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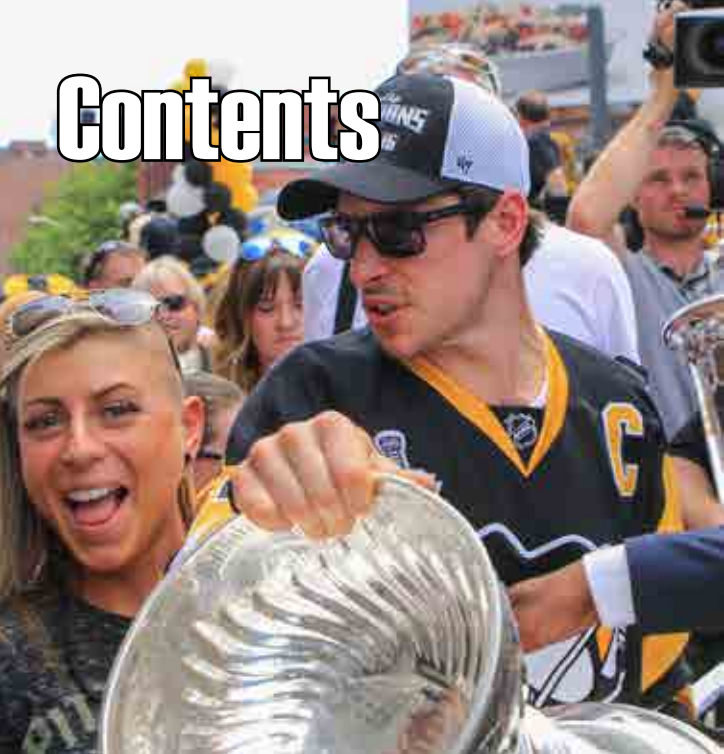
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THE 2016 EQT PITTSBURGH THREE RIVERS REGATTA

AUGUST 5th-6th-7th “YOU GOTTA REGATTA”

The largest inland regatta in the country – the EQT Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta – takes place the first weekend in August this year – giving you three action-packed days of national music acts, great food, boating, and family fun.

Celebrating 39 years, the EQT Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta is where our community comes to celebrate the city we call home and to enjoy the waterfront we love and depend on. This annual summertime event will exceed expectations, yet again, with this year's line-up. Below are just a few of the highlights:

- * “Wheel of Lights” - Back by popular demand is the nine-story Ferris wheel.
- United States Formula 1 Powerboat Racing – Making a return this year for the first time in nine years.
- Live Music - Tons of musical entertainment for all genres – with performances on both the Main Stage at Point State Park and the Barge Stage along the North Shore
- The ALCOSAN 3 Rivers Proud Boat Parade invites the local boating community to decorate their boats in all things Black and Gold
- The ever-popular Pitt Ohio Anything That Floats Race on Saturday captures the imagination of anyone who ever tried to build a boat with everyday items
- The Jet Ski Freestyle Stunt Shows demonstrate meticulous timing and tricks above and below the water Red Bull Air Force - One of the most elite skydive teams on the planet -- these aerial athletes will make their landings on both Saturday and Sunday.
- Sandsational Sand Sculpture - Supported by the Colcom Foundation
- Family Friendly Activities and Fun –The Cool Off Kids Zone -- Supported by the Colcom Foundation, will feature make & takes, games, and activities that include making ships in a bottle with the Children's Museum; Face Paint Pittsburgh;



Kohl's Hard Head Helmet Program at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh with helmet fittings; and creative coloring on a giant Regatta mural.

- Travel to the Beach Kids Korner -- Sponsored by AAA, lets children build sandcastles along the riverfront
- EQT Power Your Future – An exhibit featuring 11 different educational stations using game-based software designed to gauge student's abilities and interests in science and technology
- Venture Outdoors' Climbing Wall – A total of 24-feet of rock climbing excitement, just like the great outdoors
- BMX Riders and XPOGO Stunt Teams will be on the North Shore Riverwalk throughout the weekend.
- Bike Valet - Provides free bicycle parking, sponsored by UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and the EQT Bike Safety Check, where Bike PGH staff will inspect your ride – checking tires, brakes, chains, etc. to ensure you have a safe, smooth ride – and give you a map with the best bike routes across the city.
- The Clemente Bridge will connect the entertainment at Point State Park with that of the North Shore – hosting local vendors and artisans at the Regatta Market, along with some of Pittsburgh's favorite food trucks on Food Truck Row.
- And the weekend will conclude with a grand finale fireworks display on Sunday night. Purple Rain will be a pyro and special effects tribute to the legendary artist Prince, produced by Pyrotecnico.

For up-to- date details, dates, and times for all Regatta entertainment and activities, visit the website at www.YouGottaRegatta.com

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Hundreds of Flower Baskets Brighten Downtown Pittsburgh

Find the bicentennial flower basket for a chance to win Pittsburgh Pirates tickets



The Bicentennial Flower Basket, featuring black and yellow flowers, hangs in a new location each Monday morning.

Featuring bright red, white and blue flowers, the City of Pittsburgh is home to more than 500 hanging flower baskets hung each year by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC), an environmental conservation nonprofit based in Pittsburgh, Pa. In total, more than 10,000 flowers line downtown Pittsburgh's streets, sidewalks, and the Rachel Carson, Andy Warhol and Roberto Clemente bridges.

This year in honor of Pittsburgh's bicentennial, one basket full of black and yellow flowers is hanging in a mystery location. WPC challenges you to find this Bicentennial Flower Basket for a chance to win four tickets to a Pittsburgh Pirates game this summer!

Quite different from this year's red, white and blue theme, the Bicentennial Flower Basket features a uniquely beautiful combination of black petunias, black and yellow striped petunias, black sweet potato vine and yellow calibrachoa. And each Monday morning, the basket will hang in a new location, increasing your chances of spotting it and snapping a photo.

"WPC's hanging baskets help provide aesthetic character to Pittsburgh and it's become a local tradition to see these colorful and bright floral features around the city each summer," said Art DeMeo, director of community greenspace services for WPC. "This special black and gold basket is timely to celebrate the city's



Bicentennial Flower Basket

signature colors while getting people to look up and experience nature's beauty surrounding them."

How to Enter To Win Pirates Tickets

Simply submit a photo of your sighting via email at photo@paconserve.org or on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #pghbaskets. You will be entered into a raffle drawing for four Pittsburgh Pirates tickets. Photo entries will be accepted during two entry periods for the following prizes:

- June 20 - July 15 at 12 p.m. – The winning participant will win four tickets to the game on Wednesday, July 27 at 7:05 p.m.
- July 18 - August 5 at 12 p.m. – The winning participant will win four tickets to the game on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:05 p.m.

