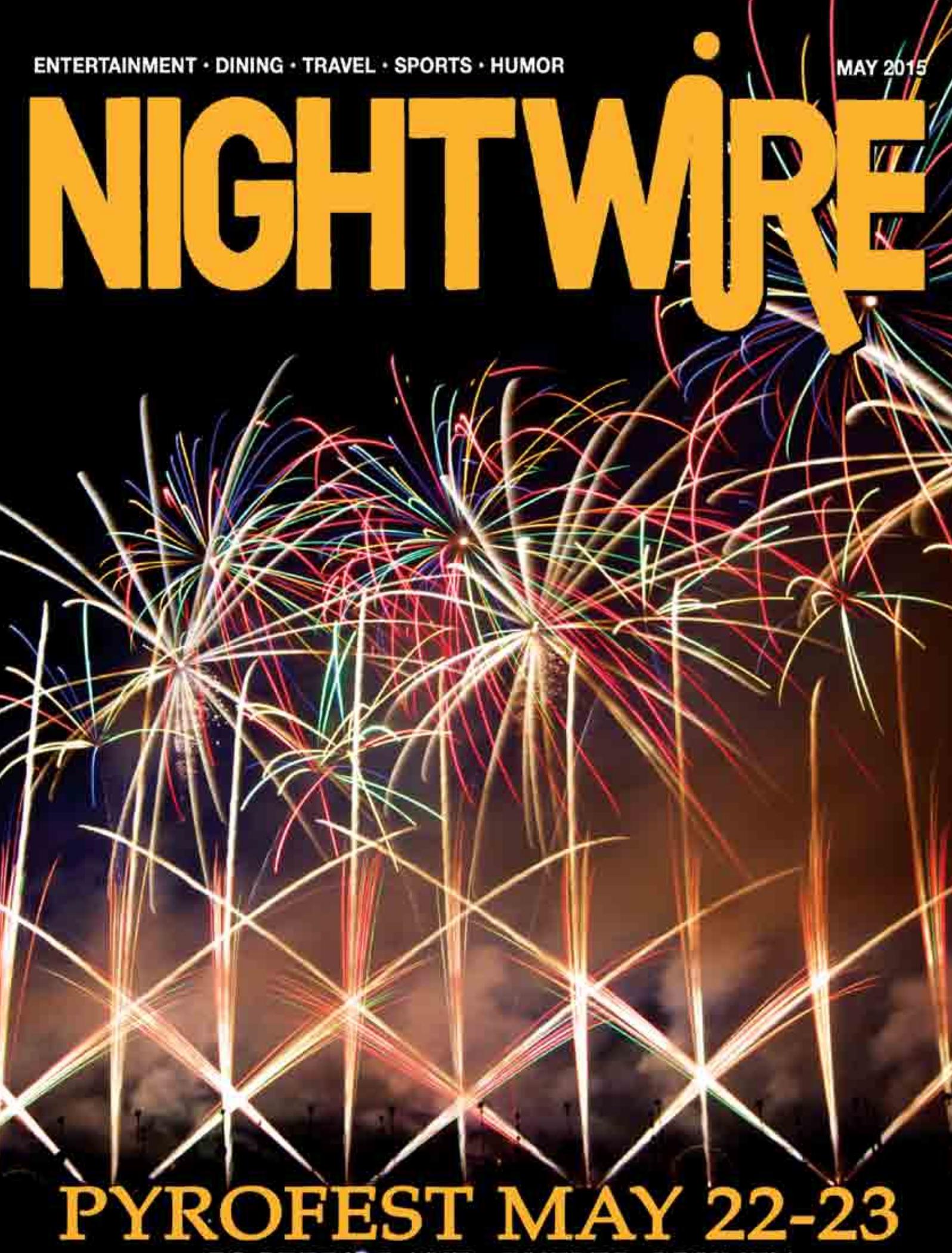


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SPORTS

Low Expectations -

The Key To A Long Penguin Playoff Run?

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos © 2015 Pittsburgh Penguins

An eight seed. Okay, okay. Technically the “second wild card” in the still freshly modified NHL playoff structure, but regardless, the eighth best team in the conference. The last time the Penguins were the lowest seed in the playoffs was the 1998-1999 season, when Kevin Constantine was behind the bench and Jaromir Jagr was the MVP and led the NHL in points. They beat the first seeded New Jersey Devils in seven games for an opening round victory, but fell to the Toronto Maple Leafs in the Eastern Conference semi-finals. What will be the fate of this year’s underdogs?

After limping down the stretch and barely making it into the postseason, not many expect the Penguins to do much damage as they take on the President’s Trophy winning Rangers. Pittsburgh

won their first four playoff series versus the Rangers before last year, when New York rallied down three games to one to comeback and beat the Pens en route to representing the Eastern Conference in the Stanley Cup Final, ultimately losing to the Los Angeles Kings. This collapse prompted Penguins ownership to overhaul the front office and in turn, the roster, in hopes of building a thicker skinned, playoff powerhouse. Time will tell if they were successful. Hopefully the revenge factor can fuel the fire versus a highly favored Rangers club.

Oh, and speaking of the Kings, they should provide a source of inspiration as they won it all as an eight seed in the 2011-2012 season by beating the first, second and third seeds in the West before taking care of business versus the Devils to get their names engraved on Lord Stanley’s fabled Cup. The Kings were the first eighth seed in North American professional sports history to win a championship. So there’s a chance for the Penguins to do the same.

Of course, the probability is low and as in many sports, defense plays a huge role in the playoffs. For the Penguins, their depleted defensive core is one of the main reasons they failed to reach 100 points and slinked into the postseason. Specifically the loss of star blue liner Kris Letang, who was having a career year before getting concussed late in March, and provided much needed puck movement and presence on the power play. Christian Ehrhoff is also suffering the lingering effects of a concussion. He played in only 49 games. Couple that with the early season loss of Olli Maatta, and depth was a noticeable issue as the Penguins had trouble executing their game plan with forwards out of position trying to make up for exhausted defensemen. This of course, led to a lack of scoring.

Without much production from Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin laboring through a nagging injury, the Penguins don’t resemble the playoff favorites they usually do at this time of year. When asked about the underdog label, Crosby said “I’ve been on both sides of it and I don’t think it really changes your approach that much. I think that, like I said, once you get in, it doesn’t really matter. I think



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the expectations for us, even though they might not be as high from the outside, I think in here we want to move on, so we're going to do our best. I don't really think we get caught up either way."

At the time of this writing, the Penguins evened up the opening round series with the Rangers at one game apiece and are headed back to Pittsburgh to start what is now a best of five series. Crosby has asserted himself with two goals – he has three in fourteen playoff games versus New York net minder, Henrik Lundqvist – and the Pens are simplifying their game. Which is what this new regime set out to do in the first place, and injuries have forced them to finally get back to the basics. "It's taken us all year to get to this point," General Manager Jim Rutherford told ESPN.com after the Penguins' game two win. "We're getting contributions and we're capable of getting contributions from all four lines. It took a while, but now's the time you need it."

Maybe now's the time the team needs uncharacteristically low playoff expectations too.

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Pyrofest 2015 – SIMPLY THE BEST FIREWORKS SHOW IN NORTH AMERICA! DON'T MISS IT.. MAY 22 & MAY 23

PyroFest 2015 will take place at Cooper's Lake, where camping will also be available for those who would like to stay for the weekend and make it a family getaway. The grounds include over 450 acres and a variety of terrains for exploring in between the weekend festivities.

Cooper's Lake has a 10 acre lake, wooded areas and mowed fields, along with designated parking, camping and activity areas. They have over 100 electric and water sites, 50 of which are full hook-up. Water posts are accessible throughout a majority of the area. The campground store sells camping supplies, comfort items, wood, propane, ice, food, drinks, candy, ice cream and more. There is also a laundromat with coin operated washers and dryers. You can avoid the elements in their big barn, picnic pavilion, or small barn.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

4:00 PM Gates Open
 5:00 PM Band 1 on the Main Stage
 6:15 PM NOMAD on the Main Stage
 7:15 PM Daytime Colored Smoke & Salute Fireworks Display
 7:30 PM B.E. Taylor on the Main Stage
 9:05 PM Consumer Display Demo
 9:15 PM "Fantasy in the Sky" Fireworks Challenge Runner Up
 9:45 PM Pyro-musical Production (details to be announced soon)
 10:20 PM "Voyage Through the Universe" | A Pyrotecnico Production

Back by popular demand for the second international production!

SATURDAY, MAY 23

3:00 PM Gates Open
 3:15 PM Band 1 on the Main Stage
 4:30 PM Band 2 on the Main Stage

5:30 PM Opening Noise & Salute Fireworks Display
 5:35 PM Band 3 on the Main Stage
 6:45 PM Ruff Creek on the Main Stage
 7:45 PM Military Tribute and National Anthem Daytime Fireworks Display
 8:00 PM Johnny Angel & the Halos on the Main Stage
 9:05 PM Phantom Fireworks Display
 9:15 PM "Fantasy in the Sky" Fireworks Challenge First Place
 9:45 PM World Premiere of Ricardo Caballer Ricasa Fireworks Production (Direct from Spain)
 10:20 PM World Premiere of New Pyrotecnico Production (details to be announced soon)

There will be a Kids Zone, Concessions, and various vendors open throughout the event.

* This line up is subject to change.

Passionate innovation, limitless imagination, and vivid artistic energy on an unprecedented scale join forces at PyroFest, America's largest fireworks festival. From the thunderous opening salutes to the mind-blowing pyro musical finale, Pyrotecnico has created a one of a kind visual and sensory experience to thrill and entertain like never before. Bring the whole family out on Memorial weekend as we celebrate the international art of pyrotechnics with a truly unique Festival full of music, patriotism, food, family, and fireworks! PyroFest is an awe-inspiring creation of wonder and excitement the entire community will enjoy.

The festival opens with the roaring whistling thunder and high energy noise that can only mean one thing, PyroFest has begun! People from miles around will hear the sounds of the American tour into the world of pyrotechnic artistry.

America's largest fireworks festival wouldn't be complete without a tribute to the troops who make it possible. This exclusive day-

time display features an incredible array of smoke shells and a striking daytime UFO launch. Complete with Pyrotecnico's intense version of a 21 gun salute and bombs bursting overhead, this display is a proud reminder of our community roots that sets the stage with Red, White, and Blue splendor in the sky.

The winning choreography from our "Fantasy in the Sky" Fireworks Challenge will kick off the night-time fireworks displays with a bang! This show will be a dream come true for one lucky pyro enthusiast as they make the sky their canvas and thrill the crowds at PyroFest!

Direct from Spain – The world famous Ricardo Caballer, S.A. Ricasa will return to produce one of their extraordinary award winning displays at PyroFest in 2015. Not only is Ricasa product considered the best in the industry, but they are also the world's elite design team winning an unprecedented 50+ international competitions and awards over the past 2 decades.

Direct from Valencia, Spain, the world famous Ricardo Caballer, S.A. Ricasa is BACK, and will be producing another extraordinary, award winning display at PyroFest 2015! From Japan to Canada to their amazing productions in the USA at PyroFest 2014 and PyroFest 2013 (see above video), this world renowned fireworks display production company has delighted people all over the globe with their breath-taking firework displays.

In 1881, Founder Mr. Vicente Caballer Calatayud began the company, and at the hand of Mr. Ricardo Caballer Zamorano, it has become what it is today. From the boom of the shell exploding, the brightness of the fireworks painting the sky to the to the emotion of awestruck, Ricasa continues their ancestors' enthusiasm for "color-up celebrations". Ricardo Caballer Cardo followed in his Founder's Great Grandfather's shoes, and continued to learn as much as he could about the firework industry and its products. A passion for technology and fireworks, he uses the most innovative firing systems and design software that lead to creating beautiful and captivating fireworks displays.

