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Just because money is tight these days doesn't mean you have to settle for a stay-cation. The United States is home to plenty of vacation spots that offer the escape you need—complete with one-of-a-kind hotels, mouth-watering restaurants, and plenty of things to do—and prices that won't make you cringe. Here are the best values America has to offer. For more information on these destinations go to: http://travel.usnews.com/Rankings/Best_Affordable_USA_Destinations

1. Yellowstone

Why go: Forget hotel rates and bring your own accommodations. Yellowstone is home to breathtaking natural attractions that many agree are enjoyed by visitors of all ages. With miles of hiking and skiing paths, erupting hot springs, and belching mud pools, not to mention the numerous roaming animals, adventure-seekers agree that the entrance fee is a small price to pay for a walk on the wild side in America's oldest national park

2. Yosemite

Why go: With plenty of natural attractions and low-price camping areas, Yosemite offers refuge for those looking to escape their hectic urban lives. Like Yellowstone, Yosemite offers access to extensive hiking trails and breathtaking scenery for a small entrance fee, and travelers can avoid high hotel prices by simply packing a tent. If the city calls, San Francisco is just a few hours away by car.

3. Savannah

Why go: Low prices are just one of the perks of planning a trip to this Southern city, not to mention the picturesque architecture and a large number of restaurants dishing out hearty portions of Southern fare. This southern gem has a split personality—mixing traditional southern culture with a hint of contemporary flair—which can be experienced by simply strolling along the city streets. With budget-friendly room rates, recent visitors agree that there's no excuse not to stay a few extra nights.

4. Nashville

Why go: Known for offering some of the lowest hotel prices in the South—not to mention some of the most satisfying barbecue in the country—Nashville allows bargain hunters a laid-back getaway filled with down-home fun. However, you may find that it's easier to splurge on a rental car rather than trying to navigate the city on foot or by public transportation.

5. Washington D.C.

Why go: Although hotel prices are not always budget-friendly, those who are patient can generally find a room to suit both your taste and budget. And with a wide variety of things to do, visitors can spend a couple of guilt-free days perusing the dozens of Smithsonian museums along the National Mall or head into the lion's den at the National Zoo. At the end of the day, grab a meal at one of D.C.'s many budget-friendly restaurants before a night on the town.

6. Seattle

Why go: There are plenty of fun (and affordable) ways to stay dry in rainy Seattle. Caffeinate at the world's first Starbucks, peruse the Pike Place Market or stretch your

legs on the trails in the Olympic Mountains. If you don't mind the cold, you can find some great deals on Emerald City hotels during the fall and winter.

7. Chicago

Why go: Just because this city boasts a sense of newly found glamour doesn't mean Chicago doesn't cater to the bargain-hunter. Windy City is home to plenty of free attractions like Millennium Park, the Lincoln Park Zoo, and Navy Pier. And don't worry about spending a fortune on food: Sink your teeth into a slice of Chicago's renowned deep-dish pizza or a loaded hot dog (both are very affordable).

8. Austin

Why go: Sitting at the heart of the Lone Star State, Austin's fun-filled atmosphere, outdoor attractions and notorious nightlife draw crowds from all over the country. Not to mention a wide variety of lodging and dining options make the quirky "Live Music Capital of the World" a great year-round affordable vacation spot. Because this is a university town, Austin's restaurant and attraction prices cater to lower budgets.

9. Myrtle Beach

Why go: Home to numerous golf courses, beaches, and family-friendly attractions, Myrtle Beach's budget-friendly hotels and restaurants make a trip here even more enjoyable. Recent travelers have taken advantage of the many stay-and-golf deals offered by a good number of Myrtle Beach hotels, while those looking for sand and sun can spend their days sprawled out along the city's public beaches.

10. New Orleans

Why go: New Orleans offers visitors a culturally rich and sometimes scandalous getaway with prices that are much tamer than the city's reputation. Budget hotels are housed in historic buildings, and restaurants serve spicy portions of Cajun and Creole cuisine for a tiny price. However, travelers planning to visit in March will be scrambling for decent hotel rooms and sharing the city with rowdy Mardi Gras attendants

11. San Antonio

Why go: Home to the legendary Alamo and River Walk, not to mention a host of lively honky-tonks and rock clubs, San Antonio is constantly buzzing with things to do. While hotels and restaurants in the heart of the city will charge a pretty penny for their convenient location, you shouldn't have any problems saving on lodging and dining in surrounding neighborhoods like King William and Alamo Heights.

12. Puerto Rico

Why go: Puerto Rico offers visitors the chance to indulge in all of the perks of a Caribbean getaway for a fraction of the price without having to worry about international travel. Home to numerous all-inclusive resorts, beautiful sandy beaches, and plenty of seafood to satisfy your appetite, this American commonwealth is an excellent destination for bargain-hunters looking to lie in the lap of luxury.

Sports - That's Right Boys! Hockey Is Back...

By: Stacy Kauffman Nightwire – Sports Feature Writer



dangerous blade factor. Plus, any playing surface that includes trapezoids has to be awesome, right? So I gave in, I let go and I loved. Then BAM. The door to the 2004-05 season was slammed shut in my face. The moment I became vulnerable in my relationship with hockey was the moment the NHL gave its own shutdown to the fans.

Later that year, I randomly met Sidney Crosby, Colby Armstrong and Marc Andre-Fleury at Ross Park Mall before they were really recognizable. These guys were so humble and approachable. I wanted to see how they did on the ice. Despite my bitterness, I began tuning in once the gates opened the next season. So did other puck lovers. Record-setting attendance increased for all but five of the league's 30 teams in the 2005-06 season. The league reached out to mainstream, casual fans by incorporating the shootout, manufacturing the "big game day" in the Winter Classic, and joined the reality TV crowd with the HBO Series 24/7, which gave fans a behind the scenes look into the day-to-day life of a franchise and its players. And you know what, it worked! According to Forbes.com, last season the average NHL franchise was worth 47% more than in the year before the lockout, 2003-04. And then . . .

CLANG. Locked out again.

Will fans be as forgiving this time around? As the long 119-day lockout endured, impatience, frustration and anger seethed from social media circles. Each trigger-happy report of the lockout's end pushed more and more fans towards indifference. Remember the boy who cried wolf? That's how I would describe the situation as the weeks went by and false reports spread like wildfire.

"I didn't want to hear anything from anyone until the official word was out and the lockout was REALLY over," said Penguins fan, Katie Jenkins of Squirrel Hill. "But the moment it was over, I couldn't contain my excitement!"

Was the lockout a tease? Was there somewhat of a "?????" effect on the lovers of the game? For me, it was like a tsunami of anticipation had swelled inside and burst open, giving way to a rush of hockey ecstasy the second the puck was dropped at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia.

A pre-season scrimmage in front of over 18,000 fans at the Consol Energy Center is evidence that fandom trumps



I hated hockey.

Or at least I thought I did. Growing up in northern New Jersey in the eighties and nineties, the Devils moved into town and won a couple of cups, and the Rangers busted out of their 54 year cup-less streak. I was surrounded by NHL success, yet I couldn't care less. Lockouts didn't mold my opinion. Hockey didn't have a place in my heart simply because I wasn't brought up on the game like I was football, baseball and basketball. My dad didn't care for it, so I didn't care for it. My high school didn't have a team. As a matter of fact, as sports editor of our newspaper, we covered the ongoing, fruitless battle between school board and student body over starting one. "?????" was my favorite headline that I was never allowed to print back then. Maybe if I had to cover the sport, I would have fallen in love sooner.

Then I moved to Pittsburgh.

In a new city saturated with love for hockey, it was natural for everyone to ask me if I was rooting for the Devils in the 2003 Stanley Cup Finals. So I watched the games instead of flipping the channel to the latest Sports Center repeat. I started asking questions about the rules. What's the difference between interference and roughing? So you can use a hand pass in the defensive zone, but not in the offensive zone? What's icing again? I can't believe you only get one timeout in such a fast-paced game! I started buzzing about hockey and yearned to learn all I could about the sport I had resisted paying attention to my entire life.

The speed, athleticism and power of hockey are unparalleled. It's like football plus lacrosse on ice with a



all the ugliness that the business side of the sport has to offer. Will the excitement fade as the season goes on? With a compressed 48 game season, I don't think there will be an opportunity to temper the intensity and lust for the game so many waited so long to see.

"Hockey is not my profession, so I can't judge," said Penguins fan, Sonnie Cridge of Pittsburgh. "I still don't understand what took so long to get the deal done, but all of that doesn't matter anymore. It's back."

Restaurant and bar owners near home ice are undoubtedly ecstatic about the return of hockey, and so are those in the suburbs. I talked with Hal Koenemund, owner of Hal's Bar & Grill on Babcock Boulevard in the North Hills (www.HalsBar.com, follow on Twitter @HalsBar), and he said he actually had to turn away patrons during the season opener because his place was so packed. "We normally have a decent turnout on Saturday afternoons, but I've never seen it as electric as it was that Saturday. The bar was four-deep. It felt like the playoffs."

We all know hardcore hockey fans will never leave. But what about those softcore spectators? The people Gary Bettman was trying so hard to woo into arenas for the past several years? Has the casual fan been turned away?

"That's the real unknown at this point," says NHL analyst at Forbes SportsMoney, Mike Colligan (follow on Twitter @MikeColligan). "There will probably be a hiccup just like we saw in '04-'05, but I think the league is aligned well to capture the interest of the casual fan going forward. The NHL signed a long-term television deal with NBC that will give the game more exposure and the Winter Classic has been a resounding success as far as capturing the casual fan goes."

So the mainstream interest built up through the Winter Classic and the HBO series 24/7 wasn't lost during the lockout? Colligan doesn't think so. "The NHL's Chief Operating Officer, John Collins, is behind many of these groundbreaking new ideas, and he reportedly has even more on the way. As the little sibling to football, baseball, and basketball, the NHL needs to continue finding ways to be innovative and capitalize on the things that make hockey unique. That's why the 24/7 series was such a

success. There are elements of hockey that showed up in the series that just can't be duplicated in other sports."

I can't wait to see what else John Collins has in the hopper for hockey, but in the meanwhile I will keep watching, just like the rest of Pittsburgh, which has the highest local TV ratings of any American-based NHL team. And although I know I will be thoroughly entertained with the mad dash to the playoffs, I still wonder whether or not there will be another work stoppage eight years from now. Just like last time.

