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TRAVEL: Four Things You Shouldn't Wear on a Plane

The Do's and Don'ts of In-Flight Fashion

Knowing what to wear -- and, more importantly, what not to wear -- on a plane is crucial. Just ask Lady Gaga. In 2010, the pop star donned Alexander McQueen "armadillo shoes" and a wild outfit of black and yellow tape on a transatlantic flight. During the voyage, Gaga began to experience symptoms of deep vein thrombosis, a life-threatening condition commonly caused by a combo of in-flight risk factors like low cabin pressure, dehydration, immobility during a long trip and cramped seats (so says the American Council on Exercise); attempt to endure this environment in a confining getup of tape and 12-inch stilettos, and you've got trouble.

Deep vein thrombosis occurs when blood clots form in veins, elevating the potential for a pulmonary embolism. Symptoms include swollen or red limbs, but individuals suffering from deep vein thrombosis often exhibit no symptoms. Luckily for Gaga, the star knew something was wrong. According to Gadling, when Lady Gaga complained that her legs were swelling up during the flight, the cabin crew convinced her to change into something a little more comfortable (and a little less likely to incite an artery blockage).

Chances are you don't own a yellow and black tape outfit or 12-inch-high heels. But if similar things are lurking in your closet (you fashionable devil), I hope you've chosen to reserve such apparel for appropriate occasions, like directing traffic during a Mardi Gras parade -- and certainly not air travel. Just as Gaga and other demigods of impractical couture should keep their costumes off the tarmac, those of us who fall into the jeans-and-sneakers category of fashion ought to also think carefully about what we wear on a plane.

Don't: Tight clothing. Do: Natural, breathable fabrics.

We learned our lesson from Lady Gaga. Tight clothes can restrict blood flow in the already-confining space of an airplane seat. Is the reward of showing off your fantastically toned thighs worth the risk of deep vein thrombosis? Ditch the jeggings and don loose-fitting natural fiber garments (clothes made from cotton or linen are a great choice) to give your skin some breathing room.

Don't: High heels. Do: Comfortable shoes.

Heels are restrictive, and they've been said to cause a long list of maladies, from chronic foot pain to hammer toe. Plus, unless you're one of Charlie's Angels, they don't exactly facilitate a clean exit in case of emergency. Hiking boots are a good bet, as wearing the bulky shoes as opposed to packing them frees up some suitcase space -- and you'll be comfortable walking miles through endless airport terminals. Also consider slip-on shoes, which are wonderful for easing your way through security.

Don't: Perfume or cologne. Do: Freshly washed clothes.

You've been in Europe for two weeks, you've only packed so much, and by your date of departure you've run out of clean pants and shirts. It may be tempting to throw on something that more or less passes the sniff test and head off to the airport. But remember: Odors are intensified on a plane, where passengers are cramped in close quarters and stale air is recycled throughout the cabin.

The perfect seatmate is one who doesn't smell like anything. To achieve a Zen-like lack of scent, be sure to reserve a clean outfit for the plane ride home. And go easy on the cologne. Better yet, don't wear any. Scent is subjective. You may adore the delicate bouquet of CK One, but your seatmate could find its aroma noxious. In particular, folks with allergies or asthma could have a reaction to strong perfumes.

Don't: Offensive clothing. Do: Anything you would wear to church.

In 2005, Southwest Airlines crewmembers booted passenger Lorrie Heasley from a flight because she was wearing a politically offensive T-shirt, reported CNN. The shirt depicted the faces of President George W. Bush, Dick Cheney and Condoleezza Rice above the caption "Meet the Fockers." After the incident, a Southwest spokeswoman told the Reno Gazette-Journal that the airline has the right to deny boarding to anyone wearing "lewd, obscene or patently offensive" clothing.

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Olympic Goals and Dreams...

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

GOAAAAAAL! Sidney Crosby flings his gloves off and begins his golden goal celebration. Mobbed by his countrymen, he delivered what Canadians believe is their birthright, a gold medal on home soil. It took over seven minutes into the overtime period after Zach Parise tied it with less than 25 seconds left in regulation for the Americans in the biggest event of the 2010 Winter Games.

It's been four years of waiting for Team USA. That oh so close feeling is not lost on the 13 players that returned from that team to finish what they started, albeit with a new leader. After his second stint as USA's head coach for the Olympics, Ron Wilson gave way to Pittsburgh's own Dan Bylsma, who was charged with building on the unexpected silver medal success his predecessor had in the 2010 Vancouver games. Two of his own NHL players joined him, Brooks Orpik and Paul Martin.

Early on in the tournament, it seemed as if they were destined to play in the gold medal game once again. In their first four games, they scored 20 goals. Unfortunately, they went the last 138 minutes of hockey without scoring another. The buzz and excitement created by the eight round overtime shoot-out thriller over Russia is forgotten and the hero, T.J. Oshie will not see his face on a Wheaties box.

Finland smashed Disco Dan's boys 5-0 in the

bronze medal game, denying Team USA their 12th medal in men's ice hockey. The effort certainly didn't have the coach dancing. Or anyone for that matter. Captain Zach Parise told NBC Sports' Pierre McGuire that it was disappointing. That it was embarrassing to deflate the way they did when medals were on the line. Both in the previous tilt versus Canada for the right to play Sweden for the gold and the no show against the Finns in the consolation game.

To add injury to insult, Penguin defenseman Paul Martin sustained a hand injury and is thought to be out for a month. Other Pittsburgh players fared much better, however. Including two Finns, who each had a goal to take down their NHL coach. Teenage defenseman, Olli Maatta had quite a showing on this global stage with three goals and two assists in six games. Not to be outplayed, his teammate Jussi Jokinen - otherwise known as "Juicy J" in these parts - also posted a five point tournament with two goals and three assists.

Going into the gold medal game versus Sweden, neither Penguin on the Canadian roster had notched a goal. As a matter of fact, Chris Kunitz, who was a polarizing addition to the team, had been held pointless. Captain Canada, Sidney Crosby had yet to find the back of the net, and was on the score

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sheet for just two assists in five games. The NHL leader in both points (78) and assists (50) couldn't be held down however and neither could his line mate. When all the marbles were on the line, both guys stepped up and delivered unassisted goals to make the gold a forgone conclusion for their country. Kunitz validated his place on the ice and Crosby demonstrated why he was chosen as the big "C" on a team bubbling over with talent as he picked the Swede's pocket and backhanded the puck past Henrik Lundqvist on a beautiful break-away.

Evgeni Malkin and Team Russia did not fare so well, as they were eliminated in the quarterfinals by Finland. Geno mustered up one goal and two assists, despite trailing only Alexander Ovechkin for the team lead in shots on goal with 20. The host team had the most pressure to perform and didn't play up to massive expectations. In the end, the Penguins will bring back four medals, two gold and two bronze, but none belonging to the Bylsma led Americans.

The Olympics are more than sport. They are more than medals. They are more than wins and losses. The Olympics are pride. They are country. They unite otherwise divisive people. They inspire. Unfortunately for Team USA, the uninspired play came the most inopportune time. Now Dan Bylsma has to live with the disappointment of an entire nation, not just a city. His legacy is starting to become more about how his teams come up small in big games, rather than sustained success. But

he can change that. Starting February 27th against the New York Rangers, the Penguins' head coach can set his sights on the stretch run and getting his team healthy and back in the swing for the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The question is, how quickly can the Olympians readjust to the NHL game? How will those that came up empty in Sochi bounce back? Will they use it as motivation, an iceberg on their shoulder that can fuel a championship? Will the coaching staff do the same? After the 2010 Vancouver games, where Russia was ousted in the quarterfinals just like this year, Malkin put up just five points in the entire month of March. This is not the type of performance the Penguins need from him this time around. Getting a fast start out of the gate is paramount in creating momentum for the second season.

With 24 games left, a massive 16 point lead in the Metropolitan Division and five point lead over Boston in the Eastern Conference, the players can not get complacent. It's up to Dan Bylsma and his coaching staff to keep these players focused and make adjustments when necessary. Let's just hope he does a better job than he did in Sochi.

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An Iliad is directed by the Artistic Director of New York's Red Bull Theater, Jesse Berger, well-known to Pittsburgh Public Theater's audiences as the director of Circle Mirror Transformation, A Number, Life X 3, and I Am My Own Wife.

The winner of 2012 Obie and Lucille Lortel Awards, An Iliad runs March 6 – April 6, 2014 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.

Appearing as The Poet is Teagle F. Bougere, whose Broadway credits include The Tempest with Patrick Stewart, and A Raisin in the Sun with Phylicia Rashad and Sean Combs. He also recently starred in several productions of Invisible Man, adapted from Ralph Ellison's novel.

An Iliad combines majestic language with the informal way we speak today to unleash the tales of the Trojan War and delve into the psychology of passion and rage, both ancient and contemporary. Bougere plays all the Greek classic's most famous characters: Achilles, Hector, Agamemnon, Helen of Troy, and the gods Athena and Hermes. Colorful and emotionally charged, their stories examine the impulses that drive people into battle and ultimately reveals that human nature has not changed much since the days of Homer's masterpiece.

Variety described An Iliad as, "A transformative act of theatrical magic."

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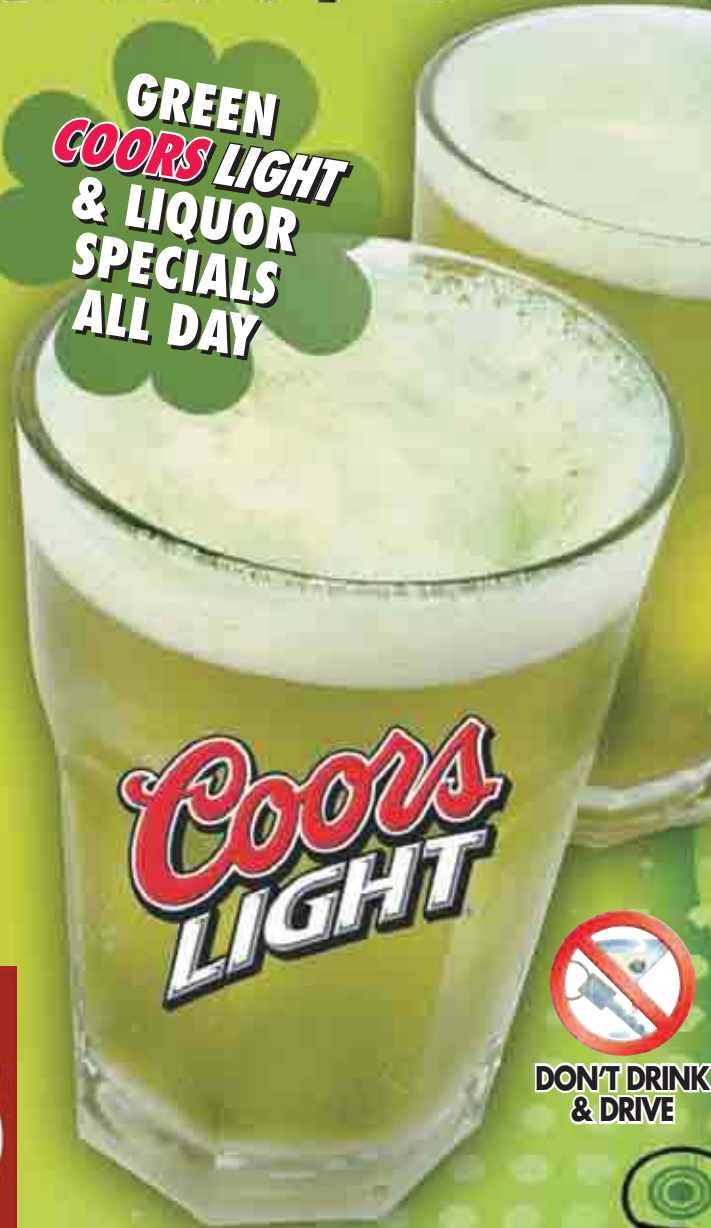
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Wines and Spirits - 11 Most-Asked Questions About Wine

We realized we have answered thousands of questions from readers, but the same ones keep coming up. Here we offer answers to our 11 most-asked questions, in condensed form.

In each case, the answer could be far more extensive, with all sorts of to-be-sures and howevers — in fact, in every case we have written at least one entire column on the issue over the years. But if we had to answer in about 100 words or less, this is what we'd say. They are listed from the 11th-most-asked to the most asked. Don't peek.

