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Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents -

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



In Artistic Director Marya Sea Kaminski's first musical at Pittsburgh Public Theater, a legendary plant meets an irresistible pop score.

did so brilliantly was add lyrics and music in the styles of R&B, rock, and the girl-groups of the early '60s. This last sound is embodied on-stage by The Urchins, a singing group made up of Ronnette (Melessie Clark), Crystal (Tavia Riveé), and Chiffon (Abigail Stephenson). The trio acts as a sort of Greek chorus commenting on the action – if Greek choruses were young, hip, and melodic. Little Shop of Horrors' signature songs include "Downtown (Skid Row)," "Somewhere That's Green," and the awesome power ballad "Suddenly Seymour."

In addition to Little Shop of Horrors' hilariously harrowing plot, Marya sees its deeper meaning. "Little Shop resonates with the bigger question of what it's like to be hungry and tells the story of the monstrous lengths we'll go to in order to get what we most crave."

The design team for Little Shop of Horrors is Timothy Mackabee (Scenic), Susan Tsu (Costumes), Robert Aguilar (Lighting), Zach Moore (Sound), and Bryce Cutler (Projections). Trina Mills is the Choreographer, Catie Brown is Associate Music Director, and Hattie Clare Andres is the Associate Director. Casting is by Geoff Josselson, Pamela Brusoski is the Production Stage Manager, and Rebecca Krall is the Assistant Stage Manager.

ABOUT ASHMAN & MENKEN

The first collaboration between Howard Ashman and Alan Menken was God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater, a 1979 musical adaptation of Kurt Vonnegut's book. Little Shop of Horrors followed in 1982 and its popularity was phenomenal, running for five years at Off-Broadway's Orpheum Theatre. The success of Little Shop soon brought Disney Pictures to Ashman & Menken's door. The writing partners then created the lyrics and music for the animated movie, The Little Mermaid, and received Academy Awards for Best Song and Best Score. This was followed by another Disney movie, Beauty and

the Beast, and again the partners received Oscars for their work. Ashman, however, did not live to take home the award. He died of AIDS in 1991. Menken continues to be an in-demand composer whose music includes Sister Act, Newsies, and Aladdin among many others.



**PITTSBURGH PUBLIC THEATER
PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF
HORRORS JANUARY 23 -
FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Performance Schedule

Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Wednesdays thru Saturdays at 8 pm (except Wed. Feb. 5).

Saturdays at 2 pm (except Jan. 25 & Feb. 1) plus 2 pm on Thurs. Feb. 20.

Sundays at 2 & 7 pm (except Feb. 23 when the final performance is at 2 pm).

Opening Night/Press Night is Friday, Jan. 31.

Ticket prices start at \$31. Tickets for students and age 26 and younger: \$16.50.

Discounts for groups of 10+ are available by contacting Katina White at 412.316.8221 or groupsales@ppt.org.

Ticket prices are subject to change.

For tickets contact 412.316.1600, ppt.org, or The O'Reilly Box Office.

Pittsburgh Public Theater starts 2020 with the musical comedy Little Shop of Horrors, with book and lyrics by Howard Ashman and music by Alan Menken. This monster hit is Marya Sea Kaminski's first musical at The Public, and features the return of Grammy winner John McDaniel as Music Director. Little Shop of Horrors runs January 23 – February 23, 2020 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600, go to ppt.org, or visit the Box Office.

In Little Shop of Horrors, Mr. Mushnik (Marc Moritz) struggles to keep his Skid Row flower shop open. One day his nerdy clerk, Seymour (Carnegie Mellon University grad Philippe Arroyo), brings in an odd horticultural find. He names it after his co-worker, Audrey (Lauren Marcus, Be More Chill), with whom he is in love. But Audrey is dating a sadistic dentist, Orin (Patrick Cannon), so Seymour must content himself with nurturing his little bloom, Audrey II. He quickly discovers, however, that this plant isn't like any other. It can talk and sing! (Monteze Freeland, voice of Audrey II). It can also dance, and grow to amazing heights (J. Alex Noble, puppeteer of Audrey II). The flower just needs one thing in order to thrive: fresh human blood.

Little Shop of Horrors is based on Roger Corman's sci-fi movie from 1960 titled The Little Shop of Horrors. What Ashman & Menken



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For more information, please visit these Pittsburgh Cultural Trust official ticket sources: online at TrustArts.org, by calling (412) 456-6666, or in person at Theater Square Box Office, 655 Penn Avenue.

Here are just a few highlights of the many cultural activities taking place in Pittsburgh's Cultural District.

THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS: Lost in the Solar System, January 5-12, Byham Theater and regional schools, Children's Theater Series

Join Ms. Frizzle and her students for an epic interplanetary field trip. This new musical adaptation based off the favored book series features music, acting, movement, science, communication skills, forgiveness, teamwork, and space. Recommended for ages 3+



THE PITTSBURGH CULTURAL TRUST EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, January 11, Trust Arts Education Center

Join The Trust on January 11 for an afternoon full of creativity. Creating Patterns of Pride with Batiks is perfect for K-12 educators wanting to connect culturally responsive teaching of arts integration and STEAM. Grades 6-8 can create immersive art pieces with the Soundscapes Workshop. High school students are welcome to hand make scarves during the Sewing Studio: Scarf Exploration.

SARAH REICH, January 16-18, Greer Cabaret Theater, Pittsburgh Dance Council

Sarah Reich, named one of the "25 To Watch" in 2017 by Dance Magazine, is com-



ing to Pittsburgh for the debut of her album New Change. Reich has performed on FOX's So You Think You Can Dance and has toured the world with Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox.

NICK JR. LIVE!, January 17-19, Benedum Center

Nick Jr. Live! "Move to the Music" features the Bubble Guppies, PAW Patrol, Dora The Explorer, Shimmer and Shine, Blue's Clues and You, Blaze and the Monster Machines, and Top Wing in an unforgettable musical spectacular. The Nick Jr. friends will be live on stage together

er for the first time in an amazing adventure. For all ages, child ticket policy applies ages 1 year and up.

AN ELEPHANT IN THE GARDEN, January 17-18, Byham Theater, EQT Bridge Theater Series

In 1945 Dresden, Germany, a mother and her children flee falling bombs and meet an adorable elephant that becomes a new, unlikely family member. Partially based on a true story, an Elephant in the Garden is an adaptation from the best-selling novel by Michael Morpurgo, author



of over 100 books including War Horse, Private Peaceful and Kensuke's Kingdom. Recommended for ages 7+

GALLERY CRAWL IN THE CULTURAL DISTRICT,

January 24, 5:30pm-10:00pm

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Gallery Crawl is a free showcase of downtown's dynamic art and entertainment scene. The quarterly, multi-venue event has dozens of galleries, stages, storefronts, and unique public spaces that everyone is welcome to explore. The Cultural District is known for hosting international multimedia artists, regional visual art exhibitions, live music, theater and dance performances, film screenings, hands-on creative activities, and much more.

SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS, January 24-25, Benedum Center

Shen Yun is a multi-dimensional performance that artistically showcases the five millennia of traditional Chinese culture. The classical Chinese dance along with patented scenographical effects and all-original orchestral works tell the incredible story through an enlightening journey.

DANCING WITH THE STARS: Live!, January 29, Benedum Center

The North America tour of Dancing With The Stars: Live celebrates the New Year with classic styles from your favorite dancers of the hit ABC show. The brand-new production showcases America's favorite professional dancers performing the Tango, Foxtrot, Cha-Cha, Waltz and everything in between.





The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust has overseen one of Pittsburgh's most historic transformations: turning a seedy red-light district into a magnet destination for arts lovers, residents, visitors, and business owners. Founded in 1984, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is a non-profit arts organization whose mission is the cultural and economic revitalization of a 14-block arts and

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LIBERTY MAGIC PRESENTS

DEREK HUGHES IS THE STAND UP MAGICIAN

January 8 – February 16, 2020



Quintessential funnyman Derek Hughes has been lauded by audiences and critics alike, with the New York Times calling him “thoroughly entertaining.” Awarded first place in Stage Magic by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Derek has performed his magic on MTV, VH1, Comedy Central, and the CW’s Penn & Teller: Fool Us. Derek is also a member of the Marvel Cinematic Universe,

having appeared in Captain America: The Winter Soldier and Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. He is a consulting producer on TRUtv’s hit magic series The Carbonaro Effect, and was a finalist on season 10 of NBC’s America’s Got Talent, where he gained notoriety for his provocative materializations.

In his newest show The Stand Up Magician, Derek has built on his astonishing reputation and devotion to the prestidigitation craft, bringing comedy and gravitas to each and every magical effect he performs. Rarely known to speak in public, Teller (of Penn & Teller) has remarkably broken his silence to compliment Hughes, calling him “Engaging, artful and smart.” The Stand Up Magician combines Derek’s witty sense of humor with his unique take on the art of conjuring.

Liberty Magic is a space dedicated to elevating the art of magic. Located at 811 Liberty, on the same block where Harry Houdini mesmerized Pittsburgh crowds in 1916, Liberty Magic is an intimate, speakeasy performance space dedicated to the art of sleight of hand and prestidigitation. With less than 70 seats in four rows, the magicians and performers who appear at Liberty Magic offer you a one-of-a-kind experience that is easy to access and hard to forget. TrustArts.org/Magic

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South Side New Location and Second Location in the North Hills!

Established in 2015 on the South Side, Doce Taqueria original location recently expanded their first shop to a brand new larger storeroom on the South Side of Pittsburgh. They are now



located at 1302 East Carson Street, 15203 just three doors down from their original location. Their new expanded location is all decked out with an amazing Mexican themed interior, the mural art work on their walls were created by local artists. The Balint's experience and talents have helped them to find and source local talents to create an interior that will take you south of the border without leaving the Burgh! Doce Taqueria has created a menu that specializes in authentic Mexican street fare with an added American Los Angeles vibe.

Doce Taqueria recently opened its second location in the North Hills on McKnight Road at 4826 McKnight Road – 15229 in the former Boston Market space, next to PPG Paints and across the street from Target. The North Hills location has been a huge success! Their food is amazing; their newest location in the North

Hills has a family friendly Mexican themed atmosphere, with an interior space that will take you back to the heart of Mexico without ever leaving the North Hills. Their outside patio is equipped with a fireplace and handmade tables....totally awesome! Plus at their North Hills location you can enjoy margaritas or Mexican draft beers along with a huge assortment of Mexican sodas or for the non-adventurous they also offer water and regular soda products.

Doce Taqueria has and always will be family-run, owned and operated! Their restaurants are definitely family friendly with a very welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. The Balint's truly care about their customers, quality and freshness of their food is of the utmost importance to them. "It's a bring-the-kids, family-friendly type

of place," says Balint. "It has a fast-casual vibe, but it's definitely fun."

Owned and operated by Andrew Balint and family, the Balint's, Chef Andy, Sr. (Big Andy), Andy Jr. (Little Andy) and Chef Alex all have deep roots in Pittsburgh with skills ranging from culinary arts to night life. They are extremely proud to have opened a second location on McKnight Road in the North Hills and to have expanded their South Side location. In addition to their two restaurants Doce Taqueria also has a mobile food truck available for parties and events, plus they also offer catering bringing the best Mexican street fare right to your home or office.

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A quick visit to logyardbrewing.com will show you the three pillars of Logyard Brewing's ethos, which probably match up with their wood-processing brethren, which are:

1. Quality
2. Hyper-Local
3. Sustainability

By focusing on these three key tenants of brewing, Logyard stands out in the ever-growing craft beer world.

With an emphasis on sustainability and keeping ingredients and flavor profiles as local as possible to the Kane, PA area, Logyard has created a perfect niche that their never-ending push for quality keeps them on top of. That doesn't mean their beer has to stay hyper-local, far from it. Thanks to Vecenie Distributing you can get your hands on some Logyard beer and see how the local black cherry and black birch hardwoods influence the flavors of their beers.

