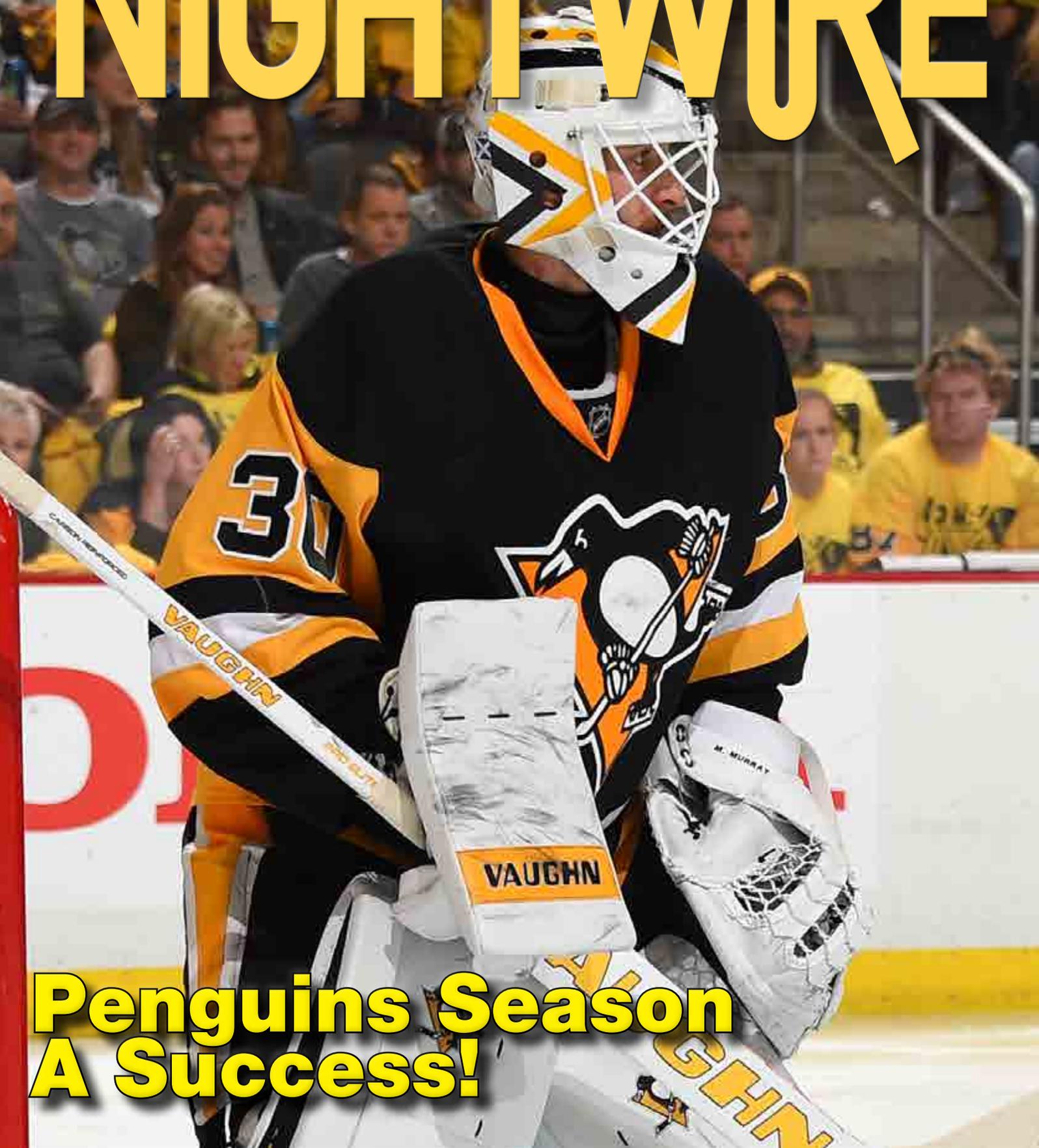


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SPORTS:

Penguins Season a Success - Stanley Cup or Not

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine
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Perspective is hard. Especially in the aftermath of a blown game five that changed the tide of the Eastern Conference Finals. In the aftermath of a game where the defense snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, with your superstar blue liner leading the meltdown. In the aftermath of your franchise goalie looking like a shell of his team MVP self in his first start in over fifty days. So many questions. So many rubberneckers looking in the rearview mirror wondering how the momentum shifted so quickly. So many opportunities missed. But that's where we are at the time of this writing.

We're at a place where the Penguins lost their first game of the season when leading after two periods, after being 46-0 in that situation. Bad timing to say less than the least. We're at a place where they've lost two games in a row for the first time since mid-January, before the "H" of the HBK line was donning the Pittsburgh sweater. Carl Hagelin has never experienced back to back losses as a Penguin. Until now. We're at a place where the offseason is staring the NHL's hottest team coming into the playoffs in the face. Offering to caddy for their first round of golf. And it stinks.

The good news is that when we look at the big picture, this

season has been awesome. We'll already know whether or not the Penguins rallied to win the Prince of Wales trophy by the time you read this. Heck, they may have already won the Cup! Then of course, this season was successful. Duh. But regardless of the outcome, being one of four teams still skating late in May when the hockey world was wondering if they'd even make it to their tenth consecutive postseason back in January, is fantastic. When General Manager Jim Rutherford fired Mike Johnston, would you have signed up for making it to the conference finals? You bet your ice you would have.

It's been well documented that after a bit of a transition period to implement schemes, identify an identity and develop relationships so players bought into a singular focus, that the team's bounce back coincided with Mike Sullivan taking over as head coach. Sidney Crosby skyrocketed up the points chart with 66 points in 54 games to end the season with the third most in the NHL and overall, the Penguins scored more than any other team since the Sully takeover. The controversial acquisition of Phil Kessel started paying dividends and the promotion of several AHL players energized the veterans, bridging the injury induced roster gaps. And when you sit back and see how



Rutherford has set up the team for the next couple of years, you've got to like what you see.

This season has laid the framework for the Penguins to be Stanley Cup contenders for the next several years. Back in November and December, talk of the championship window closing was easy to find and now it's firmly open again for business. The big trade that cemented the team's speed persona will pay off for the next three seasons, as Carl Hagelin is signed through 2018-19. The deal for defenseman Trevor Daley reinforced the puck moving, north-south identity and he is under team control for at least one more year and maybe more if they extend his contract. Daley's contribution to the success of this team was made evident after he was lost for the remainder of the playoffs after breaking his ankle in game four of the conference finals. 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. Oskar Sundqvist and Daniel Sprong are exciting young forwards that bode well for the coming seasons and we

haven't seen the best from former first round pick, defenseman Derrick Pouliot.

While a goalie controversy was born in the playoffs, the fact





of the matter remains that the Penguins have two above average net minders that are more than competent between the pipes. Many teams are still looking for one. And of course, the lines remain strong up the middle with Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin leading the way.

No matter how the 2016 playoffs played out, we can rejoice in a season revived, a head coach discovered and a plan in place for consistent Cup contention. Now that's a perspective we can all enjoy.

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Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents - Venus in Fur

Set during a theatrical audition, this eerie and erotic dark comedy by David Ives gives dominance and submission a few rousing twists.

Pittsburgh Public Theater presents the Pittsburgh premiere of David Ives' Broadway hit, *Venus in Fur*. Directed by Jesse Berger, Artistic Director of New York's Red Bull Theater, *Venus in Fur* runs June 2 – 26, 2016 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org.

Long before *Fifty Shades of Grey* became a sensation, Leopold von Sacher-Masoch wrote an erotic novel called *Venus in Furs* (plural in his 1870 work). As David Ives' play begins, Thomas (Christian Conn), a young director/writer, has adapted that book for the stage. He has spent the day auditioning actresses for his play, *Venus in Fur*, but no star was found.

As Thomas is about to leave, Vanda (Whitney Maris Brown), bursts in out of a thunderstorm and wants a tryout. Believing the play to be "basically S&M," Vanda has brought along a dog collar, a leather skirt, and a pair of kinky boots. Self-important Thomas corrects her: "It's a great love story," he says. Eventually Thomas submits to mysterious Vanda's desire and the two read from *Venus in Fur*, becoming the elegant characters Kushemski and Frau Dunayev.

Both on script and off, the audition becomes a steamy cat-and-mouse game for power and control. Art and ethics, lifestyle choices, sexual etiquette, comments about theater, and gender issues are all raised – along with temperatures – in this play described by *The New York Times* as "seriously smart and very funny."

The designers for *Venus in Fur* are David M. Barber (Scenic), Tilly Grimes (Costumes), Peter West (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Casting is by McCorkle Casting and the Production



Stage Manager is Fred Noel.

About the Playwright

David Ives received a Tony Award nomination for *Venus in Fur*, which was produced on Broadway by the Manhattan Theatre Club in 2011. He is especially well known for his evening of one-act plays, *All in the Timing*. He currently lives in New York City.



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Performance Schedule

- Tuesdays at 7 pm.
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- Saturdays June 18 & 25, and Wednesday June 8, at 2 pm.
- Sundays at 2 & 7 pm.
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The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is pleased to announce that the sixth annual Pittsburgh JazzLive International Festival (PJLIF) will now be held June 24-26, 2016. For three-days, internationally-renowned musicians will perform at one of the most highly anticipated festivals in the country in Pittsburgh's Cultural District.

In order to ensure that the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust can deliver the best event experience, including the highest level of participation at the Festival, the dates for the upcoming event are changing for this year only from June 17-19, 2016 to June 24-26, 2016. The U.S. Open is scheduled for the Festival's traditional weekend in June.

Performances will take place in a variety of settings: outdoor stages, ticketed special engagements and indoor "gigs" at over 20 small venues throughout the Cultural District.

PJLIF is a free event that is open to the public. All three outdoor stages, the Artist Market and Crawl are free and open to the public. Ticketed special engagement performances will be taking place indoors. A list of ticketed shows and ticket prices will be announced at a special event at the August Wilson Center on April 30.

