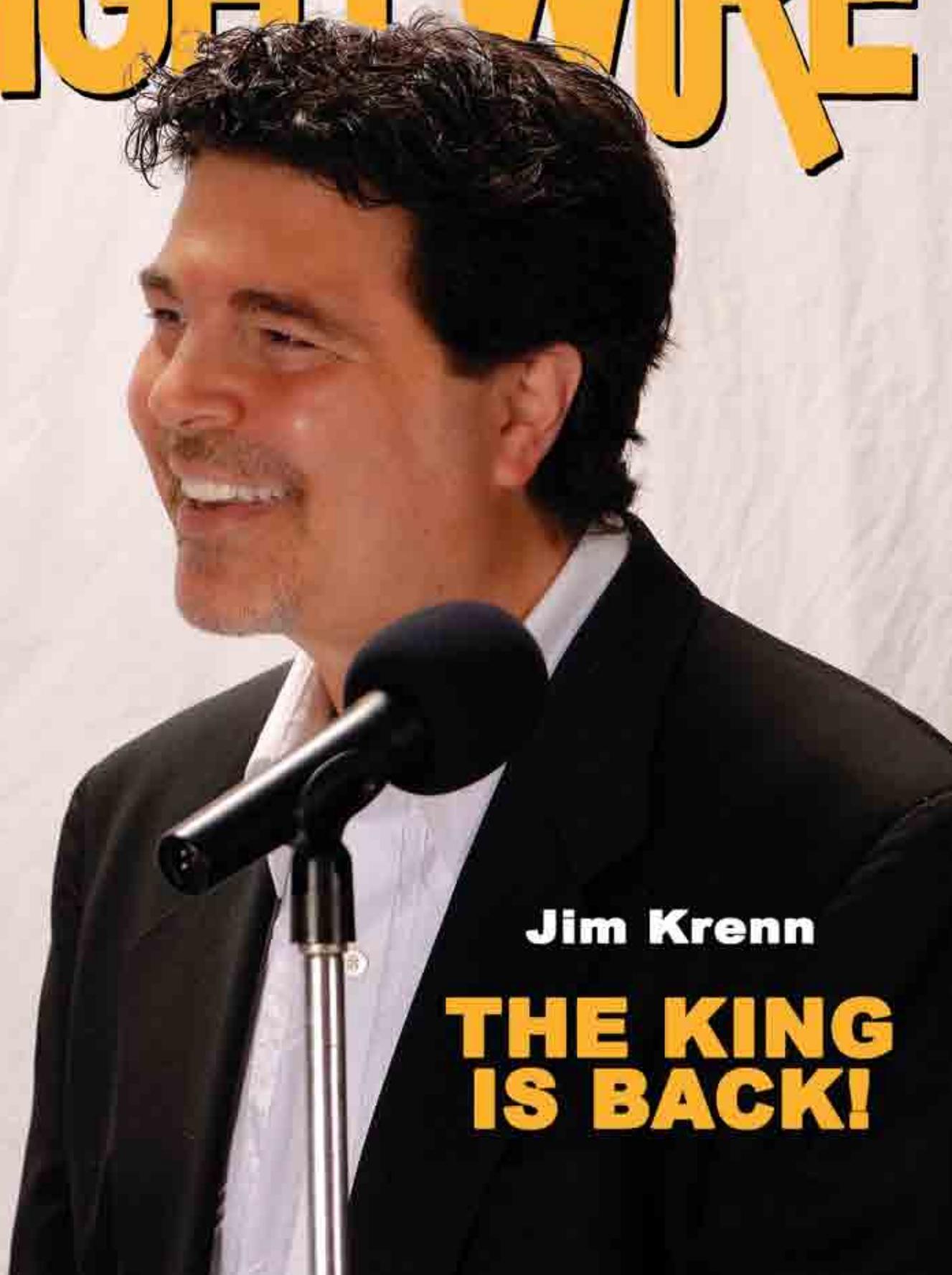


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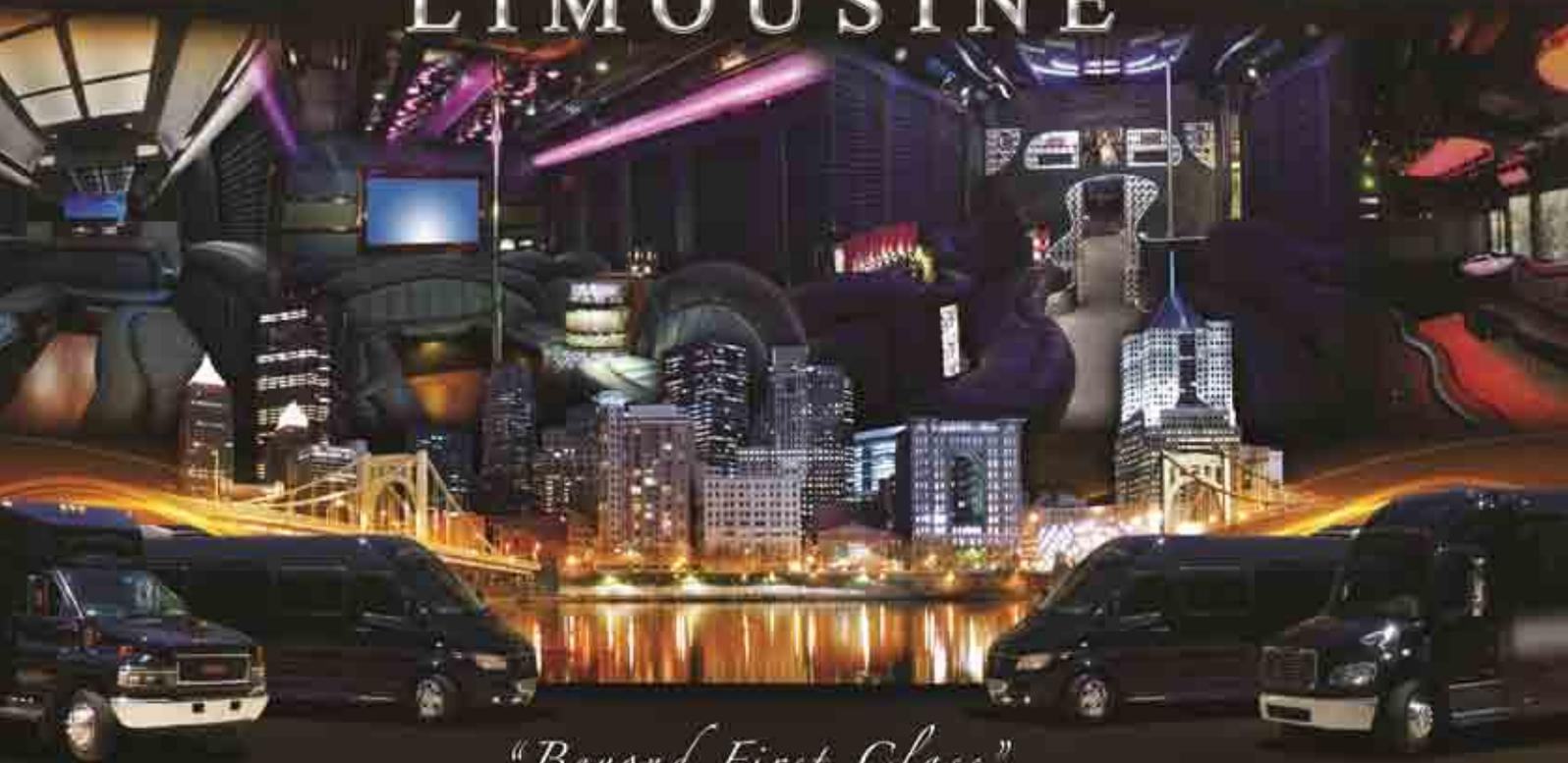
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# SPORTS IN THE NFL THERE IS NO OFF SEASON



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The Trade Winds Are A Blowin' In . . .

At the time of this writing, the Pirates are fresh off an eight game winning streak where pitching had been dominant and the bats have produced just enough – the 11 run explosion against the White Sox notwithstanding – and head into the last week of June in a pretty good position at 39-28. Through 67 games last season, they had a losing record at 33-34. Currently the second best team in the National League behind the division leading St. Louis Cardinals, some might argue it's time to bolster the roster for a second half run at the NL Central, as the trade talks heat up before the deadline at the end of this month. The question is how much

will General Manager Neal Huntington be willing to give up, and what areas do the Bucs need to boost? Should the Pirates go ALL IN? And what does that even mean?

Last year Huntington was willing to go “all in” on Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price, an offer that was rumored to include some of the organization's top tiered prospects. Why? David Price had another year of control. Rent-a-players aren't typically the Buccos' bag. Marlon Byrd was an exception in 2013 and although he was of great value to the Pirates' playoff run, I'm sure Huntington watches the now New York Met second baseman, Dilson Herrera from afar and thinks what might have been, especially with the uncertain future of Neil Walker in black and gold.

But trade decisions and their consequences are not for the faint of heart or those prone to regrets. Many point to Oakland Athletics' GM Billy Beane as a master at making deals to benefit his club under the thumb of a limited budget, however last season he made two deals that were quite un-Beane-like, trading his top prospect Addison Russell along with the Athletics' number four prospect, OF Billy McKinney and SP Dan Straily to the Cubs for starting pitchers Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel. Samardzija had one more year of control, but Hammel was a free agent after the season. In a blockbuster, Beane added Jon Lester at the deadline and sent a middle of the order bat, Yoenis Cespedes to Boston in return. From sluggers to strugglers, the Oakland lineup suffered without Cespedes, with a team batting average of .225 and OPS of .632 in August and September. Beane's new rotation couldn't make up for the lack of offense and that led to a 22-33 record post trade deadline. Oakland clung to the second wild card spot, losing to the eventual American League Champions, the Kansas City Royals, in a game that Lester pitched. None of the three pitchers acquired are on the roster this year and Addison Russell is playing at Wrigley Field.



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So much for ALL IN.

But you needn't look far for a cautionary tale. Trading assets for veteran pieces was a way of life for Ray Shero, the former Penguins GM. His successor seems to be continuing the trend, looking to win now without an eye on the future of the franchise. On the other hand, all you need to do is gaze down General Robinson Street to find the model of consistency in the Steelers. Sure there are differences between the three professional sports here in town and their structures – you can't trade draft picks in baseball and there's no salary cap – but it looks like the prudent philosophy wins out over the maverick moves when it comes to roster building with competitive consistency over time in mind.

Huntington will have to remember the needs of the 2016 and 2017 Pirates when weighing this year's club. It doesn't seem like Walker is long for this team, as an extension would have probably gotten done at this point and a front office win at his arbitration hearing in the offseason tells me the team does not value the Pittsburgh Kid as much as the Pittsburgh Kid does. With the aforementioned Herrera in blue and orange, the Pirates' AAA second baseman Alen Hanson becomes quite valuable to the future of the Buccos. You can say the same for Josh Bell, the highly talented outfielder that was converted to a first baseman. The American League is calling Pedro Alvarez's name as the former first rounder's bat is experiencing a power outage, he hasn't overcome the yips and is making a defensive mess of first base. In terms of pitching, A.J. Burnett is done after this season and Charlie Morton has a \$9.5M team option in 2017 that they might not choose to pick up. That makes it hard to trade the top two prospects in the organization, Tyler Glasnow and James Taillon.