Since 2004, Laurel Foundation has provided funding for 400 hanging flower baskets in downtown Pittsburgh and has since contributed more than \$1 million to downtown greening projects. Several corporations and local communities have been inspired by Laurel Foundation's gift and added a number of



This year's hanging flower basket display in downtown Pittsburgh features red, white and blue flowers, funded by Laurel Foundation.

baskets in sponsored locations, bringing to 560 the total number of baskets hanging throughout the city.

DeMeo also emphasized how important all greening efforts are to the city. "The hanging basket program was the first greening project for WPC in downtown Pittsburgh, opening the door to many other efforts that help make downtown a more distinctive, livable and pedestrian-friendly place. Our funders are important partners in our work."

In addition to hanging baskets, Laurel Foundation, Colcom Foundation, WPC, and other partners work together to beautify and green downtown Pittsburgh through several community flower gardens, nearly 500 flower planters, tree plantings and other greening projects.

You can view full contest rules or learn more about the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy at WaterLandLife.org. Don't forget to follow WPC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for contest updates!

Movie Reviews

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

X-MEN: APOCALYPSE

X-MEN: APOCALYPSE, under the guidance and tutelage of Bryan Singer, is a fine endeavor for the conclusion of the series. It is filled with all the spectacle, fantasy and action one would expect from a franchise wrap. It does, however, have a been-there-seen-that mien which detracts from the manifestation.

Part of the problem is the same phenomenon that plagued the second STAR WARS trilogy – it's all basically a story that doesn't need to be told, or in the vernacular, movies that do not need to be seen. I always stated my fondness for the original X-Men trilogy. Never a fan of the comics, I thought the first three stories were bold and unpredictable as key characters were often killed or altered. The original trilogy established storylines between various X-Men members and more importantly, the relationship between Stryker and the mutants and Magneto's complicated connection with Professor X. This latest tale in the prequel trilogy simply augments those storylines.

Just like the original STAR WARS trilogy, the background story presented is sufficient, with no further explanation necessary. In THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, when Vader reveals he is Luke's father, it is one of cinema's most acute moments. There is really no need to see how it happened; in fact, filling in the story detracts from one of film's famed frames.

The same singularity occurs with X-MEN: APOCALYPSE. Viewers are treated to another interpretation of Wolverine's escape from Colonel Stryker's military experimentation; the origins of Cyclops; the shifting alliances of Storm and Mystique; how Professor X loses his hair; and the continuing philosophical differences between old friends Erik and Charles. While these elements will cause shivers to fanboy geeks, they are totally unnecessary in plot or character development in the X-Men franchise.

X-MEN: APOCALYPSE begins with the awakening of Apocalypse who is supposedly the first of Earth's mutants. He gains powers by absorbing other mutants' abilities until he reaches a god-like status. Seen as a danger, and too powerful for the benefit of all, he is betrayed and placed in stasis until he is reawakened in time to meet the X-Men before the start of the timeline of the original film trilogy.

Reprising their roles are: James McAvoy as Charles Xavier; Michael Fassbender as Erik Lehnsherr; Jennifer Lawrence as Raven; Nicholas Hoult as Hank McCoy; and Hugh Jackman as Logan. New to this episode are: Oscar Isaac as En Sabah Nur; Rose Byrne as Moira MacTaggart; Evan Peters as Peter Maximoff; Sophie Turner as Jean Grey; Tye Sheridan as Scott Summers; Lucas Till as Alex Summers; and Kodi Smit-McPhee as Kurt Wagner.



KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. **The rising of the Phoenix**
2. **The Wolverine cameo**
3. **Magneto's magnetic destruction**

Jennifer Lawrence returns as Mystique, my personal favorite of the X-Men. She is not as effective in the role as her predecessor, Rebecca Rojmin. Largely due to her contract, Lawrence plays Mystique more as a reluctant hero than a mutant supremacist, and spends more time out of character than as the blue scaly chameleon. Fassbender's Magneto is solid, as always, until the script by Simon Kinberg requires a sudden, but all too expected, change of heart in the climatic reel. The switch is presented as a given, and no rational or logical reason is given for the shift.

The battle with god-like entities is also wearing thin. Damien Darhk became one on this season of ARROW; Vandal Savage was similar in LEGENDS OF TOMORROW; Ichabod Crane battled one on SLEEPY HOLLOW; and THE AVENGERS had to deal with Loki. Makes one wonder what producers in Hollywood fear when the reoccurring theme is one of a returning, vengeful god.

The X-Men franchise is always better with Singer in charge, but the entire prequel trilogy was unnecessary, except for box office bleeding. It only provides manifestation for an already known story.

THE GRADE FOR X-MEN: APOCALYPSE = C

WARCRAFT

WARCRAFT is an enjoyable, fun movie. It's filled with action, fantasy, interesting characters and a decent story. The special effects (SFX) are first rate, it has a rousing score and is exceptionally well paced. It is well worth the price of admission, and will provide a quite enjoyable evening's entertainment.

In the mien of full disclosure, I must admit I have never played the game. I've never even seen the game, know nothing of its characters, storylines nor parameters. I consider this a major advantage, and not a distraction. When DOOM was released, with Dwayne Johnson and Carl Urban, I also knew nothing about the game. As such, I thought the movie was a fairly respectable action sci-fi flick. Afterwards, when I discovered the movie erased all the religious components of the game, I saw the film in a different light, and had to admit the story of the game was considerably better.

So far, I've not talked to anyone about the World of Warcraft game, save to have one person tell me the movie is a bit of a prequel to the game's action. As such, I thoroughly enjoyed this film, even though, given the track record of video games



transformed into movies, I had major reservations going into the theatre.

Technically, WARCRAFT boasts the finest CGI FX of any film I've seen in the past five years. Usually keen on my radar, I spotted no poor matting, proportional distortions, or inappropriate features or movements. This places WARCRAFT higher than the rash of superhero movies of late. Credit Cinematographer and Production Designer Simon Duggan and Gavin Bocquet, respectively, for the film's look and Special Effects Coordinator Jason Smith for making the storyboards succeed. Toss in a rousing orchestral score from Ramin Djawadi and WARCRAFT is a feast for the eyes and ears.



KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. **The mountain summit**
2. **The portal conflict**
3. **The Moses like basket scene.**

The script for WARCRAFT borrows, like most video games do, from various other sources. There is an interplanetary portal, much like STARGATE; it has interspecies love, as happened so often on STAR TREK; and it borrows, literally, the baby in the basket tale of Moses from the Bible, to name a few.