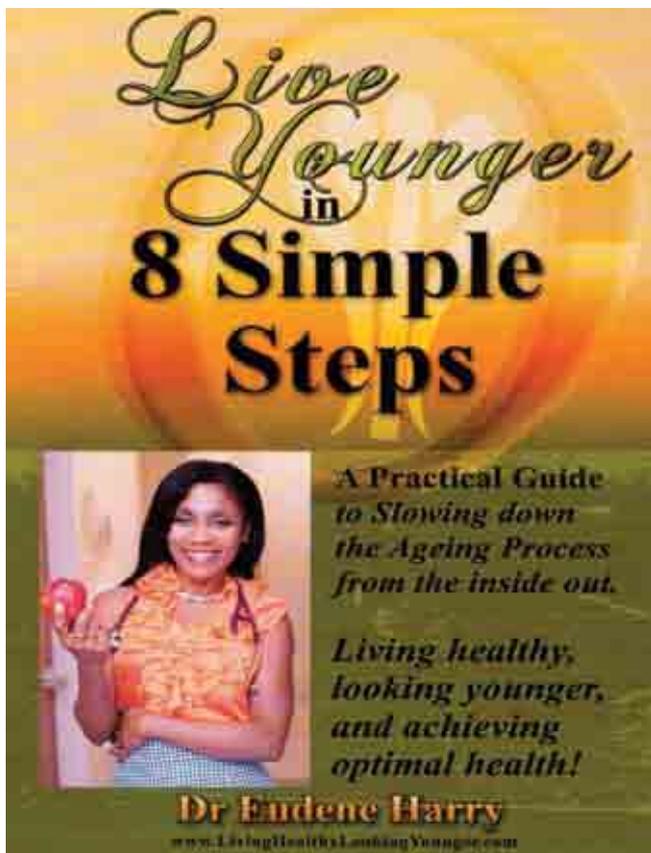
"Unfortunately, I think lockouts are becoming the norm in pro sports," notes Colligan. "We saw basketball and football go through extended disputes as well. I've even wondered if forced mediation would be a solution at some point in the process. The looming threat would push both sides to actively work towards compromise. Sitting back for months before actually coming to the table to work through the issues doesn't make sense to me, and it certainly doesn't benefit the fans in any way."



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5 Grocery Staples For Youth and Vitality

Next Time You Stop at the Store, Pick Up These Tasty, Nutrition-Packed Foods, Physician Advises **By: Eudene Harry, M.D.**



- Pomegranate-Balsamic tempeh: With its high protein, fiber and isoflavones content, and meaty texture, tempeh is heavily utilized by vegetarians. It's made from soybeans processed in a manner similar to cheese making. Like tofu, tempeh takes on the flavors with which it is cooked or marinated, including zesty-tangy balsamic vinegar – perfect for accentuating salads.
- Mashed cauliflower gone Greek: Not only does the “original” yogurt have a thicker texture and richer taste, it's also denser in lactobacilli, the healthy bacteria that may delay the onset of cancer. And yogurt is low in fat and high in protein, which is essential for many body functions, including building and repairing muscle tissue, organs, bones and connective tissue. Rather than add fatty, cholesterol-filled butter and sour cream to starchy potatoes that stick to your ribs, why not pair two healthy options with mashed cauliflower with Greek yogurt and fresh black pepper for simple goodness?
- Sushi – wild salmon, minced cucumbers, shredded carrots, kelp, sesame seeds and rice: A sushi roll is much more filling and satisfying than a non-sushi eater would think. Many grocery chains offer ready-made rolls, but they are also fairly easy to make. A bamboo roller is a great start; place a sheet of nutrient-dense kelp as the first thing on the roller, and add, lengthwise, desired ingredients. Your first try is not likely to be perfect, but the tasty and healthy ingredients will be there.
- Fruit salad for dessert: Bring together chopped apples, strawberries, cantaloupe, watermelon and pineapple with blueberries and grapes for a sweet and juicy post-dinner palate-cleanser. Lemon juice prevents fruits from bruising. If that's not enough, combine the salad with Greek yogurt – perhaps blended with vanilla or almond extract – and fiber-filled granola for a parfait.

About Eudene Harry, M.D. Dr. Eudene Harry holds a bachelor's in biology from New York University and completed both her medical degree and residency training at Thomas Jefferson University. Currently the medical director for the integrative and holistic Oasis Wellness and Rejuvenation Center, she has practiced medicine for nearly 20 years, is board certified in both emergency and holistic medicine, and for more than a decade practiced emergency medicine as an attending physician in Level II trauma centers. In 2005 she opened Oasis for Optimal Health, a private practice focused on integrative, holistic wellness and empowering and educating the patient.



It's the question we ask ourselves almost every day: What's for dinner?

Entwined in this daily dialogue is wondering whether we'll need to dash into the grocery store on the way home from work. The next time we make one of those supermarket pit stops, Dr. Eudene Harry, author of “Live Younger in 8 Simple Steps,” (www.LivingHealthyLookingYounger.com), would like us to veer in a new direction.

“When people shop on the go, they tend to gravitate toward old standbys and foods they can multipurpose with – usually not the most nutritious choices possible. But by substituting a few items on your list, you can not only look and feel more youthful, you'll boost your resistance to certain cancers and other illnesses.”

Some of the most nutrition-packed foods not only taste great, they're readily available at the grocery store and easy to prepare, Harry says.

“The more you eat, the more you'll crave them.”

Here are five food combos for shoppers with healthy eating on their minds:

- Tomato, garlic, chicken and almonds: Tomatoes contain one of the world's most concentrated sources of cancer-fighting lycopene, which is best absorbed from tomatoes that are cooked. Garlic has been used for centuries for various health purposes and is a known free-radical destroyer. Nuts help to lose weight, maintain healthy blood pressure and support moods; almond crumbs are a great substitute for bread crumbs on chicken. Pair these goodies with whole wheat couscous for a full dinner.

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust - Martha Speaks



a radio station for a trivia contest and wins the family an all-expenses-paid trip to a luxurious hotel. There is only one problem – the hotel has a no pets allowed policy. Will Martha’s family go on vacation without her or will Martha’s clever way with words save the day? The performance is approximately 55 minutes and recommended for children ages 3-10.

Since 1961, Theatreworks USA has enlightened, entertained, and instructed over 78 million people in 49 states and Canada. The company tours approximately 16 shows from its ever-growing repertoire of 117 plays and musicals, performing for about four million people annually. Under the direction of Barbara Pasternack (Artistic Director) and Ken Arthur (Managing Director), Theatreworks USA is the only

children’s theatre to receive both a Drama Desk and a Lucille Lortel Award, and they are known for an extensive multi-cultural guest artist roster, including storytellers, puppeteers, poets, and magicians.

About the author

Author and illustrator Susan Meddaugh has written and illustrated many books including the Martha series based on her own dog, Martha. Meddaugh knew she wanted to draw since elementary school and graduated from Wheaton College majoring in Fine Arts and French Literature. She worked for a publishing company for about 10 years and then branched out on her own as a freelance illustrator and creator of children’s books. She was inspired to write the Martha books when her son asked if their family dog would be able to speak if she ate

Theatreworks USA: Martha Speaks presented by Pittsburgh International Children’s Theater, February 10-17, 2013, six performance locations

Pittsburgh International Children’s Theater, a division of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, presents Theatreworks USA, in the Pittsburgh premiere of, Martha Speaks, from February 10 – 17, 2013, at six performance locations throughout the area. Performance locations include: City: Byham Theater, Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m. & Student Matinee: Monday, February 11 at 10:15 a.m.; Workshop: Grow Up Great, Wednesday, February 13; East: Linton Middle School, Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.; North: Marshall Middle School, Thursday, February 14 at 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.; West: Hopewell High School, Friday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.; South: Mount Lebanon High School, Saturday, February 16 at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.; and Butler: Seneca Valley Senior High School, Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m. Citizens Bank is the season sponsor of Pittsburgh International Children’s Theater.

Theatreworks USA’s stage production of Martha Speaks is a musical based on the books Martha Speaks and Martha Calling written by Susan Meddaugh. The books were adapted for the stage by Kevin Delaguila, and set to lyrics by Jill Abramovitz with the music of composer Brad Alexander. The play follows the adventures of Helen, her family, and their dog Martha. One day Martha eats a bowl of alphabet soup and begins to talk! Martha shocks everyone and quickly learns to use the telephone. Even though she is forbidden, she calls into



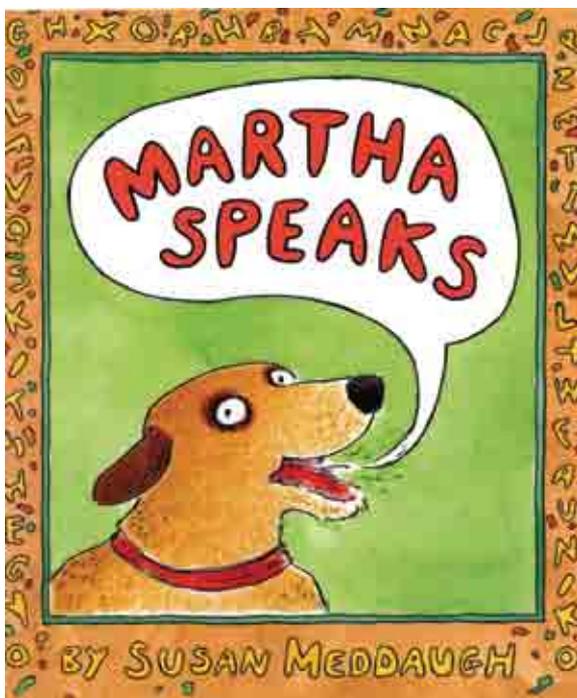


Theater presents a Family Series and the Pittsburgh International Children's Festival, which is one of only four international children's theater festivals in the nation.

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is a non-profit organization whose mission is the cultural and economic development of Pittsburgh's 14-block Cultural District through public and private support. The Trust presents and encourages diverse performing and visual arts programs within the District, and is an impetus for additional development in downtown Pittsburgh. www.TrustArts.org

alphabet soup. Since then Meddaugh has written many more books about Martha and Martha Speaks was chosen as a New York Times Best Illustrated Book for 1992. Her work also inspired the PBS television series "Martha Speaks." Popular with children and parents, Meddaugh's work continues to delight all ages.

Pittsburgh International Children's Theater, a division of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, opens the door for children to experience professional performing arts programming which inspires, challenges, educates, and stimulates respect for and an understanding of all cultures in an entertaining and enlightening way. Each year Pittsburgh International Children's



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Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents 1776



of the American Revolution like you've never seen them before – in rousing songs and dances, comic encounters, and impassioned politics. George Merrick (South Pacific on Broadway) stars as John Adams alongside Keith Hines (Lancelot in Camelot at Pittsburgh Public Theater) as Thomas Jefferson, and Steve Vinovich (Lost in Yonkers on Broadway) as Benjamin Franklin. As they wrangle to get everyone on the same page – namely, the Declaration of Independence – they are encouraged by allies such as Abigail Adams (Trista Moldovan, Phantom of the Opera on Broadway) and foiled by foes like Edward Rutledge (Hayden Tee, King Arthur in Camelot at Pittsburgh Public Theater). In 1776 history will come alive in a musical extravaganza that's perfect entertainment for the whole family.