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The poster features a yellow background on the left and a red background on the right. On the left, the word 'LIVE' is written in large, bold, black letters, with each letter containing a small photo of a musician. Below this, the text 'JAZZLIVE CRAWL', 'ARTIST BOOTHS', 'JAM SESSIONS', 'VINYL RECORD BOUTIQUE', 'CRAFT BEER', and 'SPIRIT TASTINGS' is listed in white. At the bottom left is the North Coast Brewing logo and the text 'OFFICIAL BEER SPONSOR'. On the right, a list of performing artists is shown in white text: 'THE CHICK COREA TRIO FEATURING BRIAN BLADE, CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE', 'REVIVE BIG BAND', 'EDDIE PALMIERI BIG SALSA ORCHESTRA', 'NU GRID FEATURING JEAN PAUL BOURRELLY & VERNON REID', 'AARON ABERNATHY & THE NAT TURNER BAND', 'DUIKA VIJAY IYER/WADADA LEO SMITH', 'BRIANNA THOMAS', 'TONY DEPAOLIS CONTEMPORARY DYNAMIC', 'JEFF "TAIN" WATTS AND THE BLUE 3', 'DAVINA AND THE VAGABONDS', 'KENIA/ANTONIO ADOLFO', and 'AND MORE...'. The main title 'PITTSBURGH JAZZLIVE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL' is in large white and yellow letters, with 'PITTSBURGH CULTURAL TRUST' in smaller white letters below it. A stylized graphic of a hand holding a vinyl record is on the right. At the bottom right, it says 'Presented by Citizens Bank' and 'June 24 - 26, 2016'. The website 'TRUSTARTS.ORG/JAZZLIVEFEST' is written vertically on the far right.

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Movie Reviews

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE



CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR

It is with trepidation and remorse I write this review for CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR. It's not because the movie is poor. Just the opposite; it is exceptionally well made and entertaining. It is, however, the last Marvel superhero script written before the Disney take-over. This final script, by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, was not completely done when Disney arrived, so it does contain a few Disney agenda inserts, and they are definitely noticeable.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR begins with the aftermath of THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON. In this beginning, the film bears a striking resemblance to DC's BATMAN V. SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE. You simply can't spend millions of dollars on the SFX guys to drop cities out of the sky and not expect people to be injured. Nevermind the Avengers saved the world from two virtual take-overs, people were hurt or killed in the battles and therefore the superhero team must be held accountable.

The governments of the world, or at least 117 of them, decide they can appoint a committee to oversee the Avengers and they will decide when and where their talents are used. Tony Stark, on a guilt trip over the creation of Ultron is all too eager to sign the accord and remove himself from responsibility for the group's actions. Captain America wants no part of it. Thus, we have a chasm in the world of superheroes which results in a momentous battle between, essentially, the word vs. the spirit of the law.

Luckily for all involved, both Thor and Hulk have mysteriously



disappeared. Either one could have tipped the scales in this conflict, but the film did have a budget. This allows Directors Anthony and Joe Russo to concentrate on the feud brewing between Tony Stark and Steve Rogers over the past two Avenger films.

The plot becomes more complicated when Bucky Barnes, the Winter Soldier, is thrown into the mix. Stark wants him prosecuted in lynch mob style, while Rogers is determined to stand by his friend. While Bucky is made the issue, the crux of the problem is really the Avengers' autonomy.

Back for another go-round are: Robert Downey, Jr as Iron Man; Chris Evans as Captain America; Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow; Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye; Paul Bettany as Vision; Don Cheadle as War Machine; Sebastian Stan as Bucky; Paul Rudd as Ant-Man; Elizabeth Olsen as the Scarlet Witch; and Anthony Mackie as Falcon. New to the mix are Tom Holland as Spider-Man, and Chadwick Boseman as Black Panther. Non superhero stars include William Hurt, Martin Freeman, Hope Davis, Alfre Woodard and Marisa Tomei, who is poised to give a whole new persona to Aunt May.

KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. **The opening battle in Lagos**
2. **Chasing Bucky**
3. **Airport tag-team match**

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR boasts spectacular SFX, though a chink in Marvel's armor is showing. The fight sequences are more stilted. Usually, the stars are filmed in key action shots, and then the animators connect the shots to make the sequence. In this movie more than previous endeavors, there is a noticeable difference between the two forms. Trent Opaloch served as Cinematographer, while Owen Paterson handled the production design. Both are quality craftsmen and with a budget upwards of \$250 million, they should not have been hampered. But the writing is already on the wall for Marvel's future under Disney. In this film, the big drag down battle at the airport is not something Geoff Johns would write, but rather something Vince McMahon would orchestrate for Monday Night Raw.

So, we close the book on Marvel's filmmaking, and turn the reigns over to the mouse. The kids will love it.

THE GRADE FOR CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR = B

CRIMINAL

The story is a familiar template, but Kevin Costner's latest action yarn is still worth a look due the incredible talent amassed on screen. The theme of switching bodies or minds is consistent through the past three or four decades, but as Hollywood producers age, the theme is taking on a more serious mien. While CRIMINAL plays on a variation of the theme, it is the movie's star power that propels it to a higher echelon. In addition to Costner, the film features: Tommy Lee Jones; Gary



Oldman; Ryan Reynolds and Gal Gadot. This ensemble cast helps elevate a plot that mixes THE ROCK with SELF/LESS to an enjoyable level.

What helps CRIMINAL work are the character side roads. Jones, normally a fiery, over-the-top character, plays a meek, mild-mannered doctor. Oldman, normally pensive and clever, is impulsive and reactionary; and Costner, who played the hardcore action star in Luc Besson's THREE DAYS TO KILL, now adds the element of criminality.

Jericho Stewart (Costner) is a habitual criminal. He has no sense of right or wrong and experiences no emotions due to an undeveloped left frontal brain lobe. This medical flaw also makes him the perfect candidate when superspy Bill Pope (Reynolds) dies containing key information to avert a worldwide disaster. Through the extensive research of Dr. Franks (Jones), Pope's memories are transplanted into Stewart. Unfortunately, the memory transfer isn't instantaneous, which causes CIA boss Quaker Wells (Oldman) to blow a gasket and gives Stewart trauma as he is exposed to emotions for the first time. The dilemma is similar to the conflict Brent Spiner, as Commander Data, experienced in STAR TREK: NEMISIS.

KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. **Stealing the van.**
2. **The chem lab and the fight with Marta**
3. **The pharmacy**

CRIMINAL is similar to Ryan Reynolds' previous film, SELF/LESS, so it's a little surprising the casting agents opted to use him in this part. While both films have a sci-fi feel, this one is less in the fantasy field. Somehow, perhaps through watching too many movies on the Syfy Channel, swapping someone's thoughts seems more realistic than putting someone's mind into a new body.

The film has an incredibly paced conclusion. Credit Editor Danny Rafic with a final reel that makes many amends for the sluggishness of the film's midsection. Screenwriter Douglas Cook takes considerable time in character development and as such, drags the film during the second act, something Syd Field would not find amusing. The other script flaw is the choice of Jordi Molla as Xavier Heimdahl, the antagonist. He is a Spanish anarchist. Spain, re-



ally? Of all the countries currently in the "We hate America" group, we're supposed to believe Spain is a threat? When the doomsday software goes on the open market, one can readily understand Russia being a prime bidder; but to have Spain outwit both superpowers, exuding levels of world dominance worthy of James Bond's arch nemesis SPECTRE, is stretching credulity a bit far.

These minor flaws aside, CRIMINAL uses its stars as a crutch and carries formulaic thriller material to an enjoyable level. The stars seem to know they are working with average material, and turn things up a notch, as Emeril would say, to make sushi out of raw fish.

THE GRADE FOR CRIMINAL = B

SUNDOWN

Pantelion Company is releasing a film with two major purposes; to highlight Mexican filmmakers and to spotlight dance DJs. Let's address them in order.

Director Fernando Lebrija and Screenwriter Miguel Tejada-Flores (yes, there are dreaded three name people even south of the border) present a movie that is a combination of BEACH BLANKET BINGO and HANGOVER. The plot is a rehash of a multitude of spring break movies, with a cutting adult edge. Unfortunately, the adult edge, outside of sexual misunderstandings, is questionable.

Logan and Blake, played by Devon Werkheiser and Sean Marquette respectively, opt to ignore parent's admonitions and directives and scoot off to Puerto Vallarta for spring break. Their



quest for a hedonistic adventure fails dismally when Logan loses his family heirloom Rolex watch to a minor Mexican bandit. Here, the story dips, as Jordi Molla, playing the antagonist, is no one to be taken seriously. He would be more fitting in a PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR movie. In typical teen spring break flicks, the boys opt to regain the Rolex, have their sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, and still escape from Mexico in one piece, all while finding the meaning of true love.

Added into this predictable template comedy are Camilla Belle as Logan's love interest, and Silverio Palacios, who is quite notable as Chuy, as hustling cab driver, related to everyone in town.

KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

1. The Rolex showdown
2. The morning after discovery
3. The dognapping

As stated above, the second primary purpose for this film is to highlight dance music and the DJs who create nightclub fervor. Steve Aoki, Paul Oakenfold, Chris Lake and Adrian Lux all make cameo roles in SUNDOWN. The DJs only appear as themselves, spinning the turntables, just as bands appeared with Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon in the BEACH BLANKET summer flicks of generations past. Of course, those films were wholesome fun and didn't need transvestite humor to carry a sequence. In addition to the spinmeisters, SUNDOWN features the music of Kaskade, Above & Beyond, Parachute Youth, Mana, Los Jao, Tokimosta, Bloodybeatroots, Fedde Le Grand, Hardwell and the Mexican Institute of Sound. This is certainly not a Woodstock line-up.

If you're into the nightclub dance scene, there will be value in seeing some top spinners and mixers doing their thing. If you're looking for a refreshing new spring break comedy, SUNDOWN can't provide it. Most of the film has a 'been there done that' feel with a few raunchy scenes thrown in for a more salient appeal to the current R-rated comedy crowd. Perhaps **I'm getting a bit too old to appreciate spring break movies**, but this one was not my cup of tea.

THE GRADE FOR SUNDOWN = D.

THE ONES BELOW

In today's world, the feminist agenda praises abortion, and elevates it to sacramental status. Statistically, more babies have been killed through abortion than people in all the world wars combined.



With these realities, it is difficult to fathom a couple willing to kill to have a child; but that is the premise behind THE ONES BELOW. It's a particularly captivating thriller from the pen, and under the directorship of David Farr.