The story, as adapted by Screenwriter and Director Duncan Jones, tells of the peaceful, civilized world of Azeroth. Their world is suddenly thrown into major conflict when the Orcs, whose own world of Draenor, dies. The Orcs decide Azeroth would be an easy place to dominate and establish as a new home. Led by an evil wizard, Gul'dan, played by Daniel Wu, the Orcs invade Azeroth only to find the humans, too, have a powerful wizard to help them in Medivh, played by Ben Foster and his apprentice Khadgar, played by Ben Schnetzer. Led by King Llane Wrynn, played by Dominic Cooper, who is doing a fine job on the AMC series PREACHER in the title role of Jessie Cutler, and Anduin Lothar, played by Travis Fimmel, the war council warrior from Stormwind, the Orcs soon discover the humans are not quite the push-overs originally thought. This causes Gul'dan to show his true colors and the possible evil behind his magic. In turn, dissention grows in the Orc ranks, especially among the members of the Frostwolf clan and its chieftain Durotan, played by Toby Kebbell, and his wife Draka, played by Anna Galvin. While Jones crafts a fine story, it does have a few gaffes.

There is no real ending to the movie. It has a conclusion, but leaves so much more to tell. The set up for further adventures is all too obvious, and with the massive box office draw in China

alone, which was upwards of \$150 million, it appears more of the world of WARCRAFT is most definitely on the way. The ending is also a bit abrupt, with a few transitions that occur without the proper set up. Most glaring is the alteration from Lothar's attempt to rescue the king's body to the altercation with Blackhand, played by Clancy Brown.

If I learn more about the game, it's possible my opinion of WARCRAFT could change. For now, though, I enjoyed the movie and found it quite entertaining. It is exceptionally difficult to create entire new worlds, with new creatures and cultures. This is why most sci-fi novels run 400-500 pages. To convert new worlds and cultures into a 120-page script is not only difficult, but often controversial. WARCRAFT gamers might take a contrary view, but I found the celluloid version to be a lot of fun.

THE RATING FOR WARCRAFT = A

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

As I have stated numerous previous times, I'm not a fan of Kevin Hart's stand-up comedy. I find it provides a few laughs, but not enough for me to consider buying a ticket. His appearance in comedy movies, however, is quite another issue. He is very funny on celluloid, and in his latest escapade, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, he is teamed with Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson creating one of the best comedy teams since Simon Pegg and Nick Frost.

To be certain, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE follows a comedic template and offers nothing new in the formula established for a three act screenplay. In fact, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE follows closely the pattern established in Hart's RIDE ALONG. In that movie, he was the foil, while Ice Cube played the serious straight man. In CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, the roles are reversed; Hart plays it straight and serves as the set up agent, while Johnson is in this solely for laughs. He is exceptionally good. Johnson is proving to be a tour de force in Tinseltown. He can play the protagonist, and antagonist and do comedy with aplomb. Personally, I like when he's the heavy, but in this movie he is funnier than his character Elliot Wilhelm in Gary Gray's BE COOL.

Robert Weirlicht (Johnson) is the high school target. A fat, chubby boy who likes unicorns and dancing, he is bullied by nearly everyone, save the most popular kid in the school, Calvin Joyner (Hart) the Golden Jet, who captains every sports team and is voted most likely to succeed.

After a rather embarrassing moment at the high school senior assembly, Weirlicht disappears for twenty years. He reunites with Joyner years later as Bob Stone, revealing himself as a CIA operative, trying to save the civilized world. Together, the two former school mates are placed on a knife edge of deception



and delirium.

Starring with Johnson and Hart are Amy Ryan, as Agent Pamela Harris, who is convinced Stone is a rogue agent; Danielle Nicolet as Maggie Joyner, Calvin's wife, who thinks Calvin's sudden strange behavior has to do with their failing marriage; and Melissa McCarthy, who makes an uncredited cameo appearance at the film's end.

KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. **The office scene.**
2. **The escape from the safe house.**
3. **The marriage counselor scene.**

Ironically, I was engaged in a discussion just the other day regarding the sad state of comedy films. My argument was that not many comedy films today have enduring qualities, like the Peter Sellers PINK PANTHER series. Those films still illicit guffaws, decades after they were made. Nothing by today's comedy stars, Sandler, Ferrell, Rogen and others of their ilk, can compare. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE may be the exception to the maxim. Ike Barinholtz has penned a script devoid of juvenile bathroom humor and political commentary, enabling the laughs to last for years.

Hart and Johnson have great timing and work well together. It's a partnership we should see again. If you're looking for an evening of laughs, you can't miss with CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE GRADE FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE = B



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Ken with his newest addition. His grandson Silas brings a smile to his heart. The Cyberknife treatment he received made it possible for him to be here for his arrival.

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Ken, his wife Becky and the Parme family are very active with the Pittsburgh Affiliate. Though Ken Parme and his wife Becky have had a bumpy journey, they managed to come together to tell their tale of hope and inspiration in their book *In the Gaze of the Divine: Life With Pancreatic Cancer*.

Pancreatic cancer surpassed breast cancer this year to become the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. The five-year survival is just 8 percent.

Ken Parme, a 4.5 year pancreatic cancer survivor and Affiliate Chair of the Pittsburgh Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, knows how blindsided a pancreatic cancer diagnosis can be.

"I ate right and I exercised, I was healthy," explained Parme. "Then I started to feel fatigued during casual walks with my wife. It was then, I knew something wasn't quite right."

Parme sought counsel from his doctor, who diagnosed him with diabetes. But the diagnosis didn't feel right to Parme's wife, Becky. Becky immediately got him in to see an endocrinologist for a second opinion.

"It's a good thing my wife convinced me to do this," said Parme. "My wife saved my life."

Parme was diagnosed with inoperable locally advanced pancreatic adenocarcinoma in January of 2012. This tumor was blocking his bile duct and causing jaundice. Shortly after his diagnosis, he underwent a surgical procedure called the Cyberknife, in which gold rods were implanted in his pancreas enabling his radiation treatments to target his tumor without damaging surrounding tissue. Thanks to treatments like this one, Parme has survived and is approaching the five-year survival rate with hopes to beat the odds.

Ken's daughter Amanda was looking up pancreatic cancer information online, when she came across the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. The organization is a nationwide network of people dedicated to working together to advance research, support patients and create hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer. After seeing too little progress in pancreatic cancer survival in over half a century, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network put a stake in the ground to double pancreatic cancer survival by 2020.

Now as an avid supporter and the newly appointed Advocacy Chair of the Pittsburgh Affiliate, Parme encourages patients and their loved ones to contact Patient Central, a free program that provides free resources and hope. Patient Central Associates can provide information on treatment

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options, including clinical trials, personalized medicine services, diet and nutrition, and more. "When you're diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, time is of the essence and you have to be to be your own advocate," said Parme. "You need to get as much information as possible and you need to know what options are available to you. Patient Central takes the burden of individual research off of you, and tells you exactly what is available."

