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# Valentine Build-A-Bear® by Joyce Campisi

## Build-A-Bear Workshop® - Not Just for Kids!!!



**S**eriously... how many times have you been to the mall and walked right passed this store? If you're like me and don't have any young children or grandchildren then I'm guessing its hundreds of times... At least that was true for the Nightwire staff.

Nightwire decided with Valentine's Day approaching it would be nice to make Valentine's Day gifts. So off we headed to the Build-A-Bear Workshop® at the Ross Park Mall. Upon entering the store we were greeted by our hosts, Chief Workshop Manager, Bob Bishop and Assistant Workshop Manager, Sharon Lalli. The first thing we notice was a very distinctive teddy bear themed environment consisting of eight stuffed animal-making stations. Choose Me, Hear Me, Stuff Me, Stitch Me, Fluff Me, Dress Me, Name Me and Take Me Home.

This highly visual environment and the entire fantasy of this special place took us all back to our childhoods. Quickly we were magically transported to being kids again! It was so much fun...trying to choose which furry character would soon become our new best friend. There are more than 30 varieties of stuffed animals including teddy bears, bunnies, dogs, kitties and so much more. Plus, the best part all of these gorgeous animals are that they are very affordable, ranging in price from



\$10 - \$25. We all had such a difficult time choosing which animal we wanted to make. We were informed by Bob that children actually choose their favorite animal very quickly, so I guess we hadn't quite adapted to acting like a kid. I guess our brains were in overdrive as there were so many choices so much to see and do that we started acting like kids in a candy store. Upon much discussion and changing our minds numerous times, we finally made our choices. Todd Brunozzi, our Photographer chose the Peace Bear, Jennifer, our Assignment Editor chose Scruffy Puppy and I chose Hello Kitty.

Then it was off to the Hear Me station. There were so many pre-recorded sounds to choose from that we just couldn't choose, so, we all decided to record our own personalized 10-second Build A Sound message. The sound chip was then inserted safely inside our new friends during the stuffing process.

At Stuff Me, with the help of Sharon, we filled our new friends with stuffing, we got to choose exactly the right amount of stuffing for huggability. We all selected a small satin heart – a Build-A-Bear Workshop trademark, here is where you add your love and wishes to bring your furry friend to life. And if wishes do come true, then we will all certainly return in the near future.

Then it was off to Stitch Me, where the last seam was neatly pulled shut nearly completing each new best friend. Before stitching our furry friends, Sharon inserted a barcode, which will allow it to hopefully be reunited with its owner if it ever got lost and returned to a Build-A-Bear Workshop®. How neat is that?

Next off to Fluff Me, where we brushed and fluffed our new friends.

The best part was yet to come at Dress Me, where the choices are unbelievable. The bear apparel boutique features clothes and accessories for all occasions. From dresses, shoes, underwear, pants, shirts, sports gear, they even have Steeler and Penguin gear, sunglasses, purses and so much





more. It was like being in fashion heaven or shopping on Rodeo Drive! We were all truly having the time of our lives. It was so much fun seeing our new furry friends take on personalities of their own.

Next stop was the Name Me computer, where we answered several questions about our new furry friends, including their birth date, and of course, their name. Our furry friends are now entered into the Find-A-Bear ID program and this information is used to create a personalized birth certificate.

Last stop, Take Me Home station, where our furry new friends were placed in their very own Cub Condo carrying case along with their customized birth certificates.

We all agreed that this was so much fun and we can't wait to go back! Build-A-Bear Workshop® is definitely "not just for kids" – it's a whole experience one that will make you feel good and if you are giving a furry friends as a gift, it will definitely make that person feel even better! We strongly suggest you give it a try! For the guys out there, if you really want to impress your girlfriend or wife, take her to Build-A-Bear Workshop®! There are so many occasions and so many reasons to keep going back... the next time you need a birthday gift, get well or cheer me up gift, think Build-A-Bear Workshop®. What a fabulous gift idea (for both the giver and the receiver) for absolutely any occasion. Tell them your friends from Nightwire sent you!!

Build-A-Bear Workshop® stores in the Pittsburgh area are located in the Ross Park Mall, South Hills Village and the Mall at Robinson. You can also visit them on the web at



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# Travel

## Driving Tips - Good Vision In A Downpour



**H**ow to achieve good vision while driving during a heavy downpour. We are not sure why it is so effective; just try this method when it rains heavily.

It is useful...even driving at night in the rain. Most of the motorists turn on HIGH or FASTEST SPEED of the wipers during heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad..... In the event you face such a situation, just try your sunglasses (any model will do), and miracle! All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain. Make sure you always have a pair of sunglasses in your car, as you are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but also might save your friend's life by sharing this information with him.. It's absolutely amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling.

You can see where the rain bounces off the road. It works to eliminate the "blindness" from passing semi's spraying you too. Or the "kickup" if you are following a semi or car in the rain. They ought to teach that little tip in driver's training.. It really does work. This warning is a good one!

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence! When she explained to the State Trooper what had happened he told her something that every driver should know - NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON. She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. The State Trooper told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydro-plane and your

tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the trooper that was exactly what had occurred. The trooper said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor - NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY, along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry. The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the State Police), was a man who had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

*NOTE: Some vehicles (like the Toyota Sienna Limited XLE) will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on.*

### A "Must Have" Travel Accessory!

With the airline industry's current woes, fewer flights means packed flights — which increases the risk of infection during long-haul travel. Companies are now stepping up to create new innovations in hygiene and comfort while traveling. Market leader Sure Fit Furniture Covers is applying its 95 years of innovation in covering couches to airline and bus seats.

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# Ask The Lawyer

**"Legal Briefs" – Courtesy of Local Attorney Jeffrey Pollock**

## **Q** Who Should Have A Will?

**A** The short answer is: Anyone who cares about what happens to their real estate, personal property, and minor offspring if and when they should die. Every adult should review their estate plan when new life events occur, such as marriage, divorce, child born, other family changes (including a beneficiary's situation changing significantly), or significant increase/decrease of your net worth (such as winning the lottery, selling a business, retirement with large benefits).

The purpose of a Will is to effect one's desires regarding his/her realty, personalty, and children. To appreciate its import, one must understand what happens to a person who dies without a Will (a/k/a "intestacy"), where the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania dictate the distribution of the deceased's estate and influence the guardianship of minor children and the funds necessary to raise them.

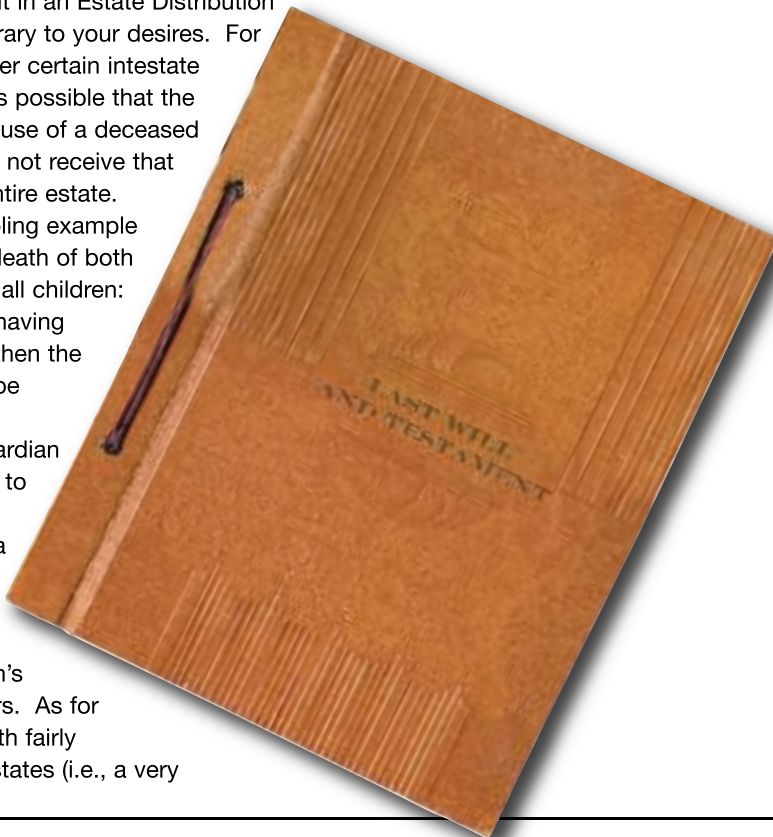
Our laws of intestate succession are inflexible and cannot address individual circumstances; thus failure to make a Will may result in an Estate Distribution which is contrary to your desires. For example, under certain intestate scenarios, it is possible that the still-living spouse of a deceased person would not receive that decedent's entire estate. Another troubling example involves the death of both parents of small children: without their having made a Will, then the Court would be compelled to appoint a Guardian of the Person to raise the children and a Guardian of the Estate to manage the minor children's financial affairs. As for individuals with fairly substantial estates (i.e., a very

significant net worth); at the very least, those people should have a Will in an effort to limit Federal Estate Tax liability. (Keep in mind that Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax is a separate issue.)