Kate and Justin are expecting their first child. It's taken seven years of marriage before the decision was made, mainly due to Kate's reluctance to be a mother. New neighbors move in the apartment below, and they, too, are having a child. Jon and Theresa are a mixed couple; he is British and she is German, but he spent a good portion of his life in China, following their beliefs and traditions. This brings an air of mystery to the couple which Kate finds intriguing.

During their first getting-to-know-you encounter, Theresa has an accident, falls down the stairs and loses her baby. Accusations fly and animosities build between the couples until an amiable peace is achieved – or so it seems.

THE ONES BELOW stars David Morrissey as Jon. He is enigmatic as a man driven to have an heir and believing in a transition, water based form of justice. Laura Birn plays his wife Theresa, whose appearance shifts from elegant to demonic, depending on the scene. Clemence Poesy is Kate, a woman who's first child is not her biggest fear. She deals with a dysfunctional mother, a dead brother and an estranged father. Justin, her husband, played by Stephen Campbell Moore (yes, they have the dreaded **three named people in the UK as well**) appear to be Kate's only anchor in an otherwise chaotic world.

1.1 KEY SCENES TO LOOK FOR:

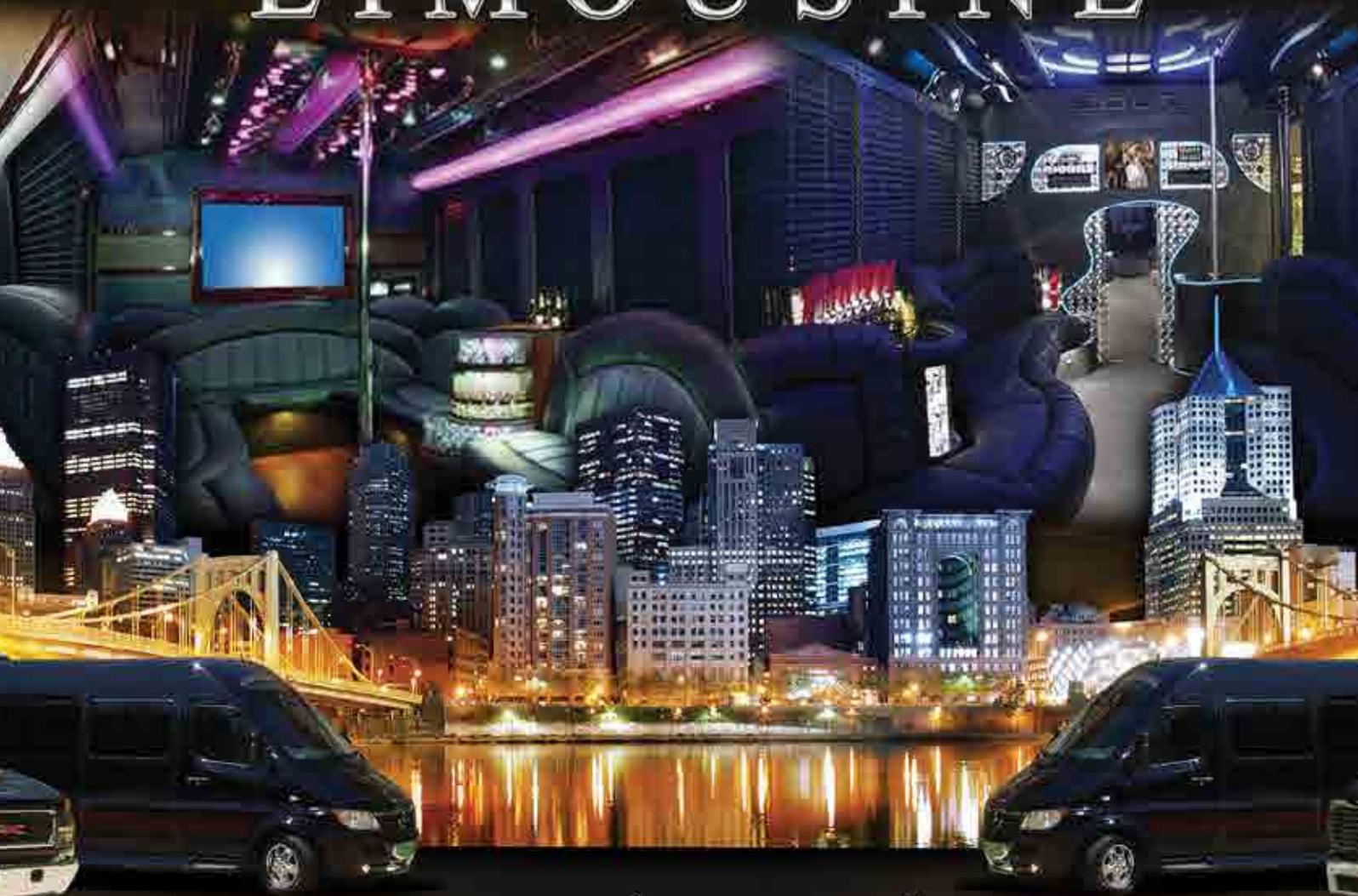
1. The discovery of the nursery
2. The accident
3. The revelation

Farr crafts an evenly paced thriller with the help of Editor Chris Wright. While most British films tend to draw out in the second act, and this one follows the trend, there is a clever time-shift edit for the conclusion that more than compensates. Director of Photography Ed Rutherford shoots THE ONES BELOW in much the same fashion as the thrillers of Hollywood's Golden Era; shifting from long to medium shots, with the occasional cant camera angle.

While the film's climax is predictable, one is never **quite sure how it will unfold until the final reel. It makes THE ONES BELOW well worth a look.**

THE GRADE FOR THE ONES BELOW = B

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The Canned Beers of Summer

by Brian Meyer

The first portable beers left breweries by way of bottle, which is no surprise knowing that beer was first bottled by a brewery more than 400 years ago. Since then the bottle has been a staple of getting beer from brewer to drinker, but that doesn't mean it's the best method possible.

Take for example the can. Canned beer is better in many aspects than beer in a bottle. Not only does a can protect your beer from light better than a bottle ever could, but it seals out oxygen better than a bottle cap can, too. Cans are easier to recycle, cheaper to ship, and get cold faster than a bottle could ever hope to. In short, cans rule.

There was a time that only cheap, flavorless beer was put into a can and the better, craft beers were bottled, but today that just isn't the case. More and more craft breweries are starting up canning lines and putting their amazing beers into these aluminum receptacles to help get you the best, freshest beer possible.

Each year the list of beers available in cans grows, making beer in a can the newest trend in craft beer, and one that's easy to get behind. From protecting your beer to amazing recycling stats, beer in a can is where it's at. We've compiled a list of the hottest seasonal beers coming out in a can as well as year-round beers that are making their debut in a can this year to make it easier on you when you make your next beer run.

Whether you're tailgating, cutting the grass, sitting on the porch, or even kicking back on a beach, these canned beers are not only better in a can, they're safer for those glass-free situations. Grab yourself a beer koozie and dive into our list of summer canned beers.

Anderson Valley Brewing Company

Anderson Valley Briney Melon – Back in the early 16th century, the people of Golsar, Germany created a beer that was brewed with salt water and spiced with coriander and hops. Allowed to ferment with lactic bacteria, this tart beverage was a loved by the masses. As with all things, history has a way of repeating itself and Anderson Valley is here to help with their Melon Gose (pronounced go-zuh). This 4.2% ABV beer is light yet tart with a slightly salty taste. Perfect for warmer months, this beer is only around during the summer so make sure to try it before it's history again.

Anderson Valley Summer Solstice - Unlike winter and fall beers, summer beers fall into quite a few categories and run the gamut of flavors. Take for example Anderson Valley's Summer

Solstice. This beer is slightly sweet with a malty backbone and a clean finish. Summer Solstice is considered a session beer, coming in at 5% ABV, making it perfect for having a few beers while barbecuing or cutting the grass. Bravo hops give this beer a slight hop flavor and the light spice addition gives the beer a hint of caramel and spice, making it a "cream soda for adults" without being too sweet.

Bell's Brewery

Bell's Brewery Oberon –

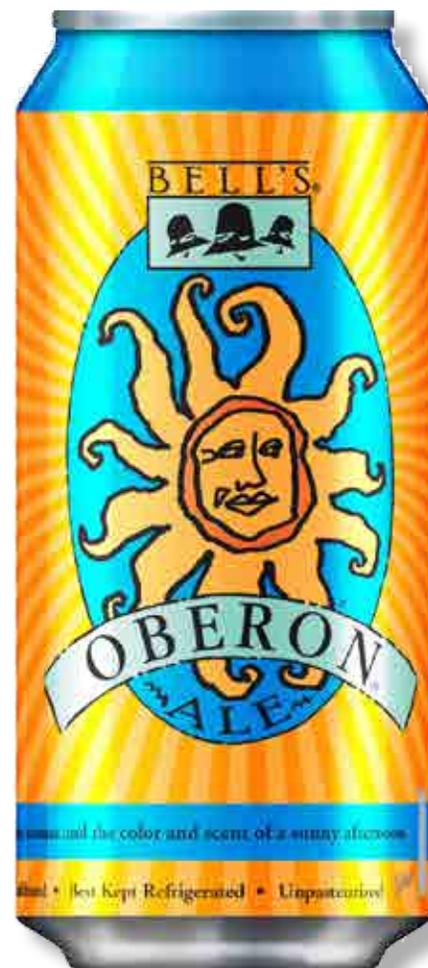
Few things taste more like summer than a cold can of Bell's Oberon. This 5.8% ABV wheat beer features a spicy hop character with mild fruity aromas. The malt gives this beer a smooth mouthfeel and pleasant lightness that makes it nearly perfect for the warm summer months. Oberon is available in 12-oz cans as well as the 16-oz pint cans, giving you the exact right amount of beer to make the porch-sitting months hopefully last forever.

Heavy Seas Beer

Heavy Seas Smooth Sail

– Wheat ales seem to make the best summer beers, but sometimes they can get a little bit overused and, dare I say, boring. The folks at Heavy Seas Beer agree on both counts, which is how their Smooth Sail Summer Ale was born. This 4.5% ABV wheat ale is brewed with lemon and orange peel, giving the finish on this beer a great citrus kick. Since cans are the best beer vessel for the summer, this beer will only be available in cans and on draft. So, grab a can, kick back, and enjoy the tastes of summer without worrying about broken bottles or boring beers.

