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Dating Make 2014 the Year for Love

By: Michael Kyle,
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We all set goals for the New Year, whether it's fitness goals, career goals, or relationship goals. The tradition of goal setting is something most people do, but very few follow through with. Usually the goals that people care the most about are the ones that get achieved. There are a few steps you can take to focus and stay on the right track when it comes to dating in the New Year.

1. **Get yourself mentally prepared.**

If you're looking to really find love and cut out the games, you need to get yourself mentally prepared. Dating isn't easy, and it can become frustrating at times. You are looking for a life partner, which is the most important decision you will ever make. You want to make sure you find the right person. This year, make a mental note of basic things you want out of a life partner. These qualities should be personality traits or lifestyle you'd like a partner to share. Once you have the baseline of what you're looking for down, it will make it easier to gauge if a potential match is compatible.

2. **Be Realistic**

We advise not focusing solely on the physical attributes of a potential match. The inside should be as good as the outside. We all would like to date beautiful models, but realistically it's hard to do. There are different levels of chemistry; physical, emotional, intellectual just to name a few. Looks are important for chemistry, but don't let looks be the end all be all if you think you like someone. Men are usually guiltier of doing this than women. If you base your expectations on superficiality, you will have a superficial relationship. It's that easy. By setting really high and unrealistic standards on potential matches, you're just limiting yourself.

3. **Let go of the Past**

What a perfect time to start over new! Yes, we've all been burnt when it comes to love and dating. We all have our battle scars to prove it and stories of bad relationships. These experiences only

make us stronger and teach us to date smart. It's very important that you do not let the past experiences spill into the present date. Each new date should be looked at as a new beginning. It is a chance to start over new and not make the same mistakes that you've made in the past. The biggest turn off to a potential mate is bringing up an ex! So start the New Year right and make 2014 your best year yet.

4. **Have a strong relationship.....with yourself.**

In order to be able to have a strong, meaningful relationship with another, we must love ourselves first. This year, make it a point to focus on yourself, and your self-growth. Be sure to reflect on what things may be working and what things aren't working in your dating life this year. No one is perfect, and single people may be doing something wrong that keeps them single. It's important to pinpoint what these behaviors are and change them so you stop running into the same problems. Without self-reflection and without knowing ourselves well, it's easy to get lost in the dating world. Also, invest in your fitness and health. Learn to love your body and build your confidence. When you feel and look good, others tend to notice.

5. **Don't Give Up!**

If you want to find your perfect match this year, do not get frustrated and give up! Dating and finding the right one is a process, and sometimes this process takes a while. Some people have a connection on the first date they go on while it takes others several dates to make a real connection. Either way, do not stop trying, do not get discouraged. Get out there and be social as much as possible. If there's an option to go out or stay in, make sure you choose to go out! If you get out there, and make it known that your single, then you could attract a mate! You never know what could happen or who you could meet.

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Pitt Basketball Takes on the ACC

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While the forgettable first year of ACC play is over for football, the basketball season is just beginning. Will the sneaker squeakers perform better? Odds are they will do better than a less than mediocre .375 winning percentage in conference, but to excel against stiff competition, Jamie Dixon will have to make up for a lot of lost production.

Steven Adams took his 7.2 points, 2 blocks and 6.3 rebounds per game and declared for the NBA draft. He was taken with the 12th overall pick by Oklahoma City and is shooting nearly 50% from the floor and averaging nearly five rebounds and one block per game in limited minutes as a pro. Also gone are seniors Dante Taylor, who never did live up to his McDonald's All American billing as he clocked just around 15 minutes, five points and four rebounds a game last season, and Tray Woodall, who averaged double figures in points. Even though Taylor wasn't putting up numbers, coupled with Adams there was a physical presence in the paint that Pitt has yet to replace.

The Panthers also bid adieu to J.J. Moore who transferred to Rutgers for his senior season. Moore averaged eight points and three rebounds coming off the bench last year as a junior for Pitt. Passing him on the Pennsylvania turnpike while headed in the opposite direction was junior transfer Derrick Randall. Randall left Rutgers in the wake of the Mike Rice scandal

and is contributing about 13 minutes and nearly four points per game so far this season. But that's just a drop in the offensive bucket.

How will Pitt find the rebounds, blocks and points that left with those guys? In total, the Panthers lost over half of their offense with 51.3% of points scored and 53.2% of made field goals. The defense and rebounding suffered more loss with 53% of offensive rebounds and 69.5% of blocked shots out the door. That's a lot of production to find on both ends of the floor. Seniors James Patterson and Talib Zanna will have to pick up the slack. Second year starter, sophomore James Robinson, will have to step up as well. Coming off his second gold medal this past summer -



Pitt's only two-time international gold medal winner - Robinson continues to take care of the ball. Last season he ranked 9th in the country and first among freshman in assist to turnover ratio (2.83) and he is racking up another impressive effort so far this season (5.11).

Dixon breaks from his traditional practice of not starting freshman for the second year in a row. After Robinson and Adams earned their starting roles last year, true freshman Michael Young does the same in the power forward position. Young is a Pittsburgh area native, hailing from McKeesport and at this time of this writing, he is averaging over 20 minutes a game, contributing 6.6 points and 5.6 boards each time he hits the floor. He is also banging home 86% of his free throws.

Young isn't the only one taking advantage of the charity stripe this year, as the Panthers are sinking 75% which is a welcomed departure from Pitt teams of yore. But after starting the season 10-0 for the eighth time under Jamie Dixon, averaging nearly 83 points per game and shooting 50% from the floor, the Panthers fell to Cincinnati 44-43, at Madison Square Garden no less. Pitt knocked down 11 field goals ALL GAME, its second lowest output ever.

Will that loss be humbling? A reminder that just because you are crushing cupcakes, no disrespect to Stanford, it doesn't mean you can waltz onto any court and drop 80 plus points on the opposition. There's the rub. The age old argument that the preseason schedule is too weak for Pitt. That when tougher competition comes around in March, the team hasn't been challenged with different styles of play at higher levels of play. They can't rely on their superior talent when the other team has just as much, right? Nah. I'm not a believer in that narrative. The Panthers lost by one on a last second missed shot and offensive rebound put back. Despite their abysmal 31% shooting, 66% free throw efficiency and being out rebounded by eight on the offensive boards, they led with just seconds remain-

ing. Chalking it up to a bad night at the office. A very, very bad night.

The boys can't afford to have many of those in conference play which begins in January. The Panthers were picked to finish sixth in the ACC pre-season media poll, with Duke the overwhelming favorite to win the conference title with 50 out of 54 first place votes. Our ol' friend Syracuse grabbed three votes with North Carolina receiving one. Virginia and Notre Dame round out the top five. Pitt's regular season success has been well documented, they are the fifth most winningest program in college basketball over the last dozen seasons with Kansas, Duke, Memphis and Gonzaga ahead of them. They've reached the Big East tournament final seven of the last 13 years, but the ACC will be a new challenge.

At least they enter their inaugural season with familiar foes to ease the transition. Syracuse, especially. Pitt has dominated the Orange during Jamie Dixon's tenure, with a 10-4 record versus Jim Boeheim. Notre Dame also made the switch, bringing with them Mike Brey's burn offense which has given the Panthers trouble the past few years. The Panthers have a one year reprieve from nemesis Louisville who figures to dominate the American Athletic Conference (AAC) before essentially taking Maryland's spot next season, as the Terps head off to the Big Ten, and Pitino brings his horses, not of the equine variety of course, to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Dixon has a 5-7 record against the Cardinals. It's not awful. But it's not pretty either. Especially if you watched those games. Hopefully Pitt takes the opportunity this season to get a head start in their new conference home before the KFC Yum! Center becomes an ACC venue.

So how has Pitt fared against their new conference brethren? Well, they've never shared a court with North Carolina, Virginia, NC State, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, or Clemson under Jamie Dixon. Everyone else? They are undefeated against during his tenure as head coach. Albeit a minuscule sample size. But hey, they've never lost to Coach K! Combined, Pitt is 11-0 versus Duke, Maryland, Boston College, Florida State, Miami and Virginia Tech. How will they fare against this schedule? You be the judge . . .

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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

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Cirque du Soleil is pleased to announce that its newest arena show, Varekai, will perform in Pittsburgh at the Petersen Events Center from March 27 - 30, 2014 for six performances only. After 11 years of touring the world under the blue and yellow Big Top, Varekai will begin a new adventure this coming December touring the world in arenas worldwide and in some markets never visited before!

Advance tickets for Varekai are available now online exclusively to Cirque Club members through December 19. Cirque Club membership is free and benefits includes access to advance tickets, special offers and exclusive behind the scenes information. To join, go to www.cirqueclub.com.

Tickets for the general public will be available starting Friday, December 20 at www.cirquedusoleil.com/varekai or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

About Varekai

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The sky lets go a solitary young man, and the story of Varekai begins. Parachuted into the shadows of a magical forest, a kaleidoscopic world imbued with fantastical creatures, a young man takes flight in an adventure both absurd and extraordinary. On this day at the edge of time, in this place of pure and undiluted possibility, begins an inspired incantation to a life rediscovered and to a newly found wonder in the mysteries of the world and the mind.

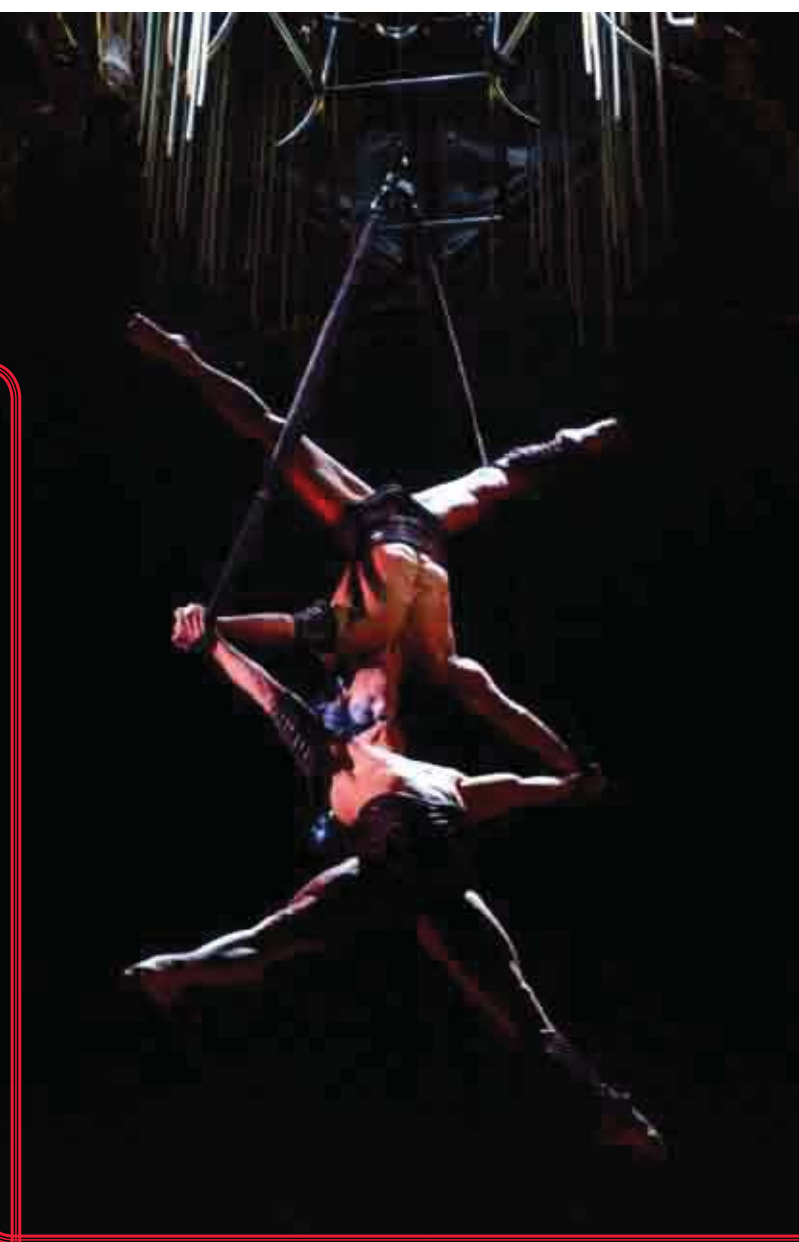
The word Varekai (pronounced ver-ay-'kie) means "wherever" in the Romany language of the gypsies the universal wanderers. Directed by Dominic Champagne, this production pays tribute to the nomadic soul, to the spirit and art of the circus tradition, and to those who quest with infinite passion along the path that leads to Varekai.