In order to avoid such forfeiture of control, most people should have a Will professionally prepared. While the above illustrations are not exhaustive of all circumstances in which a Will is desirable, a lawyer can help evaluate your special situation. As a rule, attorney's fees to prepare a Will are relatively inexpensive when compared with the valuable peace of mind created by the existence of this document.

To be complete and not leave gaps in one's estate plan, a thorough lawyer will also insist that a client prepare Financial and Health Care Powers of Attorney with accompanying Advance Medical Directive (a/k/a a "Living Will") at the same time.

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## Serendipity - Hip American Cuisine

**S**erendipity.....The act of finding an unexpected good fortune, or an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident, at Serendipity it's no accident & great food in a great space is exactly what you'll find at the North Side's hottest hip new American bistro! Nightwire Magazine is thrilled this month to tell you all about it. First things first, I must tell you all about the appetizers, especially the mussels. Pei Mussels steamed in a tomato fennel broth and finished with Pernod butter (\$8.50), a generous portion that quite frankly I was glad to not have to share. It was a struggle not to devour each perfect little mussel and the broth- to die for. Even the non-mussel eaters at the table used the bread to sop up the delicious broth. It'll be the first thing I order next time. I can see the bar and the micro—brew in front of me now. Add a Mélange of House Made Chips with a Horseradish Cream (\$4.50) OH! Okay, Serendipity does host a Happy Hour on weekdays from 5 till 7 where they offer a \$3.50 menu that includes some pretty special stuff.....wings, spinach dip, crab cakes and even a mini mac & cheese. I'm getting the mussels! But you can see where this is going. Great American food with a "serendipitous" twist! We sampled the Crab Cakes served with Citrus Aioli (\$7.25) along with THE most delicious house made herb focaccia with balsamic reduction & olive oil. Everything was so savory. The tastes and the depth of the dishes were so delightful! And I've just told you about the beginning!

I'm so excited for this new place in an old space that we love and have loved. Serendipity is located at 422 Foreland Street at the corner of James Street. Now this may be a little familiar because this was the former James Street Tavern and home of Sassy Marie's. Serendipity is timely, utilizing a great location in a great neighborhood with plenty of free parking and awesome food. They are truly creating an atmosphere ripe for serendipity.....happy accidents. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it? Let me tell you more.....

Now I'm always game to try Duck, Duck Breast prepared properly is utterly delicious. At Serendipity you are presented with Seared Duck Breast with Smoked Dry Cherry Sauce, Sweet Potato Mash and Sautéed Brussel Sprouts (\$22.80). So worth it! The Sweet Potato Mash was so unexpected but so delicious and if you have any degree of culinary savvy, the Brussel Sprouts were the bomb. Another thing that I love when others don't! The Duck was perfectly prepared with not a hint of "gamey". The smoked dry cherries seem like something Chef Joe Post could be selling out the back door to die hard foodies.

You'll have to try 'em for yourself and if duck doesn't suit your palate, he serves 'em in an other entrée that I could

barely stop eating- the Smoked Chicken with Dry Cherries in a Creamy Sage Sauce served over Rotini Pasta (\$13.50). This dish is definitely going to be a neighborhood favorite. Reminiscent of an alfredo sauce dish, this seemed so much lighter and with the sweet cherries.....I want some right now!

Serendipity serves up a great Prime Rib (on Mondays & Tuesdays) with Mashed Potatoes and a side of Bok Choy.

Luckily for us we were there on a Tuesday! And Bok Choy.....I was so grateful for something different. Bok Choy in a American restaurant- what a nice choice. We also sampled the Blackened Sea Scallops, Grilled Shrimp in a Saffron Rouille, served with Scallion Couscous, and our favorite Asparagus (\$17.50). I was getting so full and having a hard time not eating too much of one dish, but this was very beautiful and irresistible. It was so fresh, and the aroma so wonderful. We all enjoyed it but were decidedly taking much smaller bites! I honestly can't wait to go back to Serendipity with a bunch of friends who will all be pleasantly surprised. I almost feel guilty mentioning that our hosts paired all of the dishes that we tried with the most wonderful wines that complemented the flavors perfectly. Our server seemed



Chef Joe Post







to know the list well and who doesn't love that? Wines by the glass or by the bottle, don't be afraid to ask questions! We perused, and you can look forward to a great selection.

When you find out that Chef Joe Post is a pastry chef at heart, you definitely must save room for dessert! We had a fabulous plate of Assorted Cookies, Profiterole (aka Cream Puff) yum, and the Spiced Apple Beignets with Cranberry Caramel Sauce, double yum! (for real!) Desserts at Serendipity are plenty to share and I'm not telling you any more. I want you to try this place and I want to leave room to discover something serendipitous for yourself! (even if I have to bribe you with desserts!) I will tell you that the Goat Cheese Balls paired with the wine at the end of the meal were fantastic. They were so fantastic that I told Chef Joe, "Those should be illegal!"



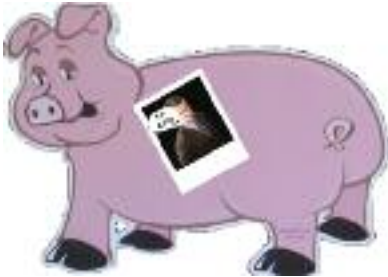
Serendipity offers a Ladies Night on Thursdays with \$5 Martini's from 5 to 7. They are open for lunch daily at 11:00 and closed on Sundays. Explore the website which offers menus to peruse. Selections seem to cover all the bases from Appetizers to Salads, to Pizzas, to Lunch which offers Burgers and Sandwiches. Entrees include Seafood or Steak, to Pasta and Pizza. There's something for everyone, and every taste or mood. Tempt fate. Try it. Your friends will love you for taking them there. I can't wait to take mine!



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# Valentine's Gift Guide



Mad at your boss or did your boyfriend/girlfriend recently dump you? Just grab their picture and SNOUT THEM on the hottest item on every girl's must-have list-THE PIG BOARD! Pig Boards (available only at [www.snoutpig.com](http://www.snoutpig.com) for \$25.00) are the perfect way to achieve the sweet satisfaction of revenge without the carnage! Already a celebrity favorite, Pig Boards are perfect for bachelorette parties, girls nights, Valentine's Day, office parties, and the sorority house, the Pig Board package includes a large 19 x 12 in. glossy foam pig board affectionately named Ham Hock, 20 snout pins for snouting, caption stickers with saying such as "I'm a snake" and "I'm a liar" to label each pig, and of course, a first place ribbon for the king of all the pigs. All that is missing is a picture of the accused! A PIGture really is worth a thousand words! What a feeling you will get from that snout peg piercing the nose on the picture of a pig that really deserves it!

Samsung, offers a chic tech gift that will safeguard your sweetheart's memories – the S1 Mini or S2 Portable Hard Drive. The S1 Mini is the smallest and most stylish external hard drive available on the market today. Small as a credit card, it comfortably fits in any pocket or purse and is available in multiple colors, including Piano Black, Snow White, Wine Red, Chocolate Brown, Sweet Pink (shown below) and Ocean Blue (shown below). The S2 Portable holds up to 142,000 digital photos (3.4MB per photo) or 125,000 MP3 songs (4-minutes each) or 220 hours of DVD-quality movies (2.25GB per hour recording).



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Make your own Be Mine Dalmatian (\$16) at Build-A-Bear Workshop® and [buildabear.com](http://buildabear.com). This sweet pup makes a perfect gift for that special someone. It has super soft white fur with heart-shaped black spots, a red heart on its face and a red heart collar. Personalize your gift with a Build-A-Sound message you record (\$8). Sounds like puppy love!



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# What's Up With The Dory??

By: Meghan VonGeis



The Rusty Dory, an Irish pub and grille overlooking the Ohio River along Ohio River Boulevard in Avalon, has recently attracted national attention based upon a history of unexplained paranormal phenomena. Originally investigated by Penn State University's Paranormal Research Society, Nightwire has been informed that a representative of a "ghost show" on the Discovery Channel is considering further investigation into the presence of several possible inhabitants that regularly, if amicably, haunt the establishment. We will keep you posted as to the on air date of this show – you'll definitely want to watch this special!