Lancaster Brewing Company



Lancaster Brewing Kölsch – Originally brewed in Köln, Germany, the Kölsch is a beer that seems to be brewed specifically for the summer. Lancaster Brewing's Kölsch comes in at 4.8% ABV, making it great for a variety of outdoor activities, and the fact that it's available in a can makes it even more versatile. Lancaster's summer seasonal pours a pale straw color and features floral hop notes followed up by a smooth malt character, which is thanks to their extended cold aging.

North Country Brewing Company

North Country Brewing Bucco Blonde – Blonde ales are typically light and refreshing, making them a perfect match for warm weather, and North Country Brewing's Bucco Blonde just that. This 4.9% blonde ale has a great malty body with just a hint of bitterness to balance things out. Best of all, this beer is brewed specifically for our very own Pittsburgh Pirates, and more specifically for Bucco's pitching coach Ray Searage, also known as Uncle Ray. To sweeten the deal even more, proceeds from Bucco Blonde go to benefit the Make a Wish foundation.

Victory Brewing Company

Victory Brewing Summer Love – Returning this summer again in a can, Victory's seasonal Summer Love comes to us in the go-anywhere 12-oz can. While there are many reasons to love summer, Summer Love is possibly the best. This golden ale comes in at 5.2% ABV and features tastes of fresh, clean German malts with earthy, spicy noble European hops, and finishes up with a slight lemon aftertaste thanks to some whole flower American hops used in the brewing process.

Victory Brewing Golden Monkey – Available for the first time in cans, the now year-round Belgian-style tripel comes in at a hefty 9.5% ABV and while yes, this isn't your typical summer beer, it's availability in cans makes it a sure-fire win for any time of the year. Golden Monkey has a surprisingly light taste and mouthfeel, and features herbal, fruity notes along with the spicy flavor and aroma that's common to many tripels. While this may not be the best beer for mowing the lawn, it's exactly what you need for kicking back on the porch or having a great tailgate.

Victory Brewing Vital IPA – One of the newer beers from Victory is also available in cans this year. Vital IPA is a 6.5% ABV beer that features fresh, crisp, fruity notes that are thanks to whole flower American hops and rugged German malts. IPAs are typically very refreshing, making them great beers for the warmer months, and Vital IPA delivers everything you want with pine, tropical fruit, and a light body to round things out.

Oskar Blues Brewery

Oskar Blues Beerito – While IPAs are great, there's something



about a crisp, light-bodied lager on a hot day that's as close to perfection as you're apt to achieve. Oskar Blues Brewery knows this, and to help us all try to reach Beervana, they're releasing Beerito this summer. Beerito is a 4% ABV Mexican lager that features German and Colorado malts along with noble hops. This combination gives Beerito a surprisingly deep character for a beer that only comes in at 4%. This might just be your new favorite lawnmower beer.

Otter Creek Brewing Company

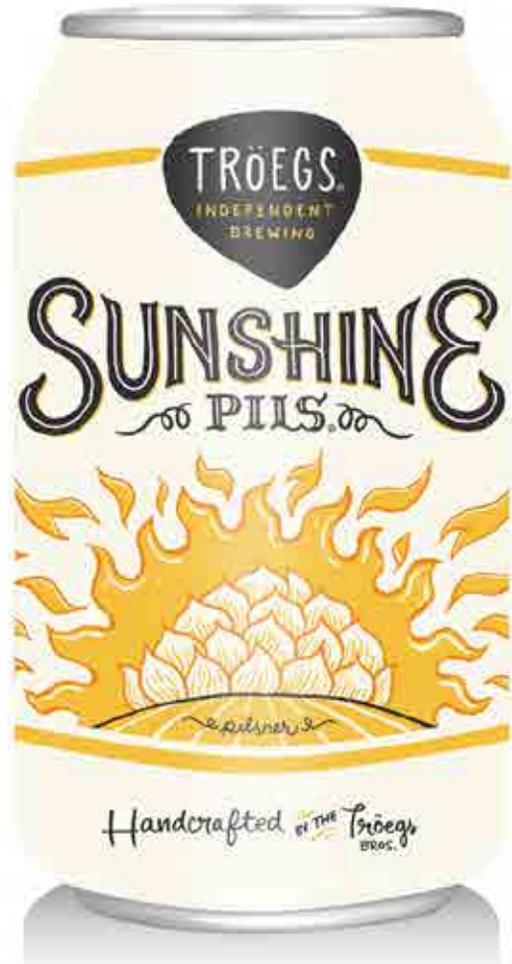
Otter Creek Brewing Fresh Slice White IPA - The call of the lawn chair and fresh cut grass is a strong one, and Fresh Slice from Otter Creek Brewing is here to answer it. This 5.5% white IPA includes a little clementine peel and coriander along with some very dank hops. Otter Creek uses Belgian yeast in this beer to give it a crisp, fresh taste that's refreshing, especially on those hot summer days. Best of all, this is the first can ever offered by Otter Creek, so check it out while you can, as this one is only seasonal for the summer.

Otter Creek Brewing Steampipe - Continuing with Otter Creek's newfound love for canning beer, one of their newest beers is making its debut this summer in cans. Steampipe is a 6% ABV California-style common lager with an extra kick of juicy hops. Modeled after the California Common, or "Steam Beer" style of lager, Steampipe uses a lager yeast yet is fermented at a higher temperature that is normal. The California Common style of beer is one of the only beer styles to have originated in the United States, making it a great beer for celebrating not only all summer long, but all year long, as Steampipe is a year-round beer.

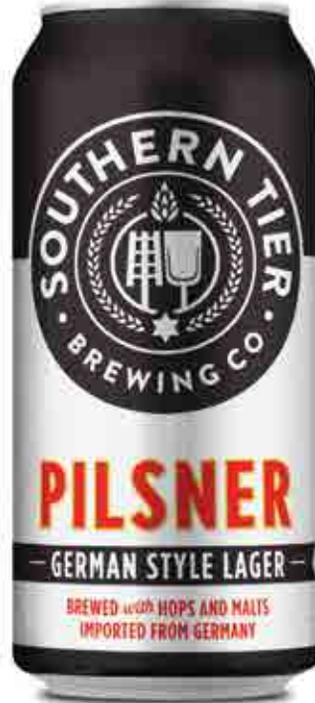
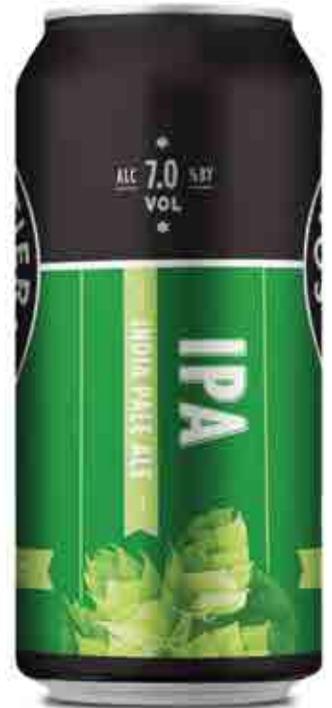
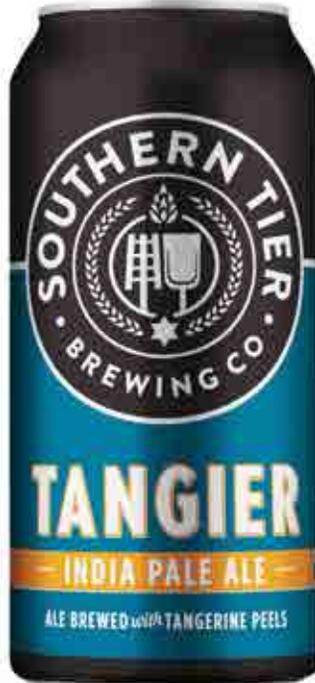
Tröegs Independent Brewing

Tröegs Sunshine Pils - Coming back again this year in cans is Tröegs Brewing's Sunshine Pils, this year sporting its all-new artwork and design. This straw-golden Pilsner comes in at 4.5% ABV and is possibly one of the most refreshing beers you'll ever try. Brewed with Pilsner malt and both Hersbrucker and Saaz hops, this Euro-style Pilsner is crisp and light while having a solid hop character. Perfect for just about any meal or a good day of yard work, Sunshine Pils is like sunshine in a can. Catch Sunshine Pils while you can, as it's only available in the summer months.

Tröegs Nimble Giant - New to the Tröegs portfolio of beers this year is a hefty double IPA known as Nimble Giant. This 9% ABV imperial IPA is a late-summer seasonal that's only available in 16 oz. "pounder" cans and on draft. Brewed with Azacca, Mosaic, and Simcoe hops, Nimble Giant features notes of grapefruit rind, pineapple, and honeysuckle while keeping an earthy character that makes this IPA one that any hop head needs to try as soon as possible.



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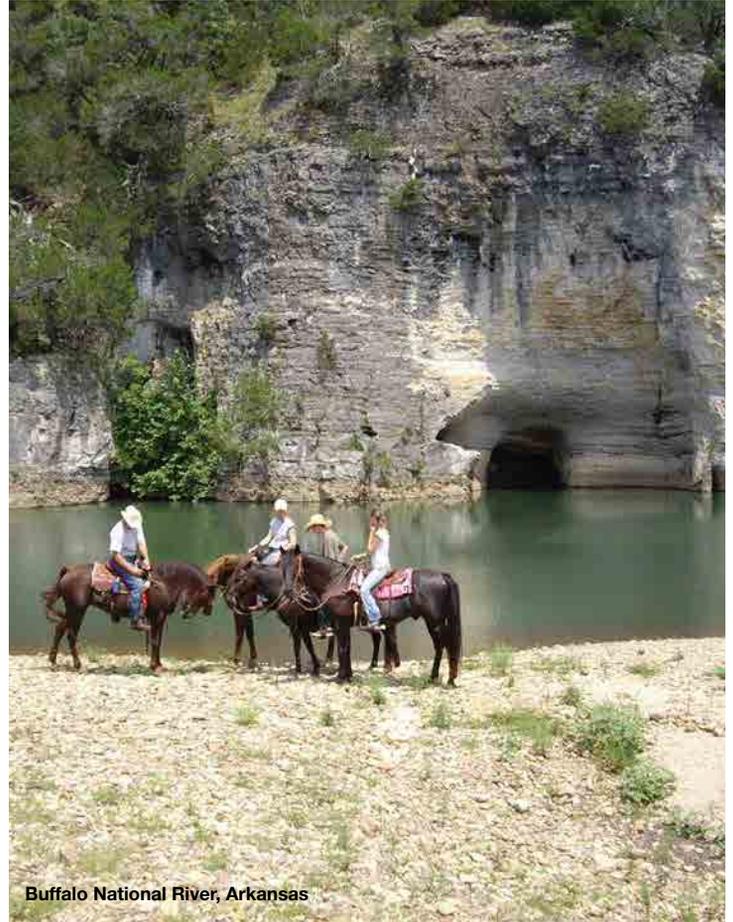
Spellbinding Arkansas

By: Suzanne Ferrara

It's hard to believe some of the world's most spellbinding natural wonders are all awaiting your discovery in Arkansas. From breath-taking mountain ranges, to pristine turquoise waters, to healing thermal springs, "The Natural State" has it all and more. Adding to this unforgettable experience is a wealth of enthralling history, the tales of which unfold throughout the state.