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NEW PLANET

by: Ricky Perrotta

A new year is often seen as a time for new beginnings and fresh perspectives. For many, with every January 1st comes the opportunity to shrug off the travails of the old year and re-imagine oneself. The possibilities, as well as the resolutions, are endless...but many of them deal solely with health concerns. "I'm going to lose weight," is a common refrain. "I'm going to start exercising!" is another. Some will start running, some will give up potato chips, some will even buy vegetarian or vegan cookbooks. Suddenly "new beginnings" and "fresh perspectives" do not sound so alluring.

Well, New Planet Beer Company, a brewery based in Boulder, Colorado might offer the opportunity to put the excitement back in your New Year's resolutions with their wonderful line of 100% gluten-free craft beers. By now, it is safe to assume that everyone has heard about the gluten-free movement. Gluten is a protein found in wheat and other grains such as barley, rye, and oats. Astute readers (and not-so-astute readers) will quickly come to the depressing conclusion that without wheat, barley, rye, and oats there is precious little chance of creating traditional malts. Without malts, we're living in a world without our favorite beverage.

Pedro Gonzalez, founder of New Planet Beer Company, has an alternative even if it was one that was thrust upon him. Mr. Gonzalez, like one out of 133 people in America, suffers from celiac disease, a condition which causes its carriers to react negatively to gluten. He was told he would never drink craft beer again. Understandably, this diagnosis was untenable to the man. Rather than live a life without beer, Mr. Gonzalez decided to do something about it – he began brewing beer out of brown rice and sorghum. On its own, brown rice does not produce enough of the enzymes needed to degrade starches into fermentable sugars. So sorghum, a millet-like grain popular in Africa and Asia as a source of protein, is used to bring the enzyme levels up to par and create the malt. The result is a line of beers that only three years ago could only be found in Colorado, but is now distributed in an impressive 46 states, including Pennsylvania. It can be found in Pittsburgh thanks to Vecenie Distributing Company.

I was fortunate enough to speak with New Planet's marketing manager, the very cordial Peter Archer. I feel like I'm mentioning this about the people at every brewery for which I write an article, but one would never know that Mr. Archer works for such a successful brewery. He is energetic and amiable, once again proving the tried and true theory that beer lovers are good people. Mr. Archer compared the difference between "normal" beers and gluten-free beers to the difference between "red wine and white wine." He says, "The process by which they are made is exactly the same. It's just the ingredients that are different, leading to different flavors." Because gluten-free beers are not made from the so-called traditional ingredients, they will not have what people think of as the distinctive craft beer taste. However, they are just as capable of having complex, nuanced flavors and textures. The idea of "traditional" ingredients and "non-traditional" ingredients may very well be the next thing to go as the craft beer movement carries on. After all, it was not long ago that rye beers were relatively rare.

New Planet is truly, as Mr. Archer says, "Pioneering" 100% gluten-free beers. They are the first American brewery to make a gluten-free Belgian ale, a gluten-free pale ale, a gluten-free raspberry ale, a gluten-free brown ale, and a gluten-free amber ale. Before New Planet, the only gluten-free beers were lagers. New Planet is also "in full compliance with Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) Ruling 2012-2 and can therefore be labeled and advertised as gluten-free."



As their website, newplanetbeer.com, tells us, "The TTB believes that the qualifying statement is necessary to avoid misleading consumers about the gluten content of (certain) products because of the serious health consequences associated with the consumption of gluten by individuals with celiac disease."

2013 is winding down, but 2014 will be here soon and with it, the opportunity for new beginnings and fresh perspectives. If you suffer from celiac disease, want to try a gluten-free lifestyle, or just want to try a new and exciting craft beer, try New Planet. It has already become a staple of the ever-growing beer market, not just in Pittsburgh, but all across America.

New Planet Beers:

Pale Ale - New Planet Beer's Pale Ale – Formerly Off Grid Pale Ale - is reminiscent of a classic American Pale Ale, offering bold hop character and rich caramel and grapefruit notes with a clean yet distinctly hoppy finish. The making of this Pale Ale involves 3 types of hops – Centennial, Cascade, and Sterling. The hop bitterness contrasts with spicy, heat-charred, smoky, or aromatic flavors, such as blue cheese, barbeque, seafood, and Asian spiced dishes. 6.4% ABV.

Amber Ale - A truly drinkable amber ale with a balanced malt profile, lightly toasted caramel notes and subtle citrus hints on the finish. Made with Simcoe and Sterling hops. Pair with BBQ pork and brisket, milder and fuller flavor cheese like Gouda, or veggie options such as eggplant or Portobello mushrooms.

Blonde Ale - Light and refreshing, Blonde Ale – Formerly known as Tread Lightly Ale – offers bright notes of honey and a subtle floral aroma with a crisp clean finish. Made with Cascade hops. New Planet also uses orange peels in the brewing of this beer, adding



a refreshing citrus flavor. Lighter foods pair best with the Blonde Ale given it's more straight forward taste profile. Try Monterey Jack cheese or similar light, nutty cheese, grilled chicken, salmon, or bratwurst, or fish or shrimp tacos. 6.0%

Raspberry Ale – Formerly known as 3R Raspberry Ale, this delightfully drinkable ale offers a crisp, yet complex, balance of subtle fruit flavor and aroma, with a zesty, citrusy finish. Brewed with natural raspberry puree and orange peel. The Raspberry Ale is also made with Cascade hops. Best paired with foods driven by herbs and spices, especially fruit elements. Try light, white meats with a fruit glaze, salads with fruit based dressings, deserts such as mascarpone cheese, chiffon cakes, and soufflés, or dark chocolate. 5.0% ABV.

Belgian Ale - An ale created with a distinctly Belgian character. Bright, crisp and refreshing with subtle spice and honey notes. Due to the spice, citrus, and honey notes, the Belgian Ale pairs beautifully with a range of dishes including light seafood's, sharp cheeses, and spring green salads with grilled salmon or chicken and a citrus based vinaigrette. 6.8% ABV.

Brown Ale - This award-winning ale is rich in character and depth, highlighted by coffee and chocolate flavors, with subtle cinnamon and vanilla notes on the finish brewed with Centennial and Sterling hops. The smooth malt texture makes for great pairings with earthier-style cheeses, hearty sausages and full-flavored grilled meats, and deserts such as black-forest cake, raspberry tart, and fudge. 6.0% ABV.

For more information about New Planet Brewery visit www.newplanet.com.

Everyone should be able to enjoy a great beer. When New Planet's founder, Pedro Gonzalez, first discovered he was Celiac, he thought his craft beer drinking days were over. What started as a personal quest quickly turned into the launch of New Planet – a business founded on brewing great tasting gluten-free beer that is crafted for you.

New Planet represents a new frontier in gluten-free beer. It's unlike most gluten-free beers that are available today. Unrivaled in flavor, quality, taste and care...everything a crafted beer should be.

The brand is grounded on what's good for the earth and for the individual, and is about discovering something better. That's why New Planet is dedicated to donating a portion of their proceeds to help make the planet better for all of us.

Current Programs

- For the past 3 years, New Planet Beer has chosen to support Wildlands Trail Restoration Volunteers.
- 2010 Recipient: Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Betasso Preserve Trails
- 2011 Recipient: Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Red Rocks Trails
- 2012 Recipient: Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, High Park Fire Restoration

Our Mission

Our purpose is to help everyone celebrate life with a great tasting beer and to do good things for the planet.

Our guaranteed gluten-free beers are locally crafted from brewers who bring you great quality and flavor found in small batches. We're a Colorado based, family and friend owned and operated company and we donate a portion of the proceeds to help our planet.

Gluten Free. Start to Finish. Simply put, that's what all New Planet Beers are. New Planet Beer is brewed from 100% gluten-free ingredients, processed with care to avoid cross contamination, and tested regularly to be assure compliance. As a result, New Planet Beer is in full compliance with TTB Ruling 2012-2 and therefore can be labeled and advertised as "gluten-free".



BITBURGER BREWERY

By: Chris Wise



Bitburger
Brewery's
success has
been built on
the strength of
their original
Bitburger
Premium Pils.

Coming up on their bicentennial in a mere four years, the Bitburger Brewery has become one of the most important private brewery in Germany since it was founded in 1817. Seven generations of family ownership allowed Bitburger Brewery to be named number one draft beer in Germany in 1992, a position it holds to this day. The Bitburger Brewery pumps out around 100 million gallons of beer each year, and the brewery's success has allowed the Bitburger Brewery Group to acquire and operate a number of the most historic breweries in Germany. From humble beginnings as a small rural brewery in Bitburg, Germany, to becoming one of the most important brewery groups in the world.

Founded in 1817 by Johann Peter Wallenborn in 1817, Bitburger Brewery started as a small, rural brewery in the German town of Bitburg. Bitburger Brewery would make a name for themselves in 1883 by brewing the first Pilsner outside the Bohemian town of Pilsen. The importance of this point was made further in 1913 when, after years of legal battles with a rival Czeck brewery, the supreme court of the German Reich in Leipzig to use the designation "Simonbräu Deutsch-Pilsener," or roughly original German-pilsner. After developing the groundbreaking pils, Bitburger Brewery was able to reach new markets and expand their operation.

In 1886, Bitburger Brewery shipped its first case of Bitburger Pils outside of Germany, and seven years later, in 1893, Bitburger sent 1,000 liters of their pilsner to Chicago's World Exhibition. Bitburger Premium Pils is now enjoyed in over 70 countries worldwide, and has become so popular for their continued history of innovation and excellence in brewing.

Striving for excellence in taste and purity, in 1909 Bitburger dug their first deep well, digging down over 100 meters to get the best tasting water. Bitburger continues the practice to this day, and currently the brewery is on its 8th well. In 1910, Bitburger began to transport their "precious cargo" using refrigerated railway cars to ensure the quality of the beer is maintained, even over long distances. Bitburger Brewery wasn't immune to setbacks along their long history, though they always were able to overcome the hard times.

As WWI ravaged the continent of Europe, the town of Bitburg was not exempt from the fury of Allied bombardments. But it wasn't until 1944 that Bitburger Brewery had to temporarily shutdown as the entire town, along with the brewery and all their wooden barrels of beer, were destroyed. However, Bitburger Brewery was able to begin producing beer again, and at a rate of around 1.5 million gallons a year, in 1949, a remarkably short rebuilding time. After getting back to making beer, Bitburger Brewery began to position itself as one of the top breweries in post-war Germany.

Capitalizing on emerging media outlets has always been a strong suit of Bitburger Brewery, ever since their first print ad in 1909. In 1929, they

introduced the "Connoisseur," who still guarantees the highest quality product to this day. Their slogan, one of the best known in the industry, was rolled out in 1951: "Bitte ein Bit!", or simply "Please, a Bit!" This catchphrase was then broadcast around the globe in 1955 as Bitburger launched their first television and movie campaign. Bitburger knew the best way to make their draught beer stand out was to give it a unique glass, the "Bitburger Cup." A nicely-proportioned goblet on a hexagonal stem, the "Bitburger Cup" emphasizes the character and uniqueness of Bitburger Premium Pils to this day.

Bitburger Brewery's success has been built on the strength of their original Bitburger Premium Pils. Bright, fresh golden colors and a rich frothy head are what you first notice about this elegant Pilsner. The Bitburger well-water gives the beer a very clean, hoppy taste, with nutty flavors accompanying. The bitterness of the hops are balanced well with the mellow sweetness of the body of the beer. Bitburger Premium Pils comes in at 4.8% ABV and is available in 12 oz Bottles, 12 oz and 16 oz cans, 5 liter mini-kegs, 15, 30 and 50 liter kegs. A non-alcoholic variety, Bitburger Drive, is also available in 12 oz bottles.

Bitburger's success with Bitburger Premium Pils has allowed them to branch out over the years, and today Bitburger Brewery Group produces 750 million liters of beer a year and employs around 1,700 people. They have been able to do this by purchasing a number of successful breweries in Germany, including König Pilsner, Wernesgrüner, Licher, Benediktiner, and Köstritzer.

The Köstritzer Brewery, founded in 1543, is one



of the oldest breweries in all of Germany. Since that time, Köstritzer has become the most popular black lager beer in Germany today, and has made its way into over 50 different countries. Over the years, Köstritzer has won some important supporters, including Otto von Bismarck, who in a 1892 letter, wrote “Köstritzer holds a distinguished rank within the aristocracy of beers.” In 1991, Bitburger acquired Köstritzer Schwarzbierbrauerei, helping establish Bitburger as one of the leading brewery groups. Bitburger helped Köstritzer become the leading seller in the black lager beer market in Germany just in time for its 450-year anniversary in 1993, a position it enjoys to this day.

