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PURPLE STRIDE

A visit to the doctor can be nerve racking enough, let alone visiting doctor after doctor for two years with a variety of symptoms and no concrete diagnosis. This is exactly what happened to Sean Riddle, as he spent two years visiting a number of doctors, before being diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer in October 2012. Given only six to twelve months to live, Sean and his wife Kelly were devastated. As they explored their options, Sean underwent an exploratory surgery which resulted in the news that he would not be a candidate for surgery. As with many pancreatic cancer patients, Sean's diagnosis came after the cancer had metastasized, or spread, throughout his abdomen. The best option for Sean was intensive chemotherapy, with no answer on whether it would help or not.

Unwilling to accept the diagnosis of a death sentence, as 76% of patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within the first year, Sean and Kelly began to research the disease and look for answers. They came upon The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the national organization creating hope in a comprehensive way through research, patient support, community outreach and advocacy for a cure. Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is one of the few cancers for which the relative survival rate has not improved substantially in over 40 years.

Sean and Kelly knew they needed to do something, even if it wouldn't save Sean's life. Their hope is that someday it may save their children's lives or the lives of others diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network offered a direct way for the Riddle's to make a difference in the Pittsburgh area by volunteering for the organization's signature fundraising event.

The organization has a goal to double the survival rate for pancreatic cancer by 2020. One way the organization is working to achieve this goal is through "PurpleStride" signature run and walk events. There are roughly 50 PurpleStride events taking place this year in communities across the country where tens of thousands of people will make strides towards a cure for pancreatic cancer. PurpleStride events contribute millions of dollars toward the mission of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to advance research, support patients and create hope. Money raised helps fund personalized support for patients, their families and their caregivers. The events also support research grants and advocacy efforts to increase federal pancreatic cancer research funding.

The Pittsburgh affiliate will host PurpleStride Pittsburgh presented Rotary International, District 7300, on Saturday, August 5, 2013 at the North Shore Riverfront Park.. The 5k run and family fun walk is planned entirely by local volunteers, and is a day filled with hope and inspiration for participants. Sean and Kelly have helped the Pittsburgh affiliate secure numerous sponsors for this year's event as well as recruit team members for "Team Riddle", which has already raised over \$6,400.

Sean and Kelly will be joining over 1,500 participants at PurpleStride Pittsburgh presented by Rotary International, District 7300 on August 3. You can join them by registering online at www.purplestride.org/pittsburgh or on event day at the North Shore Riverfront Park. All proceeds benefit the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.





Hop on the Cole Train!

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos Pittsburgh Pirates

The Pirates have the second best record in all of Major League Baseball after 74 games.
****PINCH**** Sorry, did that hurt? Just making sure you knew you weren't dreaming. Yes, your Pittsburgh Pirates are 44-30 and trailing only the N.L. Central leading St. Louis Cardinals for the best record (winning percentage wise) of 30 major league clubs. Last year, they were 39-35 at this point in the season and in the thick of the division race as well. I don't need to remind you how that ended in September, however this year has a different feel to it. Now more than ever that the "electric stuff" of the Buccos' number one overall draft pick of 2011 has been put on display in the show. Gerrit Cole has arrived and has pitched as advertised. A hulking titan of a right-handed pitcher at 6'4" and 240 pounds, Gerrit Cole makes the distance from the mound to the plate seem

a whole heck of a lot shorter than 60 and a half feet when he effortlessly tops the 100 mph mark. Which he did EIGHT times in his third major league start to stifle the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (side note - I still think this is the most ridiculous attempt at leveraging a big city name while keeping the natives happy. It's not like the Mara family calls their NFL team the New York Giants of East Rutherford. Pick a location and stick with it Los Angeles California Anaheim Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Sheesh). That's more than his previous two starts combined. Could it be that the loud, audible cheers as he took the mound in his hometown park fueled his heater? If the support of his family, friends and former UCLA teammates upped his arm octane to that level, sign them up to be at every game his pitches. According to ESPN Stats and Info, Cole is hurling fastballs faster than any starting pitcher in all of baseball the last five years,

with the exception of someone named Justin Verlander. The only other starter this season to top the century speed mark is another young sensation, Matt Harvey of the New York Mets. That got me to thinking. Let's compare a few of these 6'4" tall power pitchers in their first three career starts in the majors to Cole's line of 18 and a third innings, 18 hits, seven earned runs, eight strikeouts and one walk, compiling a 3.44 ERA with a 3-0 record:

- Justin Verlander's first three games spanned two seasons, where he had a couple of spot starts in 2005 and began the year with the Detroit Tigers in 2006. He pitched 18 and a third innings to a 1-2 record, gave up 17 hits, nine earned runs, struck out 14, walked seven, and posted an ERA of 4.42.
- Roger Clemens was called up by the Boston Red Sox in May of 1984 and went 1-0 in his first three starts, worked 19 innings, gave up 28 hits, 13 earned runs, struck out 19 and walked five, which slapped him with an ERA of 6.05.
- Although Matt Harvey is having a breakout year this season, he was called up last July for the Metropolitans where he went 1-2, gave up 15 hits in 16 innings, fanned 23 while walking seven. Seven earned runs were scored against him and he rounded out his first three games with an ERA of 3.86.
- This tells me that Cole is more efficient and has better control to begin his big league career than some pretty darn good pitchers have had. Even though he isn't mowing 'em down via the strikeout like these guys, Gerrit isn't giving out free passes either, so he is sitting pretty with an 8:1 strikeout to walk ratio. I'll take it.

Cole's three victories haven't come against chumps on the bump either. The Pirates faced Tim Lincecum, Zack Greinke and Jered Weaver in those games, which collectively have three Cy Young Awards, eight All-Star appearances and one no-hitter under their belts. Not too shabby. The only number one overall pick to win more consecutive starts to begin his career in the show was Ben McDonald, who won five in a row in 1990 for the Baltimore Orioles. Here's the difference. McDonald was used a dozen times in relief situations prior to his first nod as a starter, so what Cole has done straight out the gate is even more impressive.

Gerrit has certainly been a shot in the arm for a rotation that is battered, bruised and literally torn with A.J. Burnett and his calf muscle mending on the disabled list right now. However this stable of starting horses held together by big wads of Clint Hurdle's chewing gum is not any worse for wear. As a matter of fact, after 74 games the pitching staff collectively boasts a 3.22 ERA, which ranks them second in the majors trailing only the Atlanta Braves. They also lead the majors with opponents batting just .227 against them so far this year, have pitched 12 shutouts which also leads the league (they only had ten all of last season) and rank third in the National League with 584 strikeouts.

Pitching prowess is the main force driving the success of the Buccos during the first half of the season. A.J. Burnett has been as expected, a top of the rotation guy who always keeps them in the game, even if the offense doesn't produce runs to



get him the win. Wandy Rodriguez has also been a consistent veteran presence and the trio of Jeff Locke, Francisco Liriano and Jeanmar Gomez has been quite the pleasant surprise. Liriano has struck out 55 in 48 innings up to this point and has a 2.44 ERA since he joined the rotation in mid-May. Gomez was forced into the rotation when the Jonathan Sanchez experiment exploded in the face of the front office. But all things happen for a reason, right? Since getting the nod, the Pirates have won each of the seven games he started, even if he did not get the decision, shutting down powerhouse offenses like Detroit in the process. He has been the epitome of a successful stop gap guy.

The real shocker has been the baby faced Jeff Locke. When I see him next to Burnett in the dugout, I immediately imagine him tugging on Burnett's sleeve, saying "Hey A.J., I gotta question. Um, A.J., I got another one. Okay, but what if this happens or that happens? Hey you wanna hang out after the game? Huh huh huh?" I know I'm being a little facetious here, but I think that's part of his game. Look so underwhelming that batters are lured into a false confidence, and then start picking them apart. With an ERA of 2.01, Locke leads the National League and is second in the majors only to Clay Buchholz of the Red Sox. Who woulda thunk it?

The return of sinker baller Charlie Morton only makes the rotation stronger heading into the All-Star break and the bullpen has been lights out as well. When leading after six innings, the Pirates are 32-2 this year through 74 games. The arms always give the team a chance to win, so come down and see your Battlin' Buccos in action at PNC Park and don't miss the chance to watch a young ace develop before your eyes.

There's lots of room on the Cole Train. Jump on!

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Travel

By Suz Pisano

To Fabulous

Just when it was starting to heat up a little bit in the Burgh, Nightwire went South. I wouldn't necessarily say "deep South" but definitely deep in the heart of Texas - San Antonio, Texas to be exact!

On the drive from the airport, I fell in love with the architecture and the ambiance of this beautiful Texas City. Nightwire was invited for a culinary adventure featuring some of the finest restaurants and some of the fastest rising stars of the San Antonio scene. As we pulled into Hotel Havana, a lovely boutique hotel along the famous Riverwalk, I couldn't wait to peruse the itinerary and see what was in store for our adventure. First, let me tell you a little bit about the hotel.

Hotel Havana was originally built in 1914 by a successful local grocer as a residence hotel for his buyers. The name was inspired by the lush riverfront surroundings reminiscent of the Caribbean island city. The Mediterranean Revival design of the building reflects this influence and the Spanish Colonial architecture of surrounding San Antonio. Hotel Havana's pan-Latin influence pays tribute to the diverse cultural elements of its Cuban namesake, as well as its proximity to Mexico and the roots of its home in San Antonio. The property offers 27 unique rooms ranging from studios to King and Queen Suites to a split-level Penthouse. Hotel Havana is highly recommended. <http://www.havanasanantonio.com/>

Welcome cocktails were served at Ocho, the restaurant and lounge space serving drinks and food downstairs in the hotel's lower level and upstairs on the riverfront. Ocho also provides room service for hotel guests. The property was reopened in 2010 by hotelier Liz Lambert and Bunkhouse Group and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This gorgeous setting was the perfect backdrop for appetizers and fancy cocktails. I did have a phenomenal breakfast there one morning where I lingered over coffee just to enjoy the beauty of the space.

San Antonio hosts an annual food festival - Culinaria, which features events, restaurants, cocktails, celebrity chefs, and lots and lots of great food! Nightwire was excited to be a part of this gastronomic celebration. Chef Jason Dady of Bin 555 hosted our first dinner. The Winemaker's Dinner was situated in a room off of the main dining room where long tables greeted us and we were told that food would be served family style. Chef Jason said that he hoped that by the end of his "Umai Mi" themed dinner we wouldn't be able to see the table because of so many plates. Umami is one of the five basic tastes (combined with sweet, sour, bitter and salty). It refers to the taste of glutamates and nucleotides that naturally occur in foods such as fish, cured meats, and products that are fermented and age (soy sauce,



Riverwalk

cheese, fish sauce). A Japanese Professor from the words umai meaning delicious and mi meaning taste first discovered this phenomenon in 1985. Fire Roasted Edamame, Shrimp Rolls, Hot Sticky Pork Ribs, Lemongrass Roasted Chicken, Spicy Cumin Lamb, and Brisket were some of the plates that graced our table. Winemaker Dinners were hosted at various locations throughout San Antonio, prices varied by location. Check out Culinaria details on their website- www.culinariasanantonio.com Also be sure and check out Chef Jason's restaurant at www.bin555.com It's a must visit if you find yourself in San Antonio!