- 11. What's the best glass? We prefer a large glass — around 20 to 22 ounces is good — because it feels generous in our hands and we can swirl around the small amount we pour into it. Look for clear, thin glass; a long stem; and a slight curve inward at the top. We prefer inexpensive glasses so we don't worry about breaking them. Over the years, we have found good glasses at a wide variety of stores, including Pier 1 and Costco (though we haven't seen our favorites at either place recently). Vino Grande Burgundy from Spiegelau, which is owned by Riedel, is our everyday glass.
- 10. Where are the best values coming from these days? This has leaped onto this list in the past year, for obvious reasons. If we had to answer in one word, it would be this: Chile. Look especially for its Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc. But Argentina (especially Malbec), New Zealand (especially Sauvignon Blanc) and South Africa (also Sauvignon Blanc) are good bets, too.
- 9. What wines should I serve at a party (or to any large gathering)? For a white, Chilean or New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc is a winner. For a red, we used to recommend one of the cru Beaujolais (such as Fleurie) and we still like that advice, but Argentina's Malbec is so popular right now and so widely enjoyed that we'd recommend that instead. If you are looking for an affordable bubbly for a group, it's hard to go wrong with Cava from Spain.
- 8. How do I remove labels? We're thrilled to be asked this so often because it means people are drinking wines they want to remember. You could take a digital picture, of course. But if you want to remove the actual label (as we do), most labels these days work with the oven method: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Turn it off. Put the empty bottle in for a few minutes until it gets really hot. Wearing serious oven mitts, carefully remove the bottle, lift a corner of the label with a fingernail or a knife and peel right off. (Some labels still need to be boiled off, so we try that next, after the bottle has cooled. If all else



fails, many wine stores sell large, sticky strips that basically peel the label off.)

- 7. Should I decant? Generally, no — at least, not at first. We enjoy tasting a wine from the first sip to the last and it will get plenty of air in those big glasses while we swirl. If we taste a wine and it's so tight that it needs decanting, we can decant; if we decant first and then find that the wine lost some fruit to the air, there's no going back. (Of course, if a wine needs to be separated from sediment, that's another matter.)
- 6. Do I have to store my wine in a temperature-controlled cellar? If you simply want to keep a mixed case of wine around the house for a short time — and you should — find a place in the dark with a fairly constant, moderate temperature. The bottom of a closet is often fine. If you have fine wine you want to store for longer, get one of those wine refrigerators. They are more affordable, available and space-efficient than ever and they're worth it. If you want to lay down a bottle in that temperature-controlled cellar for your newborn — and this is also a question we're often asked — we'd suggest Sauternes.
- 6a. What is the correct cellar temperature, and do whites and reds need to be different? Classic cellar temperature is about 55 degrees. We keep reds and whites at about 57 because we find that it's a good starting point for serving both. Most reds are served too warm and most whites are served too cold, especially at restaurants. We might want to chill our whites a bit more or warm our reds by leaving them on the table as we sip them, but 57 is a good starting point.
- 5. I want to find a bottle I had at a restaurant (or that I read about); how do I get it? Try wine-searcher.com, wineaccess.com and winezap.com. Chances are you will find it. Even if it is not listed for sale at a local wine shop, you might be able to have it delivered from a faraway store. If you can't do that, perhaps because of local laws, try calling a store that has it and asking the merchant to look at the label and give you the name of the distributor, whom you can call. This is one of many reasons you should have a good local wine merchant, because he or she can help find it.
- 4. I love X wine; what do you think of it? We're surprised how often we are asked this. Our answer is: It doesn't matter. We think you should drink the wines you love and love the wines you drink. Don't let anyone, including us, tell you what's





good and what isn't. In fact, though, this does touch on a very good and much more important question, one that you should regularly pose to that helpful wine merchant you need to find: I love X wine; what else do you have in your store that I might like at around the same price? That's how great wine journeys get started.

- 3. Why does wine give me headaches; sulfites, right? Wrong. Sulfites cause very severe allergic reactions in a small number of people, even death in extreme cases, which is why there's a warning on the bottle, but sulfites don't cause headaches. Wine headaches are a serious issue, but the causes are highly personal. Some people get headaches only from red wine and some get them just from, say, German wine. It has to do with histamines and all sorts of other complex science. It really is best to talk with your doctor about this.
- 3a. But wines in Europe don't have sulfites, right? Wrong. All wines contain sulfites (it's a natural byproduct of the winemaking process) and almost all wines contain added sulfites, all over the world. It's just that the U.S. has required a sulfite warning for many years and Europe started doing that more recently.
- 2. I'm going to a wine region; what wineries should I visit? Whether you are going to Napa, Piedmont or Châteauneuf-du-Pape, our advice is the same: Drop into the little places you've never heard of. You are more likely to meet the actual owners or winemakers and have a better time. Not only that, but these are the wines you could never buy at home, so here's your chance.
- 1. I have this one old bottle; how much is it worth? As we were working on this column, we received, within 26 minutes of each other, two notes. In one, a woman told us that she and her husband had been given a bottle of 1974 Lafite Rothschild to celebrate the birth of their son. "Any idea what it is worth?" she asked. In the second, a woman said she and her husband had been given a bottle of 1976 Lafite many years ago and her husband had died. "How much is it worth?" she asked. We get similar notes every single day and the answer is always the same: Your bottle is worthless — and priceless. In terms of selling it for money: While it's always possible that someone will buy anything, the likelihood of a merchant offering to buy a single bottle from an individual is small at best. For example, Ben Nelson, senior vice president of consignments at Chicago-based Hart Davis Hart, a wine auctioneer and merchant, told us his firm is looking for bottles in excellent condition, with clear provenance, that have been well-cellared as part of a larger collection. His general advice about a single, special bottle is the same as ours: Open and enjoy. These bottles are priceless because of what they hold inside — not the wine, but the memories. Which brings us to...
- 1a. When will this wine be at its peak? First, remember that most wines are made to drink when they are released. In terms of fine, ageable wines, there are all sorts of online sources that will give you a ballpark idea of theoretical peak readiness. But every bottle is different and there are many variables, such as storage conditions and personal taste. Open a special bottle when the moment seems right to you. If you have an old bottle like those old Lafites, make a special meal, open the bottles and celebrate the memories. If you simply can't stand to do that alone, remember that Open That Bottle Night is the last Saturday of February. That's when you can join others like you, world-wide, in opening their special bottles.

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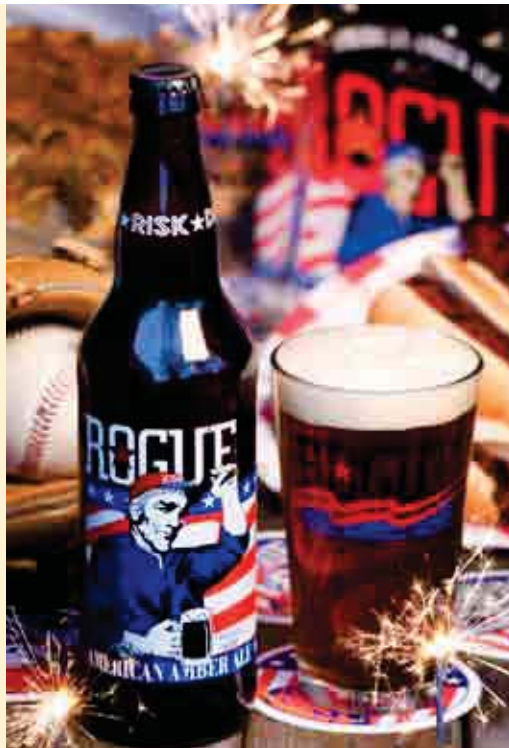
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Rogue Brewing

By: CHRIS WISE

In the fight against mass-produced, bland tasting beer, one company is attempting to start a full-scale beer revolution. Rogue, which produces spirits in addition to their many varieties of beers, believes in the power of innovation and striving for an excellent product. Rogue has been operating for over 25 years, and has built a reputation putting the quality of their product of the quantity of money they make, and helping bring attention to the revolution currently happening within the beer-universe.

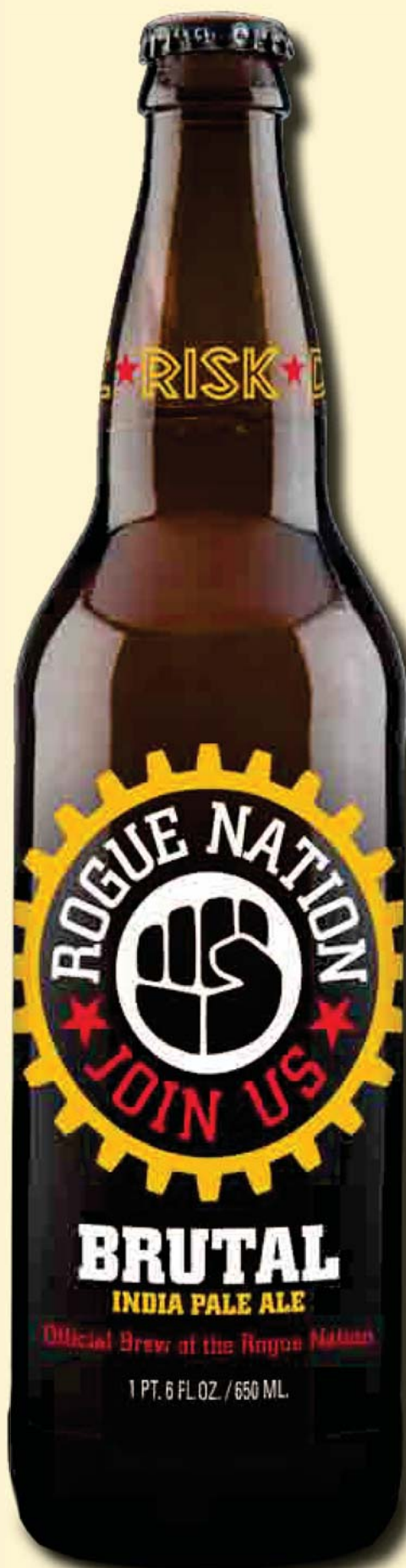
The revolution owes its roots to four men, Jack Joyce, Bob Woodell, Rob Strasser and Jeff Schultz, a 10 gallon bbl brewing system and a 60-seat brewpub in Ashland, OR. In 1988 the first Rogue Public House was opened by the four friends, pushing out their first two recipes: Amber and Gold. While the response from the public was encouraging, it quickly became apparent Rogue needed to expand in order to survive past their first winter. So in February of 1989 Jack Joyce took a drive to Newport to look for their next location.

A winter storm closed in quickly on the small town, leaving Jack's stuck with no way out of town that night. So Jack walked into town until he was rescued by Mohave "Mo" Niemi, founder of the famous Mo's Clam Chowder. As Jack was warming up with a hot bowl of clam chowder Niemi told him about her dream to live above a bar, claiming she had the answer to Rogue's expansion problem. Niemi offered to help Jack secure the new location, on two conditions: Rogue "feed the fishermen," or give back to the local community, and hang a picture of Mo, naked in a bathtub, above the bar(which is still there to this day.) Jack quickly agreed, and that same month Rogue began construction to relocate from a basement in Ashland to a garage in Newport.

In May of 1989, Rogue's Revolution gained an important member of their team when John "More Hops" Maier joined the team as Brewmaster. John left The Alaskan Brewery to join Rogue, having won the American Homebrewer Association's Homebrewer of the Year Award only three years before in 1986. John Maier was present for the first batch of brew in Newport, OR in 1989, and has brewed over 100,000 pints of beer for Rogue since.

The first location in Newport served as the base of their brewing operation for only three years, when the brewery system was moved across the bay to its current location, but remains open today as the Rogue Ales Public House(still with the picture of Mo above the bar.) Rogue has kept expanding since that time, and now the Rogue empire includes multiple locations around Portland, a pub in the Portland Airport, their own farm complex in Independence, OR, pubs in Issaquah, WA, and San Francisco,





CA. Rogue locations are all family friendly, with kid friendly menus and even free water and food options for your dog. The Hop'N'Bed at the Independence farmhouse gives Rogue visitors the option to stay overnight for a longer tour of the facilities (what sounds more relaxing than bed and breakfast and beer?) and two apartments are available for stays above their Newport location.

Rogue's empire doesn't consist of simply a few pubs and a bed and breakfast. Today, Rogue has their own museum, library, university, newspaper, film company, record company, publishing company, 24-hour news operations, coins and currency, passports, national ID cards, stamps, license plates, a flag, a constitution, uniforms, shoes, a Creamery, a national past time, a literary journal, a bakery, a chef laureate, a bull, a pledge and boxer shorts.