Directed by Ted Pappas, this Tony-winning Best Musical tells the story of how we went from 13 colonies to the United States of America.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's MADE IN AMERICA season reaches its highpoint with 1776, the biggest production in Public Theater history. This Tony-winning Best Musical features book by Peter Stone and music & lyrics by Sherman Edwards. Directed by Ted Pappas, 1776 runs Jan. 24 – Feb. 24, 2013 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org. 1776 is presented by PNC.

With a cast of 26 plus orchestra, 1776 presents the heroes

The 1776 company features: John Allen Biles, Paul Binotto, Jeffrey Carpenter, Jeremy Czarniak, Jarrod DiGiorgi, Joseph Domencic, Darren Eliker, James FitzGerald, Justin Fortunato, Robert Frankenberry, Tim Hartman, Daniel Krell, Jason McCune, Eric Meyers, Larry John Meyers, Scott P. Sambuco, John Scherer, Libby Servais, Gordon Stanley, Louis S. Valenzi, and Stephen Wilde.

The Musical Director of 1776 is F. Wade Russo with Orchestrations by Dan DeLange. The design team is James Noone (Scenic), Martha Bromelmeier (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Don Wadsworth is the Dialect Coach. Casting is by Stuart Howard & Paul Hardt. Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager and Fredric H. Orner is the Assistant Stage Manager.



Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents -1776

Jan. 24 – Feb. 24, 2013

Performance Schedule

Tues. at 7 pm; Wed. thru Sat. at 8 pm (except Wed., Feb. 6)

**Sat. at 2 pm (except Jan 26 & Feb 2) also 2 pm on Thurs., Feb. 21
Sun. at 2 & 7 pm**

Press Night is Thurs., Jan. 31. Opening Night is Fri., Feb. 1

Ticket Prices: \$29 to \$60. Students and age 26 and younger \$15.75 with valid ID.

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Valentine Gift Guide



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Indigo Imp Brewery

by Steph Doan



What is an Imp Bottle?

The makers of Indigo Imp believe everyone has an impish side to them, as does every pack of beer. That's why every six-pack houses one bottle dipped in wax.

Besides letting the imp stand out, the brewery also believes in doing good, too. All bottles, imp or non, are recyclable. Sustainability is a goal for the brewery. The facility takes green initiatives, like reusing water from brewing for cleaning and giving spent grain as feed for cows.

Small touches like this are what allow the brewery to stay so hands-on. Every batch is different, thanks to the open-tank fermentation process. It crafts a unique beer by allowing the wild yeast to influence each craft differently.

No wonder the Indigo Imp Brewery has seen such steady success.

"Slowly but surely is how we've been growing," Matt said.

Stop On In

"You can almost see the whole brewery from the tasting room," Matt describes.

It's a rustic space with an industrial chic feel, he said. There are no formal times for tours, so stop by the tasting room and swig a beer while checking out the operation.

Beer equipment is fascinating enough to gawk at with or without adding a pint from tap!

Come see where the great Indigo Imp gets its first breath of life. After all, Pittsburgh was the company's first city outside of Ohio, and Matt calls us a "great beer town."

Time to return the favor.

Bigger is not always better, proves one craft beer maker, who keeps quality high by ensuring quantity stays low. Well, at least low enough to brew things on a small scale, like seven barrels at a time small. It's a focus on quality.

What else is small? Imps. That's why the name of this devilishly good beer is perfectly marked Indigo Imp.

Owner and founder Matt Chappel runs the small brewery, located in Cleveland. The brewery has 23 employees and has been in operation for just 5 years. Matt was able to triple production since opening, from 200 to 600 barrels a year.

Plus, Matt's got a great business partner ... his wife Kathy. "A lot of people warned us about that," he joked about their dual partnership in life and in business.

But it's a secure feeling, he says, to know the two are in this together. The two began playing with home brewing 15 years before starting Indigo Imp. They started getting good at it and decided to give the trade a try. Although the big boom for micro brewing happened in the 90s, the couple saw the trend continuing and dove in.

Their homegrown hobby has brewed up a real success story for the Indigo Imp family.



Beers

Blonde Bombshell

This is the brewery's flagship beer as well as their best seller. It's American Blonde Ale, full of citrus tang. The hazy blond holds sweet malts tinged with a bit of sour. The tastes are also citrus and sugar sweetness balanced with a light tartness. A great ending of nutty flavor leaves the tongue. It has a 6.2 percent alcohol percentage and proves itself a really great craft beer.

Jester

A pale ale like this is no joker – it's packed to the brim with delightful flavor. The flavor is clove and banana and a lot of malt. The hoppy finish rounds out the fruity zing like a perfect melody. It's a beer fit to entertain a king.

Gatekeeper

Malt, chocolate, it has all the great makings of a delicious porter. The smell of milky heaven fades into tart cherry upon tasting and finishes with the bitter warm cocoa. It's a deliciously rich beer meant to invigorate all beer lovers. It has an alcohol level of 5 percent, so enjoy a couple, despite how dark it appears.

Firebrand

Multicultural is one word to describe this light amber that is brewed using American, British and Belgian ingredients. This twist on an IPA contains spice, fruit, malt and, of course, the

expected hoppy bitterness. This beer leaves you scratching your head while also rubbing your belly – it's both fascinating and satisfying!

Winter Soul

Matt says this beer is perfect for the chilly time of year. Curl up with the deep amber bodied ale that's brewed with four different malts and familiar Cascade hops. The taste warms the soul, hence the name, with notes of cinnamon, caramel and orange peels. Sit and sip this one for an hour or so, says Matt; it's got a lot of flavor and a 7.2 percent alcohol percentage. It's only available during the winter months – so jump on it!



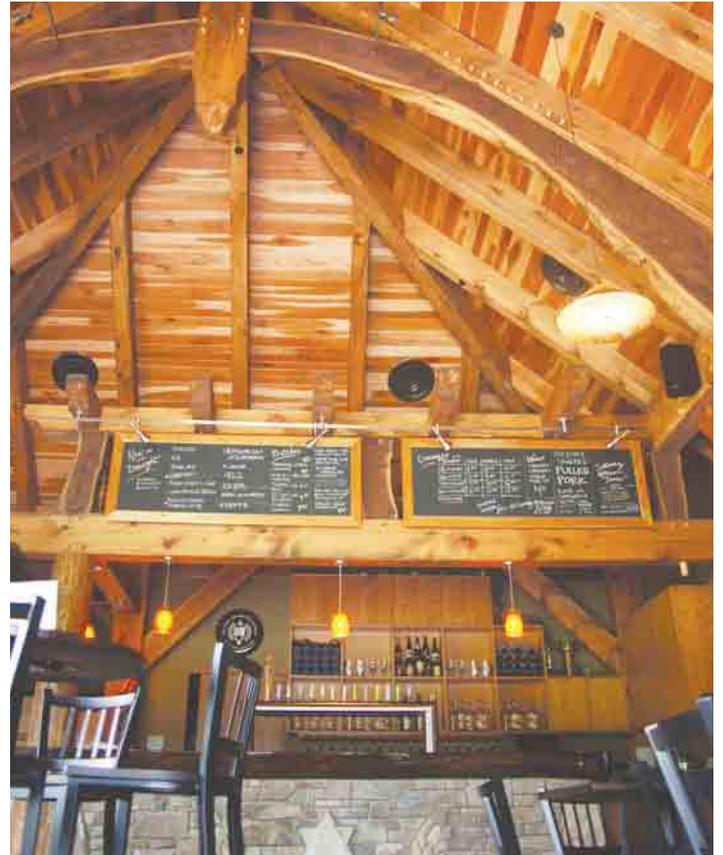
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Growth is a part of the game for every brewery trying to make a name for their product. Well, this brewery has reached the peak of opportunity. From a few barrels a day to a couple hundred, production is constantly on the rise.

Southern Tier Brewing Company now crafts around 50,000 barrels a year.

"It's been a really interesting ride," said Nathan Arnone, media representative for Southern tier, located in Lakewood, New York.

The owner, Phin DeMink, began the brewery with friend Allen "Skip" Yahn in 2002. He and his wife Sara are now the fearless leaders, serving as president and vice president. It's the blood, sweat and tiers this couple pours into the brewery that have led to its stardom. The facilities and crafts have developed together throughout the past ten years. And Southern Tier is just one tier of an entire beer culture that continues expanding. "It's incredible the way the entire industry is growing," Nate added.

He insists it's the vast catalogue of beers that draws in drinkers. Light beers, dark beers, hoppy beers, malty beers – there are an array of colors and flavors from which to choose, ranging from lower four percent alcohol all the way up to 14 percent.

Each craft holds its own unique flavor, with six being absolute year-rounds, and a new seasonal released every month.

"I think all that combined is one of the things people really like about our beers," Nate commented on the spice of variety.

But despite the large-scale production and rapid release dates, the brewery keeps a close eye on every craft recipe. The founders set out to make a brewery focused on small-batch brewing, and they intend to not stray away from that.

Tiers and Tiers of Beers

With the new release of another seasonal each month, there are multiples of craft greatness from which to choose. Besides the year-rounds of both standards and imperials, there exist series, like the Blackwater series, as well as variety packs and limited edition beers.

Right now, there's a pilsner malt prepping to release for spring. Also, the brewery's delicious barley wine, Backbone, is set to release at the end of February. It has been aged with oak and fermenting for two weeks before meeting drinkers.

For cold months, Nate suggests pouring a Choklat Stout, which is released at the start of every winter. He said the tasty milky stout gains its sweet flavors from derived sugar. It hangs in sweet and creamy from beginning to end. There may still be a few bottles lingering in February, but not for long. Grab 'em while you can.

Checkout the brewery's awesome website to find your favorite beer. If you can't chose, get a Pack of Pales or Super Pack – there's something for everyone.

It's Not a Far Journey

Despite how far away New York sounds for Pittsburgh locals, it's really only over a two-hour drive. Nate said that the last tour he gave had 60 people in attendance, and out of, that one-third were from Pittsburgh.

"We really like Pittsburgh," Nate said. "It's close!"

It was also one of the first cities the company distributed to outside of New York.

Southern Tier has a beautiful setting, too. During the spring and summer, Southern Tier is crawling with events. There are parks and grounds surrounding the brewery with nature.

Plus, you get to taste superb beer from the tap.

Nate promises, "It's really cool."