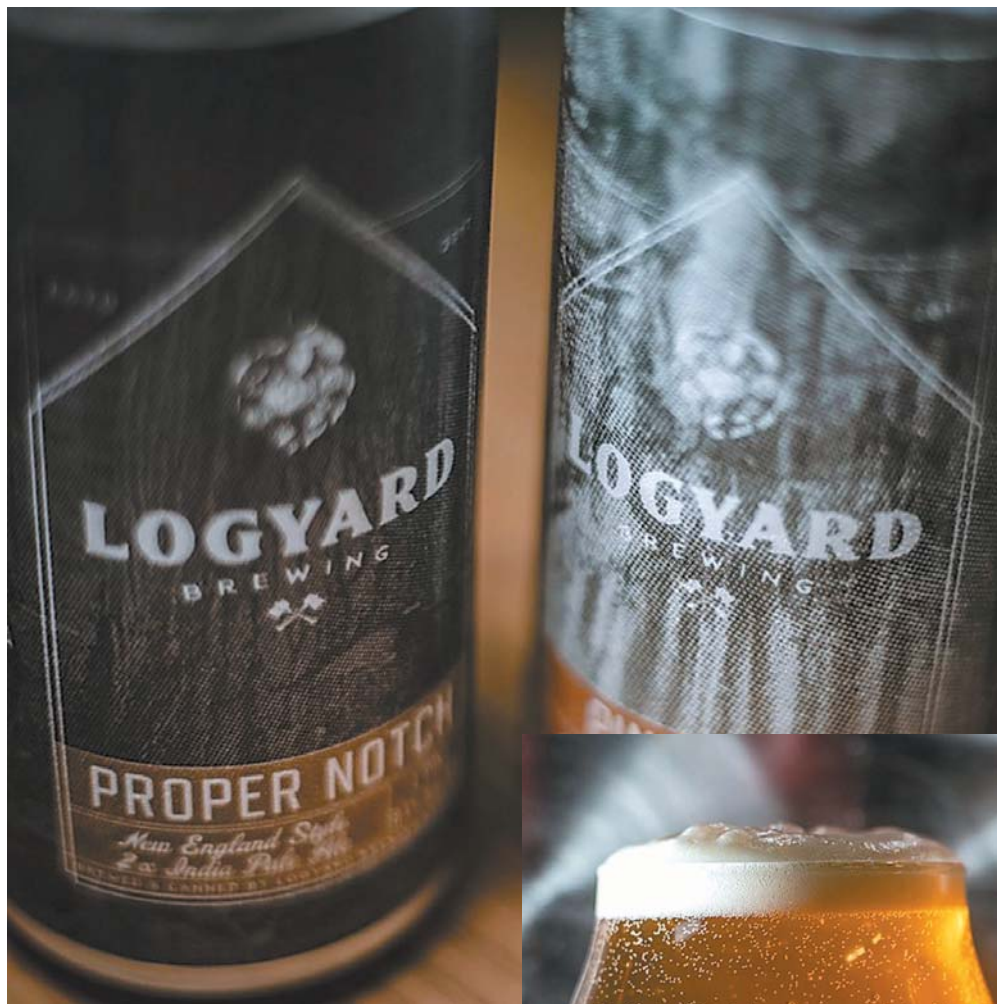
THE BEERS

Speaking of beers, that's what you came here for, so let's talk beer and see what Log-

yard Brewing has in the way of beers, including:

- Bucking Birch Kane Style Ale
- Pine Man IPA





great beer. Logyard's version of a nut brown ale is technically an English Brown Ale that comes in at 5.5% ABV, making it both complex and delicious while being solidly crushable.

If fruit beers are more your thing, then Logyard has you covered, too. Their Big Blueberry Ox is a lower alcohol option coming in at 3.4% ABV, but don't let that lower ABV fool you. This fruit beer has bright, crisp flavors and when it's in season, it's hard to say no to.

Along with these beers you'll also find a few versions of the ever popular New England Style IPAs on tap and in cans. For example, their Proper Notch NE Style 2X IPA comes in at 8.1% ABV and features a ton of flavor that masks the higher ABV surprisingly well. As with other NE IPAs, Logyard's version is hazy, juicy, and best consumed as soon as possible. Thankfully they brew this beer year round, so you'll always get a fresher.

Each of these beers and more are available from Logyard Brewing in the Pittsburgh area, so check out your favorite bars and bottle shops to pick some up today.



- Timbersale Copper Ale
- Tallybrook Nut Brown
- Safety Swede Blonde Ale
- Birch Blonde Kane Style Ale
- Big Blueberry Ox

It's not hard to see the correlation between the logging industry and Logyard Brewing's beer lineup. For instance, check out their take on the classic IPA with the 5% ABV Pine Man American IPA. This beer focuses on the piney flavors an IPA has to offer while keeping the beer refreshing with just the right amount of bitterness.

Checking out the Tallybrook Nut Brown Ale shows us a beer that fits nearly every taste. Brown ales are one of the easiest craft beer styles to love, making them an excellent cross-over beer to pull in those not wise to the ways of





TEAM RESOLUTIONS FOR 2020



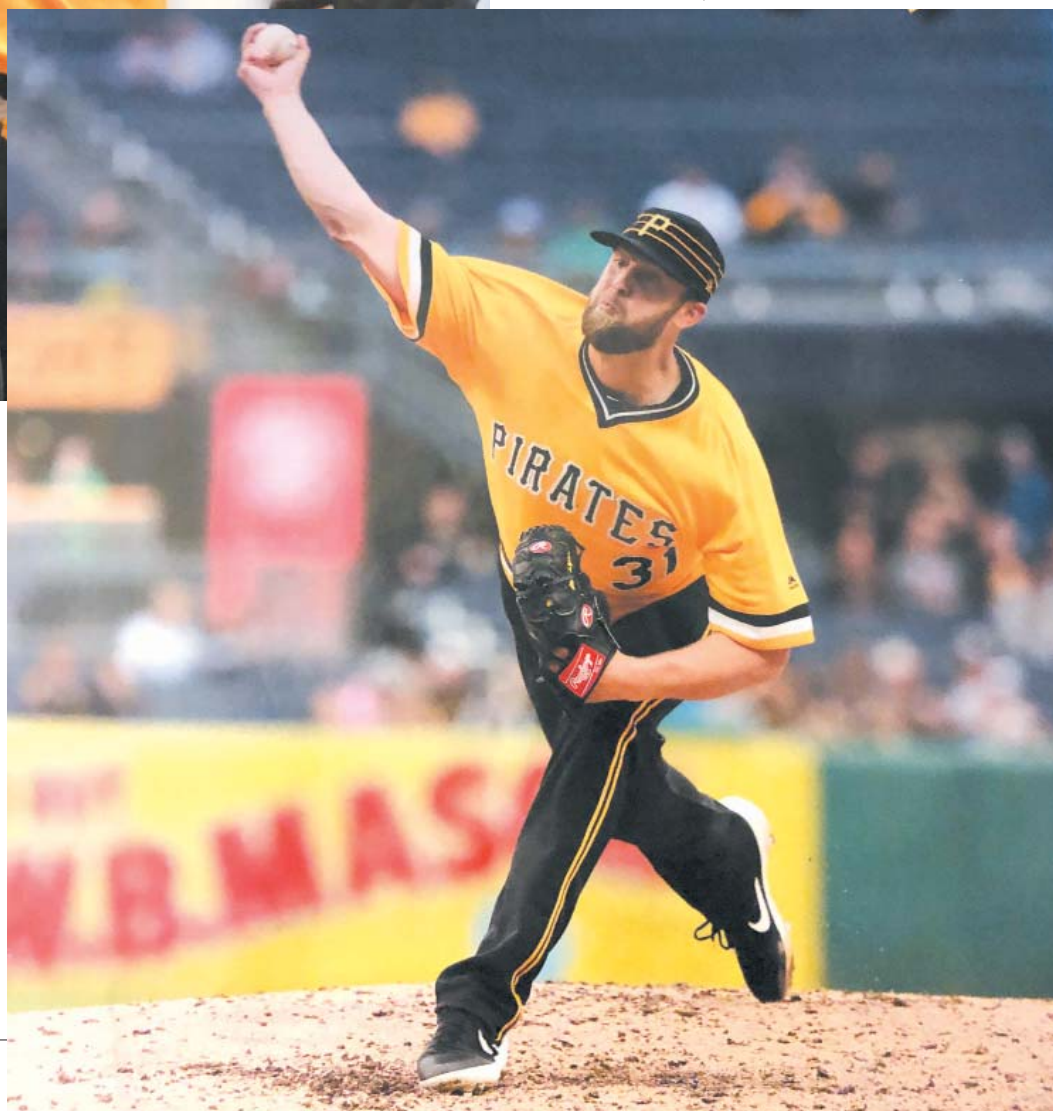
Turning the page on another year, as well as a decade, we certainly jump into reflection mode. Whether it's about what we did or did not accomplish, or setting goals for the upcoming year, ruminating over the last twelve months is commonplace. And it's no different when it comes to sports. The teams we love and have made a part of our lives are a focus in retrospection as well. Especially as the city is mourning the Steelers' season. It's the perfect time to discuss what the teams should resolve to do in 2020.