Hard work and dedication has brought Rogue a great deal of recognition for their continued efforts within the brewing industry: Rogue has won over 1000 awards during their history, a complete list of which can be found on their website under the awards section. One of the truly impressive feats when looking at this list is how Rogue has maintained a consistent level of outstanding quality since their first award, a gold medal at the 1990 Great American Beer Festival awarded to their Smoke Ale. Rogue now sells their 37 ales in all 50 states and in 32 different countries around the world (including 50% of the craft beer market in Guam).

Rogue Brewing operates under six simple guidelines: To brew the finest varietal ales & spirits in the world with an uncompromising devotion to Quality and the Art of Brewing; To present the finished work with a touch of educational, entertaining mischief; To be dedicated to the Rogue in each of us; To remember it is not simply a matter of profit but a highly personal work of art; To build relationships, not just ales; To be like great friends and remember it's what's inside that counts. Rogue is proud of the success they have achieved using their straightforward approach, and invites all their customers to visit the production sites for themselves. Customers can visit the Newport brewpub or Independence Farm to get a behind the scenes look at all the work that goes into making a Rogue brew and meet with the people that make this company so special. Make sure to try the 7 Hop IPA which combines all the hops Rogue Farms at Independence grows in a delicious Pale Ale.

Next time you're at the beer outlet deciding between the cheaper, mass produced beers and the higher quality craft brews, grab a case of Rogue and join the revolution.

Beers

American Amber Ale

Delightfully yummy as can be, this coffee aroma beer showcases an excellent amber. Containing Cascade hops and three different malts, American Amber Ale is full of caramel, bread and hops smells. The taste hides notes of floral and citrus, as well as a bitter finish. This recipe is truly full of balance and grace, and shows what Rogue is all about: unpretentious, great tasting beer.

ABV - 5.6%

46 Awards

Shakespeare Oatmeal Stout

This American-style stout contains earthy flavors with a creamy, chocolate finish. Drink it with a dessert - it practically is one itself! It tastes of slightly roasted malts, but the smoothness of the oats softens the entire drinking experience. There is just a hint of both coffee and dark chocolate finish.

Shakespeare Oatmeal Stout is now also available in 12oz, 6 packs.

ABV - 6.1%

61 Awards

Dead Guy Ale

Brewed as a mock German Maibock, this beer is deep honey in color and has a highly malty aroma. Made with Perle and Saaz hops and four punchy malts, the body is extremely creamy. The smells circle around coffee, butter, malts, sugars and all other delightful scents. The taste follows by being sweet, but with enough bitter kick to back it up.

ABV - 6.5%

28 Awards

Brutal IPA

Bitters on bitters on bitters, this is a greatly adventurous IPA. It has all the classic citrus and grassy hop flavors and aromas, but amplified! The bitter taste does not overpower the malts and sweet tastes. Surprisingly well balanced for the amount of hops, the bread aspect also dips into a pineapple blast, making this a memorable IPA.

ABV - 5.8%

28 Awards

Chipotle Ale

An interesting ale to say the least - they say spice is the variety of life! Well this beer does it well. The aroma is literally smoky, as well malty. The taste hits notes of spice, malts, pepper and leaves the tongue happy, if not a little singed. It's a flavor burst, mixed into a great brew, that you'll just have to try for yourself!

ABV - 5.5%

15 Awards

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THRISTY DOG

By: Chris Wise



When John Najeway was approached by a friend to go work at the newly opened Thirsty Dog brewpub in Canton, Ohio in 1997, he scarcely could have imagined how far his decision would take him. Thirsty Dog celebrates seventeen years in business this February, and in that time have gone through two brewpubs in Centerville and Akron then began production brewing in 2003. In 2007 Thirsty Dog was proud to open their own production facility on Grant Street in the heart of Akron, Ohio. Their location is in the old Burkhardt Brewing Co. building, which has its roots back to the 1800's.

Thirsty Dog has been doing so well since 2007, they've needed to expand to accommodate five new 90-gallon tanks added last spring. The added production capacity brings Thirsty Dog's total capacity to 25,000 barrels of brew a year, which they distribute in 14 states, and most recently became available in New York City. This added production capacity has also allowed Najeway and Thirsty Dog to roll out new lines that have excited their fans.

One such line of recipes are their sour recipe program which began in 2011. The brewmasters have been perfecting their sour recipes at their tasting room in the brewery, and are getting ready for their first sour release. Cerasus Dog Flanders Style Red Ale is set to release in 6-packs of bottles this April. The expanded production capacity also allows Thirsty Dog to roll out more of their wildly popular 12 Dogs of Christmas Ale which has become a winter favorite of Ohioans everywhere. Also, Thirsty Dog has been able to devote an entire room in their facility to barrel aging in both wine barrels and wine barrels.

Thirsty Dog has been able to grow an impressive rate, but points to the success craft brewing has had in Ohio in the recent past. And John Najeway has more to do with it than simply producing great beer at Thirsty Dog. Najeway also co-founded the Ohio Craft Brewer Association, a group of Ohio brewers looking to raise awareness for locally produced beer. Najeway and the Brewer Association also began a tradition ten years ago called Blues and Brews, the largest craft brewing festival in Ohio, which celebrates the great music and beers from around the Akron area and to raise money to give back

to the community which shows them so much support. Since the association was founded in 2007, the number of craft brewers in Ohio has jumped from 24 to an amazing 105. Najeway's work at both Thirsty Dog and the Ohio Craft Brewer Association has helped the buckeye state achieve status among the nations best states for craft beer.

While Najeway has been busy growing Ohio brewing as a whole and expanding the capacity of Thirsty Dog, he hasn't lost sight of how he got to this point. Thirsty Dog Brewing is known for great beers with clever canine names, such as Barktoberfest, Labrador Lager, and Whippet Wheat. If you can't decide what to start with try the Kennel Collection, Thirsty Dog's variety pack with seasonal offerings. Thirsty Dog's two original recipes, Old Leghumper and Siberian Night remain in production and among Thirsty Dog's best sellers. Thirsty Dog currently offers 16 varieties available in bottles with 10 additional varieties available in draft only.

Thirsty Dog has also brought back a piece of their history to celebrate how far they've come in the past years by hanging their original sign from the Canton brewpub above the Akron production facility. It seems fitting bring back a piece of their history as they get set to take a major step forward after years of expansion. So remember, while dog might be man's best friend, a thirsty man's friend is a Thirsty Dog beer.

Beers

Old Leghumper

A robust porter, dark brown in color and full-bodied with a malty sweet taste. Deep roasted, yet silky-smooth! Two types of roasted malts, including deep-roasted chocolate malt are used to give this porter a rich, chocolatey taste. Available year round.

World Beer Cup – Gold Medal in 2002, Bronze Medal in 2000

ABV – 6.7%

24 IBUs

Siberian Night Imperial Stout

Imperial Stouts are by their nature very, very dark and rich, and Siberian Night is no exception. With a deep-roasted, satisfying flavor generated from massive amounts of roasted, toasted and caramel malts. It's creamy and full-bodied character is perfect for those that demand a rich and flavorful stout. Also available in Bourbon Barrel Aged version, which is aged for 11 months which perfectly blends the chocolate flavors of the malts with the vanilla flavors from the barrel. Original available year round and Barrel Aged variety available November through February.

Great American Beer Festival – Gold Medal in 2005, Bronze Medal in 2003 and 2006

ABV – 9.7%

58 IBUs

Twisted Kilt Scottish Export Ale

This Scottish Ale gets its unique flavor and aroma through a special, time consuming, extra long and vigorous boil. The wonderful caramelized flavors produced blend perfectly with the balanced flavors of roasted barley and complementing hops. Raise a glass of this very drinkable beer to ANY occasion! Available year round.

ABV – 5.3%

13.5 IBUs

Rail Dog Smoked Black Lager

This lager has the most complex grain bill of any in Thirsty Dog's

lineup. They roast grains in their ovens and add their own proprietary apple-smoked grain for even more complexity. The final result is a smooth, easy drinking, lightly smoked, delicious brew. Available year round.

ABV – 6.7%

24 IBUs

Labrador Lager Dortmunder

Quintessential as the breed its named after, this recipe is true to style down to the European hops and yeast. This brew loyally follows the German brewing traditions of lagering or aging. When you unleash the flavor of this light golden colored, perfectly balanced beer, you too will become a loyal friend of Thrifty Dog Brewing Company. Available year round.

ABV – 6%

22 IBUs

Citra Dog American IPA

An American IPA bursting with citrus aromas and flavors. You'll find evidence of tangerine, grapefruit, orange and mango in the aroma from the multiple additions of a single hop variety, Citra. There is also a nice malt balance in this bitter, full bodied, delicious IPA that is a citrus lovers delight. Available year round.

ABV – 6.5%

95 IBUs

Hoppus Maximus American-Style Amber Ale

The complex character of American hops and amber colored cara-

mel malts make this beer very crisp and refreshing that simply will not disappoint! Available year round.

Great American Beer Festival – Silver Medal in 2001, Bronze Medal in 2003 and 2005

World Beer Cup - Silver Medal in 2004

ABV – 5.9%

43 IBUs

Irish Setter Red Irish Style Red Ale

A medium body with freshly ground caramel malt flavor and little to no bitterness. The combination of American caramel malt and the finest Kent Goldings hops from England add an inviting, nutty toasted malt aroma. Available January through March.

ABV – 5.9%

16 IBUs

Whippet Wheat Hefeweizen

Simply the most popular beer style in Bavaria, hefe(yeast) and weizen(wheat) is an unfiltered yeasty wheat beer. That's the only simple thing about this great brew. This Hefeweizen combines 50% wheat malts with only the purest German yeasts. The trademark yeast-cloudiness produced holds all the aromas of clove, vanilla, and banana that make Whippet Wheat a truly unique and flavorful beer. Available May through September.

ABV – 5.2%

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BY RICKY PERROTTA

Pennsylvania has developed a well-deserved reputation for producing quality craft beer. A 2013 article in USA Today cited Pennsylvania as one of the top 10 craft brew states in America. According to the New Yorker, only four states – California, Oregon, Washington, and Michigan – boast more craft breweries than Pennsylvania. At the forefront is Downingtown, PA's Victory Brewing Company, owned and operated by Ron Barchet and Bill Covaleski. Not only is Victory the largest craft brewery in PA, they rank 26th nationally. Beers such as the HopDevil, Prima Pils, and Golden Monkey are well known to beer connoisseurs across America. 2014 looks to be another exciting year in the history of the brewery as Victory has recently expanded production, increased their already impressive sustainability efforts, and unveiled several new beverages.

In 1996, Mr. Barchet and Mr. Covelski famously repurposed a Pepperidge Farm factory to create a 300 seat restaurant, 70 foot long bar, and full scale brewery in Downingtown. That year Victory produced a modest 1,725 barrels. Things have picked up. Their new facility in Parkesburg, PA will initially produce 225,000 barrels a year. That's a stunning increase of 12,943%. At full capacity, it will be able to produce over 500,000 barrels. Victory once sold to only the surrounding area. Now they distribute beer in 34 states and overseas to Japan, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Sweden and the Cayman Islands. But, true to their history, much more went into this expansion process than the mere concern to brew greater quantities of beer.

Victory was recently awarded the 2014 Sustainable Agriculture Business Leadership Award by the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture. Their website, victorybeer.com, states, "We are proud to harness the energy of the sun to power our beer-making with the installation of 345 photovoltaic panels." These panels produce "approximately 82,000kWh of clean, green electricity each year." A photovoltaic panel is generally referred to as a solar panel. Victory has been recognized for their efforts in this area by PennEnvironment, which stated, "Victory's solar electric project shows that businesses continue to turn to clean, and renewable energy to protect the environment and reduce their costs." Beyond solar power, Victory also has an agreement with a local farmer who recycles their nearly 25,000 pounds of spent grains a year to use as

food for his animals. In addition, Victory has initiated a composting project, which has allowed them to compost 73 tons of food waste annually since 2010.

Quality of water and environmental impact were also taken into account when choosing a site for the new facility. The Parkesburg facility is located within 20 miles of the original Downingtown facility, and its water is supplied by the same Brandywine Creek, though a different branch. Eight months of water-quality research revealed the mineral composition of the two branches is nearly identical; meaning the quality of the beer will not be compromised by this expansion.