Following dinner, our group was invited by local restaurateurs and celebrity Chef Johnny Hernandez to meet him at this home/event space to prepare a barbacoa for brunch the following day. I learned a lot about cooking lamb wrapped in banana leaves covered with giant agave leaves & lowered into an 8-foot pit. The set-up was mind boggling with technology & artisanal flair. After watching the preparation, we went inside Casa Hernan to relax with a tequila tasting. I couldn't help but feel bad for those in the group that opted to return to the hotel and miss this private time with Chef Hernandez. We tasted two of his private barrel selections created for his restaurants. I like tequila, have learned a lot about it and was blown away by the experience. Chef Hernandez travels to different Mexican villages seeking out the finest artisans for furniture, glassware, plates and an abundance of original artwork. I could hardly wait for brunch the next day and to get to see everything in the daylight. I mentioned that Casa Hernan is also his living space, which sits atop the beautiful event space where brunch was to be served the next day. Weddings, parties and occasional pop-up brunches are held here. Read more about Chef Johnny at www.chefjohnnyhernandez.com

Barabcoa Brunch at Casa Hernan was certainly a highlight of the trip. The photos can't possibly convey the warmth of the environment and the authenticity of the dishes served. The lamb barbacoa was served with a broth and was absolutely the focal point of the experience. I met a tequila purveyor who suggested

San Antonio, Texas

that the Anejo be sipped along side coffee. The Mexican coffee served was delicately spiced with a little cinnamon and I quickly found that he was absolutely right! Casa Hernan and Chef Johnny Hernandez made me love San Antonio even more. I have to go back to try his other restaurants!

San Antonio- Museum Reach & Mission Reach

The number one tourist attraction in San Antonio is the famous Riverwalk. Hotels, restaurants & shops line the river for miles and miles. The river was a life source for getting supplies to the missions and the Mission Reach portion of the river is gorgeous. Improvements along the Mission Reach have focused on ecosystem restoration using a technique known as fluvial geomorphology. This technique will transform the straightened river to replicate the original flow of the river while maintaining flood control, reducing erosion, re-introducing native vegetation and creating an environment more suitable for recreation and wildlife. Mission Concepcion is close to the spot where we took a walk to understand the

magnitude of this project. Public art graces the park in the form of walls, which represent the original flow of the river towards the mission. Trees have been planted in a manner that will direct the focus of your view to the mission. For more information on this project www.sanantonioriver.org

The Museum Reach portion of the Riverwalk offers river cruise opportunities that might take you to the end where you'll arrive at a rather new development- The Pearl. Formerly a brewery, now a hot spot for trendy restaurants & shops (Melissa Guerra Tienda de Cocina is located there, as well as the CIA & Nao-New World Flavors), you'll find something for everyone. The actual brewery is under construction and slated to be a hotel. On Saturday mornings, The Pearl Farmer's Market brings out the best of San Antonio. As a produce only market, everything is farmed or raised within 150 miles. I found a peach orchard & brought back some peach habenero jelly and some roasted almonds from a nut vendor. Baked goods and organics are also offered. You can even have a free guided tour of the property where you'll see sculptures and art made from reclaimed materials from the brewery. Very cool.

Read more about the Pearl Brewery- www.atpearl.com

I mentioned the River Cruise and would like to elaborate a little seeing how in Pittsburgh we are known for our rivers. The San Antonio River is often mistaken for a creek by visitors and I was surprised how the narrow Riverwalk accommodates the cruise boats. Our guide actually told us that the boats were created specifically for the size of the canal. Towards the end of the Museum Reach portion, you will go through a lock and dam, which we're no strangers to up North. I was surprised that in our group of journalists how many had never seen such a thing! It was very small compared to the lock & dam system on the Ohio River. The cruise gave us a nice chance to see the entire Museum Reach



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The Alamo



Mission Concepcion



Riverwalk

portion without having to walk miles and miles. Our guide was excellent at giving historical information and points of reference. I highly recommend taking a River Cruise to see everything that you might miss on a short stroll. There is an abundance of public art under all of the footbridges that cross the river canal. So much to see!

San Antonio- Tuk Tuk Tap Room

One of the most interesting things we did while in San Antonio was attend a Pop-Up Dinner at a restaurant slated to open in the month following our trip. Chef David Gilbert with Steve and Jody Newman, have paired up to open Tuk Tuk Taproom just north of downtown across from the Pearl. The restaurant and bar will serve Asian street fare and offer more than 60 craft beer taps. Also on tap will be 2 different types of kombucha.

"The combination of street food in Asia and beer is the most common food and beverage pairing amongst the locals across the 'eastern creek,'" Gilbert, who was executive chef at Sustenio inside Hotel Éilan Resort and Spa, was a James Beard Foundation semifinalist for Best Chef-Southwest this year. He also was named 2007 Rising Star Chef by StarChefs.com and authored "Kitchen Vagabond," a description of his food travels through Southeast Asia.

I could barely believe we were invited to dine at a restaurant that had no kitchen, no tables, and no air conditioning and was smack dab in the middle of construction. We ate our dinner in the front lot of the establishment sitting at giant spool tables with folding chairs. The moment we met Chef Gilbert, I knew why we were here- the food. Interesting plates of Asian street fare paired with craft beer is quite a delightful match. Steve paired the beers for the courses and it all made sense- simply prepared foods with fresh ingredients prepared in traditional styles made for delicious, delectable delight. Our dinner included Shrimp & Pomelo wrapped in Bette leaf, a Green Papaya Salad, Satay with Chicken, Chiang Mai Sausage, & Tofu, Banh Mi, Green Curry, Larb, and finished with Asian fruits like Rambutan & Lychee. Everything we sampled was flavorful and unusual with authentic ingredients. Such joy & delight! It was truly a magical night- the food definitely transported us to far away lands and the entire group raved about the experience.

These guys are really committed to their respective crafts- food and beer. The partners are calling the restaurant/bar "the first chef-driven Asian food and craft beer concept" in the country. By the time you are reading this article- the restaurant will be open. I'll call it a "definite do not miss" while in San Antonio. Nightwire

wishes the partners much success and with such an interesting concept- look forward to it being standing room only in no time! I bet you'll be reading about it somewhere else soon. Keep up with them on Facebook & Twitter or follow their progress at www.tuktuktaproom.com

San Antonio- The Alamo

Originally named Mission San Antonio de Valero, the Alamo served as home to missionaries and their Indian converts for nearly seventy years. Construction began on the present site in 1724. In 1793, Spanish officials secularized San Antonio's five missions and distributed their lands to remaining Indian residents. These men and women continued to farm the fields, once the mission's but now their own, and participated in the growing community of San Antonio.

While the facts surrounding the siege of the Alamo continue to be debated, there is no doubt about what the battle has come to symbolize. People worldwide continue to remember the Alamo as a heroic struggle against impossible odds — a place where men made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. For this reason, the Alamo remains hallowed ground and the Shrine of Texas Liberty.

More than 2.5 million people a year visit the 4.2-acre complex



Lunch Plate from CIA



Ceviche



Chef Elizabeth Johnson



Hotel Havana

known worldwide as “The Alamo.” Most come to see the old mission where a small band of Texans held out for thirteen days against the Centralist army of General Antonio López de Santa Anna. Although the Alamo fell in the early morning hours of March 6, 1836, the death of the Alamo Defenders has come to symbolize courage and sacrifice for the cause of Liberty. The memories of James Bowie, David Crockett, and William B. Travis are as powerful today as when the Texan Army under Sam Houston shouted “Remember the Alamo!” as it routed Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas have managed the Alamo since 1905. Located on Alamo Plaza in downtown San Antonio, Texas, the Alamo represents nearly 300 years of history. Three buildings - the Shrine, Long Barrack Museum and Gift Museum - house exhibits on the Texas Revolution and Texas History. Visitors are welcome to stroll through the beautiful Alamo Gardens. Just a short distance from the River Walk, the Alamo is a “must see” for all who come to San Antonio. An interesting fact- rock star Phil Collins owns the largest private collection of Alamo relics, some of which are on loan to the Alamo where he reportedly visits a few times a year.

The Alamo is open every day of the year except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Our hours are 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on Sunday. To accommodate more visitors, the Alamo will remain open on Fridays and Saturdays until 7 P.M. during the months of June, July and August. Admission to the Alamo is free. Read all about the Alamo and the historic battle at www.thealamo.org

San Antonio- Culinary Institute of America

A culinary tour of San Antonio would not be complete without a visit and mini-boot camp at the Culinary Institute of America. You might be familiar with the world famous Hyde Park, NY location but the Texas school features a much different curriculum highlighting Latin cuisines. Chef Brian West led us to the kitchens to prepare regional cuisines of Mexico. We were divided into teams and got busy preparing our dishes for lunch where we tasted all the delicious creations of our mini-boot camp. If you’ve ever wanted to experience working along side a reknown Chef in a beautiful, fully outfitted professional kitchen- look into CIA boot camps. The CIA San Antonio Campus offers classes for cooking enthusiasts and foodies of all levels. I really enjoyed my day in the kitchen, tasted everything, asked a lot of questions and learned tips and tricks that will enhance my cooking in my home kitchen. We were also treated to a lecture on Mexican cooking by Celebrity Chef Melissa Guerra and a Peruvian Ceviche demonstration by Chef Elizabeth Johnson. Peruvian Ceviche only lets the fish cook

in the citric acid for 5 minutes or less- much different than most Ceviche I’ve tried. We even had a visit to Melissa Guerra Tienda de Cocina- her cooking store. Check out her Latin Kitchen Market online at www.melissaguerra.com. You’ll even find recipes from her cookbooks!

Following our cooking, lecture, demonstration & tour of the CIA, we were invited to dine at Nao- New World Flavors. Derived from the Latin root “neo,” meaning to weave or intertwine, as well as the English root meaning something new, Nao is a celebration of tradition as well as innovation. The student-staffed restaurant at The Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio, Nao (pronounced Nay-O) is a culinary tapestry of Latin ingredients, traditions, and culture. A spectacular showcase for flavors of the New World, Nao’s menu features Latin American dishes rooted in tradition and creatively reinterpreted using new perspectives, ingredients, and techniques. Diners enjoy fresh, seasonal plates that pay homage to the great cuisines of Latin America in a warm and inviting atmosphere. This was haute cuisine where attention to every detail including service is mastered. What a treat! The website has the most gorgeous photos of food I’ve ever seen, Worth a peek- www.naorestaurant.com



Melissa Guerra



By: Kyle Bloser

Ommegang Brewing

Ommegang was founded in 1997 by Don Feinberg and Wendy Littlefield. The two were in the industry as beer importers, bringing Belgian beers into the United States through their company. Together they decided to build a brewery and stick to what they knew and utilize their expertise and brew Belgian style ales. They took a vow to do everything correctly and in the traditional manner. This commitment allowed them to produce a high quality Belgian craft beer that leaves you wanting more. The brewery itself is designed to look like an old farm in the traditional Belgian style, just like their beers. One unique, almost lost art, that the brewers use at Ommegang is open air fermentation which allows the yeast to be harvested off of the top of the “new” beer. They reuse this yeast for bottle conditioning which allows the beer to have a second fermentation in the bottle. This process allows the beer to be much like a wine and get better with age. They do an initial bottle conditioning at the brewery before the beer is even shipped to the distributors for sale. Doing so ensures that their high quality product will be properly aged to allow the beer to be the best it can be. They have six different beers that are brewed year round and a new Summer and Fall seasonal line. Ommegang also produces special editions one offs throughout the year. The brewery is the premiere Belgian brewery in the United States because they are the only ones who use all of the traditional techniques from their European counterparts. The brewery itself is a really cool place located in Cooperstown, New York. Ommegang is located on a hop farm, which adds to the experience of being at a brewery because you are surrounded, by one of the main ingredients in beer. Cooperstown was once the hop growing capitol of North America. The passion of the original owners (the Brewery is now by Duvel Moortgat of Belgium) with the production of their beer is to produce an extremely high quality product that makes Ommegang’s craft beers the best Belgian style craft beers in America.

Recently the brewery partnered with HBO to produce a special edition beer series for one of their special series, The Game of Thrones. The Game of Thrones series beer was released before the beginning of season three. The beer itself is called Iron Throne

and is a Belgium Blonde Ale. The Brewmaster Phil Leinhart said “the opportunity to collaborate on a beer based on the cultural phenomenon of Game of Thrones and exploring ways to make the beer truly reflect aspects from the show. It made us approach development in a completely new way and I think the first edition Iron Throne reveals that. With a Lannister currently on the throne, it made sense to do a delicate, but piercing Golden Blonde Ale with Noble hops. Iron Throne is certainly fair in color and soft in appearance, yet it still possesses a complexity and a surprising bite.” The beer comes in corked bottles and is a limited edition treat that has been racing off the shelves due to the shows cult following. Look for a second edition and completely new style of the beer this fall.