With original construction by Captain John Leeds Kerr dating back to 1827, the Rusty Dory has a rich but mysterious history that began as an inn. According to the building's owner, recent renovations have uncovered a cave-like stone passageway leading from the building's interior down to the river, suggesting possible involvement in the Underground Railroad. Upon Kerr's death in 1844, his son, Captain John Leeds Kerr, Jr. took over operations until his own passing in 1933, at which time his body was displayed inside the building prior to internment. Though much of the building's past has yet to be disclosed, odd occurrences in the establishment over the years have piqued the interest of paranormal researchers.

Our source, wishing to remain anonymous, cites several instances of unexplained phenomena and sightings reported by patrons and employees alike, such as the after-hours distribution of over forty pounds of pennies upon tables, under



rugs, and on window ledges. It is believed that no less than five separate entities inhabit the building, making their presence known by shifting bar stools, relocating silverware, and spooking even the most fervent of non-believers with apparitions of ghostly figures, including those of a young boy in knickers, a "blue lady" with long red hair, and even Captain Kerr himself! Three years ago, an investigation by the Paranormal Research Society detected a significant amount of activity in Room Four, located in the hotel area above the restaurant. Employees take it in stride, joking that when it comes to enforcing bar rules they have ghosts, leprechauns, and flying monkeys, and they aren't afraid to use them!

With ghostly occurrences reportedly peaking between October and February, stop in this month if you're interested in checking out the vibe for yourself. On Tuesday and Thursday nights, the Rusty Dory hosts a Tarot card reader beginning at 7 p.m. From the last table in the back corner, the Good Witch of Avalon interprets your cards for a suggested donation of



\$10, (as advertised by the flyer in the restroom). A casual observer might miss this opportunity, as there is no sign-up sheet, but she has a steady flow of patrons so let her know you're interested between readings or you'll miss out! Nightwire took the opportunity to sit in on a reading, and reports that topics of love, careers, and even messages from deceased household pets were in the cards for our particular subject. We were impressed by the details the Good Witch provided.

Not into the supernatural? There are various other events of interest happening at The Rusty Dory, including karaoke contests, sports broadcasts, Wii Sports Night and Yuengs & Wings to enjoy. Or, stop in on Valentine's Day with or without your hunny and do a shot with Stupid Cupid! Tell them Nightwire sent you, and enjoy \$3 Captain mixes on Tuesdays (in honor of Captain Kerr!), or \$4 Guinness specials on Thursdays. Visit [www.rustydorypub.com](http://www.rustydorypub.com) for details.

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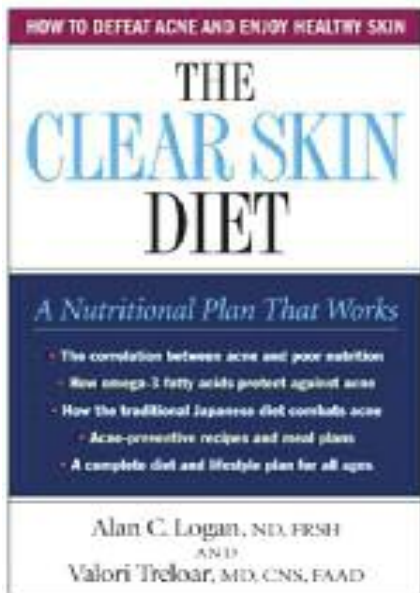
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# Book Review by: Patricia Imbrogno

## The Clear Skin Diet *Written by: Alan C. Logan and Valori Treloar*



**T**he Clear Skin Diet (Alan C. Logan and Valori Treloar) gives a nutritional plan to combat the age old problem of acne. While acne has long been a problem for adolescents, in the last fifty years acne has been on the rise among adults as well, particularly among women. I never had acne in high school or college. Even in my 20's my skin was

completely clear. As I entered my thirties, my skin became the bane of my existence, and I started my journey to figure out how to fix it.

Many scientists have traced this upsurge to changes in the dietary habits of North Americans. The Clear Skin Diet was written to help those who suffer from acne to understand what it is, why they have it, what it has to do with their eating habits, and what we can do to prevent it or lessen its impact.

Research has shown that there is a strong casual connection between certain kinds of foods and acne. It also shows that certain fats – such as Omega-3 fatty acids – protect against acne, while others – saturated or trans fats – can promote acne breakouts. On the other hand, culinary herbs like ginger and turmeric are known to lessen acne breakouts.

The same dietary stresses also influence the level of hormones that cause acne. While fruits and vegetables, green tea, soy, fish, berries, and fiber-rich whole foods lessen these androgens, meat and milk promote these acne-related hormones, as do sugar and low-fiber carbohydrates. There also is a strong connection between the brain and the skin. When a person experiences anxiety and depression, these acne-producing hormones are released.

This is a well-written, organized, and thoroughly researched book. The authors make clear distinctions between good and bad foods to eat, with a clear presentation style and discussion of the pertinent scientific studies. It is not new information, but an intelligent and comprehensive big picture analysis that made this book really worth reading. The value added here is in their

connection of the many studies that have occurred through the last several decades. They are also clear to emphasize the very best nutrients and separate them from the group.

It is noteworthy that after dealing unsuccessfully with this condition for years, from one dermatologist to another, one prescription to the next, the feeling of despair is likely to set in. The correlation of stress and acne is covered in The Clear Skin Diet with the same aplomb as nutrition, although some recommendations can be less convincing. It may be that stress, diet, and skin health are a Bermuda Triangle of cause-and-effect – we can't clearly locate what is causing what. It follows that the totality of the science presented in The Clear Skin Diet cannot help with one's despair: Do you really want to live a completely different life in the name of clear skin? Can you afford to change your work, diet, and leisure preferences? It is one matter to eliminate fast food and subscribe to a course of vitamins, but another to re-organize one's life around the prevention of acne via stress management; this book manages to fit in some suggestions like air purification, yoga, and spending one hour per night preparing dinner. But don't the most complicated among us also want to reduce stress? Don't we all basically spend our lives trying to be happy and balanced? So for me, there is quite an un-built bridge from stress reduction to acne cure. Stress is a part of life, and a wayside of accomplishment. The goal of clear skin is not really an end to a happy life; one wants clear skin as a means to confidence, an aid in achievement, and part and parcel of gaining respect.

Alas, I heartily recommend this book to anyone interested in this topic or afflicted by this disease. I have even gained a slight appreciation for acne as an early warning of more serious potential problems caused by inflammation and poor nutrition. The Clear Skin Diet has helpful hints along with suggested food choices. It is much more than a diet book; it is a health promoting, good sensible choices kind of book, in an easy to read, not overly preachy tone.

Personally, I've tried everything to cure this pesky ailment, except Accutane. I had always noticed dietary influences, but every time I tried to talk with a doctor about diet and nutrition they acted like I was insane and wrote me another prescription for an antibiotic and topical cream. This book provides the real deal truth and science about all the influences that create this debilitating condition.

The Clear Skin Diet is something that anyone with some skin problem should read. It presents a wealth of relevant information throughout the book and is well worth the money. Since applying the information in this book, my condition has been reduced by 95%... Many thanks to the authors!





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# Wine and Spirits

## Pairing Wines with Chocolate

Some say it can't be done, pairing wine with chocolate, but if you have the right wine to complement the right chocolate it can be a match made in heaven! Whether you are pairing a delicate white chocolate or a lively dark chocolate with wine, there are a few pairing tips to keep in mind.

### **Tips for Successfully Pairing Wines with Chocolate**

Rule #1, typically the wine should be at least as sweet, if not a touch sweeter, than the chocolate you are serving it with. Otherwise, the taste may quickly veer towards bitter or sour.

When pairing wines with chocolate, your best bet is to match lighter, more elegant flavored chocolates with lighter-bodied wines; likewise, the stronger the chocolate, the more full-bodied the wine should be. For example, a bittersweet chocolate tends to pair well with an intense, in-your-face California Zinfandel.

Similar to "formal" wine tasting, if you will be experimenting with several varieties of chocolates, work from light to dark. Start with a more subtle white chocolate and end on a dark or bittersweet chocolate.

### **White Chocolate Wine Suggestions**

White chocolate tends to be more mellow and buttery in flavor, making it an ideal candidate for a Sherry (consider the Osborne Pedro Ximénez Sherry \$20), for a Moscato d'Asti (try Saracco Moscato d'Asti 2006, \$13), from Italy's Piedmont region offers subtle, sweet bubbles, or an Orange Muscat (try Ventana Vineyard's Muscat d'Orange for \$18). The Sherry and Moscato d'Asti will pick up the creaminess of the chocolates and the Orange Muscat will pick up any fruit tones on the scene. Another route, for pairing wine with white chocolate is going for the contrast pairing approach, this is a little riskier, but when you find a match it can be exceptional. For example, taking a wine like a Zinfandel which tends to have a heavier tannic content and often a higher alcohol level and partnering it with a creamy, buttered white chocolate can have an unusual "melding" affect. It's like the tannins get softened out by the fat content and make for a remarkable potential for pairing.