There is a reason many describe America's first national river as a journey through heaven. The meandering 135-mile Buffalo National River, one of the few undammed rivers in the United States, ushers blue-green waters through a spectacular primal scene of towering bluffs and rolling hills.

The Buffalo River's descent begins with rapids amidst the majestic Ozarks. Around every bend are new discoveries: there's Big Bluff, a multi-colored 525-foot cliff at one extreme,



and crystal-clear pools at the other. The diverse topography changes as the Buffalo River winds through four Arkansas counties, and showcases lush forests, cascading waterfalls, and historic homesteads.

"Welcome to heaven.' That's what I tell people who come here from all over the country to paddle this river, because there's a peacefulness that is similar to entering heaven," explains Mike Mills, who has dipped his paddle in the Buffalo since 1965. Mills operates the Buffalo Outdoor Center, a cabin resort with float trip outfitter, which serves thousands who seek this tranquil refuge. "I can tell you this didn't become America's first national river for no reason," he adds.

Flora meets fauna on a regular basis here, and elk graze in the river-banked meadows year round. The water-formed Natural Bridge can be found along the Buffalo River, as can Hemmed-in-Hollow Falls which, at 209-feet, is the highest waterfall between the south Appalachians and the Rockies.

Downstream, you can stand atop an overlook to see breath-taking Richmond Valley, or you can gently float through the eye sockets of the stunning Skull Bluff, where the water's reflection

is a near-perfect mirror. Nearby is the popular Buffalo Point campground which is where you'll find the captivating Indian Rock House, a bluff shelter once used by prehistoric Indians.

On the banks of the Lower River is a snapshot of a bygone era. The Rush Historic District, a zinc mining ghost town with ruins dating back to 1880, is dotted with the hollows of homes, mines and a general store (note: this frozen-in-time community is on the National Register of Historic Places).

(Tip: You can enter the Buffalo River at several access points along its winding course, or you can explore by foot and hike paths of varying degrees of difficulty).

After all this outdoor discovery, you will need a good night's rest, and the Buffalo National wilderness offers accommodations for everyone's taste, ranging from mountain luxury down to make-shift camping along the banks. For lodging, you can (1) pitch your tents along the river; (2) camp at a number of developed or primitive campgrounds; or (3) try the rustic 1930s-era Civilian Conservation Corps cabins. If these sound too primitive, there's (4) a number of modernized cabins and lodges. The Buffalo Outdoor Center offers mountain-top cabins and a lodge atop one of the Ozark Mountains' tallest ridges.



Here you can take in breath-taking views of the wilderness with stunning sunrises and a stunning, star-studded night sky!

Hungry? A trip to this wilderness country would not be complete without experiencing the legendary Ozark Café. This one-of-a-kind landmark, estimated to be over 100 years old, is located in the town of Jasper where the Buffalo National River begins to flow in Arkansas. Fronting the town square, the Ozark Café oozes character with a soda fountain and theater. The eatery is famous for its chocolate gravy and serves house specialties like a deep-fried hamburger, the half-pound



Fried Huckleberry Pie with Huckleberry Ice Cream, Basin Park Hotel, Eureka Springs



Crab Lorenzo, Crescent Hotel and Spa, Eureka Springs

Excalibur (eight-ounces of ground beef sandwiched between two grilled cheese sandwiches plus an Ozark sauce) and an endless list of time-tested classic country meals.

Jasper, a quaint, picturesque town surrounded by natural beauty, is chockful of outdoor adventure. You may be surprised to hear that Jasper is the proud home of the annual Buffalo River Elk Festival; that's because a herd of several hundred elk roam the Buffalo River Corridor. Newton County is also known as the Elk Capital of Arkansas.

If you are looking for more intrigue, hop into your vehicle, leave the friendly confines of Jasper and drive for about an hour. Nestled in the hills and hollows of the Arkansas Ozarks is Eureka Springs, an entire town that's listed on National Register of Historic Places, and has been named one of America's most Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historical Preservation.

Eureka Springs (population 2,200) has been labeled "The Little Switzerland of America" and the "Stair Step Town" because of the alpine terrain and unusual winding, up-and-down track of its steep narrow streets and walkways. Spiral roads, with no street lights, wrap around the entire town in a continuous historic five mile loop, and the community is laden with Victorian homes and cottages.

Many structures were built into the hillside of the limestone



Downtown Eureka Springs, Arkansas

bluffs, and because of that, have street-level entrances on more than one floor. Each floor of the seven-storied 1905 Basin Park Hotel has a ground floor, and the fascinating St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church is the only church in the world that you can enter through the bell tower door. These structures are all listed in Ripley's Believe it or Not.

A visit to Eureka Springs would not be complete without visiting the historic Crescent Hotel, known to many as the most Haunted Hotel in America. Back in the late 19th century, as thousands flocked here in search of fresh mountain air and supposedly healing waters, the Crescent, built in 1886, was the place stay. Today, the hotel has nightly ghost tours 365 days a year, but—and how's this for balance—also annually hosts 300 wedding events. This lends credence to why Eureka Springs is called "The Wedding Capital of the South".

Not-to-be-missed at this hotel are its restaurants and the full-service spa. The food is legendary, and is rooted in a delicious past: you'll tempt your taste buds with the same mouthwatering dish served in these walls since 1886 (130 years)! That dish is called Crab Lorenzo and upon request they'll gladly give you the recipe. Speaking of legendary dishes, you can have the historic huckleberry pie served deep-fried with huckleberry ice cream at



Ozark Cafe, Jasper



Cabin, Buffalo Outdoor Center, Ponca, Arkansas

the historic Basin Hotel (the Crescent Hotel's sister property).

After refueling, you'll get an eyeful: next to the hotel, sitting high atop Magnetic Mountain, is the Christ of the Ozark Statue, the second-largest Jesus statue in the world! Erected in 1966, Christ of the Ozark is seven stories tall and stands on the grounds of the famed Great Passion Play. (Note: Emmet Sullivan, who worked on Mount Rushmore, sculpted the colossal statue).

The list of truly fascinating sights are endless in Eureka, and one visit won't be enough. "When you get here, the world vanishes and the town that time forgot captures you and becomes your own town," expresses Bill Ott, Director of Marketing and Communications for Eureka's Landmark Hotels (Tip: A 39-minute drive from Eureka to Bentonville will bring you to the stunning Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art which has a permanent collection that spans five centuries).

If you want a "Rocky Mountain High" experience of the Arkansas-variety, you will find it atop Mount Magazine which, at 2,753 feet, is the highest point in the entire state. This prehistoric wonder is so unique, it has its own climate; an average day is ten-degrees cooler than down in the valley! It's located about a 115 miles south of Eureka Springs.

Visitors love the journey to Signal Hill, the peak of Mount Magazine; the picturesque ride on Scenic Byway 309 to Mount Magazine alone is an inspiring adventure. Once there, the luxurious multi-million dollar Lodge at Mount Magazine has an

indoor pool, fitness center, and the Skycrest Restaurant which provides a stunning view of both the Petit Jean River Valley and Blue Mountain Lake.

(Tip: On the north side of Mount Magazine, you will find the town of Paris which is home to several local wineries.)

Arkansas may be the 'Natural State', but a stop in the capital city of Little Rock will captivate visitors with history and much more!

A tour of the River Market District downtown is where you can get up close and personal with several historical sites, and all within walking distance. "It's truly amazing. You can study Arkansas history from pre-territorial days through President Clinton's presidency within just six blocks," says Little Rock Historian Bob Razer.

A stop at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park is a must. This 68-thousand square-foot library holds the largest archives of all presidential libraries, and inside are millions of intriguing artifacts from President Clinton's eight years as commander-in-chief (plus there's an exact replica of the oval office and cabinet room from the Clinton administration).

A few miles south of the downtown area is the national historic landmark, Little Rock Central High School, where the Little Rock Nine faced an angry mob as they were escorted into the school by police in 1957. There's also a visitor center with an interpretive film on the Little Rock integration crisis.

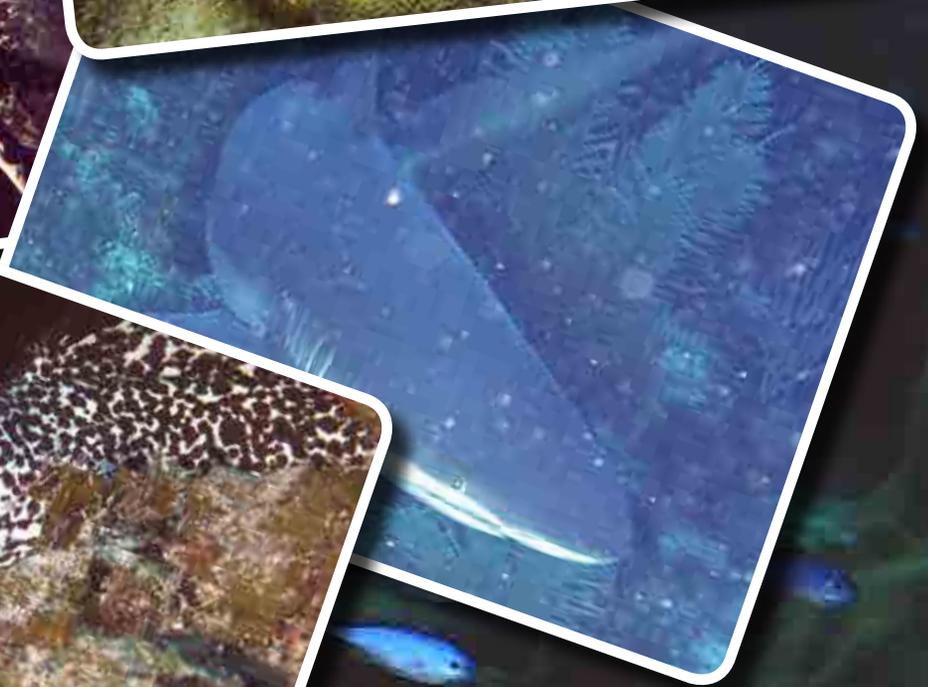
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A Bear Walks Into a Bar...