Here is a description of Brewery Ommegang’s six everyday beers and one of their more sought after one off’s called Gnomegang. Cheers!

Rare Vos, is an amber ale. The beer’s name comes from a famous café in Belgium that is known for its food and beer. Ommegang describes this beer as a tribute to the traditional Belgian style Café amber ale, which allows it to be unique and rather refreshing. The beer itself is very balance and had a good spice flavor, allowing it to be very drinkable. The spiciness comes from grains of paradise and orange peels. When poured





it has a big head that allows the beer to release its spicy smell. It also has a little bitterness that comes along with the hops that used in the beer. It is one of the most balanced beers we've ever tried in terms of flavor characteristics because it is based on a complex yet drinkable style of beer. It pairs very well with food and goes well many different dishes. You can enjoy the beer with any cheese or something sweet and spicy or with a dessert like bread pudding. It also pairs very well with pork belly for its fattiness and salty preparation as well as lobster due to their sweetness. It can also be added to chili's and jambalaya to add a unexpected but pleasant taste.

Hennepin is definitely one of my favorite beers, it's a farmhouse saison. This is a golden ale that is brewed with grains of paradise, orange peel, coriander, ginger, and other spices. Hennepin is named after the European explorer Lord Hennepin, who was the first European to find Niagara Falls. Just like him, the beer is adventurous and lets you discover new things about it the more you drink. It's a bottle-conditioned ale, a little different but all of them are very good, and extremely drinkable. This was the first saison brewed in the United States and has been extremely popular ever since its release. Hennepin is on the strong side in terms of saison's with an ABV of 7.7% which is much higher than most other saison beers. The farmhouse ale is good choice all year long because it is strong enough to keep you warm in the winter months but refreshing enough to quench your thirst in the summer heat. The beer pairs well with Asian food due to its spice and hint of ginger flavor. It also pairs really well with fish due to the same factors allowing it to expand and build on the flavor of the dishes.

The Witte is the most traditional Belgian style beer of the brewery. Witte in Belgian means wheat, which is exactly what it is, a wheat beer. The beer is brewed uniquely less sweet than most other wheat beers allowing for a tangy wheat finish to shine though. This is the most refreshing of the beers and lends itself perfectly to being enjoyed after a long day in the sun or while out in the sun. It's an excellent summer beer even though it's not necessarily meant to be. The wheat allows it to have a lemony citrus flavor, which adds to its refreshing characteristics that makes it such a good beer. This combination allows the beer to be paired well with almost anything. It lends itself to lighter things such as salads and appetizers but also due to its sweetness and tanginess, it pairs well with barbecued food as well as with mussels and seafood. The citrus characteristic pairs with almost any food perfectly because it enhances the flavor of any of the dish.

Gnomegang is a limited edition one that is the current rotating limited edition. Gnomegang is a Belgian strong pale ale with a subtle spiciness that gives it the distinct Belgian characteristics that make Belgian style ales so unique. It starts off on the fruity side in terms of flavor and then you catch the yeast, which creates a more complex flavor, enhancing the flavor. The beer is strong with an ABV of 9.5%, which is hidden well in the beer. It doesn't overpower you like many stronger beers despite the high ABV. It pairs with similar foods like the Witte and the Hennepin, so seafood, spicy food and pork.

The BPA is a unique take on a Belgian Pale Ale, which is dry hopped to add a crisp finish. The beer pairs well with fatty foods due to the bitterness that comes from the variety of hops that are used in the brewing process. The Belgian yeast allows the beer to have a sweeter flavor than the traditional pale ale but is a pleasant addition due to the hoppiness of the beer.

The Abbey Ale was the first beer that the brewery produced. This beer was designed after a Belgian trappist monk dubbel. The abbey ale is a dark beer that is malty and has a strong head. The beer is also great to age in a cellar, which allows the beer to get better with time like a wine due to the yeast that is put in the bottle for the bottle conditioning. This beer is similar to a wine and pairs well with most foods particularly pastas and red sauces due to the beers fruitiness.

Three Philosophers is a very unique beer because it is a Belgian quadrupel that is brewed as a darker ale in the traditional Belgian style technique but then another style of beer is added. The beer that is added is traditional cherry ale called Liefmans Kriek that is imported by Ommegang to the United States. The mixture is 98% ale and 2% Kreik, which gives it a refreshing cherry flavor that draws it towards the dessert pairings. Three Philosophers also pairs well with cheese and stews and can also be used as a great marinade that will add a really great flavor to your meat.

These are just a few of the many high quality beers that Brewery Ommegang is known for. The majority of their beers come in the 12 ounce traditional bottles as well as the corked big bottles. No matter what you pair them with or what you drink, them out of you're going to enjoy them. You will definitely recognize the love and enthusiasm that is put into Ommegang beers. Their brewery's slogan is everything happens for a reason, and if you drink some of their beer something will happen for a reason, you will be happily refreshed and want more. But there's no surprise there, because it did happen for a reason, high quality beer.

Sprecher Brewing

by: Kyle Bloser

Sprecher Brewing Company was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1985 by Randall Sprecher. Randall worked for one of the major brewing companies in the area, which inspired him to go out on his own to produce a high quality lower quantity beer. In 1985, he started his own brewery, brewing fine European and traditional beers and gourmet sodas. Then in 1995, Sprecher Brewing moved into a larger warehouse location. This brewery is well known for its award winning high quality ales and lagers however they are also known for their gourmet sodas, particularly their orange soda and root beer. The brewery has 6 year round beers and a large variety of seasonals that are all low volume but very high quality. Their newest venture is Hard Root Beer a new alcohol beverage.

Hefe Weiss is a tribute to the traditional German beer. This beer is a hazy golden color that is created from the yeast that is used. Because it is a beer that has its roots in Bavaria it has the big creamy head that is the signature characteristic of a Weiss beer. This beer has a citrusy flavor to it as well that

allows it to be an extremely refreshing beer - great for drinking on a hot summer day.

Black Bavarian is another traditional German beer much like the Weiss has its roots in Bavaria. The beer itself is a Kulmbacher style, which is a darker lager. The beer itself has a dark head that makes it look like a stout but is unique in flavor. This beer gets its name from the city where it comes from; but the flavor is unique to the city itself. This beer is almost a lost art in the United States and is something you rarely see here. This beer is a surprising treat that you don't expect.

Pub Ale is a unique take on an English Brown ale. This is one of the few beers that they make that doesn't have roots in Germany, that being said this is a great beer itself. The beer is an ale that is less fizzy and more of a refreshing darker beer.

Special Amber is exactly what it says it is, special. The beer is an amber lager that you don't often find many places brewing anymore. Special Amber is one of those beers that has been lost over the years and overlooked in the United States. The beer itself is a Vienna Lager style, which is a unique style of beer that was traditionally only brewed in Vienna. It's a unique beer because it has hops in the background which is something normally not found in a Vienna Lager.

Summer Pils is their current seasonal beer that they are brewing right now. This summer beer is extremely refreshing and perfect for those hot summer days and long summer nights. Summer Pils is a Czech Pilsner style beer, which is light and very drinkable making it a great beer for summer.



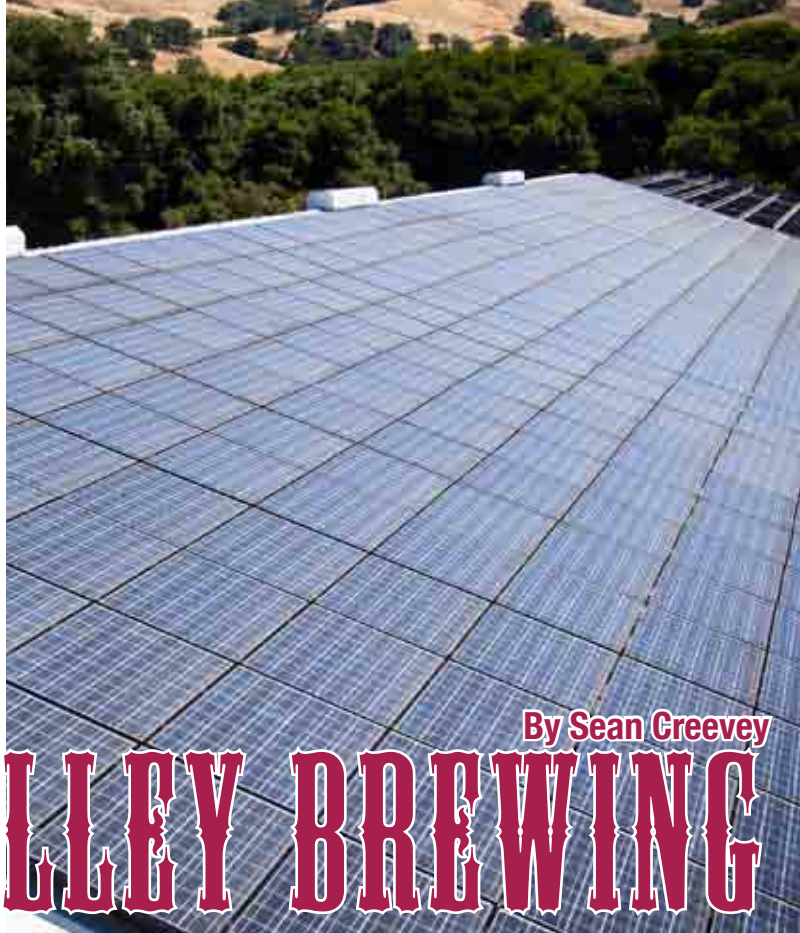
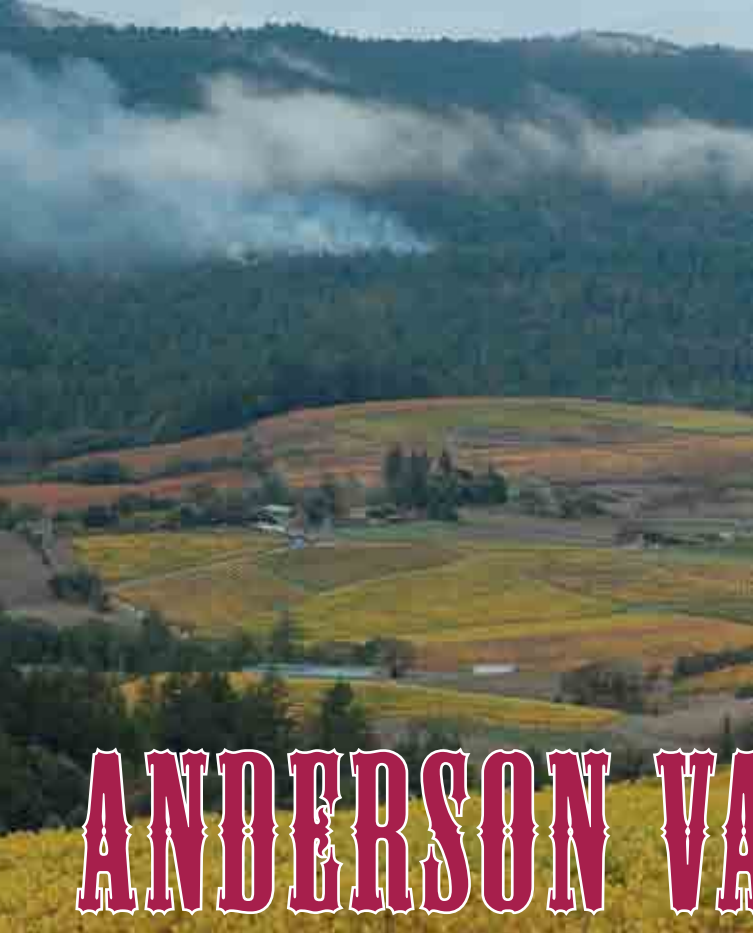


Summer Pils is one of the newest beers that is currently being produced.