Plus, there's been a shifting landscape in the trade market – for years sellers were looking for young talent to build up farm systems,

then the second wildcard came into play and teams were on the buy/sell fence for much longer. Sure, they may not make the playoffs this year, but they were close. So there weren't many clubs looking to go into full rebuild mode. Rather, they were reloading and asking for major league ready talent. Might the Pirates put Walker and Alvarez on the block? They most certainly will be this winter, although the in-season trading of long standing team guys is a risky proposition. As professional athletes they all know it's a possibility, but the clubhouse is an important factor to keep in mind, and this group of guys is pretty tight. I doubt any of the core players get dealt in July or August.

And while fans might be clamoring for an earth shattering trade, a mid level deal is the most likely, keeping the top pieces in the organization right where they are and supplementing the bench and bullpen. If you really think about it, are there many realistic options out there for the Pirates in the trade market? A popular name to throw out is the Phillies' SP Cole Hamels, but the lefty has about 90 million left on his contract and despite three more years of control, that's a hefty price tag. Pitchers Johnny Cueto and Scott Kazmir are free agents after the season as are a bunch of other arms and we've already established Huntington doesn't typically do rent-a-players. There will be lots of talk and rumors circulating around the Pirates as the trade deadline creeps up, but in the end, Huntington will play the long game and put his faith in the team as constructed. Will you?

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# At The Movies...

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

## **ME, EARL & THE DYING GIRL**

Jesse Andrews is a graduate of Schenley High School and hometown writer, whose novel *ME, EARL & THE DYING GIRL*, was successful enough to be commissioned for a film. Andrews was asked to make the adaptation from novel to screenplay. Filmed over a 23 day period in Pittsburgh, it's not surprising the city held the official premiere for the movie.

Outtakes cameras were at the front of the red carpet event. Director Alfonso Gomez-Rejon, best known for his work on *AMERICAN HORROR STORY: COVEN*, discussed how the creative forces in horror helped his directing of *ME, EARL & THE DYING GIRL*. Star Olivia Cooke explained why she ditched a lucrative contract with Hammer Films, and Andrews explained why, even though he now lives in Boston, he still roots for the Penguins. Plus, R.J. Cyler and Thomas Mann talked careers and dreams, exclusively for the show.

To see all the stars' comments, be sure to check out the segment on *ME, EARL & THE DYING GIRL* on the Outtakes YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/RIGHTCRITIC](http://www.youtube.com/user/RIGHTCRITIC).



## **JURASSIC WORLD**

I do so love when a movie series returns to its creative roots and that happens with the release of *JURASSIC WORLD*. *JURASSIC PARK* was an epic film, and then Stephen Spielberg and company found a way to destroy its flavor with two banal sequels and by allowing Jack Horner to take part in the scriptwriting. *JURASSIC WORLD* brings the franchise back to the wonderfulness of the original.

I try to not watch trailers before I see a movie. Often, they are misleading. At best, the reveal too many key plot elements or scenes. Unfortunately, the trailers for *JURASSIC WORLD* permeated media in a major advertising campaign blitz. What I saw in the trailers alarmed me. Did I actually see Velociraptors work along side the film's protagonist Chris Pratt, as a unified force? It reminded me of *ALIENS VS. PREDATOR*, where viewers were force-fed the notion only a petite black woman could team with the Predators to defeat the Aliens. Please.

The raptors, in the same frame with Pratt, are not friendly creatures. Luckily, there are no "we are family" moments between species. I'll test your memory here, but think back to the second film in the *CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON* series; *THE REVENGE OF THE CREATURE*. In the film, John Agar, experimenting on the intelligence of the gill-man, uses an electric prod to teach the word "stop" to the Creature. Through Pavlovian testing, the Creature hesitates at the sound. It establishes a necessary reaction for the climactic scene. The raptors work much the same manner in *JURASSIC WORLD*. It is done well.

After *JURASSIC PARK*, Jack Horner attempted to garner his fifteen minutes of Andy Warhol fame and used rather sketchy paleontology findings to discredit the Tyrannosaurus Rex. Somehow, he convinced Spielberg to shift attention away from Rex. It was a bad move that culminated in a horrendous *JURASSIC PARK 3*. Horner's new Rex theories were dismantled by his colleagues within a year. He is now in the café of scientific oblivion, sipping coffee with the two researchers who tried to convince us of global warming with a fabricated hockey stick graph model. Rex is back in full glory in *JURASSIC WORLD*. In fact, he received cheers and applause from the preview audience when he appeared on screen.



JURASSIC WORLD makes many references to the original, and basically ignores everything from the sequels. It is twenty years past John Hammond's disastrous attempt to bring dinosaurs to a theme park. In that time, technology has improved, enabling Hammond's dream to become reality. Thousands of people visit JURASSIC WORLD on a regular basis, but as with all things, dinosaurs become mundane with the public and the park must find new and exciting ways to keep ticket sales booming. Enter Indominus Rex, a genetically built dinosaur hybrid, meant to add an element of fear and terror to park visitors. BD Wong returns as Dr. Henry Wu, and is the culprit behind creation of the new Rex. He is reminiscent of Dr. Susan McCallister, played by Saffron Burrows, in DEEP BLUE SEA, who created superior sharks, but opted not to tell anyone about the enhanced features.

In keeping with the Spielberg tradition of constantly putting children in danger, Ty Simpkins and Nick Robinson star as Gray and Zach, who are visiting the park while their parents attempt to end their marital bliss. Entrusted to the care of their aunt, the boys naturally find a way to immerse themselves in park havoc, while they discover the bond that exists between brothers. Meanwhile, Auntie Claire, played by Bryce Dallas Howard, while chasing the All American Woman Executive Dream, has the hots for Owen (Pratt), who is in this story what Robert Muldoon should have been in the first.

Critics were able to see JURASSIC WORLD in 3D. It is worth it. The dinos, especially the raptor attacks, are superb. The dinos look great, thanks to Ed Verreux's production design. Cinematography by John Schwartzman is excellent and provides several iconic moments sure to appear on posters and memes. Music, though featuring additional tunes by Michael Giacchino is basically variations on John Williams' memorable score.

All in all, JURASSIC WORLD brings the series back to where it belongs. You can watch the first one, skip the second and third, and jump straight to this one and have a better franchise. The movie is filled with dinosaurs and dinosaur action. It's worth repeated views and deserves a spot on your home video shelf. As such, it exemplifies excellence in film entertainment and captures the coveted Fist of Fiore Award for 2015. You'll like this one; it's a keeper, and winner of the 2015 FIST OF FIORE AWARD.

### **ANARCHY PARLOR**

ANARCHY PARLOR is a horror movie, without being a horror movie. While it has grotesque gory sequences, it contains no true elements of horror, like the supernatural, monsters or the things of myths and legends. Rather, the film attempts and succeeds in presenting a corny, but believable tale of ancient Russian traditions.

Based off the template for far too many films in this genre, a group of young vacationing Americans find themselves the victims of a tattoo artist who also creates family portraits on a canvas of human skin. Robert LaSardo is The Artist, a man tied into an old Russian family with an odd custom of immortalizing its family tree. LaSardo presents a creepy visage with bald head, scruffy goatee and body ink, but his voice needs considerable help from the audio board. It's too mild and high to be menacing. A weirder portrayal is offered by Sara Fabel as The Artist's apprentice, Uta. She is manic and demented and probably the scariest thing in the film. This film also marks the debut of Joey Fisher. Fisher is a Page Three girl, attempting to jump from men's magazines to the Silver Screen.

ANARCHY PARLOR was shot on location in Vilnius, Lithuania. The background and set shots are commendable. The gore-meisters create skinning scenes with appropriate blood and gore, but they are repeated too often to hold their effectiveness.

Written and directed by Devon Downs and Kenny Gage, ANARCHY PARLOR would play better with a more sinister antagonist and a more macabre plotline. While it tries, it never rises above a mediocre level, relying too much on the SFX guys and Fisher's nude scene. Sometimes the best element of horror is when everything is not explained. Wrapping up everything with a neat bow of logic, removes all the elements of uneasiness.

Rating 3/10

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# MonkeyBeat - Music: Marc Torien of the Bulletboys

Interview by SuperMonkey  
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**SuperMonkey** - Marc what's happening! Bulletboys! They are back in black!

**Torin** - "I know right?! I couldn't be more thankful. The fans have been great and so supportive. The media as well. I mean our new song #2 with a bullet on the top rock station in NYC. Who would have saw that coming?"

**SuperMonkey** - I guess we should start with the obvious question, what happened to all the blonde hair?

**Torin** - "That's the silliness of the 80's man! I guess I liked it at first because people didn't recognize me. Now a days I just want to be myself so I'm just sticking with the black hair these days."

**SuperMonkey** - I think your resurgent success is very interesting.

**Torin** - "It's the internet man! The internet is the reason for our success."

**SuperMonkey** - I think it's a combination of several factors. One that you guys broke right at the tail end of the 80's rock scene when bands like Nirvana changed the direction of music and media. Smooth Up In Ya was a KILLER SONG! Everyone loved it and we all wanted to hear more Bulletboys, then all of a sudden that shift in the music biz and you got labeled a hair band. Then all of a sudden it wasn't cool to like that kind of music.

**Torin** - "Yes maybe and also the fact you couldn't get airplay in the 80's unless you had a ballad. Smooth Up was our ballad! That's really the only song we were able to get out and it broke us. I think bands like Slipnot and Voltbeat are amazing, and there are so many great things going on in Rock 'n Roll right now and you look out into the crowd and there's 30K people going nuts. Rock 'n Roll is not dead and the Bulletboys like to rock, that's what we do best. I've always hated that label of hair metal, what is that? It's rock 'n roll."

**SuperMonkey** - So you have a new album out titled Elephante' which is awesome, I can't wait to buy the vinyl. What's your favorite song on the new album?

**Torin** - "Kinfolk it's pretty personal to me. I was really down, didn't have a place to look to and I found my faith. I'm not a perfect specimen and I try to be a good musician. The song talks about having blind faith in something you'd normally do not have. Words that come out of your mouth can be powerful. These days I try to stay positive, have faith in something higher than yourself and I'm not talking about religion. I'm talking about faith and trying to do the best we can with what we have."

**SuperMonkey** - So you recorded recently at Dave Grohl's Studio 606 tell me about that that had to be a once in a lifetime experience.



**Torin** - "The energy in 606 is unbelievable - David Grohl and the Foo Fighters are hands down my favorite band. He has been carrying the flag of rock 'n roll yelling "No! Rock 'n Roll IS NOT DEAD! I have so much love and respect for Dave I can't say it enough."

**SuperMonkey** - I couldn't agree more, Dave is an amazing person and so inspiring. What are some words of advice for aspiring musicians?

**Torin** - "To be in this business you have to be a reinventing yourself, people get over you really quick. We're in a mass media world where they are always looking for the next best thing."

**SuperMonkey** - SuperMonkey - Like American Idol or The Voice. What's your opinion on those kinds of shows?

**Torin** - "I have a lot of good friends that work on some of those shows but I will say I haven't really seen someone go on that show and really make it to the level of success they promote. But I have seen those shows do wonders for the judge's careers."