With Ricasa's imaginative passion and newest technologies, they have not only produced displays for the 2000 Olympic Games as well as many more major productions, but have won countless awards across the world.

Major International Competitions won by Ricasa:

- "Festival do Atlantico" piromusical festival in Madeira (Portugal), 1st place
- "Lago de Garda" international festival (Italy), 1st place
- International Festival of San Sebastián (Spain), 1st place
- Honour Diploma to the best fireworks exhibition in Sakura (Japan)
- International Festival of Bilbao (Spain), 1st place
- International Pyromusical festival in Hamburg (Germany), 2nd place
- International Competition pyromusical in Yokohama (Japan), 1st place
- City of El Ejido Pyrotechnics Festival (Spain), 1st place
- International Musical Fireworks Competition in Toronto (Canada), 1st place



- International Competition "Ciudad Tarragona" (Spain), 2nd place
- Ottaviano International Competition of Naples, (Italy) 1st place
- International Pyromusical festival in Stuttgart (Germany), 1st place
- International festival of Pamplona (Spain), 1st place
- International festival of Pamplona (Spain), 2nd place
- "Grands Feux Loto" in Quebec (Canada), 1st place
- Stockholm Water Festival (Sweden), 1st place
- International Festival of San Sebastián (Spain), 1st place
- "Grands Feux Loto" in Quebec (Canada)
- International festival of Vancouver (Canada)
- International Pyromusical festival of Stuttgart (Germany), 1st place

Major Displays Produced by Ricasa:

- PyroFest 2013 and 2014 in Pittsburgh, PA (USA)
- Olympic Games' Closing ceremonies in Sidney (Australia)
- New Year's Eve celebration in Madeira (Portugal)
- Fireworks displays for the Royal Palace in Tangier (Morocco)
- "Caput Lucis" exhibition in Rome (Italy)
- Fireworks displays for the America's Cup, in Malmö (Sweden)
- Pan American Games' Opening and Closing ceremonies in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
- "Fuegos del Apostol" display in Santiago de Compostela (Spain)
- "Nit del Foc" display in Valencia (Spain)
- Pan American Games' Opening and Closing ceremonies in Guadalajara (Mexico)

For Tickets and more information please visit: Pyrofest.com

At The Movies...

FURIOUS 7

Vin Diesel's best film ever. The star studded cast sparkled. This movie is action pack with non-stop stunts and thrills. A definitely box office smash. Fast and Furious 7 is the simply the best Fast and Furious so far . Its two hours of a pure adrenaline rush fueled by the dedication and passion of the entire cast. An awesome movie!

It took the street-racing movie Furious 7 only 17 days to reach \$1 billion in worldwide box office grosses, according to Universal Pictures. On its opening weekend, the movie reportedly made \$143.6 million in the U.S. It's the last in the Fast and Furious franchise to feature the late actor Paul Walker.

Universal says the movie is the studio's first to cross the billion-dollar mark during its first run in theaters, putting Furious 7 above films such as Jurassic Park, Despicable Me and the Jason Bourne movies.

Universal says the Fast and Furious franchise has now earned \$3.39 billion worldwide.

This week, star Vin Diesel, a mainstay of the franchise, predicted that there would be an eighth installment in the franchise.

"Before Furious 7, the fastest climb to \$1 billion was 19 days, set by Avatar (2009) and tied by Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (2011) and The Avengers (2012). It might have a hard time keeping that record with Avengers: Age of Ultron and Star Wars: The Force Awakens on the horizon, but it's an impressive achievement nonetheless."

'While We're Young'

Cast: Ben Stiller, Naomi Watts, Adam Driver, Amanda Seyfried
Director: Noah Baumbach

I feel like the critics have a love affair going on with Director, Noah Baumbach as the reviews I have read are giving this film 4 stars.. really? Ben Stiller is mediocre at best and simply not funny. I kept waiting for the movie to make me laugh. Instead, we were treated to a vile scene of everyone throwing up... I found it disgusting and not the least bit funny. Go see it at your own risk... we found nothing noteworthy, amusing or entertaining, simply a waste of time. Where was the comedy? Wasn't this movie supposed to be funny?... Somehow it must have gotten lost in the translation of trying to play being young while they were old.

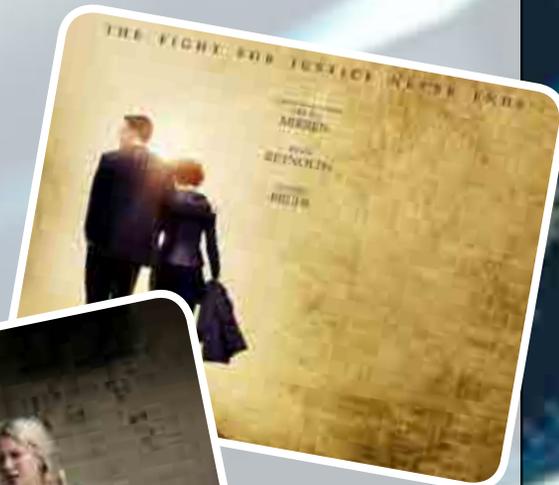


Woman in Gold

Woman in Gold is based upon a true story of a Gustav Klimt painting, that was owned by a wealthy Jewish family and taken by the Nazi's. I found the film engaging and extremely interesting. The actors were superb doing an outstanding job. I felt the emotions and terror they must have felt and learned a lot of history. This film is exceptionally well done. It's definitely a "must see" film.

Helen Mirren carries the film with her customarily unflappable star power: she serves up strudel, glowers at the Austrian art authorities, and approximates a accent softened over the years by living in America.

In the end this film teaches us that we should never give up on what is right!



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The best part is if you find that you predominately use one color when creating signs or your next project will require you to use a lot of white, for example, Chalk Ink offers single-color marker bundles that come with either 3 or 6 markers of the same color. Purchase a marker set and never find yourself without your go-to chalk markers again!

Chalk Ink is the perfect marker for metal boards, I tried regular chalk and it just didn't work very well.. with Chalk Ink the colors are gorgeous, sharp and crisp, no chalk dust and it wipes away quickly with water... Suggested Retail: Starting at 6 for \$16.95 and individual color set of 3 for only \$5.99 - Order today online at www.chalkink.com - A Nightwire "must have" product!





Janis Joplin's Porsche 356 at the PVGP this Summer!

By PVGP and Ed Rice

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is proud to announce a very special car on display at this summer's event – the Janis Joplin Porsche 356! Direct from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, This iconic Porsche in its famous psychedelic livery is made possible by the Allegheny Region Porsche Club of America and the estate of Janis Joplin. A very special car for a spectacular event!

There aren't many cars in the world as cool as Janis Joplin's Porsche. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame reports that she paid \$3,500 for it in 1968. It was oyster white, but her friend and roadie Dave Richards soon made it a work of art.

Howard Kramer of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame stated "whenever she parked it, fans would leave notes under the wipers.

Once while Joplin was at a gig, the car was stolen. The thief spray-painted it gray, but when it was returned, Joplin was able to find an auto shop that was able to recover the psychedelic finish. A few months after her death, the family gave the car to her former manager. Most of the engine and the body parts are original."

Many thanks to Ed Rice and the members of the Allegheny Region Porsche Club of America for securing this piece of history and bringing it to the 2015 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. The Joplin Porsche will be available for viewing "Under the Tent" as part of the ARPCA Porsche car corral on German Hill at the Schenley Park golf course on Saturday July 18 and Sunday July 19. Don't miss this once in a lifetime display!





The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is quite a unique vintage racing event. It is not only America's largest vintage race, but the only one run on city streets – the way sports car racing began. We are proud to host one western Pennsylvania's premiere events, one whose mission is to celebrate and honor our founding vintage auto enthusiasts while simultaneously using this venue to benefit charity. Funds raised help provide residential care, treatment and support for autistic and developmentally disabled individuals in the greater Pittsburgh area through the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School.

The PVGP is synonymous with Schenley Park and 2014 marked our 32nd consecutive year racing through the beautiful park setting. Vintage racing at Schenley Park is the culmination of a 10-day Race Week highlighted by Historic Races at Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PIRC), numerous car shows, cruises, a Blacktie Gala, and our Kick-Off Rallye.

We want to thank everyone who makes this event possible; the drivers who allow us to share in their appreciation of vintage motorsports, the army of volunteers who work yearlong to make the races and shows run smoothly, and the cooperation of our city governments to stage this world-class event throughout Pittsburgh.

The end goal of this event is to raise funds for our charities and we need your help. Our event, as always, is free to spectators, but your contributions will assure that we can continue to provide quality vintage racing as well supporting the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School.

We invite you to explore this PVGP.org for details about our organization and our charities and to get a glimpse of our incredible 10 day event.

For those not familiar with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, their executive director Dan DelBianco describes the Race Weekend event as “the culmination of our 10 day motorsport celebration occurs at Schenley Park on the July 18/19 weekend. Our devoted volunteers transform 2.3 miles of winding city streets into a race circuit, then they convert a city park and golf course into a grand show field for 2,000 cars and 150 tents so that 200,000 spectators can watch the vintage races and peruse the International Car Show.”

“The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix’s mission is to produce a world-class vintage racing event in order to raise funds to help provide residential care, treatment and support for developmentally disabled individuals in the Pittsburgh region.”

Set Sail With Heavy Seas Beer

by Brian Meyer



The story of Heavy Seas Beer started back in 1994 when would-be founder Hugh Sisson left his family owned and operated brewpub to focus on larger scale brewing. In 1995 he founded Clipper City Brewing Company in Baltimore, Maryland. The Clipper City brewery focused primarily on those in and around Baltimore with

both recipes and branding, as the clipper ship was first constructed in Baltimore, so they're pretty big fans of them there.

Fast-forward to 2003 and Clipper City Brewing is having a difficult time selling beer too far from their home base in Baltimore, primarily due to their insular branding. So what does this have to do with Heavy Seas Beer? Well, in 2003 Clipper City decided to add a new lineup of beers to their portfolio with their Heavy Seas brand. The brand was specifically created to house the brewery's higher-gravity beers so they could be easily picked out. The brand was widely popular and in 2010, Sisson decided to re-brand the entire Clipper City lineup as Heavy Seas Beer. The Clipper City beers that made the jump include Heavy Seas Gold Ale, Powder Monkey Pale Ale, and Cutlass Amber Lager.

Jump ahead to today, and Heavy Seas Beer is a strong and multi-faceted brand that includes beers that run the gamut from low to high, light to dark, and strong to balanced in taste. In short, there's a beer for everyone in their lineup.

Smooth Sail Summer Ale

With warm weather on the horizon, it's time for the summer ales to make their yearly appearance yet again. Heavy Seas is launching a new summer ale this year with Smooth Sail.

Smooth Sail is a wheat ale that's brewed with orange and lemon peel, and was brewed to give the beer an airy mouthfeel and a nice frothy head. Brewmaster Chris Leonard says they employed a neutral strain of wheat yeast to produce a clean tasting beer that's delicate on the palate. In short, it's light, slightly hoppy, and citrusy to give you an amazingly refreshing summer beer, and at 4.5% ABV, it's easy to have a few while

sitting on the porch and enjoying the nicer weather.