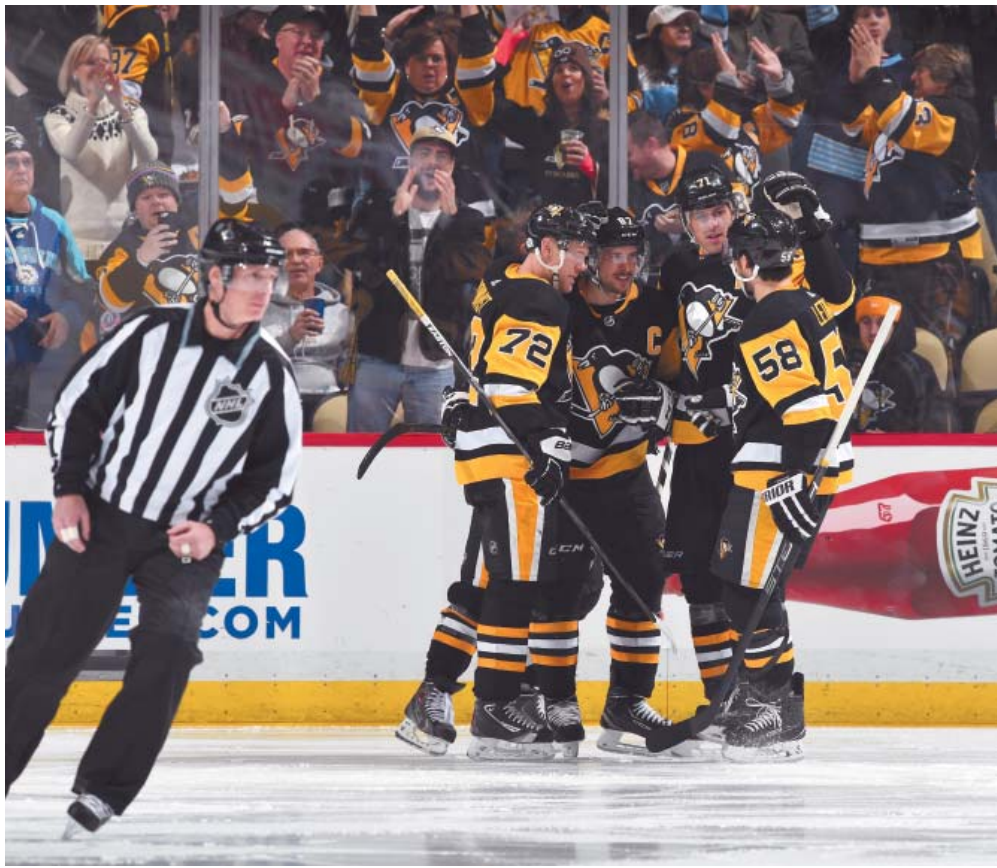
Fresh wounds heal the slowest, so it will be awhile before fans move on from a Steelers season that felt like the team was paying with house money yet losing their shirts at the same time. After Ben Roethlisberger went down, a non-losing season with a shot at making the playoffs in the final week didn't seem like it was in the cards. People should be happy as it could have been much worse. But the

simultaneous feeling of letting an opportunity slip away hits hard when you remember the team was sitting pretty at 8-5 with a chance at solidifying their postseason position before losing the last three games and ultimately folding. Again.

With Roethlisberger planning to return next year, the Steelers must resolve to get improved play from the offensive line. Bad snaps, poor protection and penalties were the norm amongst a group that is much revered in the league. Yes, the quarterback play wasn't up to par, but 13 sacks plus the pressures, hurries and hits during their three-game skid to end the year played a huge part. Not to mention the lack of a consistent run game, which leads us to the next resolution – keeping James Conner healthy. The fan favorite will enter the last year of his four-year deal without having played a full season. The run sets up play action. They need to run the ball and also get something – anything – out of the tight end position. It's on the offense to get back on track – the defense just needs to keep doing what they're doing.

And it seems the Pirates will keep doing what they've always done despite an overhaul in the front office and coaching staff. With no player signings of note, new GM Ben Cherington and Team President Travis Williams look to be keeping everything status quo on Federal Street. So, the front office must resolve





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to improve their player development. It's easy to see that players who leave the franchise go on to have more success elsewhere. Gerrit Cole, Tyler Glasnow and Austin Meadows to just name a few recent instances. Larry Broadway is still in place as the Director of Minor League Operations, but perhaps with Neal Huntington and Frank Coonelly no longer calling the shots, he will achieve better outcomes. Or not. With the Buccos it's going to be a long rebuilding process. So we should all resolve to have patience.

With news of Jake Guentzel having shoulder surgery and being out four to six months, the Penguins must resolve to simply keep stepping up. The team's leader in both goals and points, Guentzel is just the latest victim of an insatiable injury bug that keeps gnawing on the team. The good news is that they will get one of the best players in the world back shortly. Even better news is that without Sidney Crosby, the

Penguins went 15-5-3 through the end of December. Evgeni Malkin has been on fire, with 34 points in the 21 games he's played since Crosby's injury. Bryan Rust is also playing at more than a point per game pace and Tristan Jarry has filled in for a struggling Matt Murray as if he was born to be the number one net-minder. Not to mention two of their top four defensemen are currently on injured reserve, allowing rookie blueliner John Marino to shine. Mike Sullivan has said this season has brought the group closer with a resilient energy that keeps them playing the right way, and that's all they have to do from here on out.