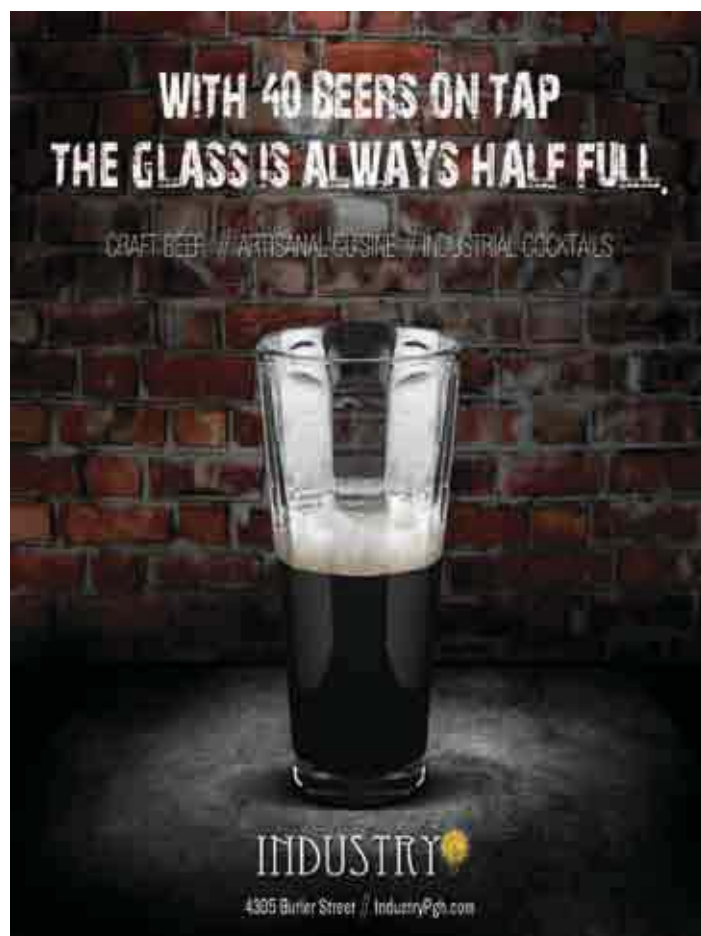
Köstritzer Black Lager has a beautiful mahogany color, and a lasting, cream-colored, finely pored head. Its expressive fragrance evokes a range of intense spicy aromas, including sage, roasted chestnuts, dark honey, bitter chocolate and licorice. With delicate bitter tones and malty sweetness, it finishes slowly on the palate. A complex beer that tastes lean and refreshing with its abundance of flavors, Köstritzer black lager is highly drinkable and highly enjoyable. Köstritzer black lager is available in 12 oz bottles, 16 oz cans, 5 liter mini-kegs, and 30 and 50 liter kegs and packs 4.8% ABV.

It might be hard to imagine a brewery could have a history that rivals both the Bitburger and Köstritzer breweries, but the history behind the Benediktiner Weissbier is perhaps more impressive. The story begins in 1330 when the Ettal Abbey was founded by Emperor Louis IV, known as the Bavarian. Through the 1400s and 1500s, the monastery had its own brewery in nearby village of Oberammergau in Upper Bavaria. The onsite brewery at the Ettal Abbey was built in 1609, and alongside agriculture, is the oldest enterprise run by the Benedictine abbey at Ettal. For over 400 years, the Ettal Abbey has continued to be the sole producer of Benediktiner Weissbier for Germany and Austria. For export markets, the beer is produced at the Licher Privatbrauerei under close supervision of the monastery.

The Ettal Benedictine monks, of the Benedictine order originally brought the craftsmanship of beer brewing to Germany, maintain the quality of Benediktiner Weissbier to this day. Benediktiner Weissbier has a rich amber color with orange highlights throughout, and sparkles despite the cloudiness of the yeast. Its rich, white head is characterized by a good density and fine texture. Hints of honey, fruit and caramel come through, including bananas and raisins. A full body, with a harmonious balance of sweet and a discrete bitterness in the background, creates a smooth, creamy mouthfeel. Benediktiner Weissbier comes in at 5.4% ABV, and is available in 12 oz bottles, 5 liter mini-keg and 15, 30 and 50 liter kegs.

Bitburger Brewery Group has a long, storied history, including some of the oldest breweries and best-selling beers in Germany. Bitburger has maintained excellence for seven generations by constantly keeping an eye on innovation and marketing, trying to stay ahead of competitors. Offering a sampling of beers from around Germany, Bitburger Brwery

Group certainly has something to offer any beer drinker. So next time you’re trying sort through all the emerging breweries clamoring for your attention, remember the long history of excellence at Bitburger Brewery. Bitburger beers are proudly distributed locally by Galli Distributing.





Breckenridge Brewing

by: Chris Wise

Richard Squire spent his days in the 1980's skiing the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Utah, and nights making delicious home brews for himself and friends in his basement. Squire and staff turned his hobby in the basement into the 41st largest craft brewery in America, Breckenridge Brewery. Through the years since its humble beginnings to its present day success, Breckenridge Brewery has consistently produced delicious, interesting brews while keeping an eye on their role in their community and environment.

After encouragement from friends and family, Squire opened the doors to Breckenridge Brewery in February of 1990. Located on the historic Main Street in Breckenridge, Colorado, the brewery enjoyed success immediately, as the locals and visitors responded enthusiastically to the chance to taste Squire's brews, paired with delicious, homemade food. Success came so quickly to Breckenridge Brewery that in 1992 they were forced to expand their operations, and opened another location in Denver.

Success again followed Breckenridge Brewery to their new location in Denver, across the street from where the Colorado Rockies baseball field would be built in 1995. The new location allowed the brewery to reach a much larger market than before, and the brewery grew to meet the demand. Breckenridge Brewery became the first brewery in Colorado to package craft beer in 6-packs and 12-packs. In 1996, Breckenridge Brewery moved its brewery operations once again to their current location at 471 Kalamath Street in Denver, which allows them to produce 66,000 barrels of craft brews every year, compared with their 1,500 barrel limit at their original location.

But the Brewery hasn't turned its back on the original brewpub that launched their success story; a small Breckenridge Brewery brewpub is operating at the original location, a favorite of Breckenridge Brewing fanatics. In total, Breckenridge Brewery operates five brewpubs and ale houses in Colorado, and invites everyone to come down to sample to some of their amazing brews. Free tours of their Denver production facility are given every Saturday at their 417 Kalamath Street location. Breckenridge Brewery invites its customers to "come in, hear the whole story, enjoy a free pint on us, and see where all of that beer gets brewed, bottled, and sent to find its way into the hands (and bellies) of lovely folks like yourself."

For some companies, such rapid growth could lead them to lose

sight of their original goal, but Breckenridge Brewery stresses after all these years "our mission remains the same: create balanced, approachable and interesting hand-crafted beers." In addition to Richard Squire, Edward Cerkovnik and J. Todd Usry have been instrumental in shaping the direction of Breckenridge Brewery since the start in the early 90's, and are still with the company today. Breckenridge Brewery has grown rapidly in the last few years, coming in at 20% growth three years in a row including 30% growth in 2012, they are being forced to relocate again. This time, J. Todd Usry, Brewery Director, and his team have gone all out in designing their new brewery in hopes of greatly increasing the ceiling on their production.

Moving just south of Denver along the South Platt River to Littleton, Colorado, Breckenridge Brewery plans to build a 12-acre world-class brewery. Located along the Platte River Trail, the brewery is easily located by bikers and hikers alike. Breckenridge Brewery has tried to make the brewery as eco-friendly as possible, including: an energy recovery system to reduce emissions, condense steam, and store energy to heat water for the brewing process. They'll installed solar tubes for natural lighting in the brewery and warehouse, with many windows for additional natural lighting; and systems to recy-



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cle/reclaim as much water as possible throughout the brewery. In addition to being friendly to the environment, the brewery will help the community, by added new jobs bringing in approximately 60-75 new jobs to the town. The new facility will instantly up their production capacity to 125,000 barrels annually from 66,000 currently, and eventually 300,000 barrels annually.

Cementing their presence in Colorado was important to Breckenridge Brewing in planning their new brewery. "Our brewery was born and raised in Colorado," explains Todd Usry, Brewmaster and Brewery Director. "We have our Colorado mountain home [in Breckenridge], and soon, a Colorado country spread along the river. Our Denver brewing operations opened in 1992, so it's tough to leave Denver, but we'll still have our two thriving restaurants there." Country spread is right: the 12-acre complex will have a hops field, beer garden, concert venue, tasting farmhouse with indoor and outdoor seating and general store where you can buy growlers-to-go. Breckenridge Brewery wants their customers to feel welcome to come take a tour and enjoy their day checking out the operation.

Breckenridge Brewery recognizes the enormous amount of success they have been rewarded with over the years, and have a great deal of love and respect for their Colorado community. They give to charitable organizations such as the Conscious Alliance, which has provided 1.6 million meals across the U.S. and assists at-risk youths. They also chipped in during the Fall to help victims of the floods in Colorado.

Community is important to Breckenridge Brewery, not just their Colorado community, but the community united by the love of their brews, and they love to hear back from their customers. A whole section of their website, www.breckbrew.com, is dedicated to their customer community, with pages for customers to post stories, photos, videos, recipes about their Breckenridge Brewing experiences. The following are a few of Breckenridge Brewery's exciting recipes, but visit the website to get a full listing of their brews, which include a great rotation of mainline brews, seasonal releases, small batches, and barrel-aged brews, find a place to buy Breckenridge Brewing beer, or post a story after you sample one of their beers for yourself. Cheers.

Breckenridge Beers

Avalanche Ale

Richard Squire's original Amber Ale, first brewed in 1988, is the cornerstone of Breckenridge Brewery's lineup. Blending pale and caramel malts, with a touch of bittering hops, Squire created a refreshing-but-flavorful, anytime beer that he has built his company around. Aromas of pale grains, a semi-sweet middle and a clean-as-Colorado-snow finish make this their best-selling beer. Head over to the Breck Brew website to find a Spiced Avalanche Jelly recipe, or enjoy this classic on its own.

ABV: 4.4%

Lucky U IPA

An American India Pale Ale, the Lucky U IPA is a well-balanced, hoppy ale that goes down clean and refreshing. This IPA has a nice mixture of seven hops: Amarillo, Magnum, Perle, Cascade, Apollo, Fuggle, and Goldings hops. This mixture of hops produces a golden color, with a strong hop bitterness and an underlying malt character. True to IPA heritage, yet still highly drinkable. Lucky U.

ABV: 6.2%

Oatmeal Stout

This bold, smooth-bodied concoction oozes dark-roasted coffee aromas and flavors of espresso and semi-sweet chocolate. They round out these heady pleasures with a dose of flaked oatmeal for a creamy body and a semi-dry finish. Dark in character, not in spirit. Check out the website for a tasty Oatmeal Stout Beer-B-Q Sauce recipe.

ABV: 4.95%

Nitro Vanilla Porter

An update on their wildly popular mainstay Vanilla Porter, Breckenridge Brewery has updated this remarkably complex ale with Nitrogen pressurizing to produce a rich, creamy beer with a tight head unachievable with kegs using carbon dioxide pressure system. The nitrogen pressure system allows the vanilla, caramel, coffee and chocolate flavors to reach their maximum complexity, to create a beer with unmatched creamy finish.

ABV: 4.7%

471 Small Batch

471 is a small batch, limited edition ale that was created by Breckenridge Brewery's Brewmaster to separate the weak from the strong. An aggressively strong double IPA, 471 combines Pale, Munich, Caramel-30, Carapils and Torried Wheat malts, with Chinook, Centennial, Simcoe and Fuggles hops. It has a big sweet mouthfeel, followed by more hoppiness than you've ever had at one time.

ABV: 9.2%

Ophelia Wheat Ale

A hoppy, wheat ale which balances soft, tropical fruit flavors with aggressive hoppiness, Ophelia is set to replace Pandora's Bock as Breckenridge Brewery's spring selection. The new recipe will both freshen up the Brewery's lineup and allow the Brewery more time to focus on expanding, as Ophelia takes a third of the time to make as Pandora's Bock. But don't worry, Pandora's Bock will still be available as a small batch release; in the meantime, try this complex yet well-balanced session ale.