A bear walks into a bar and says to the bartender, "I'll have a pint of beer and a..... packet of peanuts." The bartender asks, "Why the big pause?"

Wet Floor

A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station. "I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant. "No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

A Sack Full of Chickens

Two rednecks walk down a dirt path. One man has a big sack over his shoulder. The other man asks what's in the sack. The first man says, "I got me some chickens for dinner tonight." The other man asks how many chickens are in the sack. "Well, I'll tell you," replies the first redneck, "If you can guess how many chickens I got in this here sack, I'll give them both to you."

A man and his pet giraffe walk into a bar...

A man and his pet giraffe walk into a bar and start drinking. As the night goes on, they get drunk, and the giraffe finally passes out. The man decides to go home. As he's leaving, the man is approached by the barkeeper who says, "Hey, you're not gonna leave that lyin' here, are ya?" "Hmph," says the man. "That's not a lion -- it's a giraffe."

Animal Lives

Q: What has more lives than a cat?

A: A frog -- it croaks every night.

A Woman's Four Favorite Animals

Q: What are a woman's four favorite animals?

A: A mink in the closet, a Jaguar in the garage, a tiger in the bedroom and an ass to pay for it all.

Ants in Your Pants

Q: Why did the ant fall off the toilet bowl?

A: He got pissed off.

Bald Fleas

Q: What do you call two fleas on top of a bald head?

A: Homeless.

Batman & Robin

Q: What happened when Batman and Robin got run over by a steamroller?

A: They became Flatman and Ribbon!

Big N' Tall Store

If you don't know about the Big N' Tall store, that's where you thin jerks send us folks to shop. We don't get any cool brand names; you little, thin people hogged those. You get the Gaps and the Polos and the Fubu. We don't get no Fubu; we get bizarre, fat people brand names, like Knights of the Round Table.

\$10 Complaint

A man goes to a \$10 hooker and contracts crabs.

When he goes back to complain, the hooker laughs and says, "What do you expect for \$10 -- lobster?"

A Few Good Lawyers

A lawyer is standing in a long line at the box office. Suddenly, he feels a pair of hands kneading his shoulders, back, and neck. The lawyer turns around. "What the hell do you think you're doing?" "I'm a chiropractor, and I'm just keeping in practice while I'm waiting in line." "Well, I'm a lawyer, but you don't see me screwing the guy in front of me, do you?"

Always Bring the Fingers

A man working with an electric saw accidentally cuts off all of his fingers. At the emergency room, his doctor says, "Give me the fingers, and I'll see what I can do." The injured man replies, "But I don't have the fingers!" "Why didn't you bring them?" the doctor asks. The injured man responds, "Doc, I couldn't pick them up."

Acute Pain

And there's a reason for this, why men experience pain more

acutely than women -- that's because there's always part of a woman's brain thinking about shoes.

ADOPTION:

A husband and wife who work for the circus go to an adoption agency. Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability. The couple produces photos of their 50-foot motor home, which is clean and well maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery. The social workers raise concerns about the education a child would receive while in the couple's care. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, and computer skills." Then the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. "Our nanny is a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare, and diet." The social workers are finally satisfied. They ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?" "It doesn't really matter, as long the kid fits in the cannon."

SOMETIMES

Sometimes...



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when you cry... no one sees your tears.

Sometimes...

when you are in pain... no one sees your hurt.

Sometimes...

when you are worried... no one sees your stress.

Sometimes...

when you are happy... no one sees your smile.

But FART!! just ONE time...

And everybody knows!!

Gotcha!! You thought it was going to be one of those heart-touching stories!

Facial Surgery

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the man's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from his body because he was too skinny. So the wife offered to donate some of her own skin. However, the only skin on her body that the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from her buttocks. The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and they requested that the doctor also honor their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter. After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the man's new face. He looked more handsome than he ever had before! All his friends and relatives just went on and on about his youthful beauty! One day, he was alone with his wife, and he was overcome with emotion at her sacrifice. He said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I possibly repay you?" "My darling," she replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek!"

LIPSTICK IN SCHOOL -- PRICELESS

According to a news report, a certain school in Garden City, MI was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the washroom. That was fine, but old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the washroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something

had to be done. He called all the girls to the washroom and met them there with the maintenance man. He explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, he asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet bowl, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY There are teachers, and then there are Educators.

TOURISTS:

Two tourists were driving through Michigan.

As they were approaching Charlevoix, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town's name. They argued back and forth until they stopped for lunch. As they stood at the counter, one tourist asked the pretty blonde employee, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are...very slowly?" The blonde leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrrrr , gerrrrr, King."

Yahoo for the Indian

An attractive woman from New York was driving through a remote part of Texas when her car broke down. An Indian on horseback came along and offered her a ride to a nearby town. She climbed up behind him on the horse and they rode off. The ride was uneventful except that every few minutes, the Indian would let out a whoop so loud that it would echo from the surrounding hills. When they arrived in town, he let her off at the local service station, yelled one final yahoo and rode off. "What did you do to get that Indian so excited?" asked the service station attendant. "Nothing. I merely sat behind him on the horse, put my arms around his waist and held onto his saddle horn so I wouldn't fall off." Lady, the attendant said, Indians ride bareback.

WISDOM ON DOGS:

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that

you are wonderful.

-Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

-Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

-Andy Rooney

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-M. Acklam



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Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate.

-Sigmund Freud

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.

-Rita Rudner

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

-Robert Benchley

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.

-Franklin P. Jones

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

-James Thurber

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

-Unknown

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.

-Joe Weinstein

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul -- chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

-Anne Tyler

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

-Robert A. Heinlein



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If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

-Mark Twain

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'

- Dave Barry

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

-Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

-Phil Pastoret

The Rabbit and the Blonde

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead. The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry. A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong. "I feel terrible," ! he explains, "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it." The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit. The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around and waves again, he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again, until he hops out of sight. The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?" The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says.. (Are you ready for this?) Are you sure?) (This is bad!) (It's definitely a Blonde Joke!) (Last chance) (OK, here it is) It says, "Hair Spray - Restores life to dead hair, and adds permanent wave."

Priests on Spring Break

Two priests decided to go to Hawaii on vacation around the

time of Spring Break. They were determined to make this a real vacation by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane landed, they headed for a store and bought some really outrageous shorts, shirts, sandals, sunglasses, etc. The next morning, they went to the beach, dressed in their "tourist" garb. They were sitting on beach chairs, enjoying a drink, the sunshine and the scenery when a "drop-dead gorgeous" blonde in a thong bikini came walking straight towards them. They couldn't help but stare. As the blond passed them, she smiled and said "Good morning, Father. Good morning, Father," nodding and addressing each of them. They were both stunned. How in the world did she know they were priests? So the next day, they went back to the store and bought even more outrageous outfits. These were so loud, you could hear them before you even saw them. Once again the two priests (incognito) settled on the beach, in their chairs to enjoy the sunshine. After a while, the same gorgeous blond, wearing a G string, taking her sweet time, came walking toward them. Again she nodded at each of them, said "good morning, Fathers," and started to walk away. One of the priests couldn't stand it any longer and said, "Just a minute young lady." "Yes?" she replied. "We are priests, and proud of it, but I have to know, how in the world did you know we are priests - dressed as we are?" She replied, "Father, it's meSister Mary Frances!"

Breakfast in Mole Land

There was a mamma mole, a papa mole, and a baby mole. They lived in a hole outside of a farm house out in the country.

The papa mole reached his head out of the hole and said, "Mmmmm, I smell sausage."

The mama mole reached her head outside of the hole and said "Mmmmmm, I smell pancakes."

The baby mole tried to reach his head outside the hole but couldn't because of the two bigger moles. The baby mole said, "The only thing I can smell is molasses."

Pittsburgh Girls

Three men were sitting together, bragging about how they had been giving their new wives duties. The first man had married a woman from Indiana, and bragged that he had told his wife she was going

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to do all the dishes and house cleaning that needed done at their house. He said that it took a couple of days, but on the third day he came home to see a clean house and the dishes were all washed and put away. The second man had married a woman from Utah. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. He told them that the first day he didn't see any results, but the next day it was better. By the third day, his house was clean, the dishes were done, and he had a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married a Pittsburgh girl. He said that he told her that her duties were to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal... and besides that, she should be willing and able to perform well each night in bed. He said the first day he didn't see anything. The second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day most of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, just enough to fix himself a bite to eat, load the dishwasher, and start the lawn mower. Gotta love those PITTSBURGH girls!!

Code word for sex

A husband and wife decided they needed to use "code" to indicate that they wanted to have sex without letting their children in on it. They decided on the word Typewriter. One day the husband told his five year old daughter, "Go tell your mommy that daddy needs to type a letter". The child told her mother what her dad said, and her mom responded, "Tell your daddy that he can't type a letter right now cause there is a red ribbon in the typewriter." The child went back to tell her father what mommy said. A few days later the mom told the daughter, "Tell daddy that he can type that letter now." The child told her father, returned to her mother and announced, "Daddy said never mind with the typewriter, he already wrote the letter by hand."

A NEW YOU:

A middle aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up"? God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, brow lift, lip enhancement, boob job, liposuction, and a tummy tuck. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home,



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she was hit by an ambulance and killed. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied, "Girrrlllllll, I didn't even recognize you!"