Victory is also aware that ever-increasing competition in the craft beer market means ingenuity is at a premium. Toward that end, they have released several new beers within the last year and are moving into the 22oz bottle market. The Hop Wallop has been replaced by the already popular Dirt Wolf Double IPA. Victory sold 3,000 barrels of the Dirt Wolf from October to December alone. The Dirt Wolf, at 8.7% ABV, has a thick mouthfeel, but is wonderfully balanced; the use of whole flower hops gives it a floral, citrus character that is very refreshing. In the 12oz variety, Victory has also released a new spring seasonal called the Swing Session Saison, a holiday wheat ale called the Winter Cheers, and an Imperial IPA for the winter called the Hop Ranch.

In the 22oz format, Victory will be releasing the Mad King's Weiss, a European style wheat ale. The Mad King (6.2% ABV) tastes strongly of cloves and other spices, but has a sweet, fruity aspect to it as well, typical of the effervescent style. This beer will also be available on tap from April to August. They are also set to release a special ale in honor of their 18th anniversary and the opening of their new Parkesburg facility, the 1337 Ale (6.0% ABV). It will be a throwback based on an older homebrewing recipe of Mr. Barchet and Mr. Covelski's.

Of course, the innovative Victory Brewing Company plans on continuing to innovate in all aspects of their business, from ecological awareness, to marketing, to brewing, and 2014 promises to be another great year for the popular Pennsylvania brewery and its fans. For more information, please visit victorybeer.com. Victory is proudly distributed in Pittsburgh by Vecenie Distributing.

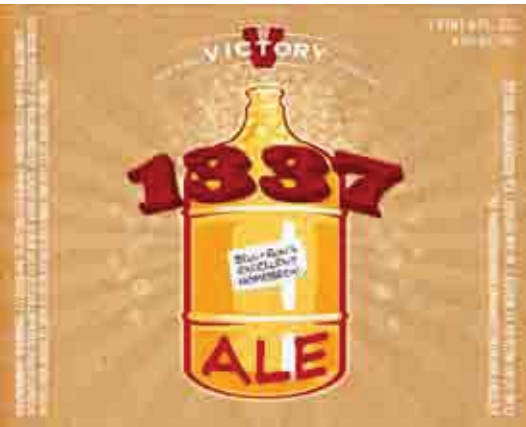


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- Hops: Hopped with German and American hops. Spiced with peppercorns, orange peel and fresh lemon zest. Belgian saison yeasts.
- ABV: 4.5%
- Flavor: With its citrus swagger and spicy refreshment, Swing Session Saison offers you a jazzy jolt of joy. This Belgian-style ale is bracing but benign and enlivens any experience.

Availability: Spring seasonal in 12 oz. Bottles.

DIRT WOLF DOUBLE IPA

Darkly heroic, Humulus Lupulus (hops) have empowered brews with bite and character since the 11th century. DirtWolf is a tribute to these untamed vines, which rise from the earth with the voracity of a "wolf among sheep." Hops have made an assertive comeback in American craft brewing. Revel in the best U.S. varieties of hops, in their natural, whole flower form, as they bring a vital, pungent reality to the soul of a wild element in our dangerously satisfying.

DIRTWOLF DOUBLE IPA.

- Malt: Imported two-row malts
- Hops: Whole flower Citra, Chinook, Simcoe and Mosaic hops
- ABV: 8.7%
- Flavor: This dangerously delicious recipe features often subtle, but sometimes assertive signatures of American hop varieties. Look for: Citra: heavy citrus aroma, fruity flavor; Chinook: grapefruit, resinous pine; Simcoe: dry, piney; and Mosaic earthy and mildly floral, with notes of sweet citrus and spice.

Availability: Available year-round in 12oz. bottles and on draft.

WINTER CHEERS WHEAT ALE

Winter weather may drive us indoors but cannot dampen our spirits when hearth, home and hops meet in jubilation. Hoisted high in its golden glory, Winter Cheers lives up to its name, fueling festive times and chasing winter's chill. Glowing and glimmering, frothy and shimmering, our celebratory wheat ale features luscious fruity

and spicy notes, making it a perfect brew to brighten spirits even on the deepest of nights.

- Malt: German wheat and barley malts, and oats
- Hops: Whole flower Tettnang and Citra hops
- ABV: 6.7%
- Flavor: Light in body, this fruity and warming holiday brew delivers a crisp finish, with spicy hints of banana, clove and citrus.

Availability: Holiday seasonal in 12 oz. bottles and on draft.

HOP RANCH IMPERIAL IPA

To our hop ranchers, who coax and cultivate our enticing and flavorful hops, we raise this glass. Selecting the finest varieties in their natural, whole flower form, we craft our Hop Ranch Imperial India Pale Ale, as a celebration of their successes. Pungent, floral and intense, this represents America's best, in every relaxing sip.

- Malt: Pilsner
- Hops: Mosaic and Azacca
- ABV: 9.0%
- Flavor: This powerful brew features full, juicy hop character, while expressing notes of mango, pineapple and the pleasantly sharp, biting edges of tart citrus fruit.

Availability: Winter seasonal available in 12oz. bottles and on draft.

MAD KING'S WEISS

Bavaria's fabled Ludwig was said to be 'mad.' The same might be said of us for approaching this German beer style with fistfuls of hops beyond the norm for this style and yeast from Belgium!

- Malt: Imported two-row German malts, including wheat
- Hops: Whole flower German hops
- ABV: 6.2%
- Flavor: High-powered with all German malts and the subtle, spicy complexity of our special yeast, Mad King's Weiss offers a quenching quality that can't be beat.

Availability: Available from April through August in 22oz. bottles and on draft.

1337 ALE

- ABV: 6.0%
- Release Date: Late February
- Details yet to be released.

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Coach Monique

Training for Life

Nightwire Magazine is proud to introduce our newest feature writer, Coach Monique and her Write on Positivity Column. Each month, Coach Monique will bring us people, ideas, user-friendly education or insights rooted in the positive. Coach Monique feels that every setback is an opportunity to experience a comeback in life. So whether it is a story sharing how adversity served as a platform to blaze a trail of success for an individual, how a group is coming together to make a positive difference in the world, simple strategies to overcome a setback or to simply make life better~ you can find it here each month. Coach Monique's Write on Positivity Column is meant to inspire and make a positive difference in the life of each reader.

Coach Monique's tagline, "Most people don't need a therapist, they just need a change" says a lot. Working with a fitness coach helps you whip your body into shape and working with Coach Monique can help you whip your life into shape so that you can get the changes you want. Coach Monique's clients and students enjoy rapid results in minimizing their stress, anxiety and worry...overcoming their fears, phobias, limitations and negative thinking...improving their moods, sleep and pain management and increasing their mindfulness, energy and happiness.

Coach Monique has been teaching and working with private clients for more than 9 years and reports she enjoys the work more today than ever. The work she does is the culmination of education, personal study and work in a variety of complimentary fields including: Emotional Intelligence (Certification), Innovation (MBA), Communications (BA), Meditation (Certification), Thought Field Therapy, the Psychology of Happiness, Mindfulness, and Recovery. All the techniques and education she provides are based in Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and Innovation.

For those who are unfamiliar with EQ, it is the ability to manage your emotions and the emotions of others to work for you rather than against you. Markers for high EQ are: the ability to positively self-soothe during times of stress and/or anxiety, resiliency, effective communication skills, strong conflict management capabilities, ability to positively adapt to change, strong leadership and influence, positive self-awareness and social awareness. Just like IQ, everyone is born with EQ, the difference is IQ remains relatively stable throughout life while EQ is teachable and it's relatively easy to increase. Innovation is simply implementing new ideas and processes for solving new or long-standing problems or issues, and to work to accomplish goals by "thinking outside the box" and that is exactly what Coach Monique does in her coaching work, educational series and programming.

In speaking with Coach Monique's clients, they often report finding their experience working with her to be fast-paced, positive, forward facing and an often fun option for rapid changes in their lives. Working with Coach Monique is NOT to be confused with therapy and is not a replacement for therapy. Coach Monique works differently than many coaches in that her goal is to educate and work with clients for a relatively short period of time, to achieve rapid results. Coach Monique typically only works with clients once a week for 4 to 8 weeks. Other coaches often keep clients on their rosters for months, if not years. When asked, "what do you love most about the work?" Coach Monique responded with "it never gets old...it is the rush I get when clients break into a smile because the light bulb has gone on for them...the



moment when they really get it!" "Recently, Coach Monique had a client say, "...what you do is so much more than coaching, but I can't think of what to call what you do...it just defies a label..."

Coach Monique takes so much pride in that and we at Nightwire can understand why.

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Because life transitions, even positive ones, can be stressful and anxiety producing, Coach Monique often has clients who look to her for coaching with issues such as divorce, dating, career changes, parenting, relocation and loss. As well as clients who are seeking to evolve and grow personally, set and achieve goals, get "unstuck" in life and those seeking more meaning in their lives as well as those who simply want to be happier. Coach Monique offers individual one-on-one coaching, the Positively Life Changing 4-Week Series (open to the public), retreats, motivational speaking and Employee Assistance Programming. Coach Monique's office is conveniently located in the North Hills, minutes from downtown, Route 19 and Route 279. She also travels throughout the city to work with businesses, organizations and affinity groups to provide programming to strengthen their relationships with their employees, members and consumers, to support their goals and to get more value out of their relationships with one another.

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DATING

Is Your Inner Child Keeping You In A Bad Relationship

By: Steven Jay Fogel

5 Questions to Ask Yourself;

The Answers May Help Set You Free

It happens when we see politicians repeatedly make the same self-destructive mistakes - think former legislator Anthony Weiner's repeated sexting scandals.

Or we hear friends complain repeatedly about the horrible job they're "stuck" in.

Or, in a rare glimmer of insight, we wonder why we're still hanging on to a "romance" that makes us miserable.

"When people seem mentally healthy and it looks like they could easily make a change that would make them happier, we're absolutely baffled by why they don't," says Steven Jay Fogel (www.StevenJayFogel.com), author of the new book *Your Mind Is What Your Brain Does for a Living* (March 2014).

When you're the "stuck" person, the why may seem more evident: You're scared, or you think, "If I just keep doing the right things, it will all work out."

Either way, it's likely they—and you—aren't making a conscious choice at all, Fogel says.

"We think we're making decisions based on the present, but we're usually not. We tend to operate on automatic pilot, responding to situations based on the coping strategies and thinking patterns we developed in childhood," he says.

"When those strategies are dysfunctional, we just keep repeating the same behaviors over and over again."

The good news is that we can learn to recognize that "default" thinking and rewire the brain to change it, says Fogel.

The cofounder of Westwood Financial Corp., one of the nation's leading private commercial real estate owners, Fogel draws from decades of neuroscience and mindfulness research to offer solutions.

What can you do to get yourself unstuck? Get started, he suggests, by answering these questions—in writing!

- What is causing your pain? Think about whether you're in a relationship or job that's become less and less satisfying and increasingly painful over a long period. Describe in writing the elements of the relationship or situation that are persistently causing you pain and how long you've been experiencing these problems. Knowing that there are three ways to end your suffering - accept the situation, change it, or remove yourself from it - write down the reasons you're staying even though you're suffering and what is preventing you from choosing Door 1, 2 or 3.
- How are you interpreting your partner's behavior? If you repeatedly fight about the same issues, describe the issues. Think about whether you're unconsciously investing the issue with a meaning based on your "autopilot" thinking. For instance, if you're arguing because your partner's messy and ignores your requests to be neat, are you interpreting that as disrespect toward you? Do you further interpret that disrespect as a lack of love for you? Is it possible that your partner is just not a neat person and that has nothing to do with his feelings for you?
- Do you have impulsive autopilot behaviors that are causing problems? We can often check the impulses that stem from our

autopilot brain just by stopping to think before we act. Bursts of anger are one example; suppressed anger that turns into passive-aggressive behavior is another.

- Do you feel shamed or blamed by your partner's critical comments? Write down the comments accurately—as they were spoken. Then think mindfully about whether your partner was really shaming you or if you interpreted the comments in that way because of your own inner critic. If it was the former, have a conversation with the person about how you feel when this happens, and state that you'll be more open to the feedback if the criticism can be expressed objectively.
- Did you bring a myth with you into the relationship? If so, describe the myth. For example, you might have believed that you will cure everything that's wrong with the other person. Or that she will fix all of your problems. Describe how you came to believe that myth and what it would take for you to release it.