### **Milk Chocolate Wine Suggestions**

Pinot Noir (you might consider Mark West Pinot Noir \$10) or a lighter-bodied Merlot (try Hogue or Columbia Crest) will complement a bar of milk chocolate, a creamy chocolate mousse or chocolate accented cheesecake. Rieslings, Muscats (try Bonny Doon's Muscat Vin de Glaciere or the Bonny Doon "Vin de Glaciere" Muscat for \$15) or dessert wines tend to hold up well to mild milk chocolates. Also consider a sparkling wine or Champagne for pairing with milk chocolate dipped strawberries. Last, but not least a classic milk chocolate pairing to consider is a nice Ruby Port - a very safe bet when looking for a perfect wine to accent milk chocolate.

### **Dark Chocolate Wine Suggestions**

Dark or bittersweet chocolates need a wine that offers a roasted, slightly robust flavor itself, with perhaps a hint of its own



chocolate notes. Cabs and Zinfandels have a history of perfecting the dark chocolate match, resulting in an unparalleled tasting combination. A Cabernet Sauvignon or a Zinfandel (try Ancient Peaks Zinfandel 2006, \$30) will more than fill your chocolate pairing expectations. Also consider a Pinot Noir or a Merlot to handle dark chocolate around the 55% cocoa mark. Finally, give a Tawny or Vintage Port a go to offer a very well balanced pairing approach to a dark chocolate dessert or truffle.



# Wine and Spirits

## Forget Love Potion No. 9 And Mix Up These Valentine's Day Cocktails

Valentine's Day has become a day to celebrate the love in your life with your lover, friends and family. For some, it's a day to honor and enjoy our everyday connections and serves as a reminder to give the people in their lives a little extra attention. For others, Valentine's Day can be a daunting or expensive undertaking, filled with expectations and pressure or serves as a reminder of being single. So, whether you're a couple of lovebirds looking to commemorate the day together or celebrate in style with friends, Valentine's Day cocktails can spark the passion faster than cupid's arrow or create a festive atmosphere to toast with friends. Tequila CAZADORES' mixologist Manny Hinojosa has created some sumptuous and irresistible "love tonics" sure to make your evening a sensation.

### "Cazadores" San Valentin

1 oz. Cazadores® Reposado

1 ½ oz Pink guava nectar

¾ oz. Raspberry liquor

Top with MARTINI & ROSSI® Prosecco

Serve in a champagne flute

Garnish with a lemon twist.

Method: In a

mixing

glass add

Cazadores,

Guava nectar,

Raspberry liquor, ice

and shake. Pour in a

champagne glass and top

with Prosecco.

Garnish with a lemon twist.

Nice pink- reddish color,

perfect for Valentine's Day.



### Bluererry Passion

1 ½ oz. Cazadores® Reposado

¾ oz. Blueberry Passion Schnapps

¼ oz. Blue Curacao

1 ½ oz. pineapple juice

½ oz. fresh lemon juice

Serve over the rocks in a margarita glass.

Method: in a mixing glass add Cazadores, blueberry passion, blue curaco, pineapple juice, lemon juice and shake.

Pour over the rocks in a margarita glass.

Garnish with a lemon wheel.



### Roast Pork in Beer Sauce

#### à la Spaten

#### Ingredients:

1.5 kg (3.5 lbs) shoulder of pork

Mixture of salt, pepper and paprika

Garlic paste

2 teaspoons of caraway seeds

¼ l (one cup) of hot water or bouillon

2 onions

1 leek or shallots

2 carrots

½ to ¾ l (2-3 cups) of Spaten Münchner Hell beer

#### Preparation:

Score the rind and fatty layer of the pork shoulder into diamond-shape patterns and rub it well with garlic paste and a mixture of salt, pepper and paprika. Sprinkle with caraway seeds. Preheat the oven to 220° C (428° Fahrenheit) or, when using circulating air, to 200° C (390° Fahrenheit). Place the roast on a roasting tray, rind downwards, and put it in the oven. After about 10 minutes, baste with water or bouillon. Turn the roast and add the onions, shallots and carrots. Leave in the oven for about 60 minutes at 180° C (356° Fahrenheit) or, when using circulating air, at 160° C (320° Fahrenheit). Gradually pour the beer over the roast. Remove from oven after the rind has turned a crispy brown. Strain the sauce and season to taste. Serve with potato dumplings and combination of sliced apples and red cabbage.



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# Music - New Found Glory By Trish Imbrogno

New Found Energy, New Found Purpose



Pundik, Gilbert, Steven Klein (guitar), Ian Grushka (bass) and Cyrus Bolooki (drums) - for over ten years. "You fight with your mom. You don't hang out with her all the time. But you love her! You're never going to hate her. We're family. It might sound cliché, but that's what it is."

That family first came together in Coral Springs, Florida in 1997. Nothing Gold Can Stay (1999) and New Found Glory (2000) became classics thanks to hard-touring and good natured relationship building the world over, which ensured the next two albums (Sticks and Stones and Catalyst) would both debut in the Top 5 on the Billboard 200 chart.

New Found Glory's first Epitaph album has no guest appearances, no frills, nothing but fantastic songs and powerful performances. "If you really listen to our music, you can't pigeonhole it. We play music that we

**T**hat's what Not Without A Fight is all about. The first New Found Glory album to bear the Epitaph logo brims with fresh promise, showcasing a band comfortable in their own skin and eager to get back to basics and present it all to the world. Not Without A Fight is arguably the strongest addition to an impressive catalog with no less than three gold records and some of the most memorable songs of the past decade.

Not Without A Fight packs together the best elements of fan favorite albums like Sticks and Stones (2002) and Catalyst (2004) with a reinvigorated drive making for a declaration that's fresh and timely. There's pop, there's punk, there's crunch, there's those irrepressible melodies and Jordan Pundik's instantly recognizable voice is in fine form.

"Nobody in New Found Glory loves anything as much as this band," says guitarist Chad Gilbert, by way of explanation as to how they have managed to maintain the same lineup -

love."



Not Without A Fight is alternately the band's most streamlined and direct but powerful and broad album thus far.

"New Found Glory is back to where we want it to be: we tour, we play music and it's from the heart." The band brings their tour - with Saves The Day, Hellogoodbye, and Fireworks - to Pittsburgh on February 26 at Club Zoo. Pittsburgh's only under-21 nightclub, located at 1630 Smallman Street in the Strip District, Club Zoo unleashes the hottest party this and every Friday and Saturday Night from 8:00pm - 1:00am. Club Zoo features 20,000 square feet, four Levels, a VIP Room, five bars serving free soft drinks, bottled water, an assortment of energy drinks, and food.

For ticket to the February 26 show, visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or visit [www.druskyentertainment.com](http://www.druskyentertainment.com).





# Music Green Skies A'comin'...

## Greensky Bluegrass returns Picksburgh

By Trish Imbrogno, Photo by J. VanBuhler



I love music. Not just any music, but good music. The only thing I love more than good music is hearing it played by people with impeccable technical chops. That about sums up GREENSKY BLUEGRASS – a quintet of pickers originating from Michigan.

Greensky Bluegrass is one of the most exciting bands in today's music scene. Like a breath of fresh air, this five-piece band plays traditional bluegrass instruments and uses them to create original songs and soundscapes that are unique and new, yet somehow feel comfortable and familiar. Though they have been likened to '70s era Americana acts like The Band, Greensky would prefer not to be compared to any other bands. "We really just try to make music as a group that sounds and feels right to us", says mandolin player Paul Hoffman, later adding, "it is nice to know that other people really dig it, too."

While "green sky" is the opposite of "blue grass", the band insists that the name came about as more of a pun than a statement about their music. "Along with the tradition of bluegrass, we all have lots of different musical influences that we bring to the table", says guitar player Dave Bruzza, "and we somehow wanted to reflect that in our name." Upon witnessing the band's live shows, this statement seems to make a little more sense. On any given night, in addition to the myriad of excellent original songs, one might hear traditional bluegrass songs with an exploratory rock and roll jam or selections from the Talking Heads, Jimi Hendrix, The Grateful Dead or Bob Marley turned bluegrass. "We are as likely to play a three minute song as we are a ten minute song on any given night", says dobro player Anders Beck, "and I think that keeps it exciting for the audience". Perhaps this is the reason that

Greensky Bluegrass is as equally embraced by the jam-band community as it is the bluegrass/Americana community and the band's fan base is growing so rapidly.