The brewery brews a lot of other seasonals, special edition and reserves that are released throughout the year. All of these beers are known for their high quality and unique takes on the various styles of beer.

Sprecher Brewery has recently started brewing something unique to them. As previously mentioned the brewery is also known for their award winning root beer and sodas. They proudly just released a Hard Root Beer. Their Hard Root Beer is their award winning root beer with alcohol added to it. It's called Bootleggers Bourbon Barrel Hard Root Beer. This is something that has not been done by anyone else in the marketplace and it opens the brewery to a whole new market and lets them compete in a whole different market segment giving the consumer a new specialty drink to enjoy that comes from the high quality product line. Sprecher Brewery is known for. Sprecher Brewing is dedicated to brewing fine European and traditional beers and gourmet sodas. To learn more about Sprecher Brewing you can go to www.sprecherbrewing.com – locally distributed by Galli Distributing.





By Sean Greevey

ANDERSON VALLEY BREWING

Anderson Valley Brewing Company is definitely not your typical craft brewery, they do things their own way, in their own language, and at their own pace. Located 40 minutes from any main road and a two hour drive from the Golden Gate Bridge, Anderson Valley Brewing Company (AVBC) doesn't need to conform to national trends or feel the need to follow the beer classifications that can become technical gibberish, clouding the heart of the matter: good beer is good beer. In the Anderson Valley, the brew comes from the heart, not from the wallet. While others put their bottom line at the top of priorities, AVBC emphasizes fun and creativity while creating interesting but ultimately drinkable beers. As the owner, Trey White tells his employees, "it's a marathon not a sprint" and with that message in mind AVBC has been creating World-Class beers for 25 years.

Of course, beer is top priority at any brewery, but like the best of 'em there is more to a brewery that allows the brews to be enjoyed in context. Located on 30 acres of woods, pastures and even a disk golf course Anderson Valley has worked hard over the years to incorporate as much of the community, human and otherwise, into their production. AVBC has a strong commitment to their local environment, which may have to do with the origins of the brewery itself. The valley was initially found by accident while tracking a wounded deer and instead of dinner what was found was a magical place tucked away between the mountains. When people began to come to the valley it seemed wrong to disturb such a majestic place.

AVBC is no exception to the sentiment, every year the Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) recognizes businesses in California that perform an outstanding job at reducing their waste, and AVBC has been awarded that prestigious award

five times. Like many breweries nowadays, all the spent grain is reused for cattle feed, by local organic farmers for their various purposes and to grow mushrooms. Not only are the spent grains reused, so is just about everything that comes into the brewery, glass, plastic bottles, cardboard, plastic wrap, and everything else they can reuse and recycle, they do. It's not all about what leaves the brewery,, but what comes into it is also taken into consideration. When AVBC began to outgrow their last building they moved and consequentially needed larger brew tanks to meet their demand. Instead of having some brand new tanks commissioned (which would use many resources) they found a couple copper ones in Germany that were no longer being used. This was a one-time purchase that would likely go unnoticed by other breweries as far as incorporating it into their Carbon footprint. On the day-to-day scale, they're still conscientious, utilizing glass bottles that are 50% postconsumer and 65% total recycled content. AVBC is also starting to use cans for distribution, adding all their recyclable benefits. To top it all off, in 2006 AVBC installed a large solar panel array, one of the largest at the time actually, which works to produce 40% of the electrical needs of the facility.

When you find yourself admiring the artwork of a bottle or can of your favorite AVBC brew you might notice a couple things that could use some explaining. For one, there's a bear with antlers, don't worry it's not actually found in the wild, but it is found in the brewery. This creature that I speak of is the official mascot of AVBC and his name is Barkley, he is a mix between a bear and a deer which the staff has so aptly named a beer (bear X deer = beer). Another thing that you may notice is the strange words and names of brews, they might seem foreign or otherwise strange and unusual, as they should. This all comes from the history

of the valley: without giving yinz a history lesson the people of Anderson Valley created their own dialect in order to distinguish the city folk from the people of the valley (as well as allowing the valley folk to make fun of the city folk in front of them). Thus, Boontling was created, and the phrase “bahl hornin” was part of it and is now on all the packaging of the brews. What it means is “good drinking” it’s a sort of toast as well as a way of life.

Therefore, most of their brews incorporate some boontling into the name in order to give it that much more of a personal feel, in case you didn’t get enough from the brew itself.

The current system that AVBC works off is a 100 barrel system that they use for the production of most of their beers while they use their 10 hectoliter system that they use to experiment with. For example, their Mendonesia series was born on their smaller system, including their estate ale, Mendo Mello which uses Chinook and Cascade hops fresh from their own fields. AVBC is continually trying new brews and experimenting with old like the Imperial Boont which is essentially the Boont Amber Ale with double all the ingredients in the same volume. From lager to Belgian style Trippel AVBC covers their brewing bases, approaching all beer-drinkers with quality brews— they even have a pumpkin ale coming out towards the end of July, so keep an eye out for the fall brew. And we owe the great pleasure of enjoyment to the wonderful people at Vecenie Distributing Company, without them these delicious brews never would have made it this far east. So next time your bahl hornin’ remember who’s responsible for your pleasure.



Summer Solstice: poured from a can with a nice big and frothy caramel colored head. Notes of caramel and sweet malts in the nose and a beautiful amber color. If you’re looking for a classification for this brew you won’t get it from the brewery but for those who need to have a category for their brew to reside in it would be a cream ale. Although the folks at the brewery wouldn’t necessarily call this a cream ale, that’s what it’s become known as. It’s a brew that doesn’t try to fit and you simply can’t help but accept it for what it is. In fact, the brew has gathered such a liking that it has gained a nickname that I personally find to be the most accurate description of the beer. What Summer Solstice has so affectionately been named is “cream soda for adults” and I couldn’t agree more. At 5% ABV you can stand to have a Summer Solstice session and reminisce of the days of cream soda and kiddie pools.

Boont Amber Ale: this brew is the flagship brew for AVBC and it’s no surprise, this just may be one of the best ambers the world has seen. Poured from a bottle with a solid two finger tan head and a deep copper color. The nose is undeniably fruity with peaches and berries coming to mind, take the first sip...wow, I didn’t know an amber could have so much going for it. The fruit stays, but doesn’t linger, the malt certainly takes over the tongue, but with a bit of a hoppy finish. The hops are so masterfully placed in this brew that they breathe life into the brew and then back away so you can enjoy it. I’ve found that paring it with a nice sunset is ideal, the color of the sky matches the color of the brew and everything is right in the world. Coming in at 5.8% ABV you can stand to have two (or three) and mull over the meanings of life.

Hop Ottin’ IPA: the favorite of their brews on this side of the country, an IPA for the ages. Stick your nose in it, it’s undeniably, deliciously hoppy. Then take your tongue to it and behold the glorious “C” hops, Columbus and Cascade, which give you that notable grapefruit taste. Perfectly balanced with malts that provide a backbone, which works to enhance the hop aroma IPA enthusiasts love. A dry, herbal finish that furnishes a feeling of satisfaction yet still has you craving more. An archetypical West Coast IPA, upfront, bold, well-balanced, and easy-going. Coming in at 7% ABV and 78 IBUs this is a brew best enjoyed with sharp cheddar or some curry chicken or, of course, all on its own.

Other Year Round Anderson Valley Beers available in Western Pennsylvania are: Poleeko Pale Ale, Heech O’ Hops Double IPA, El Steinber Dark Lager & the collaborative brew , Wild Turkey Bourbon Barrel Stout.





Jeff Walewski – Owner of Sharp Edge Restaurants



Beer, Little Known Facts

There are always interesting tidbits in everything in the world, so why not give you a few for the world of beer!

- July is American beer month and beer is the second most popular beverage in the world (tea is number 1)
- There are 19 different brews of Guinness, depending in which part of the world you live is what you will get as far as alcohol strength and brewing of beer
- The saying “Rule Of Thumb” was developed from brewmasters years ago from sticking their thumbs into the brew kettle to find out if the temperature was right for adding yeast
- George Washington had a brewhouse on the grounds of his Mount Vernon house site
- The first references for beer go way back to 6000 BC, the first beer recipe was discovered on a 4000 year old Sumerian tablet for how to brew a barley beer
- The Mayflower landed in Plymouth rock because they ran out of beer and could not go on any further without supplies, they wanted to go further south to warmer weather but did not want a mutiny to occur
- Monks brewing beer in the middle ages, were allowed to consume 5 quarts of beer a day, monks brewed a dark beer for their fasting of 40 days (Belgians brewed a “Double Abbey” beer that contained enough vitamins to keep their body going for this long period of time)
- Beer prevents kidney stones, according to American Journal of Epidemiology, each bottle consumed per day reduces the risk by 40%
- Czech Republic ranks first in beer consumed per capita, the USA is ranked 11th
- Beer tax in the USA generates 44 billion per year
- During the Oktoberfest celebration in Germany 7 million + litres of beer are consumed, enough to fill 2.5 olympic size swimming pools
- The USA consumed 6.3 billion gallons of beer last year, that is just over 28 gallons per year for each American of legal age
- Prohibition in the USA lasted almost 14 years, after it was legal again, President Roosevelt declared “What America needs now is a Drink”
- The “33” on a bottle of Rolling Rock was originally a printer’s error, it refers to the 33 words in the original slogan but since it generated enough of mystery over the years the brewery left it on the label



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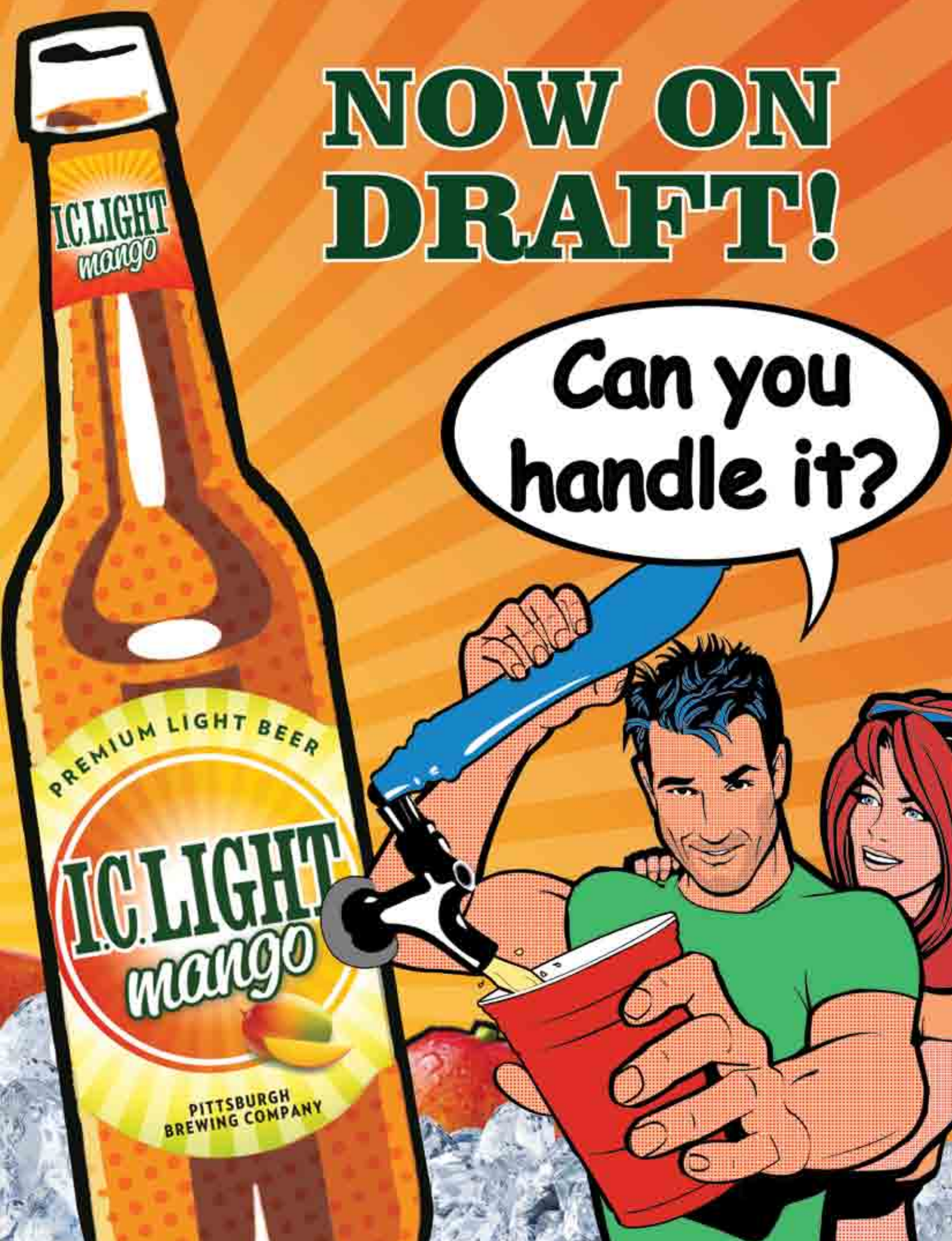
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The Just Beer Project...