ABV: 5.3%

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Wines and Spirits

History of Colvendra Prosecco

COLVENDRÀ dates back its set up to the early 1900s and has its own origins in the age-old wine custom of the region. In 1924 Mr. Leonardo Della Colletta, developing and promoting an ancient family tradition, started a productive route in the heart of the Veneto region, in Conegliano and Valdobbiadene areas, where lush vineyards meet sunny hills and the work of man turns a fruitful tradition into a passionate life-style. The passion for work in the cellar, with respect for the environment and the landscape, remains a precious heritage that the Colvendra wants to preserve: still today the vines are harmoniously alternated by hedges and small woods that create a natural environment of rare beauty and the wines are infinitely appreciated for their important structure and personality. The brothers Sergio, Franco, Joseph and Mirko personally follow all stages of production: from the cultivation of vineyards to the quality-oriented wine-making, until bottling.

Colvendra Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G. Extra Dry

Grape
100% Glera

Location
Conegliano Valdobbiadene

Production Notes
Grapes lightly pressed before separating the skins from the must at controlled temperatures. Second fermentation in steel autoclaves following the Charmat Method

Color
Bright straw yellow, enlivened by the perlage that is fine and persistent.

Nose
Rich scents of apples and pears, together with a hint of citrus fruits that give way to jasmine floral tones

Palate
Velvety yet crisp thanks to its balanced salinity and brisk acidity. The residual sugar varies between 12 and 17 g/L.

Alcohol
11.5%

Serving Temperature
46 - 50 degrees F



History Of Franciacorta

Franciacorta is located in the Lombardy region in the province of Brescia. Demarcated east by the last morainal rocky foothills of the Alps, west by the Oglio River, north by the shores of Lake Iseo and south by the high Po Valley. Many scholars have hypothesized on where the name Franciacorta is derived from. The most common and accredited hypothesis is the latin "FRANCAE CURTES" during the Middle Ages when the Clunian Benedictine monks moved to these lands where they received special privileges and tax breaks to maintain the roads and to recover and cultivate the lands. The name "Franzacrta" appears for the first time in Brescia's municipal documents, while in 1429 the exact borders of the Franciacorta producing region are highlighted in the land registers of the Doge of Venice, Francesco Foscari, when the lands were under the control of the Republic of Venice.



Colvendra Col di Rosa Spumante Extra Dry

Grape

100% Marzemino di Refrontolo

Location

Hills of Refrontolo (Treviso)

Production Notes

Separation of the must from the skin once it has reached its ideal color, followed by controlled temperature fermentation using select yeasts. Second fermentation in steel autoclaves using the Charmat Method.

Color

Rose with violet reflection.
Fine and persistent perlage.

Nose

Delicate perfumes of cherry and wild blackberries.

Palate

Light bodied and balanced salinity. Enjoyably fresh.

Alcohol

11.2%

Serving Temperature

53 degrees F





1. Eat healthy and exercise regularly.

Ah, the infamous resolutions to eat healthy and exercise regularly, code word for “lose weight.” Generally, people use the holiday season as an excuse to binge one last time before the New Year. We rationalize that extra helping of Christmas dinner with the thought that it will be our last bout of unhealthy eating, for it is certain we will be at the gym every week post-holidays. In fact, each January, gyms offer promotions and deals to those who want to take action on this resolution. However, according to Time Magazine, “60% of gym memberships go unused and attendance is usually back to normal by mid-February.” This statistic is undoubtedly due to the mere fact that we live in a world of lazy people.

2. Drink less.

This infamous resolution comes to head on day one of the New Year. That “I’m never drinking again” feeling you get after your New Year’s Eve shenanigans, with your head in the toilet and your pounding headache and your makeup smeared down your face that goes unnoticed until Pauly at the neighborhood deli/coffee shop points it out to you that morning. Drinking less kills many birds with one stone: It helps you lose weight, it helps your insides stay healthier, and it helps you make better life decisions. Why is this resolution always broken? Because most of humans’ social activities revolve around alcohol in some way, and the confidence/fun/innuendos that alcohol brings trumps caloric intake and liver protection any day.

3. Learn something new.

It could be French, it could be the clarinet, it could be how to cook something other than microwavable Stouffer’s lasagna. The sky is the limit, and in this great world, there are so many fascinating things to discover. You may also discover, however, that the spitting-sounds of the French language repulse you, that the average price of a

clarinet is over \$50 and that you’ll settle for Stouffer’s if it means you don’t have to do dishes at the end. Looks like you’ll be saving something new to learn for the following year after all.

4. Quit smoking.

To quit smoking is an ongoing resolution that reaches its peak at the start of the New Year. If you really want to, kudos to you. We know you know its harmful effects and inevitable death sentence. Yet why is it that only an estimated 15% of people who try to quit manage to stay cigarette-free six months later, according to Time? But hey, best of luck (cough you’ll need it cough..

5. Better work/life balance.

Abraham Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs says we need both safety and belonging to reach self-actualization. Under safety comes employment, and under belonging comes friendship, family, and intimacy. In looking at the hierarchy, accomplishing safety comes before accomplishing belonging, making the latter more prized, or more valuable. Working is great: it brings in income, the food on your table, and the vacation you take over the summer. Sure your mother might get on your last nerve, or your friends give you tough love about your semi-pathetic breakup. But it is those people who embody the un-tangible items in life that simply cannot be ignored for your job as an accountant, lawyer, writer,

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and so forth. If you don't believe me, read his theory on human motivation. Brilliant stuff.

6. Volunteer

A new year does not mean the diminishing of world problems, and volunteers are always needed. The season of giving is still swinging, so people feel inclined to volunteer and make their free time a bit more meaningful. Spending a few hours at a city soup kitchen counts, so does visiting the old age home. "Volunteering" doesn't mean going to Nicaragua and building a school, nor does it mean attending every Habitat for Humanity meeting and embarking on a weeklong journey to New Orleans. Anything counts really, for it is better than nothing at all. It's rare you meet someone who hasn't been rewarded in some way after their volunteer efforts. Do it, I dare you.

7. Save Money

Do whatever you need to do to accomplish this, because with the inevitable debt you rang in over the best year, you don't really have a choice. Be that person who hoards coupons, take advantage of Dunkin' Donuts' muffin and coffee deal, or buy everything used: cars, books, clothes, you name it. While this too is another broken resolution, it actually is more doable than you'd think, just takes some effort.

8. Get organized

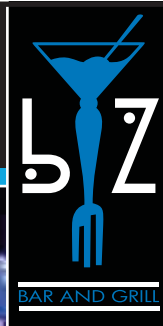
This might mean your kitchen, your bedroom drawers, your desk at the office, or your social life. You had your fun for the holiday season, and you probably just had a good chunk of time off of work, so there's no excuse as to why this shouldn't get done. Heck, getting your s---t together is like shedding the weight that has been on your messy shoulder for the last year. It's a great feeling being able to sleep in your bed without the accumulated candy wrappers, or walk into work and being able to find a damned paperclip.

9. Read more.

You and I both know that we haven't had time to sit down with a cup of tea and read a book. Our past year has been filled with deadlines and assignments and attempted sleep, but the New Year season is sort of an in between time to plant your worn out being on a couch and read for hours. That is why reading more becomes a resolution. It could be a biography of George Washington, it could be Fifty Shades of Grey, it could be a picture book. Only things not allowed are textbooks, policy briefs, and the like. You'll be tempted to watch some trashy E! show, but whip out a book instead; you'll be happy you did.

10. Finish those around the house "to-do" lists.

Making the physical list is half of it; you're almost there! Things like cleaning out the gutter, planting mums for the spring season, organizing old pictures, or making piles of giveaway clothes to Good Will all sound easy enough, but you and I both know that for some reason, they just never get done. Set a day aside, early in the year so it comes a bit more realistic to get done, before your first to-do list is on the master, later on to-do list.



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The last chance at The O'Reilly to see Tom Atkins in the performance of a lifetime as Pittsburgh Steelers founder Arthur J. Rooney, Sr.

New audiences this fall were introduced to stellar actor Tom Atkins when he starred as the Stage Manager in *Our Town*, which began Pittsburgh Public Theater's MASTERPIECE SEASON. This Jan. 2 – 5 will be the final opportunities to see him at The O'Reilly in the performance of a lifetime as Pittsburgh Steelers founder Arthur J. Rooney, Sr. in *The Chief*.

Written by Rob Zellers & Gene Collier and directed by Ted Pappas, *The Chief* is the best-selling show in Pittsburgh Public Theater history. *The Chief* returns to the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District, for six performances only. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org. The

Chief is generously supported by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Set in Mr. Rooney's office at Three Rivers Stadium in 1976, this will be the play's ninth production at The O'Reilly, where it premiered in 2003. "A triumph of the show is that it's a Pittsburgh history lesson of growing up Irish on the North Side, insider politics, and sports fandom disguised as entertainment," said the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette last year. "It's mind-boggling to watch such a hugely talented man work the crowd as brilliantly as Atkins does here," said Pittsburgh City Paper.

The design team for *The Chief* is Anne Mundell (Scenic & Costumes), Phil Monat (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Fred Noel is the Production Stage Manager and Adrienne Wells is the Assistant Stage Manager.



BLOOD BROTHER

moving documentary
by Pittsburgh's Own
Steve Hoover

Sundance Award winning film **BLOOD BROTHER** - a film by Pittsburgh local, **STEVE HOOVER**, opened its theatrical run at the Regent Square Theater on December 6th in Pittsburgh, PA presented by Animal and Tugg, Inc.

The filmmakers are local Pittsburgh residents.

This compelling film has won critic and audience accolades, including: Sundance Film Festival (US Documentary Grand Jury Prize, Audience Award); Heartland Film Festival (Audience Award); and Hot Docs (Audience Award). It was recently named New York Times Critics Pick! Everywhere it plays, **BLOOD BROTHER** garners standing ovations and sold out audiences.

Nightwire congratulates Pittsburgh Filmmaker Steve Hoover!!

BLOOD BROTHER is an intimate portrait of Rocky Braat, an American graphic designer who stumbled upon an HIV orphanage in India and left all that he had to create and foster a family environment with these children. Though he never set out to be a humanitarian, his dedication proves genuine in this moving film from Rocky's best friend, director Steve Hoover.

Leaving behind his career and a troubled upbringing marred by neglect and abuse, Rocky Braat set out to India in an attempt to seek authenticity. On a whim, Rocky finds himself at an HIV orphanage, where a shared tacit desire for warmth and belonging compels him to stay. He had found home. In many ways, the story of **BLOOD BROTHER** is a demonstration of the trans-formative



power and triumph of love and hope.

To view a trailer of this dynamic documentary go to:

<http://www.bloodbrotherfilm.com>

All proceeds from the theatrical release of **BLOOD BROTHER** will go directly to the orphanage and other HIV/AIDS organizations.

SYNOPSIS:

Rocky went to India as a disillusioned tourist. When he met a group of children with HIV, he decided to stay and devote his life to them. This unmistakable power of love is celebrated in this story of one man's decision to move to India and restart his life among the dispossessed.

"Rocky Anna" (as the children living at an orphanage for those infected with HIV call him which means 'brother') was dissatisfied with his life in America. Having grown up without a close-knit family of his own, he found his calling living and working with kids in need. Unlike others who simply passed through their lives, Rocky stayed, dedicating himself to their health and well-being. Despite formidable challenges, his playful spirit and determination in the face of despair proves to be an invaluable resource.

BLOOD BROTHER - a documentary feature directed by Rocky's longtime friend Steve Hoover traces Rocky's story of working in the village of Tamil Nadu, India since five years to present. The film illustrates his commitment to the children and their families who face life and death situations on a daily basis.

Nymphomaniac Convention

A man boarded an airplane and took his seat. As he settled in, he glanced up and saw the most beautiful woman boarding the plane. He soon realized she was heading straight towards his seat. As fate would have it, she took the seat right beside his. Eager to strike up a conversation he blurted out, "Business trip or pleasure?" She turned, smiled and said, "Business. I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniacs of America Convention in Boston."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs. Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?" "Lecturer," she responded. "I use information that I have learned from my personal experiences to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality." "Really?" he said. "And what kind of myths are there?" "Well," she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed of all men, when in fact it is the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait. Another popular myth is that Frenchmen are the best lovers, when

actually it is men of Jewish descent who are the best. I have also discovered that the lover with absolutely the best stamina is the Southern Redneck" Suddenly the woman became a little uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said, "I shouldn't really be discussing all of this with you I don't even know your name." "Tonto," the man said, "Tonto Goldstein, but my friends call me Bubba!"