**SuperMonkey** - That is so true, very good point Marc. Where does the name of the band Bulletboys come from?

**Torin** - Bulletboys sartered the band in Ronnie's garage in a big gang area of LA. At rehearsal there'd be holes in the garage and we could just pick up bullets from the garage floor. Then some dude, I can't remember who, said "Hey you guys should call yourself the Bulletboys!" It matched personalities it stuck."

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# MUSIC LESSONS WITH LEGENDARY CONCERT PROMOTER PAT DICESARE

By: SuperMonkey

"You gotta be crazy to want to work in this business right?" Pat says as he laughs. He's joking, but not really. The music business is a crazy business, it defies logic. Booking agents screw up, then call you and yell at you for their mistakes. If the show gets cancelled as the promoter you're stuck with the bill. If you ask for compensation, you'll never get another act from that agent again. That's just how it is. Pat has seen it all. If you're read his book *Hard Days, Hard Nights* you know what I'm talking about. He practically invented the stadium concert. But you'll never hear him gloat about his success. In fact, if you have the pleasure of speaking with Pat, you'll find that he's got a lesson for every situation that can arise and more often than not, he's got some valuable information you can learn from.

I met Pat for the 1st time about two years ago. I had a funny thing happen to me. I had 3 different people say to me in a 2 week period "Do you know Pat DiCesare? You should meet him." I thought that was interesting that 3 people unaware of each other, said the same thing to me. It's like it was a sign. So I looked Pat up on Facebook and shot him a message. I asked him if he'd meet me for lunch, if nothing more, so that I can pick his brain. I didn't know him, and he for sure didn't know me. But he said yes. So I met Pat for lunch and I guess the rest they say is history. We've been working together on many things over the past two years and without a doubt he has hands down been the most influential person in my music career. I can't thank him enough. He's taken me under his wing and given me great advice. Like this gem I use every day. Like most musicians, I want to be compensated for my time. I had an offer from a club owner in Cleveland for SuperMonkey to headline but she couldn't come up with the money we needed as a band to at least cover our expenses. So I passed on the gig. When I told this to Pat he said "You have a venue in Cleveland that wants you to headline?! That's great!" I couldn't have been more confused. "How is that great, they won't come up with a fair guarantee and I can't pay my band?" I said. Pat replied "You gotta quit worrying about the money and just focus on being a great band. If you can do that, the money will come. Let's think about this, how can you leverage this opportunity to create another opportunity where you can make money?" I was enlighten. So I booked the show with no guarantee at Pat's advice and started to think outside the box. I also told everyone in my band what Pat said and next thing I knew, everyone was focused on being a great band and not the money. I put out an ad, I found some local Cleveland acts that wanted to open for us that were willing to presell some tickets. The owner of the club gave me contact info for all of the influential music bloggers, writers, critics in Cleveland. The next thing I knew I was driving to Cleveland to do an interview with the *Cleveland Scene* magazine. I meet with their staff, who did a great write up for SuperMonkey & SuperMonkey Recording Co. I sent that write up to my former college Kent State, and next thing I know, they did a whole write up on me as one of their successful graduates, who has turned



his marketing degree into a career in the music business. I was also able to use these articles to help book SuperMonkey in some better clubs in the city, radio, & TV appearance's because now people had heard of SuperMonkey. Same deal for Philadelphia, as a matter of fact, the owner of *Legendary Dobbs* liked SuperMonkey so much, she was nice enough to write me a letter of recommendation that I use every time I am breaking into a new market and anytime I want to play in Philly, I just let her know what date, and its mine. We've played Philly 3 times and each time we've made more money than the last time, and we're now at a point where we have to start looking for a bigger venue. All because of that one thing Pat DiCesare told me - quit worrying about making money, focus on being great at what you do and the money will come.

Pat is a wealth of knowledge and my greatest resource. If I have a question or a situation that I don't know what do to or how to react, I call and ask Pat for his advice and he's always there to take my call. Sometimes he calls me and asks me for my advice which blows my mind. Everyone in Pittsburgh knows his name from owning the *Stanley Theater* to all his years running DiCesare-Engler Productions. Two years ago, we didn't know each other and today I'm glad to call Pat DiCesare my friend and mentor. I'm not sure what I'd be doing if I had not met Pat. Probably working a job somewhere that I hate instead of doing what I love which is playing guitar and making records.



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# Stoudt's Brewing Company

by Brian Meyer

The year is 1987. You can buy the top-selling Ford Escort for \$6,800, the world's population reaches 5 billion, Fox becomes its own TV channel, and here in Pennsylvania, the first micro-brewery since prohibition opens its doors. While 1987 had a lot of good times, the biggest event for us was by far Stoudts Brewing Co. selling its first beer (which happened to be the Gold Lager, still offered today) and starting a tradition that's still going strong today, nearly 30 years later.

Founded by Carol Stoudt, who also happens to be the first female brewmaster in the US since prohibition, Stoudts has made amazing beer since the time when craft beer wasn't a phrase anyone knew. Stoudts Brewing Co. is located in rural Lancaster County and currently offers around 20 different beers throughout the year, brewing approximately 10,000 barrels of beer each year.

Today, Stoudts Brewing Co. is owned by Ed and Carol Stoudt, and Brett Kintzer has taken over as the head brewer. Stoudts is a true family brewery that offers some amazing beers and a dedication to the craft that's hard to match.

## Year-Round Beers

The cornerstone of any good craft brewery is their year-round beers. These are the beers that breweries are known for and support the weird and wild beers made throughout the rest of the year. For Stoudts, the lineup of year-round beers includes four different beers, two of which have won multiple Great American Beer Festival medals.

## American Pale Ale

While APA is a style of beer, Stoudts makes their American Pale Ale unique thanks to generous additions of Warrior and Cascade hops. American Pale Ale has been the best-selling Stoudts beer for ten years running, and for good reason. At 5.1% ABV and with a crisp, medium body, American Pale Ale is everything you'd want in an APA and more. The best thing about Stoudts APA? It's even available in cans, so you can take it anywhere and have your beer protected from light and the forces of evil\*.

American Pale Ale pairs perfectly with grilled beef, marinated meat, and is exactly the right beer for anything spicy.

\*Protection against the forces of evil might be an exaggeration, but definitely from light, air, and best of all, cans are way better to recycle!



## Scarlett Lady ESB

Named after a red haired mind reader...wait, that's ESP...ok, scratch that. Named after the reddish copper color this beer has, Scarlet Lady is an English-style extra special bitter (ESB) that's rich, malty, and full of hop aroma and taste.

Scarlet Lady comes in at 4.8% ABV and pairs well with grilled or smoked salmon. If white meat is more your thing, then you'll love this beer with ham and marinated pork loin, too.

## Pils German Style Pilsner

The Germans know their beer, and specifically Pilsners are a specialty in the land of Oktoberfest. Pils from Stoudts Brewing is brewed in the style of a traditional German-style Pilsner that has a delicate dry taste that's followed up with a firm bitterness.

Like any respectable German-style Pilsner, Pils is a brilliant straw yellow with a medium body and the ever-noticeable noble hop aroma. Pils is 5.4% ABV, and is so good that Men's Journal voted it #3 for their best beer in America. You don't have to take my word for it either, as Pils has won 3 gold, a silver, and a bronze medal at the Great American Beer Fest. Pils is the other beer from Stoudts that's available in the can, making it perfect for concerts, the beach, and space travel\*!

Pils pairs wonderfully with seafood, chicken, and for the more adventurous eaters, it's a perfect compliment for calamari.

\*Ok, maybe space travel is going a little too far, but some beer will be the first one in space, so why not Stoudts Pils?

## Gold Lager

This is where it all started. The first beer brewed and sold by Stoudts Brewing back in 1987, Gold Lager is a Munich-Style helles lager that's been called one of the finest German-style beers brewed in America. Golden in color, Gold is brewed with a 2-row base malt along with three different types of specialty malts. With a healthy dose of noble hops to balance things out, Gold is smooth, balanced, and exactly what you want in a Munich-style lager.

Gold Lager comes in at 4.7% ABV and has won a gold, three silvers, and a bronze medal from the Great American Beer Festival as well as a World Beer Cup medal.



Gold Lager pairs well with roasted chicken and fish, and can even pair nicely with sharp cheese and traditional German schnitzel.

#### **Fourplay IPA**

The newest member of the year-round lineup, Fourplay is an American IPA that's full-bodied and chock full o' hops. This beer's hop character is thanks to Apollo hops that lend a citrus and resinous character to the beer as well as a super secret, eyes only clearance, black ops hop variety 06300\*. This experimental hop gives Fourplay orange, chocolate, and even some coconut character. This is a beer that needs to be tried to be believed.

\*About that black ops thing, I might be exaggerating there a little bit too, but this is one interesting hop even if it's not grown in a CIA safehouse...that we know of!

#### **Big Beers**

Year round beers are great, but it's the specialty beers that bring out the interesting side of a brewery. Each of the beers in Stoudts' Big Beers lineup are at least 7% ABV, topping out at a huge 10% ABV.

#### **Double IPA**

Stoudts Double IPA is, as the name suggests, a big double India Pale Ale. Coming in at 10% ABV and a whopping 90 IBUs, this beer is strong and full bodied, bringing with it some pretty intense hop characteristics thanks to multiple kettle hop additions and a very generous dry hopping.

#### **Fat Dog**

While this might be a little more than your typical oatmeal you have for breakfast, Stoudts Fat Dog is an imperial oatmeal stout that tips the scales at 9% ABV. Fat Dog combines the smooth character of an oatmeal stout with the hoppiness and alcohol you'd expect from an imperial stout. Fat Dog is big, dark, with a roasted malt body and a coffee-like finish.

#### **Triple**

The Belgians know a thing or two about beer. One of their greatest inventions is the Belgian Triple. Stoudts version of

this Belgian wonder is strong and full-bodied, coming in at 9% ABV. This specially-brewed beer has a spicy, phenolic flavor with some fruitiness that makes the overall taste complex yet extremely enjoyable. Triple has a warm alcohol finish that balances out the inherent sweetness of the Belgian Tripel style.

#### **Smooth Hoperator**

Sticking with what they know best, Stoudts brewed Smooth Hoperator to be a strong lager that has a delicate malty body that, while present up front, is quickly overtaken by a strong hop profile. Each barrel of Smooth Hoperator has 1.5 pounds of hops added to it, giving Smooth Hoperator both hop aroma and taste that's hard to beat.

#### **Seasonal Beers**

Along with their year-round offerings and their big beers, Stoudts also has a full lineup of seasonal beers, too. These beers are brewed specifically for their own seasons and represent the style most commonly associated with that time of the year.

#### **Karnival Kolsch**

A perfect springtime beer if there ever was one, Karnival Kolsch is a German style ale that's brewed using 2-row malt along with some red wheat malt to give Karnival a great malt backbone. On top of this sits German hops that give the beer both aroma and flavor. While this beer comes off like a lager, it's all ale.

Karnival Kolsch comes out in February each year and should be available into the beginning of summer, and is 4.8% ABV.

#### **Hefe Wheat**

Hefeweizens (German wheat beers) are one of the most refreshing beers possible for hot summer days. Stoudts version of this classic is brewed with half wheat and half malted barley to give the beer a special body that you can't find anywhere else. Like other hefeweizens, Hefe has aromas and tastes that harken ideas of bananas and cloves.