Cross Bones Session IPA

A hot new trend this year is the session IPA. These beers have all the hop flavor and aroma you love but with a lower ABV rating so you can enjoy a few in a row. Crossbones is Heavy Seas' first new year-round beer since 2003, which means they put a lot of work into making sure this one is perfect.

This sessionable IPA comes in at 4.5% ABV and features floral and citrus hop aroma with citrus and a malt backbone to round out the flavor. While the hops in this beer might be a secret blend, Heavy Seas uses six different malts to achieve the perfect flavor and body for this beer. Cross Bones is also now available in 12 oz. cans.

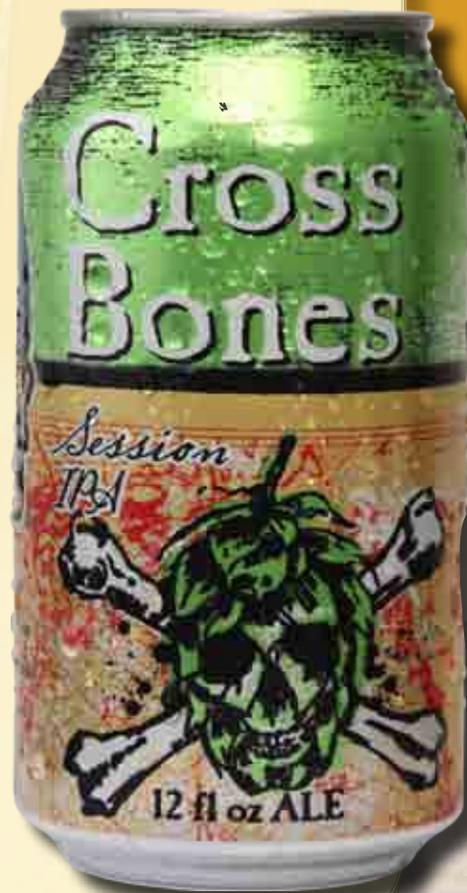
Loose Cannon American IPA

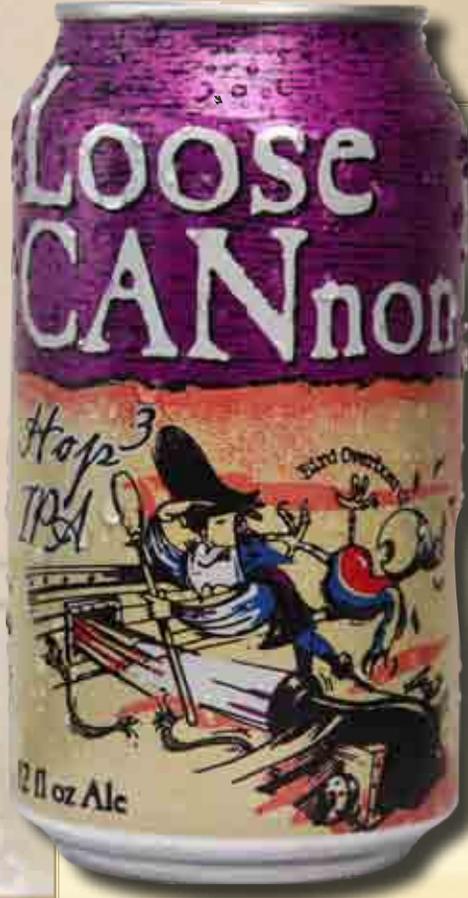
You'd expect the flagship beer for a brewery to be pretty amazing, and Loose Cannon delivers on this in strides. This 7.25% ABV beer has an intense hop aroma thanks to Simcoe, Palisade, and Centennial hops, which give the beer a mix of grapefruit, herbs, and pine.

Loose Cannon doesn't over-do it with bitterness, keeping it at a respectful 45 IBUs, which makes the beer easy to drink without having your palate worn out. Loose Cannon is hopped three times during the brewing process, including in the boil, the hopback, and in the fermenter. All of this together makes Loose Cannon a top-notch American IPA that needs tried to be believed. Loose Cannon is available in cans as well as bottles.

Double Cannon Double IPA

Sometimes bigger is better, and when talking about Double Cannon from Heavy Seas this couldn't be more true. Double Cannon is a double IPA that comes in at 9.5% ABV and features a huge hop aroma and flavor thanks to an insane amount of dry-hopping. The grain bill and alcohol content helps to add a touch of sweetness to this beer





while keeping it well balanced.

Double Cannon actually uses the same malt recipe proportions as Loose Cannon, just kicked up a few notches, and the hop bill is doubled. Consider this a bigger, meaner version of Loose Cannon that's still approachable and a solid beer without going over the top. Double Cannon is the current seasonal beer from Heavy Seas, so make sure to get it while you can!

Small Craft Warning Über Pils

Pilsners are known for their drinkability and balance, which is why Small Craft Warning Über Pils is so fresh and so clean. This 7% Pilsner uses Warrior, Palisade, French Strisselspalt, Saaz, Simcoe, and Cascade hops to make a beer that's somehow both complex yet simple.

Über Pils is crisp, slightly sweet, and features a strong malt backbone to balance things out and make it perfect for just about any season.

The Sunken Sampler

Up for a little variety? Heavy Seas sells their Sunken Sampler for just this reason. Basically, the Sunken Sampler consists of four of their beers in either 12 or 24-packs. One of these four is their rotating seasonal with the remainder consisting of their year-round offerings.

If variety is what you're looking for, then the Sunken Sampler is for you.

Uncharted Waters Series

The most interesting and creative offerings from Heavy Seas is definitely their Uncharted Waters line. These beers all feature some influence from wood and are all generally pretty big beers. You can find the Uncharted Waters beers in 22-oz bottles as well as on draft.

The Uncharted Waters lineup includes:

- Phantom Ship – A 9.5% ABV Belgian-style tripel aged in bourbon barrels
- Red Sky at Morning – A 9% ABV Belgian-style saison

aged in Chardonnay barrels

- Blackbeard's Breakfast – A 10% ABV imperial coffee porter aged in bourbon barrels
- Siren Noire – A 9.5% ABV imperial chocolate stout aged in bourbon barrels

Desert Island Series

The Desert Island series from Heavy Seas is a series of draft-only beers that were made to give the brewers at Heavy Seas some freedom while giving us some amazing beer.

The idea is simple: What beer would you brew if it were the only one you could take with you to a desert island? Basic nourishment aside, this idea gave the brewers the ability to make a beer they each truly wanted to make. Each beer is limited to 100 barrels, making each extremely limited, so if you see these on tap, make sure to try it ASAP.

Firkin

Real ale originally came from a cask that held one firkin of beer in it. Today, we call these either casks or firkins, but whatever you call them, Heavy Seas is dedicated to serving the best there is.

Heavy Seas actually offers bars the ability to make their own casks by choosing the beer they want, the hops they want added, any wood they want, and even some spices like peppercorns or vanilla beans. Looking at their chart, we're pretty sure we want a Loose Cannon with some Cascade hops and lemon zest. Sounds amazing!

Heavy Seas Beer is proudly distributed in and around the Pittsburgh area by Vecenie Distributing.



5 Session Beers To Kick Start Summer

by Brian Meyer



There's something about an imperial IPA that's just amazing. The mix of hop flavor, aroma, and high alcohol content come together to make a beer that requires sipping, but the time you take to drink it is totally worth it. You don't order three or four 10% ABV (Alcohol by Volume) Double IPAs in a row, but instead enjoy one, possibly two over the course of a night.

While this is great, what happens when it's beautiful outside and you want to kick back and enjoy a few beers? It's commonly believed that all craft beer is high in alcohol, which is one reason some beer drinkers steer clear of it. They'd rather be able to enjoy a few cold beers than only one. Thankfully, both sides of this debate are correct, and craft beer has something to offer everyone thanks to session beers.

Session beers are made specifically to give you all the flavor you'd expect from a craft beer while keeping the ABV nice and low. Session beers more specifically focus on the flavor and aroma that craft beers are known for while staying low enough ABV that you finally have one you can easily tailgate with, or just enjoy after cutting the grass.

Here are some examples of Great Session Beers:

The craft beer world needs higher ABV beers. They're complex, delicious, and truly speak to the inventive nature and skill of craft brewers. Session beers won't dethrone the imperials and doubles of the world, but instead add a way for you to enjoy your favorite style of beer in even more places.

21st Amendment Brewery: Down to Earth

21st Amendment's space monkey is back from his trip to outer

space, and he brought with him an amazing 4.4% ABV beer. Down to Earth is their version of a session IPA and overall, it stands as a great example of what you should expect in one, too. Down to Earth is replacing 21A's Bitter American in their year-round lineup and while this is somewhat of a toned-down version, it's still got a flavor profile and body we've come to love.

Down to Earth features several late addition hops to up the aroma and is dry-hopped with Mosaic and Centennial hops to really kick the aroma up a notch. All of this, paired with a solid malt bill makes this session IPA as delicious as any standard IPA, but with the added benefit of being able to enjoy a few and still get on with your day.

Brooklyn Brewery: 1/2 Ale

One of the best styles of beer for the summer has to be the saison. These farmhouse ales were brewed originally to be crisp and refreshing, especially in hot climates and after a day of farming. Saisons typically come in between 5-7% ABV, and while this fits perfectly with their flavor profile, a session saison is perfect for warmer weather and outdoor activities.

Brooklyn Brewery created their 1/2 Ale for just this reason. Their sessionable saison clocks in at 3.4% ABV but hasn't lost a bit of its flavor in the process. 1/2 Ale is an unfiltered, balanced saison that pours a hazy, pale yellow color. Brooklyn packed this beer with citrusy hops including Perle, Simcoe, Amarillo, and Sorachi Ace on top of a gentle malt base. This, paired with the standard spiciness you expect from a saison make it the perfect match for spicy dishes and cheeses.

Boulder Brewing: Hazed Hoppy Session Ale

Boulder Brewing's old Hazed & Infused Dry-Hopped Ale is the all-new Hazed Hoppy Session Ale. The beer stays the same but the name and packaging is new and improved. Hazed Hoppy Session Ale speaks more to what this beer has always been, and thanks to



the love that session beers have been seeing, it can now be described in a way more of us understand.

Hazed comes in at the top of what a session beer is considered at 5%, but it seems just about perfect at this level. Tons of dry-hopping give the beer lots of hop aroma and taste while keeping the bitterness low and the alcohol in check.

Flying Dog Brewery: Easy IPA

If there was ever a brewery that was known for not having restraint in their beers, Flying Dog would be near the top of the list. From big beer to the weird and wild, Flying Dog pushes the boundaries and always comes out on top.

Their attempt at a sessionable IPA comes to us in the way of Easy IPA. This 4.7% American IPA uses biscuity malts to give the beer a nice body while the hop profile is all about grapefruit, lemon, and subtle pine hop notes. All together

this makes for a light yet flavorful beer that's perfect for summer and beyond.

Southern Tier Brewery: Right-O-Way IPA

Rounding out our list is a session IPA from the folks in Lakewood, NY. Southern Tier Brewing's Right-O-Way IPA comes in at a sessionable 4.5% ABV while keeping all the flavor and aroma you expect from a Southern Tier IPA with a little less alcohol.

Right-O-Way IPA uses two different types of hops as well as two different types of malts. The aroma on this beer is all about citrus and floral notes, while the flavor is biscuity with a zesty grapefruit and tropical fruit back. Definitely one of the "easier" beers that Southern Tier has made, and thankfully it's a very solid beer that just has a little less alcohol.

Each of these beers and more are proudly distributed by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale and can be found at your favorite craft beer spots in and around the Pittsburgh area.



Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents: Buyer And Cellar

Directed by Don Stephenson, Tom Lenk stars in Jonathan Tolins' hilarious hit about Barbra Streisand and the stuff she collects.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's 40th anniversary Season of Legends concludes with the Pittsburgh premiere of Jonathan Tolins' one-man comedy, Buyer & Cellar. Directed by Don Stephenson (Noises Off last season), Buyer & Cellar runs May 28 – June 28, 2015 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.

Tolins was inspired to write this hilarious fictional account after reading Barbra Streisand's real book, My Passion for Design, about decorating her lavish Malibu estate. The part that interested Tolins most was the "street of shops" that Barbra constructed in her cellar. Included are a gift shop, vintage clothing boutique, Bee's Doll Shop, and an antiques emporium. Instead of just storing the stuff she collects in her basement, she created a faux mall. Tolins decided that she needed a clerk to work there and wait on its only customer... Barbra herself.

Tom Lenk will play that clerk, an out-of-work actor named Alex More. Lenk is best known as Andrew in the TV hit "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and has appeared in numerous projects directed by Joss Whedon, as well as many other TV shows and movies. Lenk also starred on Broadway in the musical Rock of Ages, and performs often at Los Angeles' best comedy venues, including Upright Citizens Brigade and Comedy Central Stage.

In addition to the character of Alex, Lenk will conjure Barbra, her assistant, Alex's boyfriend Barry, and even Barbra's husband James Brolin. The budding relationship between the starstruck employee and the superstar leads to penetrating insights about celebrity culture – and plenty of laughs.

The designers for Buyer & Cellar are Michael Schweikardt (Scenic), Ted Pappas (Costumes), Stephen Terry (Lighting), Zach Moore (Sound), and Shawn Duan (Projections). Fred Noel is the Production Stage Manager.



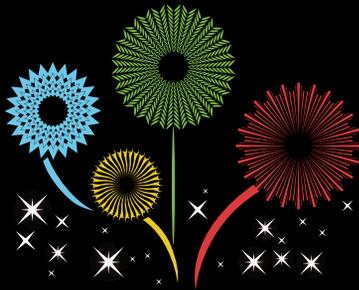
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Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Q&A

Between Deanna Lee (Contributing Writer at Kidsburgh) and Pamela Komar, Executive Director, Children's Theater Series & Festival

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's EQT Children's Theater Festival, now celebrating its 29th year, will be held May 14-17, 2015 in the Cultural District, downtown Pittsburgh. This year, attendees are encouraged to enjoy five sensational performances and one new interactive art installation in addition to complimentary programs that compliment featured ticketed performances. The festival is programmed by the Children's Theater Series and Festival division of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. For the second year, EQT Foundation, the charitable affiliation of EQT Corporation, will serve as the lead and title sponsor of the Children's Theater Festival. This year's EQT Children's Theater Festival features ticketed performances by artistic companies from Australia, Denmark, Scotland and the Netherlands. Teatro Al Vacio also joins the festival line-up, adding programming from Mexico—a country that has not been represented within the festival for many years.

Theater venues include the Byham Theater, Cabaret at Theater Square and the Trust Arts Education Center.

The festival grounds will include increased food options and vendors, more visual art programming at local galleries, additional pop-up green spaces, free hands-on activities, free roving performances, and free stages. The festival is pleased to announce additional street closures on Penn Avenue, crossing and security guards, and additional to help all visitors navigate events. In addition, festival hours are extended to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with evening performances scheduled each day and the festival will be using the Cabaret at Theater Square for the first time! Also new to this year's festival are Festival Guides—team members who will be stationed throughout the Cultural District during festival hours to happily help attendees find their way. Traditional volunteers, staff members and ticket sellers will also be on site to help festival families and friends plan their experience. Information booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. providing information, tickets and merchandise. Each Featured Performance venue will have staff on-site 60 minutes



prior to show time.

What does the theater experience bring to children?

The benefits of theater are undeniable. Theater inspires imagination, creativity, problem solving, thoughtfulness and so many more life skills. International theater also brings the world to the stage in Pittsburgh. Children are introduced to other cultures and perspectives.

Will parents enjoy the performances as well?

Quality children's theater is engaging for the big people in the audience as well as the children. Typically, at least a third of the audience consists of adults.

What if a child has never seen theater before? Will they be engaged?

Children's theater is a fascinating term because it encompasses all genres—artists may create shows for young audiences utilizing various forms of performance and visual art—dance, theater, music, puppetry, object theater, comedy, circus, spoken word, etc. Many times one show will cross many genres. For festival first timers, I suggest considering a child's unique interests. This year we have a show just for babies and toddlers called Umbo. The piece is a terrific first-time theater experience created along with child development specialists. Some children like to see shows based on a book that is familiar or can be read and discovered before hand—for example, this year's festival includes Spot based on the books by Eric Hill, Hansel and Gretel based on the original Brother's Grimm fairytale, and a contemporary take on Robin Hood. Other children thrive in the unknown—for these adventurers, you may want to look for shows that are interactive like this year's Tangle from Polyglot Theatre or Manxmouse based on a popular young adult book by Paul Gallico—a title widely undiscovered in the United States. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's box office staff is willing and able to discuss each of the performances and help you choose what your children





might be most interested in. Additionally, we offer links to each artist's website and video excerpts—both of these resources offer a great preview of what you can see in the theater. Families will also enjoy the laid back atmosphere in the EQT Children's Theater Festival. Most of the shows are non-shushing shows where kids are encouraged to interact and react to what they are seeing. If you chose the wrong show for your child or they are having an "off" day, never fear—there are over 30 free hands on activities, family-friendly galleries, a scavenger hunt, roving artists, and more.

In addition, for some kids, it takes a few visits to the festival. For others, they aren't ready to sit still and will not engage no matter how great the performance may be. The timing may not be right one day, but I encourage the adults to try again. There is something at the EQT Children's Theater Festival for everyone.

How does interest in theater at a young age support the arts in general?

Theater has a reputation for being for the elite. This idea is a complete misperception. Theater and art in general enhances life and should be accessible to all. Children are the audiences

of today, not just tomorrow. They are theater goers. Our hope is that they continue to be theater goers long into the future. Children who are introduced to arts at a young age become better adult citizens. They are more well-rounded, better problem solvers, and creative thinkers. They are also more likely to continue to make the arts a part of their grown up lives.

We will likely not have room in the article to highlight the full schedule. Are there any particular performances you'd like to highlight?

This is a hard question. All of the theater shows are fabulous! Umbo is good because it is for babies, toddlers and their grown ups. Tangle is interesting because it is so interactive, captivating and can be enjoyed by the whole family or extended family even. And Hansel and Gretel is interesting because it is for kids ages 8 through adulthood and happens to



be by my favorite company of all time—Gruppe 38. It is a scary and real retelling of the original Brothers Grimm tale—you don't need to have (or borrow) a kid to come and see it.

And of course, if you'd like to mention anything in particular that you feel is important...

It is worth mentioning about the affordability of the tickets—starting at just \$5 and the option for pre-paid parking vouchers at Theater Square Garage. Spend more time enjoying the festival by taking advantage of the pre-paid parking and box office concierge service. You can plan your entire visit in advance. Call 412-456-6666 or visit TrustArts.org/PghKids for more information!



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The Return of the Stones

By: ERIC SAFERSTEIN

A concert review is traditionally written after the show ends and the band has left town. Some fan scribbles down a generally un-inspired account of their evening. They played all my favorites. The crowd loved every minute. We shared a nachos grande. Some moron spilled a beer on Colton. On the way home, we got pulled over by Ross Township police for an expired inspection sticker. The breathalyzer registered a .09. Game over. Other than the encounter with law enforcement, these recollections seem a tad mundane. Why won't anyone challenge the predictability of the age-old concert review? Well, I'm gonna try and give it a shot. So here it comes. A very rare, proactive approach. Because not only is it rock'n'roll, but I also happen to like it.

In what might have been one of the worst kept secrets in the history of rock'n'roll, the Rolling Stones announced a 2015 summer tour. Even with the curiously timed re-release of the 1981 classic album *Sticky Fingers*. Even with all those electronic billboard advertisements illuminating the heartland.

Even with a salivating red tongue logo painted on the Heinz Field 50 yard line... nobody had the slightest clue the Stones were hitting the road. Who woulda thunk it? Kind of like Hillary announcing her 2016 presidential run. Who would have ever dreamed?

Still, the band had a trick up Mick Jagger's sleeveless wife beater. And it would come in the form of destinations for this 15 city trek. Chicago or New York City? No shirt. Philly or Boston? No shoes. Houston or Phoenix? Nooo dice (tumbling dice that is). Instead, in a move that would make Spicoli proud, they opted for secondary markets like Buffalo, Raleigh and Kansas City. And sure enough, we've got a Pittsburgh show scheduled for June 20 at Heinz Field. It's refreshing to see all the big cities escape the itinerary. Now that's at least worthy of a minimal exclamation. Damn.

The venues will consist of NFL and NCAA stadiums, a couple ballparks and even the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. How's that sound for a freedom lovin', monoxide laden 4th of July? I know. I know. You already purchased a dozen bottle rockets and froze a gluttonous tub of macaroni salad for the annual Dormont family picnic. Color me envious. That's not one, but two of the seven deadly sins.

Yeah, I've seen a few rock concerts in my day. You could say that. But do not fret. I will not regale you with epic tales of Foghat headlining the Ribfest or Steppenwolf jamming at the Regatta. But I have seen some big ones. Among them, the last 2 Pittsburgh Rolling Stones appearances: the 1994 show at Three Rivers and the 2005 concert with Pearl Jam at PNC Park.

And while many things grow better with time, I'm not so sure the Stones are one of them. They are not a vintage cabernet. Though don't get me wrong. I'm glad they're returning. It's just more about the law of diminishing marginal returns.

Now if you want to see the Stones, this is probably your last chance. I hate to sound cynical, but these chaps are all in their early 70's. It's just hard to envision the whole gang coming back to Pittsburgh in another decade. I think a Golden Girls reunion is more likely. And three of those gals are deceased. That being said, it's hard to do the patented half-Jagger, half-rooster strut when you're confined to a motorized scooter or perhaps if our lead singer wielded a cane or functional staff like Gandolph or some heroic biblical character. Noah comes to mind as he had a strong track record for live performances. His organizational

talent (guiding animals in groups of twosies) and leadership skills (I'm assuming he was the captain of that wooden ark... not the one near Frostburg, Maryland on I-68) were unparalleled.

It's been rumored the band might play the *Sticky Fingers* album in its entirety. But I seriously doubt it. I just don't think the live dynamic would translate. These stadium shows are a massive production. You gotta keep the crowd enthralled. Trust me on this one. It just wouldn't bode well from a predictability standpoint.

The coolest aspect of a rock concert of this nature is not knowing which songs the band will play. Fortunately, Nerdlinger's here to explain how that info gets plastered all over the internet the millisecond the first show concludes. *Lame*. So I decided to create a fantasy set list, one that borders somewhere in the realm of barely plausible and extremely doubtful. I was even kind enough to include mini-gaps which offer the band some time to regroup and take a breather if necessary. How cool is that? That's how much I care. Truth be told, I've always wanted to craft a set list for one of the mega-rock bands (Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Grateful Dead, etc.). So let's take a stab at it.