Gramps

There was a family gathering, with all generations around the table. Mischievous teenagers put a Viagra tablet into Grandpa's drink, and after a while, Grandpa excused himself because he had to go to the bathroom. When he returned, however, his trousers are wet all over. "What happened, Grandpa?" asked his concerned children. "Well," he answered, "I don't really know... I had to go to the bathroom... So I took it out and started to pee, but then I saw that it wasn't mine, so I put it back."

Little Joanie's at it again.....

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Joanie stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Joanie?" "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Little Joanie watched, fascinated, as her mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" she asked. "To make myself beautiful," said her mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter?" asked Little Joanie. "Giving up?"

The math teacher saw that little Joanie wasn't paying attention in class. She called on her and said, "Joanie! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?" Little Joanie quickly replied, "NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!"

Little Joanie's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Little Joanie asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

Little Joanie attended a horse auction with her father. She watched as her father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Joanie asked, "Dad, why are you doing that?" Her father replied, "Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy. Joanie, looking worried, said, "Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom."

Ed Zachary Disease

A woman was very distraught over the fact that she had not had sex or even a date for over 5 years. Fearing that she might have something wrong with her, she decided to seek the medical expertise of the well known Chinese sex therapist, Dr. Woo F'ong Chang. Upon entering the examination room, Dr. Chang said, "OK, take off all you crosse." The woman did as she was told. "Now, get down on your hands and knees and crawl reery, reery fass to odder-side of room." Again, the woman did as she was instructed. Dr. Chang then said, "OK, now crawl reery, reery fass back to me." As she did, Dr. Chang shook his head slowly. "Your probrem vewy bad. You haf Ed Zachary Disease. Worse case I ever see. Dat why you not haf sex or dates." The woman asked anxiously, "Oh my God, Dr. Chang, what is Ed Zachary Disease?" Dr. Chang sighed deeply and replied, "Ed Zachary Disease is when your face look Ed Zachary like your ass."

The Anniversary Gift

Ed was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him, "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in less than 6 seconds." "...AND IT BETTER BE THERE!" The next morning Ed got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, and brought the box back in the house. She opened the box and found a brand new bathroom scale. Ed has been missing since Friday. Please pray for him.

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Funniest jokes of the world

A scientific survey in 2013 attempted to find the funniest joke in the world. Thousands of people from dozens of countries voted on thousands of jokes. Each country had a different favorite. Overall, the number one and number two funniest jokes in the world, based on votes, are:

The funniest joke in the world:

A couple of New Jersey hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator, in a calm, soothing voice, says: "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says: "Okay, now what?"

The Second Funniest Joke ever:

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson goes on a camping trip. After a good dinner and a bottle of wine, they retire for the night, and go to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes," replies Watson. "And what do you deduce from that?" Watson ponders for a minute. "Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. "Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe. What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes is silent for a moment. "Watson, you idiot!" he says. "Someone has stolen our tent!"

The Funniest Joke in England and the United Kingdom:

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: "That's the ugliest baby that I've ever seen. Ugh!" The woman goes to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!" The man says: "You go right up there and tell him off – go ahead, I'll hold your monkey for you."

The Funniest Joke in the U.S.

The American data proved to be somewhat strange. Dave Barry is a well-known humorist whose columns are syndicated in many American newspapers. In January 2002 he kindly devoted an entire column to Laugh Lab. At the end of the column he urged readers to submit jokes that simply ended with the punch line: 'There's a weasel chomping on my privates.' Within just a few days we had received over 1500 'weasel chomping' jokes. One weasel joke scored very highly in the USA and almost became the funniest joke in America. Here it is: At the parade, the Colonel noticed something unusual going on and asked the Major: "Major Barry, what the devil's wrong with Sergeant Jones' platoon? They seem to be all twitching and jumping about." "Well sir," says Major Barry after a moment of observation. "There seems to be a weasel chomping on his privates."

The Funniest Joke in Canada

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300 C. The Russians used a pencil.

The Funniest Joke in Austria

This woman rushed to see her doctor, looking very much worried and all strung out. She rattles off: "Doctor, take a look at me. When

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The Funniest Joke in Belgium.

Why do ducks have webbed feet?
To stamp out fires.
Why do elephants have flat feet?
To stamp out burning ducks.

The Funniest Joke in Germany

A general noticed one of his soldiers behaving oddly. The soldier would pick up any piece of paper he found, frown and say: "That's not it" and put it down again. This went on for some time, until the general arranged to have the soldier psychologically tested. The psychologist concluded that the soldier was deranged, and wrote out his discharge from the army. The soldier picked it up, smiled and said: "That's it."

The funniest kids joke ever, perfect for every four year old:

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Poop!

(Yes, that's the whole joke. Subtle, yet multi-layered, it works on so many levels for all ages- as long as they are four. Skeptical? Try it on any four year old. Note that the word "poop" may be replaced by



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any number of equally hilarious substitutes limited only by imagination and the vocabulary of the target audience).

A Little Laugh

98% of Americans say, "Oh shit" before going into a ditch on a slippery road. The other 2% are from Pennsylvania, Minnesota and West Virginia and they say, "Hold my beer and watch this s- - t."

Grandparents and Grandchildren

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "62." He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked "Did you start at 1?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's computer. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm four to six."

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "how do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants..."

Blonde Joke

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

Little Carol

Little Carol came into the kitchen where her mother was making dinner. Her birthday was coming up and she thought this was a good time to tell her mother what she wanted. "Mom, I want a bike for my birthday." Now, Carol was a bit of a mischief maker. She had been in trouble at school and at home. Carol's mother asked if she thought she deserved a bike for her birthday. Little Carol, of course, thought she did. Carol's mother, being a Christian woman, wanted her to reflect on her behavior over the last year and write a letter to God telling him why she deserved a bike for her birthday. Little Carol stomped up the steps to her room and sat down to write God a letter.

LETTER 1:

Dear God,
I have been a very good girl this year and I would like a bike for my birthday. I want a red one.
Your friend, Carol
Carol knew this wasn't true. She had not been a very good girl this year, so she tore up the letter and started over.

LETTER 2:

Dear God,

This is your friend Carol. I have been a pretty good girl this year, and I would like a red bike for my birthday.

Thank you, Carol

Carol knew this wasn't true either. She tore up the letter and started again.

LETTER 3:

Dear God,
I know I haven't been a good girl this year. I am very sorry. I will be a good girl if you just send me a red bike for my birthday.
Thank you, Carol

Carol knew, even if it was true, this letter was not going to get her a bike. By now, she was very upset. She went downstairs and told her mother she wanted to go to church. Carol's mother thought her plan had worked because Carol looked very sad. "Just be home in time for dinner," her mother said. Carol walked down the street to the church and up to the altar. She looked around to see if anyone was there. She picked up a statue of the Virgin Mary, slipped it under her jacket and ran out of the church, down the street, into her house, and up to her room. She shut the door and sat down and wrote her letter to God.

LETTER 4:

I got your mama. If you want to see her again, send the bike!!
Signed, You know who

Welfare Check

A Guy walked into the local welfare office to pick up his check. He marched straight up to the counter and said, "Hi. You know, I just HATE drawing welfare. I'd really rather have a job." The social worker behind the counter said, "Your timing is excellent. We just got a job opening from a very wealthy old man who wants a chauffeur and bodyguard for his beautiful nymphomaniac daughter."

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Definition of Old

First you tell your friend that you are having an affair.....
Then your friend asks you.....
'Are you having it catered??'
THAT, my friend, is the definition of OLD!!!!!!!

Anniversaries....

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband was not in their bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee. "What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room, "Why are you down here at this time of night?" The husband looks up from his coffee, "I am just remembering when we first met 20 years ago and started dating. You were only 16. Do you remember back then?" he asks solemnly. The wife is almost reduced to tears herself, just thinking how caring and sensitive her husband is. "Yes, I do" she replies. The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily. "Do you remember when your

Father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember," said the wife, lowering herself in to a chair beside him. The husband continues. "Do you remember when he shoved that shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail For 20 years?" "I remember that, too" she replies softly. He wipes another tear from his cheek and says... "I would have gotten out today."

Happy Jihad

Everyone seems to be wondering why Muslim terrorists are so quick to commit suicide.. Let's see now. . . No Jesus - No Christmas - No television - No cheerleaders - No baseball - No football - No hockey - No golf - No tailgate parties - No Wal-Mart - No Home Depot - No pork BBQ - No hot dogs - No burgers - No chocolate chip cookies - No lobster -No shellfish, or even frozen fish sticks - No gumbo - No jambalaya - No Beer -Rags for clothes and towels for hats - Constant wailing from the guy next door because he's sick and there are no doctors - Constant wailing from the guy in the tower - More than one wife - You can't shave - Your wives can't shave - You can't shower to wash off the smell of donkey cooked over burning camel dung - The women have to wear baggy dresses and veils at all times - Your bride is picked by someone else - She smells just like your donkey - But your donkey has a better disposition - Then they tell you that when you die it all gets better! I mean, really, is there a mystery here?

Jewelry Shopping

A lady walks into a high class jewelry shop. She browses around,



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spots a beautiful diamond bracelet and walks over to inspect it. As she bends over to look more closely she inadvertently breaks wind. Very embarrassed, she looks around nervously to see if anyone has noticed her little accident and prays that a sales person doesn't pop up right now. As she turns around, her worst nightmare materializes in the form of a salesman standing right behind her. Cool as a cucumber and displaying complete professionalism, the salesman greets the lady with, 'Good day, Madam. How may we help you today?' Very uncomfortably, but hoping that the salesman may just not have been there at the time of her little 'accident', she asks, 'Sir, what is the price of this lovely bracelet?' He answers, 'Madam, if you farted just looking at it, you're going to sh- t when I tell you the price!

The Amish Farmer

An Amish farmer walking through his field, notices a man drinking from his pond, with his hand. The Amish man shouts (in German): 'Trink das wasser nicht. Die kuhen haben dahin gesheissen.' Which means: 'Don't drink the water, the cows have sh- t in it.' The man shouts back: 'I'm a Muslim, I don't understand. Please speak in English.' The Amish man says: 'Use two hands. You'll get more.'

2 guys fishing...

Two fishermen were adrift in their rented boat due to an engine failure. While rummaging through the boat's provisions, one of the men stumbled across an old lamp. Secretly hoping that a genie would appear, he rubbed the lamp vigorously. To the amazement of the castaways, a genie came forth. This particular genie, however, stated that he could only deliver one wish, not the standard three. Without giving much thought to the matter the man blurted out, "Make the entire ocean into beer!" The genie clapped his hands with a deafening crash, and immediately the entire sea turned into the finest brew ever sampled by mortals. Simultaneously, the genie vanished. Only the gentle lapping of beer on the hull broke the stillness as the men considered their circumstances. One man looked disgustedly at the other whose wish had been granted. After a long, tension-filled moment, he spoke: "Nice going idiot! Now we're going to have to pee in the boat!"

BBQ Grill

A man and his wife were working in their garden one day and the man looks over at his wife and says "Your butt is getting really big, I mean really big. I bet your butt is bigger than the barbecue grill." With that, he proceeded to get a measuring tape and measure the grill and then went over to where his wife was working and measured his wife's bottom. "Yes, I was right, your butt is two inches wider than the barbecue grill !!!" The woman chose to ignore her husband. Later that night in bed, the husband is feeling frisky. He makes some advances towards his wife who completely brushes him off. "What's wrong?" he asks She answers: "Do you really think I'm going to fire up this big-ass grill for one little weenie?"

Riddle

You are driving in a car at a constant speed. On your left side is a 'drop off', (The ground is 18-20 inches below the level you are traveling on), and on your right side is a fire engine traveling at the same speed as you. In front of you is a galloping horse, which is the same size as your car and you cannot overtake it. Behind you is a galloping zebra. Both the horse and zebra are also traveling at the same speed as you. What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation? Get your sorry drunk ass off the Merry-Go-Round!!

Drunk Confession

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues to sit there. Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall. The drunk mumbles, "Ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either!"

Irish Humor

Into a Belfast pub comes Paddy Murphy, looking like he'd just been run over by a train. His arm is in a sling, his nose is broken, his face is cut and bruised and he's walking with a limp. "What happened to you?" asks Sean, the bartender. "Jamie O'Conner and me had a fight," says Paddy. "Well that little shite, O'Conner," says Sean, "He couldn't do that to you, he must have had something in his hand." "That he did," says Paddy, "a shovel is what he had, and a terrible lickin' he gave me with it." "Well," says Sean, "you should have defended yourself, didn't you have something in your hand?" "That I did," says Paddy. "Mrs. O'Conner's breast, and a thing of beauty it was, but useless in a fight."