HOSPITAL CHART BLOOPERS

(Actual writings from hospital charts)

1. The patient refused autopsy.
2. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
3. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
4. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
5. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
6. On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
7. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
8. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
9. Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
10. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
11. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
12. She is numb from her toes down.
13. While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
14. The skin was moist and dry.
15. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
16. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
17. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
18. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
19. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
20. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
21. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
22. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
23. Skin: somewhat pale but present.



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24. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.

Should children witness childbirth?

Due to a power outage, only one paramedic responded to the call. The house was very dark, so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3-yr old girl to hold a flashlight high over her mommy, so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Kathleen did as she was told. Her mom pushed and pushed and after a little while, Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on his bottom. Little Connor began to cry. The paramedic then thanked Kathleen for her help and asked the wide-eyed 3-yr old what she thought about what she had just seen. Kathleen quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place...Smack his bum again!" (If you don't smile at this one there is no hope for you!)

Blonde Joke: Helllllooooo

A blonde's car gets a flat tire on the Interstate one day so she eases it over onto the shoulder of the road. She carefully steps

out of the car and opens the trunk. Takes out two cardboard men, unfolds them and stands them at the rear of the vehicle facing oncoming traffic. The lifelike cardboard men are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to approaching drivers. Not surprisingly, the traffic became snarled and backed up. It wasn't very long before a police car arrives. The Officer, clearly enraged, approaches the blonde of the disabled vehicle yelling, "What is going here?" "My car broke down, Officer," says the woman, calmly. "Well, what the hell are these obscene cardboard pictures doing here by the road?!" asks the Officer. "Helllllooooo, those are my emergency flashers!" she replied.

GET OUT OF THE CAR!

This is a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida. An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I HAVE A GUN, AND I KNOW HOW TO USE IT! GET OUT OF THE CAR!"



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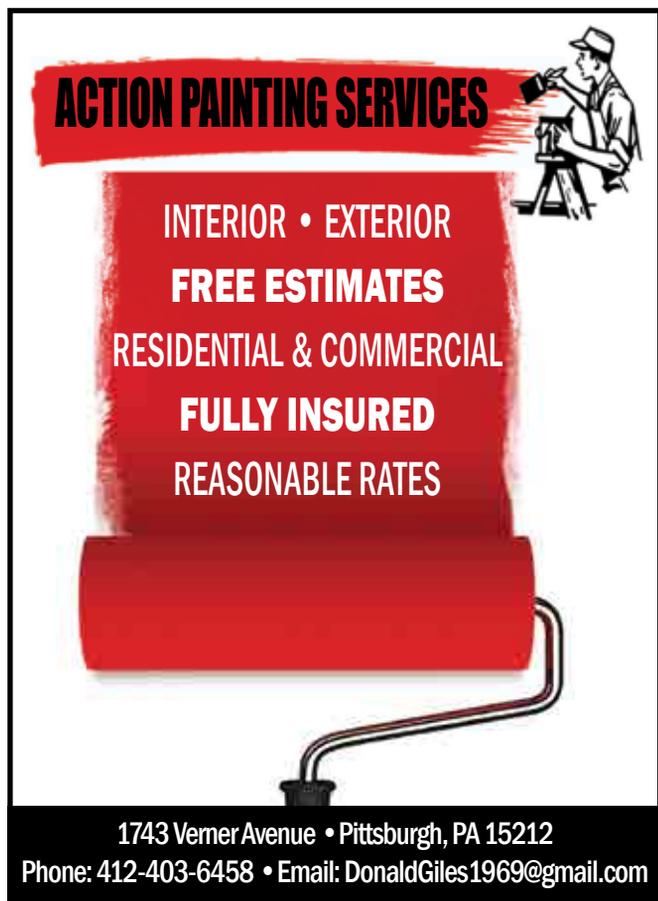
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The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then she realized why, .. it was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12 packs of beer in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. Moral of the story? If you're going to have a Senior Moment, make it memorable.

Communication Problems

A Russian woman married a Canadian gentleman and they lived



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happily ever after in Toronto. However, the poor lady was not very proficient in English, but did manage to communicate with her husband. The real problem arose whenever she had to shop for groceries. One day, she went to the butcher and wanted to buy chicken legs. She didn't know how to put forward her request, and in desperation, clucked like a chicken and lifted up her skirt to show her thighs. Her butcher got the message, and gave her the chicken legs. mNext day she needed to get chicken breasts, again she didn't know how to say it, and so she clucked like a chicken and unbuttoned her blouse to show the butcher her breasts! The butcher understood again, and gave her some chicken breasts. On the 3rd day, the poor lady needed to buy sausages. Unable to find a way to communicate this, she brought her husband to the store...

PLEASE GO TO PAGE 38 FOR THE ENDING TO THIS JOKE!!

New Drink:

A guy walks into a bar, sits down, and asks, "Bartender, got any specials today?" Bartender answers, "Yes, as a matter of Fact we have a new drink, invented by A gynecologist patron of ours. It's a mix of Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer and Smirnoff Vodka." The guy asks, "Good grief, what do you call that?" The bartender replied, "It's a "Pabst Smir."

AIN'T RETIREMENT GRAND?

Upon reaching 65, old Tom decided to retire. After having him under foot for a few months, his wife became very agitated with him. She suggested he go and do something to occupy his time, like join a club or get a hobby. Old Tom obliged and went out for a couple of hours. When he got home his wife asked about his day and he replied, "Oh, I just went down to the park and hung out with the guys. And oh yeah, I joined a parachute club." "What? Are you nuts? You're 65 years old and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?" "Yeah, look I even got a membership card." "Old man, you need glasses! This is a membership in a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!" "Oh, great! now what am I going to do? I signed up for 5 jumps a week!"

This is not a joke...

If you can pass, you can safely turn on your ignition key again and cancel your annual eye examination... However, you should be able

have a little whisk broom!!!!" "IMPOSSIBLE !!" said the groom broom.

Are you ready for this? Brace yourself; this is going to hurt.

"WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEEPED TOGETHER!" Sounds to me like she's been "sweeping" around!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

50 YEARS TOGETHER

A man and his wife were celebrating 50 years together Their three Kids, all very successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honor.

"Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad," gushed son number one...

"Sorry I'm running late... Had an emergency, you know how it is, didn't have Time to get you both a present." "Not to worry," said the dad.. "the important thing is that we're all Here together today." Son number two arrived and announced, "you and Mom still look Great, Dad, I just flew in from L. A. And didn't have time to get You a present... Sorry." "It's nothing," said the father, "Glad you were able to be here." Just then the daughter arrived, "Hello both of you, Happy Anniversary! I'm sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy Packing... So I didn't have time to get you guys anything." Again the father said, "I really

don't care, at least the five of us Are together today."

After they had all finished dessert, the father put down his knife and Fork, looked up and said, "Listen up, all three of you, there's Something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were very poor. Despite this, we were able to raise Each of you and send you to college. All through the years your Mother and I knew that we loved each other very much but... We Just never found the time to get married." The three kids gasped and said, "You mean we're bastards?" "Yep," Said the dad, "and cheap ones, too."

ESSENTIAL WORKPLACE VOCABULARY

Essential vocabulary additions for the workplace (and elsewhere)!!!

1. BLAMESTORMING: Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.
2. SEAGULL MANAGER: A manager, who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.

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3. ASSMOSIS: The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing up to the boss rather than working hard

4. SALMON DAY: The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die in the end.

5. CUBE FARM : An office filled with cubicles.

6. PRAIRIE DOGGING : When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on

7. MOUSE POTATO : The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

8. SITCOMs: Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What Yuppies get into when they have children and one of them

stops working to stay home with the kids.

9. STRESS PUPPY: A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.

10. SWIPEOUT: An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.

11. XEROX SUBSIDY: Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.

12. IRRITAINMENT: Entertainment and media spectacles that are Annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them.

13. PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE: The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.

14. ADMINISPHERE : The rarefied organizational layers beginning

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just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.

15. 404: Someone who's clueless. From the World Wide Web error Message "404 Not Found," meaning that the requested site could not be located.

16. GENERICA : Features of the American landscape that are exactly the same no matter where one is, such as fast food joints, strip malls, and subdivisions.

17. OHNOSECOND: That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake. (Like after hitting send on an email by mistake).

18. WOOFs: Well-Off Older Folks.

19. CROP DUSTING: Surreptitiously passing gas while passing through a Cube Farm.

THE LOVE DRESS:

Woman stopped by unannounced at her recently married son's house. She rang the doorbell and walked in. She was shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked. Soft music was playing, and the aroma of perfume filled the room. 'What are you doing?' she asked. 'I'm waiting for my husband to come home from work, ' the daughter-in-law answered. 'But you're naked!' the mother-in-law exclaimed. 'This is my love dress,' the daughter-in-law explained. 'Love dress? But you're naked!' 'My husband loves me to wear this dress, ' she explained. 'When he sees it, he instantly becomes romantic. The mother-in-law left. When she got home, she undressed, showered and put on her best perfume, dimmed the lights, put on a romantic CD, and laid on the couch waiting for her husband to arrive. Finally her husband came home. He walked in and saw her laying there so provocatively. 'What are you doing?' he asked. 'This is my love dress, ' she whispered, sensually. 'Needs ironing, ' he said. 'What's for dinner?' 'His funeral will be held Thursday!

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Tennessee:

The owner of a golf course was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, "You graduated from the University of Tennessee and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?" The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everything but my earrings." You gotta love those Tennessee women.

Alabama:

A group of Alabama friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck. "Where's Henry?" the others asked.. "Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied. "You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired. " A tough call, "noddod the hunter. "But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"

Louisiana:

A senior at Louisiana State was overheard saying... "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana." When asked why, he replied he'd rather be in Louisiana because everything happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the civilized world.

Mississippi:

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!" Bubba replied, "Did you see who it was?" The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

West Virginia:

A West Virginia State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-65. The trooper asked, "Got any ID?" The driver replied, "Bout what?"

North Carolina:

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the



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road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait. A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was. The man replied, "I have a flat tire." The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?" The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

And My favorite:

You can say what you want about the South, but you never hear of anyone retiring and moving North!

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: END OF JOKE FROM PAGE 32

What were you thinking? Hellooooooo, her husband speaks English! Now get back to work. We wonder about you sometimes!