Tours are given each Saturday at 1 PM, 2:30 PM and 4 PM. Plus, their brewery is so close to Pittsburgh, only a few hours away in Lakewood, NY why not plan a road trip to check out this incredible brewery. Southern Tier is actually much closer than many PA Craft Breweries. Check out the website for details and directions. www.stbcbbeer.com



The New Southern Tier Brewing Facility Under Construction

Beers

Unearthly IPA

Yum, a great spicy and hoppy India Pale Ale. The color pours a light copper. The smell is fresh, grassy and sweet while the taste is highly bitter with light sweet caramel to boot. The spice comes out strongest toward the end. It has a higher alcohol of 9.5 percent. Pairs well with sharp cheeses, poignant foods and a lot of spice. Want more IPA per bottle? Also try the 2XIPA or simmer down with the original Southern Tier IPA.

Inequity

Dark and sinful, this Imperial Black Ale throws all IPA expectations out the window. Unearthly has met its arch-nemesis. Containing two types of malt, it smells like dark fruits, coffee, cocoa as well as hops. The taste is of bittersweet chocolate, caramel and coffee. However, more common to an IPA, there are also notes of pine and citrus. The toasty beer is medium bitter. It has a nine percent alcohol flavor. Pair with roasted, smoky meats, blackened fish and also surf and turf.

Phin & Matt's

Three types of hops and three types of malts come together in this craft. Founder Phin and pal made this pale ale to taste crisp and clean, using perfectly filtered water, whole hops and the best crop of barley. The smell is bready and earthy and the taste is of light grassiness and flowers. It holds a 5.4 percent alcohol percentage. Pair with earthy cheeses, grilled chicken, buffalo mozzarella, seafood and the classic American cheeseburger, of course.

Live Pale Ale

This Pale Ale is bottle conditioned. There are a handful of hop varieties and malts in every batch. The smell is of sweet malts, citrusy hops and pine. Its taste is hop-heavy in the most delightful way. The hops and malts come together for a dry finish. Bitterness is medium and the body is light. It has a 5.5 percent alcohol percentage. Pair it with foods like cheeses, steaks and bread puddings. Watch for it in March.

2X IPA

An India Pale Ale brewed with 4 varieties of hops and 3 types of malts. This beer is kicked up a notch to form a true Double IPA: feverishly hoppy with a malty backbone and higher-than-standard alcohol content. Citrusy hops tease the senses with aromatics and lingering bitterness, while just the right balance of malts disguises 2XIPA's extra gravity. Double your expectations, this is an ale that demands reverence. Pair with beef brisket, garlic fries, strong, spicy food.



2X Milk Stout

Milk stout, also called 'cream' or

'sweet' stout, is a stout containing lactose, a sugar derived from milk and brewed with 2 varieties of hops and 3 types of malts. Because lactose is unfermentable by beer yeast, it adds sweetness and body to the finished beer. Milk stouts have been claimed to be nutritious, and were marketed as such in the early 1900s with claims that would make the FDA wince. One ad read, "Ideal for nursing mothers, for the healthy, for the invalid, and for the worker." Surely! Of course, we couldn't stop at a traditional milk stout. Ours is a double, an addition to our 2X line, and at 7.5% abv is every bit as delicious as it sounds. To your health!

Pales Variety Pack - 4 bottles of IPA, Phin & Matt's & 422 Pale

Wheat Ale

This version of our crowd-pleasing variety pack contains 4 bottles each of their famous India Pale Ale, Phin & Matt's Extraordinary Ale, and 422 Pale Wheat Ale. A wide selection which makes it perfect for the person trying new beers, or for the seasoned drinker looking for a range of flavor. Their IPA is brewed with 4 varieties of hops and 4 malts and comes in at 7.3% abv. Phin & Matt's is brewed with 3 varieties of hops and 3 types of malts, and is 5.7% abv. Pale Wheat Ale, known as 422, is a tribute to Earth Day, and at 5.8% is no slouch in this box.

Superpack - 4 bottles of 2xIPA, Iniquity & UnEarthly

Since its 2006 debut, their UnEarthly Imperial India Pale Ale, packaged in 22oz bottles, has garnered a lot of attention. Now for the first time, and only in this box, our 9.5% abv smash hit is available in a 12oz bottle. Add to that Iniquity, our Imperial Black Ale (9.0% and never before available in a 12oz bottle), and our top-selling Double India Pale Ale, 2xIPA (8.2% abv), and what do you get? A heck of a box! Southern Tier is proud to present the Superpack. With an average of nearly 9.0% abv, this is not a box of session ales. But it is an impressive collection of some of our bigger beers, only in smaller bottles.

Southern Tier also produces a variety of other seasonals, and they are the #1 Pumpkin Beer in the market with their Pumpking beer.



Jeff Walewski – Owner of Sharp Edge Restaurants



Beer and Presidents of the USA
It is great to drink! Every type of person loves to drink beer including most of our Presidents since George Washington. Not only did dear old George drink beer with his troops on the battlefield and at the dinner table but Thomas Jefferson took it one step further and actually brewed beer during his presidency. His “Monticello” homestead, which is still in existence today, had grown their own hops which were used to brew his beer. He briefly lived with another president, James Monroe, and they always had drinking goblets in their kitchen for consuming beer and ciders. President Jefferson enjoyed his beers to be stronger in taste and alcohol as opposed to the known local commercial style beers that were brewed with less grains to make it less tasteful.

Over the years beer has been served at state dinners and get togethers at the White House since the beginning. This should come as no surprise given the fact that the presidents are no different from me or you, there is nothing like having a great beer and solving the worlds problems, we do that mostly everyday at all the Sharp Edge Restaurants!

We have had Billy Beer, the famous brother of our President Jimmy Carter. Billy had his own beer label but once his brother won the election, there was no stopping the sales of this main stream commercially made beer. We have had a president win election even though George Bush had a previous DUI before he became president.

That brings us to the first beer being brewed at the White House, by President Obama’s chefs. The beer is being brewed by the sous chef in the kitchen of the White House with ingredients sourced locally, they even use honey in the porter recipe that is produced in the backyard by the official White House Bee’s. So do not be surprised if you see in the forthcoming ObamaCare healthcare plan that everyone must drink a beer a day for promoting good health. Cheers!

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Bells Brewery - Family Brewed by Steph Doan

Up from the boils of its 15-gallon soup kettle, one northern brewery has bubbled over in popularity since its establishment in 1985.

Bell's is a family-owned and operated brewery, located in the cozy town of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Larry Bell first tinkered with homebrewing in 1983 and later opened a homebrew supply store. He began the brewery by self-distributing his fine crafts with his nine employees.

In the early days, Larry's tools were plastic garbage bins for fermenting, a 15-gallon stockpot, a copper coil in a bucket and a jump rope to help visitors keep warm in the 50-60 degree temperatures.

Bell's is a strong part of Michigan's history. Larry and a lawmaker were the first to push for allowing state breweries to serve pints to the public, and they succeeded. The brewery keeps the community and locals on their toes by always staying on the cutting edge of developing creative crafts.

Throughout its 27 years of operation, the brewery has seen mass expansion, growth and success. Bell's began with a production of 135 barrels in the first year, and the brewery now pumps out over 200,000 barrels. There have been numerous builds and expansions as far as space goes, and Larry's daughter Laura says the progress has no end.

"It's a constant thing," says Laura, who works as Marketing Director, making Bell's a family affair.

"We work hard together, we play hard," Laura joked. "We don't always get along, but we make up!"

And they also make one fine craft beer.

Sustainability

There are now 200 employees who maintain the new brewery, the old brewery, and the Eccentric Café, which has a music venue next door. However rapidly growing the team is, they always put the environment first. Bell's stresses sustainability



by taking responsibility for their impact on the environment.

They reduce, reuse, and recycle by cutting waste, using safe farming techniques, seeking out green products and even



architecture. The roof of their warehouse is an extensive sedum green roof that extends the life of waterproofing – they really have built their brewery around protecting our planet.

For such a big production, Bell's makes to sure every batch has the best ingredients. Pursuing the finest quality of beers keeps them on their toes.

"You gotta have great input to make great output," Laura said.

The workers go to the hop farms to pick out the best crops. Also, Bell's owns a 2-row barley farm and uses what they sow in their Midwestern Pale Ale, Christmas Ale and Harvest Ale. All crops are non-genetically modified organism, and fertilizer is





spoon-fed for better control.

Bell's sticks to transparency, "...so that we can make the best possible product."

Jam, Tour and Drink Good Beer

How well does a cold beer pair with warm, smoked meat? Drive up to the Kalmazoo café and find out. You definitely will not be disappointed. Besides food, the café also has an attached music venue located next door. The venue keeps busy with great local and traveling artists.

Not so fast, though: swing by the newer brewery first! Laura said she likes visitors to tour it before the older location because it drives home the difference in space size. The humble downtown brewery is 'whoa' worthy once the huge, decked-out brewery has been visited.

Free tours are offered on weekends. If you can't make the trip, there are virtual tours available online. www.bellsbrewery.com

With such a friendly family operating it, Laura ensures us that all three – the new brewery, the old brewery and the café – are family-friendly.

"And it's fun!" Laura said. "You know, beer's a blast!"

For a full calendar of events and tour times, check out the website and like them on Facebook.

Beers

Kalamazoo Stout

Perfect for the cold days ahead – snuggle up with this year-round stout! It's black in color and full of all good, yummy black tastes. Coffee, bitter chocolate, dark fruit and rich caramel fulfill the dark body of this craft. It pours as thick and creamy as it tastes. And, unlike many stouts, it is only six percent alcohol so you can enjoy more than one by the fireplace.

Oberon

A great tasting beer best described by its grainy taste, but is relatively golden in color with no corn used at all, which is a real point of pride for Bell's. The darker colored beer impacts taste buds with loaves of bread and corn.

A slight sweetness picks up with a hint of citrus. Think a Blue Moon, but enhanced with better craft. It has a 5.8 percent alcohol level, so go ahead and enjoy a few. This beer is not a year-round, however. Laura said it is best enjoyed opening day through the World Series. One sip and drinkers won't be just fair-weather fans of this beer – it's tasty.

Two Hearted Ale

My all-time favorite craft beer! Its flavors and aromas are out of this world. It has made its way into my heart forever. The deep orange color holds aromas of pineapple and bread, both well

balanced. Its taste is pine, earth, citrus and malt all blended into one smooth-bodied beer. It has a mid-level alcohol percentage at seven.

Midwestern Pale Ale

Delicious and light, this beer hits notes of grass and flowers. It is a tasty Pale Ale that leaves an impression. The taste is yeasty but well balanced with fresh flavors and malts. Its best quality is the drinkability. It has an alcohol percentage of 5.2.