About Steven Jay Fogel: Steve Fogel is a principal and cofounder of Westwood Financial Corp., one of the largest owner-operators of retail properties in the United States. He is a licensed real estate broker and past chairman of the California Arts Council. *Your Mind Is What Your Brain Does for a Living*, publishing March 11, 2014, is his third book. He is also the author of *My Mind Is Not Always My Friend: A Guide for How to Not Get in Your Own Way* (Fresh River Press, 2010) and *The Yes-I-Can Guide to Mastering Real Estate* (Times Books-Random House).

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"The look is inspired by modern safari mixed with ethereal elements"



Carmen Marc Valvo Spring/Summer 2014 "The inspiration for this season is a kind of Tribal Techno. It's taking tribal patterns and treating them in a monochromatic form: black, white, silver. Bringing them out of their element and making them a little bit more graphic, a little bit more computer generated."



Katya Leonovich Spring/Summer 2014 "It's a pompadour, with a classic finish on the back. There's punk influence, sweet and classic."



Betsey Johnson Spring/Summer 2014 "Inspiration of the Spring/Summer 2014 collection was influenced by the fashion icon, Betsey Johnson and her own quirky sense of style."

Pamella Roland Spring/Summer 2014 Pamella Roland brought in the Spring/Summer 2014 season by bringing us back to France around the 1940's-1960's. Clean, soft, buff neutral white look. The base color is Patricia Yankee's "Halo" with a custom creamy white color



Vivienne Tam Spring/Summer 2014 Based her collection on Shanghai during its "Paris of the East" era, used books and her past collections to create this one reworking many of the cuts and prints.



Noon by Noor Spring/Summer 2014 "Spring 2014 is a continuation on from Resort but this season the collection is more polished and sophisticated with hints of that playfulness from the previous season."

Herve Leger Spring/Summer 2014 "We used a lot of laser; you will see a lot of laser fabric. You will see long, short, flair great for every women."



Tracy Reese Spring/Summer 2014 Promising a Hot Afro-Cuban vibe to her Spring 2014 collection, Tracy Reese is on the mark. There was a street vibe with vibrant color and classic shapes.



Faguni & Shane Peacock Spring/Summer 2014 Punk rock meets hip hop at this season's Faguni & Shane Peacock's show. Models sported these spiked chokers and some even spiked thigh high caged heels.



Vera Wang Spring/Summer 2014 The silky fabrics in colors of black, white, yellow, blue, and red cascaded down the Vera Wang runway matching the silkiness of the faces of the models

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Barbara & Jeff Joyce



Stonepepper's Grill

By: Monique DeMonaco

Stonepepper's Grill's tagline is Food You Luv to Love! That certainly turned out to be the case when a small group of Nightwire staff braved a cold February night to review Stonepepper's Robinson Township location. The minute you walk in the door, the eclectic mix of industrial architecture, natural stone and copper hues lets you know a lot has gone into designing something contemporary... industrial chic meets warm and inviting! Restaurant veterans Jeff and Barbara Joyce knew what they are doing and it shows. Many of you may remember 1902 Landmark Tavern in Market Square. Throughout their more than 30 years in the business, the Joyce's have always followed trends, diligently researched suppliers, frequented food shows and taken note when they have traveled to cities such as Boston and New York.

When they felt the time was right, they decided to move away from the fine dining model of the 1902 Restaurant and use their creativity and innovation to create something fresh and new, Stonepepper's. From the moment you sit down, the options are tempting, whether its an interesting micro-brew to quench your thirst, a fun cocktail such as the Big Bang Berry libation (my personal favorite), a nice glass of wine or a simply delicious old fashioned milkshake...you won't be sorry.

While they certainly offer an expanded menu, it is not at all overwhelming. Whether it's their "tried and true" wings (\$7.99) you're after, a large enough to share order of

the Double Secret Sauce Fries with Bacon (not to missed, by the way) or something a little more health conscious such as the lettuce wraps (9.49)~ the appetizers set the tone to let you know this place isn't a chain. But rather, a thoughtfully designed menu that offers Foods You Luv to Love by people who understand what it means to run a successful "mom and pop" restaurant in today's competitive marketplace. With chains seemingly on every corner, Stonepepper Grill sets itself apart. The appetizers were not only delicious, but also generous enough to share so after taking the edge of our hunger, we settled in to watch a few minutes of basketball while we awaited our entrees.

At Stonepepper's Grill, they take their salads seriously. Seriously now, there are 14 different salads on the menu and each one looked better than the last. Not only are their salads delicious, but also they are visually appealing. They are known for their "bodacious salads" and I'm not surprised. Each one is brimming with freshly chopped ingredients presented in rows so you can clearly see what you are getting...lots of freshly chopped vegetables and toppings. We've all had the experience of ordering a "specialty salad" other places only to have to search for the "specialty" amongst "no better than average" salad greens. That doesn't happen at Stonepeppers.

Personally, I loved, loved, loved the Grilled Salmon Salad! (\$14.49) The salmon is topped with an orange



glaze that has the taste of marmalade without the heaviness or overpowering sweetness. The salmon sits atop generous rows of slivered almonds that give it a refreshing crunch, flavorful black beans, freshly chopped red peppers, crisp greens and orange slices, that provide an unexpected flavor flash. While you can choose from any one of the more than 12 house-made dressings, I recommend the mango vinaigrette.

With so many tasty entrée options to choose from, we decided to sample and share several of them. A couple of the guys went for burgers. These are not your typical burgers! With 11 burgers to choose from, whether it's their signature SPG Burger made with 100% Angus beef (\$9.29), "Shakin' with the Bacon" double cheeseburger (\$12.99) or the Hickory Bacon Burger (\$10.99), my personal favorite, you won't be disappointed. Keep in mind, the most expensive burger on the menu is \$12.99 so that makes Stonepepper Grill the obvious choice for great burgers AND shakes. By the way, their fries simply can't be beat...crispy AND flavorful.

When it comes to sandwiches, Stonepepper's has something for everyone. Whether it's the Maryland Lump Crabcake Sandwich (\$12.99), the Steak Bomb," (\$10.49), the brand new California Turkey Avocado and Bacon Burger (\$10.99) or the Chicken and Cranberry Wrap, sandwiches are another great choice. While its offered as a side, the Chinese Coleslaw is not the conventional heavy creamy coleslaw most of us grew up with. It is light, fresh and the uncooked ramen noodles sprinkled on top give it a nice crunch...a truly light and healthy option. Regardless of which sandwich you choose, you can't go wrong, all were delicious. The breads are all fresh, the meats are plentiful and toppings are well chosen.

If pizza is more to your liking, Stonepeppers knows what they are doing. Their state-of-the-art brick oven bakes up delicious thin and crispy pizza crust that serves as the perfect platform for their signature SPG "Hot Oil" Pizza. An idea they came up with when the Joyces were visiting NYC... a flavorful cheese pizza drizzled with Hot Pepper Oil that provides a nice "kick" that could become addictive. I had never heard of "Hot Oil Pizza", but I am a convert now...as a matter of fact, I'm taking my family back there this weekend to get more!

Our final entrée of the evening was a house specialty, Pasta Jambalaya! It is a innovative twist on a classic dish. Instead of the typical rice, Stonepeppers uses linguini so you can get all the flavors of hot sausage, Cajun grilled shrimp, chicken and mix of banana peppers, sweet peppers and green onions tossed in a delicious creamy Cajun sauce. Fragrant, colorful, rich (but not heavy)...enough said!

For those who have room for dessert, whether it's an Old Fashion Hot Fudge Sundae, delicious Carrot Cake, New York Cheesecake or a Double Chocolate Brownie with Vanilla Bean Ice-cream, all can be had for just \$5.99!

Stonepeppers celebrates Happy Hour everyday from 4:30 – 7:00 with lots of reasons to be happy. All appetizers are \$5...even their Big Bang Shrimp appetizer which is a house specialty and generous enough to share. If delicious shrimp isn't your thing, consider a brick oven quesadilla or a healthy, yet flavorful, sun-dried tomato hummus with fresh veggies and pita bread.

Stonepepper's has it all~ great food with generous portions, delicious drinks to quench any thirst, a welcoming and



attentive staff AND relaxing atmosphere...stop in sooner verses later because you are going to want to go back for more Foods You Luv to Love!

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Humor

Blonde Invention

Q: What invention did a blonde come up with that didn't pass the patent board?

A: Ejection seats in helicopters.

Get in Line

A crowded flight is cancelled, and a frazzled agent must rebook a long line of inconvenienced travelers by herself. Suddenly, an angry passenger pushes to the front and demands to be on the next flight, first class. The agent replies, "I'm sorry, sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first." The passenger screams, "Do you have ANY idea who I am?" The gate agent grabs her public address microphone, "May I have your attention, please? We have a passenger here WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to gate 17." The man grits his teeth, "Screw you." She replies, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to stand in line for that, too."

Pet Zebra

What did the blonde call her pet zebra?
Spot

Brooklyn Zoo

Q: Why did the duck go to Brooklyn?
A: To buy some quack

Zebra Definition

What is a Zebra?
A Z-bra is 25 sizes bigger than an A-bra.

Ten Cows in Your Basement

Q: How do you get ten fat cows in your basement?
A: Hold a Tupperware party!

Pregnant Dairy Queen

Q: How did Dairy Queen get pregnant?
A: Burger King forgot to wrap his whopper.

The Frog Won't Be Your Beast of Burden

A frog goes into a bank, and hops up on the desk of the loan officer. "Hi," he croaks. "What's your name?" The loan officer says, "My name is John Paddywack. May I help you?" "Yeah," says the frog. "I'd like to borrow some money." The loan officer finds this a little odd, but gets out a form. "Okay, what's your name?" The frog replies, "Kermit Jagger." "Really?" says the loan officer. "Any relation to Mick Jagger?" "Yeah, he's my dad." "Hmmm," says the loan officer. "Do you have any collateral?" The frog hands over a pink ceramic elephant and asks, "Will this do?" The loan officer says, "Um, I'm not sure. Let me go check with the bank manager." "Oh, tell him I said hi," adds the frog. "He knows me." The loan officer goes back to the manager and says, "Excuse me, sir, but there's a frog out there named Kermit Jagger who wants to borrow some money. All he has for collateral is this pink elephant thing; I'm not even sure what it is." The manager says: "It's a knick-knack, Paddywack, give the frog a loan; his old man's a Rolling Stone."

My Dog Can Beat Up Your Dog

Once a man walked into a bar and sat down at a booth. Eventually, he and another man got into an argument about whose dog could whoop the other dog. The man said, "Let's have a fight out back." "Okay" said the other. When they got their dogs, one man opened a case and brought out a 12 inch long yellow dog. That dog proceeded to kill every other dog in town. When one man asked, "Where did you get that dog?" the man said, "Well, before I cut its tail off and painted it yellow, it was an alligator."

A Meal to Die For

There was an Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman working on the top of a cliff. The Englishman said, "If I have cheese in my sandwich tomorrow, I'll jump off this cliff." The Scotsman said, "If I have jam in my sandwich tomorrow, I'll jump off the cliff." The Irishman said, "If I have ham tomorrow, I'll jump off the cliff." The next day, the Englishman had cheese, the Irishman had ham, and the Scotsman had jam. So they all jumped. At the funerals, the wives of the Scotsman and Englishman said, "Why didn't they just tell us they didn't like their sandwiches?" The Irish lady said, "I don't know why my husband jumped off the cliff. He made his own sandwiches."

Forget About It

An elderly husband and wife visit their doctor when they begin forgetting little things. Their doctor tells them that many people find it useful to write themselves little notes. When they get home, the wife says, "Dear, will you please go to the kitchen and get me a dish of ice cream? And maybe write that down so you won't forget?" "Nonsense," says the husband, "I can remember a dish of ice cream." "Well," says the wife, "I'd also like some strawberries and whipped cream on it." "My memory's not all that bad," says the husband. "No problem -- a dish of ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I don't need to write it down." He goes into the kitchen; his wife hears pots and pans banging around. The husband finally emerges from the kitchen and presents his wife with a plate of bacon and eggs. She looks at the plate and asks, "Hey, where's the toast I asked for?"

New Version of Playboy

Q: Did you hear about the new magazine for married men published by Playboy?
A: It has the same pictures month after month after month after month....

ABC

Wilfred had just learned his abc's and was very scared of doing them in front of the class. The teacher, though, told him that the best way to conquer his fears would be to just go ahead and do it. So, trembling, he stood in front of the class and began. "ABCDEFGHJKLMNOQRSTUVWXYZ." "Very good, Wilfred. But you forgot the P. Where's the P?" "It's running down my leg."