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OVO FROM CIRQUE DU SOLEIL WILL BE PRESENTED
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PITTSBURGH, PA – Cold weather beginning to bug you a bit? Warm up with the whimsical antics of the insects from Cirque du Soleil's OVO, opening on Thursday, January 23, 2020 in Pittsburgh. After touring arenas all across North America, Europe and South America since April 2016, OVO will be back in Pittsburgh - by popular demand - at the PPG Paints Arena from January 23 to 26, 2020.

Thrilling more than 6 million people worldwide since the show premiered in Montreal in 2009 as a Big Top show, OVO embarked on a new journey, performing the same captivating production, but in arenas in 2016, giving more people the opportunity to enjoy a Cirque du Soleil show in their own town. Since 2016, the arena tour has traveled in 22 different countries, including Germany, Brazil, United States, Canada, Argentina, France, Spain, Portugal, United Kingdom and Chile.

ABOUT THE SHOW

OVO, meaning “egg” in Portuguese, is a head-long rush into a colorful ecosystem teeming with life, where insects work, eat, crawl, flutter, play, fight and look for love in a non-stop riot of energy and movement. When a mysterious egg appears in their midst, the insects are awestruck and intensely curious about this iconic object that represents the enigma and cycles of their lives. It is love at first sight when a gawky, quirky insect arrives in this bustling community and a fabulous ladybug catches his eye – and the feeling is mutual.

The cast of OVO is comprised of 52 performing artists from 14 countries specializing in many acrobatic acts. OVO is now a Cirque du Soleil classic. It features over 10 different high level acrobatic acts such as Foot juggling & Icarian games, Hand balancing, Contortion, Aerial Straps, Slackwire, Russian Cradle and a signature final act mixing Trampoline, Tumbling & Rock-climbing.

The Creative Team behind the world of OVO is: Artistic Guides Guy Laliberté and Gilles Ste-Croix; Writer, Director and Choreographer Deborah Colker (first female director at Cirque du Soleil); Director of



Creation Chantal Tremblay; Set and props Designer Gringo Cardia; Costume Designer Liz Vandal; Composer and Musical Director Berna Ceppas; Lighting Designer Éric Champoux; Sound Designer Jonathan Deans and for the first time at Cirque du Soleil: Rigging and Acrobatic Equipment Designer Fred Gérard; Acrobatic Performance Designer Philippe Aubertin; and Makeup Designer Julie Bégin.

TICKET INFORMATION

Advance tickets for OVO are available now online to Cirque Club members. 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 October 18, 2019 at www.cirquedusoleil.com/ovo. Ticket prices start at \$35 for adults (subject to change) and \$24.50 for children. Senior, military, student discounts and family packs available.



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PERCEPTION IS EVERYTHING

Pete was telling a friend that he had just lost his job.

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“Why did the foreman fire you?” the friend asked in surprise.

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“Oh,” Pete said, “you know how foremen are. They stand around with their hands in their pockets, watching everybody else work.”

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“We all know that,” his friend agreed. “But why let you go?”

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“Jealousy,” answered Pete. “All the other workers thought I was the foreman.”

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SIGNS

In a veterinarian’s waiting room: “Be back in five minutes. Sit! Stay!”

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In a beauty shop: “Dye now!”

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On the side of a garbage truck: “We’ve got what it takes to take what you’ve got.”

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In a restaurant window: “Don’t stand there and be hungry; come in and get fed up.”

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Inside a bowling alley: “Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop.”

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In a cafeteria: “Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria. Socks can eat any place they want.”

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WHAT??

Young Bill was courting Mabel, who lived on an adjoining farm out in cattle country. One evening, as they were sitting on Bill’s porch watching the sun set, Bill spied his prize bull having his way with one of his cows.

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Leaning in close to Mabel, he whispers in her ear, “I’d sure like to be doing what that bull is doing.”

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“Well, why don’t you?” she whispers back. “It’s your cow!”

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SCHOOL LESSONS

Some students pore over their lessons, while others just give them a preflunktory glance.



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DUH

A truck driver is driving along on the freeway when he sees a sign that reads “Low Bridge Ahead.” Before he knows it, though, the bridge is right ahead of him, and his truck gets stuck—wedged in tight. Cars are backed up for miles.

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Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks around to the driver, puts his hands on his hips, and says, “Got stuck, huh?”

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Exasperated, the trucker says, “No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas.”

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THE WIFE SAYS

The wife says: I want new curtains.

The wife means: Also carpeting, furniture, and wallpaper!

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The wife says: I need wedding shoes.

The wife means: The other 40 pairs

are the wrong shade of white.

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The wife says: Hang the picture there.

The wife means: No, I mean hang it there!

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The wife says: I heard a noise.

The wife means: I noticed you were almost asleep.

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The wife says: Do you love me?

The wife means: I’m going to ask for something expensive.

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The wife says: How much do you love me?

The wife means: I did something today you’re not going to like.

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The wife says: I’ll be ready in a minute.

The wife means: Kick off your shoes, and take an hour nap.

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The wife says: Am I fat?

The wife means: Tell me I’m beautiful.

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The wife says: You have to learn to communicate.

The wife means: Just agree with me.

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The wife says: Are you listening to me?

The wife means: Too late, you’re doomed.

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THE FACTS OF LIFE

A little boy goes to his father and asks, “Daddy, how was I born?”

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The father answers, "Well son, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway."

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"The fact is, your mom and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo. Then I set up a date with your mom via e-mail, and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room, Googled each other, and your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive."

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"As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later, a little pop-up appeared that said: 'You've got male!'"

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ST. PATRICK

Three Englishmen spot an Irishman in a bar. One of the Brits walks over, taps the Irishman on the shoulder and sneers, "Hey, I hear your St. Patrick was a drunken loser."

"Oh really," says the Irishman. "Hm, I didn't know that."

Puzzled, the Englishman returns to his buddies. "I told him St. Patrick was a loser, and he didn't care!" he reports.

The second Englishman says, "You just don't know how to set him off. Watch and learn." He then walks over to the Irishman, points his finger at the man's nose, and snarls, "Hey, I hear your St. Patrick was a lying, cheating, idiotic, low-life scum!"

"You don't say," said the other.