1. Start Me Up. Traditional octane-fueled opener.
2. Let's Spend The Night Together. Self explanatory segue way.
3. Undercover of the Night. My favorite Stones song of the 1980's. Underplayed and relatively forgotten. Great tune for explosions, pyrotechnics, machine gun fire, strobe lights, really anything.
4. She's So Cold. This song came out just as Reagan took office. You gotta throw in an original that signaled the end of the 70's. Disco balls and football stadiums are underrated. Here here!
5. Bitch. Time to pay homage to *Sticky Fingers*.
6. Can't You Hear Me Knockin'. Another follow-up from the same album. I'll take a lengthy version of this song over an exhaustive *Midnight Rambler* harmonica solo any day of the week.
7. Tumblin' Dice or Miss You. Classic staple groove songs with near gospel-like overtones. Take your pick.
8. Emotional Rescue. Such a peculiar song. So glad they resurrected it from the cusp of the 8-track grave. They trotted it out in 2013. Let's hope they don't ditch it.
9. Monkey Man. Any song that evokes memories of the movie *Good Fellas* is good enough for me.
10. Street Fighting Man. Killer rock tune from the late 60's. Not everyone was listening to the Beach Boys back then.
11. The Last Time. Could serve as an omen. No matter how hard I try, I just can't envision another Rolling Stones show in the Burgh ten years from now.
12. Thru n'Thru. Time to slow things down for a bit. Maybe purchase an \$8.50 tepid draft beer or go use the restroom. Tremendous Keith Richards twang from the early 90'; very memorable background music from *The Sopranos* (Season 2 closer after they "dispose" of their friend Vincent Pastore).
13. Wild Horses. Another ballad from the *Sticky Fingers* album. Maybe bring out a hometown guest vocalist to trade verses. Christinia Aguilera? Bill Peduto? Mark Cuban? Roethlisberger? The possibilities are endless.
14. Waitin' on a Friend or Under My Thumb or Let it Bleed. Bring back some swaying rhythm and galvanize a little momentum. Take your pick. Any of the three would suffice. How about we make it an audible and let the crowd decide?
15. Paint It Black. Ideally, this song would feature special guest

vocalist Blackie Lawless from the band W.A.S.P. If you've never heard the screeching heavy metal rendition, you're really missing something. Although I'm not exactly sure what that is.

16. Gimme Shelter. My all-time favorite Stones tune. Seems appropriate if you watch the news these days. War, children. Rape, murder. It's just a shot away. You cannot have a Stones mega-production without this song in the line-up.

17. Sympathy For The Devil. Excellent audience participation song. Mick Jagger is the perfect candidate to introduce himself and then reintroduce himself. Just in case you didn't know, he's pleased to meet you.

18. Satisfaction. You better play this one. If for no other reason but to satisfy the mongrel hoard. But you wanna know who really needs a Snickers? It's the rockin' poser fans who paid \$1,750 to sit in the first couple rows. I've always enjoyed watching these people. They're the ones who proudly pay \$50 bucks for an 80 cent t-shirt. They're just so fun to watch. You might think I'm deranged, but give it a try. Hang out and observe the t-shirt concession stand. There's weak amusement to be had. And best of all, it's free. It literally screams satisfaction.

19. Jumpin' Jack Flash. Might as well make everyone stand up and dance. Mick and company shouldn't be the only ones on their feet all night long.

20. Loving Cup. Just because I like it and few would expect to hear it.

21. Love Train. The Stones sometimes throw in a Motown cover (no relation to the hippie clothing worn by wealthy WVU kids from New Jersey). I'm quite fond of the song "Going to a Go Go," but allow me to make a blunt admission. I love naked women (make that woman, only Gigi). Yet I'm not a big proponent of strip clubs. However, this O'Jay (not Simpson) classic is perfectly suited for monster crowds. There's a fantastic rendition of the band playing it in Paris circa 2003. Google it.

22. Not Fade Away. With the 50th anniversary of the Grateful Dead, here's your ideal set closer. Straight outta Love Train. As the song winds itself down, you ramp up the crowd with the Jumbotron. You know are love will not fade away. If anyone from the band were to read this, you really need to trust me. This is how you close a stadium show. It would be unforgettable.

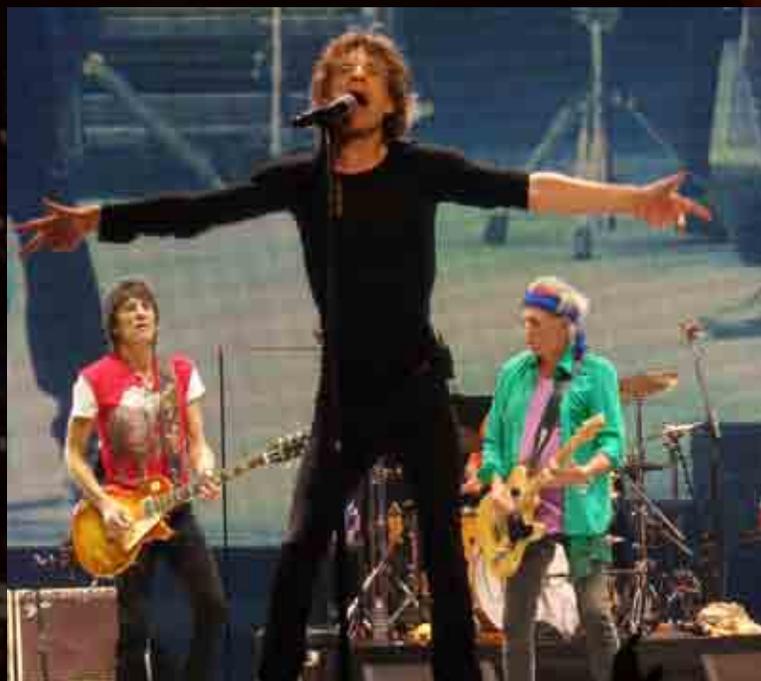
Encores:

23. You Can't Always Get What You Want. In the words of the immortal Ozzy Osbourne, "Let me see those cigarette lighters." This is how you return to the stage. The song visually demands a light up. One of the most heartfelt, prophetic ballads in the history of rock music.

24. Brown Sugar. Wouldn't it seem appropriate to finish the concert with the song that opens Sticky Fingers?

So there's your 2015 fantasy Rolling Stones set list. Hope it lived up to your expectations. Word to the wise. Don't get carried away. I seriously doubt it will resemble the real one. Maybe bits and pieces. There's only one way to know for sure. Hit the show and find out for yourself.

Now you're probably thinking --- ohh... the tickets, the parking, the concessions. Everything is so expensive. We just can't afford it! Well, here's a thought. Park up on Federal Street for free. Grab a case of Arhn City and head on down. If you can't find a cheap ticket, just sit by the river with a loaf of stale bread and



illegally feed the fowl while listening to one of the most notorious rock bands of our generation. Sounds like a good plan B. But then again, I'm easy to please and eager to help.

As far as I know, there is no opening act. I imagine something will surface. Oddly enough, there's a nationally known band playing 30 minutes away at The Meadows in Washington, PA. Huey Lewis and The News are at the casino that night. Why should you find this even remotely interesting? Well, Huey Lewis was one of my first ever unchaperoned rock concerts. In 1988, they played the Wheeling Civic Center. I even had the unmitigated audacity to take a black sharpie and write "Huey Lewis Sucks, Metallica Rules" on the back of my t-shirt. Ahh, the impetuosity of youth. Ironically, these days I find Metallica exceptionally annoying. I'd much rather listen to Huey Lewis and watch the evening news. However, I can assure you, my rebellious nature has not simmered with the passage of time.

With that in mind, let's end this proactive concert review with some helpful public safety information. Heinz Field holds over 65,000 fans. But there's one little snippet of guidance the NFL is unwilling to provide. In my humble opinion, they have a moral obligation to explicitly warn fans that legitimate emergency evacuation orders would never come from their personal cell phones. If an evacuation is deemed absolutely necessary, protocol dictates using the public address system in tandem with the video monitors.

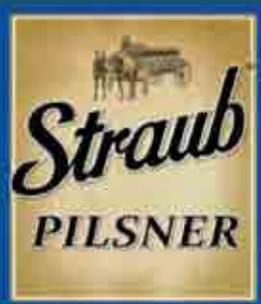
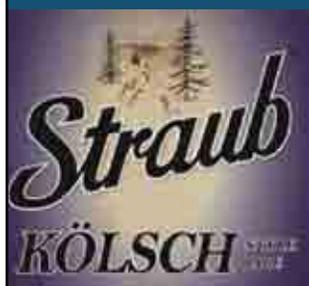
Think of it as the modern, technological equivalent of shouting "fire" in a crowded theater... but nobody's allowed to talk about it. Rest assured, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell isn't going to address the issue. The reason for this is essentially grounded in plausible deniability, foreseeable litigation and the lose-lose proposition. Roger and NFL ownership just don't have the courage. So maybe Mick Jagger could help us out. Rock stars have a penchant for moving society forward. Seems to me like an excellent opportunity to "discuss the un-discussable" and expand societal horizons. Mick, if you're listening... let's give it a shot. After all, it's just a shot away.

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7 Reasons Why You Shouldn't Mess with a Child

Reason 1

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

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

Reason 2

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

Reason 3

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

Reason 4

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

Reason 5

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

Reason 6

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet aren't empty."

Reason 7

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want - God is watching the apples."

Cooking Diary of a Newlywed:

It's fun to cook for Tom.

- Today I made angel food cake. The recipe said beat 12 eggs separately. The neighbors were nice enough to loan me some extra bowls.

- Tom wanted fruit salad for supper. The recipe said serve without dressing. So I didn't dress. What a surprise when Tom brought a friend home for supper.

- A good day for rice. The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice.. It seemed kind of silly but I took a bath anyway. I can't say it improved the rice any.

- Today Tom asked for salad again I tried a new recipe. It said prepare ingredients; lay on a bed of lettuce one hour before serving. Tom asked me why I was rolling around in the garden..

- I found an easy recipe for cookies. It said put the ingredients in a bowl and beat it. There must have been something wrong with this recipe. When I got back, everything was the same as when I left.

- Tom did the shopping today and brought home a chicken. He asked me to dress it for Sunday. I don't have any clothes that fit it, and for some reason Tom keeps counting to ten.

- Tom's folks came to dinner. I wanted to serve roast but all I had was hamburger. Suddenly I had a flash of genius.. I put the hamburger in the oven and set the controls for roast. It still came out hamburger, much to my disappointment..

- GOOD NIGHT DEAR DIARY. This has been a very exciting week! I am eager for tomorrow to come so I can try out a new recipe on Tom. If I can talk Tom into buying a bigger oven, I would like to surprise him with a chocolate moose.



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Humor

Squirrels

Two guys decide to go on a hunting trip. When their friend hears about it, he begged to go. The two men are skeptical, because every time their friend goes, he scares away all the game. The friend promises that if he is allowed to go, he will stay at the campsite, because he likes to camp more than hunt. They agree and they start on their trip. Once camp is set up, the two men decide to go hunt, and their friend stays behind. After several hours they finally spot a ten point buck, but a shrill scream scares the buck away. The two men run back to camp, only to find their friend standing there looking up into the trees. "What's wrong?" They asked. "Yeah, you scared off our game." "I'm sorry, fellas. I didn't scream when the snake fell out of the tree and wrapped around my neck. I didn't yell when the bear came out of the woods and mauled me nearly to death. But those SQUIRRELS..." Two of them climbed up my pants leg. The first squirrel asked the second, "Do we eat them NOW, or do we take them HOME?". That's when I lost it.....