Every action has an equal and opposite reaction, and that's exactly what's happening in the world of craft beer. It's not uncommon to see bar tap towers with 50 to 100 draft lines, full of beer with extreme bitterness units (IBUs) and alcohol content (ABV) that is so high the drinker can only enjoy one or two. Craft beer veteran, Alan Newman, has chosen to go against the grain to offer a more simplified approach to craft, notably named, The Just Beer Project.

The craft beer industry is growing, and at a rapid rate. In 2012 there were over 2,300 craft breweries in total, and that number increases literally by the day. Bars and restaurants have embraced the rise in craft, and begun offering more beer styles with exotic ingredients, high bitterness units and high alcohol content.

Newman, founder of the Magic Hat Brewing Company in 1994, is familiar with the world of craft beer, and recalls its early days: "Back nearly 20 years ago when we started Magic Hat, every bar had three 'light' beers, another domestic or two, and maybe a few imports. Any beer with the sign of all malt got my order," says Newman. "I was inspired by the idea that beer could be flavorful and delicious. That was the true catalyst that started the



Magic Hat Brewing Company."

Today craft has evolved into an ever-growing list of styles and unique, exotic ingredients, which Newman is no stranger to – after all he was among the first to experiment with the unconventional. The early days of craft were all about the innovation and the renaissance of beer.

"It wasn't until the past few years that the IBU and ABV wars began. They add flavor, aroma and character, but everything in moderation, please," said Newman. "I don't want 120 IBUs

CRAFT BEER PIONEER RESPONDS TO EXPLODING CRAFT CATEGORY... ONE BREWERY GOES BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF CRAFT



or 9% ABV on a night out with friends. All I want is a good tasting beer that I can drink all night long.”

The Just Beer Project’s mission is to deliver beer drinkers uncomplicated world-class craft brews that are delightful in their simplicity – nothing too complicated or exotic, with all natural ingredients. Their beers are sessionable, staying in the 5% ABV range, and focus on a great balance between malt and hops.

The first beer offered by the Just Beer Project, Just IPA, is an approachable IPA. For the aficionado, Just IPA comes in at 45 IBUs and a sessionable 5.2% ABV. It’s brewed with four hop varieties and two different styles of malt, then dry-hopped with Citra, Simcoe, and Cascade hops giving it a well-balanced malt flavor and fresh hop aroma. For the person who’s looking to spend less time reading about beer, and more time drinking it, Just IPA is the perfect choice.

Just IPA is available on draft in Pittsburgh currently at over 189 locations and growing! Locally here are just a few of the bars that currently have Just IPA on tap... Fuel & Fuddle, Oakland – Garage Door Saloon, Oakland – Smokin’ Joe’s, South Side – Piper’s Pub, South Side – Gateway Grill, Northern Pike, Houghs, Greenfield Ave., Pgh – Hampton Sports Zone, Allison Park – Cupkas 2 – South Side – Rolands, in the Strip.

Just IPA – You drink it. It tastes great... Just IPA - 45 BU’s, 5.2% ABV, Malt: Weyermann floor Pills, Honey Malt. Hops: Chinook, Ahtanum, Citra, Cascade. Dryhop: Citra, Stimcoe, Cascade.

The Just Beer Project is a craft beer company with a mission to deliver World Class Craft Beers, expertly brewed, without all the complication!

About Just Beer Project

The Just Beer Project is a craft beer venture from Alchemy and Science, based in Burlington, Vermont. The Just Beer Project was launched in 2012 set out with the mission of un-complicating the world of craft beer. <http://www.justbeerproject.com>.





Pittsburgh Cultural Trust: Gallery Crawl - July 12, 2013

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust announced the date and time for its July Gallery Crawl today. On Friday, July 12, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., the crawl will showcase a wide variety of thought provoking art exhibitions in downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District. Live bands, DJs, dance, comedy, and participatory activities are also part of the complimentary happenings during the crawl.

"Visitors can enjoy spending their summer evening in the Cultural District with over 30 event stops during the Gallery Crawl. Catch a free ride around the District on a Green Gears Pedicab! A few highlights include new exhibit openings at Wood Street Galleries, SPACE, 707 and 709 Penn Galleries. Music is a big part of the evening as well," comments Darcy Kucenic, Director of Highmark First Night Pittsburgh & Manager of Education and Operations with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

Performing at Katz Plaza, The Amigos Band, hailing from New York City, blends unique harmonies from bluegrass to jazz to create their collaborative American music. In 2013, the Amigos were chosen to serve as American Cultural Ambassadors for the American Music Abroad program by the U.S. Department of State. Touring the U.S. for the first time, Muzi ka will perform traditional Czech folk music, outdoors at 8th Street and Penn

Avenue. Flo Wilson and the Old School Band will have gallery crawl patrons dancing at the August Wilson Center.

After the Crawl, participants can attend one of these two ticketed events being produced by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust on that same evening, Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh at the Byham and Ryoji Ikeda's test pattern-live set at the Trust Arts Education Center. Gallery Crawl events are free and open to the public. For more information and a map of the Gallery Crawl events, visit, www.TrustArts.org or call (412) 456-6666.

Gallery Crawl in the Cultural District is a production of The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Education and Community Engagement Department. Sponsors for the July 2013 Gallery Crawl include lead sponsor First Commonwealth, Pittsburgh City Paper, WYEP 91.3FM and Kreider Printing.

The following is an abbreviated line-up of Gallery Crawl events happening on Friday, July 12, 2013, for the full list please visit www.TrustArts.org for updated and more detailed information. Free rides around the District by GREEN GEARS PEDICABS! All official Gallery Crawl locations will be marked with a Cultural District Stop sidewalk sign. TEXT "CRAWL" TO SMASH (76274) to receive special exclusive offers and more!

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In the past, boxed wines have gotten a bum rap. Not anymore, box wine lovers have a new sleek classy dispenser. With Boxxle boxed wine stays fresh a minimum of four to six weeks; it's shatter-proof, portable, will never have cork taint, and it's more environmentally conscious.

The variety of boxed wines is impressive, with producers offering everything from Moscato to Monastrell and many smaller, family-owned wineries selling boxed versions of their premium wines including Cabernet Sauvignons, Chardonnays, Pinot Grigios and organics. We particularly like Black Box Wines, which have won over 40 Gold Medals with an average price point of around \$24. What's more, one box contains the same amount of wine as four 750ml bottles, but at a significantly lower price.

Black Box superb grapes are harvested from world-class appellations, including California's storied wine country and the acclaimed vineyards of Argentina and Chile. Through a meticulous, traditional winemaking process, Black Box Wines are crafted to be food-friendly and fruit-forward - all without the expense and fuss of bottled wines. So whether you crave sumptuous reds or crisp



whites, you'll delight in the quality and value inside every box. Why does Black Box put fine wine in a box? Because its lightweight, portable and unbreakable, box wine lets you enjoy your favorite varietal anywhere—without having to worry about a corkscrew or broken glass. It's also eco-friendlier, requiring less energy to produce and transport than bottled wine and now with the beautiful Boxxle Wine dispenser, any box wine just became that much better. Check it out and try some this summer!

Now with Boxxle, wine lovers can use the entire bag without having to tip or drag the container to the edge of the countertop. Boxxle automatically compresses the bag and keeps wine fresh up to six weeks. With its contemporary design, the Boxxle is sturdy, built to last, and compliments any kitchen, bar or dining room décor. \$100; www.boxxle.com for the wine lover!!

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Nails are definitely making a big statement this season, with many different nail colors and styles for you to have the trendiest fingers and toes.

Glitter:

Bring out your blingiest, jeweled nail polish and get ready to sparkle! Glitter is no longer only for children! If glitter polishes are a little out of your comfort zone, try just putting it on an accent nail for starters until you can get used to it. One of the cons of wearing glitter polishes is that they aren't so easy to take off; Adding a base coat underneath the polish will make all the difference!

Neon:

Bright nails are one of the biggest trends this season. They can add the perfect pop of color especially for those who tend to wear neutral clothing. Wearing them on rainy, gloomy spring/summer days will be the perfect pick-me-up and can't help but make you smile.

Pastels:

Just like fashion, pastel nails are really on trend. Bring out the mints, baby pinks, and light colors for a perfect girly glow. One of the best things about pastel nails is that they really accentuate your (spray) tan!

Nude:

There is nothing better than a clean and polished look. Nude/skin-tone nails can really elongate your fingers and toes and make them appear neat and polished. It's a really simple touch but can make all the difference. If brightly colored polishes aren't essentially for you, nude nails are a great transition and quite refreshing. They are also perfect for the office!

Red:

No matter what season, a glamorous red is always in style. A perfect red polish should be a staple in every girl's cosmetics shelf. Like red lipstick, a red polish signifies confidence, strength, femininity, and sex appeal.

With all of these gorgeous nail polish options, nothing would look good on dry hands. Be sure to take care of your hands and feet by exfoliating and using a rich moisturizing cream to keep hands smooth.





....for the perfect manicure
cuticles pushed back or trimmed?

pushed back! never cut cuticles or hangnails – if you do, try to break the habit. as an alternative to cutting, use cuticle oil daily to nourish and soften cuticles.

....for the perfect manicure
soften and moisturize.

massage cuticles and skin around the nails with the cuticle oil. gently brush off excess oil with a soft, moist towel and trim any loose dead skin, otherwise do not cut cuticles.

....for the perfect manicure
note to self: play footsie.

base and top coats aren't just for fingertips. remember to use these care products for a salon-quality DIY pedicure.

....for the perfect manicure
what are your tips for achieving a perfect manicure every time?

start with a clean nail. choose the essie basecoat that suits your nail type and apply. do not underestimate the power of the base coat – it prevents dark polishes from staining the nail and can help fortify nails, too. then apply two coats of polish, waiting two minutes in between drying time. finish with the top coat of your choice.

....for the perfect manicure
tips for helping polish dry faster? topcoat!

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Is this where we all are headed?

An old man goes in for his yearly physical with his wife tagging along. When the doctor enters the Examination Room, he says, "I'll need a urine sample, a stool sample, and a sperm sample". The old man, being hard-of-hearing, turns to his wife and asks, "What the hell did he say?!" The wife yells back to him, "GIVE HIM YOUR UNDERWEAR".