Smitten Golden Rye Ale

Debuting this month, this new spring seasonal tastes as cute as the label looks. Smitten is an earthy, golden rye that brightens up even the gloomiest winter days, according to Laura. It is included in an entire series of ryes. The rustic overtones of this beer craft a perfect pair with the rye malt used. It has a six percent alcohol content. Look for this new release on shelves now ... your Valentine will thank you. Smitten Golden Rye Ale is included in the pubs entire series of ryes and is one of Bell's oldest rye beer recipes.



Mai Jeans

For The You That You Have Always Wanted to Be

by Joyce Campisi



As we begin the New Year it's a good time to clean out that closet and reorganize our lives. Or how about a complete makeover? Nightwire has found the perfect answer for all your wardrobe and styling needs. We had the pleasure of meeting Mai Jeans, a young entrepreneur and extremely experienced wardrobe stylist, makeup artist and all around awesome girl. She's got it all!

Her desire to become a stylist started at age 16, when all she wanted was a job in retail and to work at The Limited, but alas, you had to be 18 to work there. To bide her time, she took a job at Sears in the shoe department. (This was at a time when the shoe department was not self-serve, but sales clerks actually interacted with their customers.) Mai learned very quickly how to interact and help her customers, thus gaining her valuable experience.

Two years later, on her 18th birthday, she headed straight to the mall and applied at The Limited. They immediately hired her, and that is where she got her very first professional basic training. The Limited taught her 'wardrobing,' which utilized the principals of styling. They taught that you only need seven pieces of clothing to coordinate and have a fabulous wardrobe as well as how to make people feel good. Mai told us, "If people look good, they feel good."

Mai went on to pursue her dream and went to school for fashion design and merchandising. From a very young age, Mai's mom instilled in her daughter a love of fashion; her mother

made Mai's clothing and taught her to sew.

Mai's career has taken to working for Urban Outfitters. The individuality of Urban Outfitters made a huge impact on her style.. She found her next job at Nordstrom's, where she quickly rose through the ranks from sales clerk to stylist in less than four months, an upgrade that normally takes 1-2 years, but her experience and drive accelerated the process. Mai has the ability to talk to customers, and rather than tell them what they need to have, she can say with confidence, "You need this because it looks good on you."

For Mai, it's not about the labels and the designers, it's about individuality and a style that fits your personality and body. Mai told us that everyone needs a stylist...from the college student with their closet full of thrift store clothing or the stay-at-home-mom, single woman or business professional. We all can use a little help. It's about image, and Mai can certainly help with that. She will help you focus on you and who you are rather than subscribe to designer names and fashion magazines, suggesting what to wear and what not to wear this season.

We are suggesting that you give Mai a call for a free consultation and see what a difference she can make in your life. She can do everything from a simple closet cleanout, or she can come into your home, go through your wardrobe to find out what kind of clothing you have and what kind of style you have. From there she will make three piles: the 'must get rid of' clothes, the second is the 'keeper pile' and the third pile is 'open for discussion.' Perhaps your makeover only requires some mending or hems and revamping of your existing wardrobe, or perhaps it needs a total revamp. Mai has the guidance and experience to help you decide what is best for you.

Mai told us that people have an image of themselves, comparable to a filter over their eyes, until they are finally ready to accept change. Mai has taken clients on shopping trips where she actually had clients break down in the fitting room because they never felt that they could look this way...a total transformation, with the right clothes, makeup and hair. Most people can't totally wrap their brain around composition, but Mai has the expertise and the ability to show you what works for you and what simply does not.

From a simple closet cleanout, to a total makeover, Mai can create a "new you" to fit within your budget. So what are you waiting for? Contact her today at 412-378-4783 or email her at majjeans@gmail.com, or check her out on Facebook!



Left to right: Chef Garrett Akans - Brandon Herriott - Matt Nalepka



Dining - BZ'S Bar & Grill

by: Suz Pisano • Photos by: Man Nguyen

BZ's Bar & Grill at 140 Federal Street sits right across from PNC Park and has been on my radar ever since they began renovations months ago. They're finally open, and Nightwire gets to be the first to tell you all about it. Brandon Herriott is one of the owners. He's the 'B' and his partners Bob & Laura Zdravkovski are the 'Z' and the investors in this new hot spot offering great food, amazing drinks, craft beers, happy hour, lunch specials and much, much more. They came together from an act of kindness, Brandon was asked by Bob to look over a proposal for a pending restaurant/bar acquisition, which he graciously accepted and wouldn't take anything for his expertise and advice on this project. This simple act of kindness eventually put Bob and Brandon together as business partners and they landed on a concept and a location bringing together many years of working in the industry as well as the capital to invest in a dream. This new bar and grill promises to be a big hit year-round with interesting takes on comfort foods and favorites using only the best ingredients.

Let's start with Small Plates. We tried the Hummus Trio (\$8) served with Gremolata, Hot Cherry Pepper Relish and Bruschetta Mix. I can't tell you which one I preferred, but there is plenty to share, they're extremely fresh and made in house daily. The "to die for" choice in my book is the Duck Sliders (\$9). I have to admit that I spied it on the website and was hoping to sink my teeth into one of these, duck confit, blackberry preserves and herbed cream cheese on the perfect little bun. Oh my! I grew up eating jelly and cream cheese sandwiches; I think it's an Eastern European thing or maybe a Pittsburgh thing like "jumbo." I love, love, loved these duck sliders. Also available are Beef (\$8) made with brisket or Crab (\$11). The Small Plates choices are plentiful with everything from wings, tacos, truffle fries, fried mozzarella to bruschetta and a goat cheese crostini. Salads are offered in Greek, Caesar, Capresanella- fresh tomato, mozzarella & basil. Additions include Portobella, chicken, shrimp, crab cakes, lamb or brisket. There are so many options at BZ's that you're gonna want to take your time while perusing the extensive menu.

Another menu item that caught my eye was the Shrimp Po' Boy (\$12), delicately fried shrimp, pickled cucumber, mayo, lettuce and tomato. Yum. And yum for the next day when I ate the leftovers! The pickled cucumber is delicious; don't take it off! We also tried the Big Texan (\$11), which is Brisket, pickled onions, hot Chinese mustard, cheddar cheese and BBQ Sauce. Quite a mouthful of flavor but the brisket is melt-in-your-mouth,

cooked for hours and hours and hours. Not a sandwich for the meek. I have to mention the Gyro (\$11) made with real lamb, marinated and cooked to perfection, not lamb lunchmeat. I can't wait to try it.

Burgers are also served up at BZ's. We were pleasantly surprised to try the Turducken Burger (\$12) a deconstructed version of the mythical Thanksgiving bird. BZ makes their burger with turkey dark meat (yum) layered with duck confit and topped with a fried egg, arugula and sage aioli. Turkey, duck & chicken all represented in this delectable burger version. The turkey was so flavorful, perfectly seasoned, juicy and moist. You know I'm never a straight up turkey burger fan but I would highly recommend this burger, I'm even going to order it again on my next visit. It's that delicious! The fries that accompany the sandwiches and burgers are lightly dusted with a secret house made seasoning, you'll definitely eat every one. A nice enhancement to the thin cut fries- my favorite kind.

BZ's also makes pizzas. They offer everything from the classic to the Racy Swine (\$12) with house made chorizo, bacon, pepperoni, mozzarella, red chili flakes and marinara sauce. Absolutely delicious. The 6- cut pizza is a hearty meal or enough to share along with a salad. Other offerings include the Fungi, Spanakopizza, spinach and feta delight, Pear & Blue with walnuts and truffle oil, or the Bedded Duck- duck confit with goat cheese, olive oil, garlic and arugula. I mentioned that one last because it's another thing I can't wait to try. Pizza crust is house made and the perfect consistency for the toppings. I know good dough! I adore homemade pizza dough and have tried several recipes in my home kitchen.

While sitting and chatting with Brandon, he suggested that we





should try another specialty of the house: Mac and Cheese. We were presented with a Mexican Mac and Cheese (\$15) with chorizo, goat cheese in their four-cheese classic mac, which we all loved. The Lo Country (\$16) version adds pimento cheese and fried chicken! There's even a Crabby (\$16) mac and cheese!

If you're a BLT fan, BZ's just might be your spot. They offer a Classic (\$8), Black N Bleu (\$9) bleu cheese gremolata dressing, or a BLT du Jour featuring a bacon of the month. Yes, bacon. For \$3 they will add 3 ounces of bacon to anything on the menu. Think of the possibilities!

This is a perfect opportunity to mention the Maple Bacon-infused Old Fashioned that we sampled. It was just one of the many signature drinks brought to BZ's by Bar Manager Matt Nalepka. He's a transplant, too, and also an award-winning martini maker! Pittsburgh will be happy to have him serving up some very special cocktails. I think having a cocktail is like having a little celebration, something you might never have at home. Cocktails are meant to be savored. At BZ's, homemade syrups and stellar ingredients had us passing drinks around the table all evening.



The Elderflower Fizz was heavenly, presented in the perfect glass with a fresh thyme garnish. The Berry Sophisticate was so exotic, the blueberry garnish made me feel like I was in paradise. The Thai Coconut Tea was a nice twist on a favorite but my two favorites were the Key Lime Pie (order one!) and the Dirty & Spicy Martini made with local Boyd and Blair Voda a pickle and spicy pickle brine. Wow! I snagged that drink immediately and claimed it as mine. I'm so looking forward to returning to BZ's to try something new!

Now for the ever-changing craft beer selections. If you can't land on one beer selection, try a flight. (Flights are the perfect complement to any mac and cheese choice, especially in these cold winter months. I think I'll have my next mac and cheese at the bar!)

Entrees at BZ's include Pepperonata (\$15), a house made hot Italian sausage served with onions, sweet peppers, and marinara sauce with Gemelli; Mushroom Ravioli (\$15); Scampi Pasta (\$15) (adding chopped bacon to that is an extra \$3); and Dry Aged Ribeye (\$26), which I cannot wait to try! A Fish Dish is offered in limited quantities as is a daily special.

We shared the Chicken Marsala (\$14), and we all loved the roasted vegetables, which included Brussels sprouts, carrots and potatoes as the side. The Marsala was rich and delicious, and the chicken cooked to perfection. What a beautiful meal. And don't forget to save room for their homemade desserts, S'Mores Cheesecake (\$6), totally to die for, Chocolate Lava Cake (\$6) and Dessert Du Jour. Very close attention is paid to presentation, and service at BZ's promises to be great. Brandon's experience in absolutely every aspect of the restaurant industry is evident in the professionalism and level of pride offered at this brand new establishment.