Confessional

A married man went into the confessional and said to his Priest, 'I almost had an affair with another woman.' The priest said, 'What do you mean, almost?' The man said, 'Well, we got undressed and

rubbed ourselves together, but then stopped.' The priest said, 'Rubbing is the same as putting it in. You're not to see that woman again. For your penance, say five Hail Mary's and put \$50 in the poor box.' The man left the confessional, said his prayers and then walked over to the poor box. He paused for a moment and then started to leave. The priest, who was watching, quickly ran over to him saying, 'I saw that. You didn't put any money in the poor box!' The Irishman replied, 'Yes, but I rubbed the \$50 on the box and according to you, that's the same as putting it in!'

Lemon Squeeze

There once was a religious young woman who went to confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.' The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.' The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad, passionate love to me seven times.' The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.' The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?' The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that silly grin off of your face.'



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Humor

Catholic Dog

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?' Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

Donation :

Father O'Malley answers the phone. 'Hello,

is this Father O'Malley?' 'It is!' 'This is the Tax Dept. Can you help us?' 'I can!' 'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?' 'I do!' 'Is he a member of your congregation?' 'He is!' 'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?' 'He will.'

Confession:

An elderly man walks into a confessional. The following conversation ensues: Man: 'I am 92 years old, have a wonderful wife of 70 years, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Yesterday, I picked up two college girls, hitchhiking. We went to a motel, where I had sex with each of them three times.' Priest: 'Are you sorry for your sins?' Man: 'What sins?' Priest: 'What kind of a Catholic are you?' Man: 'I'm Jewish.' Priest 'Why are you telling me all this then?' Man: I'm 92 years old . I'm telling everybody!

Possibly the best blonde joke ever

A blonde walks into a pharmacy and asks the assistant for some rectum Deodorant. The pharmacist, a little bemused, explains to the woman that they don't sell rectum deodorant and never have. Unfazed, the blonde assures the pharmacist that she has been buying the stuff from this store on a regular basis and would like some more. 'I'm sorry,' says the pharmacist, 'We don't have any.' 'But, I always buy it here,' says the blonde 'Do you have the container that it came in?' asks the pharmacist. 'Yes,' said the blonde, 'I'll go home and get it.' She returns with the container and hands it to the pharmacist who looks at it and says to her, 'This is just a normal stick of underarm deodorant.' Annoyed, the blonde snatches the container back and reads out loud from the container .. (Are you ready for this one!?) 'to apply, push up bottom.'

It's so good to read the truth at last...

I love this Doctor! I couldn't have said it better myself....

Q&A

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So, a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!



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Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!!

..... Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy?

HELLO ...Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. And remember: 'Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways -- Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming 'WOO HOO, What a Ride' AND..... For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

BANK ACCOUNT!!!

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window. I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.' 'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. 'It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank. I am still depositing.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

Rabbit in Refrigerator

A lady opened her refrigerator and saw a rabbit sitting on one of the shelves. "What are you doing in there?" She asked. The rabbit replied: "This is a Westinghouse, isn't it?", To which the lady replied "Yes." "Well," the rabbit said, "I'm westing."

Humor

Stupid Facts:

- If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee. (Hardly seems worth it.)
- If you farted consistently for 6 years and 209 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb. (Now that's more like it !)
- The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet. (O.M.G.!)
- A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes. (In my next life, I want to be a pig..)
- A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death. (Creepy.) (I'm still not over the pig.)
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour. (Don't try this at home, maybe at work)
- The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off. (Honey, I'm home. What the...?!)
- The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.. (30 minutes.. Lucky pig! Can you imagine?)
- The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds. (What could be so

tasty on the bottom of a pond?)

- Some lions mate over 50 times a day. (I still want to be a pig in my next life...quality over quantity)
- Butterflies taste with their feet. (Something I always wanted to know.)
- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue. (Hmmm-mmm.....)
- Right-handed people live, on average, nine year's longer than left-handed people. (If you're ambidextrous, do you split the difference?)
- Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump. (Okay, so that would be a good thing)
- A cat's urine glows under a black light.. (I wonder who was paid to figure that out?)
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that.)
- Starfish have no brains. (I know some people like that too.)
- Polar bears are left-handed. (If they switch, they'll live a lot longer)
- Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure. (What about that pig??)
- Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread these crazy facts to someone you want to bring a smile to, maybe even a chuckle. In other words, share this with everyone! (and God love that pig!)



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Old Biker

A crusty old biker out on a long summer ride in the country pulls up to a tavern in the middle of nowhere, parks his bike and walks inside. As he passes thru the swinging' doors, he sees a sign hanging over the bar:

COLD BEER: \$2.00

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CHEESEBURGER: \$2.50

CHICKEN SANDWICH : \$3.50

HAND JOB: \$50.00

Checking his wallet to be sure he has the necessary payment, the ole' biker walks up to the bar and beckons to the exceptionally attractive female bartender serving drinks to a couple of sun-wrinkled farmers. She glides down behind the bar to the old biker. "Yes?" she inquires with a wide, knowing smile, "May I help you?" The ole biker leans over the bar, "I was wondering, young lady," he whispers, "are you the one who gives the hand-jobs?" She looks into his eyes with that wide smile and purrs, "Why yes. Yes, I sure am". The ole' biker leans closer and into her left ear whispers softly, "Well, wash your hands real good, cause I want a cheeseburger."

The Night of April 1st.....

Defense Attorney: Will you please state your age?

Little Old Lady: I am 71 years old.

Defense Attorney: Will you tell us, in your own words, what happened the night of April 1st?

Little Old Lady: There I was, sitting there in my swing on my front porch on a warm spring evening, when a young man comes creeping up on the porch and sat down beside me.

Defense Attorney: Did you know him?

Little Old Lady: No, but he sure was friendly.

Defense Attorney: What happened after he sat down?

Little Old Lady: He started to rub my thigh.

Defense Attorney: Did you stop him?

Little Old Lady: No, I didn't stop him.

Defense Attorney: Why not?

Little Old Lady: It felt good. Nobody had done that since my Albert died some 30 years ago.

Defense Attorney: What happened next?

Little Old Lady: He began to rub my breasts.

Defense Attorney: Did you stop him then?

Little Old Lady: No, I did not stop him...

Defense Attorney: Why not?

Little Old Lady: His rubbing made me feel all alive and excited. I haven't felt that good in years!

Defense Attorney: What happened next?

Little Old Lady: Well, by then, I was feeling so 'spicy' that I just laid down and told him 'Take me, young man. Take me now!'

Defense Attorney: Did he take you?

Little Old Lady: Hell, no! He just yelled, 'April Fool!' and ran off. And that's when I shot him!

Father

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar backwards... The man, who was a priest, said "I am a Father." The little boy replied "My Dad doesn't wear his collar like that." The priest looked up from his book and answered "I am the Father of many." The boy said "My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way." The priest, getting impatient, said "I am the Father of hundreds" and went back to reading his book. The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said, "Maybe you should use a condom and wear your pants backwards instead of your collar."



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Humor

WRONG EMAIL ADDRESS

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day. The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email. Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her email expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first

message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read :

To: My Loving Wife - Subject: I've Arrived - Date: October 16, 2007

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then!!!!

Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. Sure is freaking hot down here!!!!

The Four Cats

Four men were bragging about how smart their cats were. The first man was an Engineer, the second man was an Accountant, the third man was a Chemist, and the fourth man was a Government Employee. To show off, the Engineer called his cat, 'T-square, do your stuff.' T-square pranced over to the desk, took out some paper and pen and promptly drew a circle, a square, and a triangle. Everyone agreed that was pretty smart. But the Accountant said his cat could do better. He called his cat and said, 'Spreadsheet, do your stuff.' Spreadsheet went out to the kitchen and returned with a dozen cookies. He divided them into 4 equal piles of 3 cookies. Everyone agreed that was good. But the Chemist said his cat could do better. He called his cat and said, 'Measure, do your stuff.' Measure got up, walked to the fridge, took out a quart of milk, got a 10 ounce glass from the cupboard and poured exactly 8 ounces without spilling a drop. Everyone agreed that was pretty good. Then the three men turned to the Government Employee and said, 'What can your cat do?' The Government Employee called his cat and said, 'Coffee

Break, do your stuff.' Coffee Break jumped to his feet.....ate the cookies.....drank the milk.....sh*t on the paper.....screwed the other three cats.....claimed he injured his back while doing so.....filed a grievance report for unsafe working conditions.....put in for Workers Compensation..... And went home for the rest of the day on sick leave..... and that my friends is why everyone wants to work for the government!!

WILL YOU MARRY ME?

A man met a beautiful lady and he decided he wanted to marry her right away. She protested, "But we don't know anything about each other." She replied, "That's all right; we'll learn about each other as we go along." So she consented, and they were married and went on a honeymoon to a very nice resort. One morning, they were lying by the pool when he got up off his towel, climbed up to the 10 meter board and did a two and a half tuck gainer, entering the water perfectly, almost without a ripple. This was followed by a three rotations in jack-knife position before he again straightened out and cut the water like a knife. After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on his towel. She said, "That was incredible!" He said, "I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about ourselves as we went along." So she got up, jumped in the pool and started doing laps. She was moving so fast that the froth from her pushing off at one end of the pool would hardly be gone before she was already touching the other end of the pool. She did laps in freestyle, breast stroke, even butterfly! After about thirty laps, completed in mere minutes, she climbed back out and lay down on her towel, barely breathing hard. He said, "That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?" "No," she said, "I was a hooker in West Virginia and I worked both sides of the Ohio River.

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The Rancher

A successful rancher died and left everything to his devoted wife. She was a very good-looking woman and determined to keep the ranch, but knew little about ranching, so decided to place an ad in the newspaper for a ranch hand.. Two cowboys applied for the job. One was gay and the other a drunk. She thought long and hard about it, and when no one else applied she decided to hire the gay guy, figuring it would be safer to have him around the house than the drunk. He proved to be a hard worker who put in long hours every day and knew a lot about ranching. For weeks, the two of them worked, and the ranch was doing well. Then one day, the rancher's widow said to the hired hand, 'You have done a really good job, and the ranch looks great. You should go into town and kick up your heels.' The hired hand readily agreed and went into town one Saturday night. One o'clock came, however, and he didn't return. Two o'clock came and no hired hand. Finally he returned around two-thirty, and upon entering the room, he found the rancher's widow sitting by the fireplace with a glass of wine, waiting for him. She quietly called him over to her. 'Unbutton my blouse and take it off, she said. Trembling, he did as she directed. 'Now take off my boots.' He did as she asked, ever so slowly. 'Now take off my socks.' He removed each gently and

placed them neatly by her boots. 'Now take off my skirt.' He slowly unbuttoned it, constantly watching her eyes in the fire light. 'Now take off my bra...' Again, with trembling hands, he did as he was told and dropped it to the floor. Then she looked at him and said, 'If you ever wear my clothes into town again, you're fired.' Bet you didn't see that coming!

\$20 Bet

Bob, a handsome dude, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 pm. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV. The 10 pm news was coming on. The news crew was covering the story of a man on the ledge of a large building preparing to jump. The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?" Bob said, "You know, I bet he'll jump." The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't." Bob placed a \$20 bill on the bar and said, "You're on!" Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy on the ledge did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death. The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her \$20 to Bob, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money." Bob replied, "I can't take your money. I saw this earlier on the 5 pm news, and so I knew he would jump .." The blonde replied, "I did too, but didn't think he'd do it again." Bob took the money...