Doctors and Guns

Doctors:

- (A) The number of physicians in the U.S. is 700,000.
- (B) Accidental deaths caused by Physicians per year are 120,000.
- (C) Accidental deaths per physician is 0.171.

Statistics courtesy of U.S. Dept of Health Human Services.

Now Guns:

- (A) The number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000. Yes, that is 80 million.
- (B) The number of accidental gun deaths per year, all age groups, is 1,500.
- (C) The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is .000188.

Statistics courtesy of F.B.I.

Statistically, doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners. Remember, "Guns don't kill people, doctors do." FACT: NOT EVERYONE HAS A GUN, BUT ALMOST EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST ONE DOCTOR!

Out of concern for the public at large, we have withheld the statistics on lawyers for fear the shock would cause people to panic and seek medical attention.

Smart Cuddles:

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company. One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that she's lost. Wandering about, she notices a leopard heading rapidly in her direction with the intention of having lunch. The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, she immediately settles down to chew on the bones with her back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look

of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!" Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!" Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with her back to her attackers, pretending she hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says: "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!" Moral of this story... Don't mess with old farts...age and treachery will always overcome youth and enthusiasm! Bullshit and brilliance only come with age and experience!

Power Outage During A Mammogram

I actually kept my mammogram appointment. I was met with, "Hi! I'm Belinda!" This perky clipboard carrier smiled from ear to ear, tilted her head to one side and crooned, "All I need you to do is step into this room right hereee, strip to the waist, thennnn slip on this gown. Everything clearrrr?" I'm thinking, "Belinda, try decaf. This ain't rocket science." Belinda skipped away to prepare the chamber of horrors. Call me crazy, but I suspect a man invented this machine. It takes a perfectly healthy cup size of 36-B to a size 38-LONG in less than 60 seconds. Also, girls aren't made of sugar and spice and everything nice.... it's Spandex. We can be stretched, pulled and twisted over a cold 4-inch piece of square glass and still pop back into shape. With the right side finished, Belinda flipped me (literally) to the left and said, "Hmmm. Can you stand on your tippy toes and lean in a tad so we can get everything?" Fine, I answered. I was freezing, bruised, and

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out of air, so why not use the remaining circulation in my legs and neck and finish me off? My body was in a holding pattern that defied gravity (with my other boob wedged between those two 4" pieces of square glass) when we heard, then felt a zap! Complete darkness and the power went off! "What?" I yelled. "Oh, maintenance is working. Bet they hit a snag." Belinda headed for the door. "Excuse me! You're not leaving me in this vise alone, are you?" I shouted. Belinda kept going and said, "Oh, you fussy puppy ... the door's wide open so you'll have the emergency hall lights. I'll be rightttttt backkkk." Before I could shout "NOOOO!" she disappeared. And that's exactly how Bubba and Earl, maintenance men extraordinaire, found me, half-naked and part of me dangling from the Jaws of Life and the other part smashed between glass! After exchanging polite "Hi, how's it going" type greetings, Bubba (or possibly Earl) asked, to my utter disbelief, if I knew the power was off. Trying to disguise my hysteria, I replied with as much calmness as possible. "Uh, yes, yes I did thanks. "You bet, take care" Bubba replied and waved good-bye as though I'd been standing in the line at the grocery store. Two hours later, Belinda breezes in wearing a sheepish grin and making no attempt to suppress her amusement, she said. "Oh I am soooo sorry! The power came back on and I totally forgot about you! And silly me, I went to lunch. Are we upset?" And that, Your Honor, is exactly how his head ended up between the clamps

How Latex Gloves Are Made...

A dentist noticed that his next patient, an elderly lady, was looking very nervous so he decided to tell her a little joke as he put on his gloves. "Do you know how they make these gloves?" he asked. "No, I don't" she replied "Well," he spoofed, "there's a building in China with a big tank of latex and workers of all hand sizes walk up to the tank, dip in their hands, let them dry, then peel off the gloves and throw them into boxes of the right size." She didn't crack a smile. "Oh, well. I tried," he thought. But five minutes later, during a delicate portion of the dental procedure, she burst out laughing. "What's so funny?" he asked. "I was just picturing how condoms are made!" she said. Gotta watch those little old ladies! Their minds are always working ...

PRAYER:

1. Dear God, please put another holiday

between Christmas and Easter.
There is nothing good in there now.
Amanda

2. Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.
Joyce

3. Dear Mr. God, I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart I had to have 3 stitches and a shot.
Janet

4. God, I read the bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me.
Love Alison

5. Dear God, how did you know you were God? Who told you?
Charlene

6. Dear God, is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house?
Anita

7. Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.
Nancy

8. Dear God, I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. I like walking on water, too.
Glenn

9. Dear God, my Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go?
Love, Dennis

10. Dear God, do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't, who does?
Nathan

11. Dear God, did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident?
Norma

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12. Dear God, in bible times,
did they really talk that fancy?
Jennifer

13. Dear God, how come you did all those miracles
in the old days and don't do any now?
Billy

14. Dear God, please send Dennis Clark
to a different summer camp this year.
Peter

15. Dear God, maybe Cain and Abel
would not kill each other so much
if they each had their own rooms.
It works out OK with me and my brother.
Larry

16. Dear God, I keep waiting for spring,
but it never did come yet.
What's up? Don't forget.
Mark

17. Dear God, my brother told me about
how you are born but it just doesn't sound right.
What do you say?
Marsha

18. Dear God, if you watch in Church on Sunday
I will show you my new shoes.
Barbara

19. Dear God, is Reverend Coe a friend of yours,
or do you just know him through the business?
Donny

20. Dear God, I do not think anybody
could be a better God than you.
Well, I just want you to know that.
I am not just saying that because
you are already God.
Charles

21. Dear God, it is great the way you always
get the stars in the right place.
Why can't you do that with the moon?
Jeff

22. Dear God, I am doing the best I can.
Really !!!!
Frank

23. Dear God,
I didn't think orange went with purple



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until I saw the sunset
 you made on Tuesday night.
 That was really cool.
 Thomas

This Is Some Good Advice!

- If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like:
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...! run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.

- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Underwear is important

Always wear clean underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle... From the Northwest Florida Daily News comes this story of a Crestview couple who drove their car to Wal-Mart, Only to have their car break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot. The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis. Although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts, and tucked everything back into place. On regaining her feet, she looked across the hood and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by. The mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

Woman's Humor:

My husband came home with a tube of KY jelly and said, "This will make you happy tonight." He was right. When he went out of the bedroom, I squirted it all over the doorknobs. He couldn't get back in.



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One night an 87 yr old woman came home from Bingo to find her 92 yr old husband in bed with another woman. She became violent and ended up pushing him off the balcony of their! 20th floor assisted living apartment...killing him instantly. Brought before the court on charge of murder, the judge asked her if she had anything to say in her defense. She began coolly, Yes, your honor, I figured that at 92 if he could have sex...he could fly.

Couple goes on vacation to a fishing resort in northern Minnesota. The husband likes to fish at the crack of dawn, the wife likes to read. One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors ,and continues to read her book. Along comes a game Warden in his boat.

He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning Ma'am. What are you doing?" "Reading a book," She replies, (Thinking, "Isn't that obvious?") "You're in a restricted fishing area," he informs her. "I'm sorry officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading." "Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up." "If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman. "But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden. "That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

Who Is This?

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it, If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time, If you can take criticism and blame without resentment If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him, If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend, If you can conquer tension without medical help, If you can relax without liquor, If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

Dentist & the Golfer:

It seems that a man and his wife walked into a dentist's office. The man said to the dentist, "Doctor, I'm in one heck of a big hurry! I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf. So forget about the anesthetic and just pull the tooth, get rid of the toothache and be done with it-- I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!" The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness-this sure is a very brave man, asking me to pull his tooth without using anything to kill the pain. So the dentist asked him, "Which tooth is it, sir?" Turning to his wife he said, "Open your mouth, Honey, and show the doctor which tooth hurts."

The Baby Photographer:

The Hebert's were unable to conceive children, and decided to use a surrogate father to start their family. On the day the proxy father was to arrive, Mr. Hebert kissed his wife and said, "I'm off. The man should be here soon". Half an hour later, just by chance, a door-to-door baby photographer rang the doorbell, hoping to make a sale. "Good morning madam. I've come to...." "Oh, no need to explain. Come in," Mrs. Hebert cut in. "Really?" the photographer asked. "Well, good! My specialty is babies." "That's what my husband and I had hoped. Please come in and have a seat."

After a moment she asked, blushing, "Well, where do we start?"

Photographer: "Leave everything to me. I usually try two in the bathtub, one on the couch and perhaps a couple on the bed. Sometimes the living room floor is fun too. You can really spread out!"

Wife: "Bathtub, couch, bed, living room floor? No wonder it didn't work for my husband and me."

Photographer: "Well, madam, none of us can guarantee a good one every time. But if we try several different positions and I shoot from six or seven angles, I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results."

Wife: "My, my, that's a lot of...."

Photographer: "Madam, in my line of work, a man must take his time. I'd love to be in and out in five minutes, but you'd be disappointed with that, I'm sure."

Wife (muttering): "Don't I know it." The photographer opened his briefcase and pulled out a portfolio of his baby pictures. "This was done on the top of a bus."

Wife: "Oh my god!"

Photographer: "And these twins turned out exceptionally well, when you consider their mother was so difficult to work with."

Wife: "She was difficult?"

Photographer: "Yes, I'm afraid so. I finally had to take her to the park to get the job done right. People were crowding around four and five deep, pushing to get a good look." **Wife:** "Four and five deep?" (Eyes wide in amazement).

Photographer: "Yes, and for more than three hours, too. The mother was constantly squealing and yelling - I could hardly concentrate! Then darkness approached and I began to rush my shots. Finally, when the squirrels began nibbling on my equipment, I just packed it all in."

Wife (leaning forward): "You mean they actually chewed on your equipment?"

Photographer: "That's right. Well, madam, if you're ready, I'll set up my tripod so that we can get to work"

Wife: "Tripod?"

Photographer: "Oh yes, I have to use a tripod to rest my Canon on. It's much too big for me to hold very long. Madam? Madam? Good Lord, she's fainted!"

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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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