Weekly specials at BZ's include:

Monday: Red Blooded Mondays--\$6 BLTs or Burgers with Fries, 20% off Big Bottled Beers and a featured Bloody Mary

Tuesday: Backyard BBQ Tuesdays--House made BBQ platter for \$10, includes 2 Sides and canned beer specials

Wednesday: Hump Day Happy Hour--specials from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Karaoke/DJ/Name That Tune and DJ (dj changes) starting at 7:00pm

Thursday: Ladies Night--Special \$5 Martini menu from 5:00pm-close, ½ off select apps. DJ (dj changes) at 7:00pm. Monthly drawing giveaway.

Friday: Early Recess --Happy Hour specials from 3:00pm-7:00pm.

Saturdays: On non-Home games the offer Souvenir Pint glasses for \$5 that you can fill all day with that breweries beer for \$3 a glass. Take the glass home after enjoying ½ off all flavors of chicken wings to go with your beer (*I highly suggest you try the sweet & spicy Thai Firecracker wings*).

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Trucker and Bikers

A grizzled old man was eating in a truck stop when three Hell's Angels bikers walked in. The first walked up to the old man, pushed his cigarette into the old man's pie and then took a seat at the counter. The second walked up to the old man, spit into the old man's coffee and then he took a seat at the counter. The third walked up to the old man, turned over the old man's plate, and then he took a seat at the counter. Without a word of protest, the old man quietly paid his bill and left the diner. One of the bikers said to the waitress, "Humph, not much of a man, was he?" The waitress replied, "Not much of a truck driver either..." "He just backed his truck over three motorcycles."

God and Email

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on...So He called his angels and sent one to earth for a time. When the angel returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not. God thought for a moment and said, 'Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion.' So God called another angel and sent her to earth for a time. When the angel returned she went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good...'God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good, because He wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what the e-mail said? Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

God's Promise to Men...

And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then He made the earth round...and laughed, and laughed, and laughed.

Las Vegas Casinos and Catholics

This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, but there are more Catholic churches there than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino ! chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since they get chips from so many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting and then the chips are ! taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in. This is done by the chip monks. Didn't see it comin' did ya?!?!

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU GET OLD:

GAMES FOR WHEN WE ARE OLDER

1. Sag, you're lt.

2. Hide and go pee.
3. 20 questions shouted into your good ear.
4. Kick the bucket
5. Red Rover, Red Rover, the nurse says Bend Over.
6. Musical recliners.
7. Simon says something incoherent.
8. Pin the Toupee on the bald guy.

SIGNS OF MENOPAUSE

1. You sell your home heating system at a yard sale.
2. You have to write post-it notes with your kids' names on them.
3. You change your underwear after a sneeze.

OLD IS WHEN

1. Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.
2. You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.
3. Getting a little action means I don't need fiber today.
4. Getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.
5. An all-nighter means not getting up to pee!

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEKEND

1. I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!
2. When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk."
3. Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?
4. Stress is when you wake up screaming and then you realize you haven't fallen asleep yet.
5. My husband says I never listen to him. At least I think that's what he said.
6. Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.
7. If raising children was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!
8. Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

But Most Of All, Remember!

A Friend Is Like A Good Bra. Hard to Find, Supportive, Comfortable, And Always Close To Your Heart.

SWISS CHOCOLATE:

A man from Switzerland is walking down the beach and comes across an old bottle. He picks it up, pulls out the cork and out pops a genie. The genie says, "Thank you for freeing me from the bottle. In return I will grant you three wishes." The man says "Great! I always dreamed of this and I know exactly what I want. First, I want one billion dollars in a Swiss bank account."

Poof! There is a flash of light and a piece of paper with account numbers appears in his hand. He continues, "Next, I want a brand new red Ferrari right here." Poof! There is a flash of light and a bright red brand-new Ferrari appears right next to him. He continues, "Finally, I want to be irresistible to women." Poof! There is a flash of light and he turns into a box of chocolates.

WHEN A WOMAN WEARS A LEATHER COAT:

When a woman wears leather clothing,
 A man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry,
 He goes weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally.
 Ever wonder why?
 Because she smells like a new truck.

Subject: The Pond

An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice; picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond; as he hadn't been there for a while and look it over. He grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."
 Moral: Old men can still think fast

ADAM AND EVE:

God was just about done creating humans, but he had two parts left over and couldn't quite decide how to split them between Adam and Eve. He thought He might just as well ask them. He told them one of the things He had left was a thing that would allow the owner to pee while standing up. "It's a very handy thing," God told them, "and I was wondering if either one of you had a preference for it." Well, Adam jumped up and down and begged, "Oh, please give that to me! I'd love to be able to do that! It seems like just the sort of thing a man should have. Please! Pleeese! Give it to me!" On and on he went like an excited little boy. Eve just smiled and told God that if Adam really wanted it so badly, he could have it. So God gave Adam the thing that allowed him to pee standing up. Adam was so excited he just started whizzing all over the place - first on the side of a rock, then he wrote his name in the sand, and then he tried to see if he could hit a stump ten feet away - laughing with delight all the while. God and Eve watched him with amusement and then God said to Eve, "Well, I guess

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you're kind of stuck with the last thing I have left." "What's it called?" asked Eve. "Brains," said God.

Valentines

With Valentines we think of love and of course that's Amore. When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie that's amore. When an eel bites your hand and that's not what you planned That's a moray. When our habits are strange and our customs deranged That's our mores. When your horse munches straw and the bales total four That's some more hay. When Othello's poor wife, she gets stabbed with a knife That's a Moor, eh? When a Japanese knight used a sword in a fight That's Sa... mur...ai.

Love Stamps

A woman walks into a post office and notices a middle-aged, well-dressed man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. As he seals each envelop he sprays it with a puff of perfume. The woman's curiosity gets the better of her, so she goes up to the man and asks what he is doing. The man replies, "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'" "But why?" she asks. "Because I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.

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First Valentine's Day

When was the first Valentine's day celebrated? (I have no original source on this one so it may be fact or fiction.) The lover's holiday has its beginnings in the 4th century B.C. in Rome. The Romans held an annual lottery wherein young men would draw a young woman's name from a box. The couple would be assigned to each other the entire year for entertainment and pleasure. This celebration, traditionally held on February 15, also included banquets, dancing and foot races run in the nude. Around A.D. 496, early church fathers sought an end to the pagan practice, but knew better than to upset the citizens by removing the lottery completely. Instead, they had teenagers pull the names of saints from the box. The teen was supposed to spend the year emulating that saint's life as much as possible, which was probably not as much fun as naked marathons. St. Valentine was chosen as the patron saint of the new event, and young Roman men resorted to courting females by sending handwritten notes delivered on February 14.

Interpreting Dreams

After she woke up, a woman 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 - to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams"

Men and Sex

A recent study was made to find out what days men prefer to have sex? It was found that men preferred to engage in sexual activity on the days that started with "T":

- Tuesday
- Thursday
- Thanksgiving
- Today
- Tomorrow
- Thaturday and Thunday

I am a Man But I really tried...To Be 6 Again...

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her Birthday. "I'd like to be six again", she replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller

Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well Dear, what was it like being six again??" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, You dumb ass!" The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

Kids On Love and Marriage

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

- "You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming." Alan, age 10
- "No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with." Kirsten, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

- "Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then." Camille, age 10
- "No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married." Freddie, age 6

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

- "Married people usually look happy to talk to other people." Eddie, age 6
- "You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids." Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

- "Both don't want no more kids." Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

- "Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough." Lynnette, age 8
- "On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

- "I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns." Craig, age 9



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WHEN IS IT OK TO KISS SOMEONE?

- “When they’re rich.” Pam, age 7
- “The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn’t want to mess with that.” Curt, age 7
- “The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It’s the right thing to do.” Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

- “I don’t know which is better, but I’ll tell you one thing. I’m never going to have sex with my wife. I don’t want to be all grossed out.” Theodore, age 8
- “It’s better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.” Anita, age 9
- “Single is better, for the simple reason that I wouldn’t want to change no diapers. Of course, if I did get married, I’d just phone my mother and have her come over for some coffee and diaper-changing.” Kirsten, age 10

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN’T GET MARRIED?

- “There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn’t there?” Kelvin, age 8
- “You can be sure of one thing - the boys would come chasing after us just the same as they do now.” Roberta, age 7

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

- “If you want to last with your man, you should wear a lot of sexy clothes, especially underwear that is red and maybe has a few diamonds on it.” Lori, age 8
- “Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck.” Ricky, age 10

Of Men and Women

WOMAN’S POEM:

Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man, who’s not a creep,
One who’s handsome, smart and strong.
One who loves to listen long,
One who thinks before he speaks,
One who’ll call, not wait for weeks.
I pray he’s gainfully employed,
When I spend his cash, won’t be annoyed.
Pulls out my chair and opens my door.
Massages my back and begs to do more.
Oh! Send me a man who’ll make love to my mind,
Knows what to answer to ‘how big is my behind?’
I pray that this man will love me to no end,
And always be my very best friend.

A MAN’S POEM:

I pray for a deaf-mute gymnast nymphomaniac with huge boobs who owns a bar on a golf course, and loves to send me fishing and drinking. This doesn’t rhyme and I don’t give a damn.

Philosophy on Relationships

ROMANCE MATHEMATICS

Smart man + smart woman = romance
Smart man + dumb woman = affair
Dumb man + smart woman = marriage
Dumb man + dumb woman = pregnancy

OFFICE ARITHMETIC

Smart boss + smart employee = profit
Smart boss + dumb employee = production
Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion
Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

SHOPPING MATH

A man will pay \$20 for a \$10 item he needs.
A woman will pay \$10 for a \$20 item that she doesn’t need.

GENERAL EQUATIONS & STATISTICS

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.
A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.
A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.
A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

HAPPINESS

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.
To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

LONGEVITY

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

PROPENSITY TO CHANGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn’t.
A man marries a woman expecting that she won’t change, and she does.

DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE

A woman has the last word in any argument.
Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

How To Keep Your Romance Alive:

Need a little help or a few quick ideas on how to keep your romance alive? Below is a list of 99 ways to spark up your love life!