Irish Humor II

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road. A Garda Síochána pulls him over. "So," says the officer to the driver, "where have ya been?" "Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk. "Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening." "I did all right," the drunk says with a smile. "Did you know," says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?" "Oh, thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

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Cowboy Boots

A lady went into a bar in Miles City and saw a cowboy with his feet propped up on a table. He had the biggest boots she'd ever seen. The woman asked the cowboy, "Is it true what they say about men with big feet?" The cowboy grinned and said, "Shore is, little lady! Why don't ya come on out to the bunk-house 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."

Simple Humor

- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

- The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.
- Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.
- We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles , U.C.L.A.
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
- The dead batteries were given out free of charge.
- If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.
- A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
- You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.
- He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- A calendar's days are numbered.
- A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
- When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

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Golfing can be dangerous

A man walks into the doctor's office with 2 black eyes and a five iron wrapped tightly around his neck. Naturally, the doctor asks why, and the man begins his story. "Well, my wife and I went out for a quiet day of golf on Father's Day. She teed off and we watched her ball head straight into a pasture of cows. We walk over to look for it. As I looked around I saw something white on the rear end of a cow, I walk over and sure enough, there's my wife's ball stuck right in the middle of the cows butt. So I lift up the tail, and said to my wife, hey this looks like yours!

Spot!!

A young man was delighted to finally be asked home to meet the parents of the young woman he'd been seeing for some time. He was quite nervous about the meeting though, and by the time he arrived punctually at the doorstep he was in a state of gastric distress. The problem developed into one of acute flatulence, and halfway through the dinner the young man realized he couldn't hold it in one-second longer without exploding. A tiny fart escaped. "Spot!" called out the young woman's mother to the family dog, lying at the young man's feet. Relieved at the dog's having been blamed, the young man let another, slightly larger one go. "Spot!" she called out sharply. 'I've got it made,' thought the fellow to himself. 'One more and I'll feel fine'. So he let loose a really big one. "Spot!!!" shrieked the mother. "Get over here before he craps on you!"

Anesthesia

A man was just coming out of anesthesia after a series of tests in the hospital, and his wife was sitting at his bedside. His eyes fluttered open, and he murmured, "You're beautiful." Flattered, the wife continued her vigil while he drifted back to sleep. Later, her husband woke up and said, "You're cute." "What happened to 'beautiful?'" she asked him. "The drugs are wearing off," he replied.

Retirement

Now that they are retired, my mother and father are discussing all aspects of their future. "What will you do if I die before you do?" Dad asked Mom. After some thought, she said that she'd probably look for a house sharing situation with three other single or widowed women who might be a little younger than herself, since she is so active for her age. Then Mom asked Dad, "What will you do if I die first?" He replied, "Probably the same thing."

Negotiations

The maid asked for a raise. The lady of the house was very upset about this and asked: "Now Maria, why do you want an increase?" Maria: "Well ma'am, there are three reasons why I want an increase. The first is that I iron better than you." Lady: "Who said you iron better than me?" Maria: "Your husband said so." Lady: "Oh. And the second reason?" Maria: "The second reason is that I am a better cook than you." Lady: "Nonsense, who said you were a better cook than I?" Maria: "Your husband did." Lady: "Oh." Maria: "My third reason is that I am a better lover than you." Lady (very upset now): "Did that SOB of a husband of mine say that as well?" Maria: "No ma'am, the gardener did. She got the pay raise..."



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Gifts for Teacher

It was the end of the school year, and a kindergarten teacher was receiving gifts from her pupils. The florist's son handed her a gift. She shook it, held it overhead, and said, "I bet I know what it is. Some flowers." "That's right," the boy said. "But how did you know?" "Oh, just a wild guess," she said. The next pupil was the candy shop owner's daughter. The teacher held her gift overhead, shook it, and said, "I bet I can guess what it is. A box of candy." "That's right. But how did you know?" asked the girl. "Oh, just a wild guess," said the teacher. The next gift was from the son of the liquor store owner. The teacher held the package overhead, but it was leaking. She touched a drop of the leakage with her finger and touched it to her tongue. "Is it wine?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with some excitement. The teacher repeated the process, taking a larger drop of the leakage to her tongue. "Is it champagne?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with more excitement. The teacher took one more taste before declaring, "I give up, what is it?" With great glee, the boy replied, "It's a puppy!"

Magic Elevator

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this Father?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat, old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls

opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. The father said quietly to his son....."Go get your mother."

Lifeline...

I was depressed last night so I called Lifeline. Got a call center in Pakistan. I told them I was suicidal. They got all excited and asked if I could drive a truck.

My Point Exactly

An 86-year-old man went to his doctor for his quarterly check-up... The doctor asked him how he was feeling, and the 86-year-old said, 'Things are great and I've never felt better.' I now have a 20 year-old bride who is pregnant with my child. "So what do you think about that Doc?" The doctor considered his question for a minute and then began to tell a story. "I have an older friend, much like you, who is an avid hunter and never misses a season." One day he was setting off to go hunting. In a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his walking cane instead of his gun." "As he neared a lake, he came across a very large male beaver sitting at the water's edge. He realized he'd left his gun at home and so he couldn't shoot the magnificent creature. Out of habit he raised his cane, aimed it at the animal as if it were his favorite hunting rifle and went 'bang, bang'." "Miraculously, two shots rang out and the beaver fell over dead. Now, what do you think of that?" asked the doctor. The 86-year-old said, "Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that beaver." The doctor replied, "My point exactly."

The Marriage Counselor

A husband and wife came for counseling after 15 years of marriage. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a passionate, painful tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the 15 years they had been married. She went on and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of un-met needs she had endured over the course of their marriage. Finally, after allowing this to go on for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and, after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her passionately. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this???" The husband thought for a moment and replied,... "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish."

Two Goats

Two goats are out behind a movie studio eating old movie film. One goat says to the other, "Pretty good, huh?" The second goat says, "Yeah, but it's not as good as the book."

Bear Family

It's a sunny morning in the Big Forest and the Bear family is just waking up. Baby Bear goes downstairs and sits in his small chair at the table. He looks into his small bowl. It's empty! "Who's been eating my porridge?" he squeaks. Daddy Bear arrives at the table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl. It is also



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empty! "Who's been eating my porridge" he roars. Mummy Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For Pet's sake, how many times do we have to do through this? It was Mummy Bear who got up first. It was Mummy Bear who woke everybody else in the house up. It was Mummy Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night and put everything away. It was Mummy Bear who went out into the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper. It was Mummy Bear who set the table. It was Mummy Bear who put the cat out, cleaned the litter box and filled the cat's water & food dish. Now that you've decided to come downstairs and grace me with your presence... listen good because I'm only going to say this one more time. I haven't made the bloody porridge yet!"

Insurance Agent

An insurance agent who was talking to a prospective client at her home pointed to an exquisite vase on the sideboard and asked, "Do you keep anything in it?" "Yes, my husband's ashes," come the reply. I am so sorry, said the agent, I did not know he was deceased. He isn't - he is just too lazy to hunt for an ashtray.

Wondering

Just wondering, what does it say under hair color on the driver's license of a bald man?

Phone

The phone was ringing. I picked it up and said, who's speaking please? And a voice said, you are!

Mrs. Perkins

Mrs Perkins was talking to her hair stylist. It's silly, she said, but my daughter has some sort of crazy idea about losing her hair. What do you mean, her stylist asked. Well, I overheard her on the phone the other day telling her best friend that she hoped she'd be balled soon!

The Coma

A woman three months pregnant falls into a deep coma. Six months later, she awakes and asks the nearest doctor about the fate of her baby. "You had twins, a boy and a girl, and they are both fine," says the doctor. "Luckily, your brother named them for you." "Oh crap, not by brother! He's an idiot! What did he call the girl?" "Denise," the doctor replies. Thinking that isn't so bad, she asks, "And what did he call the boy?" The doctor answers, "Denephew."

Blonde's Year in Review:

- January - Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.
- February - Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels..... Hellllloooo!!.....bottles won't fit in printer !!!
- March - Got really excited.....finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months..... box said "2-4 years!"
- April - Trapped on escalator for hours power went out!!!
- May - Tried to make Kool-Aid.....wrong instructions....8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!!!
- June - Tried to go water skiing.....couldn't find a lake with a slope.
- July - Lost breast stroke swimming competition.....learned later, the other swimmers cheated, they used their arms!!!
- August - Got locked out of my car in rain storm..... car swamped because soft-top was open.
- September - The capital of California is "C"isn't it???
- October - Hate M & M's.....they are so hard to peel.
- November - Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days .. instructions said 1 hour per pound and I weigh 108!!
- December - Couldn't call 911 . "duh"there's no "eleven" button on the stupid phone!!!



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Duck hunter joke

A duck hunter was out enjoying a nice morning on the marsh when he decided to take a leak.... He walked over to a tree and propped up his gun. Just then a gust of wind blew, the gun fell over, and discharged... shooting him in the genitals. Several hours later, lying in a hospital bed he was approached by his doctor. "Well sir, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that you are going to be ok, the damage was local to your groin, there was very little internal damage, and we were able to remove all of the buck shot. The bad news is that there was some extensive damage done to your penis. I'm going to have to refer you to my brother." "Oh, well I guess that isn't too bad," the man replied "is your brother a plastic surgeon?" "Not exactly," answered the doctor. "He's a flute player in the local symphony....He's going to teach you where to put your fingers so you don't pee in your eye"

Blond 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 let you redeem your fuel perks there.'

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 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

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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:

"When someone shares something of value with you and you benefit from it, you have a moral obligation to share it with others."

Good Tips!

- Did You Know That? Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately -- without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional "pain relievers."

- Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns.

- Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.

- Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 Tablespoon of horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.

Unemployment:

Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so off they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Ole said, "Panty stitcher; I sew the elastic onto cotton panties." The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classified as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week in unemployment pay. Sven was asked his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week. When Ole found out, he was furious. He stormed back into the unemployment office to find out why his friend and coworker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained that panty stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor. "What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on, and Sven pulls on it and says, 'Yep, diesel fitter.'"

For Golfers:

A nun walks into Mother Superior's office and plunks down into a chair. She lets out a sigh heavy with frustration. "What troubles you, Sister?" asked the Mother Superior. "I thought this was the day you spent with your family." "It was," sighed the Sister. "And I went to play golf with my brother. We try to play golf as often as we can. You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to Christ." "I seem to recall that," the Mother Superior agreed. "So I take it your day of recreation was not relaxing?" "Far from it," snorted the Sister. "In fact, I even took the Lord's name in vain today!" "Goodness, Sister!" gasped the Mother Superior, astonished. "You must tell me all about it!" "Well, we were on the fifth tee...and this hole is a monster, Mother -540 yard Par 5, with a nasty dogleg left and a hidden green... and I hit the drive of my life. I creamed it. The sweetest swing I ever made. And it's flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted...and it hits a bird in mid-flight not



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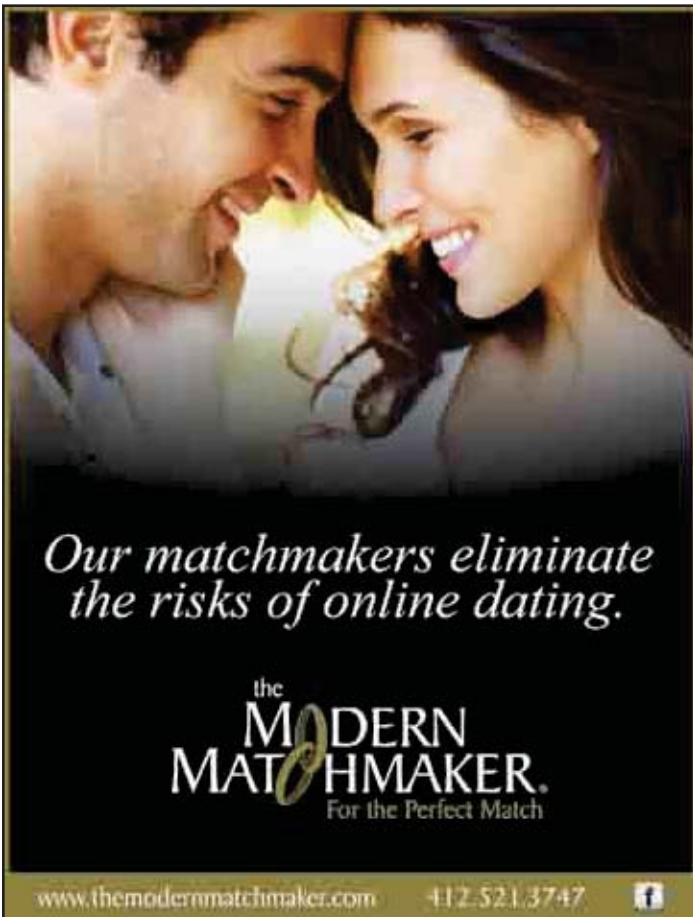
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100 yards off the tee!" "Oh my!" commiserated the Mother. "How unfortunate! But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister!" "No, that wasn't it," admitted Sister. "While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel runs out of the woods, grabs my ball and runs off down the fairway!" Oh, that would have made me blaspheme!" sympathized the Mother. "But I didn't, Mother!" sobbed the Sister. "And I was so proud of myself! And while I was pondering whether this was a sign from God, this hawk swoops out of the sky and grabs the squirrel and flies off, with my ball still clutched in his paws!" "So that's when you cursed," said the Mother with a knowing smile. "Nope, that wasn't it either," cried the Sister, anguished, "because as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him right there on the green, and the ball popped out of his paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup!" Mother Superior sat back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed the Sister with a baleful stare and said... "You missed the f*****g putt, didn't you?"