The organization's PurpleStride event contribute funds to the Patient Central program, ensuring that patients and their loved ones have access to these important resources. As the Affiliate Chair for the Pittsburgh Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Parme supports the core role volunteer leaders that work together to plan PurpleStride Pittsburgh.

PurpleStride Pittsburgh 2016, presented by HM Insurance, and will take place on August 13, at the North Shore Riverfront Park.

The 5k run/walk will be one of over 50 PurpleStride events that will take place across the country. These events range in size from brief walks to longer timed-runs, but they all share one common goal - to end pancreatic cancer. PurpleStride events raise awareness about the critical mission of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, and gives local residents the opportunity to help make strides toward a better future. The events also contribute millions of dollars towards the organization's mission to advance research, support patients and create hope.

For participants, it is a journey toward hope that is filled with inspiration. It is a time to honor loved ones fighting pancreatic cancer. It is a day when all of the family and friends of pancreatic cancer patients can come together in solidarity and gain both comfort and encouragement.

Parme said, "If I were to say what is important about PurpleStride it would be 2 things: Purple Stride helps to raise awareness of this disease. So much of the population is uneducated on pancreatic cancer, because no one much hears about it unless you've lost someone you love to it. Raising awareness is important, because of the dire need for funding to eradicate this disease. The more people know, the more they are willing to help." For more information go to purplestride.org/pittsburgh.



Shenanigan's..... New Look and Now... Non Smoking!



Shenanigan's Sports Bar and Grill is now smoke free, however, they are still smoker friendly with a great new outdoor patio, showcasing 2 huge HD TV's, plenty of outdoor seating and a very expansive gorgeous fire pit. In addition, they are planning to cover the outdoor patio for winter to accommodate smokers. The best of both worlds and hands down the greatest sports bar in North Hills!

Once you step inside you will quickly notice all the great changes and renovations with new windows making the interior bright and inviting; new flooring, carpeting, paint, an expanding dining area to enhance your dining experience in their new smoke free bar and restaurant. Plus a new expanded menu will be coming soon, watch for it next month as we tempt you with



great additions to their original menu which still has plenty of great choices; from appetizers, salads, pizza, wings, sandwiches, hand cut fries and so much more offering something for everyone at great family affordable pricing and Shenanigans always serves generous portions. So, if you've never tried Shenanigan's food, trust us, you just don't know what you're missing. Great food, service, daily drink specials and your favorite sports on their 21 HD TV's. Plus on Pirate game days Miller 32 ounce mugs are only \$3.50. Wednesday's all drafts are only \$3.00 plus Wednesday's are Wing Night with 40 cent wings that are available in over 30 flavors. The best wings in the North Hills, finger licking good!! Friday's Coors Lite Bottles are \$2.00 all day and Blue Moon for only \$3.00 from 9p-11p.

Happy hour is Mondays through Fridays 5pm-7pm featuring ½ price drafts, \$5.00 appetizers, \$1.00 Off wines, spirits and



cocktails.

Shenanigan's is a great place to stop whether you're out for a team ball game or coming from a pro game, stop by and enjoy dinner, great drinks, outdoor patio and play some corn hole if you like. Shenanigan's has it all for all ages, teams, parties or even corporate/work events! Shenanigan's always offers great daily drink specials! Stop in and check them out and be sure and tell them Nightwire sent you.

Besides great food and atmosphere, Shenanigan's also has 21 HD TV's, 2 Pool Tables, Darts, Golden Tee Golf, Touch Tunes and Mega Touch making it truly a great destination location. Shenanigan's Bar and Grill is located minutes from downtown and I279 in the heart of North Hills on Babcock Blvd with plenty of free parking. Open daily at 3pm - Saturdays and Sundays at noon with their kitchen always open till 1am.



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Red, White and Beer

Celebrate Craft Beer Independence with These Patriotic Brews

by Brian Meyer

Independence. It's something that we often take for granted unless the calendar falls on July 4th, and even then this patriotic holiday often celebrates fireworks and cookouts more than independence and freedom. One place that independence is never taken for granted however is in the craft beer world. Craft brewers large and small all share one thing in common: their independence from being ruled by someone in a far-away castle.

Craft brewers are, at their core, fiercely independent. It's what makes craft beer so unique and so special. While you should support your local brewer every day of the year, the summer and more specifically our Independence day, make for a perfect time to try a few of your favorite craft beers and even try a few you haven't had before.

Check out our choices for patriotic craft beers below, and remember that independence isn't something to be taken lightly, just like craft beer.



Stoudts Brewing Company

It's hard to find a more American beer than an American Pale Ale, but Stoudts Brewing found a way to do just that, they put their refreshing APA into a red, white, and blue-labeled bottle with a vintage-inspired flag right on the front. If that's not celebrating independence, I don't know what is.

This hoppy session ale features a crisp, medium body with a light amber color. The hop kick comes to us thanks to Warrior and Cascade hops, giving the beer enough bitterness to be refreshing while hanging on to a vibrant citrus aroma.

Grab a few of these 5.1% ABV beauties for your 4th of July festivities as well as for anything else you do throughout the year, as Stoudts APA is thankfully a year-round beer.

Victory Brewing Company

Founded in Downingtown, Pennsylvania in 1996, Victory Brewing is a welcome constant in a world of constant change in the craft beer world. Both HopDevil and Festbier were part of the initial lineup of beers offered by Victory, are still available today. Along with these two staples of their lineup, Victory Brewing offers a variety of beers both seasonally and year round.

Most notably for the warmer weather from Victory are their lighter-bodied refreshing beers including the always popular



Summer Love, a 5.2% ABV golden ale that features whole flower hops paired with imported 2-row German malt. Another great summertime offering from Victory is their Cage Radler. Radlers are beers that mix fruit juice and lager beer to give you something that's refreshing without being overly sweet. Cage Radler comes in at 3% ABV and features the light, dry taste you expect from a lager while adding in the tartness and refreshing nature of fresh lemon.

Straub Brewery

What's more American than being the best at something? Recently the World Beer Cup was held and Pennsylvania's very own Straub Brewery walked away from the worldwide event with a bronze medal for their Kolsch.

What better time to celebrate their win than during July when we're celebrating the independence that helped them be in business since 1872.

Their award-winning Kolsch is available starting in the spring and typically hangs around through some of the summer months, too. This 5% ABV beer is crisp, malty, and has just a hint of fruitiness on the finish.

Their Kolsch shouldn't cast a shadow on their always available Lager and Amber. These beers, both available in summer-friendly cans, are quite possibly the perfect beer for a hot day of yardwork or cooking out. It doesn't get much more independent than this.