Hefe is 5% ABV, and is available starting in May and should stick around throughout the summer months.

#### **Oktoberfest**

What do you get when you make a beer that has a strong malt body, is amber in color, and has a floral yet not overwhelming hop aroma? Other than simply an amazing beer, what you also get is Oktoberfest from Stoudts. Brewed in the traditional German fashion, This beer, which is 4.5% ABV, has won 5 medals at GABF, and is available starting in August through the fall months.

#### **Revel Red**

Wrapping up the seasonal offerings from Stoudts, Revel Red is a deep amber colored beer that has pungent (in a good way) hop profile that hints at citrus and dankness that is superb.

Revel Red comes in at 6.2% ABV and is available starting in November and stretches through the winter months.

Stoudts Brewing Company is proudly distributed in the Pittsburgh area by Vecenie Wholesale.

# Anchor Brewing Company

by Brian Meyer

The craft beer movement as we know it today started around 1988 with breweries like Rogue Brewing Co. and Great Lakes Brewing Co. starting small in a world that didn't know what craft beer was. For that matter, neither did the new, small breweries. All they knew was that they wanted to make the best beer around and not compromise for anything.

Let's jump back in history from 1988, to the year 1871. It was in this year that German immigrant Gottlieb Brekle purchased a beer and billiards saloon and opened a brewery on Pacific Street in San Francisco. It wasn't until 1896 however that the brewery was renamed Anchor Brewing by Ernst Baruth and his son-in-law Otto Schinkel. Nobody's quite sure where the name Anchor came from, but it's widely accepted that it was meant to be a tie-in with the booming Port of San Francisco.

A series of unfortunate events hit Anchor Brewing, including the death of Ernst Baruth, the devastating earthquake and fire of 1907, and of course Prohibition in 1920. Between the repeal of Prohibition in 1933 and 1965 Anchor Brewing saw its share of change, but in 1965 a new era started at Anchor, known as the Maytag Era.

It was in 1965 that Fritz Maytag, upon hearing of the planned final closing of the storied brewery that he loved, decided to purchase a majority stake in the brewery in an attempt to keep the doors open and improve on the beer Anchor brewed.

In 1971, 100 years after Gottlieb founded the original brewery on Pacific, Fritz Maytag started brewing what would become the most recognizable beer produced by Anchor still today: Anchor Steam Beer. Even though nobody knew what a micro-brewery or craft beer was at the time, it was pretty evident that Fritz and Anchor were on to something pretty amazing, and were leading a revolution in brewing that was far from the light lagers that were popular at the time.

Jump ahead to 1984 and Anchor Brewing releases the first wheat beer produced in the United States since Prohibition to celebrate their 5th anniversary. Jump ahead even further to 1993 and we find another first for Anchor with the opening of their in-house distillery at the brewery; a first of its kind in the world.

Today Anchor Brewing Co. is one of the most traditional breweries in the United States, producing one of the few remaining



versions of the California Common, also known as Steam Beer. Anchor's beers are still brewed in handmade copper vessels in their San Francisco brew house with the same level of care that Fritz Maytag brought to Anchor nearly 50 years ago.

## **Year Round Beers**

### **Anchor Steam**

The beer that started it all for Anchor, Steam takes its name from a nickname beers brewed on the west coast in the 19th century were given thanks to the lack of ice during brewing and the often warm conditions they were brewed in. Much like the name of the brewery itself, the actual source of the Steam nickname isn't clear, but it's believed that it comes from the cooling of fermenting beer on San Francisco rooftops by the cool night air, creating a steam that rose from the warm beer.

Steam was at one time a nickname for all beer coming from the West Coast, but today it's a trademark of Anchor Brewing Company and only applies to this great beer.

Anchor Steam Beer is a 4.9% ale that smells of rich, semi-sweet malt with a bready, biscuity aroma paired with a slight hint of citrus. The taste can be described as slight caramel with a touch of citrus and the same busciuity malt character found in the aroma.

Overall Anchor Steam Beer is a great, easy-drinking beer that is well balanced, not too bitter, and has more than enough flavor to never be considered boring or overdone.

### **IPA**

Starting in 1849 the hoppy and delicious IPAs from England started making their way to the West Coast by way of San Francisco and while the gold rushers loved the refreshing bitter beer, it wasn't until 1975 that Anchor started the tried and true act of



dry hopping here in the US.

Jump ahead to today and Anchor IPA is a tradition that's only a year old, but off to a great start. Anchor IPA is 6.5% ABV and offers a great West Coast hop kick while keeping the malt profile nice and balanced.

### **California Lager**

Anchor's California Lager was first brewed in 2012, but its roots go all the way back to the beginning of the brewery and the Gold Rush. Made after California's first genuine lager, brewed by Boca Brewing in 1876, Anchor's version is a re-creation of this historic beer.

While Anchor's version isn't cooled in a mountain ice pond like Boca's version was, it's still a true to the original version that will surprise you.

The first thing you'll notice with this beer is the aroma, which is extremely floral, with some hop character showing through. The taste features crisp citrus notes with a strong, yet very drinkable bitterness that moves to the grassy, earthy category. California Lager has a dry finish that leaves a slight yeasty taste that is not unpleasant. California Lager is an excellent version of an American Pale Lager that has enough character to stand on its own, while still perfect for pairing with a variety of foods.

### **Liberty Ale**

Liberty Ale was first brewed on April 18th, 1975 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Paul Revere's historic midnight ride, and it's still being made today. Liberty Ale is a 5.9% ABV ale that's made with whole cone hops and is also dry hopped to create a delicate yet satisfying taste that makes this American IPA surprisingly easy to drink.

The aroma of Liberty Ale features citrus in the forefront with some bready, yeasty characteristics in the background. The taste can be described as having pear and grapefruit present with a balance of malt and bitterness. Liberty Ale is naturally carbonated, which gives the beer a unique higher than normal fizziness and unique mouthfeel.

### **Craft Originals Variety Pack**

Can't decide on what beer to get? Check out the Craft Originals Variety Pack. In it, you'll get Anchor Steam Beer, Anchor Porter, Liberty Ale, and Summer Wheat.

### **Seasonal Beers**

Along with the year-round beers offered by Anchor, they also offer a seasonal beer for each time of the year.

Spring Saison – This beer is light, fresh, and spicy. Coming in at 7.2% it has a little kick to match up with the spiciness of a true Belgian saison.

**Summer Wheat** – The currently in-season seasonal, Summer Wheat is perfect in the can or bottle and is easily one of the most refreshing beers offered by Anchor. A wheat beer that comes in at 4.5% ABV, it's light, fresh, and just what you need for a hot summer day.

### **Autumn Red Ale**

When fall rolls around the calendar again, slightly darker and maltier beers are just what we need to stay warm. Autumn Red Ale from Anchor is a 6% ABV red ale that first saw the light of day in 2013. Malty with a nice hop profile, Autumn Red is meant for the fall.

### **Christmas Ale**

The tried and true Anchor Christmas ale is a great yet mysterious winter ale. Each year there's a new tree on the label and a new beer in the bottle. Nobody but the brewer knows exactly what the beer will be each year, but it's a pretty safe bet that it'll be great.

### **Winter Wheat (new)**

The newest of the seasonal beers offered by Anchor, Winter Wheat is a dark wheat beer that comes in at 7%. Made for cold winter months, Winter Wheat is malty with hops present in the background. This beer is earthy, woody, and perfectly what you need to warm up on a cold night.

Anchor Brewing Co. is proudly distributed by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale throughout the Pittsburgh area.



# Ryeparian Ale by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy



Western Pennsylvania's waterways are among the defining natural features that make our region special. Carving out a breathtaking landscape like no other, the region's mighty rivers and streams are important economic and recreational assets, and have been for centuries. Restoring and protecting these waterways – making them cleaner, healthier and safer – is part of the vital and ongoing work of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Since 2001, the Conservancy's watershed conservation staff and volunteers have worked in hundreds of tributaries, streams, and rivers in our region's cities and towns to plant trees and native vegetation, remove barriers and debris, help reestablish wildlife habitat and rebuild stream banks. Their efforts have meant cleaner water for us all, healthier habitats for wildlife and better recreational opportunities for fishing, kayaking and boating.



And this year, the Conservancy's clean water efforts received a cool, refreshing and popular ally: craft beer.

Aficionados can now help to clean water by drinking beer, thanks to North Country Brewing Company, which recently released a new craft beer created especially to support the Conservancy's efforts. Portions of the sales of Ryeparian Rye Pale Ale will support WPC's stream bank tree plantings in natural areas throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Trees and shrubs, planted along the banks of waterways are essential to enhancing and protecting water quality. This native vegetation reduces runoff and flooding, stabilizes stream banks, filters sediments and cools water temperatures, all of which improves water quality for drinking and the many different aquatic species that call local waterways home. And the beer's "punny" name comes from the term for these important areas: riparian buffers or zones.

The idea for a craft beer to support clean water came in 2014 from two of the Conservancy's watershed staff: Eli Long and Danielle Rihel. Long and Rihel pitched the idea to Bob McCafferty, co-owner of North Country Brewing Company in Slippery Rock, Pa. McCafferty, who is a longtime supporter of the Conservancy by sponsoring the community garden in Slippery Rock as well as being a committed conservationist, thought the concept was ideal for him and his business.

"I'm a supporter of all who wish to coexist in a clean environment together, and a bigger fan of the Conservancy's efforts to achieve that," said Bob McCafferty.

It didn't take McCafferty and his brewmasters long to perfect and can the specialty ale. Within one year of Long and Rihel's initial idea, WPC staff, members, volunteers and the Slippery Rock community celebrated the launch of the Ryeparian Rye PA on Earth Day.

"Bob seemed to be as passionate as we were about the idea," explained Rihel. "It happened so fast. It is exactly what Eli and I had imagined - we're so excited...and it tastes amazing!"

For craft beer fans, this unique ale does not disappoint. Combining two distinct styles of beer, rye ale and pale ale, gives this beer a unique flavor of spice and hops.



“We wanted to create a distinctive beer for the unique work of the Conservancy,” explains McCafferty. “That’s why we chose rye ale, which is more rare and challenging to create.”

WPC has planted more than 28,000 trees along these important riparian zones since 2013, and plans to plant more if funding is established – so drink up!

Where To Find Ryeopian Rye PA on Draft:

- Park Bruges – Highland Park
- Sharp Edge Bistro – Downtown
- Dukes Upper Deck Cafe – Homestead

- Poor Richards Ale House and Grill– Wexford
- Burgatory – Robinson
- Bocktown Beer and Grill – Robinson
- North Country Brewing Company – Slippery Rock, Pa.
- Harmony Inn – Harmony, Pa.

\*Ryeopian Rye Pale Ale is also available in cans in most Giant Eagle stores.



# GAUCHO PARRILLA ARGENTINA... CULINARY ROCKSTARS

By SuperMonkey

Hands down my new favorite place to eat is Gaucho Parrilla Argentina located in the Strip directly on the corner next to the 16th Street Bridge at 1607 Penn Avenue. Originally opening next door in 2013, in a very small space, (originally a small kitchen with a counter for taking orders, a couple bar stools, and some places to sit outside, weather permitting.) With the huge success of this small little restaurant, Anthony Falcon, Head Chef and Owner decided to double down in life and move into a newly renovated beautiful location, right next door. The restaurant is now double the size of its original dining room and includes more countertop seating as well as tables and chairs in the front and back dining rooms. Gaucho plans on adding a lounge in the back of the building once it secures a liquor license. For now, its BYOB with no corkage charge.