Black Panties:

Anna had lost her husband almost four years ago. Her daughter was constantly calling her and urging her to get back into the world. Finally, Anna said she'd go out, but didn't know anyone. Her daughter immediately replied, "Mom I have someone for you to meet." Well, it was an immediate hit. They took to one another and after dating for six weeks, he asked her to join him for a weekend in Vermont.. Their first night there, she undressed as he did There she stood nude, except for a pair of black lacy panties; he was in his birthday suit. Looking her over, he asked, "Why the black panties?" She replied: "My breasts you can fondle, my body is yours



to explore, but down there I am still mourning." He knew he was not getting lucky that night. The following night was the same--she stood there wearing the black panties, and he was in his birthday suit--but now he was wearing a black condom .. She looked at him and asked: "What's with the black condom?" He replied, "I want to offer my deepest condolences." _._._._._

Question and Answer Attorney Jokes

Q: How can you tell if a lawyer is well hung?

A: You can't get a finger between the rope and his neck!

Q: If you are stranded on a desert island with Adolph Hitler, Attila the Hun, and a lawyer, and you have a gun with only two bullets, what do you do?

A: Shoot the lawyer twice.

Q: What do you call 5000 dead lawyers at the bottom of the ocean?

A: A good start!

Q: How can you tell when a lawyer is lying?

A: His lips are moving.

Q: What's the difference between a dead dog in the road and a dead lawyer in the road?

A: There are skid marks in front of the dog.

Q: Why won't sharks attack lawyers?

A: Professional courtesy.

Q: What do you have when a lawyer is buried up to his neck in sand?

A: Not enough sand.

Q: Why did God make snakes just before lawyers?

A: To practice.

A command was given to a dog: "SPEAK!"

The dog said in return: "Not without my lawyer present!"

Q: Why are there so many lawyers in the U.S.?

A: Because St. Patrick chased the snakes out of Ireland.

Q: What's the difference between a lawyer and a herd of buffalo?

A: The lawyer charges more.

Actual Stupid Questions Asked by Attorneys

Taken from real court records:

Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, in most cases he just passes quietly away and doesn't know anything about it until the next morning?

Q: What happened then?

A: He told me, he says, "I have to kill you because you can identify me."

Q: Did he kill you?

Q: Was it you or your brother that was killed in the war?

Q: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

Q: She had three children, right?

A: Yes.
Q: How many were boys?
A: None.
Q: Were there any girls?
Q: Were you alone or by yourself?

Q: I show you Exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize that picture?
A: That's me.
Q: Were you present when that picture was taken?
A: Were you present in court this morning when you were sworn in?
Q: You say that the stairs went down to the basement?
A: Yes.
Q: And these stairs, did they go up also?

Q: Now then, Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?
A: By death.
Q: And by whose death was it terminated?
Q: Do you know how far pregnant you are now?
A: I'll be three months on March 12th.
Q: Apparently then, the date of conception was around January 12th?
A: Yes.
Q: What were you doing at that time?

Q. Do you have any children or anything of that kind?

Q. Was that the same nose you broke as a child?

Q: Mrs. Jones, do you believe you are emotionally stable?
A: I used to be.
Q: How many times have you committed suicide?
So, you were gone until you returned?

You don't know what it was, and you didn't know what it looked like, but can you describe it?

Q: Have you lived in this town all your life?
A: Not yet.

Q. A Texas attorney, realizing he was on the verge of unleashing a stupid question, interrupted himself and said, "Your Honor, I'd like to strike the next question."

Q: Do you recall approximately the time that you examined that body of Mr. Huntington at St. Margaret's Hospital?
A: It was in the evening. The autopsy started about 5:30 P.M.
Q: And Mr. Huntington was dead at the time, is that correct?
A: No, you idiot, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was performing an autopsy on him!

You Won't Go to Jail

A man who had been caught embezzling millions from his employer went to a lawyer seeking defense. He didn't want to go to jail. But his lawyer told him, "Don't worry. You'll never have to go to jail with all that money. And the lawyer was right. When the man was sent to prison, he didn't have a dime.

Consultation Fees

A lawyer's dog, running around town unleashed, heads for a butcher shop and steals a roast. The butcher goes to the lawyer's office and asks, "if a dog running unleashed steals a piece of meat from my store, do I have a right to demand payment for the meat from the dog's owner?" The lawyer answers, "Absolutely." "Then you owe me \$8.50. Your dog was loose and stole a roast from me today." The lawyer, without a word, writes the butcher a check for \$8.50. The butcher, having a feeling of satisfaction, leaves. Three days later, the



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A lawyer died and arrived at the pearly gates. To his dismay, there were thousands of people ahead of him in line to see St. Peter. But, to his surprise, St. Peter left his desk at the gate and came down the long line to where the lawyer was standing. St. Peter greeted him warmly. Then St. Peter and one of his assistants took the lawyer by the hands and guided him up to the front of the line into a comfortable chair by his desk. The lawyer said, "I don't mind all this attention, but what makes me so special?" St. Peter replied, "Well, I've added up all the hours for which you billed your clients, and by my calculation you must be about 193 years old!"

Ounces of Brain for Sale

A man went to a brain store to get some brain to complete a study. He sees a sign remarking on the quality of professional brain offered at this particular brain store. He begins to question the butcher about the cost of these brains. "How much does it cost for engineer brain?" "Three dollars an ounce." "How much does it cost for programmer brain?" "Four dollars an ounce." "How much for lawyer brain?" "\$1,000 an ounce." "Why is lawyer brain so much more?" "Do you know how many lawyers we had to kill to get one ounce of brain?"

What Type of Tracks?

Two lawyers were out hunting when they came upon a couple of tracks. After close examination, the first lawyer declared them to be deer tracks. The second lawyer disagreed, insisting they must be elk tracks. They were still arguing when the train hit them.



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Lawyers Give Irrelevant Information

Two women are on a transcontinental balloon voyage. Their craft is engulfed in fog, their compass gone awry. Afraid of landing in the ocean, they drift for days. Suddenly, the clouds part to show a sunlit meadow below. As they descend, they see a man walking his dog. One of the flyers yells to the figure far below, "Where are we?" The man yells back, "About a half mile from town." Once again, the balloonists are engulfed in the mist. One flyer says to the other, "He must have been a lawyer." The other says, "A lawyer! How do you know that?" The first says, "That's easy. The information he gave us was accurate, concise, and entirely irrelevant."

The Devil's Offer

The devil visited a lawyer's office and made him an offer. "I can arrange some things for you," the devil said. "I'll increase your income five-fold. Your partners will love you; your clients will respect you; you'll have four months of vacation each year and live to be a hundred. All I require in return is that your wife's soul, your children's souls, and their children's souls rot in hell for eternity." The lawyer thought for a moment. "What's the catch?" he asked.

You've Changed My Mind

Lawyer: "Now that you have been acquitted, will you tell me truly? Did you steal the car?" Client: "After hearing your amazing argument in court this morning, I'm beginning to think I didn't."

Get Money to Heaven

A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the saying, "You can't take it with you." After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died. He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillow cases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed. His plan: When he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning, came upon the two forgotten pillow cases stuffed with cash. "Oh, that darned old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement."

Want to Go into Space?

NASA was interviewing professionals to be sent to Mars. Only one could go and couldn't return to Earth. The first applicant, an engineer, was asked how much he wanted to be paid for going. "A million dollars," he answered, "because I want to donate it to M.I.T." The next applicant, a doctor, was asked the same question. He asked for \$2 million. "I want to give a million to my family," he explained, "and leave the other million for the advancement of medical research." The last applicant was a lawyer. When asked how much money he wanted, he whispered in the interviewer's ear, "Three million dollars." "Why so much more than the others?" asked the interviewer. The lawyer replied, "If you give me \$3 million, I'll give you \$1 million, I'll keep \$1 million, and we'll send the engineer to Mars."

Lawyer's Personal Injury

A golfer hooked his tee shot over a hill and onto the next fairway. Walking toward his ball, he saw a man lying on the ground, groaning with pain. "I'm an attorney," the wincing man said, "and this is going to cost you \$5000." "I'm sorry, I'm really sorry," the concerned golfer

replied. "But I did yell 'fore'." "I'll take it," the attorney said.

I Just Managed to Settle an Account!

A young attorney who had taken over his father's practice rushed home elated one night. "Dad, listen," he shouted, "I've finally settled that old McKinney suit." "Settled it!" cried his astonished father. "Why, you idiot! We have been living off of that money for five years!"

An Honest Lawyer

An independent woman started her own business. She was shrewd and diligent, so business kept coming in. Pretty soon she realized she needed an in-house counsel, and so she began interviewing young lawyers. "As I'm sure you can understand," she started off with one of the first applicants, "in a business like this, our personal integrity must be beyond question." She leaned forward. "Mr. Peterson, are you an 'honest' lawyer?" "Honest?" replied the job prospect. "Let me tell you something about honest. Why, I'm so honest that my dad lent me fifteen thousand dollars for my education and I paid back every penny the minute I tried my very first case." "Impressive. And what sort of case was that?" He squirmed in his seat and admitted, "My dad sued me for the money."

Did You Make a Donation?

At the United Way in a fairly small town a volunteer worker noticed that the most successful lawyer in the whole town hadn't made a contribution. This guy was making about \$600,000 a year so the volunteer thought, "Why not call him up?" He calls up the lawyer. "Sir, according to our research you haven't made a contribution to the United Way, would you like to do so?" The lawyer responds, "A contribution? Does your research show that I have an invalid mother who requires expensive surgery once a year just to stay alive?" The worker is feeling a bit embarrassed and says, "Well, no sir, I'm..." "Does your research show that my sister's husband was killed in a car accident? She has three kids and no means of support!" The worker is feeling quite embarrassed at this point. "I'm terribly sorry..." "Does your research show that my brother broke his neck on the job and now requires a full time nurse to have any kind of normal life?" The worker is completely humiliated at this point. "I am sorry sir, please forgive me..." "The gall of you people! I don't give them anything, so why should I give it to you!"

Can I Take His Place?

An attorney telephoned the governor just after midnight, insisting that he talk to him regarding a matter of utmost urgency. An aide eventually agreed to wake up the governor. "So, what is it?" grumbled the governor. "Judge Garber has just died" said the attorney, "and I want to take his place." The governor replied: "Well, it's OK with me if it's OK with the undertaker."

Lawyers on a Flight

An airliner was having engine trouble, and the pilot instructed the cabin crew to have the passengers take their seats and get prepared for an emergency landing. A few minutes later, the pilot asked the flight attendants if everyone was buckled in and ready. "All set back here, Captain," came the reply, "except the lawyers are still going around passing out business cards."

How's Business?

Two lawyers met at a cocktail party late one night. "How's business?" asked the first. "Rotten," replied the other. "Yesterday, I chased an ambulance for twenty miles. When I finally caught up to it, there were already two other lawyer hanging on to the bumper."

Trying to be Impressive

A young lawyer, starting up his private practice, was very anxious to

impress potential clients. When he saw the first visitor to his office come through the door, he immediately picked up his phone and spoke into it, "I'm sorry, but my caseload is so tremendous that I'm not going to be able to look into your problem for at least a month. I'll have to get back to you then." He then turned to the man who had just walked in, and said, "Now, what can I do for you?" "Nothing," replied the man. "I'm here to hook up your phone."