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The Pregnant Blonde

The other day my neighbor, who is blonde, came running up to me in the driveway jumping for joy! I didn't know why she was jumping so excitedly but I thought, 'what the heck', and I started jumping up and down along with her. She said, 'I have some really great news!' I said, 'Great. Tell me why you're so happy.' She stopped jumping and breathing heavily from all the jumping up and down, told me that she was pregnant. I knew she'd been trying for a while so I told her, 'That's great I couldn't be happier for you!' Then she said, 'There's more' I asked, 'What do you mean there's more.' She said, 'Well, we are not having just one baby.. We are going to have TWINS!' Amazed at how she could know so soon after getting pregnant, I asked her how she knew. She said... 'Well, that was the easy part. I went to Sam's Club and they actually had a home pregnancy kit in a TWIN-pack. Both tests came out positive!'

Phone-a-Friend

A contestant Sally, on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" had reached the final plateau. If she answered the next question correctly, she would win \$1,000,000. If she answered incorrectly, she would pocket only the \$25,000 milestone money. And as she suspected the Million Dollar Question was no pushover.

It was, "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds? Is it:

- A) the condor
- B) the buzzard
- C) the cuckoo
- D) the vulture

The woman was on the spot. She did not know the answer. She had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Ask the Audience Lifeline.. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend Lifeline. She hoped she would not have to use it because . . . her friend was, well, a blonde. But she had no alternative. She called her friend

and gave her the question and the four choices. The blonde responded unhesitatingly: "That's easy. The answer is C: the cuckoo." The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast. She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving any answer except the one that her friend had given her. And considering her friend was a blonde that would seem to be the logical thing to do. But her friend had responded with such confidence, such certitude, that the contestant could not help but be convinced. Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, "C: The cuckoo." "Is that your final answer?" "Yes, that is my final answer." "That answer is Absolutely correct! You are now a millionaire!" Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends, including the blonde who had helped her win the million dollars. "Jenny, I just do not know how to thank you," said the contestant. "How did you happen to know the right answer?" "Oh, come on," said the blonde. "Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks."

Want Coffee?

An Indian walks into a cafe with a shotgun in one hand and pulling a male buffalo with the other. He says to the waiter: 'Want coffee.' The waiter says, 'Sure, Chief. Coming right up.' He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee. The Indian drinks the coffee down in one gulp, Turns and blasts the buffalo with the shotgun, Causing parts of the animal to splatter everywhere. And then just walks out. The next morning the Indian returns. He has his shotgun in one hand, pulling another male buffalo with the other. He walks up to the counter and says to the waiter 'Want coffee.' The waiter says 'Whoa, Tonto! We're still cleaning up your mess from yesterday. What was all that about, anyway?' The Indian smiles and proudly says 'Training for position in United States Congress: Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day.'

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GRACEY

My name is Gracey. I am a shy little 7 year old girl who likes to be petted and brushed. While I may be shy at first, I just need to get to know you then we'll be BFFs! I am spayed and microchipped, and current on all of my vaccinations.



ASHLYN

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Two Ladies Talking in Heaven

1st woman: Hi! My name is Wanda.

2nd woman: Hi! I'm Sylvia. How'd you die?

1st woman: I froze to death

2nd woman: How horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death.

What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer---we'd both still be alive.

\$100 Dollar Bill

Little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00. When the postal authorities received the letter to God, USA, they decided to send it to the President. The President was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$ 5.00 bill. The President thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 bill and sat down to write a thank-you note to God, which read:

Dear God: Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington D.C. and those A-holes took \$95.00 in taxes.

VASECTOMY!

A Kentucky couple, both bona fide rednecks, had 9 children. They went to the doctor to see about getting the husband 'fixed'. The doctor gladly started the required procedure and asked them what finally made them make the decision, why after nine children, would they choose to do this. The husband replied that they had read in a recent article that one out of every ten children being born in the United States was Mexican, and they didn't want to take a chance on having a Mexican baby because neither of them could speak Spanish.

Priceless:

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



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SCHOOL -- 1958 vs. 2015

Scenario 1:

Jack goes quail hunting before school and then pulls into the school parking lot with his shotgun in his truck's gun rack.

1958 - Vice Principal comes over, looks at Jack's shotgun, goes to his car and gets his shotgun to show Jack.

2015 - School goes into lock down, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

Scenario 2:

Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1958 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up buddies.

2015 - Police called and SWAT team arrives -- they arrest both Johnny and Mark. They are both charged them with assault and both expelled even though Johnny started it.

Scenario 3:

Jeffrey will not be still in class, he disrupts other students.

1958 - Jeffrey sent to the Principal's office and given a good paddling by the Principal. He then returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2015 - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. He becomes a zombie. He is then tested for ADD. The school gets extra money from the state because Jeffrey has a disability.

Scenario 4:

Billy breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

1958 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college and becomes a successful businessman.

2015 - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang. The state psychologist is told by Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has an affair with the psychologist.

Scenario 5:

Mark gets a headache and takes some aspirin to school.

1958 - Mark shares his aspirin with the Principal out on the smoking dock.

2015 - The police are called and Mark is expelled from school for drug violations. His car is then searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario 6:

Pedro fails high school English.

1958 - Pedro goes to summer school, passes English and goes to college.

2015 - Pedro's cause is taken up by the state. Newspaper articles



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appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against the state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English is then banned from core curriculum. Pedro is given his diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

Scenario 7:

Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the Fourth of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle and blows up a red ant bed.

1958 - Ants die.

2015- ATF, Homeland Security and the FBI are all called. Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. The FBI investigates his parents -- and all siblings are removed from their home and all computers are confiscated. Johnny's dad is placed on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario 8:

Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him to comfort him.

1958 - In a short time, Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2015 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison. Johnny undergoes 5 years of therapy.

This just goes to show how stupid we have become!! Think about it!!

How Would You Fix the Economy?

This was an article from the St. Petersburg Times Newspaper on Sunday. The Business Section asked readers for ideas on "How Would You Fix the Economy?" We thought this was the BEST idea. I think this guy nailed it!

Dear Mr. President,

Re: Patriotic retirement:

There's about 40 million people over 50 in the work force; pay them \$1 million apiece severance with stipulations:

- 1) They leave their jobs. Forty million job openings - Unemployment fixed.
- 2) They buy NEW American cars. Forty million cars ordered - Auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed

The Power of the Badge

A DEA officer stops at a ranch in Montana and talks with an old rancher. He tells the rancher, 'I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs.' The old rancher says, 'Okay, but do not go in that field over there,' as he points out the location. The DEA officer verbally explodes saying, 'Mister, Let me tell you something, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me.' Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removes his badge and proudly displays it to the farmer. 'See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to



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go wherever I wish ... on any land ... no questions asked or answers given ... have I made myself clear? Do YOU understand me?' The old rancher nods politely, apologizes, and goes about his chores. A short time later, the old rancher hears loud screams and sees the DEA officer running for his life chased, close behind, by the rancher's prize bull. With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer, and it seems likely that he'll get "horned" before he reaches safety. The officer is clearly terrified. The old rancher throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs..... 'Your badge! Show him your badge!'

Why Men Can Pee Standing Up

God was just about done creating humans, but he had two parts left over. He couldn't decide how to split them between Adam and Eve so he thought he might just as well as them. He told them one of things he had left was a thing that would allow the owner to pee while standing up. "It's a very handy thing," God told them, and I was wondering if either one of you had a preference for it. Well, Adam jumped up and down and begged, "Oh, please give that to me! I'd love to be able to do that!" It seemed like just the sort of thing a man should have. Please! Please! Give it to me! On and on he went like an excited little boy. Eve just smiled and told God that

if Adam really wanted it so badly, he could have it. So God gave Adam the thing that allowed him to pee standing up. Adam was so excited he just started whizzing all over the place – first on the side of rock, then he wrote his name in the sand, and then he tried to see if he could hit a stump ten feet away – laughing with delight all the while. God and Eve watched him with amusement and the God said to Eve, "Well, I guess you're kind of stuck with the last thing I have left." "What's it called?" asked Eve. "Brains," said God!

Having Mom Over for Dinner

Brian invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, Brian's mother couldn't help but notice how beautiful Brian's roommate, Jennifer, was. Brian's Mom had long been suspicious of the platonic relationship between Brian and Jennifer, and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Brian and Jennifer than met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, Brian volunteered, 'I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Jennifer and I are just roommates.' About a week later, Jennifer came to Brian saying, 'Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?' Brian said, 'Well, I doubt it,



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but I'll send her an e-mail just to be sure.'

So he sat down and wrote:

Dear Mom,

I'm not saying that you 'did' take the gravy ladle from the house, I'm not saying that you 'did not' take the gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

Love, Brian

Several days later, Brian received an email back from his mother that read:

Dear Son,

I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Jennifer, I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Jennifer. But the fact remains that if Jennifer is sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now.

Love, Mom

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Restroom!

In a Chicago Hospital, a gentleman had made several attempts to get into the men's restroom, but it had always been occupied. A nurse noticed his predicament. Sir, she said "You may use the ladies room if you promise not to touch any of the buttons on the wall." He did what he needed to, and as he sat there he noticed the buttons he had promised not to touch. Each button was identified by letters: WW , WA , PP20 and a red one labeled ATR. Who would know if he touched them? ;He couldn't resist.. He pushed WW. Warm water was sprayed gently upon his bottom. What a nice feeling, he thought. Men's restrooms don't have nice things like this. Anticipating greater pleasure, he pushed the WA button. Warm air replaced the warm water, gently drying his underside. When this stopped, he pushed the PP button. A large powder puff caressed his bottom adding a fragile scent of spring flower to this unbelievable pleasure. The ladies restroom was more than a restroom, it is tender loving pleasure. When the powder puff completed its pleasure, he couldn't wait to push the ATR button which he knew would be supreme ecstasy. Next thing he knew he opened his eyes, he was in a hospital bed, and a nurse was staring down at him. "What happened?" he exclaimed. "The last thing I remember was pushing the ATR button." "The button ATR is an Automatic Tampon Remover. Your penis is under your pillow."

Happily married

This is a story about a couple who had been happily married for years. The only friction in their marriage was the husband's habit of farting loudly every morning when he awoke. The noise would wake his wife and the smell would make her eyes water and make her gasp for air. Every morning she would plead with him to stop ripping them off because it was making her sick. He told her he couldn't stop it and that it

was perfectly natural. She told him to see a doctor, she was concerned that one day he would blow his guts out. The years went by and he continued to rip them out. Then one Thanksgiving morning as she was preparing the turkey for dinner and he was upstairs sound asleep, she looked at the innards and neck, gizzard, liver and all the spare parts and a malicious thought came to her. She took the bowl and went upstairs where her husband was sound asleep and, gently pulling the bed covers back, she pulled back the elastic waistband of his underpants and emptied the bowl of turkey guts into his shorts. Sometime later she heard her husband waken with his usual trumpeting which was followed by a blood curdling scream and the sound of frantic footsteps as he ran into the bath room. The wife could hardly control herself as she rolled on the floor laughing, tears in her eyes! After years of torture she reckoned she had got him back pretty good. About twenty minutes later, her husband came downstairs in his bloodstained underpants with a look of horror on his face. She bit her lip as she asked him what the matter was. He said, 'honey you were right.' 'all these years you have warned me and I didn't listen to you'. 'What do you mean?' asked his wife. 'well, you always told me that one day I would end up farting my guts out, and today it finally happened.' but by the grace of god, some Vaseline and two fingers. I think i got most of them back in.'

3 old timers

"Sixty is the worst age to be," announced the 60 year old. "You always feel like you have to pee. And most of the time, you stand at the toilet and nothing comes out!" "Ah, that's nothing," said the 70 year old. "When you're 70, you cant take a crap anymore. You take a laxatives, eat bran, you sit on the toilet all day and nothing comes out!" "Actually," said the eighty year old. "Eighty is the worst age of all." "Do you have trouble peeing too?" asked the sixty year old.