Bell's Brewery

Much like most other breweries, there's a great story behind the start of Bell's Brewery. Started 30 years ago in Kalamazoo, Michigan by Larry Bell, the brewery began as a passion project that quickly became a great example of the American dream. Fast-forward from the early 80's back to today and Bell's Brewery makes some of the best craft beer around.

Take for example their Oberon American Wheat Ale. The brewers at Bell's took a beer style that was popular for generations in Europe and gave it an American kick that helps

solidify the American Wheat Ale as our very own. This 5.8% ABV beer features spicy hop character with mild fruity aromas. The addition of wheat malt to the brew gives this beer a smooth mouthfeel while staying refreshing. While there's a lot of spicy tastes in this beer, it's all from the brewing process and the four basic ingredients that make beer great: water, malt, hops, and yeast.

Bell's Brewery was the first craft brewery east of the Rockies, and 30 years after opening their doors, is a staple of the craft beer world, helping to keep craft beer Independent and strong.



Jack's Cider

What started as a family farm in Gettysburg, PA is today a surprisingly amazing farm-to-table cider producer that has as big of a focus on family today as they did when they turned their first apples into cider.

Hailing from a place that independence isn't only valued, but was fiercely fought to obtain, Jack's Cider makes crisp, refreshing hard ciders that don't rely on being overly sweet to be delicious.

Their most popular ciders are definitely the Jack's Cider and their Helen's Blend. While Jack's is nice and dry, Helen's Blend is off-dry, giving it a taste that's universally loved.

Smuttynose Brewing Company

It's hard to find a better example of our independence than New England during the Revolutionary War. It was from this collection of states that the revolution truly began and our independence was fought for and ultimately won.

Smuttynose Brewing calls New England and specifically Hampton New Hampshire home. As with the other breweries in our list Smuttynose Brewing is fiercely independent and makes some pretty amazing beers.

While Smuttynose Brewing produces great beer both seasonally and year round, it's their most popular beers that keep us coming back from more. Take for example their Finestkind IPA. This 6.9% ABV beer comes in at just over 73 IBUs, giving it enough bitterness to make it stand out as a quality bitter IPA while staying surprisingly refreshing.

Dogfish Head Brewery

1995 was a special year for craft beer. It was this year that Sam Calagione opened the doors to Dogfish Head Brewery, originally located in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. From the single storefront in the small beach town Sam was able to grow Dogfish Head into one of the largest craft breweries in the United States today.

When it comes to solid, consistent craft beer it's hard to beat Dogfish Head. Their 60 Minute IPA is a staple of craft beer and more often than not is the entry point for many people not only into the world of IPAs, but to the world of craft beer as a whole. 60 Minute IPA comes in at 6% ABV and 60 IBUs, and is continually hopped over the entire 60-minute boil process.

While 60 Minute may be their best-selling beer, Dogfish Head is known for exercising their independence by producing some of the weirdest and wildest craft beers available today. With ingredients ranging from the mild peaches, grapes, and pumpkin to the wild like wattleseed, amaranth, rooibos tea, and even some myrica gale, Dogfish Head is definitely not afraid to experiment.

Voodoo Brewery

Without our veterans we wouldn't have very much independence to speak of at all. This may be why the craft beer world is filled with veterans both owning breweries and working for them. This is just as true locally as it is nationally, and one of the best examples of this is the fine folks at Voodoo Brewery. Originally founded by Matthew Allyn, a USAF veteran, and run by an Army vet, the company actually recently became one of the smallest employee-owned businesses in the country.

Voodoo Brewery touts an extremely impressive lineup of beers ranging from their outstanding barrel-aged beers to their impressive year-round lineup. Hoodoo IPA is one of Voodoo Brewery's most impressive beers, and for good reason. This 7.3% IPA features seven different varieties of hops and while the beer is impressively bitter, it still features notes of maltiness and even a slight fruity candy finish.

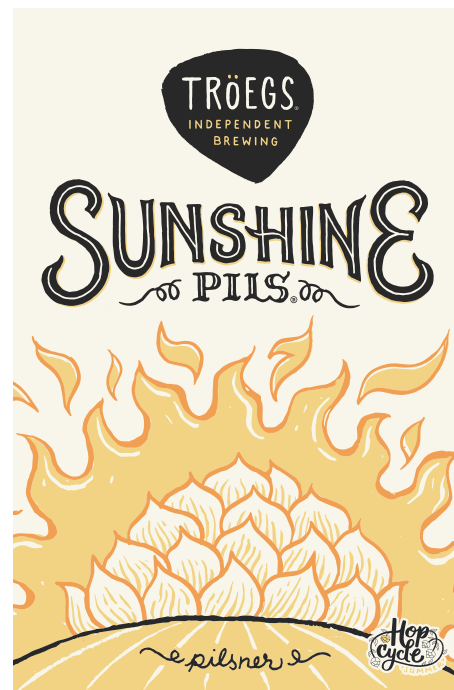
Tröegs Independent Brewing

Finishing out our list is a brewery that believes so much in being independent that they included it in the brewery's name.

Tröegs Independent Brewing is based out of Hershey, Pennsylvania and makes a lineup of beers that stands out in an industry that can be tough to impress.

The warmer months are the perfect time to enjoy a Tröegs beer, as their nearly perfect Sunshine Pils makes its appearance. This 4.5% ABV beer is light in body but big on flavor and character.

Whether you're porch-sitting, grass cutting, or just kicking back and relaxing, Tröegs Sunshine Pils is exactly what this summer needs.



All of these beers and more are available in and around the Pittsburgh area from Vecenie Distributing.



SPORTS:

Are the Penguins Primed to Repeat?

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine
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One for the thumb. An iconic cry that took 25 years to be assuaged by the Steelers. Now it belongs to the Penguins. After increasing the major professional sport championship tally in Pittsburgh to 15 with the franchise's fourth Stanley Cup victory, the city's hockey team faces the question every title winner does. Can they repeat?



The entry draft doesn't have any bearing on the Penguins chance of delivering back-to-back championships, but the action – or inaction – on the floor between front offices can have a major impact. This year, Penguins General Manager Jim Rutherford did move the oft-injured winger, 24-year-old Beau Bennett, who couldn't stay on the ice long enough to live up to the expectations of a first round draft choice. The man who selected him back in 2010, Ray Shero, believes his upside is worth the third round pick he gave up to make him a New Jersey Devil, although the Penguins won't miss him. In 33 games this past season, Beau had just 12 points. Rutherford said the team has "guys ahead of him and guys that can skate, puck pressure guys." When asked what went into the decision to move Bennett, he said "after we looked at our team and talked to the coaching staff about who fits, it became more apparent that Beau wasn't going to fit with us going forward."