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What We Learn From the Movies

- It is always possible to park directly in front of any building you are visiting.
- A detective can only solve a case once he has been suspended from duty.
- If you start dancing in the street, everyone you bump into will know all the steps.
- Most laptops are powerful enough to override the communication systems of any invading alien civilization.
- It does not matter if you are heavily outnumbered in a fight involving martial arts, your enemies will wait patiently to attack you one by one, dancing around in a threatening manner until you have knocked out their predecessors.
- After a person suffers a massive blow to the head, they will still be surprisingly good looking.
- No one involved in a car chase, hijacking, explosion, volcanic eruption or alien invasion will ever go into shock.
- Partnering police officers with their total opposites will always, eventually, lead to buddy teams who share unbreakable bonds and gruff affection.

Bathtub Anxieties

There was a little boy and a little girl in a bathtub having a bath. Suddenly the little girl looked down at the boy. "Can I touch it?" "No way -- you already broke yours off!"

The Boss

One day a man goes to a pet shop to buy a parrot. The assistant takes the man to the parrot section and asks the man to choose one. The man asks, "How much is the yellow one?" The assistant says, "\$2000." The man is shocked and asks the assistant why it's so expensive. The assistant explains, "This parrot is a very special one. He knows typewriting and can type really fast." "What about the green one?" the man asks. The assistant says, "He costs \$5000 because he knows typewriting and can answer incoming telephone calls and takes notes." "What about the red one?" the man asks. The assistant says, "That one's \$10,000." The man says, "What does HE do?" The assistant says, "I don't know, but the other two call him boss."

Annoying Boy on Bus

A little kid gets on a city bus, sits right behind the driver, and starts talking loudly, "If my dad was a bull and my mom a cow, I'd be a little bull." The driver gets annoyed as the kids continues to yammer on. "If my dad was an rooster and my mom a hen, I would be a little chick." The kid goes on and on with all the animals he knows, when finally, the bus driver yells, "What if your dad was a bum and your mom was a drunk?" The kid smiles and says, "I'd be a bus driver."

Cartwheeling for Cash

One day a little girl came running into her house yelling, "Mommy, I got five dollars!" The mother was curious, so she asked her child where she got the five dollars from. The little girl replied, "Tommy down the street gave me five dollars for doing cartwheel while he sat in the tree. The mother told her daughter, "Don't you know that Tommy is just trying to see your panties." "OOOOhhhh" said the little girl. The next day the little girl came running into the house yelling, "Mommy, I got ten dollars. The mother asked, "Where did you get the ten dollars from?" The little girl replied, "Tommy down the street gave me ten dollars for doing a cartwheel while he sat up in the tree and laughed." The mother replied, "Didn't I tell you that he is..." Before the mother could finish, the little girl said, "Wait Mommy. I tricked him, I didn't wear any panties today."

No Cavities

One fine afternoon, a smiling boy arrived home from a dental visit. He called out, "Hey mom, I have no cavities today." His mom stared at him wide-eyed and quite surprised. But she smiled and then frowned, knowing the expected. "Let me guess," she said. "You have not a tooth left."

Children and Cars

Children in the backseat can cause accidents.
Accidents in the backseat can cause children.

Church

One Sunday morning, a little girl and her mother go to church. Halfway through, the little girl tells her mother she's going to be sick. Her mother tells her to go in the bushes behind the church. The girl leaves and comes back after about five minutes. Her mother asks her if she threw up. "Yes," the girl says. "But I didn't have to go all the way 'round the back. There was a box near the front door that said 'For the Sick.'"

Confused Boy

Q: Why was the Egyptian boy confused?

A: His daddy was really a mummy.

\$8 Bill

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

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Humor

The Bad Belt

Q: Why did the belt get locked up?

A: He held up a pair of pants.

Broken Cage

Q: What did the bird say after his cage fell apart?

A: "Cheap, cheap!"

Beat the Casino

Q: What is the only way to keep your money from the casinos in Las Vegas?

A: When you get off the plane, walk into the propellers.

German Currency

Q: What do you call counterfeited German currency?

A: Question marks.

Afterlife for IRS Cheaters

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



Extra Large Condoms

A woman asks the pharmacist if he sells extra large condoms. The pharmacist replies, "Yes, would you like to buy one?" The woman says, "No, but do you mind if I stand here and wait to see if anyone buys one?"

Engineers and Light Bulbs

Q: How many engineers does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Hell, you need 250 just to lobby for the research grant.

\$1 Million in Heaven

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

The Golden Fiddle

A pilot was forced to make a crash landing in a farmer's field. The farmer took the pilot back to the farmhouse, where the pilot noticed the farmer had a golden fiddle hanging above the fireplace. The two men were standing there talking when the farmer's wife came down the steps. The pilot couldn't believe how beautiful she was. "How can you trust her to be here by herself all day, while you go out and work the fields?" "I trust my wife," the farmer said. "She's never been unfaithful." "I'll make you a little bet. If I take your wife upstairs, she'll be unfaithful. If not, you can have my plane. But, if she is, I get your fiddle." "It's a deal." So, the pilot and the farmer's wife go upstairs. About a half hour passes, and the farmer picks up the fiddle and starts playing it. "Be true to me, Be true to me, Be true for just one hour. Be true to me, Be true to me, And his airplane will be ours." Another fifteen minutes pass, and suddenly he sees his wife coming down the stairs. He asks her if she stayed true to him. She walked over, picked up the fiddle, started playing it. "He kissed me on the lips, He kissed me in the middle. He kissed a spot that you forgot, and you lost your freaking fiddle."

Harvard Attitude

There was a young country boy who was very bright. In fact he was bright enough to be accepted to Harvard. One of his first assignments at Harvard was to write a paper on a famous person. He didn't know who he would write about so he decided to go to the library and do some research. But he didn't know where the library was. He saw a professor walking down the hall. He stopped the professor and said to him, "Do you know where the library is at?" The professor looks at him strangely and says, "Young man, here at Harvard we never end a sentence in a preposition." The young man says, "Oh, excuse me sir. Do you know where the library is at, butt-hole?"

Airplane Hijinx

Two women, one from the north and one from the south, are seated next to one another on a plane. "Where you flyin' to?" says the southern woman. The northern woman turns up her nose. "Don't you know you should NEVER end a sentence with a preposition?" The southern woman thinks about this for a second. "Where you flyin' to, be-atch?"

Legalese

Definition of a Lawyer: A person who puts two men into a fight and runs off with their clothes.

Lawyers and Lightbulbs

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

A: Four: one to climb the ladder, one to hold the ladder, one to shake the ladder and one to sue the ladder company.

Lawyers in Lust

Two lawyers are walking down the street, when a beautiful woman walks by. "Boy, I'd like to screw her," says one lawyer. "I agree," says the other. "But out of what?"

A man's logic

A couple wants a divorce, but first they must decide who will be the main guardian of their child. The jury asks both the man and woman for a reason why they should be the one to keep the child. So the jury asks the woman first. She says, "Well I carried this child around in my stomach for nine months and I had to go through a painful birth process, this is my child and apart of me." The jury is impressed and then turns to ask the man the same question. The man replies, "OK, I take a coin and put it in the drink machine and a drink comes out, now tell me who does the drink belong to me or the machine"

The Heart Of The Matter

A man who was having heart trouble went to the doctor to see what his options were. Naturally, the doctor recommended a heart transplant. The man reluctantly agreed, and asked if there were any hearts immediately available, considering that money was no object. "I do have three hearts," said the doctor. "The first is from an 18-year old kid, non-smoker, athletic, swimmer, with a great diet. He hit his head on the swimming pool and died. It's \$100,000. The second is from a marathon runner, 25 years old, great condition, very strong. He got hit by a bus. It's \$150,000. The third is from a heavy drinker, cigar smoker, steak lover. It's \$500,000." "Hey, why is that heart so expensive? He lived a terrible life!" "Yes, but it's from a lawyer. It's never been used."

Farmer Joe and his Mule

Farmer Joe decided his injuries from his recent accident were serious enough to take the trucking company responsible for the accident to court. In court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning farmer Joe. "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, that you were fine?" "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule Bessie into the--" "I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, that you were fine?" "Well I had just got Bessie into the trailer and was driving down the road--" "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question." By this time the Judge was fairly interested in Farmer Joe's answer and told the lawyer so. "Well," said the farmer, "as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ol' Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the Patrolman came across the road with his gun in his hand and looked at me. He said, 'Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her. How are you feeling?'"

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Defense Lawyer's Good News

"I have good news and bad news," the defense lawyer says to his client. "What's the bad news?" The lawyer says, "Your blood matches the DNA found at the murder scene." "Dag Nabbit!" cries the client. What's the good news?" "Well," the lawyer says, "Your cholesterol is down to 140."

Lawyers Off Bridge...

- What do you call one lawyer thrown off a bridge into a river?
Pollution.
- What do you call all the lawyers thrown off a bridge?
Solution.

A Small Journey Through Hell

A man dies and goes to Hell. The devil offers to personally escort the man around so he can choose the section of hell he would like to be in. The first section has everybody being burned constantly and getting a glass of water every 7 hours. The second section has everybody working hard and getting a glass of water every three hours. The last section has everybody knee deep in crap. "Well, this doesn't look too bad -- and it beats being burned or working. I'll take the crap." "Okay," says the devil. "Everybody back on their heads."

Bird Brained

Two Irishmen walk into a pet shop. Right away they go to the bird section and Sean says to Paddy; "Dat's Dem". The shopkeeper comes over and asks if he can help. "Yeah, we'll take

four of dem dere budgies in dat cage op dere", says Mick, "Put dem in a pepper bag" The shopkeeper does as asked and the two pay for the birds and leave. They get into Mick's van and drive until they reach a cliff with a 500ft drop. "Dis looks loike a grand place", says Mick. He then takes the two birds out of the bag, places them on his shoulders and jumps off the cliff. Paddy watches as his friend drops off the edge and goes straight down for a few seconds followed by a loud "Splat!" As Paddy looks over the edge of the cliff he shakes his head. "Focket Dat," Paddy says, "dis budgie jumpin" is too dangerous for me..." A few minutes later, Seamus approaches. He too has been to the pet shop and is carrying the familiar 'pepper bag.' Seamus pulls a parrot out of the bag and Paddy notices that in the other hand Seamus is carrying a gun. "Watch this Paddy" he says, as he launches himself over the edge of the cliff. Paddy watches as half way down Seamus takes the gun and blows the parrot's head off. Seamus continues to plummet until he joins Sean's mashed remains at the bottom of the cliff. Paddy shakes his head and says, "An oim never troyin" that parrotshooting oider..." After a few minutes, Danny strolls up. He too has been to the pet shop and walks up with his 'pepper bag.' Danny pulls a chicken out of the bag. He puts the chicken above his head, holds its legs and launches himself off the cliff with the same result. Once more Paddy shakes his head. "For me life Danny, first der was Sean wit his budgie jumpin, den Seamus parrotshooting and now you fockin" hengliding..."

St. Patrick's Day Toasts

Here's to a long life and a merry one.
A quick death and an easy one.
A pretty girl and an honest one.
A cold beer and another one.
May your wishes come true and your truth be wise.
Happy St Patrick's Day

That's the Irish for You!

May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.
May your glass be ever full.
May the roof over your head be always strong.
And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows
you're dead.

(With Irish accent) If liquor were a pond and I were a duck I'd swim to the bottom and never come up... but liquor is not a pond and I'm not a duck so tip your cup and lets get f****d up.

Irish Priest

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"



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Q&A's

Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

A: Because they're always a little short.

Q: Why don't you iron 4-Leaf clovers?

A: Because you don't want to press your luck. I went out drinking on St. Patrick's Day, so I took a bus home...That may not be a big deal to you, but I've never driven a bus before.

Q: How is a best friend like a 4-leaf clover?

A: Because they are hard to find and lucky to have.

Q: What do ghosts drink on St. Patrick's Day?

A: BOOs

Q: How do you blind an Irish woman?

A: You put a bottle of scotch in front of her.

Q: How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

A: He's Dublin over with laughter!

Q: What do you get when you cross a pillowcase with a stone?

A: A sham rock

Q: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

A: Regular rocks are too heavy.

Q: Why do leprechauns have pots o'gold?

A: They like to "go" first class!

Q: What has eight arms and an IQ of 60?

A: Four girlfriends drinking on St. Patrick's Day!