"No...not really. I pee every morning at 6am. I pee like a race horse, no problem at all." "Do you have trouble taking a crap?" asked the 70 year old. "No, not really, I have a great bowel movement every morning at 6:30am. With great exasperation, the 60 year old said, "Let me get this straight. You pee every morning at 6 and you take a crap at 6:30. What's so tough about being eighty? To which the eighty year old man replies, "I don't wake up till 10."

Good bye Daddy

A father put his 3 year old daughter to bed, told her a story and listened to her prayers which ended by saying: 'God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, and God bless Grandma and goodbye Grandpa.' The father asked, 'Why did you say goodbye Grandpa?' The little girl said, 'I don't know daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do.' The next day grandpa died. The father thought it was a strange coincidence. A few months later the father put the girl to bed and listened to her prayers which went like this: 'God bless Mommy, God Bless Daddy and goodbye Grandma.' The next day the grandmother died. 'Holy shit 'thought the father, this kid is in contact with the other side. Several weeks later when the girl was going to bed the dad heard her say: 'God bless Mommy and goodbye Daddy.' He practically went into shock. He couldn't sleep all night and got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office. He was nervous as a cat all day, had lunch and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight he would be okay. He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day he stayed there, drinking coffee, looking at his watch and jumping at every sound. Finally, midnight arrived; he breathed a sigh of relief and went home. When he got home his wife said 'I've never seen you work so late, what's the matter?' He said 'I don't want to talk about it, I've just spent the worst day of my life.' She said, 'you think you had a bad day, you'll never believe what happened to me. This morning my golf pro dropped dead in the middle of my lesson!'

Chinese Proverbs

Passionate kiss like spider's web, soon lead to undoing of fly.
Virginity like bubble, one prick all gone.
Man who run in front of car get tired.
Man with hand in pocket feel cocky all day.
Foolish man give wife grand piano, wise man give wife upright organ.
Man who walk thru airport turnstile sideways going to Bangkok.
Man with one chopstick go hungry.
Man who scratches ass should not bite fingernails.
Man who eat many prunes get good run for money.
Baseball is wrong, man with four balls cannot walk.
Panties not best thing on earth but next to best thing on earth.

War doesn't determine who is right, war determines who is left.
Wife who put husband in doghouse soon find him in cathouse.
Man who fight with wife all day get no piece at night.
It take many nails to build crib but one screw to fill it.
Man who drive like hell bound to get there.
Man who stand on toilet is high on pot.
Man who lives in glass house should change clothes in basement.
Man who fishes in other man's well often catches crabs.
Man who farts in church sits in own pew.
Crowded elevator smells different to midget.

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD

George Phillips of Meridian , Mississippi was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No." Then they said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." George said, "Okay" He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again--- "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have

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to worry about them now because I just shot them.” and hung up. Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips’ residence, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George, “I thought you said that you shot them!” George said, “I thought you said there was nobody available!”

How Fights Start

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels.. She asked, ‘What’s on TV?’ I said, ‘Dust!’ And then the fight started...

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My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, ‘I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 100 in about 3 seconds.’ I bought her a scale. And then the fight started...

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When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive... So, I took her to a gas station.... And then the fight started....

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After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for the aged pension. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver’s license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, ‘don’t bother. Just unbutton your shirt’. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, ‘That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me’ and she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, ‘you should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.’ And then the fight started...

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My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, ‘Do you know her?’ ‘Yes,’ I sighed, ‘She’s my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn’t been sober since.’ ‘My God!’ says my wife, ‘who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?’ And then the fight started...

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I rear-ended a car the other day. We pulled over and slowly the

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other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get so stressed and little things just seem funny? Well I couldn't believe it... he was a DWARF!!! He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!' So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well, which one are you?' And then the fight started...

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When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf - always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, 'When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.' And then the fight started... The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

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Moral to these stories : Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is the husband.

Another Police thread!

A trooper pulls over a 70 year old woman. Goes to her window and says, do you know why I stopped you? She said...must be the dead body in the trunk. Patrolman is stunned, draws his gun, asks her to get out of the car, on the ground. He cuffs her and calls for backup. Backup arrives. They check the trunk and find nothing. Back up officer asks the old lady " the officer who pulled you over said you had a dead body in the trunk?" The old lady looked at him in shock and said "What!?! I bet the son of a b!#%^ told you I was speeding too!"

Why Women Are Crabby

We started to 'bud' in our blouses at 9 or 10 years old only to find that anything that came in contact with those tender, blooming buds hurt so bad it brought us to tears. So came the ridiculously uncomfortable training bra contraption that the boys in school would snap until we had calluses on our backs. Next, we get our periods in our early to mid-teens (or sooner). Along with those budding boobs, we bloated, we cramped, we got the hormone crankies, had to wear little mattresses between our legs or insert tubular, packed cotton rods in places we didn't even know we had. Our next little rite of passage was having sex for the first time which was about as much fun as having a ramrod push your uterus through your nostrils (IF he did it right and didn't end up with his little cart before his horse), leaving us to wonder what all the fuss was about. Then it was off to Motherhood where we learned to live on dry crackers and water for a few months so we didn't spend the entire day leaning

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over Brother John. Of course, amazing creatures that we are (and we are), we learned to live with the growing little angels inside us steadily kicking our innards night and day making us wonder if we were preparing to have Rosemary's Baby. Our once flat bellies looked like we swallowed a whole watermelon and we pee'd our pants every time we sneezed.. When the big moment arrived, the dam in our blessed Nether Regions invariably burst right in the middle of the mall and we had to waddle, with our big cartoon feet, moaning in pain all the way to the ER. Then it was huff and puff and beg to die while the OB??? says, 'Please stop screaming, Mrs. Hearneroar . Calm down and push. 'Just one more good push' more like 10), warranting a strong, well-deserved impulse to punch the %\$#@*#!* hubby and doctor square in the nose for making us cram a wiggling, mushroom-headed 10 pound bowling ball through a keyhole. After that, it was time to raise those angels only to find that when all that 'cute' wears off, the beautiful little darlings morphed into walking, jabbering, wet, gooey, snot-blowing, life-sucking little poop machines. Then come their 'Teen Years.' Need I say more? When the kids are almost grown, we women hit our voracious sexual prime in our early 40's - while hubby had his somewhere around his 18th birthday. So we progress into the grand finale: 'The Menopause,' the Grandmother of all womanhood. It's either take HRT and chance cancer in those now seasoned

'buds' or the aforementioned Nether Regions, or, sweat like a hog in July, wash your sheets and pillowcases daily and bite the head off anything that moves. Now, you ask WHY women seem to be more spiteful than men, when men get off so easy, INCLUDING the icing on life's cake: Being able to pee in the woods without soaking their socks... So, while I love being a woman, 'Womanhood' would make the Great Gandhi a tad crabby. You think women are the 'weaker sex?' Yeah right. Bite me.

Lipstick

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them, and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses). To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to



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show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers ... and then there are educators.

Haircut

A guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?' The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, 'About 2 hours.' The guy left. A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?' The barber looked around at the shop and said, 'About 3 hours.' The guy left. A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?' The barber looked around the shop and said, 'About an hour and a half.' The guy left. The barber turned to his friend and said, 'Hey, Bob, do me a favor. Follow that guy and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but then he doesn't ever come back.' A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically. The barber asked, 'So, where does that guy go when he leaves?' Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said, 'Your house!'

The Pastor's Ass

The pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in 20th race again, and it won again. The local paper read: PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT. The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day, the local paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS. This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the pastor to get rid of the donkey. The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN. The bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10. The next day the paper read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10. This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE. The bishop was buried the next day. The moral of the story is being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery. So be yourself and enjoy life. Stop worrying about everyone else's ass and you'll be a lot happier and live longer!

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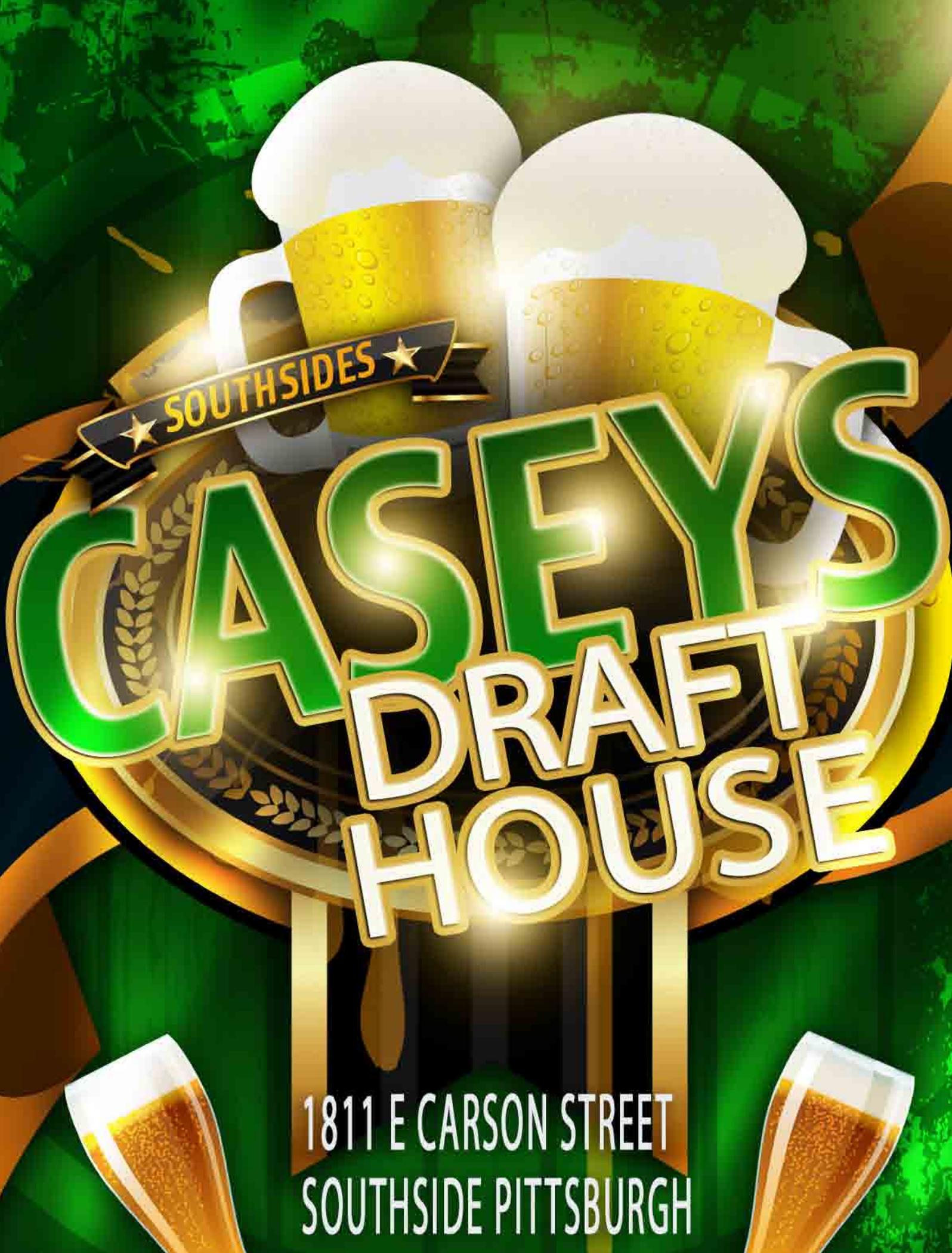
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