Greensky Bluegrass is touring in support of their recently released fourth album, "Five Interstates", which was produced by Tim Carbone of Railroad Earth. The album, their strongest to date, features twelve original tracks and one traditional bluegrass song (a nod to the deceased King of Bluegrass, Jimmy Martin), and showcases the band's songwriting and playing talents in a way that is incredibly accessible to fans of many different types of music. Carbone notes on the package: "Five Interstates came together like five lives intertwined, the intersection of a lifetime frozen in precious time and preserved in a digital tableau. I'm blessed... We're all blessed to be witness to a band ascending as true as an arrow shot to the sky."

Since winning the 2006 Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Contest, Greensky has been touring constantly, playing over 170 shows a year, and all the hard work is certainly paying off. Recent highlights are too many to list, but include selling out venues in many parts of the country, sharing the stage with musical heroes, getting asked to play shows with the likes of Tony Rice and Peter Rowan, Sam Bush, Yonder Mountain String Band and Railroad Earth, and being asked to play the inaugural Rothbury Festival in their home state of Michigan. "It certainly felt like an affirmation that we are doing something right", noted bass player Mike Devol.

Greensky Bluegrass rolls into Pittsburgh with the legendary Larry Keel and The Natural Bridge ([www.larrykeel.com](http://www.larrykeel.com)) on Friday, February 26, to play the Rex Theater on Pittsburgh's South Side.

This isn't just any old show... it's a bit of history in the making! Greensky will be releasing the first 2-CD set in a series of limited edition, live releases entitled All Access: Volume 1. Along with two-dozen original tunes, the group also expands the genre's limits with exciting covers of tunes by such outside-the-bluegrass-norm acts like The Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Pink Floyd.

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# Theater - Xanadu

## Best New Musical 2008- Outer Critic Circle Award



**X**anadu, the critically acclaimed show called "Heaven on Wheels" by The New York Times, graces Pittsburgh's Benedum Center for six nights of an infectious and entertaining feat beginning Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Winner of Best New Musical 2008- Outer Critic Circle Award, and four 2008 Tony Award Nominations, Xanadu claims the stage with its hilarity on wheels for adults, children, and anyone who has ever wanted to feel inspired with electrifying tales and endless fun. Xanadu is part of the PNC Broadway Across America – Pittsburgh series, presented by The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Pittsburgh Symphony and Broadway Across America. Xanadu takes audiences back to 1980's California, following the magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens to inspire the greatest of artistic achievements – the first roller disco! The simplistic expectations of this feat quickly transform into a situation of forbidden love with a struggling young artist. The score, composed by pop rock legends Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, includes the hits, "Magic," "Xanadu," "Party All Over the World" and "I'm Alive" -- all top 20 Billboard hits. Lynne wrote and produced all of the music of Electric Light Orchestra (E.L.O.). Farrar was also responsible for most of the

hits that were performed by Olivia Newton-John in the 1970's. XANADU is directed by Christopher Ashley and choreographed by Dan Knechtges. Production for the show includes Douglas Carter Beane (book), Jeff Lynne and John Farrar (music & lyrics), Christopher Ashley (director), Dan Knechtges (choreographer), David Gallo (scenic design), Howell Binkley (lighting design), Dan Moses Shrier and Carl Casella (sound design) and production by Robert Ahrens, Dan Vickery, Tara Smith, Brian Swibel, Mickey Liddell and Cari Smulyan.

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# Valentine's Day Humor

BY NIGHTWIRE

## Cost of Marriage

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" And the father replied, "I don't know, son, I'm still paying for it."

## Candy Love

Four-year-old Sam loved candy almost as much as his mom Sally did. He and Daddy had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. A few days later Sam was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it. As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, Sally said to him, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?" "Oh, yes," he said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."

## Dreams

A young woman was taking an afternoon nap. After she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it--only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".

## Love Stamps

A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them. His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out one thousand Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'" "But why?" asks the man. "I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.

## Smart Deal

A smart, handsome and sexy young man dressed in the most sophisticated manner walked into the bar. He noticed a woman staring at him without blinking her eyes with an open mouth. Flattered, he approached the woman and said in his sexiest deep voice - "I'll do anything you wish, beautiful lady, for just \$20 but on one condition." The woman was trapped in a moment and asked as if in a trance - "What's your condition?" The young man replied, "Tell me your wish in just three words." After a long pause, woman opened her purse, counted the money and handed it to the man along with her address. She then looked deeply into his eyes and whispered, "Clean my house."

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## Valentine's Day at a Bar

A very shy guy goes into a bar on Valentine's Day night and sees a beautiful woman. After a long struggle with his shyness, he finally managed to walk over to her and asked her politely, "Um, would you mind if I give you company?" She made a furious face and yelled at the top of her lungs, "How dare you asked me to sleep with you tonight?" Everyone in the pub started staring at the man who was completely embarrassed. After a few minutes, woman walked over to him and apologized - "You see I am a student of psychology and studying how people respond to embarrassing situations. I am sorry but I was just doing my experiment!" The young man suddenly gave a loud yell, "What do you mean \$200?"

## The Fool

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." And the husband replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice it."

## Wishing Well

A couple came upon a wishing well. The wife leaned over, made a wish and threw in a penny. The husband decided to make a wish, too but he leaned over too much, fell into the well, and drowned. The wife was stunned for a moment but then smiled, "It really works!"

## Worst Thing You Can Say On A First Date

- I know we just met and this might seem a little sudden ... but could I borrow five hundred dollars?
- I don't see my ex-girlfriend that much... thanks to the U.S. Department of Justice."
- Wait till my wife hears about this!
- I had a good time tonight. I'd love to see you again in six to eight months with good behavior.

## Special Gifts

I just love to do special things for my wife on Valentine's Day! Simple things like:

- Open the door for her when she puts all the laundry in the washing machine,
  - Plug and unplug the vacuum as she moves from room to room cleaning.
- Guys, it's these little thoughtful things you can do to have a marriage such as mine!

## Absence

I remember one Valentine's Day I had to be away on a business trip. I wired flowers for my lovely wife, but she found the fuse. Infatuation is when you think he's as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen, and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize that he's as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger and nothing like Robert Redford -but you'll take him anyway.

## Valentine's One Liners

If you want your wife to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: either the car is new or the wife.

First Guy (proudly): "My wife's an angel!"  
Second Guy: "You're lucky, mine's still alive."

Love may not make the world spin around, but it certainly makes a lot of people dizzy.

Here's to love - the only fire for which there is no insurance.

## A Thoughtful Valentine's Day Gift

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day. 'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.' 'That was very kind of you,' Jim added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought.' Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'

## My One And Only

Roger, was buying an expensive bracelet, for his girlfriend on Valentine's Day. The jeweler inquired, 'Would you like your girlfriend's name engraved on it?' Roger thought for a moment, and answered, 'No, instead engrave "To my one and only love".' The jeweler smiled and said, 'How very romantic of you.' Roger retorted with a glint in his eye, 'Not exactly romantic, but very practical. This way, if we break up, I can use it again.'

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# Valentine's Day Humor BY NIGHTWIRE

## Here's a list of what NOT to give her for Valentines Day:

1. A box of chocolates, clumsily rearranged in an attempt to hide the fact you ate all the caramel ones.
2. Lingerie that you think will look almost as good on her as on the Victoria's Secret model.
3. Any clothing item with the words "push-up" or "slim-down" on the label.
4. Any food item with the words "diet", "light", or "high fiber" on the label.
5. Any video starring Sylvester Stallone, Jim Carrey, or Jenna Jameson.
6. Flowers from a hospital's gift shop--or worse, a mortuary's.
7. Poetry, no matter how heartfelt, that starts out "There was once a girl from Nantucket..."
8. Anything you ever gave another woman, including your mother.
9. Any household appliance, power tool or other item from the harder side of Sears.
10. A gift certificate.
11. Cash.
12. Anything you could have bought at the gas station mini-mart on the way over, even if you didn't.
13. An apologetic look and the words "That was today?"

## If You Love Somebody

I always thought the original saying was, "If you love something, set it free. If it doesn't come back to you, it wasn't yours to begin with." However, for the purposes of this test, let's use the proposed version. In which category do \*you\* fall?

### "The Old Version"

If you love somebody, Set her free...  
If she comes back, she's yours,  
If she doesn't, she never was....

### "The New Versions"

#### *Pessimist*

If you love somebody, Set her free ...  
If she ever comes back, she's yours,  
If she doesn't, well, as expected, she never was.

#### *Optimist*

If you love somebody, Set her free ...  
Don't worry, she will come back.

#### *Suspicious*

If you love somebody, Set her free ...  
If she ever comes back, ask her why.

#### *Impatient*

If you love somebody, Set her free ...  
If she doesn't comes back within some time forget her.

#### *Patient*

If you love somebody, Set her free ...  
If she doesn't come back, continue to wait until she comes back ...