Shocked, the Englishman returned to his circle, marveling: "You're right! He's unshakable!"

Determined, the third Englishman vows action.

He walks over, pokes the Irishman in the chest, and barks, "I hear St. Patrick was an Englishman!"

"Yeah," said the Irishman. "That's what your buddies were trying to tell me."

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GENDER CLARIFICATION

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike En-

glish, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

"House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa."

"Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz."

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?"

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be female ("la computadora") because:

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

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

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time, they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

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SIGNS

In the front yard of a funeral home: "Drive carefully; we'll wait."

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In a nonsmoking area: "If we see you smoking, we will assume that you are on fire and take appropriate action."

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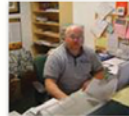
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On a maternity room door: "Push, Push, Push."

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At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

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On a taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

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On a fence: "Salesmen welcome. Dog food is expensive."

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At a car dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment."

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Outside a muffler shop: "No appointment necessary. We'll hear you coming."

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WHATEVER IT TAKES

Three men wanted to cross a river but had no idea how.

The first man knelt down on his knees and prayed, "Lord give me the power and strength to cross the river." Suddenly, he became very strong and swam easily across.

Inspired, the second man also knelt down and prayed, "Lord give me the skills and strength to cross the river." He arose, built a canoe and paddled across the water.

Empowered, the last man dropped to his knees and prayed, "Lord give me the wisdom and knowledge to cross the river." He arose, turned into a woman and walked across the bridge.

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LAST RIGHTS

A man is struck by a bus on a busy street in New York City and is lying near death as a crowd gathers.

"A priest! Somebody get me a priest!" the man gasps. A police officer checks the crowd but finds no priest, no min-

ister, no clergy of any kind.

"A PRIEST, PLEASE!" the man pleads again.

Finally, a little Jewish man, well over 80, steps forward.

"Officer," he says. "I'm not a priest. I'm not even a Catholic. But for 50 years, I've been living behind St. Mary's Catholic Church on Third Avenue, and I listen to the Catholic liturgy every night. Maybe I can be of some comfort."

The policeman nods and escorts the little man over. He kneels, leans over the dying man, and quietly intones: "B-4. I-19. N-38. G-54. O-72."

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SUPPLY AND DEMAND

A man awoke one evening to discover prowlers in his storage shed. He immediately called 911 and gave his address to report the prowlers.

"Are they in your house?" the operator asked.

He said they were not, only in his storage shed behind the house. The operator said there were no cars available. The homeowner thanked the operator, hung up, counted to 30 and called again.

"I just called you about prowlers in my storage shed. Well, you don't have to worry, I just shot them all dead!"

Within seconds there were three police cars, an ambulance and fire engine at the scene. After capturing the prowlers red-handed, the police officer said to the homeowner, "I thought you said you had shot them all!"

The man answered, "I thought you said there were no police available!"

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THE WIFE SAYS

The wife says: You want...

The wife means: You want...

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The wife says: We need...

The wife means: I want...

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The wife says: It's your decision.

The wife means: The correct decision should be obvious.

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The wife says: Do what you want.

The wife means: You'll pay for this later.

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The wife says: We need to talk.

The wife means: I need to complain.

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The wife says: Sure, go ahead.

The wife means: I don't want you.

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The wife says: I'm not upset.

The wife means: Of course I'm upset, you moron.

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The wife says: You're so manly.

The wife means: You need a shave and sweat a lot.

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The wife says: Be romantic; turn out the lights.

The wife means: I have flabby thighs.

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The wife says: This kitchen is so inconvenient.

The wife means: I want a new house.

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COMMON SENSE

Sam was in his usual place in the morning: sitting at the table, reading the paper after breakfast. He came across an article about a beautiful actress who was about to marry a football player who was known primarily for his lack of IQ and common sense. Sam turned to his wife with a questioning look.

"I'll never understand why the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives," he said.

His wife replied, "Why, thank you, dear!"

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PLAYING CHESS

A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess

with his dog. He watched the game in astonishment for a while.

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"I can hardly believe my eyes!" he exclaimed. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen."

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"Nah, he's not so smart," the friend replied. "I've beaten him three games out of five."

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YOUR CALL

Through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course 10 degrees east."

The light signals back: "Change yours, 10 degrees west."

Angry, the captain sends: "I'm a navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir."

Now the captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

There is one last reply. "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

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FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

Cletus is passing Billy Bob's barn one day when, through a gap in the door, he sees Billy Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of his old green John Deere. Wide-eyed, Cletus watches as Billy Bob slowly pirouettes, peels off each strap of his overalls, then lets the overalls drop to the floor. Then, grabbing both sides of his old plaid shirt, he rips it apart to reveal a stained T-shirt. With a final flourish, he tears the T-shirt from his body and hurls his baseball cap onto a pile of hay.

Having seen enough, Cletus rushes in and says, "What in the world are ya doing, Billy Bob?"

"Good grief, Cletus, ya scared the bejeebers out of me," says Billy Bob, red faced.

"Ya see, me 'n the wife been having trouble in the bedroom lately, and the therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor."

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THE NEIGHBOR'S TREES

While it's true I've been raking it in lately, when it comes to my neighbor's trees, I wish they would just leaf me alone.

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DID YOU EVER WONDER...

... How much deeper would oceans be if sponges didn't live there?

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... If we are here to help others, what are the others here for?

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... Why you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

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... No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning?

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... What the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?

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... If a cow laughed, would milk come out its nose?

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... If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from?

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BURNING CALORIES

Me: "I just burned 2,000 calories in 20 minutes."

Friend: "How?"

Me: "I forgot to take my brownies out of the oven."

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KIN YA SWALLER?

Two hillbillies walk into a restaurant and have a bite to eat.

Suddenly, a woman eating at a nearby table begins to cough. She soon appears in real distress.

One of the hillbillies looks at her and says, "Kin ya swaller?"

The woman shakes her head no.

Then he asks, "Kin ya breathe?"

The woman, now turning blue, shakes her head again.

The hillbilly walks over to the woman, lifts up her dress, yanks down her drawers, and quickly gives her right butt cheek a lick. The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm and the obstruction flies out of her mouth. As she begins to breathe again, the hillbilly walks slowly back to his table.

His partner says, "Ya know, I'd heerd of that there 'Hini Lick Maneuver' but I ain't never seed nobody do it."

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YOU MEAN HYSTERICAL

"But doctor," lamented the young husband in counseling. "Whenever Sue and I argue, she becomes historical!"

"You mean hysterical," said the therapist.

"No, historical. She's always bringing up my past."

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I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL!