Rules To Live By:

1. Laugh a lot, have a good sense of humor.
2. Look for new ways to fall in love all over again.
3. Let your love know you are there for them.
4. Show your partner you love them in every way possible.
5. Spend time apart, give each other space.
6. Add spice to your love life.
7. Avoid arguing.
8. Try new things.
9. Put your love's feelings first.
10. Keep your relationship full of surprises.
11. Trust one another.
12. Believe romance is important to your relationship.
13. Always have a good conversation with your partner.
14. Have faith in your relationship.
15. Tell your sweetheart how much they mean to you.
16. Be yourself.
17. Be romantic.
18. Always be there for each other.
19. Spend time together.
20. Whenever you have a misunderstanding make sure to talk about the problems and try your best to solve it together.
21. Treat your love as if they mean everything to you.
22. Treat your partner with the respect they deserve.
23. Never hang up the phone without saying I love you.
24. Never part without kissing.
25. Praise your partner often.
26. Never take your relationship for granted.
27. Make each moment with your with each other count.
28. Remember to take time for each other.
29. Keep happy.
30. Spoil your partner rotten!
31. Never go to sleep mad at each other.
32. Don't be afraid of making a fool of yourself.
33. Let your imagination be your guide.
34. Be a good listener.
35. Get to really know your partner.
36. Make yourself trustworthy.
37. Never be predictable.
38. Kiss your partner like you won't see them again.
39. Be open and honest.
40. Keep open communication with your partner.
41. Maintain a great friendship with your love!

Rituals of Love:

1. Take a few minutes each day to say I love you.

2. Kiss everyday.
3. Start each day with a kiss and an I love you.
4. End each day with a kiss and an I love you.
5. Plan a monthly overnight/weekend getaway.
6. Take bubble baths together at least once a month.
7. Go out on at least one date a week.
8. Take walks together as often as possible.
9. Give your love a card once a week.
10. Set one day out of each week to do something special and never miss it.
11. Say something sweet to your love every day.
12. Send an e-mail every day.
13. Every night before bed wish your partner sweet dreams.
14. Romantic Ideas:
15. Give your partner a smile or soft kiss and just let them know you are there for them.
16. Cuddle together on the couch and watch a movie.
17. Cuddle together on the couch and talk about your dreams and future plans.
18. Ask each other out on dates.
19. Write sweet letters.
20. Always hug and kiss your love.
21. Send little gifts to them by surprise.
22. Call them up at work to remind them you love them.
23. Rub their feet.
24. Place love notes in their lunch.
25. Buy their favorite cookies and hide them for your love.



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28. Read to each other.
29. Surprise your partner to a romantic weekend together.
30. Tell your love how sexy and beautiful they are.
31. Give special surprises like little teddy bears with "I wanna sex you up" notes or something silly like that.
32. Kiss in a lot of different ways.
33. Send a romantic e-card.
34. Stick little notes in their car.
35. Bring flowers when they least expect it.
36. Take showers together.
37. Picnic under the moonlight.
38. Give a single perfect rose for no reason at all.
39. Dance on the balcony.
40. Try new thing when making love.
41. Put on your favorite songs and dance around in the kitchen.
42. Create love, friendship and devotion page for each other.
43. Write I love you on the bathroom mirror with a soap bar.
44. Have pizza with a love note delivered to your partners work.
45. Have coded messages to send pages to each other.
46. Cuddle up with your love in the cold.
47. Go hiking.
48. Ride horses.
49. Cook together.
50. Light candles, drink wine with strawberries and have lots of loving!
51. Keep a mini mailbox, leave the flag up when you've left a love note.
52. Pretend like you're meeting for the first time.
53. Get a babysitter.

Making It Intimate:

1. Take one night each week and give into each other's sexual fantasies.
2. Buy new sexy clothes.
3. Get a red light bulb, a nice and sexy lingerie , make a little dinner and then comes dessert. :)
4. Send your love x-rated e-mail or text.
5. Wear sexy lingerie.

Send your partner sexy websites by e-mail to let them know you are thinking about them.

Texting for Seniors:

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

- * ATD- At the Doctor's
- * BFF - Best Friends Funeral
- * BTW- Bring the Wheelchair
- * BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth
- * CBM- Covered by Medicare

- * CUATSC- See You at the Senior Center
- * DWI- Driving While Incontinent
- * FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- * GGPBL- Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- * GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- * HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement
- * LMDO- Laughing My Dentures Out
- * LOL- Living on Lipitor
- * OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas
- * TOT- Texting on Toilet
- * WAITT - Who Am I Talking To?

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

The Bible:

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

Mailing a Bible:

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

The Lord

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

No-Parking Zone

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

Building Fund

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

Amish Driver

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

Knowing God

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

Gas Pumps

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

People

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

Sunday School

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

New Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

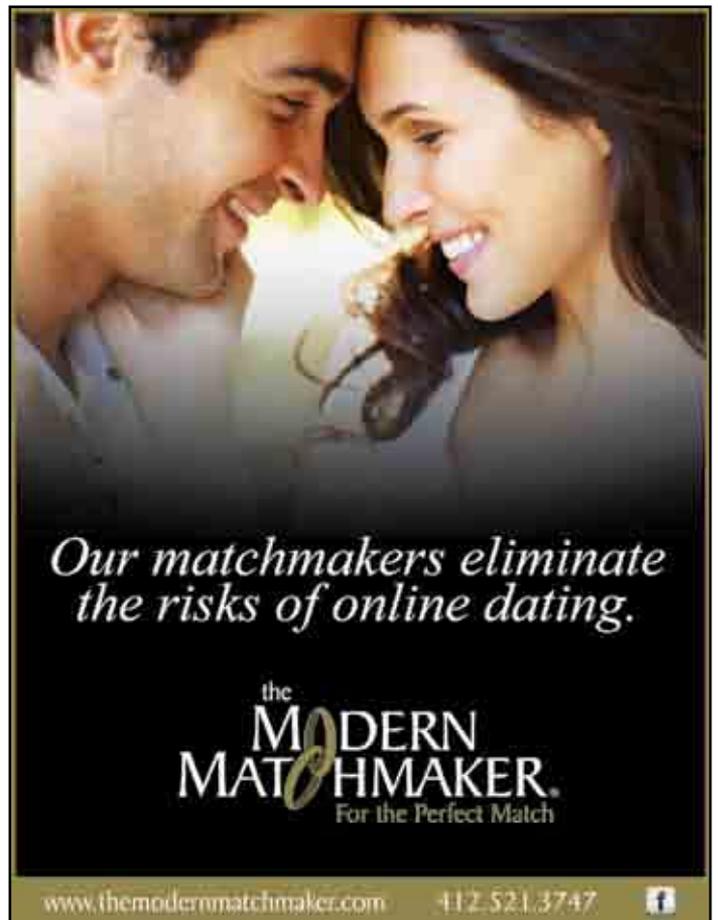
OLD TIMER'S HOSPITAL STAY!

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

10 Commandments of Marriage

Commandment 1.

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Commandment 2.

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

Commandment 3.

Marriage is grand -- and divorce is at least 100 grand!

Commandment 4.

Married life is very frustrating. In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.

Commandment 5.

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 is.

Commandment 6.

Marriage is when a man and woman become as one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

Commandment 7.

Before marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you said. After marriage, he will fall asleep before you finish talking.

Commandment 8.

Every man wants a wife who is beautiful, understanding, economical, and a good cook. But the law allows only one wife.

Commandment 9.

Every woman wants a man who is handsome, understanding, economical and a considerate lover, but again, the law allows only one husband.

Commandment 10.

Man is incomplete until he marries. After that, he is finished.

The Date:

A boy and his date were parked on a back road some distance from town doing what boys and girls do on back roads some distance from town. Things were getting hot and heavy when the girl stopped the boy. "I really should have mentioned this earlier, but I'm actually a hooker and I charge \$20 for sex," she said. The boy just looked at her for a couple of seconds, but then reluctantly paid her, and they did their thing. After the cigarette, the boy just sat in the driver's seat looking out the window. "Why aren't we going anywhere?" asked the hooker. "Well, I should have mentioned this before, but I'm actually a taxi driver, and the fare back to town is \$25.

Blonde joke

The pretty, young blond woman sat in her stalled car, waiting for help. Finally two men walked up to her. "I'm out of gas," she purred. "Could you push me to the gas station?" The men readily put their muscles to the car and rolled it several blocks. After a while, one looked up, exhausted, to see that they had just passed a filling station. "How come you didn't turn in?" he yelled. "I never go there," the blond shouted back. "They don't have full service."

The Woodpecker

Two tall trees, a birch and a beech, are growing in the woods. A small tree begins to grow between them, and the beech says to the birch, "Is that a son of a beech or a son of a birch?" The birch says he cannot tell. Just then a woodpecker lands on the sapling. The birch says, "Woodpecker, you are a tree expert. Can you tell if that is a son of a beech or a son of a birch?" The woodpecker takes a taste of the small tree. He replies, "It is neither a son of a beech nor a son of a birch. It is, however, the best piece of ash I have ever put beak in."

Old Timers Bar

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Ft Myers, Florida. They turned a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - all drinks 10 cents." They look at each other, then go in, thinking this is too good to be true. The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on

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

Best Lawyer Story of the Year

A Charlotte, NC lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire, among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost in "a series of small fires". The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued and WON! (Stay with me.) In delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his rare cigars lost in the "fires". NOW FOR THE BEST PART..... After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine. This is a true story and was the First Place winner in the recent

Criminal Lawyers Award Contest. ONLY IN AMERICA! NO WONDER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES THINK WE'RE NUTS.

The Blind Man...

One day, there was a blind man sitting on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet and a sign that read: "I am blind, please help." A creative publicist was walking by and stopped to observe. He saw that the blind man had only a few coins in his hat. He dropped in more coins and, without asking for permission, took the sign and rewrote it. He returned the sign to the blind man and left. That afternoon the publicist returned to the blind man and noticed that his hat was full of bills and coins. The blind man recognized his footsteps and asked if it was he who had rewritten his sign and wanted to know what he had written on it. The publicist responded: "Nothing that was not true. I just wrote the message a little differently." He smiled and went on his way. The new sign read: "Today is Spring and I cannot see it." Sometimes we need to change our strategy. If we always do what we've always done, we'll always get what we've always gotten. And remember too, sometimes it's not WHAT we say, it's HOW we say it!!

Chinese Proverb:

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Possibly the best chicken and egg joke yet

A chicken and an egg are lying in bed. The chicken is leaning against the headboard smoking a cigarette, with a satisfied

smile on its face. The egg, looking a bit peeved, grabs the sheet, rolls over, and says, "Well, I guess we finally answered THAT question."

Hungry?

A woman asks her husband, "Would you like some bacon and eggs? A slice of toast, and maybe some grapefruit and coffee?" He declines. "Thanks for asking, but I'm not hungry right now. It's this Viagra," he says, "it's really taken the edge off my appetite." At lunchtime she asked him if he would like something, "A bowl of soup, homemade muffins, or a cheese sandwich? Once again he declines. "The Viagra," he says, "really thrashes my desire for food." Come dinnertime, she asks if he wants anything to eat. "Would you like a juicy rib eye and scrumptious apple pie? Or maybe a rotisserie chicken or tasty stir fry?" He declines again. "No, it's got to be the Viagra, I'm still not hungry." "Well, she says, "would you mind letting me up? I'm starving."