#### *Playful*

If you love somebody, Set her free ...  
\* If she comes back, and if you love her still, set her free again, repeat \*

#### *Vengeful*

If you love somebody, Set her free...  
If she doesn't come back,  
Hunt her down and shoot her.

#### *C++ Programmer*

```
if(you-love(m_she)) m_she.free()
if(m_she == NULL)
m_she= new CShe;
```

#### *Animal-Rights Activist*

If you love somebody, Set her free...  
In fact, all living creatures deserve to be free!!

#### *Lawyers*

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*Bill Gates*

If you love somebody, Set her free...  
If she comes back, I think we can charge her for re-installation  
fees and tell her that she's also going to get an upgrade.

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*Biologist*

If you love somebody, Set her free...  
She'll evolve.

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*Statistician*

If you love somebody, Set her free...  
If she loves you, the probability of her coming back is high,  
If she doesn't, your relation was improbable anyway.

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*Schwarzenegger's Fan*

If you love somebody, Set her free...  
SHE'LL BE BACK!

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*Overpossessive*

If you love somebody don't set her free.

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*MBA*

If you love somebody set her free...  
instantaneously...and look for others simultaneously

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*Rhett Butler*

If you love somebody set YOURSELF FREE  
If she asks you why say you don't give a damn.

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*Finance Expert*

If you love somebody set her free...  
If she comes back, its time to look at fresh loans.  
If she doesn't, write her off as an asset gone bad.

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*Marketing Expert*

If you love somebody set her free...  
If she comes back, she has brand loyalty  
If she doesn't, reposition the brand in new markets.

## Lonely Hearts

How honest are people likely to be in describing themselves or  
what they seek? This is a compilation of possible  
interpretations of the most commonly used words and phrases  
on Craig's List.

**Affectionate Lady Sought**

Schoolboy seeks filthy-minded older woman with gigantic tits.

**Artist**

Likes to decorate the Christmas tree, or: broke, smokes a lot  
of dope and talks nonsense about Existentialist Expressionism.

**Attractive**

Ugly.

**Average Height**

For a pygmy.

**Beautiful**

Her mother used to tell her that she was a beautiful little girl.

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That was 45 years ago.

## **Bisexual Girls Sought**

Dirty old man wants to watch lesbians in action.

## **Bonding Relationship Sought**

"Bonding" is the key word. Expect handcuffs and leather implements.

## **Businessman**

Old, divorced, fat. Sells fake furs in flea markets.

## **Buxom**

Exceptionally so. Sagging, too.

## **Caring Relationship Sought**

Sponging, 100% supportive relationship sought.

## **Car-Ownning**

Owns a 1958 Chevy truck.

## **Valentine's Day Scorecard for Guys--- How did you rate?**

### **1) Simple Duties**

You go out to buy her flowers: +5

But return with beer: -5

You check out a suspicious noise at night: 0

You check out a suspicious noise and it's nothing: 0

You check out a suspicious noise and it's something: +5

You pummel it with a six iron: +10

It's her cat: -10

### **2) Social Engagements**

You stay by her side the entire party: 0

You stay by her side for a while, then leave to chat with a drinking buddy: -2

Named Tiffany: -4

Tiffany is a dancer: -6

Tiffany has implants: -8

### **3) Saturday Afternoons**

You visit her parents: +1

You visit her parents and actually make conversation: +3

You visit her parents and stare vacantly at the television: -3

And the television is off: -6

You spend the afternoon watching college football in your underwear: -6

And you didn't even go to college: -10

And it's not really your underwear: -15

### **4) Her Birthday**

You take her out to dinner: 0



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You take her out to dinner and it's not a sports bar: +1  
 Okay, it is a sports bar: -2  
 And it's all-you-can-eat night: -3  
 It's a sports bar, it's all-you-can-eat night, and your face is painted the colors of your favorite team: -10  
 You give her a gift: 10  
 You give her a gift, and it's a small appliance: -10  
 You give her a gift, and it's not a small appliance: +1  
 You give her a gift, and it isn't chocolate: +2  
 You give her a gift that you'll be paying off for months: +30  
 You wait until the last minute and buy her a gift that day: -10  
 With her credit card: -30  
 And whatever you bought is two sizes too big: -40

### 5) Thoughtfulness

You forget to pick her up at the bus station: -25  
 Which is in Detroit: -35  
 And the pouring rain dissolves her leg cast: -50

### 6) A Night Out With Your Pals

You have a few beers: -9  
 For every beer after three, -2 again  
 And miss curfew by an hour: -12  
 You get home at 3 a.m.: -20  
 You get home at 3 a.m. smelling of booze and cheap cigars: -30  
 And not wearing any pants: -40  
 Is that a tattoo? -200

### 7) A Night Out, Just The Two Of You

You go see a comic: +2  
 He's crude and sexist: -2  
 You laugh: -5  
 You laugh too much: -10  
 She's not laughing: -15  
 You laugh harder: -25

### 8) Driving

You lose the directions on a trip: -4  
 You lose the directions and end up getting lost: -10  
 You end up getting lost in a bad part of town: -15  
 You get lost in a bad part of town and meet the locals: -25  
 She finds out you lied about having a black belt: -60

### 9) Communication

When she wants to talk, you listen, displaying a concerned expression: +20  
 When she wants to talk, you listen, for over 30 minutes: +5  
 You listen for more than 30 minutes, without looking at the television: +10  
 She realizes this is because you've fallen asleep: -10

## The Ten Commandments of Love

- I. I am thy Main Squeeze; thou shalt squeeze no others before me.
- II. Thou shalt not take the name of they Squeeze in vain, nor badmouth me behind my back.
- III. Remember our Anniversary, and keep it holy. Or else.
- IV. Honor MY mother and father. THINE are too damn weird.

- V. Thou shalt not kill my love by behaving tackily and making me embarrassed to be seen with thee.
- VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery, nor shalt thou even THINK about it if thou knowest what's good for thee.
- VII. Thou shalt not steal from my purse/wallet while I am in thy bathroom, nor use my credit cards, nor make long-distance calls from my phone.
- VIII. Thou shalt not talk about our personal problems to our friends.
- IX. Thou shalt not covet the higher market price of thy neighbor's house.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's Squeeze, nor son or daughter, nor stereo, nor BMW.

## Gift Alternatives

There were three men drinking in a bar, a doctor, an attorney and a biker. As the doctor was drinking his white wine he said, "For Valentine's Day I'm going to buy my wife a fur coat and a diamond ring. This way if she doesn't like the fur coat she will still love me because she got a diamond ring." As the attorney was drinking his martini he said, "For Valentine's Day I'm going to buy my wife a designer dress and a gold bracelet. This way if she doesn't like the dress she will still love me because she got the gold bracelet." As the biker was drinking his shots of whiskey he said, "For Valentine's Day I'm going to buy my wife a t-shirt and a vibrator. This way if she doesn't like the t-shirt she can go f\*\*\* herself!"

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- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice

- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian



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- Card Reader - 7PM - ?  
- \$1.00 Tacos

**Friday - Bombers \$3.25**  
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- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

## The Aisle Seat

Two Radical Arab Terrorists boarded a flight out of London . One took a window seat and the other sat next to him in the middle seat... Just before takeoff, a U.S. . Marine sat down in the aisle seat. After takeoff, the Marine kicked his shoes off, wiggled his toes and was settling in when the Arab in the window seat said, 'I need to get up and get a coke.' 'Don't get up,' said the Marine, 'I'm in the aisle seat, 'I'll get it for you.' As soon as he left, one of the Arabs picked up the Marines shoe and spat in it. When the Marine returned with the coke, the other Arab said, 'That looks good, I'd really like one, too.' Again, the Marine obligingly went to fetch it. While he was gone the other Arab picked up the Marines other shoe and spat in it. When the Marine returned, they all sat back and enjoyed the flight. As the plane was landing, the Marine slipped his feet into his shoes and knew immediately what had happened. He leaned over and asked his Arab neighbors... 'Why does it have to be this way?' 'How long must this go on?' This fighting between our nations? This hatred? This animosity? This spitting in shoes and pissing in cokes?' THE FEW. THE PROUD. THE MARINES!

## The Lottery

A husband says to his wife, "What would you do if I won the Lottery?" She says, "I'd take half, then leave you!" "Excellent," he replies, "I won 12 bucks, here's \$6, now get the F\*\*\* out."

## Computer Fix

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\*t.