THE PRIEST AND CUSTOMS:

A distinguished young woman on a flight from Switzerland asked the priest beside her, "Father, may I ask a favor?" "Of course. What may I do for you?" "Well, I bought an expensive! electronic hair dryer that is wellover the Customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through Customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?" "I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie." "With your honest face, Father, no one will question you." When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her. The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?" "From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare." The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?" "I have a marvelous little instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused." Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father - - "Next."

Senior Living

Harold is 75 and lives in a senior citizen home. Every night after dinner, Harold goes to a secluded garden behind the centre to sit and ponder his accomplishments and longevity. One evening, Mildred, age 72, wanders into the garden. They begin to chat, and before they know it, several hours have passed. After a short lull in their conversation, Harold turns to Mildred and asks, "Do you know what I miss most of all?" "What?" she asks "SEX!!" he replies. Mildred exclaims, "Why you old fart, you couldn't do it if I held gun to your head!" "I know," Harold says, "but it would be nice if a woman could just hold it for a while." "Well, I can oblige," says Mildred, who unzips his trousers, removes his manhood and proceeds to hold it. Afterward, they agree to meet secretly each night in the garden where they would sit and talk and Mildred would hold Harold's manhood. Then, one night, Harold didn't show up at the usual meeting place. Becoming alarmed, Mildred decided to find Harold and make sure he was all right. She walked around the senior citizen home where she found him sitting by the pool

with another female resident, Ethel, who was holding Harold's manhood! Furious, Mildred yelled, "You two-timing old goat! What does Ethel have that I don't have?" Harold smiled happily and replied, "Parkinson's"

How to Make a Woman Happy:

It's not difficult to make a woman happy. A man only needs to be:

1. a friend
2. a companion
3. a lover
4. a brother
5. a father
6. a master
7. a chef
8. an electrician
9. a carpenter
10. a plumber
11. a mechanic
12. a decorator
13. a stylist
14. a sexologist
15. a gynecologist
16. a psychologist
17. a pest exterminator
18. a psychiatrist
19. a healer
20. a good listener
21. an organizer
22. a good father
23. very clean
24. sympathetic
25. athletic
26. warm
27. attentive
28. gallant
29. intelligent
30. funny
31. creative
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40. determined

41. true

42. dependable

43. passionate

44. compassionate

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45. give her compliments regularly

46. love shopping

47. be honest

48. be very rich

49. not stress her out

50. not look at other girls

AND AT THE SAME TIME, YOU MUST ALSO:

51. give her lots of attention, but expect little yourself

52. give her lots of time, especially time for herself

53. give her lots of space, never worrying about where she goes

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT:

54. Never to forget:

* birthdays

* anniversaries

* arrangements she makes

HOW TO MAKE A MAN HAPPY:

1. Be naked

2. Bring food

QUOTES ON SEX:

- “A really hard laugh is like sex—one of the ultimate diversions of existence.” (Jerry Seinfeld)
- “If sex isn’t a joke, what is?” (Nella Larsen)
- “I’m a terrible lover. I’ve actually given a woman an anti-climax.” (Scott Roeben)
- “Anyone who says that gratuitous sex is no substitute for gratuitous violence obviously hasn’t had enough gratuitous sex.” (Geoff Spear)
- “I love sex. It’s free and doesn’t require special shoes.” (Anonymous)
- “Despite a lifetime of service to the cause of sexual liberation, I have never caught venereal disease, which makes me feel rather like an Arctic explorer who has never had frostbite.” (Germaine Greer)
- “I think sex is better than logic, but I can’t prove it.” (Anonymous)“[

- “Housework is like bad sex. Every time I do it I swear I will never do it again. Until the next time company comes.” (Marilyn Sokol)
- “During sex I fantasize that I’m someone else.” (Richard Lewis)
- “The only difference between friends and lovers is about four minutes.” (Scott Roeben)
- “There’s nothing inherently dirty about sex, but if you try real hard and use your imagination you can overcome that.” (Lewis Grizzard)
- “For flavor, instant sex will never supersede the stuff you have to peel and cook.” (Quentin Crisp)
- “Nothing makes you forget about love like sex.” (Staci Beasley)
- “I read so many bad things about sex that I had to give up reading.” (Anonymous)
- “Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you’re not good at them.” (Kevin Costner, Tin Cup)
- “I’m a great lover, I’ll bet.” (Emo Philips)
- “Just saying ‘no’ prevents teenage pregnancy the way ‘Have a nice day’ cures chronic depression.” (Faye Wattleton)
- “I like my sex the way I play basketball, one on one with as little dribbling as possible.” (Leslie Nielsen)
- “I have no luck with women. I once went on a date and asked the woman if she’d brought any protection. She pulled a switchblade on me.” (Scott Roeben)
- “Science is a lot like sex. Sometimes something useful comes of it, but that’s not the reason we’re doing it.” (Richard Feynman)
- “Sex is identical to comedy in that it involves timing.” (Phyllis Diller)
- “One half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other.” (Jane Austen)
- “If sex doesn’t scare the cat, you’re not doing it right.” (Anonymous)
- “Sex is good, but not as good as fresh sweet corn.” (Garrison Keillor)
- “I’ve tried several varieties of sex. The conventional position makes me claustrophobic and the others give me a stiff neck or lockjaw.” (Tallulah Bankhead)

SIX INCHES

Q: What’s six inches long, has a bald head and drives blondes crazy?

A: A hundred-dollar bill.

MEMORIAL STONE

A woman's husband dies. He had \$30,000 to his name. After everything is done at the funeral home and cemetery, she tells her closest friend that there is none of the \$30,000 left. The friend says, "How can that be?" The widow says, "Well, the funeral cost me \$6,500. And, of course, I made a donation to the church. That was \$500, and I spent another \$500 for the wake, food and drinks, you know. The rest went for the memorial stone." The friend says, "It was \$22,500 for the memorial stone? My God, how big is it?" The widow says, "Three carats."

KEEPING YOUTH

Q: How does a man keep his youth?

A: By giving her money, furs and diamonds.

CHAPPED LIPS

An old Texas cowhand came riding into town on a hot, dry, dusty day. The local sheriff watched from his chair in front of the saloon as the cowboy wearily dismounted and tied his horse to the rail a few feet in front of the sheriff. "Howdy, stranger," said the sheriff. "Howdy, Sheriff," said the cowboy. The cowboy moved slowly to the back of the horse, lifted its tail and placed a big kiss where the sun doesn't shine. He dropped the horse's tail, stepped up on the walk, and aimed

towards the swing doors of the saloon. "Hold on there, mister," said the sheriff. "Did I just see what I think I saw?" "I reckon you did, Sheriff. I got me some powerful chapped lips." "And does that cure them?" the sheriff asked. "Nope, but it keeps me from lickin' 'em."

BIG PEOPLE WORDS

A group of kindergartners were trying very hard to become accustomed to the first grade. The biggest hurdle they faced was that the teacher insisted on "no baby talk." "You need to use 'big people' words," she was always reminding them. She asked Chris what he had done over the weekend. "I went to visit my Nana." "No, you went to visit your grandmother. Use 'big people' words. She then asked Mitchell what he had done. "I took a ride on a choo-choo." She said, "No, you took a ride on a train. You must remember to use 'big people' words." She then asked little Alec what he had done. "I read a book," he replied. "That's wonderful!" the teacher said. "What book did you read?" Alec thought real hard about it, puffed out his chest with great pride and said, "Winnie the Crap."

MEN AND BULBS

Q: How many men does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: One. He just holds it up there and waits for the world to revolve around him. Or three. One to screw in the bulb and two to listen to him brag about the screwing part.



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VERSES

A young minister was visiting the homes of his church community. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. So, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door. When the offering was collected the next Sunday, he found his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke out in laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."

DEAD IN A WEEK

Bob says to his friend Bill, "My doctor says if I don't give up sex, I'll be dead in a week." "Why is that?" Bill asks. Bob replies, "I've been screwing his wife."



APPREHENDED

A mild-mannered man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration and flipping him a bird and shaking her fist as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!"

CURSED

An old man goes to the wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you." The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."

GOOD AND BAD

Jeff went to see his doctor. The doctor said, "I have good news and bad news." "What's the bad news?" asked Jeff. "Your wife has an STD," replied the doctor. "Oh, man! What could possibly be good news?" asked Jeff. The doctor said, "She didn't get it from you."

BLEEDER

A streetwalker was visiting her doctor for a regular check-up. "Any specific problems you should tell me about?" the doctor asked. "Well, I have noticed lately that if I get even the tiniest cut, it seems to bleed for hours," she replied. "Do you think I might be a hemophiliac?" "Well," the doctor answered, "Hemophilia is a genetic disorder and it is more often found in men, but it is possible for a woman to be a hemophiliac. Tell me, how much do

you lose when you have your period?" the doctor inquired. After calculating for a moment the hooker replied, "Oh, about seven or eight hundred dollars, I guess!"

INCHES

Two elderly men were having a conversation about sex. Elmer says, "Yes, I did it three times last night with a 30-year-old!" Leon replies, "You're kidding! I can't even manage to do it once. What's your secret?" Elmer said, "Well, the secret is to eat lots of whole wheat bread. I'm not kidding!" So, the second old man rushed to the store. The clerk asks the old man, "May I help you?" "Yes, I'd like four loaves of whole wheat bread, please," said Leon. "That's a lot of bread. It's sure to get hard before you're done!" the clerk remarked. Leon replies, "Damn! Does everyone know about this except me?"

KEEPING PURE

A fellow in a bar notices a woman come in on a fairly regular basis, always alone. After the second week, he made his move. "No, thank you," she said, politely. "This may sound rather odd in this day and age, but I'm keeping myself pure until I meet the man I love." "That must be rather difficult," the man replied. "Oh, I don't mind too much," she said. "But, it has my husband pretty upset."

CONFUSION

Q: How do you confuse a blonde?

A: You can't. They've always been like that.

THE CALLER

"Hello?" the child says on the phone. "Hi, honey, this is Daddy. Is Mommy near the phone?" "No, Daddy," says the little girl. "She's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul." After a brief pause, Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul." "Oh, yes I do, and he's upstairs in the room with Mommy, right now." Dad takes a deep breath. "Okay then, this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down, run upstairs, knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mommy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway." "Okay, Daddy, just a minute," says the little girl. A few minutes later, the little girl comes back to the phone. "I did it, Daddy." "What happened, honey?" he asks. "Well, Mommy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all." "Oh, my God! What about your Uncle Paul?" asks Dad in a panic. "He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on, too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know



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that you took out all the water last week to clean the pool. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead." There's a long pause on the phone. Then Daddy says, "Swimming pool? Is this 486-5731?"

LOST INTELLIGENCE

Q: What do you call a man who has lost 95 percent of his intelligence?

A: Divorced.

TIMBER LAND

A young woman from California purchased a piece of timber land in Oregon. There was a large tree on one of the highest points in the tract. She wanted to get a good view of her land, so she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top, she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her. In her haste to escape, she slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her private parts. In considerable pain, she hurried to the nearest doctor. He listened to her story then told her to go into the examining room and he would see if he could help her. She sat and waited for three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry woman demanded, "What took you so long?" He replied,

"Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a recreational area."

UGLY PATIENT

A very homely young woman made an appointment with a psychiatrist. She walked into his office and said, "Doctor, I'm so depressed and lonely. I don't have any friends, no man will come near me and everybody laughs at me. Can you help me accept my ugliness?" "I'm sure I can," the psychiatrist replied. "Just go over and lie face down on that couch, and we'll get started."

RERUNS

Q: What do they call reruns of "Hee-Haw" in Mississippi?

A: Documentaries.