Gaucho has continually received rave reviews from food critics and foodies, which has built them an extremely loyal customer base. Yelp just recently named Gaucho Parrilla Argentina, Pittsburgh as one of the Top 100 Best Places to Eat in the U.S. and placed Gaucho in the Top Ten ranking them at Number 7 in the whole country. Congratulations for this well-deserved honor.

If you have not been to Gaucho then you need to get with the program and find out what you've been missing! Unless of course, you have something against the most succulent, tender, juicy, flavorful, wood fired meat in Pittsburgh. Then stay home, more delicious meat and delectable offerings for the rest of us. I'm just kidding, of course! Gaucho isn't just meat; they offer something for everyone with grilled veggies, chicken, seafood, fish, salads and so much more. Plus, most menu entrees come with sides and are offered in sizes, small and large.



My favorite item on the menu is definitely the Bandiola Con Pan Pork Sandwich (I've tried to try other things when I'm ordering, but it's so good it just begs to be ordered again and again.) Let's start with the bread. Fire-toasted Ciabatta bread, just crispy enough to have that great sandwich crunch, and gets a little soft and stays crispy while soaking up all the delicious juice. You know you love it the savory taste of meat juices and it would be such a shame to waste them. Bandiola Con Pan is slow wood fired pork shoulder roasted with onions, carrots, and celery until it is



literally so tender it falls apart. This tender, juicy succulent pork shoulder is piled high and then they add a nice layer of spicy Dijon mustard and caramelized onions. When you bite into it, it's a flavor explosion of everything that makes Gaucho so successful. You can taste the passion in Anthony's culinary art and this guy is a Culinary Rock Star. Creating a great menu is like creating a great piece of art. When you are passionate about something, it shows. You can tell that Anthony has put his heart and soul into Gaucho because his food is art you can eat. Absolute perfection! I have to tell you about the Mona Lisa of meat. The Gaucho Steak Burger. It's not really a burger per say, but more a mountain of juicy, tender, perfectly seasoned wood grilled chopped steak. You get to pick two toppings for your 100% beef patty like provolone, bacon, asparagus, or mushrooms. It's now my new favorite thing to eat at Gaucho. It used to be the Bandiola Pork Sandwich but after sampling the Gaucho Steak Burger I have to say this might be the best burger in Pittsburgh. I really don't even eat burgers; however, I can really crush a Gaucho Steak Burger on command. That's how seriously good it is.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention some of the other menu items, like the Camarones, (shrimp). Gaucho uses white tiger shrimp and grills them on a cast iron skillet with olive oil, fresh rosemary, salt, pepper, and grilled lemon. They smell as delicious as they taste. Don't waste your time trying to go to the market, clean the shrimp, prepping to try and replicate this amazing dish, just go to Gaucho for shrimp that will make you come back for more.. Perfection, that's Gaucho's secret.

Gaucho also offers delectable sides like Gaucho Papas, or

chicken; sandwiches that feature chorizo (sausage) and seafood, mussels, shrimp, clams, calamari and fish; salads to which you can add any meat if desired are always available. Gaucho also offers larger plates for those with big appetites, like a sampler platter consisting of all five cuts of steak, enough for 5 or one meat loving man or woman!

Each dish can be enhanced by the condiments featured on the wood-block table in the center of the indoor dining space. All four sauces — the Chimmi Churri, Pimenton, Ajo and Cebolla — are



roasted potatoes (\$3) it's the right side dish to accompany any of their great meals. Papas are roasted with a blend of fresh rosemary, thyme, garlic, salt, pepper, and paprika. These same potatoes make up the Papas Cuna (Ku-na) which is an Argentinian style potato salad. It's mixed with fresh oregano, feta, mayo, and pickled red onion. Served chilled, it's a definite must try side. Other sides include, saffron yellow rice (\$3), maiz (roasted corn on the cob, \$2), grilled vegetables (zucchini, peppers, onions, tomatoes, portobello and grass (\$7 small - \$11 large) plus many other daily offerings. I have to mention the Provoletta Pequeños which takes an Argentine approach to grilled cheese. They grill sharp, dry aged provolone with fresh oregano, and serve it on tostado (grilled toast) topped with fresh arugula, lemon, olive oil, and Kalamata olive. It's addicting, just like everything I've tried at Gaucho Parrilla Argentina.

The menu is hand scrawled daily on chalkboards. Offerings are sectioned into categories; small plates like empanadas, grilled potatoes and sides; meats that include five cuts of steak: ribeye, skirt, flank, New York strip and filet mignon; pig (pork), lamb,

olive-oil based. Fresh herbs and notes of garlic, charred pepper and vinegar differentiate between the four sauces. Be sure and sample some of each to determine your favorite. Trust me, that could prove to be a real challenge... picking just one!

Anthony told us that he feels the context of eating out is changing, it's becoming about going to a small, little restaurant, having high-quality food cooked by high-quality cooks, without the pretentiousness of a dining room table, silverware, and chandeliers. It's cutting-edge.

Gaucho is definitely top-notch and the food is perfection... so based upon our experience and its recent prestigious award, we vote Gaucho Parrilla Argentina the Number One place in Pittsburgh to dine! For rock star food, service and overall experience it's Gaucho hands down. This is definitely a must dine at restaurant!

Gaucho Parrilla Argentina is located at 1607 Penn Ave on the corner of 16th and Penn Avenue in the Strip, open Tuesday thru Saturday 11am-7pm. [www.eatgaucho.com](http://www.eatgaucho.com)

# Back In Black & Gold - The King of Pittsburgh Radio Exclusive Interview with Jim Krenn

By SuperMonkey



**(Jim calling SuperMonkey...Phone rings)**

**Jim Krenn** - Hey what's happenin' its Jim Krenn!

**SuperMonkey** - Jim what's happening? Thanks for calling. We've actually met before.

**Jim Krenn** - Oh yeah?

**SuperMonkey** - Yea I was guy that dropped the F-Bomb on the Coffeehouse that one time on accident.

(Big laugh from Jim)

**Jim Krenn** - Oh yeah man that was awesome man!

**SuperMonkey** - Really? I don't think the program director was laughing. He didn't seem fired up.

(Jim still laughing)

**Jim Krenn** - Oh well, that's rock 'n roll man! You haven't made it unless you've been kicked off the radio.

**SuperMonkey...** So congrats on the new morning show on Q92.9. That is such awesome news for you and the city of Pittsburgh. There is a real buzz in the air for the first time in a long time about terrestrial morning radio. What made you want to get back in the ring?

**Jim Krenn** - I wanted to reinvent myself. Do some different things. The Sideshow Network from LA called so I started to work with them on some things. We started the podcast where it was more like morning radio but like cable. I tried to find the funniest young comics to work with I found these young guys and team of comics. I met Terry Jones, Mike Wysocki, and Mike Sasson who's a real witty guy and I love his style. So we started to develop our

podcast No Restrictions which we got up to over 150K subscribers and growing. I started to get into get into some film which lead to other projects. So what happened was a lot of networking and invigorated my stand up. Then about 8-9 months ago I started to do once a week radio on KDKA who run a great creative atmosphere reminded me of why I got into morning radio in the 1st place. I started to think it would be wild to go back on morning radio and I missed that daily connections with the listeners. Q92.9 and Steel City Media made me an offer that was too good to pass up and I really like those guys running that place. They been offered millions of dollars several times to sell their radio stations and they won't do it. Steel City Media is a family biz and just won't do it. They have a passion for radio so I'm really excited and the timing was right.

**SuperMonkey...** So let's talk about the 20 ton elephant in the room. You are now going up against your former radio partner Randy Baumann for morning drive radio ratings.

**Jim Krenn** - I never looked at it as competition, I compete against myself. I'm always trying to come up with something new, something fresh. You know how it is you're a musician, you have to reinvent yourself."

**SuperMonkey** - Well you might not be thinking about it Jim but I'm sure EVERYONE ELSE in the radio business is thinking about it. I'm sure that Steel City Media was, and is thinking about it as I'm super-sure there were a few extra meetings and discussions over at Clear Channel/iHeartMedia about your new show.

**Jim Krenn...** "Ok you got me. I want to win. I love the competition."

**SuperMonkey...** So what's the new show going to be like? What can we expect?

**Jim Krenn** - It's going to be awesome. We're going to bring back some of the old bits but we're going to make them new and fresh. Ralph the Cat is back and of course Ben Klingston. Except Ben now has a new sidekick Sonny Hope.

**SuperMonkey...** To this day I still cannot go to a mall and see a mall guard without going "Ben Klingston, Mall Guard" in the back of my head.

**Jim Krenn** - Terry does a great Samuel L Jackson Food Network Show which is hysterical. And we have the Crying Cow which is a hipster vegan store in Lawrenceville which is hysterical.

**SuperMonkey...** I love poking fun at hipsters, it's so easy.

**Jim Krenn** - It's the skinny jeans man! What is up with the skinny jeans? You're fat, and you're wearing skinny jeans! It doesn't make any sense!

You can catch Jim Krenn live on morning drive 6AM-9AM Monday thru Friday on Q92.9FM starting July 6th.

# National Tequila Day - July 24

Celebrate with a spirit that provides a smooth taste in each and every sip – Hornitos Tequila. With the rising popularity of tequila, the stage is set for an epic celebration!

Pick up a bottle of Hornitos Spiced Honey, a new spirit that is celebrating its first National Tequila Day! Spiced Honey is made from a combination of 100% agave Hornitos Plata Tequila with honey and a special spice blend – perfect for mixing cocktails, sipping as a shot or drinking neat.

For those looking to try something different, sip Hornitos Black Barrel, which is triple aged to create a uniquely complex tequila with whiskey characteristics.

## Mexicollins

- 2 Parts Hornitos® Spiced Honey
- ½ Part Lime Juice
- 2 Parts Grapefruit Juice
- Top with Tonic

Preparation: Combine all ingredients except tonic in a shaker with ice, shake vigorously, strain over fresh ice and top with tonic.

## Tequila Sour

- 1 ¼ Parts Hornitos® Black Barrel® Tequila
- ¼ Part Agave
- ½ Part Lemon Juice
- Lemon Wedge

Preparation: Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice, shake vigorously and strain over fresh ice. Garnish with a lemon wedge.