Q: How did the Irish Jig get started?

A: Too much to drink and not enough restrooms!

Q: Why did God invent Jameson whiskey?

A: So the Irish would never rule the world.

Q: What do you call an Irishman who knows how to control his wife?

A: A bachelor.

Q: What's the main difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish funeral?

A: 1 less drunk at the party

Q: Why don't women want to get engaged on St. Patrick's Day?

A: 'Cause they don't want to get a "sham rock".

Q: What would you get if you crossed Christmas with St. Patrick's Day?

A: St. O'Claus!

Q: Are people jealous of the Irish?

A: Sure, they're green with envy!

Q: What would you get if you crossed Quasimodo with an Irish football player?

A: The Halfback of Notre Dame!



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Q: Why did the leprechaun stand on the potato?
A: To keep from falling in the stew!

Q: How do you start the St Patrick's Day parade in the ghetto?
A: Roll a 40 down the street!

Q: Do leprechauns make good secretaries?
A: Sure, they're great at shorthand!

Q: What's long & green & has a low I.Q.?
A: A St. Patrick's Day Parade

Q: How did the leprechaun beat the Irishman to the pot of gold?
A: He took a shortcut!

Q: What is Irish diplomacy?
A: It's the ability to tell a man to go to hell. So that he will look forward to making the trip

Q: What do leprechauns love to barbecue?
A: Short ribs!

Q: Why are leprechauns so hard to get along with?
A: Because they're very short-tempered! "I married an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day." "Oh, really?" "No, O'Reilly!"

Q: What do you call a Cubic Zirconium in Ireland?
A: A sham rock

Q: Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?
A: Because they're always wearing green



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Q: When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?
A: When it's a FRENCH fry!

Q: What does it mean when you find a horseshoe?
A: Some poor horse is going barefoot!

Q: Why did the elephant wear his green sneakers instead of his red ones?
A: The red ones were in the wash!

Q: Why is a river rich?
A: Because it has two banks

Q: What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green?
A: A Jolly Green Giant Knock Knock Who's there? Irish! Irish Who? Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

Q: Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?
A: He couldn't afford plane fare

Q: What do the Irish dream about?
A: Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with his gang of leprechauns.

Q: What happens when a leprechaun falls into a river?
A: He gets wet!

Q: What do you call a diseased Irish criminal?
A: A leper con

One Liners

- If you thought Valentine's Day was for all the kissing? You haven't met an Irish Women yet!

- Raise your hand if you are 1% Irish today.

- "There is more friendship in a half pint of whiskey than in a churn of buttermilk."

- If you're lucky enough to be Irish... you're lucky enough!

- I'm not going to wear green today, but I am wearing blue pants and a yellow shirt, so pretty much the same thing.

- My wife made me a green hamburger today to celebrate St Patrick's Day. I asked her how she colored it and she said she didn't know what I was talking about.

Gems From Air Traffic Control

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles ."
Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

"TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 degrees."
"Center, we are at 35,000 feet . How much noise can we make up here?" "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

O'Hare Approach Control to a 747:
"United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock , three miles, Eastbound." United 239: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this...I've got the little Fokker in sight."

A DC-10 had come in a little fast and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down. San Jose Tower Noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

A Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English."

Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent): "Because you lost the bloody war."

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

While taxiing at London 's Gatwick Airport , the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ATC ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!" Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?" "Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded. Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking, "Wasn't I married to you once?"

Modern Technology

A man received the following text from his neighbor:

I am so sorry Bob. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess. I have been tapping your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, more than you. I'm not getting any at home, but that's no excuse. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apology with my promise that it won't happen again. The man, anguished and betrayed, went into his bedroom, grabbed his gun, and without a word, shot his wife and killed her. A few moments later, a second text came in: Damn auto correct. I meant "wifi", not "wife".



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2014 Sochi Olympic Jokes

- “There are rumors that the Russian government placed cameras in the hotel bathrooms in Sochi. Russia said, ‘Don’t worry, our cameras don’t work either.’” –Conan O’Brien
- “Did you see the Opening Ceremonies today...what an elaborate pageant of flamboyant costumes and choreographed dance numbers all aimed at one theme – no gays allowed.” –Bill Maher
- “They rushed to get the Olympics together there. The hotels are open but they keep finding forgotten little things like handles on the doors, showers with no curtains, floors that are missing. They say if you do fall through a missing floor, here’s what you do: relax your body, remain calm and above all – try to stick the landing.” –Bill Maher
- “Of course, the Russians have their pride, so they are not admitting that any of this is all a big f**k up. They say this is all part of their brilliant plan to make the terrorists think that they’ve already bombed the place.” –Bill Maher
- “There are 12 new events in this year’s Winter Olympics, 12. The new events include women’s ski jumping, luge-team relay, and finding a working toilet.” –Conan O’Brien
- “I guess it isn’t going well over there. In fact, I heard there’s even a shortage of pillows. The shortage is so bad that visitors are being asked to give their pillows to the Olympic athletes, because there’s nothing more comforting than waking up in Russia to see a stranger coming at you with a pillow. ‘How was your sleep, Mr. Bond?’” –Jimmy Fallon
- “Tomorrow night the Olympics begin from Sochi. A lot of people over there say the hotels stink. The problem is there are only three hotels in Sochi. Of course, you have the Ritz Cher-

nobyl. You have the Sheraton Gulag. And really the best one over there, The Two Seasons.” –David Letterman

- “The hotels are lousy. The Olympic village is a mess. The food is horrible. And, well, that’s what happens when you tick off gay people.” –David Letterman
- “While attempting to light the Olympic flame, Vladimir Putin’s body oil caught on fire.” –David Letterman
- “The games haven’t even started yet and already there are people complaining about the horrible accommodations at the Sochi Olympic village. Toilets don’t flush. The faucets spew discolored water. They say it’s like being on a Royal Caribbean cruise.” –Jay Leno
- “The Olympics start Friday and Russia’s implementing the most intensive security in Olympics history. The government will monitor every email. They will monitor every social media message and they will listen in on every phone call. In fact, people are now comparing Russia to the United States. That’s how bad it is.” –Jay Leno
- “Today, the Olympic torch arrived in Sochi. But Vladimir Putin immediately put it out because he thought it was too flaming.” –Conan O’Brien
- “In their hotel at the Sochi Olympics, the Canadian hockey team has to squeeze three players to a room. Even the bobsledders are like, ‘Isn’t it a little cramped?’ When you scare off all the gay people, interior design goes to hell.” –Jimmy Kimmel
- “In advance of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, the Russian government announced that, contrary to popular belief, people in Russia will be allowed to protest. But only in a special protest zone – known as ‘Siberia.’” –Jay Leno
- “On Friday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said gay people at the Olympics should not fear for their safety despite the country’s anti-gay laws. He said they should fear for their safety because they’re in Russia.” –Jimmy Fallon
- “The mayor of Sochi in Russia where they’re having the Olympics says there are no gay people in Sochi. Well, we can’t expect too much from the opening ceremonies then. Who will be working on the choreography?” –Jay Leno
- “The mayor of Sochi is now saying that there are no gay people in Sochi. So the only thing that is flaming over there now is the Olympic torch.” –David Letterman
- “Tomorrow marks the one-month countdown to the Winter Olympics in Russia. Vladimir Putin said, ‘Athletes, you got one month left to train — and gay athletes, one month left to stop being gay.’” –Conan O’Brien
- “The Winter Olympics are around the corner. President Vladimir Putin says people will be allowed to protest the Winter Olympics as long as they stay in a designated protesting zone. When they asked where the zone is located Putin said, ‘Poland.’” –Jimmy Fallon
- “The Olympic torch arrived in Sochi yesterday, after going on a four-month relay around the world. That’s when you know things are bad – when even the TORCH is putting off going to Russia.” –Jimmy Fallon
- “So the winter Olympics are right around the corner, and this is cool - the U.S. Olympic team just announced that its new uniforms are all made in America, after last year’s uniforms were criticized for being made in China. Which got awkward when they realized the “Made in America” tags were actually made in China.” –Jimmy Fallon
- “In anticipation of the Winter Olympics, a female curling champion released some sexy photos of herself curling in lingerie. When asked for comment, Americans said they’re still not going to watch curling.” –Conan O’Brien



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- "Germany just unveiled its rainbow-colored Olympic uniforms, which seem to be a subtle protest against Russia's anti-gay laws. You can tell how much the world has changed when Germans are the ones who are saying, 'Discrimination is just wrong.'" –Jimmy Fallon
- "Cher has turned down an invitation to sing at the 2014 Olympics in Russia because of Russia's anti-gay laws. Their anti-gay laws are so strict; men can be arrested just for showing up at a Cher concert." –Jay Leno
- "Russia also has the Winter Olympics, and that's a big mess too because, you know, Russia is really, really anti-gay. You know this? Seriously, they said they would arrest any Olympic athletes for "promoting" homosexuality. In a related story, figure skating has been canceled." –Bill Maher
- "A Russian official announced that gay athletes attending the 2014 Olympics there will be arrested. This is good news for the world's three straight male figure skaters. Just show up, get a medal, you're done. No competition." –Conan O'Brien
- "Russia has announced that, for the 2014 Olympics, it will send the Olympic torch up to the International Space Station. They've also announced a new Olympic Event – 'Watching Six Astronauts Have All Their Oxygen Used Up By a Burning Torch.'" Conan O'Brien
- "The Olympics are winding down in Sochi, and the Russian Olympic Committee says one of the giant Olympic rings that malfunctioned during the opening ceremony will be working for the closing ceremony. So it looks like Russia will be ready for the start of the Winter Olympics by the END of the Winter Olympics." –Jimmy Fallon
- "Some critics are saying the U.S. and Canadian women's hockey teams are so good that it's unfair to the other teams. That sounds like something my Mom said after some of my Little League games." –Jimmy Fallon
- "Two former members of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot were detained by police in Sochi. If found guilty, they could be sentenced to two weeks in a Sochi hotel room." –Conan O'Brien
- "Are you watching the Olympics? Whenever I'm watching one of these weird events, I ask myself if this wasn't in the Olympics, would I still be watching it? And the answer is always no." –Jimmy Kimmel
- "The one-man luge makes sense because it's just a guy on a sled and whoever goes the fastest wins. But what doesn't make sense is the two-man luge. There's only room for one man on the luge. The other guy has to lay on top of him. It's a bunk bed but without the second bed." –Jimmy Kimmel
- "What's the point to two men for a luge event? Why not three or four? Why not stack them up? Imagine 15 guys piled up." –Jimmy Kimmel

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Dad: "Your friend is also is my son that is secret"

Olympic Comment

My wife says my love-making style reminds her of skating in the Olympics. The Short Program.

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What's the big deal?

- NFL players have been showering with rapists, adulterers, potential murderers and at least one dog-killer. And a gay guy is supposed to freak them out?
- The Associated Press reports that airlines often try to land at the wrong airport. Actually, they're just dropping off your luggage.
- According to TMZ, Bruce Jenner has gone through radical physical changes including growing out his hair and nails and he seems to be growing breasts. Furthermore, he has been seen hanging out in the Lakers locker room. It won't be long before he is Bruce Trans-Jenner.
- Just to prove there's no hard feelings, Leno presented the Tonight Show's new host Jimmy Fallon with a housewarming gift ... A Pinto gas tank.
- I don't say I'm putting on weight. I say my belt is becoming horizontally challenged.
- The Olympic Opening Ceremony featured a missing ring. Someone forgot to go to Jared.

LIQUIDITY

The new definition of liquidity: Liquidity is when you look at your retirement funds and wet your pants.

A SHORT BUT TRUE STORY

One day, long, long ago, there lived a woman who did not whine, nag, or bitch. But it was a long time ago, and it was just that one day. The end.

THE CLOCK

A wife complains, "Our wall clock almost killed my mother today. It fell only seconds after she got up from the couch." The husband mumbles, "Damn clock always was slow."

ON THE BUS

Little Johnny says, "Mom, when I was on the bus with Daddy this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady." "Well, you've done the right thing," says Mommy. "But Mommy, I was sitting on daddy's lap."