CATS AND DOGS

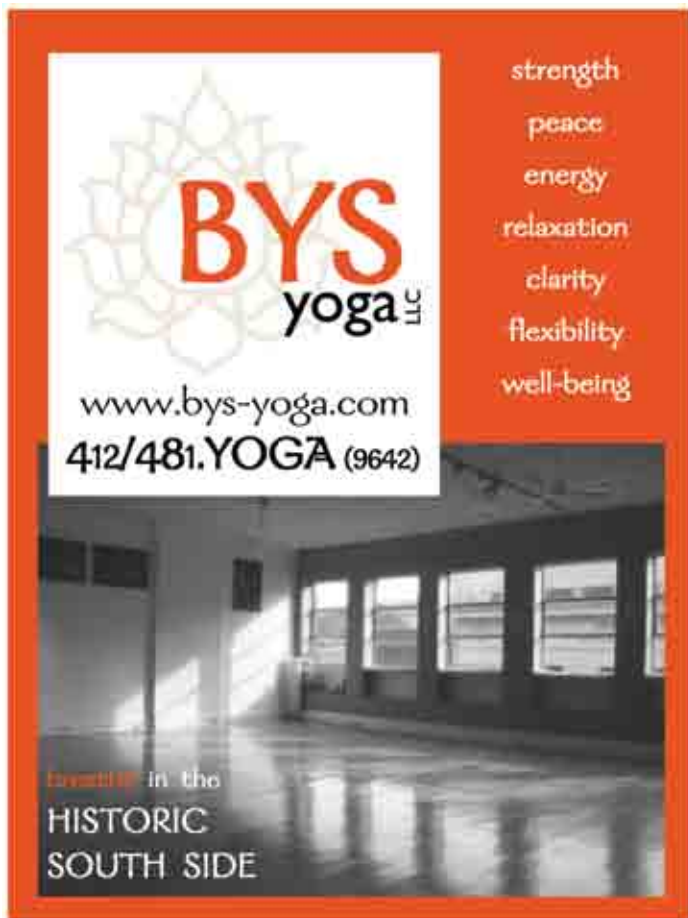
Women believe if a pet cat strays, it's because of a lack of affection at home. Women believe if a pet dog strays, it's because of a lack of affection at home. Women believe if a woman strays, it's because of a lack of affection at home. Women believe if a man strays, it's because men are scum.

ROAD TRIP

Four women were driving across the country. Each one was from a different state: Idaho, Nebraska, Florida and New York. Shortly after the trip began, the woman from Idaho started pulling potatoes from her bag and throwing them out of the window. "What the heck are you doing?" demanded the Nebraskan. We have so many of these darn things in Idaho, I am just sick of looking at them!" A moment later, the gal from Nebraska began pulling ears of corn from her bag and tossing them from the window. "What are you doing that for?" asked the gal from Florida. "We have so many of these things in Nebraska, I am just sick of looking at them!" Inspired, the gal from Florida opened the car door and pushed the New Yorker out.

USELESS TRIVIA:

- During World War II, W.C. Fields kept \$50,000 in Germany. His reason? "In case the little bastard wins."
- The official name for Silly Putty is "Dow Corning Dilatant Compound 3179."
- "M*A*S*H" was the first studio film to use the "f" word.
- Gorilla penises are just one-third the size of an average man's.
- The first magician to saw a woman in half was Count de



Grisley. He did the famous illusion in 1799.

- At one time, Baskin Robbins made ketchup ice cream.
- It's against the law to ride a tricycle faster than 10 m.p.h. in Vancouver, Canada.
- In 1856, the German poet Heinrich Heine died and left everything to his wife on the condition that she remarry so that, in his words, "there will be at least one man to regret my death."
- Antarctica is the only land on Earth not owned by any country.
- Giraffes are the only animals born with horns.
- The only U.S. city that can be spelled entirely with vowels is Aiea, Hawaii.
- According to experts, the more sex you have, the more sex you are likely to be offered. That's because the sexually active body gives off greater quantities of pheromones.
- Rembrandt painted more than 50 portraits of himself.
- The largest religious building in the world is a Hindu temple, Angkor Wat, in Cambodia.
- There is just one Q in a Scrabble game.
- When Captain Cook visited Tonga in 1777, he met King Fatafehi Paulah. The king had the responsibility of deflowering all the girls in his kingdom. It is believed he deflowered more than 37,000 girls during his lifetime.
- Marilyn Monroe's real name was Norma Jean Mortenson.
- The Pentagon, located in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as it needs. When it was built, in the 1940s, Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.
- The average American drinks about 600 sodas a year.

OLD GEEZER

The banker saw his old friend Tom, an eighty-year old rancher, in town. Tom had lost his wife a year or so before and rumor had it that he was marrying a "mail order" bride. Being a good friend, the banker asked Tom if the rumor was true. Tom assured him that it was. The banker then asked Tom the age of his new bride to be. Tom proudly said, "She'll be twenty-one in November." Now the banker, being the wise man that he was, could see that the sexual appetite of a young woman could not be satisfied by an eighty-year-old man. Wanting his old friend's remaining years to be happy the banker tactfully suggested that Tom should consider getting a hired hand to help him out on the ranch, knowing nature would take its own course. Tom thought this was a good idea and said he would look for one that afternoon. About four months later, the banker ran into Tom in town again. "How's the new wife?" asked the banker. Tom proudly said, "Oh, she's

pregnant." The banker, happy that his sage advice had worked out, continued, "And how's the hired hand?" Without hesitating, Tom said, "She's pregnant too."

Adult Fairytales

CINDERELLA wants to go to the ball, but her wicked stepmother won't let her. As Cinderella sits crying in the garden, her fairy godmother appears, and promised to provide Cinderella with everything she needs to go to the ball, but only on two conditions. "First, you must wear a diaphragm." Cinderella agrees. "What's the second condition?" "You must be home by 2:00 a.m. Any later, and your diaphragm will turn into a pumpkin." Cinderella agrees to be home by 2:00 a.m. The appointed hour comes and goes, and Cinderella doesn't show up. Finally, at 5:00 a.m. Cinderella shows up, looking love struck and very satisfied. "Where have you been?" demands the Fairy Godmother. "Your diaphragm was supposed to turn into a pumpkin three hours ago!!!" "I met a prince, Fairy Godmother. He took care of everything." The Fairy Godmother stated, "I know of no prince with that kind of power! Tell me his name!" Cinderella replied, I can't remember, exactly... Peter, Peter, something or other.."



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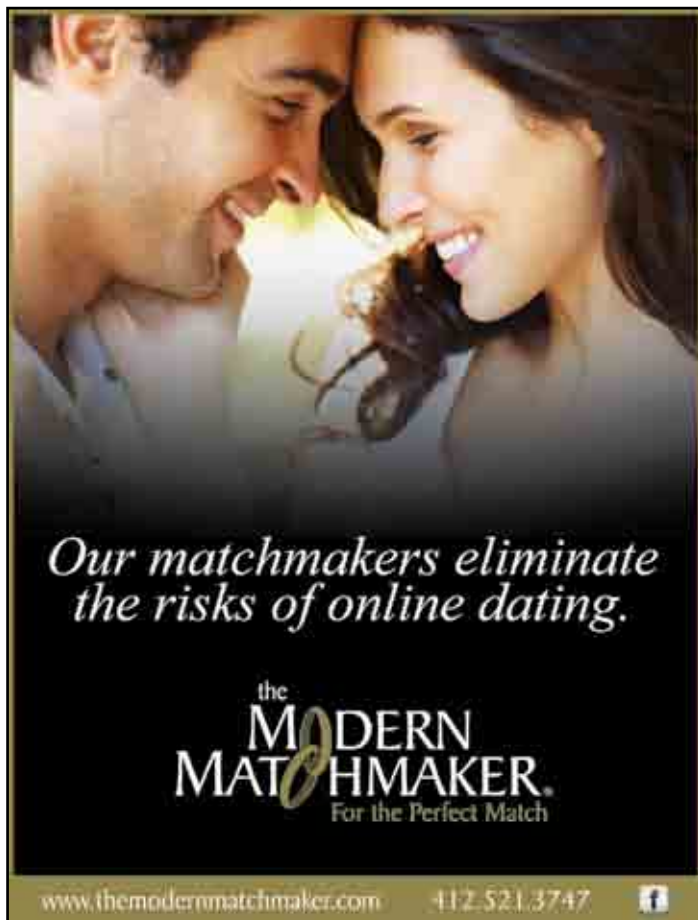
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One day, JANE met TARZAN in the jungle. She was very attracted to him and during her questions about his life she asked him how he engaged to have sex. "What's that?" he asked. She explained to him what sex was and he said, "Oh, I use a hole in the trunk of a tree." Horrified, she said, "Tarzan, you have it all wrong but I will show you how to do it properly." She took off her clothes, laid down on the ground and spread her legs. "Here," she said, "you must put it in here." Tarzan removed his loincloth, stepped closer and then gave her an almighty kick in the crotch. Jane rolled around in agony. Eventually she managed to gasp, "What did you do that for?" "Just checking for bees," said Tarzan.



Redneck Dayvorce

Attorney: "May I help you"
Hillbilly: "Yea, I want to get one of those dayvorses".
Attorney: "Well do you have any grounds?"
Hillbilly: "Yea, I got about a hundred acres."
Attorney: "No, you don't understand, do you have a case?"
Hillbilly: "No, I don't have a Case, but I have a John Deere."
Attorney: "I mean, do you have a grudge?"
Hillbilly: "Yea, I got a grudge. That's where I park my John Deere."
Attorney: "No sir, I mean do you have a suit?"
Hillbilly: "Yes sir, I got a suit, I wear it to church on Sundays."
Attorney: "Well sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?"
Hillbilly: "No sir, we both get up about 4:30 in the morning."
Attorney: "Well, is she a nagger or anything?!?!?!"
Hillbilly: "No she's a little white gal, but our last child wasn't."
Hillbilly: "That's why I want this dayvorce"

Who's In Charge?

All the organs of the body were having a meeting, trying to decide who the one in charge was. "I should be in charge," said the brain, "Because I run all the body's systems, so without me nothing would happen." "I should be in charge," said the blood, "Because I circulate oxygen all over so without me you'd all waste away." "I should be in charge," said the stomach, "Because I process food and give all of you energy." "I should be in charge," said the legs, "because I carry the body wherever it needs to go." "I should be in charge," said the eyes, "Because I allow the body to see where it goes." "I should be in charge," said the rectum, "Because I'm responsible for waste removal." All the other body parts laughed at the rectum and insulted him, so in a huff, he shut down tight. Within a few days, the brain had a terrible headache, the stomach was bloated, the legs got wobbly, the eyes got watery, and the blood was toxic. They all decided that the rectum should be the boss. The Moral of the story? The A**hole is usually in charge !!

Here's your totally useless fact of the day:

For those who love the philosophy of hypocrisy and ambiguity...

1. Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
5. The main reason Santa' so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.

6. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
7. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
8. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
9. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
10. Is there another word for synonym?
11. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
12. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
13. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
14. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
15. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
16. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
17. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
18. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to start speaking?
19. Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
20. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
21. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
22. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

23. Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
24. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
25. How is it possible to have a civil war?
26. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown, too?

THE ANSWERS WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR:

Q: WHAT IS AN AUSTRALIAN KISS?

A: It's the same as a French kiss, but only "down under."

Q: WHAT DO YOU DO WITH 365 USED CONDOMS?

A: Melt them down, make a tire, and call it a Goodyear.

Q: WHY ARE HURRICANES NORMALLY NAMED AFTER WOMEN?

A: Because when they come, they're wild and wet. But then they go, they take your house and car with them.

Q: WHY DO GIRLS RUB THEIR EYES WHEN THEY GET UP IN THE MORNING?

A: Because they don't have any balls to scratch

JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is



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the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.”
The child thought about this for a moment, then said, “So why is the groom wearing black?”

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A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, “Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late! Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late!” While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, “Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late...But please don’t shove me either!”

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Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, “My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.” The second boy says, “That’s nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.” The third boy says, “I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!”

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An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, “They wouldn’t take me out while I was alive, I don’t want them to take me out when I’m dead.”

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

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A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: “They couldn’t get a babysitter.”

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A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to “honor thy father and thy mother,” she asked “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?” Without missing a beat one little boy answered, “Thou shall not kill.