## Muy Caliente

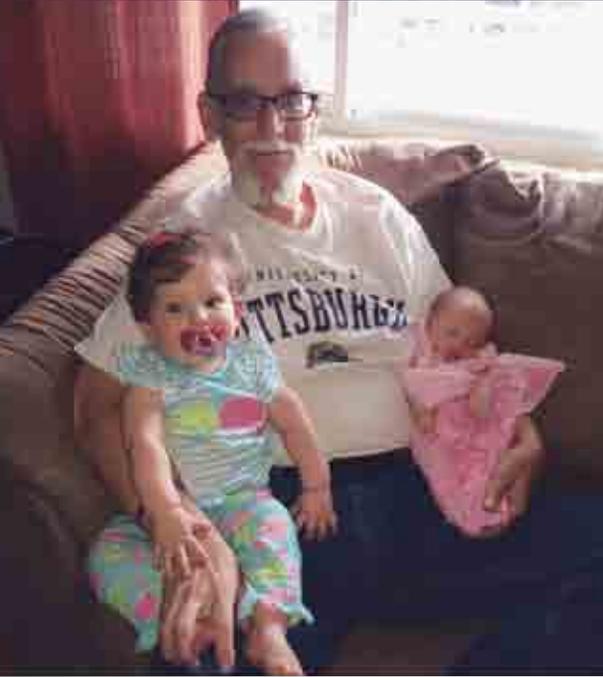
- 2 Parts Hornitos® Plata Tequila
- ½ Part Lime Juice
- ¾ Part Simple Syrup
- Jalapeño

Preparation: Muddle one jalapeño slice in a glass, combine remainder of ingredients in a shaker with ice, shake vigorously and strain into the glass over fresh ice. Garnish with a jalapeño slice.





# PURPLESTRIDE



Having Pancreatic Cancer strike your family once is horrible enough, but to have it strike twice is a devastating blow. John Kisel's Mother was diagnosed in February of 2008. She had the Whipple Procedure, but unfortunately only lived until October later that year. That is when John, his wife Cynthia and their daughter Jessica became involved in the Pittsburgh Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. John and Cynthia are instrumental in set-up and registration for the Affiliate's PurpleStride Pittsburgh and PurpleLight Pittsburgh. Their daughter, Jessica Turberville is the Affiliate's Donor and Corporate Ambassador responsible for bringing onboard PurpleStride Pittsburgh's sponsors.

John's journey began in January of this year. He was away on a weekend trip, when he became very jaundiced and began to experience an intense itching. He knew he needed to get to a doctor to find out what was going on. His Primary Care Physician sent him to a Gastroenterologist, which in turn sent him to Forbes Hospital for further testing and scans. They admitted him immediately, when the scans confirmed the worst: a diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer. He was then scheduled for surgery performed by Suzanne Schiffman, MD at Allegheny General Hospital. John underwent a 13-½ hour Whipple Procedure. "As Cynthia waited out the time she became more hopeful the more time passed, because when doctors were performing my Mother's Whipple Procedure, after approximately 4-½ hour hours the doctors had to abort the procedure because they had found that her cancer had spread. She knew, that the longer it took the greater the odds of the operation being a success." After many scans to make sure, that all was healing properly he was sent home under visiting nurse care. He has been experiencing a loss of appetite and weight loss, which can be common during recuperation after this operation. He is now undergoing chemo and working his way down the long road back to recovering from this major surgery. "Everyone tells me I look good. It's been a long fight. After my Mom was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer, I never thought I would hear those words mentioned to me...that I had Pancreatic Cancer. It was just like this HUGE kick in the head. I just couldn't believe it. My family, my Father was just beside himself to think he lost his wife of 50+ years to it, and now his son has been diagnosed with it."

John with his two little granddaughters Mila (11 months) and Tessa (2 weeks). "These two beautiful girls are what makes me keep on fighting this dreaded disease."

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Jessica, Cynthia and John at PurpleLight Pittsburgh 2013.



And, as if having a Grandmother whose life was cut short by Pancreatic Cancer and a Father diagnosed with it wasn't enough, Jessica's husband's Grandmother also passed from Pancreatic Cancer. "Team Turkie" their PurpleStride Team Name is for the mix of the Turberville/Kisel families banding together to Wage Hope against Pancreatic Cancer, that has unacceptably touched their lives. John says participating in PurpleStride and with the Pittsburgh Affiliate meetings has helped give him closure with his Mom, keep him informed with what is going on in regards to Pancreatic Cancer and provides an opportunity to meet other people going through the same experiences.

# PITTSBURGH



Currently, he is enjoying spending time with his two little granddaughters Mila (11 months) and Tessa (1 month). "These two beautiful girls are what makes me keep on fighting this dreaded disease."

"John is such an awesome guy, with a quick wit and a great sense of humor. We were all shell-shocked, when we received the news of his diagnosis. I know I speak for the Affiliate, when I say our thoughts are with him and his family, that he continues a successful road to recovery and becomes a beacon of hope for others diagnosed with this terrible disease." – Tami Haslett, Media Relations Chair, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – Pittsburgh Affiliate

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization waging hope in a comprehensive way through research, patient support, community outreach and advocacy for a cure. The Patient Central program provides patients and their families with the most current information on the disease, from treatment options and clinical trials, to diet and nutrition information and pain management. In addition, the Survivor and Caregiver network puts patients and their families in touch with people who can share their experiences, ask questions, and offer support. Know Your TumorSM is a personalized medicine service that provides eligible pancreatic cancer patients and their oncologists with information about the biology of their specific tumor. This information can be used to identify treatments that may be valuable to an individual patient, including clinical trials. Testing the tumor to understand what makes it unique is sometimes called "molecular profiling." Clinical Trial Finder helps patients, families and their healthcare professionals like you find the most current information available on pancreatic cancer clinical trials. All of the services are free of charge and patient information is kept strictly confidential. For more information go to [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org).

The Pittsburgh Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is one of nearly 60 volunteer-run affiliates in communities across the country. Local volunteers focus efforts on raising public awareness, reaching out to healthcare professionals, advocating for increased federal pancreatic cancer research funding and planning local awareness events like PurpleStride Pittsburgh and PurpleLight Pittsburgh. PurpleStride Pittsburgh presented by HM Insurance Group is among 50+ PurpleStride events taking place this year in communities across the country where tens of thousands of people will Wage Hope toward attaining the goal of doubling the survival rate by 2020 and eventually finding a cure for pancreatic cancer.

Come Wage Hope against Pancreatic Cancer at PurpleStride Pittsburgh presented by HM Insurance Group will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Flagstaff Hill in Schenley Park. To register or for more information go to [www.purplestride.org/pittsburgh](http://www.purplestride.org/pittsburgh).



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"The Compilation" will take place at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel at 8 PM. The V.I.P. Experience Cocktail Hour will begin at 7 PM serving up complimentary signature cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres. The show will start promptly at 8:10 PM. You can purchase your tickets at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). For a limited "First look advanced pricing tickets are available for: V.I.P. Experience \$75, Advance General Admission \$35. Student \$20. Tickets will be also be available for purchase at the door. Go to [www.refined-culture.com/production/events](http://www.refined-culture.com/production/events) for more information and to become a sponsor or vendor for this first of kind event you don't want to miss!

A portion of the proceeds from "The Compilation" will benefit The Pittsburgh Center for the Arts Youth Education Program. Corporate sponsors for the event will have the opportunity to enjoy an amazing and entertaining evening of music and fashion, while helping to continue the quality arts education the center provides for young people.

Refined Culture, LLC was founded in 2013 by Dianne C. Lemon and Jaylee Lemon in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Jaylee Lemon has over 13 years' experience, 7 in backstage production in New York. Dianne has over 30 year's industry knowledge. Jaylee has coached countless Models in NYC and LA and he is here in Pittsburgh to teach YOU!

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# Humor

## A Dinner Story

A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her. Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye flies out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back. 'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. 'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you,' she says. They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens. After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time. The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible! 'You know,' he

said, 'you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?' 'No,' she replies. . . 'You just happened to catch my eye.'

## Stockbroker

I called my stockbroker today and asked, "What he recommended buying"? His answer: Canned goods and ammunition!

## Wisdom of a Retiree..

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?' Well.. I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, scotch, and margaritas into urine. And I'm pretty damn good at it, too!!

## The Sensitive Man

A woman meets a man in a bar. They talk; they connect; they end up leaving together. They get back to his place, As he shows her around his apartment, She notices that one wall of his bedroom is completely filled with soft, sweet, cuddly teddy bears. There are three shelves in the bedroom, with hundreds and hundreds of cute, cuddly teddy bears carefully placed in rows, covering the entire wall! It was obvious that he had taken quite some time to lovingly arrange them, and she was immediately touched by the amount of thought he had put into organizing the display. There were small bears all along the bottom shelf, medium-sized bears covering the length of the middle shelf, and huge, enormous bears running all the way along the top shelf. She found it strange for an obviously masculine guy to have such a large collection of Teddy Bears, she is quite impressed by his sensitive side, but doesn't mention this to him. They share a bottle of wine and continue talking and, after a while, she finds herself thinking, 'Oh my God! Maybe, this guy could be the one! Maybe he could be the future father of my children?' She turns to him and

kisses him lightly on the lips. He responds warmly. They continue to kiss, the passion builds, and he romantically lifts her in his arms and carries her into his bedroom where they rip off each other's clothes and make hot, steamy love. She is so overwhelmed that she responds with more passion, more creativity and more heat than she has ever known. After an intense, explosive night of raw passion with this sensitive guy, they are lying there together in the afterglow.

The woman rolls over, gently strokes his chest and asks coyly, 'Well, how was it?' The guy gently smiles at her, strokes her cheek, looks deeply into her eyes, and says: 'Help yourself to any prize from the middle shelf'

**Note from Editor:** The following are Blonde Jokes..." I'm a Blonde" ... So laugh along with me, after all they are just jokes people. I find them quite funny. Everyone needs to look at themselves and laugh ... Remember life is too short and laughter is the best medicine to heal whatever ails you! Hope you enjoy them as much as I did!

## 2 Blondes with Hammers:

Two blondes with hammers, Carol and Donna, were doing some carpenter work on a Habitat for Humanity house. Carol, who was nailing down house siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail, and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in. Donna, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you throwing those nails away?" Carol explained, "When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end, and I throw them away." Donna got completely upset and yelled, "You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house."

## The Blonde Who Tried to Commit Suicide:

A blonde hurried into the emergency room late one night with the tip of her

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index finger shot off. "How did this happen?" the emergency room doctor asked her. "Well, I was trying to commit suicide," the blonde replied. "What?" sputtered the doctor. "You tried to commit suicide by shooting off your finger?" "No, Silly," the blonde said, "first I put the gun to my chest, and then I thought, I just paid \$6, 000.00 for these implants. I'm not shooting myself in the chest." "So then?" asked the doctor. "Then I put the gun in my mouth, and I thought, "I just paid \$3,000.00 to get my teeth straightened. I'm not shooting myself in the mouth." "So then?" asked the doctor. "Then I put the gun to my ear, and I thought: "This is going to make a loud noise. So, I put my finger in my other ear before I pulled the trigger.

### Damage from a Hail Storm:

A blonde was driving home after a game, and got caught in a really bad hailstorm. Her car was covered with dents, so the next day she took it to a repair shop. The shop owner saw that she was a blonde, so he decided to have some fun. He told her to go home and blow into the tailpipe really hard, and all the dents would pop out. So the blonde went home, got down on her hands and knees, and started blowing into her tailpipe. Nothing happened. So she blew a little harder, and still nothing happened. Her blonde roommate saw her, and asked, "What are you doing?" The first blonde told her how the repairman had instructed her to blow into the tail pipe in order to get all the dents to pop out. The roommate rolled her eyes and said, "Duh, like hello! You need to roll up the windows first."

### Two Blondes at the Drive In:

Did you hear about the two blondes who froze to death in a drive-in movie? They had gone to see 'Closed for the winter'.