Early one morning, a mother went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!"

"But why, Mom? I don't want to go."

"Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."

"Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!"

"Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."

"Give me two reasons why I should go to school."

"Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the principal!"

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GOOD QUESTION

What has four legs, is green and fuzzy and could kill you if it fell out of a tree?

A pool table.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN

...Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer,

"Honey, I can't do both!"

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...Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

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...A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

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...You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor, instead of by the police.

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..."Getting a little action" means, "I don't need to take any fiber today."

..."Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

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DID YOU EVER WONDER...

You know what really hurts my feelings?

Nerve damage.

What's in the middle of nowhere?

The letter H.

What is a vampire's favorite blood type?

Vampires do not have a favorite blood type, because they do not exist.

If you had four oranges in one hand and seven oranges in the other, what would you have?

Big hands.

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STATE CAPITAL

Joe: "I know the capital of North Carolina."

Sam: "Really?"

Joe: "No, Raleigh."

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SIMON SAYS

"Simon, if I had eight apples in my right hand and 10 apples in my left hand, what would I have?"

"Big hands, sir."

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BITE MARKS

Patient: "Doctor, I think I've been bitten by a vampire."

Doctor: "Drink this water."

Patient: "Will this make me feel better?"

Doctor: "No, but I'll be able to see leaks and know where the vampire bit you."

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THE FISHERMAN

Stranger: Catch any fish?

Fisherman: Did I! I took 25 out of this stream this morning.

Stranger: Do you know who I am? I'm the game warden.

DID YOU EVER WONDER...

... When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?

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... Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

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... Why overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

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... If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific mean to make terrible?

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... Why isn't 11 pronounced one-ty-one?

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... If "I am" is the shortest sentence in the English language, is "I do" the longest sentence?

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HOW TO KNOW IF YOU'RE READY FOR PARENTHOOD

Mess Test: Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Now rub your hands in the wet flower bed and then on the walls. Cover the stains with crayons. Place a fish stick behind the couch, and leave it there all summer.

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Toy Test: Get a 55-gallon box of LEGOs. (If LEGOs are not available, substitute roofing tacks or broken glass.) Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream (this could wake a child at night).

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Grocery Store Test: Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best), and take grocery shopping with you. Always keep them in sight, and pay for anything they eat or damage.

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Dressing Test: Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Stuff it into a small net bag, making sure that all arms stay inside.

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Feeding Test: Fill a large plastic milk jug halfway with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a stout cord. Get the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy Fruit Loops, Cheerios or other cereal into the mouth of the jug while pretending to be an airplane. Then dump the contents of the jug on the floor.

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Night Test: Fill a small cloth bag with 8 to 12 pounds of sand and soak it thoroughly in water. At 8 p.m., begin to waltz and hum with the bag. Continue until 9 p.m., then lay down the bag and set your alarm for 10 p.m. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up about a dozen more, and sing them until 4 a.m., when you should set the alarm for 5 a.m. Get up and make breakfast. Repeat for five years while looking cheerful.

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Physical Test (women): Attach a bean-bag chair to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months, then remove 10% of the beans.

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Physical Test (men): Go to the nearest drug store, set your wallet on the counter, and tell the clerk to help himself. Now proceed to the nearest food store. Go to the head office and arrange for your paycheck to be directly deposited to the store. Buy a newspaper, take it home, and read it quietly for the last time.

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Final Assignment: Find a couple with a small child. Vigorously lecture them on how to teach the child discipline, patience, tolerance, toileting and table manners. Suggest many improvements, and emphasize that they should never allow their children to run riot. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you'll have all the answers.

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CLEAN WATER

Teacher: "How can we get some clean water?"

Student: "Bring the water from the river and wash it."

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ART SUPPLIES

Customer in art supply store: "Can you please cut some canvas for me?"

Salesperson: "Certainly, what width?"

Customer: "Uh, scissors?"

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OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND

The bellboy set out an elaborate dinner for two in the hotel suite.

"Will there be anything else, sir?" he asked.

"No thank you," the gentleman replied. "That will be all."

As the young man turned to leave, he noticed a beautiful satin negligee on the bed. "Anything for your wife?" he asked.

"Yeah, that's a good idea," the guest said. "Please bring up a postcard."

Are You Smarter Than?

Four college sophomores were taking organic chemistry. Each had an A going into the final exam.

The friends were so confident about their chemistry grades that they decided to attend a party at a nearby college the weekend before the exam. After partying hard all night Saturday, they

slept through Sunday and didn't make it back to until early Monday morning, the day of the exam.

Fearing how they'd do on the test, they opted to skip it and tell the professor that they had had a flat tire on the way home Monday, didn't have a spare, and couldn't get help for quite some time. The students were relieved when the professor agreed to let them make up the test the next day.

He placed them in separate rooms, handed each of them a test booklet, and told them to begin. Each looked at the first problem, worth 5 points. It was something simple about free radical formation.

"Cool," each thought in his separate room. "This is going to be easy."

Each finished the problem and then turned the page, which read: "For 95 points: Which tire?"

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DID YOU EVER WONDER...

... Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?

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... If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

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... Why do we say something is out of whack? What's in whack?

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... If infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

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... If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

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... When someone says, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put in your two cents what happens to the other penny?

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... Why croutons come in airtight packages? They're made of stale bread to begin with!

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CRUSHED NUTS

An old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself gently, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?" "No," he replied, "Arthritis."

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FINE WINE

Bill, a 70-year-old extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with an astonishingly beautiful and very sexy 25-year-old blonde who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful appeal and outright charm while hanging over Bill's arm and listening intently to his every word.

His buddies at the club are all awestruck. They corner him and ask, "Bill how did you get the trophy girlfriend?"

Bill replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"

They're knocked over, but continue to ask. "So, how did you persuade her to marry you?"

Bill says, "I lied about my age."

His friends respond, "What do you mean? Did you tell her you were only 50?"

Bill smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."

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IN 50 YEARS

Four 'Senior' women were in a beauty parlor getting their hair done when in walks a young chick with a low-cut blouse that revealed a rosebud tattoo above one boob. One lady leaned over to another and said, "She doesn't know it yet, but in 50 years she'll be wearing a long-stemmed rose in a hanging basket."

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NAGGING SPOUSE

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER?"

They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?" The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

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EXERCISING

A woman on the phone to her friend: "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.... I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."

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TO ALL STAFF:

RE: SWEARING AT WORK

It has been brought to management's attention that some individuals throughout the company have been using foul language during the course of normal conversation with their co-workers. Due to complaints received from some employees who may be easily offended, this type of language will no longer be tolerated.