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Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, “What do you think about all this Satan stuff?” The other boy replied, “Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It’s probably just your Dad.

### Jewish Couple:

An elderly Jewish gentleman marries a much younger woman. No matter what the husband does sexually, the woman never achieves orgasm. Since a Jewish wife is entitled to sexual pleasure, they decide to ask the rabbi. The rabbi listens to their story, strokes his beard, and makes the following suggestion: “Hire a strapping young man. While the two of you are making love, have the young man wave a towel over you. That will help the wife fantasize and should bring on an orgasm.” They go home and follow the rabbi’s advice. They hire a handsome young man and he waves a towel over them as they make love. It doesn’t help and she is still unsatisfied. Perplexed, they go back to the rabbi. “Okay”, he says to the husband, “let’s try it reversed. Have the young man make love to your wife and you wave the towel over them.” Once again, they follow the rabbi’s advice. The young man gets into bed with the wife and the husband waves the towel. The young man gets working with great enthusiasm and the wife soon has an enormous, room-shaking, ear-splitting, screaming



orgasm. The husband smiles, looks at the young man and says to him triumphantly: "You see, you young schmuck? THAT'S how you wave a towel!"

## Baking Chocolate Chip Cookies

Q: How can you tell that a blonde's been baking chocolate chip cookies?

A: There's M&M shells all over the floor.

## A Texan, a Russian and a New Yorker

A Texan, a Russian and a New Yorker go into a restaurant in London. "Excuse me, but if you were going to order the steak, I'm afraid there's a shortage due to the mad cow disease," says the waiter. The Texan says, "What's a shortage?" The Russian says, "What's a steak?" The New Yorker says, "What's 'excuse me'?"

## \$8 Bill

A crook mistakenly made a counterfeit \$8 bill instead of a \$10 bill. He decided to try it out anyway. He went to the teller at the local bank and asked for change. The teller looked at the \$8 bill and gave the crook two \$4 bills as change.

## Afterlife for IRS Cheaters

Tony and his friend John die in a car accident and go to judgment. God tells Tony that because he cheated on his income taxes, the only way he can enter Heaven is to sleep with a stupid, ugly woman for the next five years. A few days later, as Tony's walking in the park with his stupid, hideous new girlfriend, he spots his friend John with an absolutely drop dead gorgeous woman. "John, what happened?" Tony asks. "I have no idea," John replies. "I was told I have five years of amazing sex to look forward to. The only thing I don't understand is why she always yells 'Damn income taxes!' whenever we have sex."

## \$1 Million in Heaven

Joe asked God, "How much is a penny worth in Heaven?" God replied, "\$1 million." Joe asked, "How long is a minute in Heaven?" God said, "1 million years." Joe asked for a penny. God said, "Sure, in a minute."

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### Little Balls and Old Ladies

Q: What has a bunch of little balls and screws old ladies?

A: A bingo machine.

### Little Johnny... Mortgage

Little Johnny asks his father for a \$200 bicycle for his birthday. Johnny's father says, "We have an \$80,000 mortgage on the house, and I just got laid off! There won't be a \$200 bike this year." Two days later, Little Johnny walks out of the house with all his belongings in a suitcase. His father asks him why he's

leaving. Johnny says, "Early this morning, I was walking past your room, and I heard you tell Mommy that you were pulling out, and Mommy said that you should wait because she was coming too, and I'll be damned if I'll get stuck with an \$80,000 mortgage!"

### Florida Orange Growers

Q: Why did Florida orange growers offer O.J. Simpson \$3 million?

A: To change his name to Apple Juice.

### Little Johnny... Nickels and Dimes

Little Johnny is always being teased by the other neighborhood boys for being stupid. Their favorite joke is to offer Johnny his choice between a nickel and a dime -- Little Johnny always takes the nickel. One day, after Johnny takes the nickel, a neighbor man takes him aside and says, "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. Don't you know that a dime is worth more than a nickel, even though the nickel's bigger?" Johnny grins and says, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I've made \$20!"

### Paying the Price

William and Mildred decided to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas. William went to the front desk to check them in while Mildred stayed with the car. As he was leaving the lobby, a young woman dressed in a very short skirt introduced herself as Candie. William brushed her off. When William and Mildred got to their room, he told her that he'd been approached by a prostitute. "I don't believe you," laughed Mildred. "I'll prove it," said William. He called down to the desk and asked for Candie to come to room 1217. "Now," he said, "you hide in the bathroom with the door open just enough to hear us." Soon, there was a knock on the door. Candie walked in, swirling her hips provocatively. "So, I see you're interested after all," she said. William asked, "How much do you charge?" "\$125 basic rate, \$100 tips for special services." William was taken aback. "\$125! I was thinking more in the range of \$25." Candie laughed. "You must really be an old-timer if you think you can buy sex for that price." "Well," said William, "I guess we can't do business. Goodbye." After she left, Mildred came out of the bathroom. "I just can't believe it." William said, "Let's go have a drink and forget it." Back downstairs at the bar, the old couple sipped their cocktails. Candie came up behind William, pointed at Mildred, and said, "See what you get for \$25?"

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## Baking Chocolate Chip Cookies

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A: There's M&M shells all over the floor.

## THE PROBLEM WITH HIGH URINALS

A group of Kentucky second, third, and fourth graders, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to Churchill Downs, the famous Louisville race track, to see and learn about thoroughbred horses. When it was time to take the children to the bathroom, it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other. The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's room when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal. Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the boys up, one by one, holding onto their "wee-wees" to direct the flow away from their clothes. As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring, the teacher said, "You must be in the fourth grade." "No, ma'am," he replied. "I'm riding Silver Arrow in the seventh."

## BIKER CHICK:

A little old lady had always wanted to join a local biker club. One day she goes up and knocks on the door. A big, hairy, bearded biker with tattoos all over his arms answers. She proclaims, "I want to join your club." The guy was amused, but says she needs to meet certain biker requirements in order to join. The biker asks; "Do you have a motorcycle?" The little old lady replies "Yep ... my bikes parked over there", and points to a flamed black Harley chopper in the driveway. The biker asks, "Do you drink?" The little old lady replies, "Yep, drink like a fish. I'll drink any man in your club under the table." The biker asks, "Do you smoke?" The little old lady replies, "Yep...smoke like a chimney. At least 4 packs of cigarettes and three joints a day and a couple of cigars in the evening, while I'm shooting pool." The biker is very impressed and asks, "Last question, have you ever been picked up by the fuzz?" The little old lady thinks for a minute and says, "Nope, but I've been swung around by my nipples a few times."

## ANIMAL CRACKERS:

A redneck is walking down the road one day when he sees his cousin coming toward him carrying a gunnysack. "Hey there, Billy Ray," say the redneck. "Whatcha got there?" "Some

chicken," replies the cousin. "If I kin guess how many you got, kin I have one?" "Shoot, if you guess right, I'll give you both of 'em." "OK....five."

## CADDY CHAT:

Two men are standing on a golf course waiting for a woman to tee off. She pulls out her driver and hits the ball 10 feet. She walks over to it, swings, and hacks it another 10 feet. The frustrated woman looks up and says, "I guess all those freaking lessons I took didn't help." "Well, that's the problem," says one of the men. "You should've taken golf lesson instead."

## NORTHERN EXPOSURE:

Q: What's the difference between Canada and Minnesota?

A: In Canada, Moosehead is a beer. In Minnesota, it's a misdemeanor.

## DOWN THE DRAIN:

Q: Why do men like taking showers more than baths?

A: Cause peeing in a bath is disgusting!

## BELLY LAUGH:



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Q: What do you call it when a cow jumps over a barbed wire fence?

A: Udder destruction.

### THE SOUND OF SILENCE:

A woman on a bus is suddenly overcome with the urge to break wind. She tries to let go a squeaker but instead lets loose a loud, disgusting blast. The entire bus goes silent, and the embarrassed woman desperately tries to think of something to say to the man sitting next to her. "Um.....do you have a transfer ticket?" she finally asks. "No, I don't" he replies, "But, when we pass the next tree, I'll try to grab you a handful of leaves."

### LEGAL BRIEFS:

Two lawyers are leaving the office. "I can't wait to get home," says one of them. "As soon as I walk in the door, I'm going to rip my wife's panties right off." "I know the feeling," the other says. "No, I'm serious," says the first. "They're killing me."

### TIT FOR TAT:

A man in a hotel lobby turns to ask the front desk clerk a question and accidentally bumps the chest of an elderly woman. "Sorry, ma'am," says the man. "But if your heart is as soft as your breast, I know you'll forgive me." She replies, "If your penis is as hard as your elbow, I'm in Room 11."

### BIG SHOTS:

A Texan farmer vacationing in Australia meets an Aussie farmer, who shows the Texan his wheat field. "Oh, we've got wheat fields twice as large back home," boasts the Texan. They walk to another field, and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. "Oh, we have longhorns that are twice as big," says the Texan. A little while later, the Texan spots a couple of kangaroos hopping across the field. "What the heck are those?" he asks. "What?" says the Aussie. "What you don't have grasshoppers in Texas?"

### TONGUE BLISTER:

"I've been making a lot of Freudian slips lately," a man says to his friend. "Like what?" asks his buddy. "Well, last week, I asked the train conductor for two pickets to Tittsburgh." "I did something similar the other day," says the friend. "My wife and I were having breakfast, and instead of saying, 'Honey, please pass the butter,' I said, 'You witch – you ruined my life'"

### TRAFFIC STOP:

After getting all of the Pope's luggage loaded into the limo, and he doesn't travel light, the driver notices that the Pope is still standing on the curb. "Excuse me, Your Eminence," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?" "Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican, and I'd really like to drive today" "I'm sorry but I cannot let you do that I'd lose my job! What if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning. "There might be something extra in it for you," says the Pope. Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Supreme Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 105 mph. "Please slow down, Your Holiness!!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. "Oh, my God, I'm gonna lose my license," moans the driver. The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio. "I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five. "So bust him," said the Chief. "I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," said the cop. The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger"

Chief: "Governor?"

Cop: "Bigger"

Chief: "Senator?"

Cop: "Bigger"

"Well," said the Chief, "Who is it?"

Cop: "I think it's Jesus!"

Chief: "What makes you think it's Jesus?"

Cop: "He's got the Pope for a limo driver!"

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### Three Little Pigs

Three Little Pigs went out to dinner one night. The waiter came and took their drink order. "I would like a Sprite," said the first little piggy. "I would like a Coke," said the second little piggy. "I want beer, lots and lots of beer," said the third little piggy. The drinks were brought out and the waiter took their orders for dinner. "I want a nice big steak," said the first piggy. "I would like the salad plate," said the second piggy. "I want beer, lots and lots of beer," said the third little piggy. The meals were brought out and a while later the waiter approached the table and asked if the little piggies would like any dessert. "I want a banana split," said the first piggy. "I want a cheesecake," said the second piggy. "I want beer, lots and lots of beer," exclaimed the third little piggy. "Pardon me for asking," said the waiter to the third little piggy, "But why have you only ordered beer all evening?" "You're gonna LOVE me for this.... the third piggy says - "Well, somebody has to go 'Wee, wee, wee, all the way home!"

### Blonde Jokes:

Three blondes (natural) died and found themselves standing before St. Peter. He told them that before they could enter the Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter was. The first blonde said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey." St. Peter said, "Blondes," and he banished her to hell. The second blonde said, "Easter is when we celebrate Jesus' birth and exchange gifts." St. Peter said, "Booboo," and he

banished her to hell. The third blonde said, she knew what Easter is, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me." She said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus was having Passover feast with His disciples when he was betrayed by Judas, and the Romans arrested him. The Romans hung Him on the cross and eventually He died. Then they buried Him in a tomb behind a very large boulder. St. Peter said, Verrrry good." Then the blonde continued, "Now every year the Jews roll away the boulder, and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of basketball."

### Being Old

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

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