### The Blonde in Mourning:

A blonde goes into work one morning crying her eyes out. Her boss asked sympathetically, "What's the matter?" The blonde replies, "Early this morning I got a phone call saying that my Mother had passed away." The boss, feeling sorry for her, says, "Why don't you go home for the day? Take the day off to relax and rest." "Thanks, but I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind off it, and I have the best chance of doing that here." The boss agrees and allows the blonde to work as usual. A couple of hours pass, and the boss decides to check on the blonde. He looks out from his office, and sees the blonde crying hysterically. "What's so bad now? Are you going to be okay?" he asks. "No," exclaims the blonde, "I just received a horrible call from my sister.... Her mother died, too!"



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# Humor

## Don't Despair

Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening. Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture. As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below. Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. Sister Barbara," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention and tossed it out the window to him. The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street. The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down, and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100 bills. "What's this?" she asked. "That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied. "Don't Despair paid 80-to-1."

## Good Laugh

A married couple walked in to a souvenir store in Jamaica. The Jamaican man said to them, "I have some special sandals I think you would be interested in. They make you wild at sex." Well, the wife was really interested in buying the sandals after what

the man claimed, but her husband felt he really didn't need them, being the sex god he was. The husband asked the man, "How could sandals make you into a sex freak?" The Jamaican replied, "Just try them on, Mon." So, the husband, after some badgering from his wife, finally gave in, and tried them on. As soon as he slipped them onto his feet, he got this wild look in his eyes, something his wife hadn't seen in many years! In the blink of an eye, the husband grabbed the Jamaican, bent him over a table, yanked down his pants, ripped down his own pants, and grabbed a firm hold of the Jamaican's hips. The Jamaican then began screaming, "You got them on the wrong feet! You got them on the wrong feet!"

## He's My Brother..

Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the checkout counter. The man at the counter asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?" "Eight," the boy replied. The man continued, "do you know what these are used for?" The boy replied, "not exactly, but they aren't for me. They're for him. He's my brother. He's four. We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike. Right now, he can't do either."

## Only an Italian Man Can Make You Feel Like a Woman...

On a recent transatlantic flight, a plane passes through a severe storm. The turbulence is awful, and things go from bad to worse when one wing struck by lightning. One woman in particular loses it. Screaming, she stands up in the front of the plane. 'I'm too young to die,' she wails. Then she yells, 'Well, if I'm going to die, I want my last minutes on earth to be memorable! Is there ANYONE on this plane who can make me feel like a WOMAN?' For a moment there is silence. Everyone has forgotten their own peril. They all stare, riveted, at the desperate woman in the front of the plane. Then an Italian man stands up in the rear of the plane. He is gorgeous, tall, well built, with dark brown hair and blue eyes. He starts to walk slowly up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt. - one button at a time. ....No one moves. ....He removes his shirt. ....Muscles ripple across his chest. ....She gasps .....and he says "Iron this and get me something to eat."



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## Manure – An Interesting Fact

Manure: In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizer's invention, so large shipments of manure were common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a

byproduct is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles, methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term 'Ship High In Transit' on them. This was meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane. Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T', (Ship High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day. You probably did not know the true history of this word. Neither did we. We had always thought it was a golf term.

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Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"

--Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.

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"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like



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that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

--Mariah Carey

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"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"

--Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign..

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"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

--Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward..

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"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"

-- Marion Barry, Former Mayor of Washington , DC .

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"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"

--A congressional candidate in Texas..

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"Half this game is ninety percent mental."

--Philadelphia Phillies Former Manager, Danny Ozark

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"I love California . I practically grew up in Phoenix "

--Dan Quayle

"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?"

--Lee Iacocca

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"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

--Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

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--Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.

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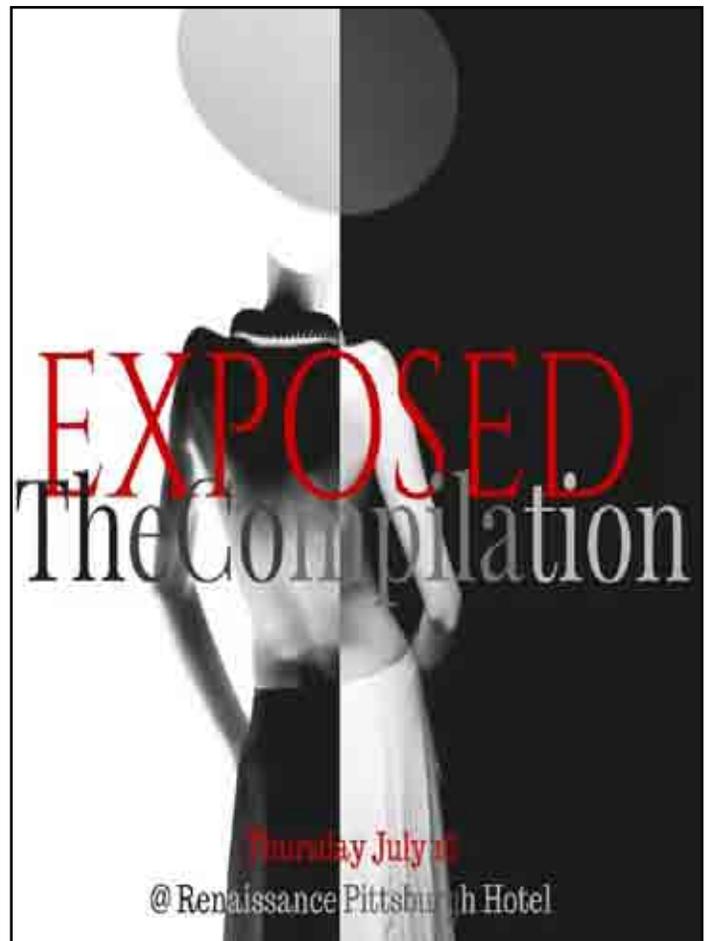
1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick.  
Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood.  
But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, and wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, and then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does..
33. Believe in miracles.

34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come.
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield..
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

### A BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE ABOUT GROWING OLD:

Well, crap...

Now I forgot what it was.



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## The Psychiatrist

A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with four young mothers and their small children. "You all have obsessions," he observed. To the first mother, Mary, he said, "you are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy." He turned to the second mom, Ann: "Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny." He turned to the third mom, Joyce: "your obsession is alcohol. This, too, shows itself in your child's name, Brandy." At this point, the fourth mother, Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand and whispered, "Come on, Dick, this guy has no idea what he's talking about. Let's go pick up Peter and Willy from school and go get dinner."

## Nurses aren't supposed to laugh

"Of course I won't laugh, I'm a professional nurse. In over twenty years I've never laughed at a patient." "Okay then," Fred said and proceeded to drop his trousers, revealing the tiniest man thingy the nurse had ever seen. Length and width, it couldn't have been bigger than an AAA battery. Unable to control herself, the nurse started giggling then almost fell to the floor laughing. A few minutes later she was able to regain her composure. "I'm so sorry," said the nurse. "I don't know what came over me. On my honor as a nurse and a lady, I promise it won't happen again. Now tell me, what seems to be the problem?" "It's swollen," Fred replied. Things went downhill from there.

## HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN:

Wine her.

Dine her.

Call her.

Hold her.

Surprise her.

Compliment her.

Smile at her.

Listen to her.

Laugh with her.

Cry with her.

Romance her.

Encourage her.

Believe in her.

Pray with her.

Pray for her.

Cuddle with her.

Shop with her. G

ive her jewelry.

Buy her flowers.

Hold her hand.

Write love letters to her.

Go to the ends of the earth and back again for her.

## HOW TO TREAT A MAN:

Show up naked.

Bring beer.

Bring chicken wings.

Don't block the TV.

## Confessional

Catholic guy goes into the confessional box. He notices on one side a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a dazzling array of the finest Cuban cigars. Then the priest comes in. "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting these days." The priest replies "Get out. You're on my side."

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## Old

Very quietly I confided to my husband on our 50th Anniversary that I was having an affair. He turned to me and asked..... Are you have it catered? And that my friend is the definition of old!

## Frank Who?

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just as it was going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank."

## Passenger: Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, he could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow, some guy then!"

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake. And he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back, even if she was in the wrong. And his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man ! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Frank before he died. I married his freaking widow."

## TRAFFIC CAMERA

- you just can't beat the system !!!

A man was driving when a traffic camera flashed. He thought his picture had been taken for exceeding the speed limit, even though he knew he had not been speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. Again the camera flashed. He thought this was quite funny, so he circled the block and drove past the area a third time, driving even more slowly. Again the camera flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. The fifth time he was laughing when the camera flashed as he drove by at a snail's pace. Two weeks later he got five traffic tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

## Dusting....

Remember...a layer of dust protects the wood beneath it. 'A house becomes a home when you can write 'I love you' on the furniture.' I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect - 'in case someone came over' Finally I realized one day that no-one came over; they were all out living life and having fun! NOW, when people visit, I don't have to explain the 'condition' of my home They are more



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interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun. If you haven't figured this out yet, please heed this advice. Life is short. Enjoy it!

Dust if you must...

But wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter, bake cookies or a cake and lick the spoon or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must....

But there's not much time, with shrimp to eat, rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music, to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must....

But the world's out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, a shower of rain. This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must...

But bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. . . And when you go - and go you must - you, yourself will make more dust! It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.

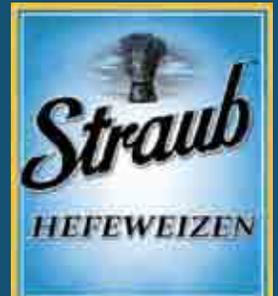
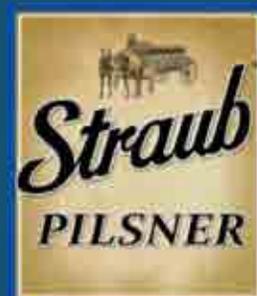
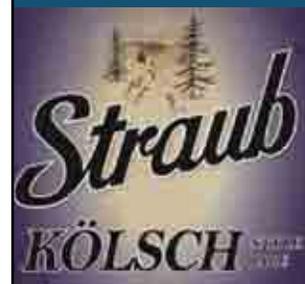
### Sex Italian Style

The Jewish man said, "Last week, my wife and I had great sex. I rubbed her body all over with schmaltz (chicken fat), we made passionate love, and she screamed for five full minutes at the end!" The Frenchman boasted, "Last week when my wife and I had sex, I rubbed her body all over with butter.. We then made passionate love and she screamed for fifteen minutes!" The Italian man said, "Well, last week my wife and I also had sex. I rubbed her body all over with olive oil. We made love, and she screamed for over six hours!" The other two were stunned. The amazed Frenchman asked, "What could you have possibly done, to make your wife scream for six hours?" The Italian man said, "I wiped my hands on the bedspread."

### Former 60 Minutes Correspondent Andy Rooney (CBS)

As I grow in age, I value women over 40 most of all. Here are just a few reasons why:

A woman over 40 will never wake you in the middle of the night and ask, 'What are you thinking?' She doesn't care what you think.



If a woman over 40 doesn't want to watch the game, she doesn't sit around whining about it. She does something she wants to do, and it's usually more interesting.

Women over 40 are dignified. They seldom have a screaming match with you at the opera or in the middle of an expensive restaurant. Of course, if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it..

Older women are generous with praise, often undeserved. They know what it's like to be unappreciated.

Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to a woman over 40.