## An Actual Craig's List Personals Ad

*To the Guy Who Tried to Mug Me in Downtown Savannah night before last. Date: 2009-05-27, 1:43 a.m. E.S.T.* I was the guy wearing the black Burberry jacket that you demanded that I hand over, shortly after you pulled the knife on me and my girlfriend, threatening our lives. You also asked for my girlfriend's purse and earrings. I can only hope that you somehow come across this rather important message. First, I'd like to apologize for your embarrassment; I didn't expect you to actually crap in your pants when I drew my pistol after you took my jacket.. The evening was not that cold, and I was wearing the jacket for a reason. My girlfriend had just bought me that Kimber Model 1911 .45 ACP pistol for my birthday, and we had picked up a shoulder holster for it that very evening. Obviously you agree that it is a very intimidating weapon when pointed at your head ... isn't it?! I know it probably wasn't fun walking back to wherever you'd come from with that brown sludge in your pants. I'm sure it was even worse walking bare-footed since I made you leave your

shoes, cell phone, and wallet with me. [That prevented you from calling or running to your buddies to come help mug us again]. After I called your mother or "Momma" as you had her listed in your cell, I explained the entire episode of what you'd done. Then I went and filled up my gas tank as well as those of four other people in the gas station, -- on your credit card. The guy with the big motor home took 150 gallons and was extremely grateful! I gave your shoes to a homeless guy outside Vinnie Van Go Go's, along with all the cash in your wallet. [That made his day!] I then threw your wallet into the big pink "pimp mobile" that was parked at the curb .... after I broke the windshield and side window and keyed the entire driver's side of the car. Later, I called a bunch of phone sex numbers from your cell phone. Ma Bell just now shut down the line, although I only used the phone for a little over a day now, so what 's going on with that? Earlier, I managed to get in two threatening phone calls to the DA's office and one to the FBI, while mentioning President Obama as my possible target. The FBI guy seemed really intense and we had a nice long chat (I guess while he traced your number etc.). In a way, perhaps I should apologize for not killing you ... but I feel this type of retribution is a far more appropriate punishment for your threatened crime. I wish you well as you try to sort through some of these rather immediate pressing issues, and can only hope that you have the opportunity to reflect upon, and perhaps reconsider, the career path you've chosen to pursue in life.. Remember, next time you might not be so lucky. Have a good day!

*Thoughtfully yours,  
Alex*



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## The Princess

Once upon a time there lived a king. The king had a beautiful daughter, the PRINCESS. But there was a problem. Everything the princess touched would melt. No matter what; metal, wood, stone, anything she touched would melt. Because of this, men were afraid of her. Nobody would dare marry her. The king despaired. What could he do to help his daughter? He consulted his wizards and magicians. One wizard told the king, "If your daughter touches one thing that does not melt in her hands, she will be cured." The king was overjoyed and came up with a plan. The next day, he held a competition. Any man that could bring his daughter an object that would not melt would marry her and inherit the king's wealth. Three young princes took up the challenge. The first brought a sword of the finest steel. But alas, when the princess touched it, it melted. The prince went away sadly. The second prince brought diamonds. He thought diamonds are the hardest substance in the world and would not melt. But alas, once the princess touched them, they melted. He too was sent away disappointed. The third prince approached. He told the princess, put your hand in my pocket and feel what is in there." The princess did as she was told, though she turned red. She felt something hard. She held it in her hand. And it did not melt!!! The king was overjoyed. Everybody in the kingdom was overjoyed. And the third prince married the princess and they both lived happily ever after. Question: What was in the prince's pants? M&M's of course. They melt in your mouth, not in your hand. What were you thinking??

## Irish Luck

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. 'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. 'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill .. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Someone once said: What goes around comes around. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

## Irish Wish

May there always be work for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.  
And may you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead.

## Did You Know This About Leather Dresses?

Do you know that when a woman wears a leather dress, a man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he gets weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally??? Ever wonder why? It's because she smells like a new Truck.

## A Winter Poem

I found this beautiful winter poem and thought it might be a comfort to you. It was to me, and it's very well written. I felt it really captured my own feelings about winter.  
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## A Beautiful Message About Growing Older

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## 2010 Census to Begin

*WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers by Susan Johnson*

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

\*\* If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

\*\* Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security

number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. ... Census. REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will they employ solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau. AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

## Red Head

After their baby was born, the panicked father went to see the Obstetrician. 'Doctor,' the man said, 'I don't mind telling you, but I'm a little upset because my daughter has red hair. She can't possibly be mine!' 'Nonsense,' the doctor said. 'Even though you and your wife both have black hair, one of your ancestors may have contributed red hair to the gene pool.' 'It isn't possible,' the man insisted. 'This can't be, our families on both sides had jet-black hair for generations.' 'Well,' said the doctor, 'let me ask you this.

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How often do you have sex?" 'I've been working very hard for the past year. We only made love once or twice every few months.' 'Well, there you have it!' The doctor said confidently. 'It's rust!'

## The Open Zipper

The boss walked into the office one morning not knowing his zipper was down and his fly area wide open. His assistant walked up to him and said, 'This morning when you left your house, did you close your garage door?' The boss told her he knew he'd closed the garage door, and walked into his office puzzled by the question. As he finished his paperwork, he suddenly noticed his fly was open, and zipped it up. He then understood his assistant's question about his 'garage door.' He headed out for a cup of coffee and paused by her desk to ask, 'When my garage door was open, did you see my Hummer parked in there?' She smiled and said, 'No, I didn't. All I saw was an old mini van with two flat tires..'

## Ten Signs You Might be a Taliban Member

10. You refine heroin for a living, but you have a moral objection to beer.
9. You own a \$300 machine gun and a \$5,000 rocket launcher, but you can't afford shoes.
8. You have more wives than teeth.
7. You think vests come in two styles: bullet-proof and suicide.

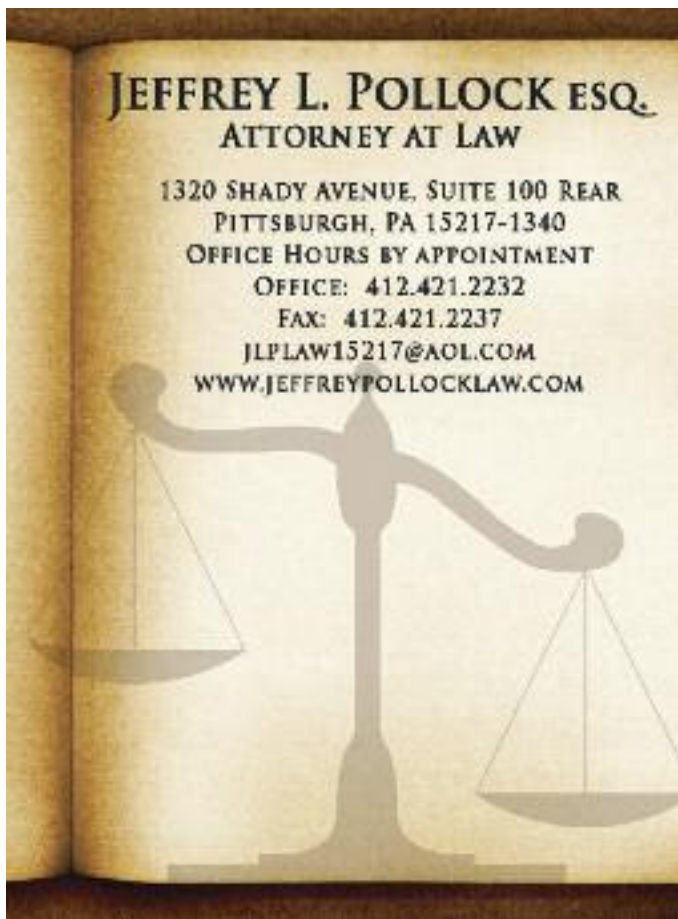
6. You can't think of anyone you HAVEN'T declared Jihad against.
5. You consider television dangerous, but routinely carry ammunition in your robe.
4. You've never been asked, 'Does this burka make my ass look big?'
3. You were amazed to discover that cell phones have uses other than setting off roadside bombs.
2. A common compliment is, 'I love what you've done with your cave.'

*And, the NUMBER ONE SIGN you might be a member of the Taliban:*

1. You wipe your butt with your bare hand, but consider bacon unclean.

## Things My Mother Taught Me

1. TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: 'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'
2. My mother taught me RELIGION: 'You better pray that will come out of the carpet.'
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL: 'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'
4. My mother taught me LOGIC: 'Because I said so .. that's why.'
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: 'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.'
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT: 'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'
7. My mother taught me IRONY: 'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.'
8. My mother taught me about the scientific process of OSMOSIS: 'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.'
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: 'Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!'
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA: 'You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone.'
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER: 'This room of yours looks like a tornado went through it.'
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: 'If I told you once, I've told you a million times: Don't exaggerate!'
13. My mother taught me about the CIRCLE OF LIFE: 'I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.'
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: 'Stop acting like your father!'
15. My mother taught me about ENVY: 'There are millions of less fortunate children in the world who don't have the parents like you do.'
16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: 'Just wait until I get you home.'
17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING: 'You are going to get it when you get home!'
18. My mother taught me about MEDICAL SCIENCE: 'If you don't stop crossing your eyes, your face is going to freeze that way.'
19. My mother taught me about ESP: 'Put your sweater on. Don't you think I know when you are cold?'
20. My mother taught me HUMOR: 'When that lawn mower cuts your toes off, don't come running to me.'





