other. "That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good."

## Your Boss and You

When you take a long time, you're slow.  
When your boss takes a long time, he's thorough.

When you don't do it, you're lazy.  
When your boss doesn't do it, he's too busy.

When you make a mistake, you're an idiot.  
When your boss makes a mistake, he's only human.

When doing something without being told, you're overstepping your authority.  
When your boss does the same thing, that's initiative.



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When you overlooked a rule of etiquette, you're being rude.

When your boss skips a few rules, he's being original.

When you please your boss, you're apple polishing.

When your boss pleases his boss, he's being co-operative.

When you're out of the office, you're wandering around.

When your boss is out of the office, he's on business.

When you're on a day off sick, you're always sick.

When your boss is a day off sick, he must be very ill.

When you apply for leave, you must be going for an interview.

When your boss applies for leave, it's because he's overworked.

## The Car Crash

A rabbi and a priest get into a car accident and it's a bad one. Both cars are totally demolished but amazingly neither of the clerics is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi sees the priest's collar and says, "So you're a priest. I'm a rabbi. Just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but we are unhurt. God must have meant that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace the rest of our days." The priest replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God." The rabbi continues, "And look at this. Here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of Kedem wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then he hands the bottle to the priest. The priest agrees, takes a few big swigs, and hands

the bottle back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap on, and hands it back to the priest. The priest asks, "Aren't you having any?" The rabbi replies, "No...I think I'll wait for the police."

## Room Service

Mary Poppins was traveling home, but due to worsening weather, she decided to stop at a hotel for the night. She approached the receptionist and asked for a room for the night. "Certainly madam," he replied courteously. "Is the restaurant open still?" inquired Mary. "Sorry, no," came the reply, "but room service is available all night. Would you care to select something from this menu?" Mary smiled and took the menu and perused it. "Hmm, I would like cauliflower cheese please," said Mary. "Certainly, madam," he replied. "And can I have breakfast in bed?" asked Mary politely. The receptionist nodded and smiled. "In that case, I would love a couple of poached eggs, please," Mary mused. After confirming the order, Mary signed in and went up to her room for the night. The night passed uneventfully and the next morning Mary came down early to check out. The same guy was still on the desk. "Morning, madam. Sleep well?" "Yes, thank you," Mary replied. "Food to your liking?" "Well, I have to say the cauliflower cheese was exceptional, I don't think I have had better. Shame about the eggs, though....they really weren't that nice at all," replied Mary truthfully. "Oh...well, perhaps you could contribute these thoughts to our Guest Comments Book. We are always looking to improve our service and would value your opinion," said the receptionist. "OK, I will...thanks!" replied Mary.... who checked out, then scribbled a comment into the book. Waving, she left to continue her journey. Curious, the receptionist picked up the book to see the comment Mary had written. "lowercheesebuteggswerequiteatrocious!"

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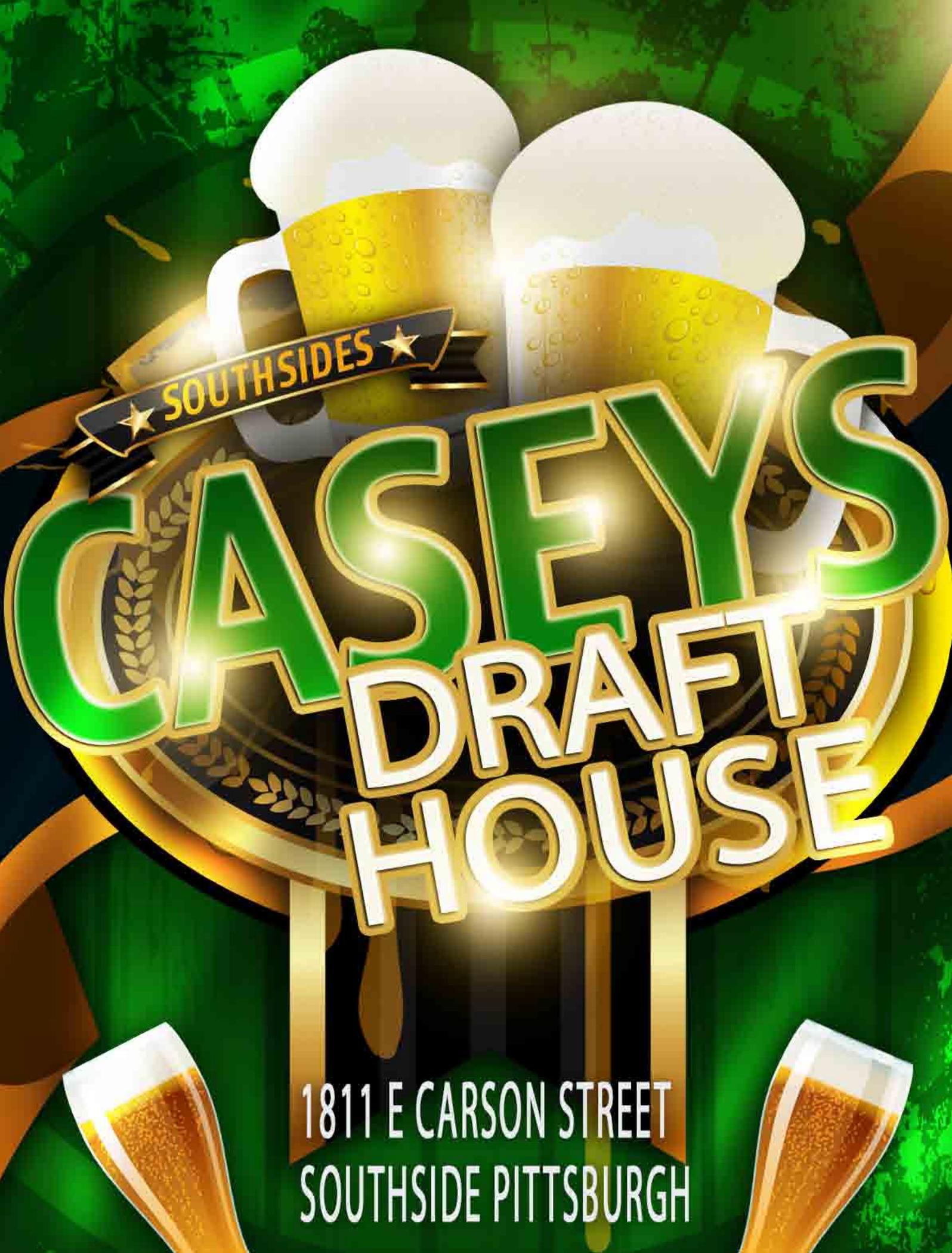
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