Police Recruit Exam

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said: "Call for backup."

Too Drunk to Drive

How can you tell your to drunk to drive ? When you swerve 2 miss a tree and realize it was your air fresher!

Juggling Act

A man is driving home, when is pulled over by a patrolman for a broken blinker. The cop looks into the guys' car and sees a collection of knives in the backseat. "Sir," the cop says. "Why do you have all those knives?" "They're for my juggling act," the man says. "I don't believe you," says the cop. "Prove it." So the man gets out of his car and begins juggling the knives. At the same time, a car with two guys in it drives by. "Man," says the first guy. "I'm glad I quit drinking. These new sobriety tests are really hard."

Orange Johnson

Guy goes to a doctor and says, "Doc, you've got to help me. My junk is orange." Doctor pauses to think and asks the guy to drop his pants so he can check. Damned if the guy's penis isn't orange. Doc tells the guy, "This is very strange. Sometimes things like this are caused by a lot of stress in a person's life." Probing as to the causes of possible stress, the doc asks the guy, "How are things going at work?" The guy responds that he was fired about six weeks ago. The doctor tells him that this must be the cause of the stress. Guy responds, "No. The boss was a real jerk, I had to work 20-30 hours of overtime every week and I had no say in anything that was happening. I found a new job a couple of weeks ago where I can set my own hours, I'm getting paid double what I got on the old job and the boss is a really great guy." So the doc figures this isn't the reason. He asks the guy, "How's your home life?" The guy says, "Well, I got divorced about eight months ago." The doc

figures that this has got to be the reason for all of the guys stress. Guy says, "No. For years, all I listened to was nag, nag, nag. God, am I glad to be rid of that old bitch." So the doc takes a few minutes to think a little longer. He inquires, "Do you have any hobbies or a social life?" The guy replies, "No, not really. Most nights I sit home, watch some porno flicks and munch on Cheetos."

Motorcycle Cop

A motorcycle officer stops a man for running a red light. The guy is a real jerk and comes running back to the motor officer. The violator demands to know why he is being harassed by the Gestapo! So the officer calmly tells him of the red light violation. The "motorist" instantly goes on a tirade, questioning the officer's ancestry, sexual orientation, etc., in rather explicit terms. The officer, being a professional, takes it all in stride. The tirade goes on without the cop saying anything. When he gets done with writing the citation he puts the letters "AH" in the lower right corner of the narrative portion of the citation. He then hands it to the "Violator" for his signature. The guy signs the cite angrily, tearing the paper, and when presented his copy points to the "AH" and demands to know what it stands for. The officer then removes his mirror sunglasses, gets in the middle of the guys face and says, "That's so when we go to court, I'll remember you're an Asshole!" Three months later they are in court. The "Violator" has such a bad record he is about to lose his license and has hired an attorney to represent

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him. On the stand the officer testifies to seeing the man run the red light. Under cross examination the defense attorney asks, "Officer is this a reasonable facsimile of the citation you issued my client?" The Officer responds, "Yes sir, this is the defendant's copy, his signature and mine, same number at the top." Attorney: "Officer, is there any particular marking or notation on this citation you don't normally make?" Officer: "Yes sir, in the lower right corner of the narrative there are the letters "AH", underlined." Attorney: What does the AH stand for, officer? Officer: "Aggressive and Hostile Sir" Attorney: Aggressive and Hostile?" Officer: "Yes Sir. Attorney: "Officer... are you sure it doesn't stand for asshole?" Officer: "Well Sir, You know your client better than I do!

Elderly Memory

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I really recommend it." The other man said, "What's the name of the restaurant?" The first man knits his brow in obvious concentration and finally says to his companion, "Ah, what is the name of that red flower you give to someone you love?" His friend replies, "A Carnation?" "No. No. The other one," the man says. His friend offers another suggestion, "The Poppy?" "No," growls the man, "You know the one that is red and has thorns." His friend says, "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, yes that's it," the first man says. He then turns toward the kitchen and yells, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Best Friends

Jack is on his death bed, and he says to his wife, "Can you give me one last wish?" She says, "Anything you want." He says, "After I die, will you marry Larry?" She says, "But I thought you hated Larry." With his last breath, he says, "I do."

Mr. Bear and Mr. Rabbit

Mr. Bear and Mr. Rabbit didn't like each other very much. One day, while walking through the woods, and they came across a golden frog. They were amazed when the frog talked to them. The golden frog admitted that he didn't often meet anyone, but, when he did, he always gave them six wishes. He told them that they could have 3 wishes each. Mr. Bear immediately wished that all the other bears in the forest were females. The frog granted his wish. Mr. Rabbit, after thinking for a while, wished for a crash helmet. One appeared immediately, and he placed it on his head. Mr. Bear was amazed at Mr. Rabbit's wish, but carried on with his second wish. He wished that all the bears in the neighboring forests were females as well, and the frog granted his wish. Mr. Rabbit then wished for a motorcycle. It appeared before him, and he climbed on board and started revving the engine. Mr. Bear could not believe it and complained that Mr. Rabbit had wasted two wishes that he

could have had for himself. Shaking his head, Mr. Bear made his final wish, that all the other bears in the world were females as well, leaving him as the only male bear in the world. The frog replied that it had been done, and they both turned to Mr. Rabbit for his last wish. Mr. Rabbit revved the engine, thought for a second, then said, "I wish that Mr. Bear was gay!" and rode off as fast as he could!

Redneck Gas Station

A gas station in Kentucky was trying to increase its sales, so the owner put up a sign saying, "Free Sex with Fill-Up." Soon a local redneck pulled in, filled his tank, and then asked for his free sex. The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10. If he guessed correctly, he would get his free sex. The redneck then guessed 8, and the proprietor said, "You were close. The number was 7. Sorry, no sex this time." A week later, the same redneck, along with a buddy, Bubba, pulled in for a fill-up. Again he asked for his free sex. The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number. The redneck guessed 2 this time. Again the proprietor said, "Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no free sex this time." As they were driving away, the redneck said to his buddy, "I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away free sex." Bubba replied, "No it ain't, Billy Ray. It ain't rigged... my wife won twice last week."

Just One Wish

A man was riding his Harley along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head... In a booming

voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish. The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want." The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind." The biker thought about it for a long time... Finally, he said, "Lord, I wish that I, and all men, could understand our wives; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy." The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Grandma's Idea

A man was walking down the street when he noticed his grandpa sitting on the porch, in the rocking chair, with nothing on from the waist down. "Grandpa, what are you doing?" he exclaimed. The old man looked off in the distance and didn't answer him. "Grandpa, what are you doing sitting out here with nothing on below the waist?" he asked again. The old man slyly looked at him and said, "Well, last week I sat out here with no shirt on, and I got a stiff neck. This was your Grandma's idea!"



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Redneck Birth Logic

Deep In the back woods of Tennessee, a man's wife went into labor in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here. You hold this high so I can see what I am doing." Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world. Whoa there, said the doctor, "Don't be in such a rush to put that lantern down. I think there's another one coming." Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl. "Hold that lantern up, don't set it down there's another one!" said the doctor. Within a few minutes he had delivered a third baby. "No, don't be in a hurry to put down that lantern, it seems there's yet another one coming!" cried the doctor. The redneck scratched his head in bewilderment, and asked the doctor, "You reckon it might be the light that's attractin' 'em?"

Arthur and God

At the gates, St. Peter told Arthur, "Since you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want in Heaven." Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said "I want to hang out with God." St. Peter took Arthur to the Throne Room and introduced him to God. God recognized Arthur and commented, "Okay, so you were the one who invented the Harley Davidson motorcycle?" Arthur said, "Yep, that's me."

God said, "Well, what's the big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable, makes noise and pollution and can't run without a road?" Arthur was apparently embarrassed, but finally he said, "Excuse me, but aren't You the inventor of woman?" God said, "Yes." "Well," said Arthur, "professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention:

1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end protrusions;
2. It chatters constantly at high speeds;
3. Most of the rear ends are too soft and wobble too much;
4. The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust;
5. And the maintenance costs are enormous!;

"Hmmmmm, you have some good points there," replied God, "hold on." God went to His Celestial super computer, typed in a few words and waited for the results. The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it. "Well, it may be true that my invention is flawed," God said to Arthur, "but according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours."

A Man and His Wife

A woman is at home when she hears someone knock at the door. She goes to the door and opens the door to see a man standing there. He asks the lady, "Do you have a vagina?" She slams the door in disgust. The next morning she hears a knock at the door and it is the same man and he asks the same question of the woman, "Do you have a vagina?" She slams the door again. Later that night when her husband gets home she tells him what has happened for the last two days. The husband tells the wife in a loving and concerned voice "Honey, I am taking tomorrow off to be home just in case this guy shows up again." The next morning they hear a knock and both run for the door. The husband says to the wife in a whispered voice, "Honey, I'm going to hide behind the door and listen and if it is the same guy I want you to answer yes to the question because I want to see where the bastard is going with it." She nods yes to her husband and opens the door. Sure enough the same fellow is standing there and asks the same question; "Do you have vagina?" "Yes, actually I have," she says. The man replies.. "Good! Would you mind telling your husband to leave my wife's alone and start using yours?"

Big Shoes... Big....

A lady went into a bar in Waco and saw a cowboy with his feet propped upon a table. He had the biggest boots she'd ever seen. The woman asked the cowboy if it's true what they say about men with big feet. The cowboy grinned and said, "Shore is, little lady! Why don't you come on out to the bunkhouse and let me prove it to you?" The woman wanted to find out for herself, so she spent the night with him. The next morning she handed him a \$100 bill. Blushing, he said, "Well, thankee, ma'am. Ah'm real flattered. Ain't nobody ever paid me fer mah services before." The woman replied, "Don't be flattered... take the money and buy yourself some boots that fit."

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El Computadoro???

A Spanish Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. 'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.' A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?' Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

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The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;

3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model...

The women won.

Ma and Pa's Outhouse

Ma was in the kitchen fiddling around when she hollers out, "Pa! You need to go out and fix the outhouse!" Pa replies, "There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse." Ma yells back, "Yes there is, now git out there and fix it." So Pa mosies out to the outhouse, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse!" "Ma replies, "Stick yur head in the hole!" Pa yells back, "I ain't stickin my head in that hole!" "Ma says, "Ya have to stick yur head in the hole to see what to fix." So with that, Pa sticks his head in the hole, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with this outhouse!" Ma hollers back, "Now take your head out of the hole!" Pa proceeds to pull his head out of the hole, then starts yelling, "Ma! Help! My beard is stuck in the cracks in the toilet seat!" To which Ma replies, "Hurts, don't it?!"



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