I Want to Take Money with Me

As Mr. Smith was on his death bed, he attempted to formulate a plan that would allow him to take at least some of his considerable wealth with him. He called for the three men he trusted most--his lawyer, his doctor, and his clergyman. He told them, "I'm going to give you each \$30,000 in cash before I die. At my funeral, I want you to place the money in my coffin so that I can try to take it with me." All three agreed to do this and were given the money. At the funeral, each approached the coffin in turn and placed an envelope inside. While riding in the limousine back from the cemetery, the clergyman said, "I have to confess something to you fellows. Brother Smith was a good churchman all his life, and I know he would have wanted me to do this. The church needed a new baptistery very badly, and I took \$10,000 of the money he gave me and bought one. I only put \$20,000 in the coffin." The physician then said, "Well, since we're confiding in one another, I might as well tell you that I didn't put the full \$30,000 in the coffin either. Smith had a disease that could have been diagnosed sooner if I had this very new machine, but the machine cost \$20,000 and I couldn't afford it then. I used \$20,000 of the money to buy the machine so that I might be able to save another patient. I know that Smith would have wanted me to do that." The lawyer then said, "I'm ashamed of both of you. When I put my envelope into that coffin, it held my personal check for the full \$30,000."

What is Two Plus Two?

An engineer, a physicist, and a lawyer were being interviewed for a position as chief executive officer of a large corporation. The engineer was interviewed first, and was asked a long list of questions, ending with "How much is two plus two?" The engineer excused himself, and made a series of measurements and calculations before returning to the board room and announcing, "Four." The physicist was next interviewed, and was asked the same questions. Again, the last question was, "How much is two plus two?" Before answering the last question, he excused himself, made for the library, and did a great deal of research. After a consultation with the United States Bureau of Standards and many calculations, he also announced, "Four." The lawyer was interviewed last, and again the final question was, "How much is two plus two?" The lawyer drew all the shades in the room, looked outside to see if anyone was there, checked the telephone for listening devices, and then whispered, "How much do you want it to be?"

Proverbs and First Grade

A first grade school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first-graders, 6-year-olds, because the last one is a classic.

1. Don't change horses...Until they stop running!
2. Strike while the...bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before...Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of...termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but...how?
6. Don't bit the hand that...looks dirty.
7. No news is...impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a...Mr.

9. You can't teach an old dog new...math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll...stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust...me.
12. The pen is mightier than the... pigs.
13. An idle mind is...the best way to relax.
14. Where's there's smoke there's...pollution.
15. Happy the bride who...gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is...not much.
17. Two's company, three's...the Musketeers.
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you,cry and...
you have to blow your nose.
20. There are none so blind as..Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed... get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you...see in the picture on the box.
24. When the blind lead the blind...get out of the way.
25. A bird in the hand...is going to poop on you.
26. Better late...than pregnant.

Warning: Scam Against Older Men

Women often receive warnings about protecting themselves at the mall and in dark parking lots, etc. This is the first warning I have seen for men. I wanted to pass it on in case you haven't heard about it. A 'heads up' for those men who may be regular customers at Lowe's, Home Depot, Costco, or even Wal-Mart. This one caught me totally by surprise. Over the last month I became a

victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the scam works: Two nice-looking, college-aged girls will come over to your car or truck as you are packing your purchases into your vehicle. They both start wiping... your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. (It's impossible not to look). When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No' but instead ask for a ride to McDonald's. You agree and they climb into the vehicle. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen Oct. 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th, 24th, & 29th. Also Nov. 1st & 4th, twice on the 8th, 16th, 22nd and very likely again this upcoming weekend. So tell your friends to be careful. What a horrible way to take advantage of us older men. Warn your friends to be vigilant. Wal-Mart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I found even cheaper ones for \$.99 at the dollar store and bought them out in three of their stores. Also, you never get to eat at McDonald's. I've already lost 11 pounds just running back and forth from Lowe's, to Home Depot, to Costco, Etc. So please, send this on to all the older men that you know and warn them to be on the lookout for this scam. (The best times are just before lunch and around 4:30 in the afternoon.)

Don't Eat Chicken Sandwiches

A little boy and a little girl attended the same school and became friends...Every day they would sit together to eat their lunch. They discovered that they both brought chicken sandwiches every day! This went on all through the fourth and fifth grades, until one day he noticed that her sandwich wasn't a chicken sandwich. He said, 'Hey, how come you're not eating chicken, don't you like it anymore?' She said 'I love it but I have to stop eating it.' 'Why?' he asked. She pointed to her lap and said 'Cause I'm starting to grow little feathers down there!' 'Let me see' he said. 'Okay' and she showed him. He looked and said, 'That's right. You are! Better not eat any more chicken.' He kept eating his chicken sandwiches until one day he brought peanut butter. He said to the little girl, 'I have to stop eating chicken sandwiches, I'm starting to get feathers down there too!' She asked if she could look, so he showed her! She said, 'Oh, my God, it's too late for you! You've already got the NECK and GIZZARDS!!!'

New Year Nerd Resolutions

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IF YOU'RE A NERD

1. I resolve... I resolve to... I resolve to, uh... I resolve to, uh, get my, er... I resolve to, uh, get my, er, off-line work done, too!
2. I will stop checking my e-mail at 3:00 in the morning... 4:30 is much more practical.
3. When I hear a funny joke I will not reply, "LOL... LOL!"
4. I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.
5. I will try to figure out why I *really* need 9 e-mail addresses.
6. I will stop sending e-mail to my roommate.
7. I will not buy magazines with AOL disks bound in just to get another 1.44MB disk.
8. I resolve to work with neglected children... my own.
9. I will answer my snail mail with the same enthusiasm I answer e-mail.
10. When I subscribe to a newsgroup or mailing list, I will read all the mail I get from it.



11. I will stop using, "So, what's your URL?" as a pickup line.
12. No more downloads from alt.binaries.*
13. I resolve to back up my new 400 GB hard drive daily... well, once a week... monthly, perhaps...
14. I will spend less than five hour a day on the Internet.
15. I will limit my top ten lists to ten items.
16. I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.

New Year Resolutions for Pets

1. I will not eat other animals' poop.
2. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
3. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
4. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
5. I will no longer be beholden to the sound of the can opener.
6. Cats: Circulate a petition that sleeping become a juried competition in major animal shows.
7. Come to understand that cats are from Venus; dogs are from Mars.
8. Take time from busy schedule to stop and smell the behinds.
9. Hamster: Don't let them figure out I'm just a rat on steroids, or they'll flush me!
10. Get a bite in on that freak who gives me that shot every year.
11. Grow opposable thumb; break into pantry; decide for MYSELF how much food is *too* much.
12. Cats: Use new living room sofa as scratching post.
13. January 1st: Kill the sock! Must kill the sock!
14. January 2nd - December 31: Re-live victory over the sock.
15. The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
AND the FINAL New Year's Resolutions Made by Pets...
16. I will NOT chase the stick until I see it LEAVE THE IDIOT'S HAND

Cookie the Cat's Resolutions

1. I will not demand to get out the minute after I come in and visa versa.
2. I will not scratch wallpaper, curtains, furniture, clothing or my scratch pad.
3. I will not annoy the dog next door (unless I'm in a bad mood)
4. I will come when my human calls me (occasionally) and the Number One New Year Resolution for Cookie is...
5. I will not sleep more than 23 hours per day.

Resolutions You Can Actually Keep:

Are you sick of making the same resolutions year after year and yet you never keep them? Here are some resolutions that you can actually accomplish! Enjoy! :-)

10. Read less.
 9. I want to gain weight. Put on at least 30 pounds.
 8. Stop exercising. Waste of time.
 7. Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff.
 6. Procrastinate more.
 5. Drink. Drink some more.
 4. Start being superstitious.
 3. Spend more time at work.
 2. Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more.
- And last but not least...
1. Take up a new habit: maybe smoking!

All Engineers Go to Heaven

About 9:30 on a Friday night Bill the mechanical engineer was working on the gears for a draw bridge when the pinion slipped and Bill was crushed... Instantly Bill is standing among the clouds at the Pearly Gates and St. Peter greets him. "welcome my son, what is your name" "Bill Johnson, Mechanical Engineer" St. Peter looks over the big book, and can't find Bill's name. "Sorry Bill, you're not in the

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book” “you sure, I thought all engineers go to heaven”. “not in the book...”, as St. Peter points to the elevator. Bill gets in and takes the long ride down. The doors open and Bill is overcome by the heat, humidity and sulfur stench... he looks at one of the minions and asks, “is it ALWAYS like this?” About a week later God is working in His office and He notices that all the gages for hell are reading wrong, Temp is a sublime 72°F, humidity is a sweet 40%, and airborne noxious gasses are under 10ppm... God mashes the intercom button to the Pearly Gates, “Peter, we have a problem, can you step into My office”. St. Peter comes in and asks what could possibly be wrong in heaven. “you didn’t by chance send an engineer down to hell sometime last week did you?” “as a matter of fact we had a ME show up late Friday... his name wasn’t in the book Boss...” “you know the rules, all engineers go to heaven, oh my son we are in a pickle now” God gets on the red phone to hell and has the devil on the line. “Louie, you didn’t by chance get an engineer dropped off down there some time late last Friday, did you?” “why as a matter of fact, we did. “well, just a little paperwork snafu, we are going to need him back, you know the rules” “you are not getting Bill back...” “What?! Bill, buddy, you have to send him back, the rules clearly state that all engineers go to heaven.” “Look, that Bill guy is amazing, he got the AC units working, told us we needed a scrubber, not even sure what that is but it takes the stink out of the air, he’s working on the sewer system next week, forget it, you are not getting Bill back.” “Look, pal, you are in breach of contract, all engineers go to heaven, don’t make me sue!!!!” “Yeah, right.... where are you going to get a lawyer?”

Off to Vegas

A man came home from work one day to find his wife on the front porch with her bags packed. “Just where the heck do you think you’re going?” said the man. “I’m going to Las Vegas”, said the wife, “I just found out I can get \$400.00 a night for what I give you for free!” The man said, “Wait a minute!” and then ran inside the house only to come back a few minutes later with his suitcase in hand. “Where the heck are you going?” said the wife The man said, “I want to see how you’re gonna live on \$800.00 a year!”

Don’t Mess with Old Farts

A farmer went out one day and bought a brand new stud rooster for his chicken coop. The new rooster struts over to the old rooster and says, ‘OK old fart, time for you to retire.’ The old rooster replies, ‘Come on, surely you cannot handle ALL of these chickens. Look what it has done to me. Can’t you just let me have the two old hens over in the corner?’ The young rooster says, ‘Beat it: You are washed up and I am taking over.’ The old rooster says, ‘I tell you what, young stud. I will race you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins gets the exclusive domain over the entire chicken coop.’ The young rooster laughs. ‘You know you don’t stand a chance, old man. So, just to be fair, I will give you a head start.’ The old rooster takes off running. About 15 seconds later the young rooster takes off running after him. They round the front porch of the farmhouse and the young rooster has closed the gap. He is only about 5 feet behind the old rooster and gaining fast. The farmer, meanwhile, is sitting in his usual spot on the front porch when he sees the roost-

ers running by. The Old Rooster is squawking and running as hard as he can. The Farmer grabs his shotgun and- BOOM - he blows the young rooster to bits. The farmer sadly shakes his head and says, ‘Dammit.....third gay rooster I bought this month.’ Moral of this story? Don’t mess with the OLD FARTS - age, skill, wisdom, and a little treachery always overcome youth and arrogance!

Church

A man went to church one day and afterward he stopped to shake the preacher’s hand . He said ‘Preacher, I’ll tell you, that was a damned fine sermon. Damned good!’ The preacher said, ‘Thank you sir, but I’d rather you didn’t use profanity.’ The man said, ‘I was so damned impressed with that sermon I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!’ The preacher said, ‘No shit?’

Pancakes

Brenda and Steve took their six-year-old son to the doctor. With some hesitation, they explained that although their little angel appeared to be in good health, they were concerned about his rather small penis. After examining the child, the doctor confidently declared, ‘Just feed him pancakes. That should solve the problem.’ The next morning when the boy arrived at breakfast, there was a large stack of warm pancakes in the middle of the table. ‘Gee, Mom,’ he exclaimed. ‘For me?’ ‘Just take two,’ Brenda replied . ‘The rest are for your father!’



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