THE SHOPPER

A woman was in town on a shopping trip. She found the most perfect shoes in the first shop, and a beautiful dress in the second. She had just entered the third shop where everything had just been reduced fifty percent when her mobile phone rang. It was a female doctor notifying her that her husband had just been in a terrible car accident and was in critical condition in the ICU. The woman told the doctor to tell her husband that she'd be there as soon as possible. When she hung up, she realized she was leaving what was shaping up to be her best day ever shopping in these boutiques, so she decided to just look in two or three more before heading to the hospital. Anyhow, she ended up shopping the rest of the morning, finishing her trip with a cup of coffee and a beautiful chocolate cake compliments of the last shop. She was jubilant. Then she remembered her husband. Feeling guilty, she dashed to the hospital. She saw the doctor in the corridor and asked about her husband's condition. The lady doctor glared at her and shouted, "You went ahead and finished your shopping trip didn't you? I hope you're proud of yourself! While you were out for the past four hours enjoying yourself shopping, your husband has been languishing in the Intensive Care Unit! It's just as well you went ahead and finished, because it's likely be the last shopping trip you will ever make! For the rest of his life he will require round-the-clock care. And he will now be your responsibility!" The woman felt so guilty she broke down and cried and cried. The lady doctor then laughed and said, "I'm just pulling your leg. He's dead. Show me what you bought."

MENTAL HEALTH

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test. Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?" A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

WORST THING

Q: What's the worst thing a bride can say on her wedding night? A: "I'm glad I didn't throw my vibrator away."

FIRST TIMER

A guy had never had sex before, so his buddies set him up with a prostitute for a couple of hours. He really had no clue, and when she sat down on the bed completely naked, she says, "Do you know what I want?" He looks at her and says, "No." Then she lies down on the bed and starts rubbing her breasts and says, "Do you know what I want?" And he says, "No." Then she really sprawls out on the bed, "Now do you know what I want?" The guy says, "Yeah, you want the whole damn bed to yourself!"



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John was talking to his fiancée, Rebecca, and he said, "Be honest, now, baby. How am I as a lover?" To which she replied, "Honey, I would definitely say that you're warm." "Really?" he asked excitedly. "Yes, in fact I would say that you're the dictionary definition of the word warm." John was pleased until he went home and, just for fun, checked his dictionary and found, "Warm: Not so hot."

A QUESTION

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

ANOTHER QUESTION

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

A FINAL QUESTION

Whose idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?

FINGER ACCIDENT

Judi, the blonde, runs crying into the office. "What's wrong?" gasps her best friend Carol. "It's my boyfriend. He was working on the engine under the hood of his car when the lid came down and cut off a finger!" "My god," shrieks Carol. "Did it amputate his whole finger?" "No, thank goodness," sniffs Judi. "But it was the one just next to it!"

WHAT'S IN A NAME

A man sees a nice-looking girl in a bar, so he goes up and starts small talk. Since she seems receptive, he asks her name. "Carmen," she replies. "That's a nice name," he says, warming up the conversation, "Who named you, your mother?" "No, I named myself," she answers. "Oh, that's interesting. Why Carmen?" "Because I like cars, and I like men," she says looking directly into his eyes. "What's your name?" the woman asks. "Beervagina," he replies.

TRANSPLANT

Q: What's the worst part about getting a lung transplant? A: The first couple of times you cough, it's not your phlegm.

PRETTY GIRL

Q: What do you call a pretty girl in England?

A: A tourist.

VENDING MACHINES

An American salesman checked into a futuristic hotel in Tokyo, Japan. Realizing he needed a haircut before the next day's meeting, he called down to the desk clerk to ask if there was a barber on the premises. "I'm afraid not, sir," the clerk told him apologetically, "But down the hall from your room is a vending machine that should serve your purposes." Skeptical but intrigued, the salesman located the machine, inserted \$15, and stuck his head into the opening, at which time the machine started to buzz and whirl. Fifteen seconds later the salesman pulled out his head and surveyed his reflection, which reflected the best haircut of his life. Two feet away was another machine with a sign that read, "Manicures, \$20." "Why not?" thought the salesman. He paid the money, inserted his hands into

the slot, and the machine started to buzz and whirl. Fifteen seconds later he pulled out his hands and they were perfectly manicured. The next machine had a sign that read, "This machine provides a service men need when away from their wives, 50 cents." The salesman looked both ways, put fifty cents in the machine, unzipped his fly, and with some anticipation, stuck his manhood into the opening. When the machine started buzzing, the guy let out a shriek of agony and almost passed out. Fifteen seconds later it shut off. With trembling hands, the salesman was able to withdraw his tender unit, which now had a button sewn neatly on the end.

THE WIZARD

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

CHEATING AT POKER

A group of businessmen sat down for a game of poker after work. There was quite a lot of money involved, so everyone was a bit on edge. As the cards were dealt, everyone was looking thoroughly at each other. One of the businessmen called the hand and put his cards on the table. The dealer of the group looked flabbergasted and uttered, "Hey, hold on a minute, Luke here is cheating. He's not playing the cards I dealt him!"



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HOUSE CALL

A young doctor moved out to a small community to replace the aging doctor there. The older doctor suggested that the younger doctor accompany him as he made his house calls so that the people of the community could become accustomed to him. At the first house they visited, the younger doctor listened intently as the older doctor and an older lady discussed the weather, their grandchildren and the latest church bulletin. After some time, the older doctor asked his patient how she had been feeling. "I've been a little sick to my stomach," she replied. "Well," said the older physician, "you've probably been over doing it a bit with the fresh fruit. Why don't you cut back on the amount of fresh fruit you eat and see if that helps." As they left the house, the younger doctor asked how the older doctor had reached his diagnosis so quickly. "You didn't even examine that woman," the younger doctor stated. "I didn't have to," the elder physician explained. "You noticed that I dropped my stethoscope on the floor in there. Well when I bent over to pick it up, I looked around and noticed a half dozen banana peels in the trash can. That is probably what has been making her ill." "That's pretty sneaky," commented the younger doctor. "Do you mind if I try it at the next house?" "I don't suppose it could hurt anything," the elder physician replied. At the next house, the

two doctors visited with an elderly widow. They spent several minutes discussing the weather and grandchildren and the latest church bulletin. After several minutes, the younger doctor asked the widow how she had been feeling lately. "I've felt terribly run down lately," the widow replied. "I just don't have as much energy as I used to." "You've probably been doing too much work for the church," the younger doctor suggested without even examining his patient. "Perhaps you should ease up a bit and see if that helps." As they left, the elder physician said, "Your diagnosis is probably right, but do you mind telling me how you came to that conclusion?" "Sure," replied the younger doctor. "Just like you, I dropped my stethoscope on the floor. When I bent down to pick it up, I looked around and there was the preacher hiding under the bed!"

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An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing?" The eagle answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Management Lesson:

To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.



Lesson Two:

A turkey was chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey, "but I haven't got the energy." "Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients." The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree. He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

Management Lesson:

Bullshit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

Lesson Three:

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold, the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He laid there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him.

Management Lesson:

- (1) Not everyone who shits on you is your enemy.
- (2) Not everyone who gets you out of shit is your friend..
- (3) And when you're in deep shit, it's best to keep your mouth shut!

This ends the three minute management course.

THINGS TO PONDER:

- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
- Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe
- He's not dead, he's electroencephalographically challenged.
- You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.
- I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
- Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?
- Nothing is fool-proof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.
- Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.
- The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.
- You can't have everything, where would you put it?
- Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.
- The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- It was recently discovered that research causes cancer in rats.
- Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.
- I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

STORY OF MY LIFE:

Law of Mechanical Repair:

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Bath Theorem:

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters:

The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with. (Or when you're having a really bad hair day...)

Law of the Result:

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics:

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Theatre Rule:

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last

Law of Coffee:

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers:

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers. (In my case, this is known as "The Parking Lot Law" - I park our new car as far away from the building entrance and other cars as I can. There are 35 vacant parking spaces between me and the nearest vehicle. When I return to my car, I can't even open the driver's door because of the banged-up old pickup parked snugly next to me - and there are still 33 unoccupied parking spots all around us.)



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Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets:

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich of landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Location:

No matter where you go, there you are.

Law of Logical Argument:

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law:

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

THE REDNECK CHALLENGE:

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South, and we challenge any so-called "smart" Yankee to take this exam:

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10 pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard?
(A) '65 Ford Fairlane
(B) '69 Chevrolet Chevelle
(C) '64 Pontiac GTO.

3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?

4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw, which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Buds will be drunk before the trees are cut down?

5. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many dogs will be killed?

6. A man owns a Georgia house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?

7. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?

8. With a gene pool reduction of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town, which has been bypassed by the Interstate to breed a country-western singer?

I betcha thought that there test was gonna be an easy one, didn't ya? It's okay if'n ya didn't do all that well. Just goes to show ya.... There's a hole heap of things that big city book-learning don't prepare ya for in this life.

UNEMPLOYMENT PAY:

Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so off they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Ole said, "Panty stitcher. I sew the elastic onto cotton panties." The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classed as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week unemployment pay. Sven was asked his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week. When Ole found out he was furious. He stormed back in to the office to find out why his friend and coworker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained: Panty stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor. "What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on the panties, Sven pulls them down on his head and says, 'Yah, diesel fitter.'"

Jokes for the Ladies:

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma." And they say blondes are dumb... A couple is lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world." The woman replies, "I'll miss you..." "It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied. He said - Shall we try swapping positions tonight? She said - That's a good idea... you stand by the ironing board while I sit on the sofa and fart.

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Man Quiz

Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumor

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A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger... Whoosh...Immediately he turned ninety!!! Gotta love that fairy!

A PRAYER....

Dear Lord,
I pray for Wisdom to understand my man;
Love to forgive him;

And Patience for his moods.
Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength,
I'll beat him to death.
AMEN

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practicing to be men.

Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?

A: Trustworthy.

Q: What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?

A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough.

Q: Why do female black widow spiders kill their males after mating?

A: To stop the snoring before it starts.

Q: Why do men whistle when they are sitting on the toilet?

A: It helps them remember which end they need to wipe.

Q: What is the difference between men and women?

A: A woman wants one man to satisfy her every need. A man wants every woman to satisfy his one need.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder "Instruction Manuals"

Kentucky News

- A man from Kentucky passed away and left his entire estate to his beloved widow, but she can't touch it 'til she's 14.
- How can you tell if a Kentucky redneck is married? There's dried tobacco juice on BOTH sides of his pickup truck.
- Did you hear that they have raised the minimum drinking age in Kentucky to 32? It seems they want to keep alcohol out of the high schools.
- What do they call reruns of "Hee Haw" in Kentucky? Documentaries.
- Where was the toothbrush invented? Kentucky (and West Virginia). If it had been invented anywhere else, it would have been called a teeth brush.
- A Kentucky State trooper pulls over a pickup on I-64 and says to the driver,
- "Got any I.D.?" and the driver replies "Bout wut?"

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- Did you hear about the \$3 million Kentucky State Lottery? The winner gets \$3.00 a year for a million years.
- The governor's mansion in Kentucky burned down! Yep. Pert near took out the whole trailer park. The library was a total loss, too. Both books - poof! Up in flames, and they hadn't even finished coloring one of them.
- A new law was recently passed in Kentucky . . . When a couple gets divorced they are STILL cousins.
- At the scene of the accident a trooper asked the Kentucky driver what gear he was in at the moment of impact. He replied, "tractor hat and camouflage hunting outfit"
- Folks in Kentucky now go to movies in groups of 18. They were told "17 and under are not admitted".
- A Kentucky man spoke frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only 2 minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?", the doctor asked. "No ya dummy" the man shouted, "This is her Husband!"

THINGS TO PONDER:

- 1.I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- 2.Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- 3.The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- 4.Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
- 5.The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- 6.Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.
- 7.Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals

dying of nothing.

- 8.Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?
 - 9.Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
 - 10.All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
 - 11.In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
 - 12.Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
 - 13.How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
 - 14.Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"
 15. Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes out of its butt."
- END

DIE-HARD FOOTBALL FANS:

Four Die-Hard football fans go rock climbing one afternoon a Cowboys fan, a Packers fan, a Browns fan, and a Steelers fan. They had been arguing all the way up the mountain about who among them was the most "die-hard" fan. Upon reaching the top of the mountain, the Cowboys fan proclaimed to the other four.. "This is for the Dallas Cowboys!" and promptly threw himself off the mountain as a form of sacrifice. Not to be outdone by a Cowboys fan, the Packers fan jumped up and said..."This is for the Green Bay Packers!" and then threw himself off the mountain as a form of sacrifice. Refusing to be outdone by the Cowboy and Packer fans, the Steelers fan rose to his feet and yelled at the top of his lungs "This is for the Pittsburgh Steelers!" and without any hesitation, pushed the Cleveland Browns fan off the mountain.



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