The move that wasn't made at the draft in Buffalo might shape the chances of a repeat, however. Despite the buzz surrounding a possible trade, Marc Andre Fleury remains in black and Pittsburgh gold. Rutherford said that they'd rather

start the season with both Fleury and Matt Murray between the pipes. "That's been our preference since the end of the season. Unless something really strange happens, that's what we're going to stick to." How will the dynamic of having a Stanley Cup winning goalie duo play out? It's been well-documented how well Fleury adapted to his role of support staff in the playoffs and being awarded the Players' Player Award for two years in a row tells you all you need to know about his dedication to the team. But can a net minder by committee approach work for a full season? We'll just have to wait and see.

We won't have to wait long to see how free agency plays out – the signing period begins July 1 - While Rutherford said the team probably has around \$1 million to play with before bumping up against the slightly increased \$73 million salary cap, they won't be doing much. Unlike many Stanley

Cup winners, the Penguins have the majority of their players signed next year and beyond. Arguably the biggest difference maker last season, Carl Hagelin is inked through 2018-19. Having defenseman Trevor Daley under team control for at least one more year is huge because the Penguins are likely to lose both veteran blueliner Ben Lovejoy and the offensive minded defensive play of Justin Schultz in free agency. Teams will overpay championship players and the Pens aren't in a position to compete with those deals.

The gritty Patric Hornqvist and Eric Fehr are signed for two more years as are the trio of Wilkes-Barre call ups turned everyday NHL players – Scott Wilson, Bryan Rust and Tom Kuhnhackl. Connor Sheary has another year on the books and a couple of exciting, young, up and coming forwards, Oskar Sundqvist and Daniel Sprong are primed to make their mark. While we haven't seen what former first







round pick, defenseman Derrick Pouliot is fully capable of, underestimating the blue line of the Penguins is dangerous business. Just ask the Rangers, Capitals, Lightning and Sharks. A key re-signing that will continue to improve the defense, and is probably flying under the radar, will be that of assistant coach Jacques Martin. Rutherford has offered a contract extension to the defensive specialist and keeping him on staff will help with continuity as some of the players will change on the backend. With a strong sense of identity to start the season under their stalwart head coach Mike Sullivan, the chances of deep playoff run next year are high.

The Penguins are the early favorites to win the Stanley Cup but repeating will be tough. A bullseye will be firmly on their backs as reigning champs. It's been nearly 20 years since the last time a team won back-to-back titles. The Detroit Red Wings did it in 1997-98 and of course, Mario Lemieux led the Penguins to repeat Cups in 1991-92. If Sidney Crosby and gang can accomplish it, the "one for the thumb" wait won't be long.

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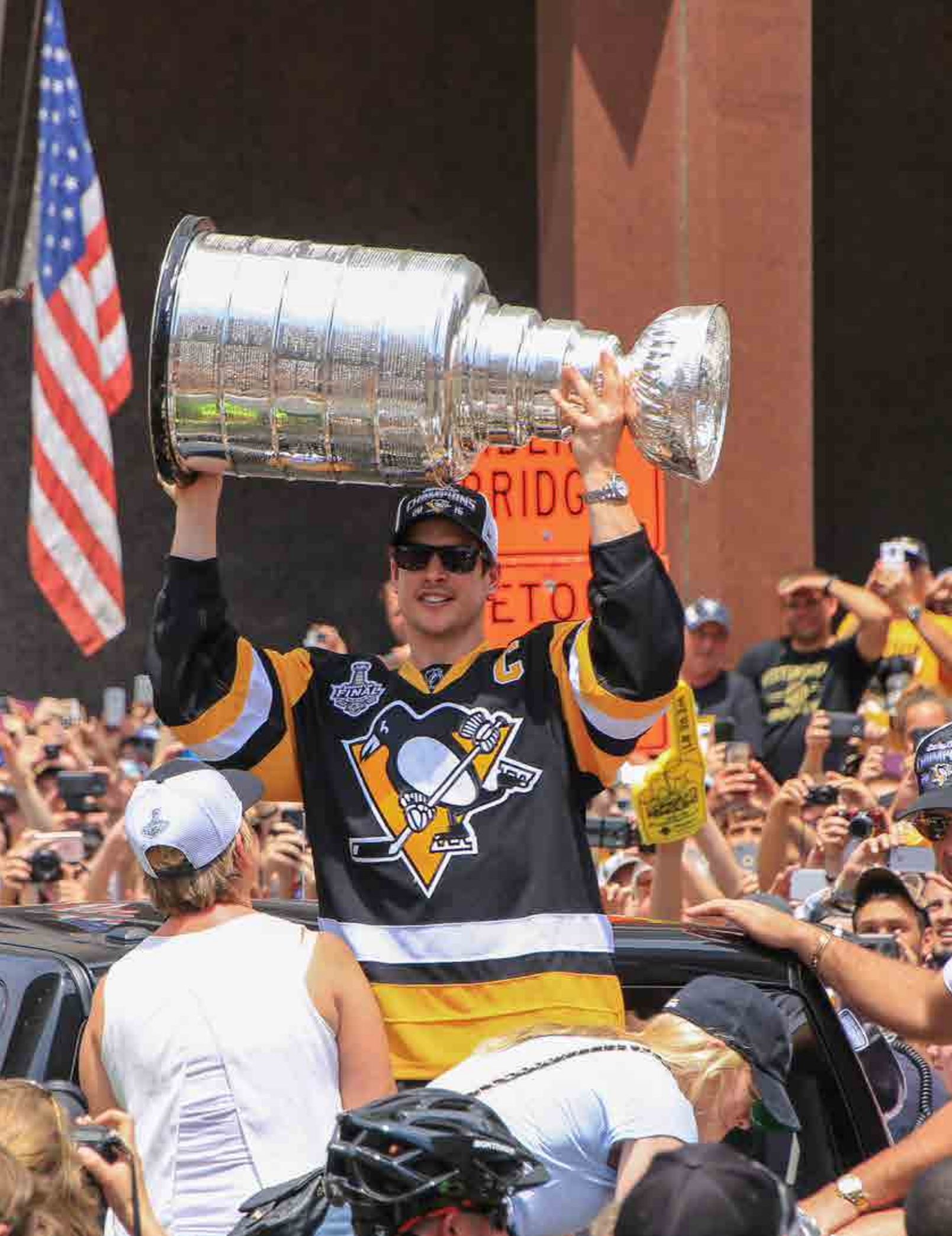
















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AND AT THE SAME TIME, YOU MUST ALSO:

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

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

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

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT:

54. Never to forget:

* birthdays

* anniversaries

* arrangements she makes

HOW TO MAKE A MAN HAPPY:

1. Be naked

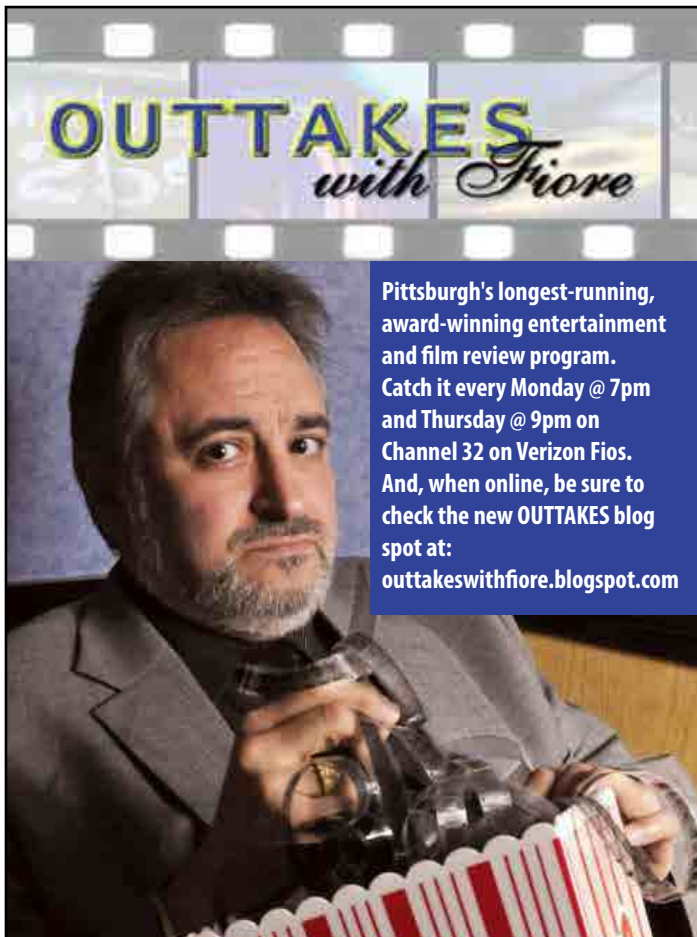
2. Bring food

Is this where we all are headed?

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

THE PRIEST AND CUSTOMS:

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



Why not make some summer memories with a new family member?



My name is Millie and I'm a 9 year old Hound/Terrier mix. I'm a very sweet girl and I have the silliest personality! Since I was found as a stray, the nice people here at the shelter aren't sure how I would do in a home with children but they can see I'd be great with other dogs! I ride well in a car and still have tons of energy.



My name is Prince and I'm a 5 year old black and white short hair cat. I'm a very loving boy and I love to take naps! I like to tell you all about my day, too, so be ready to sit back and listen! I would be great in a home with other cats, dogs and children of all ages.



My name is Penny and I'm a 5 year old grey tabby with the sweetest face! I was brought to the shelter as a stray and haven't had any problems adjusting to my surroundings. I get along with other cats and children but we're unsure of dogs right now. I love to look out the window and lay on the cat trees.



My name is Puffy D and I'm an 8 year old American Eskimo Dog. I'm very sweet and love to cuddle. I'm a diabetic, so my new owners will have to be comfortable tending to my medical needs. I would be great in a home with other dogs and kids of all ages.

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Humor

Senior Living

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

old goat! What does Ethel have that I don't have?" Harold smiled happily and replied, "Parkinson's"

QUOTES ON SEX:

- "A really hard laugh is like sex—one of the ultimate diversions of existence."
- "If sex isn't a joke, what is?"
- "I'm a terrible lover. I've actually given a woman an anti-climax."
- "Anyone who says that gratuitous sex is no substitute for gratuitous violence obviously hasn't had enough gratuitous sex."
- "I love sex. It's free and doesn't require special shoes."
- "Despite a lifetime of service to the cause of sexual liberation, I have never caught venereal disease, which makes me feel rather like an Arctic explorer who has never had frostbite."
- "I think sex is better than logic, but I can't prove it."
- "Housework is like bad sex. Every time I do it I swear I will never do it again. Until the next time company comes."
- "During sex I fantasize that I'm someone else."



The advertisement for Blackwhale Design features a central graphic of a computer monitor displaying a stylized black whale with a red flame coming out of its mouth. To the left of the monitor is a collage of various design projects, including a 'SCOA' logo, a 'SPAGHETTI WESTERN SALOON' sign, and a 'EAT Drink MARRIED' sign. Above the collage, the text 'BLACKWHALE DESIGN' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with 'Graphic Design' in a large, red, serif font below it. At the bottom of the advertisement, the text 'LOGOS | WEB DESIGN | FLYERS | T-SHIRTS' is written in a black, sans-serif font, and the website 'www.blackwhaledesign.com' is displayed in a white, sans-serif font on a red background.

- "The only difference between friends and lovers is about four minutes."
- "There's nothing inherently dirty about sex, but if you try real hard and use your imagination you can overcome that."
- "For flavor, instant sex will never supersede the stuff you have to peel and cook."
- "Nothing makes you forget about love like sex."
- "I read so many bad things about sex that I had to give up reading."
- "Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them."
- "I'm a great lover, I'll bet."
- "Just saying 'no' prevents teenage pregnancy the way 'Have a nice day' cures chronic depression."
- "I like my sex the way I play basketball, one on one with as little dribbling as possible." "I have no luck with women. I once went on a date and asked the woman if she'd brought any protection. She pulled a switchblade on me."
- "Science is a lot like sex. Sometimes something useful comes of it, but that's not the reason we're doing it."
- "Sex is identical to comedy in that it involves timing."
- "One half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other."
- "If sex doesn't scare the cat, you're not doing it right."
- "Sex is good, but not as good as fresh sweet corn."
- "I've tried several varieties of sex. The conventional position makes me claustrophobic and the others give me a stiff neck or lockjaw."

MEMORIAL STONE

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



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KEEPING YOUTH

Q: How does a man keep his youth?

A: By giving her money, furs and diamonds.

BIG PEOPLE WORDS

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

MEN AND BULBS

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

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

VERSES

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

APPREHENDED

A mild-mannered man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration and flipping him a bird and shaking her fist as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to

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the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!"

CURSED

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

BLEEDER

A streetwalker was visiting her doctor for a regular check-up.

"Any specific problems you should tell me about?" the doctor asked. "Well, I have noticed lately that if I get even the tiniest cut, it seems to bleed for hours," she replied. "Do you think I might be a hemophiliac?" "Well," the doctor answered, "Hemophilia is a genetic disorder and it is more often found in men, but it is possible for a woman to be a hemophiliac. Tell me, how much do you lose when you have your period?" the doctor inquired. After calculating for a moment the hooker replied, "Oh, about seven or eight hundred dollars, I guess!"