We do however, realize the critical importance of being able to accurately express your feelings when communicating with co-workers.

Therefore, a list of 18 New and Innovative phrases have been provided so that proper exchange of ideas and information can continue in an effective manner.

(TRY SAYING)

I think you could use more training.
INSTEAD OF:

You don't know what the f___ you're doing.

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She's an aggressive go-getter.

INSTEAD OF:

She's a ball-busting b___ch.

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Perhaps I can work late.

INSTEAD OF:

And when the f___ do you expect me to do this?

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I'm certain that isn't feasible.

INSTEAD OF:

No f___ing way.

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Really?

INSTEAD OF:

You've got to be sh___ing me!

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Perhaps you should check with...

INSTEAD OF:

Tell someone who gives a sh___.

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I wasn't involved in the project.

INSTEAD OF:

It's not my f___ing problem.

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That's interesting.

INSTEAD OF:

What the f___?

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I'm not sure this can be implemented.

INSTEAD OF:

This sh___ won't work.

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I'll try to schedule that.

INSTEAD OF:

Why the f___ing h___ll didn't you tell me sooner?

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He's not familiar with the issues.

INSTEAD OF:

He's got his head up his a___



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Excuse me, sir?

INSTEAD OF:

Eat sh___ and die.

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Were you happy with it.

INSTEAD OF:

Kiss my a___.

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I'm a bit overloaded at the moment.

INSTEAD OF:

F___ it, I'm on salary

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I don't think you understand.

INSTEAD OF:

Shove it up your a___.

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I love a challenge.

INSTEAD OF:

This job sucks.

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You want me to take care of that?

INSTEAD OF:

Who the h___ died and made you boss?

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He's somewhat insensitive.

INSTEAD OF:

He's a pr___ck.

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Thank You, Human Resources

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GRANDMA'S BIRTH CONTROL PILLS

The doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the young doctor was looking through these, his eyes grew wide as he realized she had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are BIRTH

CONTROL pills?

"Yes, they help me sleep at night."
"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely NOTHING in these that could possibly help you sleep!" She reached out and patted the young Doctor's knee.

"Yes, dear, I know that.? But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year old granddaughter drinks...

And believe me, it helps me sleep at night."

RANDOM SLOGANS:

Don't piss me off! I'm running out of places to hide the bodies.

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Guys have feelings too. But, like, who cares?

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I don't believe in miracles. I rely on them.

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Next mood swing: 6 minutes.

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I hate everybody, and you're next.

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Please don't make me kill you.

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And your point is?

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I used to be schizophrenic, but we're okay now.

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I'm busy. You're ugly. Have a nice day.

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Warning: I have an attitude, and I know how to use it.

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Remember my name - you'll be screaming it later.

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You KNOW you want me.

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Don't worry. It'll only seem kinky the first time.

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Of course I don't look busy - I did it right the first time!

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Why do people with closed minds always open their mouths?



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I'm multi-talented: I can talk and piss you off at the same time.

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You, me, whipped cream, handcuffs. Any questions?

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Do not start with me. You will not win.

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You have the right to remain silent, so please SHUT UP.

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All stressed out and no one to choke.

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I'm one of those bad things that happen to good people.

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How can I miss you if you won't go away?

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Sorry if I looked interested. I'm not.

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If we are what we eat, I'm fast, cheap and easy.

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Nobody knows I'm not wearing underwear.

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I'm out of estrogen and I have a gun.

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FROG GOES INTO BANK TO GET A LOAN

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

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"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

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Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

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Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

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The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

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Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

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She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

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She holds up the tiny pink elephant.
“I mean, what in the world is this?”

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(you’re gonna love this - its a real
treat - a masterpiece -

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The bank manager looks
back at her and says...

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“It’s a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give
the frog a loan. His old man’s a Rolling
Stone.”

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(You’re singing it, aren’t you? Yeah,
we know you are.....)

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PLAYING HOUSE:

A little girl and a little boy were at
daycare.

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The girl approached the boy and
said, “Hey, Stevie, wanna play house?”

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He said, “Sure! What do you want
me to do?”

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The girl replied, “I want you to com-
municate.”

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He said to her, “That word is too
big. I have no idea what it means.”

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The little girl smirked and said, “Per-
fect. You can be the husband.”

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WHY...WHY...WHY???

Why do we press harder on a re-
mote control when we know the batter-
ies are getting weak?

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Why do banks charge a fee on “in-
sufficient funds” when they know there
is not enough?

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Why does someone believe you when
you say there are four billion stars, but
check when you say the paint is wet?

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Why doesn’t glue stick to the bottle?

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Why do they use sterilized needles
for death by lethal injection?

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Why doesn’t Tarzan have a beard?

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Why does Superman stop bullets
with his chest, but ducks when you
throw a revolver at him?

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Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

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Whose idea was it to put an “S” in
the word “lisp”?

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If people evolved from apes, why are
there still apes?

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Why is it that no matter what color
bubble bath you use the bubbles are
always white?

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Is there ever a day that mattresses
are not on sale?

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Why do people constantly return to
the refrigerator with hopes that some-
thing new to eat will have materialized?

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Why do people keep running over a
string a dozen times with their vacuum
cleaner, then reach down, pick it up,
examine it, then put it down to give the
vacuum one more chance?

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Why is it that no plastic bag will
open from the end on your first try?

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How do those dead bugs get into
those enclosed light fixtures?

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When we are in the supermarket and
someone rams our ankle with a shop-
ping cart then apologizes for doing so,
why do we say, “It’s all right?” Well,
it isn’t all right, so why don’t we say,
“That hurt, you stupid idiot?”

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Why is it that whenever you attempt
to catch something that’s falling off
the table you always manage to knock
something else over?

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In winter why do we try to keep the
house as warm as it was in summer
when we complained about the heat?

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How come you never hear father-in-
law jokes?

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AND OUR FAVORITE.....

The statistics on sanity are that one
out of every four persons is suffering
from some sort of mental illness. Think
of your three best friends - if they’re
okay, then it’s you.

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THE TEST:

The CIA had an opening for an
assassin. After all of the background
checks, interviews, and testing were
done, there were three finalists, two
men and a woman.

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For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow our instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside of this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair - Kill Her!!!"

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The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job."

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The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

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Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman.

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She wiped the sweat from her brow and said, "You guys didn't tell me the gun was loaded with blanks... I had to beat him to death with the chair....."

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CHOICES:

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

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He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael

was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

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Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

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Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?" "Michael replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or .. you can choose to be in a bad

mood. I choose to be in a good mood."

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"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested. "Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life." I reflected on what Michael said.

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I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own. After all today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

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