Once you get past a wrinkle or two, a woman over 40 is far sexier than her younger counterpart.

Older women are forthright and honest. They'll tell you right off if you are a jerk, if you are acting like one. You don't ever have to wonder where you stand with her.

Yes, we praise women over 40 for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately, it's not reciprocal. For every stunning, smart,

well-coiffed, hot woman over 40, there is a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22-year old waitress. Ladies, I apologize.

For all those men who say, 'Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free? Here's an update for you. Nowadays 80% of women are against marriage. Why? Because women realize it's not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage!

Andy Rooney was a very intelligent man!

### Two little mischievous boys.....

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew all about it. If any mischief occurred in their town, the two boys were probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the 8 year old first in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, 'Do you know where God is, son?' The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging

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open. So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, 'Where is God?' The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, 'What happened?'

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time,' 'GOD is missing, and they think we did it.'

### 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!

### Heaven:

Three guys at the pearly gates are greeted by St Peter. "Sorry to tell you guys, but we only have room for one of you. We will have a little competition to see who can tell the best story on how they died... Best one gets in, the other two, well I'm afraid its the elevator to the basement". The three guys agree. No 1 guy says "Well I live on the 6th floor of an apartment block and I arrived home early the other day and had a strong feeling my beautiful wife had another man in our apartment. I searched but couldn't find anyone, until I noticed a guy hanging over the balcony, hands gripping the bottom rail like a vice. I saw red and started hitting his hands to no avail, so I grabbed a hammer and hammered at his fingers till he let go with a howl, falling 6 stories. Lucky guy landed on a pile of cardboard boxes. He was about to take off, so while he was still a bit stunned, I pushed the refrigerator out the doors and over the rail. It landed on top of him and



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he was killed instantly. I was so upset over it all I took my gun and blew my brains out". "Very interesting said St Peter. Now what about you?" No 2 guy says "I live on the 7th floor of an apartment block. I was doing pull ups on the balcony rail when my hands slipped and I fell. Luckily, or so I first thought, I managed to grab onto the 6th story railing halting my fall. I was fine until this maniac started beating on my hands, then hitting them with a hammer. When I finally let go, I was lucky to land on these boxes which broke my fall, but before I could bolt, I was hit by a refrigerator. Dead straight away, and that's my story". St Peter is having trouble holding back a laugh at this one but manages to say "Very well. That is a good one. Number 3, what about you?" "Well", says No 3 guy "I was just sitting in this refrigerator, minding my own business..... "

### The Ostrich....

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-

grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order "That will be \$9.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment. The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke." "The ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Again, the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes routine until the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad," says the man. "Same," says the ostrich. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62." Once again, the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?" "Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there." "That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live! "That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. The waitress asks, "What's with the ostrich?" The man sighs, pauses and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say."

### Proper Dress For Those Over 50:

Many of us "Old Folks" (those over 50,

WAY over 50 or on the way to 50 are quite confused about how we should present ourselves. We're unsure about the kind of image we are projecting and whether or not we are correct as we try to conform to current fashions. Despite what you may have seen on the streets, the following combinations DO NOT go together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
  2. Spiked hair and bald spots
  3. A pierced tongue and dentures
  4. Miniskirts and support hose
  5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
  6. Speedo's and cellulite
  7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
  8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
  9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
  10. Pierced nipples that hang below the waist
  11. Bikinis and liver spots
  12. Short shorts and varicose veins
  13. Inline skates and a walker
- And the ultimate "Bad Taste" in fashion ! for the "Older Folks".....
14. Thongs and Depends

### Priceless Grandparent Stories

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

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A mother was telling her little girl what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little

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girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

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

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

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

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not uncover thy neighbor's wife."

Our five-year-old son Mark couldn't wait to tell his father about the movie we had watched on television, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." The scenes with the submarine and the giant octopus had kept him wide-eyed.. In the middle of the telling, my husband interrupted Mark, "What caused the submarine to sink?" With a look of incredulity Mark replied, "Dad, it was the 20,000 leaks!!"

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

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

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

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

A grandmother was surprised by her 7 year old grandson one morning. He had made her coffee. She drank what was the worst cup of coffee in her life. When she got to the bottom, there were three of those little green army men in the cup. She said, "Honey, what are these army men doing in my coffee?" Her grandson said, "Grandma, it says on TV, "The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!"

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

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## World's Shortest Fairytale

Once upon a time, a guy asked a girl, "Will you marry me?" The girl said "No" and she lived happily ever after and went shopping, drank martinis with friends, always had a clean house, never had to cook, had a closet full of shoes and handbags, stayed skinny, and was never ever farted on again.

The End

## Living Will

Last night, my wife and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." She got up, unplugged the TV and then threw out my beer.

## Top Ten Inspirational Sayings We'd Like to See at the Nurse's Station

10. Rome did not create a great empire by having meetings; they did it by killing all those who opposed them.
9. If at first you don't succeed...try management.
8. TEAMWORK means never having to take all the blame yourself.
7. Hang in there....retirement is only 35 years away!
6. Go the extra mile...it makes your supervisor look incompetent.
5. When the going gets tough, the tough take a coffee break.
4. Administration...we waste time so you don't have to.
3. The beatings will continue until morale improves.
2. A person who smiles in the face of adversity, probably has a scapegoat.
1. Succeed in spite of Administration.

## Being Cremated:

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. 'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?' 'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week'

## On Growing Old

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.  
Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.



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So he tied her up and went golfing.

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A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!" The husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?" "Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get out."

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Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

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A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters: 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.' "Can you read this?" the optician asked. "Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."

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Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, "I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhea in the convent." "Thank God," said an elderly nun at the back. "I'm so tired of chardonnay."

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

MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful . CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!" The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."



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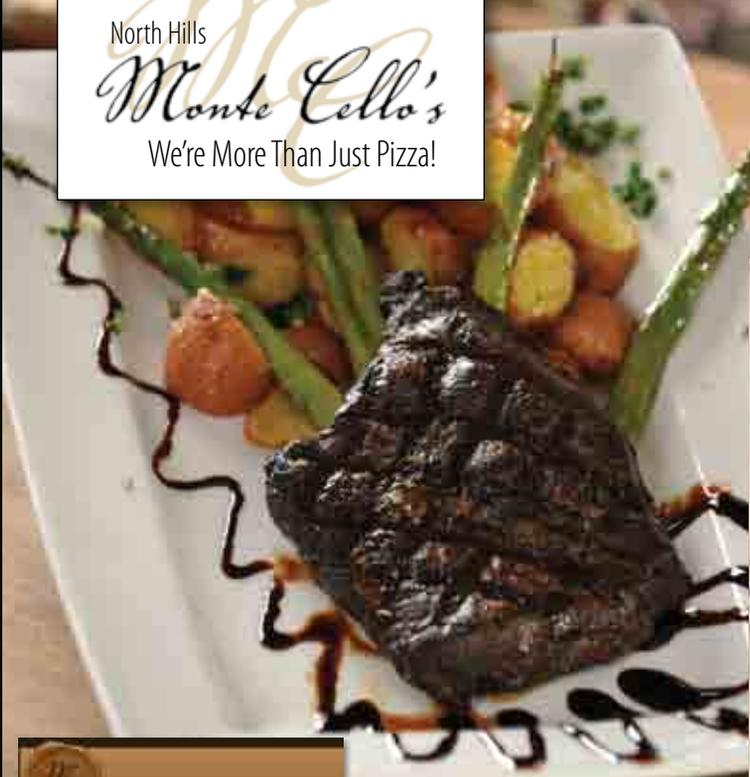
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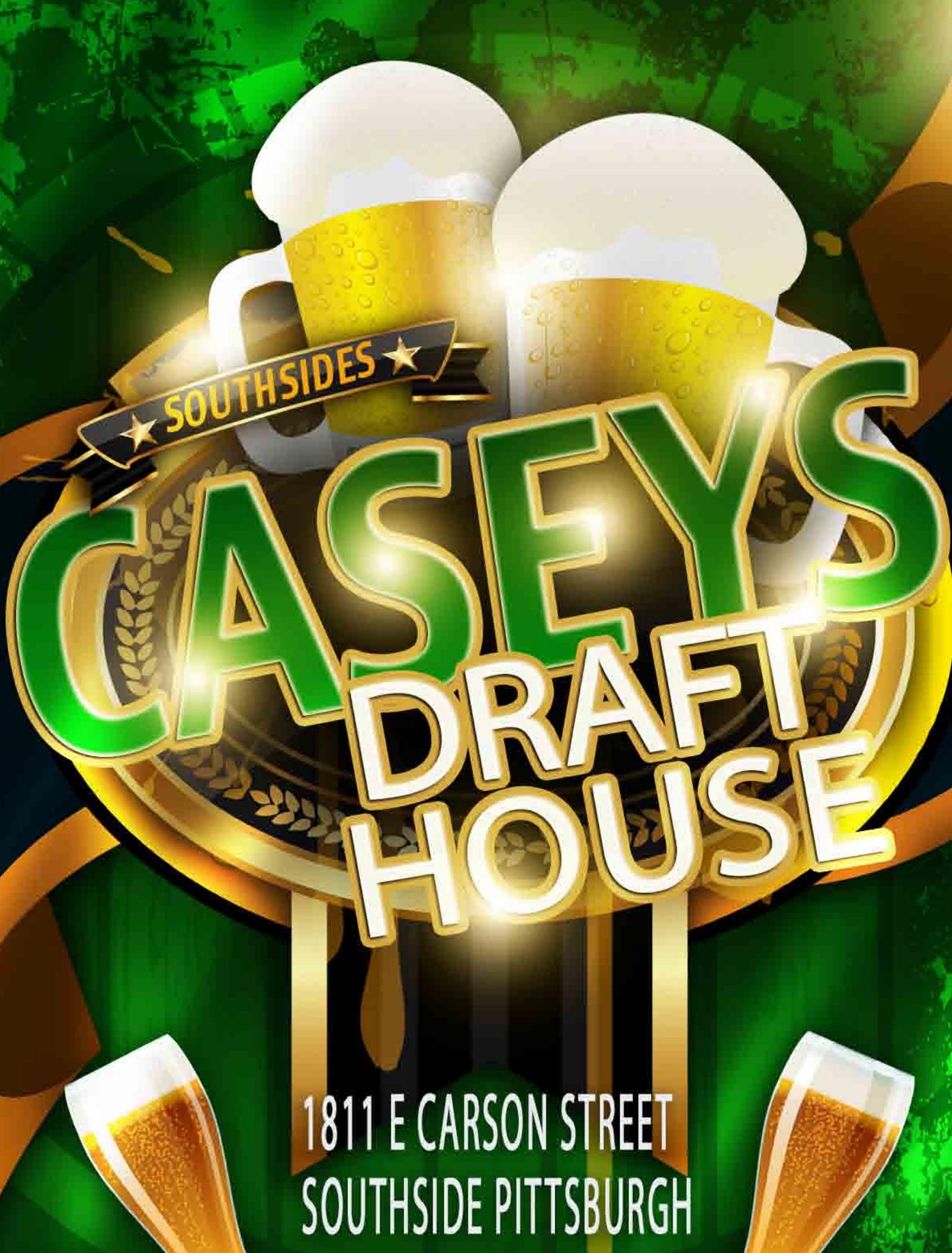
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