21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: 'If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.'
22. My mother taught me about GENETICS: 'You're just like your father.'
23. My mother taught me about MY ROOTS: 'Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?'
24. My mother taught me WISDOM: 'When you get to be my age, you'll understand.'
25. And my favorite - My mother taught me about JUSTICE: 'One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you.'

## Insults That Might Come in Handy

You've got a face like a squeezed tea-bag

- Go play in traffic
- If you had a brain you'd be dangerous
- If you went to a mind reader there would be no charge
- I know when you are lying, Your lips move
- The lights are on, but no one is home
- You are as much use as mud guards on a tortoise
- The Wheel's moving but the hamster's dead
- You are as much use as a chocolate teapot
- You are one sandwich short of a picnic
- A pity your brain isn't as big as your bottom

## Six Foot Ass

Early one morning, a rookie cop was on radar duty under a bridge, when he observed a red Corvette, traveling at a ridiculous speed. Upon pulling the car over he asked the driver, "What's the hurry, Buddy?" The driver calmly replied, "I'm late for work." "Oh yeah, what exactly do you do?" asked the Cop. "I'm a Rectum Stretcher," the driver says. I stick one finger in the rectum, wriggle it around, and then when it's stretched large enough I move on to two fingers and so on until I make the rectum about 6 feet." "What the hell do you do with a 6 foot ass?" the Cop inquired. "Well, apparently you give him a radar gun and tell him to hide under a bridge"...

## Things PMS Stand For

- Pass My Shotgun
- Psychotic Mood Swing
- Perpetual Munching Spree
- Puffy Mid-Section
- People Make Me Sick
- Provide Me With Sweets
- Pardon My Sobbing
- Pimples May Surface
- Pass My Sweats
- Pissy Mood Syndrome
- Pack My Stuff
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## Blondes

**Q:** What is the difference between a blonde and a vending machine?

**A:** Nothing.....you get what you paid for.

**Q:** Why did the blonde keep a picture of herself in her room?

**A:** So she could use it as a mirror.

**Q:** What do you call 10 blondes standing in a circle?

**A:** A dope ring!



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## Jerk Gets a Ticket

A motorcycle officer stops a vehicle that has ran a red light. The driver is a real jerk and comes running back to the officer and asks why he is being harassed by the Gestapo and the officer calmly tells the driver of the red light violation. The driver goes into a tirade, and questioning the officer's ancestry, sexual orientation etc. The officer takes it all in professional stride and writes the ticket and places an "AH" in the bottom right hand corner. The officer hands the driver the ticket and requests a signature. The driver angrily signs the ticket and notices the "AH" and demands to know what that is for. The officer removes his mirror like sunglasses and gets in the drivers face and in a low voice says "So that when we get in court in three months time, I can remember that you are an ass hole!" Three months later, in court, the driver has hired a lawyer, as his driving record is not what you would call perfect, and he expects to lose his license. The officer gives his evidence on the driver running a red light. Then under cross examination, the driver's lawyer asks if this is the ticket the officer had issued. "Yes, this is the defendant's copy of the ticket I issued," states the officer. Lawyer then asks "Is there any particular marking or notation on this ticket that you don't normally make?" The officer says "Yes in the bottom right hand corner, in the Narrative box, is the AH underlined" Lawyer: "What does the AH stand for, officer?" Officer:

"Aggressive and Hostile" Lawyer: "Are you sure?" Officer: "Yes sir." Lawyer: "Are you sure that it doesn't stand for ass hole?" Officer: "Well sir, I am sure you know your client better than I do."

## Fred

Cop stops a car for traveling faster than the posted speed limit. He asks the man his name. "Fred," he replies. "Fred what?" the officer asks. "Just Fred," the man responds. The officer is in a good mood, doesn't smell alcohol, and thinks he might just give the fellow a break and write him out a warning, instead of a ticket. So the officer then presses him for the last name. The man tells him that he used to have a last name but lost it. The officer thinks that he has a nutcase on his hands but plays along with it. "Tell me, Fred, how did you lose your last name?" The man replies, "It's a long story, so stay with me. I was born Fred Dingaling.....I know....a funny last name. The kids used to tease me all the time. So I stayed to myself, studied hard, and got good grades. When I got older I realized that I wanted to be a doctor. I went through college, medical school, internship, residency, and finally got my degree, so I was Fred Dingaling, MD." "After a while I got bored being a doctor, so I decided to go back to school. Dentistry was my dream! Got all the way through school, got my degree, so then I was Fred Dingaling, MD, DDS." "Got bored doing dentistry,

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# Humor BY NIGHTWIRE

so I started fooling around with my assistant and she gave me VD. So now I was Fred Dingaling, MD, DDS, with VD. Well, the ADA found out about the VD, so they took away my DDS. Then I was Fred Dingaling, MD with VD. Then the AMA found out about the ADA taking away my DDS because of the VD, so they took away my MD, leaving me as Fred Dingaling with VD. Then the VD took away my Dingaling, so now I am just Fred." The officer walked away in tears, laughing.

## Cop Humor

Who says cops don't have a sense of humor? The following were purportedly taken off actual police car videos around the country.

- "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch out after you wear them awhile."
- "Take your hands off the car, and I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
- "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
- "Can you run faster than 1,200 feet per second? In case you didn't know, that is the average speed of a 9 mm bullet fired from my gun."
- "So you don't know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"
- "Yes, Sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh ... did I mention that I am the shift supervisor?"
- "Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
- "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
- "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy, and step in monkey poop."
- "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
- "Just how big were those two beers?"
- "No sir we don't have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we want."
- "I'm glad to hear the Chief of Police is a good personal friend of yours. At least you know someone who can post your bail."
- "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

## Auto Accident

The car sped off the highway, went through the guardrail, rolled down a cliff, bounced off a tree and finally shuddered to a stop. A passing motorist, who had witnessed the entire accident, helped the miraculously unharmed driver out of the wreck. "Good lord, mister," he gasped, "are you drunk?" "Of course," said the man, brushing the dirt from his suit. "What the hell do you think I am -- a freaking stunt driver?"



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## An Old Pilot

An old Pilot sat down at the Starbucks and ordered a cup of coffee. As he sat sipping his coffee, a young woman sat down next to him.. She turned to the pilot and asked, 'Are you a real pilot?' He replied, 'Well, I've spent my whole life flying biplanes, Cubs, Aeronca's, Neiuports, flew in WWII in a B-29, and later in the Korean conflict, taught 50 people to fly and gave rides to hundreds, so I guess I am a pilot.' She said, 'I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about naked women.. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about naked women. When I shower, I think about naked women. When I watch TV, I think about naked women. It seems everything makes me think of naked women.' The two sat sipping in silence. A little while later, a young man sat down on the other side of the old pilot and asked: "are you a real pilot?" He replied, 'I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian.'

## The Pope and the Rabbi

Several centuries ago, the Pope decreed that all the Jews had to convert to Catholicism or leave Italy. There was a huge outcry from the Jewish community, so the Pope offered a deal. He'd have a religious debate with the leader of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay in Italy; if the Pope won, they'd have to convert or leave. The Jewish people met and picked an aged and wise rabbi to represent them in

the debate. However, as the rabbi spoke no Italian, and the Pope spoke no Yiddish, they agreed that it would be a "silent" debate. On the chosen day the Pope and rabbi sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. The rabbi looked back and raised one finger. Next, the Pope waved his finger around his head. The rabbi pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope brought out a communion wafer and a chalice of wine. The rabbi pulled out an apple. With that, the Pope stood up and declared himself beaten and said that the rabbi was too clever. The Jews could stay in Italy. Later the cardinals met with the Pope and asked him what had happened. The Pope said, "First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up a single finger to remind me there is still only one God common to both our beliefs. "Then, I waved my finger around my head to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground to show that God was also right here with us. "I pulled out the wine and wafer to show that God absolves us of all our sins. He pulled out an apple to remind me of the original sin. "He bested me at every move and I could not continue." Meanwhile, the Jewish community gathered to ask the rabbi how he'd won. "I haven't a clue," the rabbi said. "First, he told me that we had three days to get out of Italy, so I gave him the finger. "Then he tells me that the whole country would be cleared of Jews and I told him that we were staying right here." "And then what?" asked a woman. "Who knows?" said the rabbi. "He took out his lunch so I took out mine."

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