KEEPING PURE

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

THE CALLER

"Hello?" the child says on the phone. "Hi, honey, this is Daddy. Is Mommy near the phone?" "No, Daddy," says the litter girl. "She's



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upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul." After a brief pause, Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul." "Oh, yes I do, and he's upstairs in the room with Mommy, right now." Dad takes a deep breath. "Okay then, this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down, run upstairs, knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mommy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway." "Okay, Daddy, just a minute," says the little girl. A few minutes later, the little girl comes back to the phone. "I did it, Daddy." "What happened, honey?" he asks. "Well, Mommy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all." "Oh, my God! What about your Uncle Paul?" asks Dad in a panic. "He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on, too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out all the water last week to clean the pool. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead." There's a long pause on the phone. Then Daddy says, "Swimming pool? Is this 486-5731?"

LOST INTELLIGENCE

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


A: Divorced.

CATS AND DOGS

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

ROAD TRIP

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



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USELESS TRIVIA:

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- "M*A*S*H" was the first studio film to use the "f" word.
- Gorilla penises are just one-third the size of an average man's.
- The first magician to saw a woman in half was Count de Grisley. He did the famous illusion in 1799.
- At one time, Baskin Robbins made ketchup ice cream.
- It's against the law to ride a tricycle faster than 10 m.p.h. in Vancouver, Canada.
- In 1856, the German poet Heinrich Heine died and left everything to his wife on the condition that she remarry so that, in his words, "there will be at least one man to regret my death."
- Antarctica is the only land on Earth not owned by any country.
- Giraffes are the only animals born with horns.
- The only U.S. city that can be spelled entirely with vowels is Aiea, Hawaii.
- According to experts, the more sex you have, the more sex you are likely to be offered. That's because the sexually active body gives off greater quantities of pheromones.
- Rembrandt painted more than 50 portraits of himself.
- The largest religious building in the world is a Hindu temple, Angkor Wat, in Cambodia.
- There is just one Q in a Scrabble game.
- When Captain Cook visited Tonga in 1777, he met King Fatafehi Paulah. The king had the responsibility of deflowering all the girls in his kingdom. It is believed he deflowered more than 37,000 girls during his lifetime.
- Marilyn Monroe's real name was Norma Jean Mortenson.
- The Pentagon, located in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as it needs. When it was built, in the 1940s, Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.
- The average American drinks about 600 sodas a year.

OLD GEEZER

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

Tom thought this was a good idea and said he would look for one that afternoon. About four months later, the banker ran into Tom in town again. "How's the new wife?" asked the banker. Tom proudly said, "Oh, she's pregnant." The banker, happy that his sage advice had worked out, continued, "And how's the hired hand?" Without hesitating, Tom said, "She's pregnant too."

Adult Fairy Tale

PINOCCHIO had a human girlfriend who would sometimes complain about splinters when they were having sex. Pinocchio, therefore, went to visit Gepetto to see if he could help. Gepetto suggested he try a little sandpaper wherever indicated and Pinocchio skipped away enlightened. A couple weeks later, Gepetto saw Pinocchio bouncing happily through town and asked him, "How's the girlfriend?" Pinocchio replied, "Who needs a girlfriend?"

Retirement planning:

If you had purchased \$1,000.00 of Nortel stock three years go, it would now be worth \$49.00.

With Enron, you would have had \$16.50 left of the original \$1,000.00.

With WorldCom, you would have had less than \$5.00 left.

But, if you had purchased \$1,000.00 worth of beer three years ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminum recycling REFUND, you would have had \$614.00. Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle. It's called the 401-Keg Plan.

Here's your totally useless fact of the day:

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

1. Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
5. The main reason Santa's so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
6. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
7. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
8. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
9. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?



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10. Is there another word for synonym?
11. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
12. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
13. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
14. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
15. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
16. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
17. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
18. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to start speaking?
19. Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
20. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
21. What was the best thing before sliced

- bread?
22. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
23. Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
24. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
25. How is it possible to have a civil war?
26. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown, too?

JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

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

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad

scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her funeral, it read "they didn't want to take me out when I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

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

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

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

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well,

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you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values. Stu said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, Did you?" Leroy replied, "I'm not sure, What was her maiden name?"

A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?" The father replied. "Well son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine"

"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce Court Judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week," "That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

A doctor examined a woman, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all." "Me neither doc," said the husband. "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

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

This guy had met his wife at a bar where she was wearing the tightest pants he's ever seen. At that time his curiosity got the best of him, so he walked over and asked her, "How do you get into those pants?" She had looked him and replied "Well, you could start by buying me a drink."

Moe: "My wife got me to believe in religion."
Joe: "Really?"
Moe: "Yeah. Until I married her I didn't believe in hell."

WHAT A WORD!!

A woman arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the gates. She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her. They saw her and began

calling greetings to her "Hello - How are you! We've been waiting for you! Good to see you." When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?" "You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her. "Which word?" the woman asked. "Love." The woman correctly spelled "Love" and Saint Peter welcomed her into Heaven. About a year later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of Heaven for him that day. While the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived. "I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?" "Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the multi-state lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a huge mansion. And, my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation in Cancun and I went water skiing today. I fell and hit my head, and here I am. What a bummer! How do I get in?" "You have to spell a word," the woman told him. "Which word?" her husband asked. "Czechoslovakia." Moral of the story: Never make a woman angry ... there'll be Hell to pay later.

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WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men..." The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time." The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says..... "HEBREWS"

DUSTY UNDERWEAR

One morning a husband took a pair of underwear out of the drawer. "What the ? ? ?" he said to himself as a little "dust" cloud appeared when he shook them out. "April," he hollered into the bathroom, "why did you put talcum powder in my underwear?" She shot back: "It's not talcum powder. It's 'Miracle Grow'."



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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him"

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, She's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood



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on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face..""Yes," the class said."Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet? A little fellow shouted.

"Cause your feet ain't empty."

THE WISDOM OF STEVE WRIGHT!

- 1- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2- Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- 3- Half the people you know are below average.
- 4- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5- 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feels so good.
- 7- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8- If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
- 9- All those who believe in psycho-kinesis, raise my hand.
- 10- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11- I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.
- 12- OK, so what's the speed of dark?

- 13- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 14- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 15- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 16- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 17- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to avoid work.
- 18- Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now.
- 19- I intend to live forever -- so far, so good.
- 20- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 21- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 22- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 23- My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 24- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- 25- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 26- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 27- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 28- The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- 29- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- 30- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 31- The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- 32- The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- 33- Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.

TEXAS TEACHER:

Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. Finally, when the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet. He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. And, once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner they got the boots off and he said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em." Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up the grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."



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